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Brock degree: A passport to the world



Brock grad Rudy Ferreira in Saudi Arabia. He is wearing the traditional daily dress for Saudi Arab men.

There's a big wide world out there for you to explore and discover with a Brock degree.

In the last few months, we've received a number of letters from Brock grads living and working across the country and around the globe. Brock grads are making a difference in a big way whether they are living in large metropolitan centres or small communities.

We want to share some of their adventures with you in this issue of *Surgite!*. And, in future issues, we will bring you more "postcards" from some of the thousands of Brock grads who have moved on to exciting lives and careers.

In the meantime, sit back and enjoy these adventures that span the globe, from the Middle East to the northern reaches of Canada.

Rudy Ferreira (BSc, cosc, '95)

I've been in Saudi Arabia for 15 months now, working for a major oil corporation called Saudi Arabian Oil Company, or for short, Saudi ARAMCO. ARAMCO is one of the largest oil companies in the world with more than 60,000 employees and branches in major capitals in all continents.

I was hired as a corporate trainer for the Microcomputer Training Center under the Training and Career Development Division. Since being hired and relocated to Saudi Arabia, I have conducted classroom training for employees. The training involves some customized computer applications along with the standard Microsoft applications. Professionally, I am more than satisfied. The working environment is very healthy with wonderful staff and a stress-free atmosphere.

Personally, I am also extremely happy. Life in Saudi Arabia is very relaxed. The weather is phenomenal, mostly hot through-

out the year. The food is delightful, offering a large variety of dishes. The people are very friendly and welcoming. Everywhere you go is very safe.

Lastly, the wages here are tax-free and one can probably save some good cash. The benefits from the company are also attractive. Last year, I went on vacation every three months for two weeks at a time. I enjoy traveling and being in the Middle East certainly helps me to move easily around Asia.

Overall, my satisfaction level is very high. I feel motivated and enthusiastic. My advice to any graduate is to pursue overseas employment opportunities without hesitation. Keep an open mind and embrace the new culture fully and positively.

"Professionally, I am more than satisfied."

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Fair funding for Brock

IN November, the Ministry of Education and Training announced that Brock and several other universities would receive additional operating funding, to be phased in over the next three years, under the Fair Funding for Universities Grant. In Brock's case, that means an additional \$1.46 million this year, \$2.92 million next year and \$4.24 million annually commencing in 2000-01.

Brock President David Atkinson said the University will benefit significantly from the new funding. "This announcement shows that an important principle about fairness has been recognized by the province," said President Atkinson. "This funding comes at a good time for us as we set new goals and position Brock for the future."



Brock President David Atkinson shows the cheque for the Fair Funding Grant from the Ministry of Education and Training. In the background, from left, St. Catharines-Brock MPP Tom Froese and Niagara Falls MPP Bart Maves.

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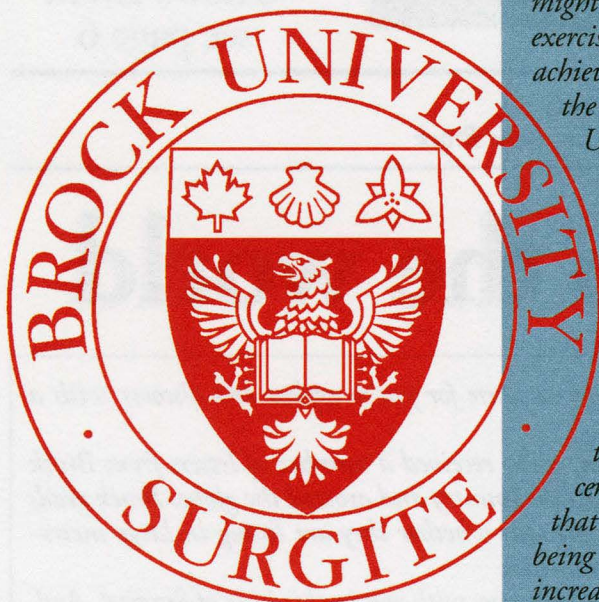
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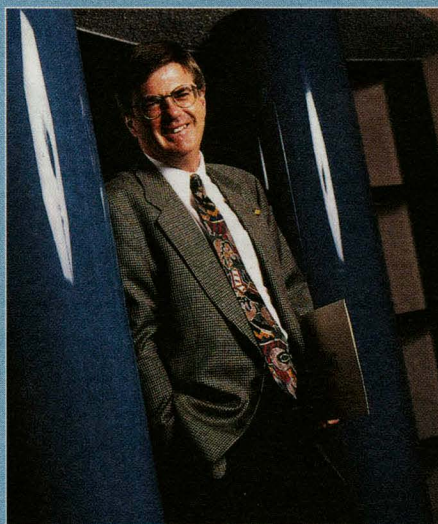
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Change in the future for Brock

A little over a year ago, I established the President's Task Force on Institutional Planning and Priorities, and set in motion a planning process intended to position Brock University for the next five to 10 years. While one might always be skeptical of planning exercises and what they ultimately achieve, I have been overwhelmed by the engagement of the entire Brock University community in this very important exercise.

We hardly need to mention the success story of Brock University. With currently 35,000 graduates, and a firm set of traditions rooted in broad based liberal arts undergraduate education, Brock is ideally positioned to move forward into the next century. We must recognize, however, that the demands and expectations being placed on universities today are increasing at an inordinate rate, and that we are functioning in a competitive environment the like of which we have never seen before. With reduced government support for universities and thus increased tuition, our students are, quite properly, holding us accountable for what we do, even as we look for alternative financial resources to sustain all our activities.

If Brock is to be successful in this very challenging environment, it must have a firm idea of the kind of institution it wishes to be, and, more important, of how it is going to achieve this goal. Associated with Niagara, Brock is very much a regional institution, and while this is a strength on which Brock must build, the University must



Brock President David Atkinson

develop to take on an increasing national and international profile and reputation. The simple fact is that Brock is not well known outside of southern Ontario, and this puts us at a disadvantage compared to many other institutions.

"Brock is ideally positioned to move forward into the next century."

It was with these concerns that the President's Task Force has been working for the last 12 months. After an exhaustive consultative process with both the internal and external communities, it produced a preliminary plan comprised of a series of recommendations in areas such as the undergraduate student experience, graduate studies, research, public service and continuing education, and institutional image and public relations. This document generated over 130 written responses, which the Task

Force then used as a basis for drafting an interim planning and priorities document. This interim plan was recently circulated to the University community, with a request for further input.

The Task Force hopes then to have a final plan for approval by Senate and the Board of Trustees early this year. While it would be premature for me to comment on the details of the plan until it is finally approved, I can say that the interim document clearly suggests a change for Brock. Among its major recommendations are that the University move towards being a "comprehensive" institution, with greater emphasis on research and graduate and professional programs, that it offer more programs that prepare students for careers, that it use its resources strategically to develop flagship programs which provide Brock with a clear crisp image, and that it be more responsive to a changing generation of learners by placing more emphasis on continuing education.

This planning exercise has been an enormously positive one for Brock. Not only is it producing a much needed set of directions for the University, but it is involving the University community in a positive and productive engagement with the University's future. This kind of engagement is exactly what Brock needs, as it moves forward into a new century with a clear sense of direction and the enthusiastic support of alumni, faculty, staff, and students.

David H. Atkinson

FORUM

Brock growing as a centre of excellence



By Carol Reid

Brock is a university on the move. As I look back to 1986, when I was elected to the University's Board of Trustees, I'm amazed at the changes and developments which have taken place.

It was a privilege to be part of an eventful 12 years at Brock — student numbers increased, facilities expanded, and new programs were introduced. That kind of growth is a true indication of the strength of the University and the vision that will carry it into the future. Let me share with you some of my experiences and observations.

When I became a member of the Board, Brock's annual operating budget was \$34 million of which government grants covered 68 per cent of the operating expense. This past year, Brock's operating budget was \$65 million with government grants accounting for only 52 per cent.

In spite of some very difficult financial times, Brock is one of only a handful of universities in Ontario that does not have an operating deficit. The credit for continually balancing the budget belongs to a dedicated team of administrators.

Over the past 12 years, student enrolment increased by 38 per cent. In the 1997-98 school year, there were 10,600

students on campus with almost 70 per cent of them coming from outside the Niagara region.

There have been so many factors that have contributed to Brock's growing reputation as a centre of excellence. One reason is the expertise of faculty members, many of whom win national and international awards for teaching and research. As well, Brock continues its strong commitment to an education based in personal learning.

Over the years, Brock has increased the help it offers to financially strapped students. Since 1986, Brock's endowment fund increased dramatically, rising from \$1 million to \$12.3 million. At least half of that increase occurred in the last few years, thanks to the provincial government's "2 for 1 Campaign," in which every dollar raised at Brock was matched by a dollar from the government.

All of Brock's gains over the last decade have established it as an important educational, cultural and economic centre in the Niagara community.

The University is now the fifth largest employer in the region and its economic impact on Niagara continues to grow.

Some of this impact is the result of the many capital projects undertaken by Brock. During my time on the Board, student residence accommodation increased, from 650 beds to 1,441. And, just last September, total residence accommoda-

tion rose to 1,620 with the addition to the Village Residence.

When I joined the Board, the Science Complex was just completed, enabling the University to move the last of the science labs out of the old refrigeration plant at the bottom of Glenridge Hill.

The Taro building, that houses the Faculty of Business, was completed in 1989, along with the Alumni Student Centre.

The addition of rowing tanks to the Physical Education complex, in 1996, provided a training facility that has proven to be very popular with the students as well as the Niagara community.

Brock's Centre for the Arts has gained prominence as a cultural centre in the Niagara community and beyond. With a focus on promoting Canadian talent, the Centre for the Arts is attracting larger audiences each year.

Being a part of so many positive events has been a very rewarding experience, not to mention an adventurous experience. I remember, in particular, being involved with the early development of Brock's Corporate Adventure Training Institute (CATI). I spent a day, with four men, learning about the co-operative games and trust activities. We took turns falling backwards off a tabletop, while the rest of the group caught us, we climbed walls, tried to pass one another through a rope maze, and tried to put up a tent while blindfolded.

I've also had the opportunity to meet many interesting and prominent people who have visited the University as guest speakers. The list includes Charles Lynch, Gwyn Dyer, Pamela Wallin and Lucien Bouchard, to name a few.

As Chair, I participated in a number of Convocation ceremonies and was thrilled to meet honorary degree recipients such as Knowlton Nash, Hal Jackman and the entertaining Royal Canadian Air Farce.

Perhaps the most memorable part of Convocation was sitting on the dais, next to the Chancellor, and watching those young people come forward so proudly to receive their degrees. It was quite a moving experience and a reminder to me of the importance of the University. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to be involved with the growth and development of Brock. It is a University with a very bright future.

Carol Reid served for 12 years on Brock University's Board of Trustees. In that time, she worked with three Presidents and also served for three years as board chair.

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Sheri Vivian visits with a friend's son and daughter in Iqaluit on Baffin Island.

Sheri Vivian (BA/BEEd '95)

After graduating from Brock's BA/BEEd program in 1995, I moved to a small fly-in community in northern Saskatchewan.

The three years I spent living and working on the Indian reserve, with students who did not speak English, was challenging, frustrating and amazing. They were the hardest and greatest three years I could have imagined.

But three years of stress and extreme living and teaching conditions were enough and I was ready to strike out on a new adventure.

In August of last year, I arrived in Iqaluit on Baffin Island. This town of 4,200 people will soon be Canada's newest capital when Nunavut becomes a Territory on April 1. It's an exciting time and an exciting place to be. Despite its relatively small population, Iqaluit has all the amenities of any southern city.

I teach Grade 3/4 at a small school situated two kilometres from Iqaluit in a small settlement called Apex. The school has 63 students and four teachers. The small size contributes to a feeling of family that we try to encourage at the school. The children are Inuit and all speak Inuktituk. Kindergarten to Grade 2 classes are taught in Inuktituk. My greatest challenge this year has been the fact that my Grade 3 students have never received English instruction.

Baffin Island is north of the tree line. It is beautiful here. Iqaluit is built beside the ocean at the end of Frobisher Bay. There are beautiful mountains across the

bay and our landscape is rolling tundra hills. I must say that I don't miss trees, they simply do not belong here. Instead, the land is covered with an array of flowers, grasses, rocks and lichen, until the snow arrives, which was in early October.

Temperatures have been above average but we have had temperatures as low as -20 C. Winds can be strong, gusting to over 100 km/hr and I look forward to my first blizzard. However, most days are calm and the ocean can look like glass. The tides are some of the largest in the world.

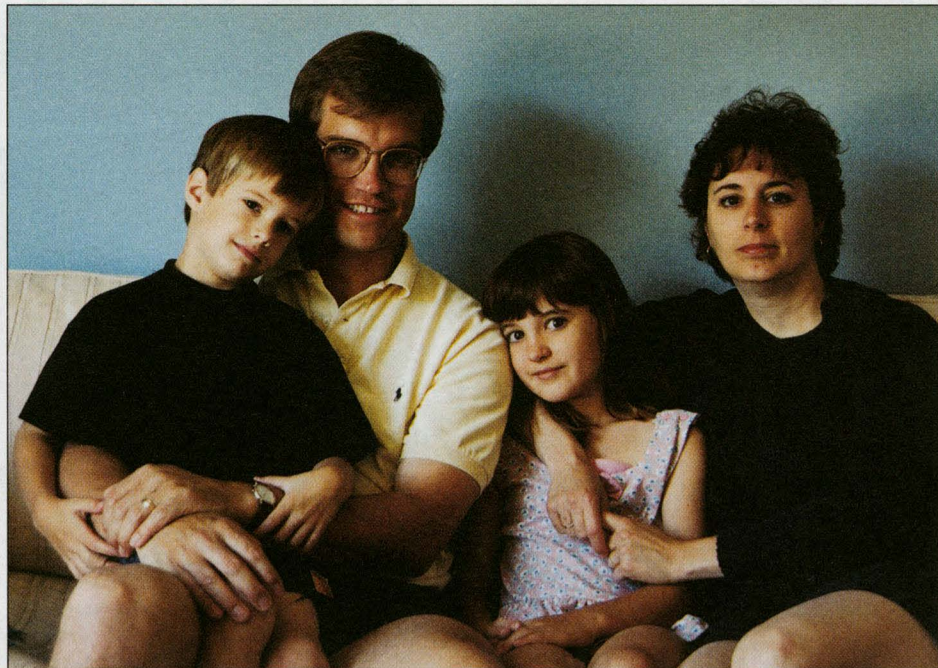
Wildlife is abundant. Everyday, as I walk to school, I am watched by the numerous caribou who graze in the hills surrounding Iqaluit. The numbers increase as winter approaches, but for now it is common to see up to a dozen at any one time.

There is a variety of wonderful foods available from the ocean and the land. I've had the opportunity to sample caribou, seal, shrimp, muktuk (whale skin) and arctic char.

Other foods include clams, walrus, and polar bear. Many of the meats are eaten raw.

I am south of the Arctic circle. As a result, I will not experience 24-hour darkness. However, our days do get shorter. Sunrise is now about 8:30 am and the sun sets around 2 pm.

This is one of the most beautiful places in the world. I never would have imagined that my days at Brock would lead me here. But I am so glad that they did.



Alan and Cathy Nursall with their children Cameron and Alexandra.

Cathy (BA, geog, '79; BEEd '82) and Alan (BA, geog, '79) Nursall

After leaving Brock, we moved to Edmonton for a couple of years, where Alan completed an MSc degree. We were married in May 1981, and then spent a few years in Toronto.

In 1984, we moved to Sudbury where Alan joined Science North. Sudbury is a great place to live. It has the amenities of a city with the atmosphere of a smaller community. And thanks to 25 years of intensive re-vegetation, it even has trees!

We are both in the education business. I am a teacher, having returned to the classroom after eight years at home looking after the kids. An unexpected influence of Brock materialized during the years in Edmonton when I took up rowing (as a coxie) and came back to St. Catharines with my team to compete in the Royal Henley.

Alan is the Senior Scientist at Science North, where people often ask if he gets paid to do what he does. Over the years, he has been involved in all aspects of the development of Science North, building exhibits, writing shows, producing a

3D movie, developing computer software, and so on. He is currently perfecting a system for making french fries with a potato cannon (don't try this at home kids!).

In addition to working at the science centre, he spent seven years doing weather on the radio, and was co-host of a local science show. He currently appears every Friday evening on the Discovery Channel's @discovery.ca, where he hosts a segment called the "Discovery Challenge." He's even done a little interactive fringe theatre with a gang of reprobates called the "Glow Pickles."

We have two children, Alexandra, 11, and Cameron, 7, and a little white dog named Vanilla.

Back in 1994, Alan figured he'd better learn about this new technology called the web, so he threw together a family web page, which gets updated when he's in the mood. It can be seen at: icewall.vianet.on.ca/pages/nursall. We still see many of our friends from Brock, and we are looking forward to a 20-year reunion at Homecoming '99.

"People often ask if he gets paid to do what he does."

We want to hear from you about what you are doing, where you are living and the places you have travelled. So send us a letter, postcard or e-mail: hjunke@spartan.ac.brocku.ca



Front row, from left, John Larsen, Ken Murray and Richard Deschatelets. Back row, from left, Norm Westbury and Lorne Adams.

Heads up for United Way

Brock University had a very successful United Way campaign this year, surpassing its target by raising \$58,101. Of course, that didn't come without a few personal sacrifices. John Larsen, co-chair of Brock's United Way campaign and chair of Recreation and Leisure Studies; Ken Murray, coach of the men's basketball team; Richard Deschatelets, coach of the wrestling team; Lorne Adams, associate professor of Physical Education; and Norm Westbury, of Athletic and Recreation Services had their heads shaved, in front of more than 500 students, faculty and staff, to help raise more than \$2,000 for the campaign.



Monica Gemeinhardt
 Degree: BA(Hons) from Brock, MA and PhD from University of Western Ontario
 Place of Residence: Toronto.

Position: Psychologist/Co-ordinator, Family Support Service, Bloorview MacMillan Centre, Toronto.
What's Great About Your Present Job: It is challenging because it has many aspects — some clinical work that is very rewarding, some education, some administration, and some research. I'm fortunate to have a position that was designed for a scientist-practitioner.
Claim to Fame: Winning an egg eating contest at Brock — 21 eggs in 90 minutes!
Favourite Memory of Brock: The friends I met in the Grade 12 summer program of 1970.
Greatest Source of Pride: Completion of my PhD thesis as it represented overcoming adversity and taught me a lot about character (mine and others).
Childhood Career Goals: I wanted to be a nurse and an airline stewardess. It's no accident that I have ended up in a helping profession and have travelled a fair amount with my spouse, Glen, and my son, Wyatt!
Source of Inspiration: My mother. She is a great role model. She showed me that pushing yourself to achieve and taking risks are good for the soul.

Author and political advisor Austin C. Clarke and film director James Cameron were added to Brock University's impressive list of honorary degree recipients during Fall Convocation, last October.

Both men expressed a genuine sense of appreciation to Brock for their honour. They shared with Brock's newest class of 422 graduates humorous personal stories of their childhood to demonstrate the importance of sustaining a connection to youthful dreams throughout life.

Dr. Clarke encouraged the audience to maintain a spirit of whimsy throughout a life of learning.

"See the beauty of dreaming and fantasy," he said. "Your dreams are the foundation of your intellectual and materialistic development."

Dr. Cameron encouraged graduates to maintain a sense of curiosity and follow their "wildest imagines" as they prepare to meet some daunting challenges of the new millennium.

"The choices we make now, and in the



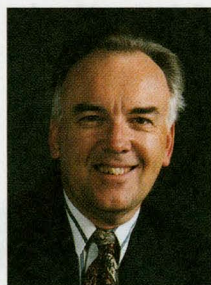
Austin C. Clarke, President David Atkinson and James Cameron

next few decades, will determine the survival of our species," he said. "My generation is handing over to you a troubled planet with a lot of work to do. Canadians can and must continue to be leaders."

Two members of Brock's faculty were recognized for their contributions to teaching and research. Professor Howard

Bell, chair of the Department of Mathematics, received the Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity. Professor John Lye, of the Department of English Language and Literature, is the first recipient of the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching.

New Chair for Board



George Barkwell, Chair of Brock University's Board of Trustees

Welland resident George Barkwell was elected to the position of Chair of Brock University's Board of Trustees. A lifelong resident of the Niagara region, Mr. Barkwell has been a member of the Board since 1993, serving over the years on various committees and as Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Barkwell received his Chartered Accountant designation in 1973 and has been associated with professional services firms for the past 30 years.

In 1998, he joined BDO Dunwoody, in Hamilton, as the partner responsible for management consulting in the

Hamilton/Niagara region.

In addition to his involvement with Brock University, Mr. Barkwell is a member of the American Society of Quality — Hamilton and Toronto Chapters. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the St. Catharines Rowing Club, and is a member of the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club and of several local Chamber of Commerce organizations. Mr. Barkwell's two children are both graduates of Brock University.

New board members include: Thomas Reid, Toronto, Chair, Board of Directors, Ontario Lottery Corporation; Val Fleming, Beamsville, Secretary-treasurer, Fleming Financial Inc.; Don Ursino, Professor of Biological Sciences (faculty member); Rico Natale, Scholarships Officer, (staff member); and student members Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, President, Brock University Students' Union, and Matthew Gerhard.

Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching

Nominations for the Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching are invited annually. Nominees must be full-time members of faculty holding regular faculty rank and must have completed at least three years teaching at Brock. Nominations forms and guidelines are available from the Alumni Office. Deadline for receipt of nominations is April 1.

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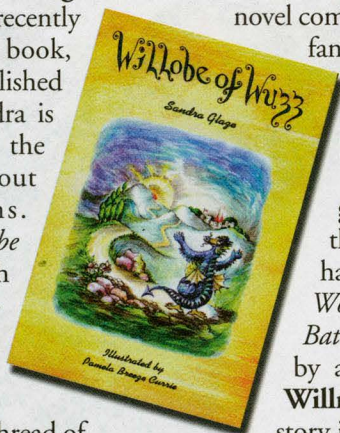
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Author, Author!

- **Brooke Broadbent**, (BA hist '67), of Ottawa, authored *Using the Internet Smarter and Faster: at home, on the road or at the office*. Brooke is one of the Silver Badgers — Brock's first graduating class of 1967. The idea of his book is very simply to teach readers how to make the best use of the net.

- **Marjan Glavac**, (BEd '82), received an Award of Merit from TVO for his book, *The Busy Educator's Guide to the World Wide Web*, as well as his work on integrating the Internet and computer technology into school curriculum.

- **Sandra Glaze** (BA '81 Engl) is on to a second edition of her recently published children's book, *Willobe of Wuzz*. Published in August 1997, Sandra is happy to report that the first printing sold out within six months. Sandra describes *Willobe* as a book very much in the English tradition of *Wind in the Willows*, with fun and adventure for children, but also a concurrent thread of gentle satire to keep grown-ups entertained. The book is published by Ronsdale Press.



- **Cem Kaner** (BA, indp, '74) has just published *Software: What to Do When Software Fails*. Cem, who runs his own law practice in Santa Clara, Ca., is also a well-known teacher and consultant on software quality control. His previous book, *Testing Computer Software*, continues to be a best-seller in its field.

- **John Janzen Kooistra** (BA '75 Engl) is the author of *Shoo-fly Dyck*, his first novel, about a 21-year-old Mennonite nerd from Virgil who becomes the best pitcher in the history of baseball, but spends most of his time trying to understand and get along with women. The novel combines an exploration of baseball fanaticism with a critique of that world, and tries to combine the pleasures of traditional "best-seller" story-telling with the intellectual pleasures of a good, multiple parable. Under the name, John E. Proton, John has also written a children's book, *Wonderbaby and the Flying Bathroom*. The book is illustrated by another Brock grad, **Anita K. Willms Stephen** (BA visa '90). The story is about a two-year-old girl who can fly anything she's sitting in or on simply by saying "vroom." Wonderbaby, while playing in the bathroom sink, flies

the bathroom right out of the house — with her family in it. She leans too hard on the cold water tap, which takes them to an adventure at the North Pole, and then she leans too hard on the hot water tap, which takes the whole crew to a desert. Finally, by leaning just right on both taps, she takes her family back to St. Catharines.

- **Louise Robertson** (BA, dram, '82) shares inspirational messages of faith, hope and charity in her book *Seeds*. As she writes in her forward: "Welcome to my Garden of Life. It has some weeds and a few rough places. But it also has some lovely blooms." It was published through Edelweiss Communications, in St. Catharines.

- **Pamela Sims**, (MEd '92), received an Athena Award for Excellence in Mentoring and Coaching for her book, *Awakening Brilliance: How to Inspire Children to Become Successful Learners*. The awards are sponsored by Mentor and Protégé Magazine, in Overland Park, Ka.

(Brock grads interested in having their latest book publishing achievement highlighted in Author, Author, should send information, and if possible, a copy of the book jacket to: hjunke@spartan.ac.brocku.ca)

Connecting At Homecoming '98

You just had to be there! There were "Kodak" moments everywhere during Homecoming '98. We've shared some of those special moments in this issue of Surgite!.

We thank all of our graduates, faculty members, staff and friends of Brock who came back to take a stroll down memory lane with us.

Before long, Homecoming '99 will be right around the corner. We hope to see you then as, once again, we celebrate the Brock experience.



Cheers!

Christine Jones

Christine Jones,
Manager, Development
and Alumni Affairs



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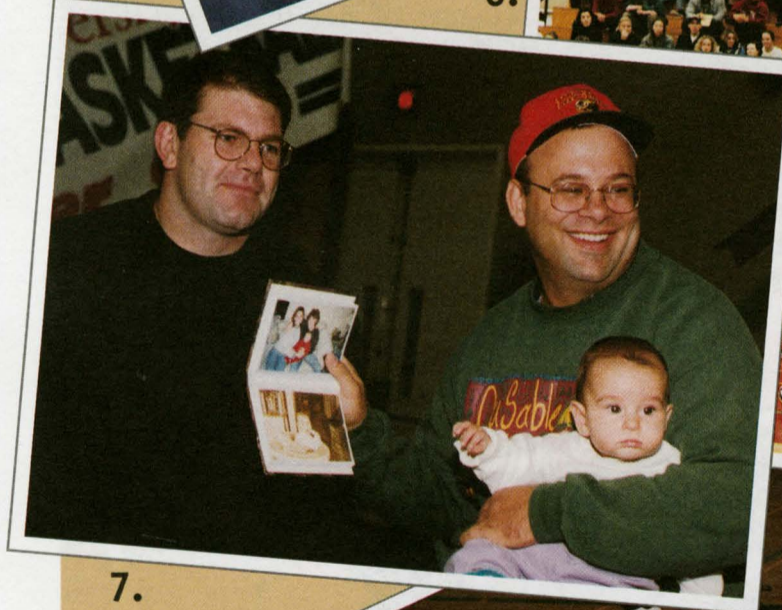
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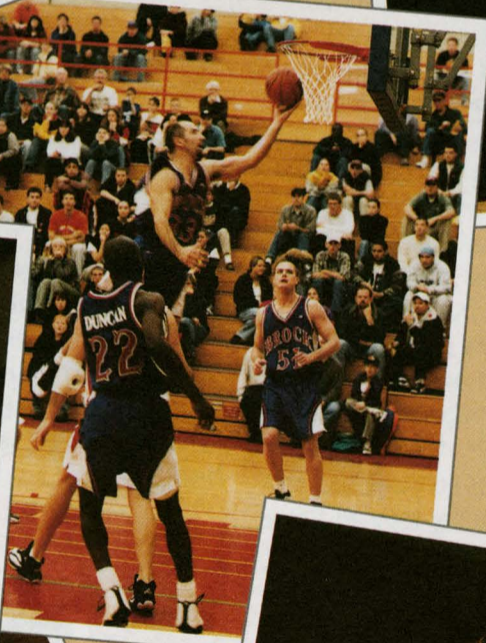
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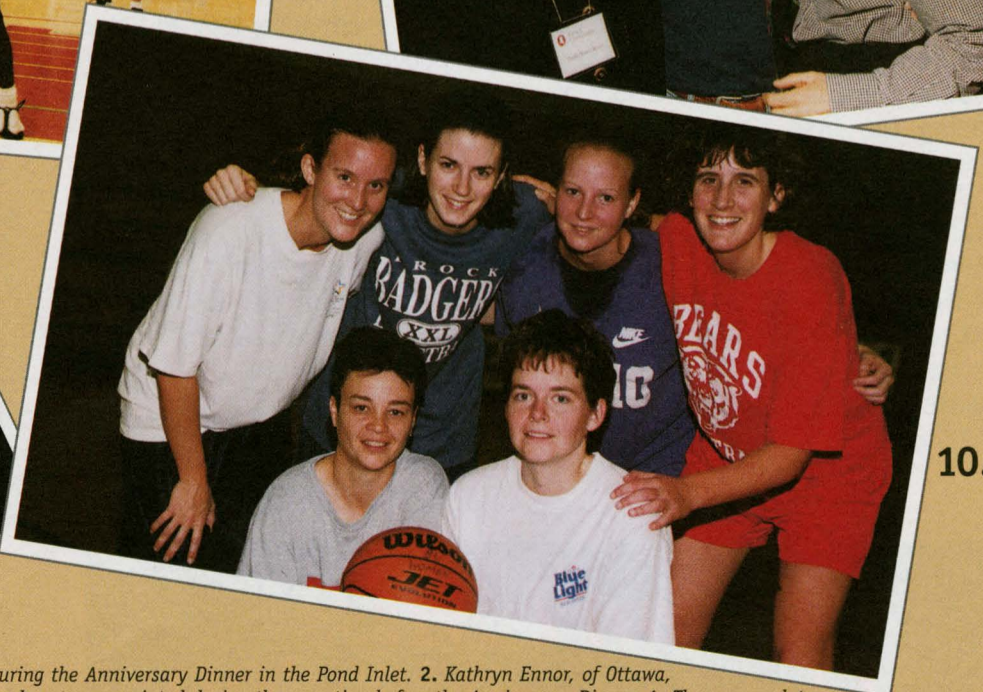
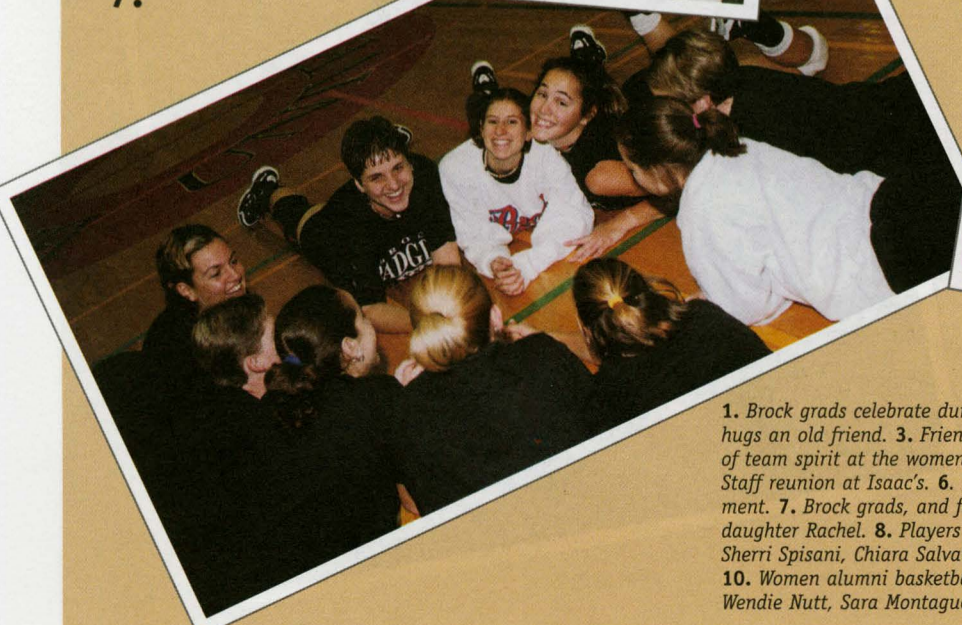
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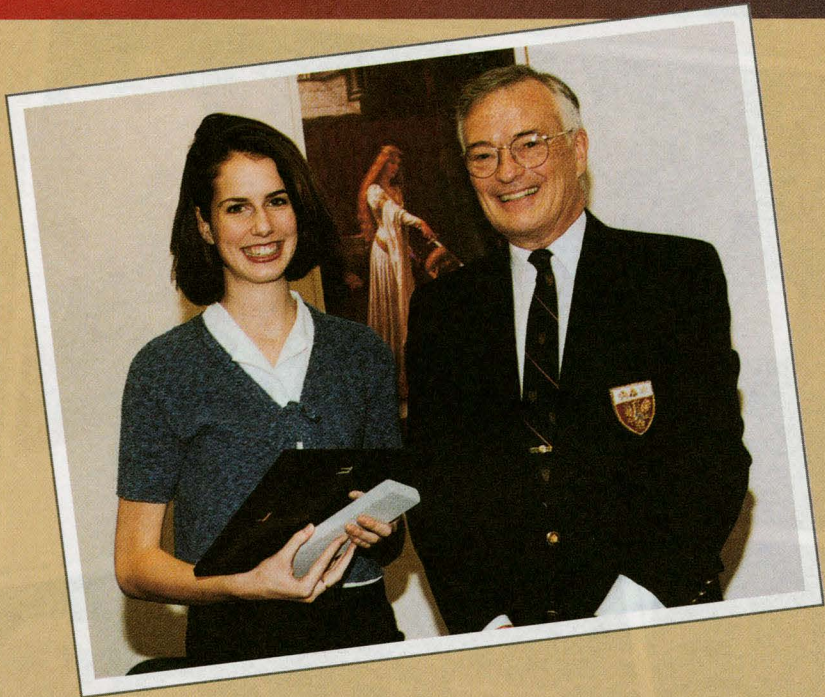
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1. Brock grads celebrate during the Anniversary Dinner in the Pond Inlet. 2. Kathryn Ennor, of Ottawa, hugs an old friend. 3. Friends get reacquainted during the reception before the Anniversary Dinner. 4. There was a lot of team spirit at the women's alumni soccer game. 5. Jamie Fleming, right, greets grads as they enter the Dons' and Summer Conference Staff reunion at Isaac's. 6. The crowd looks on as Brock Badger Vince Policella drives to the basket during the men's basketball tournament. 7. Brock grads, and former Badger wrestlers, John Matile, left, and Jeff Phillips had some catching up to do. Jeff is holding John's daughter Rachel. 8. Players take advantage of a break in the action during the women's alumni volleyball game. Facing from left, are Sherri Spisani, Chiara Salvatore, Laurie Castellani and Carrie Brown. 9. Doug Faulkner, centre, talks with some old classmates. 10. Women alumni basketball players, pose for a team shot. Front row, from left, Janice Jockel and Sharon Hanlon. Back row, from left, Wendie Nutt, Sara Montague, Sylvia Graham and Heather (Kurtz) Matile.

Connecting At Homecoming '98



Professor Emeritus Bill Hull presents the 1998 Badger Award to Emily Crocco during the Alumni Lunch at Homecoming '98. The award was established in memory of Professor Hull's daughter, Victoria Catherine Hull. It is presented to a graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in extracurricular activities.

Together once again

Maria Burgess looked around the room and smiled as a number of conversations carried on around her.

She was sitting at a table, during the Anniversary Dinner for the Class of '73, with a group of University friends Monica Gemeinhardt, Paola (Feri) Rowe, Jane (Garrett) McFarlane, and Colleen Eckert Denver. "Their laughs," said Maria, now a teacher in Sault Ste. Marie, "that's what I really noticed when I saw everyone this weekend. When I heard everyone laugh, it was so familiar, just like when we were here at school."

"These are the people I spent a good part of my youth with. There are so many great memories for me."

It was hard to keep track of conversations as the group jumped from memory to memory, going back to the summer of 1970 when they first met as part of a group of students to be enrolled out of the Grade 12 program. They roomed together, partied together, (remember the "porch parties") and of course, studied together. They even got up at 5 am to row together. Colleen actually holds the distinction of being the first woman to cox a male varsity Brock rowing crew.

"We became a family — we took care of each other," said Monica, a Toronto psychologist.

Monica did most of the legwork in contacting her University friends about Homecoming '98. Other classmates at the dinner were Doug

Faulkner, Ed Daniszewski, Lynn McCarty and Anton Plas.

"We were all really ready to come back and get together for this reunion," added Monica. "We haven't kept in touch, so part of the magic was being on campus, seeing old haunts, visiting with professors, sharing old memories and then catching up on what we've missed. It's so great to be back. We did a lot of growing up together at Brock."

The Anniversary Dinner, held on November 7, brought together 80 graduates from the Class of '73.

Sandra O'Connor and Dan McNeil, both of British Columbia, travelled the farthest to be at the dinner.

Sandra, who lives in Victoria, was part of about 20 geography grads who came together thanks to the efforts of Kathryn Ennor of Ottawa.

For Dan, an English Drama grad, this was his first time back on campus since he moved to Vancouver in the early '70s and started working in the real estate business.

"The campus has really grown — it's big," said Dan, who also helped to organize a group of his former classmates, many of whom hadn't seen each other for 20 years. Despite the distance and time, they all felt a strong connection to Brock.

"Some of us at the reunion were talking and we all agreed that we wouldn't be the same people today had we gone to a University with 370 students in lectures," said Dan. "Because of the approach to teaching at Brock, with the seminars, we received a better education."

Summer Conference Staff reunion

By Marie Reimer
Educational Programs Assistant

In conjunction with Homecoming '98, Brock University's Conference Centre celebrated 20 years of conferences with a special reunion in honour of the staff who made it all happen!

Smiling faces, big bear hugs and warm embraces were all part of the merriment as former and current conference centre staff and summer conference assistants delighted in renewing old friendships and memories at Isaac's pub.

"We danced, we talked, we ate and most of all, we laughed... how could a night get any better?" said Erin Allison, a Summer Conference Assistant from 1997 and 1998.

Approximately 30 old and new staff members delighted in sharing stories, reminiscing about great times and dancing the night away. Jean Davenport, who joined the Conference Centre in 1982, was thrilled to see such happy faces from the past.

"I am so thankful to have this opportunity to relive so many great memories," said Jean. "What a remarkable night. I am thrilled to be part of such a wonderful event!," exclaimed Jean.

Dons' Reunion: Those attending the Summer Conference reunion were invited to join about 200 other Brock grads who were at the Dons' Reunion.

There was no shortage of stories to tell as grads gathered around a display of Residence Life Staff photos and memorabilia. The display also included a number of messages from Dons who couldn't attend Homecoming but wanted to say hello. Messages came from as far away as New Zealand.

Organizers from this year's reunions would like to thank all those who came out to enjoy the festivities. We hope to see you again at future reunions.

Rugby glory

By Gary Wagner

Fourteen Old Badger rugby alumni witnessed Brock's 10-9 victory over Toronto for their first OUA Division II championship.

Returning to the campus in time for further festivities, the Old Badgers learned that the alumni women had defeated the women's varsity 12-0 to retain their Homecoming crown.

Considerable celebration ensued! It was great to see everyone again. Plans are being made for the 30th anniversary of Brock Rugby during Homecoming 2000. Interested? Call the Alumni Office at 1-800-449-7901 or 688-5550, ext. 3251, or watch the Brock web site for updates.

(Gary Wagner is a former Brock Rugby Badger who now lives in Waterloo, Ont.)

A special mention

Brock grad Jeff Dockeray deserves a special mention for his efforts in making Homecoming '98 a success.

Jeff, who graduated from Brock in 1987 with a bachelor degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies, pitched in to help the Alumni Office organize entertainment for the Saturday Pub Night at Isaac's.

Jeff has a wealth of experience in this area. Currently, the General Manager of Bar Operations for McMaster Student Union Inc., Jeff also ran his own festival and special event management consultant business for several years in Thunder Bay. While going to school at Brock, Jeff worked at Alphonse's Trough. He is married to another Brock graduate, Karen (Brown) Dockery (BRLS '88). They have two children.



Professor Emeritus Bill Hull presents the 1997 Badger Award to John MacKenzie during the Alumni Lunch at Homecoming '98.

**Don't Miss
Homecoming '99
November 6**

1967

Brooke Broadbent (BA, hist) is the author of Using the Internet Smarter and Faster at Home, on the Road or at the Office.

1975

Stephen Carter (BSc, biol), after 20 years in landscape contracting, started a new business in January of 1997 called Blackhorse Trading Company, manufacturing and wholesaling of hot pepper sauces and condiments. Steve opened a retail outlet in May of 1998 in downtown Niagara-on-the-Lake, the first Hot Shop this side of Toronto, featuring over 100 hot pepper sauces and related items. For more information, check out Blackhorse Trading Company's website at www.blackhorse.on.ca or e-mail steve@blackhorse.on.ca. Steve would like to hear from his old buddy Mike D'Souza and anyone from biology in the early 70's.

1976

Rick Forbes (BAdmin) has been appointed Chairperson of the Tax Committee of Evancic Perrault Robertson, the largest firm of Certified General Accountants in Canada. They have nine offices in Ontario and 42 offices across Canada.

1977

John Adeogun (BA, phil) lives in Wetaskiwin, Alta., with his wife Gloria. John is the Principal of the Alberta Conference of SDA Church in Red Deer, Alta.

Irene Taylor (BA, hist) retired June 30, 1998 from the Vancouver SPCA where, as Director of Planned Giving, she raised \$14 million in deferred gifts in four years. She and her two cats have moved to Oshawa to be near her family, which includes four grandsons, and to do a little planned giving as a consultant. Irene was Brock's first Alumni Officer.

1978

Don Critelli (BAdmin) is a Client Executive with MicroAge in Waterloo, Ont.

1981

Bill Bell (BEd) is President of Bell Financial Inc., a financial planning organization based in Aurora and Toronto.

1982

James Tatham (BA, dram/Engl) is still relatively alive and rather well and living in Vancouver, where, in between other writing adventures, he continues to churn out scripts for Saturday-morning cartoons. In April 1998, he and wife Kerstin (and the bank!) purchased their first home. Jamie invites any and all e-mail-friendly Brock types to contact him at jayempty@van.cybersurf.net

1983

John Le Noury (MEd) has retired from the Hamilton-Wentworth Board of Education after 35 years of service. John served in many capacities with the Board as a classroom teacher, Outdoor Education teacher, Intermediate Consultant (mathematics, science and computer studies), Vice-Principal and Principal. He received his BA, geog., from McMaster University, 1977. John resides in Grimsby with his family. He is a graduate of Grimsby Secondary School.

1984

Gernot Heiser (MSc, phys) received his PhD in computer science from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland.

1985

Cindy Culig (BSc, biol) is a Medical Genetics Technologist with the London Health Sciences Centre. She found her new challenging career after 10 years and the future looks bright, especially since there's no more shift work.

Donna (Ursino) McDonagh (BA, psyc) received her PhD from the University of Toronto, November 1997. Donna is a Psychologist with the Correctional Service of Canada, in Ottawa.

1986

Craig MacMillan (MA, poli/ics) on May 29, 1998 graduated as the first PhD in Law from the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law. Craig has been assigned by the RCMP to the B.C. Hate Crime Team.

1989

Martina Rett (BA, chld; BRLS, '90; BEd, '92) and husband Peter have moved to Botswana, Africa where Martina is working as a primary teacher at Westwood International School and Peter is a Civil Engineer for local government.

Shawn Stovell (BA, chld) is Student Life Coordinator at Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton, N.B.

1988

Chris Coyle (BPhEd) runs a summer basketball camp called "Triple C Hoops" in Woodstock, Ont.

1990

June Cotte (BAdmin) recently completed a PhD in Business Administration (Marketing) at the University of Connecticut and accepted a tenure-track position in Marketing at the Darla Moore School of Business. June lives in Lexington, S.C., with husband Daniel Crim. She says "hi" to everyone from Brock, especially "the Sues," Brenda, Peggy, Heather, Konnie, and Eric.

ALUM News

BIRTHS

Remo Battista (BA, admi/poli, '92), a daughter, Marisa Catherine, October 2, 1998.

Laura (Thebe) Bound (BA, psyc, '91), a daughter, Kiahna, October 22, 1998.

Lynne (Rae) Bradshaw (BRLS, '86), a daughter, Heather Rae, October 1, 1997.

Gayle (Miller) Brown (BA, admi/poli, '85), a son, David, January 20, 1998.

Laurie Budgell-Laroque (BA/BEd, '90), a daughter, Elaine Lindsey, September 6, 1997.

Lynn (Cramp) Chadder (BEd, '89) and **Chris Chadder** (BBA, '90), a daughter, Stephanie Lynn, January 2, 1998.

Rhonda Cook (BA/BEd, '92) and **Mark Stevenson** (BA, admi/poli, '91), a son, Cameron Kenneth Cook Stevenson, February 17, 1998.

Andrew Cowan (BSc, biol/envs, '89), a son, Aidan, July 15, 1998.

Angela D'Alessandro (BA, psyc, '88) and **Lewis Silvestri** (BA, Engl, '71; MA, phil, '71), a son, Sebastian Armando, October 12, 1997.

Susan (Fisher) Delve (BBA, '95), a daughter, Meghan Jade, December 30, 1997.

Virginia (Schuett) Diemert (BA/BEd, '87), a daughter, Joanne, September 20, 1998.

Jim Doak (BA, admi/econ, '84), a daughter, Alexandra Jane, September 10, 1998.

Danielle (Nunn) Donkers (BA, comm/soci, '94), a daughter, Kylie, September 3, 1998.

Melissa (Kempe) Fiesser (BA, chld, '94), a daughter, Stephanie Nicole, August 27, 1998.

Christine (Ludkin) Filip (BA/BEd, '90), a son, Jackson Owen, September 12, 1998.

Karen Freeman Thorpe (BSc, cosc, '93), sons, Matthew, August 10, 1997 and Douglas, November 9, 1994.

Margo (Kissner) Halfyard (BA/BEd, '90), a son, Ross Alexander, July 24, 1998.

Caroline Hobbs-Lingard (BPhEd, '93), a son, Owen Alan George, September 16, 1998.

Lori (Jackson) Imans (BA, ched, '88), a daughter, Logan Anne, May 17, 1998.

Susan (Berry) Jegeris (BA, soci, '91) and **Leon Jegeris** (BA, admi/soci, '91), a daughter, Kristina, July 16, 1996.

Joey Lee (BA, econ/admi, '94), a son, Griffin Joseph, May 19, 1998.

Magdalene (Sim) Leger (BA, psyc/2lan, '88), a son, Pierre, September 26, 1996.

Kelly (McNabb) Lehman (BA/BEd, '85), a daughter, Brittney Evelyn, September 18, 1998.

Debbie (Snider) Lloyd (BA, visa, '90) and **Trevor Lloyd** (BA, admi/econ, '88), a son, Spencer James, August 21, 1998.

Raymond Luening (BBE, '95) a daughter, Page, November 11, 1998.

Joanne Mach-Thomson (BEdRT2, '97), a son, Tyler Joseph Stanley, September 2, 1998; a daughter, Mary Eileen, December 23, 1996.

Craig MacMillan (MA, poli/ics, '86), a daughter, Lindsey Catherine, January 15, 1998.

Janice (Painter) McKenna (BEd/BSc, '95) and **Kevin McKenna** (BEd/BSc, '95), a daughter, Lauren, June 1, 1998.

Angela Milligan (BA, soci, '94), a daughter, Kristina Tams, February 1, 1998.

Scott Morgan (BEd, '94), a daughter, Allison Aurelia, August 25, 1997.

Beth (Zollenkopf) Neufeld (BA, chld, '91), a daughter, Waverly Rose, July 30, 1998.

Stephanie (Smart) Norton (BA, poli, '92), a son, James, January 25, 1997.

Dana (Zilic) Parlee (BA, psyc, '93), a son, Joshua Keith Norris, August 6, 1998.

Lori (Fast) Peters (BA, hist, '94) a daughter, Madison Farrah Elizabeth, June 19, 1998.

Kim (Engel) Plato (BA, soci, '89) and **Dave Plato** (BA, hist, '91), a son, Mathew William, August 31, 1998.

Jennifer Poynton-Reyno (BBA, '93), a daughter, Madeleine Clare, August 25, 1998.

Suzanne (Neville) Rich (BA/BEd, '90) and

Brad Rich (BA, psyc/hist, '90), a son, Alexander Frederick, December 15, 1997.

Paula (Husband) Riganelli (BA, Fren, '93), a daughter, Michelle Dominique, September 14, 1998.

Tawnya (McCulloch) Schlosser (BA/BEd, '95), a daughter Gabrielle, March 5, 1998.

Tim Siemans (BA, soci, '90), a son, Braedan Timothy Daniel, September 6, 1998.

Kimberly Stevenson (BA, Engl/poli, '93) and **Lewis Stevenson** (BBE, '91), a daughter, Fiona Alexis Moira, June 13, 1998.

Janice (Nagaa) Totoros (BSc, cosc, '87) a son, Koji Nicolas, June 3, 1998.

Kim (Lynch) Thompson (MEd, '93) and **Tom Thompson** (MEd, '93), a daughter, Emily Anne, August 28, 1998.

Barb (Vucina) Turkovich (BA, psyc/soci, '91) and **Nick Turkovich** (BA, admi/econ, '88), a daughter, Mikaela Marie, April 30, 1998.

Gail (Filliter) Tusz (BEd, '86), a girl, Marina Louise, June 29, 1998.

Connie (Green) Venneri (BA, psyc, '93), a son, Albert Tomas, July 28, 1998.

Paul Spanier (BA, psyc; BPhEd, '94) has successfully completed a Masters of Science in Exercise Science at the University of Toronto. He is currently enrolled in the PhD program at the University of Toronto.

1991

Francesca Maria Briglio (BA, chld) has successfully completed a Masters of Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. She teaches for the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic School Board and plans to enter administrative studies.

1993

John Walker (BEd) has been working for Innovus Research Inc., as a Senior Analyst for over a year. He is also a Statistics Lecturer at McMaster University. Before obtaining his position at Innovus, John taught ESL in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Mathematics and Science in Kuwait. While living in Russia, he married Elena Anatolyevna Lejnina. They now live in Hamilton.

1994

Melissa (Kempe) Fiesser (BA, chld) teaches Grade 3 with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board.

Vanessa (Fletcher) Moore (BA, thea/dram) lives in Colton, Calif., where she is waiting for authorization to gain employment. She hopes to find a position in theatre.

1995

Dave Bolan (BAAC) received a designation as a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) from the Society of Management Accountants of Ontario. He works as a Senior Cost Analyst for Levi Strauss & Co. (Canada) Inc.

Leanne (Perkins) Christie (BA, psyc) graduated from Teachers College and is an occasional teacher with the Bluewater District School Board.

Michelle (Werth) Schmid (BA/BEd) teaches Grades 5 and 6 with the Upper Grand District School Board (formerly Wellington County Board of Education).

Glenn Ventrcek (BACC) completed his Chartered Accounting designation and Certified Management Accountants designation. Glenn says he still remembers the fresh years of 1990 in Keefer, the rowdy neighbours in the basement of Shickluna in 1991, the awesome times of late-night card games in St. J's of 1992, and his half year in MacDonnell in 1993. Anyone from varsity or the above houses can contact him at gventrcek@torontonorth.bdo.ca.

Tara Will (BA, chld) has accepted a teaching position with the Upper Grand District School Board. Tara is teaching Reading Recovery™ and primary music.

Blair Moon (BBA, '96) received his MBA from the University of Windsor in June, 1998.

Karoline Capp (BA, Cana/hist) has completed her first year in the Tourism Co-op Program at Niagara College. She has accepted a position with Walt Disney World working in the Canada Pavilion at Epcot Center — this is part of her co-op program. During the summer, Karoline worked at the Ontario Travel Information Centre at the Garden City Skyway. In her role as a Travel Counsellor, she advised hundreds of people on their travels through Ontario. She says it was a highly demanding job but a great learning experience.

Lisa-anne Hall (BA, dram/thea) is engaged to Lonnie Langilee. The wedding is to take place June 1999. Lisa-anne would love to hear from friends in FSDVA.

Jeff Pelletier (BBE), after a year in the Toronto office of KPMG, is now working out of their Dallas, Tex., office. He is in the Enabling Technologies division, working as a Systems Implementation Consultant.

Melanie Renfrew (BSc, geop) is a Software Support Engineer with MicroImages in Lincoln, Neb.

Brock University Alumni Association Board of Directors 1998-99



Front: (L to R) Jan Robertson, Gary Enskat, Jim Grant, Michael Robertson, Julie Cairnie, Melissa Heil
Back: (L to R) Jay Fiocca, Scott Maxwell, Jim Atkinson, Andy Panko, Gail Julie, Vito Colella, Pam Savage
Absent from photo: Jim Butko, Terence Scheltema and Mike Zywicki.

New horizons: Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir wants to take Brock's Faculty of Education to places it hasn't been before.

As the new Dean, he sees opportunities to generate new ideas and pursue new horizons.

Dr. Manley-Casimir arrived at Brock in September and has spent the first few months familiarizing himself with the University.



Michael Manley-Casimir

"Brock is poised on the brink of new initiatives and that is exciting to me," says Dean Manley-Casimir. "The Faculty of Education has a strong complement of faculty and array of programs. I think we can build on those."

The faculty will be adding to that array with a new doctoral program it plans to introduce, in collaboration with several other universities, including Windsor, Lakehead, Western and possibly Queen's. As well, Dean Manley-Casimir would like to see the faculty become more technologically sophisticated in order to expand its outreach in adult education and distance education.

He also hopes to provide faculty members with more opportunities to do research and publishing, and to pursue scholarly activity.

Dean Manley-Casimir took over from Professor Vic Cicci, who was Acting Dean. The former Dean of the Faculty of Education is Terry Boak, who was named Vice-President, Academic, last February.

Dr. Manley-Casimir spent 24 years at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C., serving as its Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Programs from 1993 to 1996. He is a LL.M student at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Manley-Casimir, who has a PhD in Education from the University of Chicago, began his teaching career in 1963 as a classroom teacher in British Columbia. In 1974, he began his academic career, joining the Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University as an Assistant Professor.

He has a wealth of experience in teaching and administration, and has published numerous articles and reports dealing with educational issues.

Healthy times: The sick and the wounded at Brock received a real shot in the arm in early January as the University opened its new Student Health Centre and Athletic Therapy Clinic.

The new building, located beside the Campus Police facility, will improve patient management across the board say both Joe Kenny, head athletic therapist, and Melodie Shick-Porter, manager of Health Services. They agree that the design of the reception area and treatment space, not to mention the new visibility of their services, will help attend to patients' needs more efficiently.



Melodie Shick-Porter and Joe Kenny in front of new building.

"One of the reasons we built new space is that our waiting room became impossibly crowded," says Shick-Porter. "It was really frustrating for students who were left in a waiting room, without a place to sit. Sometimes they had to line up in the hall because there was no room inside."

The Health Centre includes four examination rooms and increased office space for the department.

The open concept design of the Athletic Therapy Clinic, with an abundance of natural light, will make a real difference, Kenny says.

"It should facilitate more efficient treatment of patients because of the set-up and size," he adds.

Not only does the Athletic Therapy Clinic service the Brock community, for the past 15 years it has opened its doors to high school athletes.

"It's a great way for us to service the community and to recruit students," says Kenny.

He adds that the new clinic will also serve as a better vehicle to educate and train student therapists. The department has three full-time athletic therapists and 24 student therapists, servicing Brock's 22 varsity and club sports.



Inspector Mayla Parrent

Rohypnol: Brock University Campus Police Inspector Mayla Parrent's video, Rohypnol, won several awards at the recent 1998 Law Enforcement Video Association (LEVA) Shield Awards. Last year, in cooperation with Niagara Regional Police Service Video Unit, Inspector Parrent developed and spearheaded the production of Rohypnol. The video received LEVA's Silver Shield and two additional Craft Awards for script writing and editing, in St. Louis, Mo.

The video is a three-minute public service announcement to raise awareness of the dangers of Rohypnol, the so-called "date-rape drug."

Three cheers for Brock!: We did it again! For the second straight year Brock University was recognized for its school spirit. Brock recently won the Most Spirited Mid-Size School award in competition with 15 universities and colleges from across Canada and the United States. The award was presented by the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (GLACURH).

In 1997, Brock received similar honours in the small-school category. Last year, as a result of the addition to the Village Residence Complex, Brock competed in the mid-size school category.

BROCK Briefs

Experience Plus: Brock University's Career Services department announced, in October, an exciting new service to prepare Brock students for the workplace. The program is called Experience Plus and Brock expects it to include more than 500 job placements for students in the next few years.

Student volunteer: The Brock Business Ambassadors (BBAs) are a group of dedicated and enthusiastic student volunteers within the Faculty of Business.

Each year, BBA teams visit area high schools, presenting an interactive program and talking with OAC students about the Brock Faculty of Business to create a greater awareness about the unique aspects of the Faculty.

Professor Sharon Broderick, who has run the program for the past five years, says that by organizing teams of Ambassadors from different years and areas of concentration, they can provide high school students with a broad outlook that will help them prepare for university. BBAs also participate in the "Spend the Day at Brock," a new initiative in which OAC students visit the Faculty for a day, attending various classes, touring the facilities, meeting professors and getting to know more about what it's like to be a student at Brock University.



An OAC Administrative Studies class from E.L. Crossley Secondary School, in Fonthill, with Professor Sharon Broderick, far right.

Business Citizen: Dr. Bill Cade, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science, was the recipient of the 1998 Royal Bank Award for Business Citizen of the Year, in conjunction with the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival. The award was presented in recognition of Dean Cade's role and leadership in the establishment of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute.



Dr. Bill Cade

Brock grads honoured: Four graduates of Brock University were recently recognized at Enterprise '98, Niagara Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

Jeff Hardy, BA (csmc) '96, and Hilary Caters, BA (Fren) '94, were winners in the New Venture category for their company Mediascape Print and Digital Design.

Jason Bell, BA (genl) '97, co-owner of Netstart Solutions Inc., along with Kyle Tkachuk and Marco Dugas, received the Youth Award. Netstart was also a finalist in the New Venture category.

Brock graduate Rob Neill, BSc (math) '75, of Durward Jones Barkwell and Company, was nominated for his community contribution.



With the leadership of St. Catharines MP Walt Lastewka and Speaker of the House of Commons, The Honorable Gib Parent, Brock's Office of External Relations staged its second annual Christmas on Parliament Hill event for Ottawa-area grads. Above, Brock President David Atkinson, centre of top row, gathers with Brock grads. At far left is Walt Lastewka. Inset is Gib Parent, right, shaking hands with a Brock grad.

Spring '99 Open House
Sunday, March 21

For information, please contact Recruitment and Liaison Services at (905) 688-5550, ext. 4293, or e-mail: liaison@brocku.ca

Are you ready for retirement?



By Dan Bologna,
Branch Manager,
Fortune Investment
Corp., St. Catharines

Your current financial situation, your age, investment horizon, and tolerance for risk are considerations that will affect the degree of success in providing for your retirement.

Living life to its fullest is often a retirement dream. Retirement Savings Plans are one of the best ways to bring that dream to life. Since RSPs offer a powerful combination of reduced taxes today and tax-sheltered investment growth for your future, RSPs have become one of the most important retirement savings tools.

Whether you're just starting to save for retirement or have been saving for years, there are several strategies that will help you achieve your retirement goal. Many people are familiar with a number of these strategies, such as:

- Contribute as much as you can, as early as you can;
- Maximize your contributions;
- Consider a spousal RSP;
- Re-invest your tax refund;
- Consider borrowing to contribute;
- Contribute monthly for ease and additional growth.

However, there are other strategies that you should be aware of, so let me outline two of these for you to consider.

Take Advantage of the Foreign Content Allowance:

To truly diversify your retirement savings, take advantage of the 20 per cent foreign content and invest globally. Canada represents only a portion of the world's investment opportunities. International diversification may actually increase returns while decreasing risk. By diversifying globally, you decrease your reliance on the Canadian economy and financial markets, since our markets do not always move in the same direction as other markets.

Many investors may be able to increase the foreign content in their RSP. Finance officials have revised an income tax regulation that allows Labour Sponsored Investment Funds (LSIF) investors, who hold their shares in RSPs, to now be entitled to the same foreign content increase as venture capital investors, whose plans directly hold private company shares.

That means each dollar put into venture capital adds three dollars to the standard 20 per cent RSP foreign content limit. Therefore, a \$5,000 labour sponsored fund investment would boost the plan's foreign content limit by \$15,000.



Maintain an Appropriate Mix of Asset Classes:

Research shows that the relative weightings of asset categories within a portfolio are responsible for over 80 per cent of investment returns. The exact mix of assets in your overall retirement plan will depend on your investment personality (that is your expectations of financial growth) and your risk tolerance. While a well-balanced portfolio may contain a mix of the three investment vehicles (cash, fixed-income, growth/equity), it is the growth and equity category that may offer the most options for maximizing your retirement income.

These are just two of the many strategies that your financial advisor would be happy to explain to you in order to help you maximize your RSP contributions.

Remember, the key to that retirement dream is about using optimal strategies to make sure your retirement money works as hard as it can throughout your lifetime.

(Dan Bologna graduated from Brock in 1972 with a BSc in biology.)

RECRUITING GRADUATES?

We thought you'd like to know what some employers are saying about Brock grads.

"The calibre of Brock graduates has been exceptional. We've successfully promoted several of our Brock hires within a relatively short period of time."

- Pauline Eden, Human Resources,
Canadian Tire Acceptance Limited

"Common sense and professionalism set Brock graduates apart in the highly competitive workplace, which is why Enterprise-Rent-a-Car seeks out Brock graduates for our Management Trainee Program."

- Dayna Frezza,
Human Resources Manager, Enterprise-Rent-a-Car

"My first recruitment experience at Brock was a pleasant surprise. The graduating students were well prepared to meet our company representatives, and we found the business school's curriculum equipped the students with the knowledge required for a position with Scotiabank."

"It has been a pleasure over the past few years to watch Brock Alumni advance in their careers at Scotiabank. Brock is now one of our first choices of new graduate recruits."

- Stephen Cole, Manager,
Recruitment and Development, Scotiabank

"I feel that Brock has a strong Accounting program (both co-op and non-co-op). Such a program prepares students for success in the Uniform Final Examinations."

- Sandeep Dhillon,
Ernst & Young

Survey points to people, places, names and faces

Thank you to everyone who responded to the *Surgite!* Readers' Survey conducted through the last issue of this publication. The survey resulted in 450 responses with alumni from every graduating year giving us feedback. What you have told us will make this a better publication.

While the approval rating was high, there were many suggestions and ideas on how we can improve *Surgite!*. Here's what you said:

- The majority of respondents want *Surgite!* to continue to be published four times a year and in its current tabloid format.
- Respondents prefer to read a combination of brief articles and longer stories. The overall sense is that shorter articles are preferred.
- Most people spend more than 10 minutes reading *Surgite!* and particularly enjoy Alumnews, alumni achievements, SnapShot, upcoming events and feature columns.
- People prefer to read alumni profiles, Alumnews, Brock events, campus updates, grads on the move and faculty profiles.
- Readers want more information about Brock graduates. Respondents want to read about their friends and classmates, where they are and how they are doing. They also want to keep up to date about changes at the University.

In a nutshell readers want — people, places, names and faces.

One thing for sure, respondents agreed that *Surgite!* provides them with an important link to the University. There is a sense of pride in Brock and keeping connected is important.

We will use your input to improve *Surgite!* and to keep you better connected to Brock. We encourage you stay in touch by continuing to give us feedback and story ideas. Let's keep working together to make this the best publication possible.

— Mike Farrell, Communications Manager

Alumnews

Have you moved, received a promotion or changed careers? Do you have other news you want to share? We'd like to hear from you. Tell us where you are and what you're doing?

Name: _____

Surname at Graduation: _____

ID# _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel # () _____

E-mail: _____

Employer name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel # () _____

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Name: _____

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ALUMNI: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hall of Fame expands



Brock inducted five athletes into its Hall of Fame at an honorary dinner last September. From left, David Shemilt, Wally Dick, Kathy Pierce (Prosser), Darby Berkhout and Dave Burt.



The Hall of Fame dinner was a class reunion for a group of Brock graduates. Front row, from left, Kathy Pierce (Prosser), Dave Burt, Debbie Geary, Sheila Gayman, Rick McLellan, Paul Downing and Lorne Adams. Back row, from left, Jeff Gilmour, Ken Murray, Kevin Hill and Jim Briggs.

Brock's Department of Athletic and Recreation Services inducted five new members into the Hall of Fame last fall.

It was the second induction ceremony since the Hall of Fame was initiated in 1996. Thanks to donations from a group of Brock graduates, Robert Jennings, Tom Goldspink, Linda Goldspink (Szala) and Ian Beddis, seven athletes and three builders received the first honours.

The 1998 inductees span a number of decades and sports in Brock's athletic history.

Kathy Pierce (Prosser), Cross Country/Track and Field: From 1975 to 1977, Kathy excelled in the 1,500m and 3,000m events in provincial, national and international competitions.

Darby Berkhout, Rowing: Darby, an Olympic athlete in 1988, competed in the Commonwealth Games in 1986, PanAm Games in 1987; World University Games in 1985, 1980; and the World Championships, in 1986, 1987 and 1989.

Wally Dick, Basketball: Wally played for Brock from 1968 to 1970. He was a First Team All-Canadian in 1969-70 and retired as the second all-time leading scorer.

David Shemilt, Swimming: David, Brock's athlete of the year in 1983, set OUAA and CIAU records in the 200m, 400m and 1,500m Freestyle from 1982-87 and was an Olympic finalist in 1984.

Dave Burt, Hockey: Dave led the

Hockey Badgers from 1974-78. His No. 6 sweater was retired in 1977-78, the same year he was named Brock's male athlete of the year.

Nominations

If you would like to nominate a former Brock athlete for the Hall of Fame, please contact:

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We are the champions: The Brock Badgers Baseball team are the 1998 Canadian Inter-Collegiate Baseball Champions.

In their third appearance at a national final, the Badgers went undefeated to strike gold, defeating the University of New Brunswick 10-6 in the championship game, in Kentville, N.S. Badger outfielder Andrew Tinnish was named the tournament's most valuable player and was selected to the tournament all-star squad along with teammates Grant Giffin, shortstop, Matt Fletcher, catcher and Jeremy Walker, outfielder.

Rowers OUA champs: This was the first OUA title for men's rowing at Brock since 1972. They defeated Western 116-89 in total points.

Brock crews won gold in five of eight events and finished second in two.

The women rowers won all of the three events they entered, pacing first in the double, coxed four and eight.

This is the first time that both men and women crews at Brock have been OUA champs in the men's and women's eight.

Lacrosse team golden again: The lacrosse team won its third Ontario championship in a row and ninth in the last 10 years. The league MVP was Brock's Shawn Williams. He was also the league-leading goal scorer.



Chris Critelli

Hoop dreams:

On October 3, Chris Critelli, coach of the Brock Badgers women's basketball team, was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame. Chris played seven years with Canada's National team and is the only person to ever win both a CIAU national championship (Laurentian) and an NCAA championship (Old Dominion).

Bev McCollom Memorial Award: Brock men's hockey team and the Badger Hockey Alumni are working to establish the Bev McCollom Memorial Award to be given each year to a member of the Hockey Badgers. The award is named for Bev McCollom, a long time manager of the team, who died last year.

Proceeds from the Bev McCollom Memorial Game, held on Saturday, February 6, will be directed to the award.

For more information about the award, please contact Badger hockey coach Murray Nystrom (905) 688-5550, ext. 4368, or e-mail: mnystrom@arnie.pec.brocku.ca

Update on World Rowing: The countdown is on for the 1999 World Rowing Championships, in St. Catharines, August 22 to 29. Brock will serve as the Athletes' Village for competitors from around the world. To reserve tickets, call the Brock Centre for the Arts, at (905) 688-5550 ext. 3257.

Payments may be made in Canadian funds in cash, by cheque, or by credit card (Master Card or Visa).



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