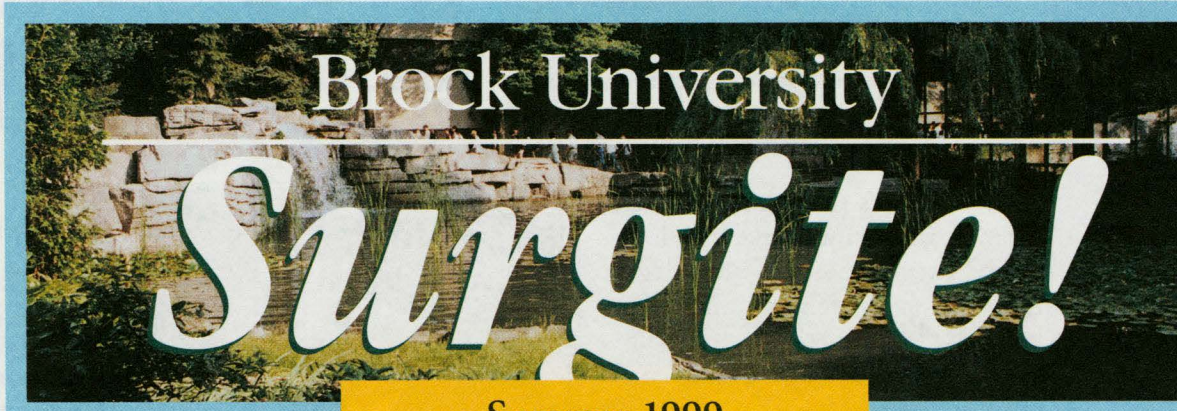


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Surgite! /sur-gi-tay/ Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

Inniskillin Hall opens to the world

More than 400 guests including winery representatives, grape growers, donors, and officials from municipal, provincial and federal governments, joined Brock University, on June 11, in celebrating the official opening of Inniskillin Hall, the new home of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI). The \$6.1-million state-of-the-art facility is designed to meet the research and educational requirements of Canada's grape and wine enterprises. Inniskillin Hall is the first facility in Canada devoted solely to cool climate grape growing and wine making.

"Today, is a truly remarkable event in the history of Brock University," said Brock President David Atkinson. "We celebrate the opening of Inniskillin Hall by congratulating our many industry partners who have played a vital role in making this great facility a reality. We thank all of our donors and volunteers for sharing in our vision. All of you should be very proud of exceeding our original goal of \$2.5 million to raise \$3.75 million. As we celebrate the end of this project, in a very real sense this is just the beginning. Thousands of students will learn grape growing and wine making at Inniskillin Hall and in vineyards and wineries. These students will move on to shape the future

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Toasting the opening of Inniskillin Hall are, above from left, David Strangway, President of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), Brock Chancellor Robert S.K. Welch, Veronica Lacey, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Training, John Neufeld, Chairman of the Ontario Grape Growers' Marketing Board, Bruce Walker, Chair, Ontario Wine Council of Ontario, St. Catharines MP Walt Lastewka, Bill Cade, Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Donald Ziraldo, President of Inniskillin Wines, John Howard, President of Vineland Estates, and Brock President David Atkinson.



The event presented an opportunity to bring together for the first time Brock's five Presidents, inset from left, President Emeritus James A. Gibson, President Emeritus Alan J. Earp, Past President Terry White, Past Acting President Susan Clark and Brock President David Atkinson.

New graduates set for exciting future

Brock University conferred 1,472 under-graduate degrees, 75 Master degrees and 416 Education Pre-Service degrees during its Spring Convocation ceremonies, held June 7 to 11.

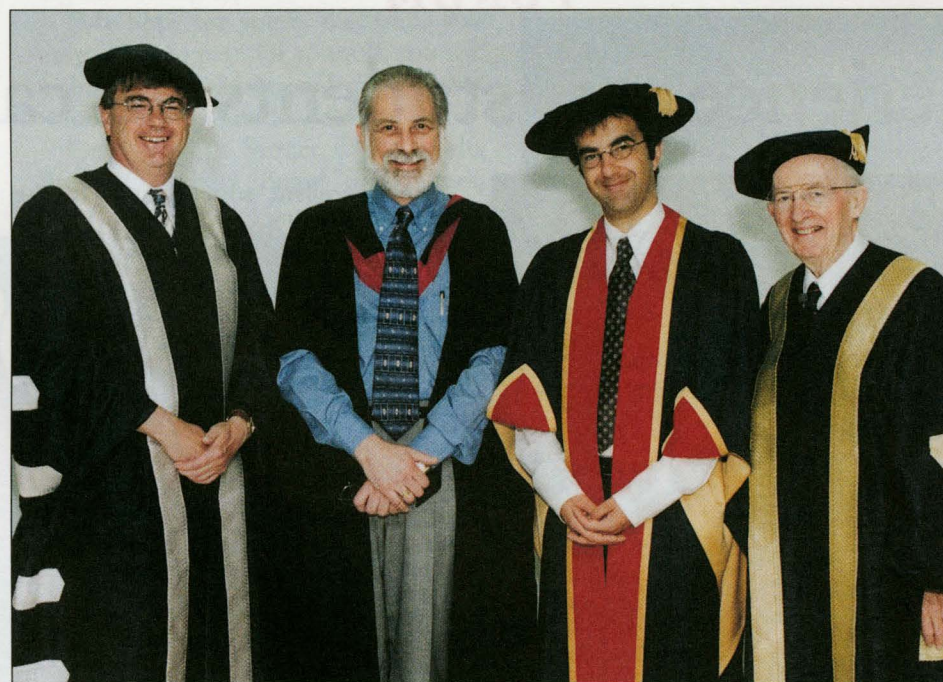
Brock President David Atkinson extended congratulations to the graduates, as well as their families, for their achievement.

"There is every reason to believe that there is an exciting future for each and every one of you," said President Atkinson during his remarks to each graduating class. "You are a continuing part of a great institution and I encourage all of you to carry the great news story of Brock."

The ceremonies ended Friday, June 11, with honorary degree recipient Atom Egoyan encouraging the graduates to take their time to find a career that truly suits their dreams.

"During the years here at university,

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Atom Egoyan, second from right, received an honorary degree from Brock during the June 11 Spring Convocation ceremony. From left, Brock President David Atkinson, Professor Barry Grant, Dr. Egoyan and Chancellor Robert S.K. Welch.

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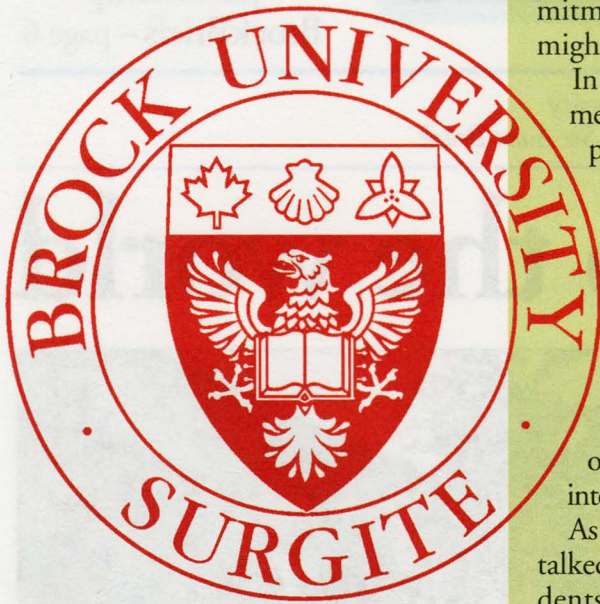
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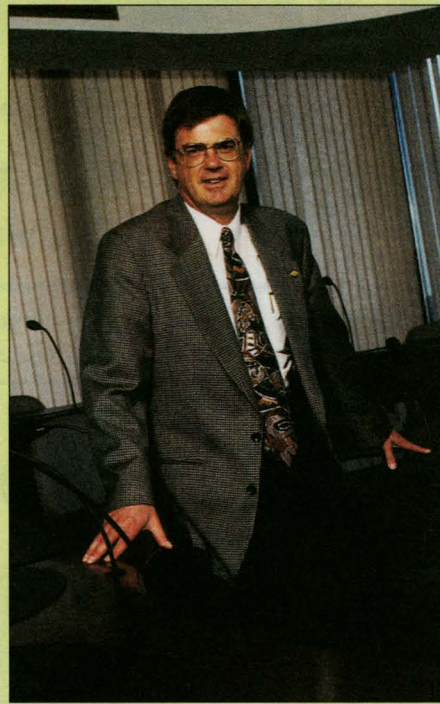
Our grads shape the future

In this year's student recruitment materials, you will see the positioning statement "Your Career Begins Here." Such a statement might seem like an odd thing to some of our alumni. With Brock's longstanding commitment to liberal arts, what, one might ask, is this all about?

In the last issue of *Surgite!*, I commented on our recent planning and priorities exercise; in fact, a copy of the entire plan was included with your copy. You might recall that a major new direction for Brock is to focus far more than in the past on career preparation, whether it be in the form of new programs, modification to current ones, or the introduction of internships and co-op.

As part of our planning exercise, we talked at length to both current students and potential students. We learned that there is a consuming concern among students about what they will do after graduation, in other words, will they get jobs? This should hardly come as a surprise considering the kinds of investment students are having to make in their education, and the already insecure job market that exists in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada. Any university ignores this concern at its peril. It is simply irresponsible for us not to care what happens to our students after graduation.

Our new focus on career preparation should not, however, be interpreted as indicating that Brock is abandoning its commitment to strong undergraduate education or to the core disciplines so fundamental to the definition of a university. We are not interested in reducing Brock to a mere vocational school. We must recognize that a university education



Brock President David Atkinson

must focus on two things in today's world. Yes, it must assist in preparing students for a career. But, of far more importance still, it must encourage what J. Percy Smith calls "intellectual

"ExperiencePlus! is a careers-oriented program that provides Brock students with an advantage in the job market when they graduate."

wakefulness." Graduates of Brock must possess the flexibility, the critical awareness, and the heightened sensitivity that will allow them to enjoy opportunities that go well beyond a job or career. Moreover, they must be prepared to be active and involved citizens.

At the same time, graduates of Arts and Science must have greater faith in their degrees. It is not the case, as many assume, that Arts students are

not getting jobs. We were very gratified to learn from a recent survey of Brock graduates that fully 97 per cent are working in areas related to their degrees or in jobs they want two years after graduation; in the Humanities 98 per cent are working and in the Social Sciences 94 per cent have found employment. This places Brock fifth among Ontario universities. Further, we know that Arts graduates are making substantially more than college graduates five years after graduation.

At the same time, though, it is no longer acceptable to graduate students in such core disciplines as English, Philosophy, or History, without providing them with the ability and the opportunity to identify and apply the particular skills and qualities they gain from their studies to the practical and applied world where they will make a living. It is for this reason that co-op should be part of all the Arts and Science programs, including disciplines where it does not seem like a natural fit. It is also for this reason that Brock has initiated ExperiencePlus! as a way of giving students a "value added" practical component to their degrees. ExperiencePlus! is a careers-oriented program that provides Brock students with an advantage in the job market when they graduate.

Response to this new direction for Brock has been received very positively.

But we must be vigilant that Brock does not forget the fundamental concern of any university: to prepare educated men and women, who understand the past, who can assess the present, and who can shape the future.

FORUM

Brock experience sets students on career paths

By Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud
BBE '98

In this day and age, if you want to pursue a career, then it is important to have a university degree. As a recent Brock graduate, I am well aware of the competitive nature of the job market.

My Brock degree played an important role in helping me obtain a management position as a Personal Banking Officer with the TD Financial Group. Brock prepared me well for the working world by providing me with a competitive edge over hundreds of other university graduates that applied for the position.

University means different things to different people. Some believe it is a place for academia where you acquire your degree and continue researching.

Others feel it is a place to develop employable skills. At Brock, I had the best of both worlds.

I received a degree in Business Economics, which is not offered at many universities. The degree provided me with a combination of both business and economics courses.



Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, BBE '98

Brock also provided me with necessary career skills. The University is well known for its seminar system. The seminar system helped me to communicate effectively within a group, to prepare oral presentations and to debate issues diplomatically. Those are three important skills that are used frequently when working for any organization.

The excellent support staff in the Career Services Department of the University assisted me with résumé writing and interview skills. Most importantly, the staff showed me how to research a company.

Career Services also organizes an annual job fair that presents students with the opportunity to see what companies have to offer and to make personal contacts with potential employers. When I received my job with the TD Financial Group, I went through the recruitment process that Career Services initiated with TD and several other organizations.

Brock provided me with numerous student experiences. During my second year, I worked for residence security and played intramural sports. Both activities gave me a nice break from the books. In my third year, I decided to become a Don on the Residence Life Staff (RLS). My three years on the RLS were my building block years. This job emphasized teamwork. As a result, it enhanced my ability to communicate with people and to deal with conflict. These are invaluable skills to have when

you enter the workforce.

In my last year at Brock, I was elected President of the Brock University Students' Union. With this job, I was able to apply both my classroom and RLS experience. At times, I had to debate an issue, deal with conflict, prepare an oral presentation, work in a team and make decisions.

Brock provided me with the total package—I received a degree that many other universities don't offer and I was able to be involved with several other aspects of the University. I couldn't agree more with Brock's new positioning statement: "Your career begins here." The experiences I had as a Brock student definitely set me on my career path.

Let us know if you have an idea for a Forum article.

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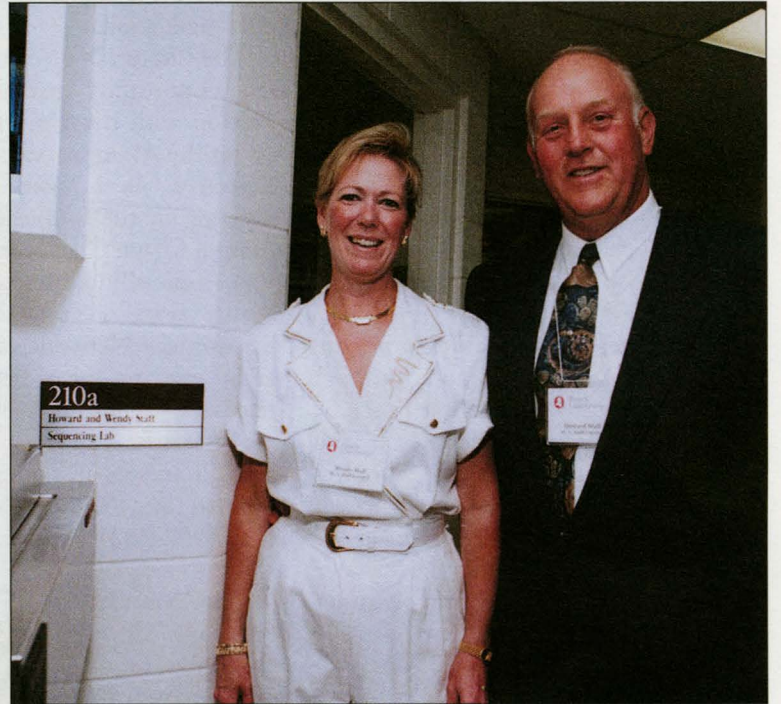
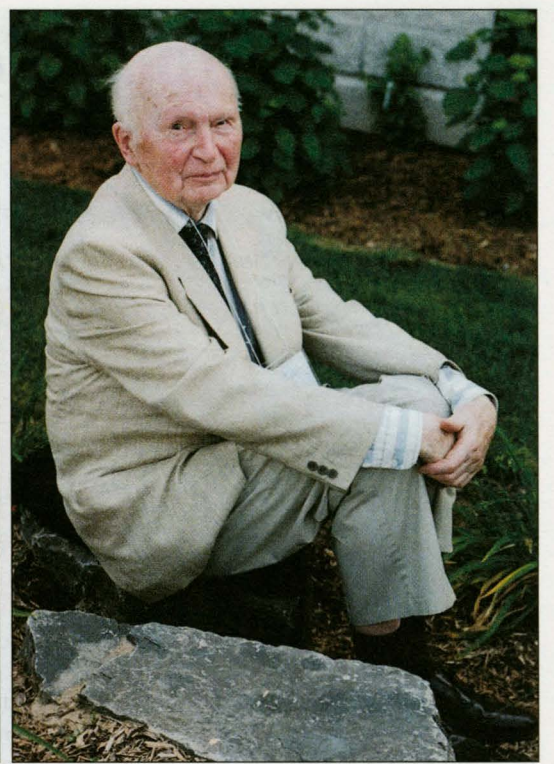
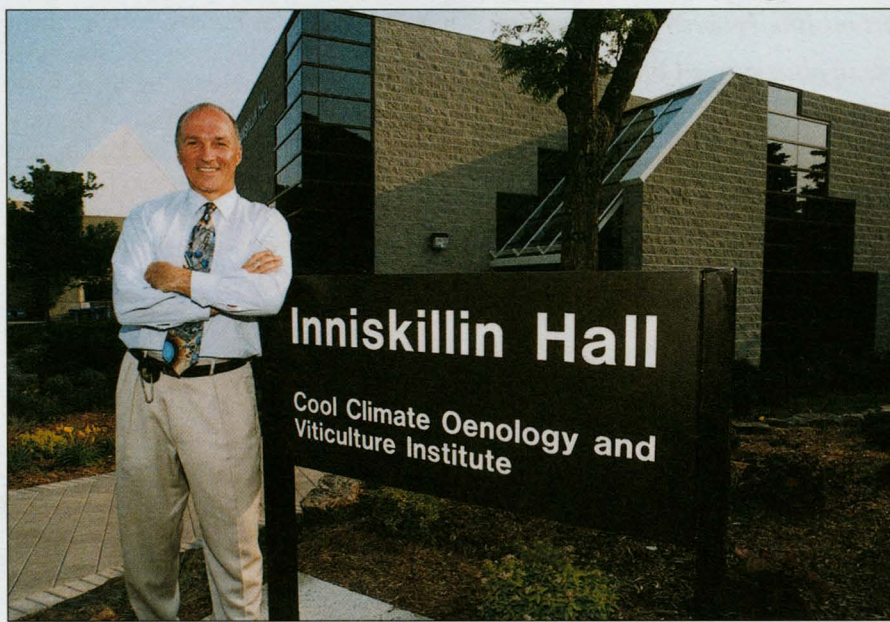
The President congratulated campaign co-chairs Donald Ziraldo, President of Inniskillin Wines, John Howard, President of Vineland Estates and Harry McWatters, President of Sumac Ridge Winery, for their leadership during the capital campaign.

Brock also received \$1.545 million in funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to support the construction of Inniskillin Hall and the purchase of research equipment for the new facility. Matching funds were received from the Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund. This \$500 million provincial government fund promotes research excellence and partnerships between business and research institutions.

"Every great viticulture and wine making area in the world is associated with a university that provides education and research for the industry," said Dr. Bill Cade, Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science. "Highly trained graduates and new technologies developed in Inniskillin Hall laboratories will further enhance the international competitiveness of the Canadian grape and wine industry."

The Institute was named Inniskillin Hall in recognition of the \$600,000 lead donation to the capital campaign and the Institute by Vincor Incorporated. The three-storey building is a 25,000-square foot expansion to the current science complex. Inniskillin Hall features a pilot winery, wine cellars, research laboratories and environmentally controlled chambers.

The facility was designed by the architectural firm of Macdonald, Zuberec, Ensslen Architects, of St. Catharines, with construction management by Kenmore Construction, of St. Catharines.



Clockwise from above, Dr. Andy Reynolds, second from left, shows guests through a CCOVI lab; Donald Ziraldo, President, Inniskillin Wines, outside Inniskillin Hall; President Emeritus James A. Gibson; and Howard and Wendy Staff, at the doorway of the Sequencing Lab named to recognize their generous support of Inniskillin Hall.

Inspiring messages for new Brock grads

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you have developed skills that you will use all of your life," said the Canadian filmmaker. "Be open to the possibilities—you may end up doing something completely different from what you studied at university. Don't be in a rush to convince yourself that you have things worked out."

Earlier in the week, the University presented honorary degrees to Niagara-area residents Norah Humphry Morgan, Wendy Wiebe, Carol Reid, and Eric Bergenstein.

In her remarks, Morgan demonstrated the enthusiasm, humour and encouragement that has made her such a successful educator at Brock. She urged the

graduates from Brock's education programs to take risks.

"Put your mind and spirit to the challenge," she said. "As risk takers we become true educators."

World champion rower Wendy Wiebe said she was hopeful that the graduates, through "their hard work and dreams," would achieve the kind of personal fulfilment in their careers, as she did during her rowing career.

"My hope for you is that once you have a chosen path for yourself, you will embrace the challenges and changes that come your way," said Wiebe.

Carol Reid, a former Chair of the Brock University Board of Trustees,

urged graduates to be lifelong learners, not just in their careers, but as responsible members of the community

"Set your sights high and aim for the top," said Reid.

Eric Bergenstein, former mayor of Pelham who was recognized for his contributions to the community, called on graduates to make volunteer work a part of their lives.

"In the good things that you help create, you will experience personal enjoyment and satisfaction," he said.

Correction

We have to get out more often!

Obviously, we're not world travellers. In the spring issue, we incorrectly published that Ayers Rock was in New Zealand. It's not, as a number of our readers informed us.

It's in Australia.

We apologize for the mistake.

Brock grads - We want to hear 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

The Power of a Brock Degree



Brock University is succeeding in preparing students for life after graduation. Our graduates are doing exceptionally well in today's job market according to the results of a recent survey conducted by Ontario universities.

The Ontario University Graduate survey results show that 91.8 per cent of Brock graduates are employed within six months of graduation. The survey also showed that 97.0 per cent of Brock graduates are employed within two years of graduation. Among 17 Ontario universities, we rank number five.

These results clearly demonstrate the Power of a Brock Degree! Brock is building on the strength of an already superb learning environment, right in the heart of Niagara, with new undergraduate and graduate degree programs, co-op and work experience options, and career opportunities.

To learn more about Brock University, call the Recruitment and Liaison Services at: (905) 688-5550, ext. 4293, or e-mail: liaison@brocku.ca or take a virtual tour at: www.brocku.ca



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Brock Networks at *WORK*

Brock's Alumni Networks provide an important link between graduates and the University. We now have five Networks in cities across Canada, as well as in Singapore and Hong Kong. In this issue of *Surgite!*, we begin a series of profiles to acquaint you with our Network representatives.

Our first stop is Ottawa. For several years, Brock graduates in the Ottawa area have enjoyed a number of events through the volunteer efforts of Wendy Alexander and Terence Scheltema. They would like to encourage other Brock grads to participate in their area Networks, adding that it doesn't involve a big time commitment.

Terence Scheltema (BBE '96) is currently working at the House of Commons as a Special Assistant to Peter Golding, Member of Parliament for Edmonton East, in Ottawa. He is mainly responsible for media relations, legislative duties and speech writing.



Terence Scheltema

After graduating from Henry Street High School, in Whitby, Ontario, I came to Brock and spent three years living in DeCew Residence.

I have never worked harder in my life and I have never had as much fun as I did during my student days at Brock.

I met many great people at the University and, since leaving school, I have kept in touch with most of them. I know how rewarding that has been for me. I became involved in the Ottawa Network because I felt that many other Brock grads could benefit from re-establishing their University friendships.

Having annual events close to home has been popular. There have been a couple of Christmas parties on Parliament Hill hosted by the Speaker of the House, The Honorable Gib Parent and St. Catharines MP Walt Lastewka. A photo of the last event appeared in *Surgite!*. This event is popular because of the location, the charm of the light festival and most of all because of the 120 fellow graduates who attend.

Among other events, Wendy organized a skating party during Winterlude and I helped organize a wine tasting and cuisine demonstration. The Alumni Office

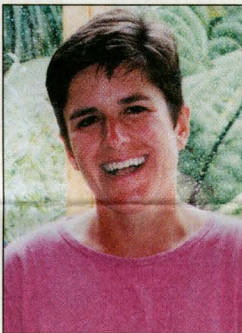
provides most of the support for our events, but you need a "person on the ground" to ensure the event is flawless.

It is a pleasure for me to give back to Brock. Both my brother Clinton and I graduated from Brock and loved every minute of being Brock students. There was no reason to stop my involvement after graduation.

The Ottawa Network offers an excellent opportunity to maintain my connection with the University. As well, I sit on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. As a board member, I am assisting in the formulation of a greater Alumni Chapter Network.

Anyone who can spare about eight hours, twice a year, should consider becoming a Network volunteer. It is a great way to meet new friends and remain in touch with old ones. If you are interested, feel free to give me a call and I'll answer any questions. I can be reached at: (613) 237-1214 (home); (613) 992-3821 (work).

Wendy Alexander (BA poli '89) is the Director of Marketing with the Trauma Management Group, in Ottawa. The organization responds to individuals, families and organizations in the aftermath of a critical incident.



Wendy Alexander

Fourteen years ago, I was faced with choosing a university. I was fortunate to have three acceptance offers to consider — the task seemed overwhelming. None of my friends were consider-

ing Brock. To be honest, few of them even knew the location of Brock. I found myself intrigued by this — the prospect of starting fresh was very appealing. When I look back, I'm not sure where I got the courage, but arriving in St. Catharines and not knowing a single person was truly a life-altering experience.

I have great memories from my four years at Brock. When I pull out my pictures from residence (Secord Hall), I regret that I didn't keep in touch with more of my old friends.

After graduation, I returned home to Ottawa and started to look for employment in sales and marketing. I soon realized that my Brock experience was an asset in getting my first job. I was a Brock Student Ambassador and Tour Guide and having that experience on my résumé attracted a lot of questions and interest from potential employers. I also believe that the Brock seminar approach gave me more confidence going into interviews and meeting prospective employers.

My first job after graduation was working for Canada Care-Home Health, a medical supply company that sells wheelchairs, hospital beds and various other medical supplies to nursing homes, hospitals and individuals. My position included sales and customer service responsibilities in the wholesale/retail environment.

When I'm not working, I usually can be found on a ski slope in the winter or, during the summer, at the cottage. I also enjoy travelling. Last year, I had the opportunity to accompany my boyfriend Barrie on an International Exchange Program to Auckland, New Zealand. It was a 10-month vacation of a lifetime for me. In addition to exploring New Zealand, we travelled to Australia and Indonesia.

I really enjoy being a contact person for Brock grads in the Ottawa area. We have had some very successful events in the last couple of years. At each event, there are always new faces and lots of interesting conversations. Participating in the grad events allows me the opportunity to stay connected to Brock University.

Network Contacts

Below is a list of Alumni Networks. If you would like to start a Network in your city, please contact Candy Tonellato at: tonellat@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

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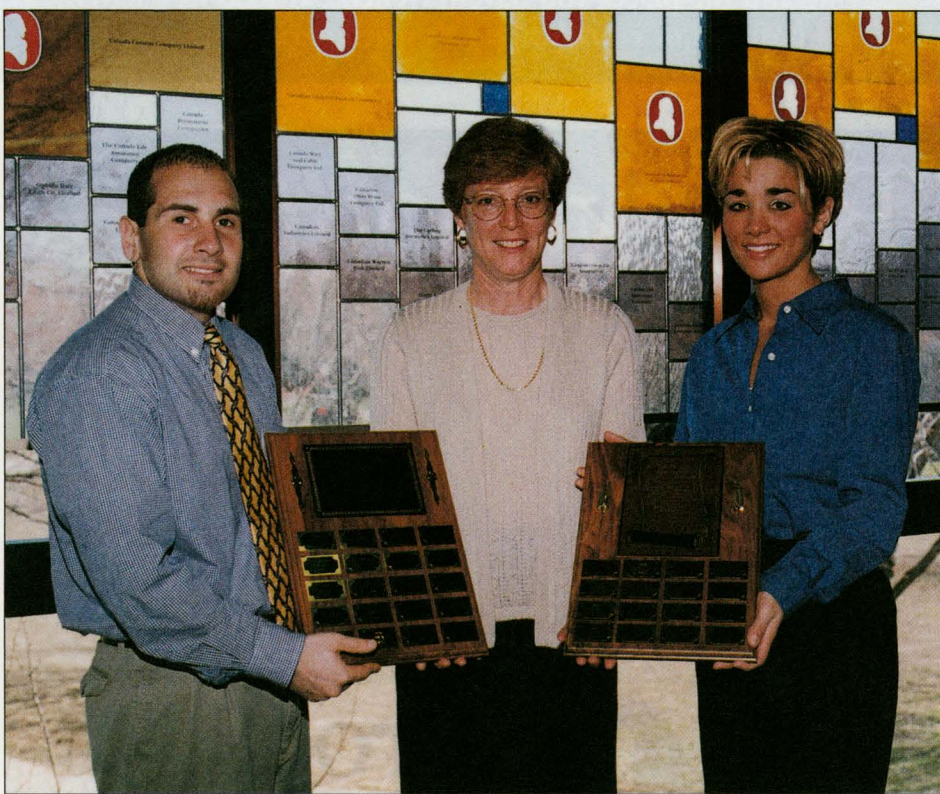
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Alumni Award winners



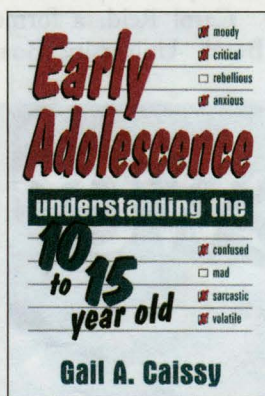
The Brock University Alumni Association recently recognized two students for their achievements and contributions to the University and community. Sonya Balaban, right, of Port Colborne, is this year's recipient of the Alumni Association Student Award while Robert Iachetta, left, of Sault Ste. Marie, received the Silver Badger Alumni Award. Sonya graduated from Brock this year with a BA in Psychology, while Robert will return to complete his Marketing studies in the BBA Honours program. Presenting the awards is Gail Julie, Chair of the awards committee.

Author, Author!.....

• **Gail A. Caissy (BA, geog/soci, '75; BEd, '78)** is the author of, *Early Adolescence: Understanding the 10 to 15 Year Old*, a comprehensive overview and an unerring understanding of the early adolescent as an awkward child "in transition."

The book is written for both teachers and parents. Published by Insight Books (Plenum Publishing Corporation of New York, N.Y.), the book is now in its sixth printing.

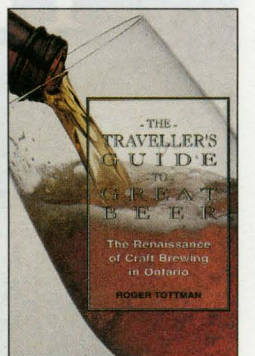
• **Joanne Thiessen (BA, psyc/rest, '88) and Sylvia Wiens (BA, rest/thea, '88)** have published a series of books focusing on child safety messages. Written under the pen name of "Sylvie-Jo," the four books in the Outdoor Safety Series are aimed at children aged three to eight. The themes include railroad safety, boating safety, playground safety and winter safety. The titles are: *Chip Goes*



Boating, Suspense at Blueberry Rock, Excitement at Hollyberry Run and Adventure at Little Echo Park. For more information on the books, or to purchase the set, contact Safe Play Press, in Grimsby, at (905) 309-1983.

• **Roger Tottman (BA, poli, '94)** writes mostly for magazines. About five times a year, he writes for Lakeland Boating out of Evanston IL.

He is the author of, *The Traveller's Guide to Great Beer: The Renaissance of Craft Brewing in Ontario*, and is currently working on his new book about some of the mysteries of Manitoulin Island. His e-mail address is: rtottman@becon.org



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

1977

Elizabeth (Willms) Toews (BA, musi; BEd, '78) is an Educational Consultant in Budapest, Hungary where she lives with her husband Henry.

1981

Ken Janzen (BA, admi/econ) has been appointed Manager, Commercial Services at Niagara Credit Union's Commercial Business Centre, in Virgil. Ken is Past President of the Rotary Club in Grimsby, and most recently a member of the Welland Rotary Club. He is also actively involved with the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, where he is a member of the Board of Directors.

1982

Lorie Abernethy (BA, admi/poli) has relocated to Calgary with husband Guy. Lorie has accepted the position of Director of Development with the Calgary Centre for the Performing Arts. All who know Lorie (aka Imelda) will be pleased to know that she has found an excellent shoemaker in Calgary—the next task is to find a home large enough to house her shoe collection!

Jamie Tatham (BA, dram/Engl) has changed his e-mail address and would like his friends to please take note and contact him at: jayempty@home.com.

1983

Billie Anne Robinson (MEd) is moving to England where she will be attending either Sheffield University or Cambridge University to do an MPhil and hopefully a PhD in Theology and Biblical Studies.

1984

Peter Senese (BAdmin) has been promoted to Treasurer by the City of Port Colborne.

1988

Beth (Jubenville) Jolicoeur (BPhEd) and husband **Frank Jolicoeur** (BPhEd, '87) would like to say hello to all their old friends, particularly Suzzie, Kymal the Camel Jockey, Denise, and Kevin—they miss you guys!

1989

Bob Fast (BAdmin) has been appointed Commercial Account Manager at Niagara Credit Union's Commercial Business Centre, in Welland.

1992

Barbara Frederikse (BA, geog/Fren) was called to the Bar in 1999. She articulated with Gowling, Strathy and Henderson, in Kitchener, focusing on civil litigation. She will continue to specialize in this area with Waterous, Holden, Amey, Hitchon, Brant County's largest law firm.

1993

Glenn Gaudet (BA, admi/hist) and **Shelley (Bonney) Gaudet** (BA/BEd) have been married for five years and are living in Lynden (near Brantford). Glenn has been working as a Financial Planner for Investor's Goup since December of 1993. Shelley is a Grade 3 teacher with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board. They would love to hear from all of their old friends. E-mail them at: gaudeg1@investorsgroup.com.

Zia Khan (BA, admi/poli) would like his old friends from Brock to contact him via e-mail at: khanefzs@cyber.net.pk or ziaejaz@hotmail.com.

1994

Rob Weier (BACC) received the designation of Chartered Accountant in 1994. Rob works for Crawford, Smith & Swallow, where he provides small- to medium-sized businesses with a wide range of accounting, auditing, and taxation services.

1997

Todd Zavitz (BACC) is an Account Manager with Jefferson Wormald Masse & Partners, LLP, in St. Catharines.

1998

Christopher Bodnar (BACC) has provided accounting, auditing and taxation services for Crawford, Smith and Swallow clients since 1995 and is pursuing a specialization in the

field of tax services. Chris received the region's highest mark on the Uniform Final Exam.

Marc LePage (BSc, biol/geog) has graduated from the Ontario Provincial Police Academy, in Orillia. He has accepted a position in Tecumseh, Ontario.

Sheri Penner (BACC) is an Account Supervisor with Jefferson Wormald Masse & Partners, LLP, in St. Catharines.

BIRTHS

Jennifer (Vergette) Bearss (BA, chld, '93) and **Andrew Bearss** (BA, admi/poli, '93), a daughter, Sydney, September 18, 1996.

Barbara Brown (BEd, '83), a daughter, Hannah Alexandra Brown Hewson, July 4, 1998.

Barbara Comeau (BA, psyc, '93), daughters, Krissie Kelm, November 9, 1995 and Kayla Kelm, January 19, 1999.

Nicole (Pascoe) Fisher (BA, chld, '91), twins, Josiah and Dynica, October 30, 1998.

Glenn Gaudet (BA, admi/hist, '93) and **Shelley (Bonney) Gaudet** (BA/BEd, '93), a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, February 5, 1999.

Sandra (Darisse) Giuliani (BRLS, '94), a son, Alexander, January 1, 1999.

Patricia (Murdoch) Janas (BA, genl, '97), a daughter, Lauren, February 10, 1999.

Pirie Luxton (BA, film/psyc, '94) and **Jeffrey Justin** (BBA, '95), a daughter, Madeleine Margaret Jane, May 20, 1999.

Nicki (Rodgers) McRobbie (BA, poli, '91), a daughter, Taylor Sedona, November 11, 1998.

Rose (Fortino) Reynolds (BPhEd, '90) and **Mike Reynolds** (BPhEd, '90), a son, Samuel Robert, February 24, 1998.

Irene (Pecman) Ricci (BA, soci, '92) and **Patrick Ricci** (BA, admi/poli, '93), a daughter, Selena Marie, October 23, 1997.

Sharon Robbins (MA, popa, '94), a son, Nathan, April 21, 1999.

Diana (Kawula) Saranchuk (BA, chld, '92; BEd, '94), a daughter, Mariella Clare, August 31, 1998.

Gillian (Smith) Snider (BA, soci, '94), a daughter, Hannah Lynne, June 24, 1998.

Barbara Brown (BEd, '83) and **Brian Hewson**, July 13, 1996.

Robin Cooper (BA, Ling, '97) and **Jeff Walker** (BA, enec, '97), April 24, 1999.

Jennifer Corvese (BA, csbc, '93) and **Rory Buchalter**, July 25, 1998.

Becky Ganning (BA/BEd, '98) and **Shawn Hicks**, July 4, 1998.

Jennifer Gatecliffe (BA, chld, '95) and **Andrew Lumsden** (BBE, '95).

Kristi Hamoen (BA, admi/math, '94) and **Doug Carter**, May 4, 1996.

Lori Huycke (BA/BEd, '96) and **Dan Denard**, August 3, 1996.

Diana Kawula (BA, chld, '92; BEd, '94) and **Matthew Saranchuk**, August 3, 1996.

Andrea King (BA, psyc, '97) and **Darrin Quigley**, January 10, 1998.

Christy Moir (BBA, '93) and **Kevin Kelly** (BACC, '94), June 27, 1998.

Leslie Norton (BPhEd, '93) and **Derek Obukuro**, August 15, 1998.

Cynthia Pearce (BA, chld, '89; BPhEd, '97) and **Tim Lefebvre** (BPhEd, '90), December 12, 1998.

Tracey Quennell (BA, csbc, '93) and **Jason Pehora** (BA, csbc, '93), May 8, 1999.

Lisa Pirillo (BA, soci, '95) and **John DiMarco** (BACC, '93), July 17, 1999.

Teresa Polite (BA, hist/wise, '93) and **Joe Lynch**, August 22, 1998.

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SNAPshot



Jennifer (Corvese) Buchalter

Degree:

BA, csbc '93

Place of Residence:

Toronto

Position: Senior

Consultant, Strategic

Objectives (a public relations agency)

What's Great About Your Present Job:

I recently starting working at

Strategic Objectives, an award-winning

public relations agency and I'm

loving every minute of it. I can honestly

say that I look forward to going

to work every day. I'm working on a

wide variety of accounts, with a great

team of colleagues and I'm never doing

the same thing twice. One minute,

I'm co-ordinating an event for Kool-

Aid and the next, I'm in a brain-

storming meeting for an upcoming

client. There's never a dull moment.

Claim to Fame: Almost kicking

Danny DeVito out of a party. I was

the Publicity Co-ordinator at CityTV

(1995-1999) and I was responsible

for working the door during the

"Festival Schmooze," a party that the

station hosts during the Toronto

International Film Festival. Suddenly,

an entourage of men came through

the door without checking in. I

stopped the group and called over a

Security Guard, to help me find out

who they were and what they were

doing crashing the party.

Fortunately, the Security Guard recognized

Danny DeVito. My first

reaction was: "Danny DeVito—

where?" I finally spotted him and

politely smiled while letting them

pass. I never lived it down.

Favourite Memory of Brock: This is

tough. I made "friends for life" at

Brock and we honestly had the best

times. If I had to choose one great

memory, it would probably be co-

ordinating "Alfie's Wake," in the

spring of 1990. I was a Brock

Ambassador and my girlfriend and I

put together a great team and orga-

nized the last pub night for Alpie's.

It was a blast!

Greatest Source of Pride: Being asked

by the Canadian Film Centre to co-

chair its annual fundraising gala, "A

Sizzling Mardi Gras and Silent Auction."

Childhood Career Goals: Playing the

flute in the Toronto Symphony

Orchestra.

Source of Inspiration: My parents, sis-

ter, husband and three little nieces who

remind me every day that life isn't

complete without the Little Mermaid.



Christy Moir (BBA '93) and husband Kevin Kelly (BACC '94)

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First-choice!: More high school students are making Brock University their first choice for an undergraduate education according to data from the Ontario Universities Application Centre. In teacher education applications, Brock has the highest percentage increase across the province. Figures show an increase of 7.9 per cent over last year in the number of applicants who made Brock their first choice. Brock received 2,511 first-choice applications this year, as compared to 2,327 last year. Applications to Brock's Faculty of Education are up a dramatic 76.8 per cent—the result of Brock's outstanding reputation in teacher education, as well as higher expectations that teaching jobs are available.

BROCK Briefs

Canada Council grant: For the fourth consecutive year, the Canada Council has awarded a \$10,000 Presenting Grant to Brock's Centre for the Arts. The grant is for the upcoming 1999/2000 season which also happens to be the Centre's 30th anniversary season. Last year, the Centre set a number of season records: 39 events and performances, 17 sold-out performances, Box office revenues and 550 "Friends" and "Best Friends" members.

The 30th anniversary season promises to be just as great with a lineup that includes: Diana Krall, Bruce Cockburn, Kate and Anna McGarrigle, Johnny Favourite Swing Orchestra, and Cowboy Junkies.

For more information, call the Centre for the Arts box office, at (905) 688-5550, ext.3257.



Centre for the Arts
Brock University



Celebrating the launch of ExperiencePlus! are, from left, Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, President of Brock University Students' Union, Judy Willems, of the Business Education Council, Brock student Cathy Kerr, Bonnie Neuman, Associate Vice-President, Student Services, and Brock President David Atkinson.

Competitive edge: Brock University and the Business Education Council of Niagara have joined forces in an exciting partnership to launch ExperiencePlus!, a new program in which Brock students gain valuable work experience and job readiness skills during their study years.

ExperiencePlus! will be available to every student at the University beginning in September. Made possible through two consecutive grants totalling \$164,000 from Human Resources Development Canada, ExperiencePlus! will provide a comprehensive menu of career preparation workshops, work experience through a wide variety of on-campus jobs, and volunteer experiences. Students' participation will be documented, resulting in a transcript, and ExperiencePlus! certification, to give grads a competitive edge in the workplace.

TA contributions: Brock's Centre for Teaching and Learning recognized the commitment and professional development of Brock's teaching assistants by presenting 50 TA awards and certificates. As well, Ellen Maissan received the Senior TA Award, while Randy Thompson received the TA Award.



Shari Leitch, second from left, attended the recent launch of Brock's Master of Accountancy program. Shari, a Brock graduate who is working full time at KPMG, in St. Catharines, plans to take the Master of Accountancy in January. Standing with her are, from left, George Barkwell, Chair of Brock University's Board of Trustees, Shari, Linda Stillabower, Director, Master of Accountancy, and Dr. Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business.

Master of Accountancy: Brock recently announced the launch of its Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program, to begin in January 2000.

The program will allow students to specialize in taxation or design, with faculty, a package of courses to meet their individual academic needs. It will also help meet an increasing demand across the country for tax specialists. Designed to encourage the development of critical thinking, analytic and communication skills, the program will enhance the ability of students to adapt and respond to a complex, changing business environment and to develop a professional attitude, with sensitivity to related ethical questions.

Academic success: Twenty-five Brock students were recently awarded national and provincial grants and scholarships in recognition of their academic excellence. Each student received an award valued from \$11,859 to \$17,600 and apply for one or two years of study.

The awards are sponsored by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS).

Ticat fever: This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats training camp at Brock University. At the kick-off luncheon for the camp, Ticat coach Ron Lancaster praised Brock's facilities. "Anywhere you go in North America, you won't find a better place for training camp than right here at Brock University," said Lancaster.

Research grants: Researchers at Brock University qualified for more than \$1 million in funding grants. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) recently announced grants totalling \$967,911 to fund 43 research projects at the University. In addition, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) awarded \$242,614 to 11 Brock research projects.

Teaching award: Dr. Leslie Boldt-Irons, of Brock's Department of French, Italian and Spanish, recently received a 1998 Teaching Award from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards Committee. She was one of nine recipients of the award that is presented annually by OCUFA to acknowledge the contributions made to teaching by outstanding professors.

Unisys donation: David Wagner, President and CEO of Unisys Canada Inc., recently presented Brock University with a donation of computer software valued at \$740,000. The donation will be matched dollar for dollar by the provincial government as part of the Access To Opportunities Program (ATOP).

The Unisys donation includes computer software used to improve and enlarge Brock's computing facilities and enhances programs within the Department of Computer Science. The donation is part of the ATOP program announced in last year's provincial budget. Each qualifying gift Brock receives by March 31, 2001, will be matched dollar for dollar by the provincial government. The goal is to double Brock's computer science graduates. Brock qualifies for up to \$1.5 million in matching funds and has attracted \$1.8 million in private sector pledges. Qualifying donations include cash, as well as hardware and software.

The matching ATOP funding will be used to establish a \$500,000 scholarship endowment for students, upgrade the computer science network, purchase a server to run the new software, and upgrade a computer science lab.

Symphony partnership: The Niagara Symphony Association (NSA) and Brock University recently announced that the Niagara Symphony will become orchestra-in-residence at Brock University. This new strategic venture is the first of its kind in Canada and marks the beginning of exciting directions for both organizations.



Brock President David Atkinson with Niagara Symphony President Laura Bruce.



Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic, receives official CBT program software from Brenda Benedet, CBT Vice-President of Customer Support, during a recent CBT information session for Brock students.

Free computer training: Brock recently launched its partnership with CBT Systems to provide all students, who are registered at Brock, with applied computer training at no charge. Brock is the first university in Canada to provide applied training through the CBT program. Through the program, students, faculty and staff take courses on the Internet to upgrade their computer skills and earn certification and accreditation from software developers such as Microsoft or Novell.

All Herald, The New Millennium Cometh

In less than six months, the Year 2000 will be a reality. As we head closer and closer to that imposing hour when the clock strikes midnight January 1, 2000, we thought we'd try and lighten things up a bit. And so, we asked Brock grad Gord Paynter, one of Canada's most popular stand-up comedians, to share his thoughts on what the Millennium will bring. Take it away, Gord.....

By Gord Paynter
(BA, dram '77)

The new Millennium. People speak of it as if it were some vast clump of space, entirely unknown and uncharted. Sort of like Thorold. As if, on the stroke of midnight January 1, we will step through this doorway and all will be revealed. Poof, a cure for cancer. The blind will see. The deaf hear and the common cold... Bless you.

I suspect the fuss over the Millennium may be pointless. Maple Leaf Gardens closes. Gretzky retires. Maybe Nostradamus is right.

If so, we may finally find out if the last name of the four horsemen is "Cartwright."

His prediction also puts a damper on being the New Year's first baby.

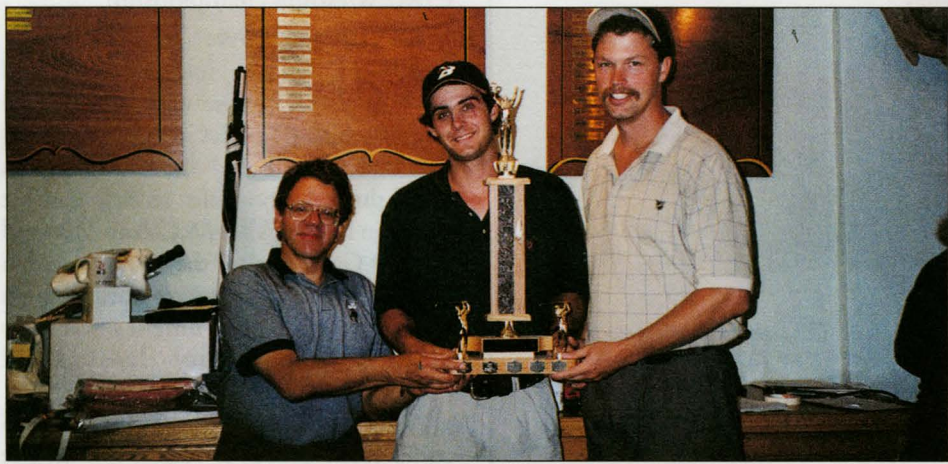
As for myself, I hope he's wrong because according to my horoscope, my comedy career is really supposed to take off next year. I'm excited about the Millennium. Finally, I get to throw out that countdown clock. The other good thing about it is that it's only a thousand years till the next one. Plenty of time to work out those Y3K bugs.

Whatever you do to celebrate, have fun and do it safely. I know many who are attempting to experience the New Year in two or more time zones. My wife and I looked into that and unfortunately the only one we could afford was the bus trip from Saskatchewan into Alberta. I don't really think you can call that a "celebration."



Brock grad Gord Paynter.

Mark September 18 on your calendar



This September, you could be the one holding this trophy. The Brock Alumni Association invites you to participate in its annual golf tournament, being held on Saturday, September 18, at Sawmill Golf Course, in Fenwick. Above, Brock grads Gary Enskat, left, and Scott Maxwell, right, present the winner's trophy to Peter Miller at last year's tournament.

The Brock Alumni Association is looking forward to another successful golf tournament this year. So, mark Saturday, September 18, on your calendar and join other Brock graduates in a round of golf at Sawmill Golf Course, in Fenwick. The cost is \$50 per person and proceeds from the event go toward the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Scholarship Fund.

Spend a pleasant day on the course (the tournament starts at 11am) and then meet back at the clubhouse for an enjoyable dinner when you can visit with old and new friends. For more information on this year's event contact:

- Scott Maxwell (BA, poli/psyc '88) at: smaxwell@niagara.com
- Gary Enskat (BA, poli, '78) at: enskat@martinshep.com

- Michael Robertson (BBA, '92) at: mroberts@spartan.ac.brocku.ca or sengif@neai.com
- Lynne Irion, Brock University Alumni Office, at: (905) 688-5550, ext. 3251, fax (905) 641-5216 or e-mail at: lynirion@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

About 40 golfers, one of the largest turnouts ever, took part in last year's September tournament, also held at Sawmill. The event raised \$1,431 for the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Scholarship Fund.

Peter Miller, a guest at the tournament, received the winning trophy from Brock grads Gary Enskat and Scott Maxwell.

The Alumni Association would like to thank everyone for their participation and contribution, particularly Sawmill owners, Gail (BSc, math '70) and George Julie.

Onsite customized seminars offered to business community

Lifelong learning is more than an alliterative buzzword. It is a necessity. That's why the Management Development Centre of Brock's Faculty of Business is dedicated to providing Niagara's managers and executives an opportunity to maintain and strengthen their skills.

The Centre offers world-class seminars, with sensitivity to local and regional realities. Brock's experienced business faculty offer training on a full range of topics such as strategic planning, finance for non-financial managers, leadership,

the basics of IT, and marketing for financial institutions. These, and many other public seminars, are offered at specific times throughout the year through the Management Development Centre. To provide additional flexibility for Niagara's business community, management development is also offered onsite and customized.

For more information about the Management Development Centre, please contact, Meredith Simon, Administrative Co-ordinator, (905) 688-5550, ext. 3897 or fax (905) 984-4188.

Thanks for your support

Brock University's recent "2 for 1 Living Legacy" fundraising campaign was a huge success thanks to the generous financial support from graduates and friends of Brock.

The fundraising campaign for student awards exceeded its goal and realized \$3,309,000. Pledges to the campaign had to be fully paid by March 31, 1999, in order to be matched by the provincial government through the Ontario Student Opportunities Trust Fund.

Donors have doubled Brock's award

endowment for students to more than \$12 million through this campaign. To put that achievement in perspective, the University's endowment was less than \$2 million in 1989. The "2 for 1" campaign has created more than 150 new awards to attract and support Brock students.

"Our campaign volunteers and development staff worked very hard to realize every dollar pledged to the campaign," according to Executive Director, External Relations and Campaign Director, Grant Dobson.

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 # () _____

Spousal Information: _____

Name: _____

Spouse a Brock Grad? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, ID# _____

Surname at Graduation: _____

Employer Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel # () _____

Next of Kin: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel # () _____

Is the above information confidential? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you know a graduate who does not receive *Surgite!*? _____

Name: _____

Tel # () _____

Clip this form and return it to the Alumni Office, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario L2S 3A1

OR fax to: (905) 641-5216

OR e-mail: alumni@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

ALUMNI: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Brock welcomes the world

Within a few weeks, athletes from around the world will begin arriving at Brock University, their home away from home for the 1999 World Rowing Championships, August 22 to 29, at the Henley rowing course, in St. Catharines.

The University is expecting approximately 1,200 athletes, from 40 countries, to stay in the student residences.

This is the second time this decade that the University has acted as an official Athletes' Village. Brock hosted about 600 rowers who competed in the World University Games in 1993. That experience has been an advantage in planning for August, says Tom Arkell, Associate Director of Brock's Conference Services.

"Our previous experience has helped us anticipate the needs of the athletes and coaches, particularly around menu preparation," says Arkell. "We estimate that we will be preparing a total of 50,000 to 60,000 meals."

Brock's Athletes' Village is also providing teams with accommodations for physio rooms, offices, team meeting places, and a variety of services on campus, such as Internet access. As well, Brock's community television channel will provide daily video highlights of the action on the Henley course.

Brock's Centre for the Arts is handling ticket sales. Call the Box Office at (905) 688-5550, ext. 3257.

For more information on the World Rowing Championships, visit the Web site: www.worldrowing99.computan.com

Brock names new Director of Interuniversity Athletics

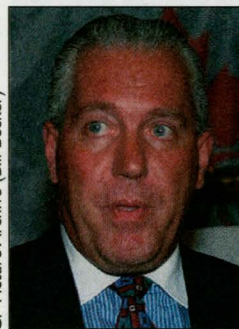
Brock University recently appointed Paul F. Dupré as its new Director of Interuniversity Athletics, effective July 1.

Dupré is a native of Montréal, is fluently bilingual and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in physical education and administration.

For many years, he has been a speaker and a panelist at national and international symposia, particularly on the topics of Sport Management, Sport and the Law, Sport Marketing and Doping in Sport and has served as an expert for national and international federations.

For the past three years, he has been President of PFD Sport, a management and consultation business working primarily with bid and organizing committees for international sports events. Prior to that, Dupré served as the Executive Director of Sport of the Canadian Olympic Association from September 1994 to September 1996 and was responsible for the selection of Canadian athletes for the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. His other positions include: President and CEO of Athletics Canada and Senior Management Consultant with Sport Canada.

Dupré brings to Brock a wealth of experience working with athletes and coaches, in addition to an impressive career in the area of sports management and promotion," said Dr. Robert Kerr,



Paul F. Dupré, recently appointed Director of Interuniversity Athletics

Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation. "His background is well suited to Brock's vision for the future and I look forward to working with him."

"Brock has a very comprehensive athletics program for both men and women student athletes," said Dupré. "I look forward to working with the coaches, athletes and the administration on the new directions being undertaken by the University."

Dupré succeeds Professor Bob Davis who announced last year that he would be stepping down from the position. Davis will continue as a full-time Physical Education professor.

Homecoming Swim Meet

All former Badger swimmers are invited to the Annual Alumni Swim Meet, being held during Homecoming, Saturday, November 6, 7 pm, at the Eleanor Misener Aquatics Centre. For more information contact, Herb deBray at: (905) 688-5550, ext. 3596.

QUARTER page

DesChatelets named national coach

Brock University wrestling coach Richard DesChatelets was recently named coach of the national freestyle team by the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association, and will be head



Richard DesChatelets

coach at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. DesChatelets was head coach of the Canadian free-style team at the 1991 Pan-Am Games and at the 1994 and 1998 world championships. This year, he coached Brock's men's wrestling team to their fourth national championship.

Brock honours athletes: Brock University celebrated the accomplishments of its athletes at the recent Athletic Awards Dinner, held in St. Catharines.

The dinner also included a special presentation to Bob Davis, Director of Athletics, for his many contributions over three decades. Davis stepped down as director in June. He will continue as a full-time Physical Education professor.

Top award winners included:

Female Athlete of the Year: Sheila Brown, of Cannington, Ont. The third-year Physical Education student is a member of the Badgers' rugby team and was named to the OUA all-star team. She also earned all-Canadian status at the back position.

Male Athlete of the Year: Josh deHeus of Uxbridge, Ont. The fourth-year Physical Education student is captain of Brock's National Championship wrestling team. Individually, he finished first, second and third in nine different meets including the OUA championship where he won silver in overtime.

Surgite Award (Student Athlete of the Year): James Crowe, of Brampton, Ont. Crowe, who is finishing his Education degree, was a silver medal winner at the CIAU wrestling championship.

Donations grow:

The Brock Badgers Hockey team would like to thank all those who have helped establish the Bev McCollom Memorial Award. To date, a total of \$9,000 has been raised through donations, as well as ticket sales from February's Bev McCollom Memorial Hockey Game against the Laurier Golden Hawks. The amount was matched through the provincial government's Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF), raising the total to \$18,000.

Additional funds for the award will come from proceeds raised during the hockey team's May 17 golf marathon.

The award is in honour of McCollom, a long-time equipment manager, who died last year. It will be presented each year to a deserving member of the hockey team.

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

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