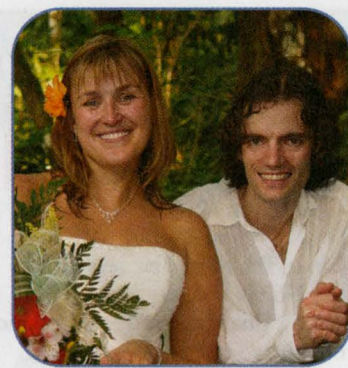
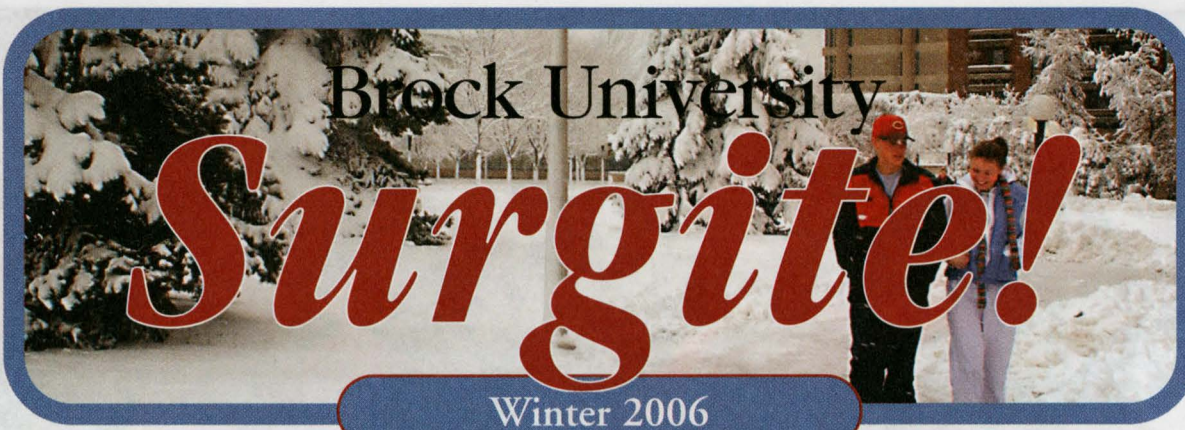


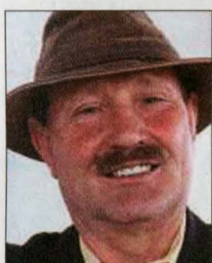
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Niagara winemaker wins Distinguished Alumni Award



Dr. Karl Kaiser

Dr. Karl Kaiser, one of Canada's pre-eminent winemakers who introduced icewine to oenophiles around the globe, was the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award, presented annually by the Brock University

Alumni Association. The award is given to a Brock graduate who has made an exceptional contribution to his or her profession, the community and the University. Dr. Kaiser, co-founder of and winemaker for internationally recognized Inniskillin Wines, earned his BSc degree in chemistry and biochemistry from Brock in 1974. He received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University in 1994.

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"I am delighted to have been selected for this honour," said Dr. Kaiser, "and I am proud to be a graduate of Brock. Since my graduation 31 years ago, the University has continued to grow tremendously in enrolment, faculty and stature. I'm pleased to be a part of that proud tradition."

The award was presented at the Fall Convocation ceremony on Oct. 15.

"We were thrilled to present this award to Karl Kaiser, a Brock graduate

whose local, national and international achievements demonstrate the value of a degree from this University," said Richard Knabenschuh, President of the Brock University Alumni Association. "Dr. Kaiser's efforts have helped to distinguish Niagara as a premium wine-producing region and tourist destination, and he was also a strong proponent for the establishment of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and

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Dr. Jack Lightstone named new President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock University

After a 10-month national search, the Board of Trustees ratified the appointment of Dr. Jack Lightstone as the new President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock University at a special meeting on Nov. 16.

Lightstone is a Professor of Religion and Associate Chair in Quebec and Canadian Jewish Studies at Concordia University in Montreal. He recently completed nearly a decade of service as Provost and Vice-Rector (Vice-President) at Concordia. Serving as Brock's fifth President, he will take office effective July 1, 2006, for a five-year term. He will succeed Dr. Terry Boak, who will continue to serve as Acting President and Vice-Chancellor until June 30, 2006.

"He is an outstanding scholar and an exceptional leader and administrator with a highly collegial style and a focus on students," said Dr. Norris Walker, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "He brings close to 30 years of post-secondary administrative and academic experience to Brock and shares our vision as an institution of research and teaching excellence. He is a team builder with strong interpersonal skills who has a genuine enthusiasm to advance the University's ambitious agenda for the future and to be actively involved with the local community."

Lightstone said he was attracted by the opportunity of providing leadership to Brock as it continues on its bold transformation to becoming a more comprehensive university offering more graduate programs and developing a greater research capacity.

"It gives me great pleasure to be part of the Brock University community as it



Dr. Jack Lightstone, left, and Brock University Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama.

moves forward as a centre of undergraduate and graduate teaching and learning and as a centre of research at the national and international levels," said Lightstone.

"I share many of the ideals and values of this University. In particular, I strongly support its direction of comprehensiveness. As the University looks to its future, it does not want to lose the many positive aspects of its historic mission. These include its connection to the local community and its strong tradition of being student centred.

"I look forward to working with many dedicated individuals and groups to continue Brock's proud tradition and

to serve as an agent of change toward greater achievements."

A longtime Professor of Religion at Concordia, Lightstone was Chair of his department (1979-85) and graduate program director for the MA in Judaic Studies and PhD in Religion. From 1989 to 1992, he served as Associate Vice-Rector, Academic (Research). He began his first term as Provost and Vice-Rector in June 1995, and led the academic sector through an extensive, ongoing academic planning process and a difficult period of budget restrictions. He graduated with a BA from Carleton University in 1972, and went on to complete an MA (1974) and PhD

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Brock's Accounting program receives prestigious accreditation



Martin Kusy, Dean of the Faculty of Business

Brock University has become the second university in Ontario to have its Accounting program officially accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario (ICAO). That achievement was recognized at an event at the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber at Brock University on Sept. 30. It is fitting that this recognition coincides with Brock's 25th Anniversary celebration of the Co-op Accounting program, given its long

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Brock evaluated

Brock University was assessed in November in two published reports by the *Globe and Mail* and *MacLean's* magazine. Please see page 8 for more information.

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Senate Chamber renamed for founder

Brock University held a special ceremony on July 28 to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Charles A. Sankey, the University's second Chancellor.

With Dr. Sankey and his family in attendance, the University officially renamed the Senate Chamber to the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber.

Dr. Sankey, who celebrated his 100th birthday on July 31, was a member of the founding group of Brock University and served as Chancellor from 1969-1974.

"I am touched indeed that Brock has chosen to honour my contributions by renaming the Senate Chamber after me," said Dr. Sankey. "I am privileged to have been a founder of this University and I have watched with pride the achievements of faculty, staff and students over the ensuing years. I am confident that future generations will be well served by this fine institution as it continues on its path of academic and research excellence."

Dr. Sankey, who came to St. Catharines in 1935 and is known for his droll sense of humour, holds a doctorate in chemistry. He is deeply involved in the area's music and arts community. Dr. Sankey's professional career spanned 40 years, culminating in his appointment as Vice-President, Research, Ontario Paper Company in Thorold. He has four children, 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, some of whom attended the dedication ceremony. His wife, Winifred, died in 2002.



From left to right: Dr. Eric Hoskins, Acting President Terry Boak, Dr. Samantha Nutt, Chancellor Raymond Moriyama.

Highlights of the 2005 Fall Convocation

Brock University conferred 379 undergraduate degrees from all six faculties, 135 graduate degrees, 71 education degrees and 24 certificates during its Fall 2005 Convocation, held on Oct. 15.

This fall, the University took pride in awarding honorary degrees to the two chief executives and co-founders of War Child Canada: Dr. Samantha Nutt, Executive Director, and Dr. Eric Hoskins, President.

The following are excerpts from the speeches delivered by Acting President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Terry Boak and the honorary degree recipients.

Dr. Terry Boak: "Imagination—Commitment—Innovation—they have been our guide in the past and will continue to drive us forward. . . . A university is truly a "learning environment" and while you came here to learn from us, you have certainly also learned from each other and we have learned from you. We are genuinely proud of all of you—you can take genuine pride in Brock and in the value of your Brock University degree."

Dr. Samantha Nutt: "It is so important, not only today but in the many days from this point forward, that you continue to challenge yourselves, to ask yourselves 'Am I learning, and I growing, am I contributing?' because you can never, and should

never, settle in a world so unsettled. . . . You will leave here today with one of the greatest gifts you will ever receive—the benefit of an extraordinary, if sometimes a little arduous, university education."

Here are other highlights of the 2005 Fall Convocation ceremony:

- Professor Ernest Biktimirov of the Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, Faculty of Business, received the 2005 Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching;

- Professor Tomas Hudlicky of the Department of Chemistry, from the Faculty of Mathematics and Science, received the 2005 Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity;

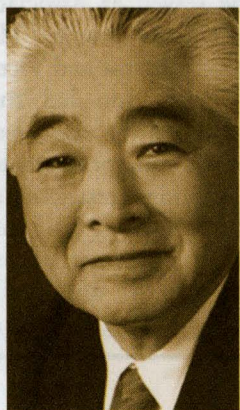
- Dr. Karl Kaiser, co-founder of and winemaker for internationally recognized Inniskillin Wines, was the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award, presented annually by the Brock University Alumni Association;

- Dayle Schultz, a student in the Faculty of Humanities who recently completed a combined Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Linguistics and Sociology, was honoured with the Governor General's Silver Medal.

For more information, please go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News"



Brock extends Dr. Raymond Moriyama's term as Chancellor



Dr. Raymond Moriyama

University's Senate recently approved the extension of Dr. Raymond Moriyama's term as Chancellor until Dec. 31, 2006.

Dr. Moriyama, whose involvement with the University goes back 30 years, is one of Canada's most recognized and respected international architects. "Dr. Moriyama is a man of absolute integrity and vision, and he has been a passionate supporter of education at Brock on many levels," said Brock's Acting President and Vice-Chancellor,

Dr. Terry Boak. "His guidance throughout the past five years of continuous growth and development at Brock has been extremely valuable and I'm pleased that he has agreed to continue to work alongside the University for the coming year."

As Chancellor, Dr. Moriyama will continue to contribute to the educational welfare of Brock students and play a leading role in the advancement of the University as it moves towards becoming a broad-based comprehensive institution. The Chancellor confers all degrees and diplomas at the University. Dr. Moriyama was installed as Brock University's sixth Chancellor in June 2001 at the Spring Convocation.

"I am deeply honoured for this opportunity to continue to serve as Chancellor of Brock University," said Dr.

Moriyama. "I look forward to the year ahead as Brock continues to grow and strives to meet the needs of its students."

Dr. Moriyama's work is found across Canada and around the world. His major projects include the recently opened Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, Toronto Reference Library, Bank of Montreal Institute for Learning, the Saudi Arabian National Museum, the Bata Shoe Museum (Toronto), the Ontario Science Centre (Toronto), the Meewasin Valley Project (Saskatoon) and the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo.

Dr. Moriyama has also had a tremendous influence on the Brock campus designing the Walker Complex, Mackenzie Chown Complex, Taro Hall, Alumni Student Centre and Earp Residence.

Brock will be big winner once donated property is sold

Bernard Harrison was ready to sell his house and move to a seniors' home. He wasn't looking forward to the hassle of selling and asked his lawyer, Jake Hildebrand, for his advice. Hildebrand asked the long-time Brock donor what he was going to do with the money from the house sale. "Add it to my scholarship fund at Brock," was Harrison's reply.

"Then let Brock deal with selling the house," replied Hildebrand, who knew full well of what he spoke. He and his wife Katherine had already donated a property to the University. The University arranged for three appraisals that established the charitable receipt value. Brock took the property to market and met with the Hildebrands to establish terms for endowed student awards with the proceeds of the sale.

And so it went. Bernard Harrison donated his house to Brock and the University established endowed student awards with the proceeds, just one of the donations which established the late Hong Kong diplomat as Brock's largest individual donor.

Now the Hildebrands have done it again. The University's Foundation now owns a unique property in Effingham, southwest of St. Catharines and adjacent to Shorthills Provincial Park. "We



Jake and Katherine Hildebrand on the property they donated to Brock.

bought the property in the early 1970s, thinking of a country home for the family," explains Katherine and Jake. "While we developed plans for a house on the property, the whole family just got too busy. Brock is close to our thoughts and donating the property is a way for us to give back to our community."

The Hildebrand property is 5.7 acres of rolling Shorthills heaven. Katherine Hildebrand says that "in 1981, our son Tom and several friends planted 7,000 white spruce trees. Tom was a forestry student at the University of Toronto and envisaged a small Christmas tree farm to launch his career. After graduation, his career took him in other directions and visits to the property consisted of family outings and giving away Christmas trees to

friends and charitable organizations."

Tom is now a forester with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority in Greater Toronto and hopes the ultimate owner will respect the conservation and environmental aspects of the property. Jake hastens to add: "Katherine herself was very much involved in the planting and provided the snacks and lunches to sustain the tree planters."

Upon the sale of the land, the Hildebrands would like the proceeds to be applied to the Lifespan Development Research Centre and student awards at the University. The legacy of the land will become a legacy for Brock students.

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history and success.

"While many universities have accounting programs that produce CAs, accreditation brings the Institute into a partnership with a university," said Brian Hunt, FCA, President and CEO of the Institute. "The Institute of Chartered Accountants has set high standards for a program's infrastructure, education processes and graduate success that must be met before a university is accredited."

Brock, with its newly accredited Bachelor of Accounting program, Option A, joins the University of Toronto as Ontario's only two universities with accredited programs,

although other universities are also pursuing Institute accreditation.

Accreditation pays dividends for the school and its students that go beyond the obvious benefits of meeting the Institute's high standards. A key component of the accreditation process is the provision of financial and other support through the creation of a joint CA/University Centre. Annual funding to the Joint Centre is provided on the basis of \$1,000 per first-time Uniform Evaluation (UFE) writer who graduates from the program, up to a ceiling of \$100,000.

"Brock University is honoured to be recognized with this accreditation from

the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario," said Martin Kusy, Dean of the Faculty of Business at Brock. "This affiliation with the ICAO provides a professional partnership for the Accounting programs, and will be of great benefit to the students who enroll in those outstanding programs."

The ICAO is the qualifying and regulatory body of Ontario's 31,000 CAs and 3,500 CA students. Since 1879, the Institute has protected the public interest through the CA profession's high standards of qualification and the enforcement of its rules of professional conduct. The Institute website is www.icao.on.ca

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(1977) at Brown University in Rhode Island. He was a Visiting Research Graduate Fellow at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1974-75.

An expert on ancient and contemporary North American Judaism, Lightstone has written and lectured extensively. He remains an active scholar funded by external peer-reviewed grants. He is the author of six books and is widely published in scholarly and professional journals. He is fluent in English, French and Hebrew. Lightstone has broad administrative

experience demonstrated throughout his nine years as Concordia's Provost and Vice-Rector and other administrative assignments. He was involved in almost all bodies of the University's central governance — chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Plans and Priorities, Senate Research Committee, Senate Academic Programs Committee; member ex officio of Senate and the Senate's Steering Committee as well as the Board of Governors.

Lightstone has made valuable contributions to post-secondary

education in Quebec. He served on, and for a two-year period chaired, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Conference des Recteurs et Principaux des Universités de Québec (CREPUQ, the Quebec parallel of the Ontario Council of Universities).

Lightstone, 54, was born and raised in Ottawa, Ont. He is married to Dorothy Markiewicz, PhD. They have two children.

For more information, please visit www.brocku.ca

First Accounting Co-op class donates \$50,000

Members of the first Accounting Co-op class accomplished another first with the announcement of a \$50,000 class gift.

Gord Berg, Harold Elzinga, Norma Fisher, Lyman Gardiner, Brian McCuan, Debi Rosati, Jim Ryan, Dave Wilson and Larry Wormald all contributed toward the largest class gift ever received at Brock.

Many of the classmates were in attendance at the 25th anniversary dinner dance, held in late September, and received a standing ovation when class representatives Rosati and Gardiner made the gift announcement.

The first Accounting Co-op class has always maintained its ties with Brock. Every member of the class has gone on to be an ambassador for Brock and the Accounting Co-op program. The Faculty of Business is extremely grateful for the ongoing support of the first class and for this very generous gift that will be recognized with a designation in the renovations to Taro Hall.

Beta Gamma Sigma chapter awarded high status

Brock's Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) has been recognized as a Premier Chapter based on the membership acceptance rate in excess of 90 per cent.

Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honour society that provides the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive in an undergraduate or master's program at a school accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International.

Premier Chapter status allows Brock to participate in the BGS Matching Funds Scholarship Program and pre-qualifies Brock to participate in the 2006 Outstanding Collegiate Chapter competition.

Keep busy with Continuing Education courses

If you are looking for a way to stay active throughout the winter, consider registering for one of the many interesting programs offered through Brock's Continuing Education Department. Learn how to play the guitar with instructor Jonathan Earp, expand your science fiction writing skills, study the region's Black history and Underground Railroad stories, examine strategies to establish and grow a viable art business, or choose from a myriad of other interesting courses.

For information about Continuing Education's non-credit courses, visit www.brocku.ca/conted or call 905-688-5550, ext. 4775.

1979

Rosemary (Yonyk) McConkey (BA, clas, '79; MEd, '89), principal at Nelles Public School in Grimsby, retired after a 33-year teaching career. The children at the school threw a huge party in her honour.

1980

Julia Coles (BA, psyc) was appointed Advertising Manager for the St. Catharines Standard newspaper.

1981

Suzanne Arnedt (BA, psyc) is chair of the board of directors at Bethlehem Projects of Niagara.

Harry Schlange (BAdmin) was appointed new chief administrative officer (CAO) of the Town of Fort Erie. Harry brings more than 20 years of administrative experience with a background in supply management, finance, human resources, information technology and corporate strategy.

1983

Brian Neale (BA, admi/econ) is pleased to announce his son, Kent, has entered the business program at Brock University.

1996

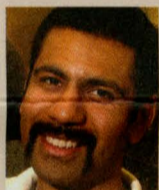
Keith Makse (BA, thea) has started a St. Catharines-based online video game rental company called www.GetGames.ca. There is no time limit on how long a member can use the rented games.

1998

Lisa (Janzen) Beaudoin (BA, psyc; BEd, '99; MEd, '01) and **Brent Beaudoin** (BBA, '01) reside in St. Catharines. Brent is a Financial Planner and Lisa is a Workplace Health Promotion Specialist.

2000

Geoff Gamble (BSc, biol) graduated in June 2004 from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. He is currently practising at Welland Avenue Chiropractic in St. Catharines.



Shiraz Mottiar

Shiraz Mottiar (BSc, oevi) was appointed new winemaker for the Malivoire Wine Company in Beamsville, Ont. in August 2005. Ontario-born Mottiar was a member of the first graduating class in Brock's Oenology and Viticulture program before taking his first position with Malivoire as a cellar hand and then assistant winemaker in 2001. The winery arranged for some international experience that took Shiraz

to Australia's Yarra Valley for the harvest in 2002 where he was described as "one of the stars of the vintage" in James Halliday's book *Wine Odyssey: A Year of Wine, Food and Travel*.

2001

Lowell Tupman (BSc, biol) graduated as a dentist from the University of Toronto, receiving the Joseph Harker Johnson award for highest achievement in Oral Surgery and Anaesthesia.

2002

Jason Tatarnic (BRLS), with his experience of Junior A, university and European coaching and playing hockey, has been appointed head coach of the Woodstock Subway Slammers in the Maritime Junior A Hockey League.

2004

Lacy (Covert) Trussell (BAcc) achieved her designation of Chartered Accountant. She placed in the top one per cent in Canada on the National Honour Roll for her final exam. Lacy is currently working for KMPG LLP in St. Catharines.

2005

Fiona Tozer (BPhEd) played basketball in New Castle Upon Tyne while getting her masters degree at University of New Castle.

Births

Holly (Wannan) Aston (BPhEd, '96), a son, Miller, July 4, 2005.

Jennifer Chester (BRLS, '99), a son, Evan, May 2, 2005.

Rebecca (Rocca) Di Maulo (BAcc, '97), a daughter, Kirsten, May 7, 2005.

Lisa (Booth) Hall (BA/BEd, '96), a daughter, Ella, April 10, 2005.

Lina Hassen (BA, wkhl, '05), a son, Ali Anwar, June 9, 2005.

Lori (Dickens) King (BA, psyc, '94), a son, Ryan James, July 17, 2005.

Tara Kydd-Wintle (BA, chld, '97), a son, Iain, Jan. 4, 2005.

Phil Labelle (BPhEd, '00), a daughter, Aurélie, July 16, 2005.

Mark Nichols (BPhEd, '85), a son, Jonas Oliver, August 3, 2005.

Tara (Decaire) Smith (BA, Fren, '96), a son, Isaiah, August 16, 2005

Kristopher Young (BA, film, '98), a son, Oliver, March 2, 2005.

Marriages

Shane Carter (BPhEd, '98) and Brenda Williams, June 11, 2005.

In Memoriam

Michael Barnes (MEd, '81), August 17, 2005.

James E. Dell (BSc, math, '68), July 14, 2005.

Reinhard Jabs (BAdmin, '79), September 11, 2005.

Amy Kerr-Dixon (BSc, biol/admi, '97; BA, hlst, '99), September 20, 2005.



Robin Lockyer

Tana (Swaniga) Nash (BA, cssp, '90) regrets to announce that **Robin Lockyer** (Business Admin 1986-1990) died suddenly but peacefully Jan. 19, 2005. Robin was the chairperson of RAC for Queenston residence 1988-1989 and of the Village residence 1989-1990, a summer don and also worked in Conference Services. She is fondly remembered by many close friends and family.

Gertrude (Galway) Syrotuik (BA, visa, '86), March 26, 2005.

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Patty (Heckman) O'Rourke (BA/BEd, '97), Brian O'Rourke (BA, hist, '98), with children Reilly Brian and Braeden Patrick, born June 16, 2005.



Shelley Watson (BA, chld/psyc, '97; MEd, '02) and Marshall Kruger married April 26, 2005, in Dominical, Costa Rica.



Brent Beaudoin (BBA, '01) and Lisa Janzen (BA, psyc, '98, BEd, '99, MEd, '01), married June 11, 2005.



Julie Baetz (BAcc, '99) and Dan Poort, June 12, 2004.

Lights! Cameras! Brock graduates entertain us

Whether they are in front of cameras and microphones or working in production, Brock University graduates are making their marks in the entertainment industry.

Rick Campanelli

Rick Campanelli (BPhEd, '94), also known as teenage heartthrob Rick the Temp, has recently made a move to Entertainment Tonight Canada, a border-jumping spinoff from the iconic American television show. Campanelli, who will remain in front of the camera as an entertainment reporter, left a longtime position as a popular vee-jay on MuchMusic.

In part, he credits his success to his years at Brock while studying physical education.

"I was always a shy kid growing up in Hamilton," he says. "Once I stepped into Brock, I was forced to open up a lot more. I became involved in soccer, wrestling and social events, and I lived off campus, which encouraged me to come out of my shell even more.

"I will always appreciate Brock for the academic and social opportunities the University opened up to me."

He adds the research skills he gained while at Brock have been useful as he researches material for his show.

Campanelli's career path took a sudden detour when he won a contest

in his final year at Brock to work part-time at MuchMusic in Toronto. He recalls the long commutes from Toronto to St. Catharines to earn his degree.

"I have not been back to Brock since I got my degree," he says. "It was always such a beautiful campus and I'm sure there have been many changes."

He remembers looking out of the windows on the top floor of the James A. Gibson Library towards Toronto. "When I return to Brock, I'll look out through those very same windows, in the same direction, and contemplate how much my life has changed."

Melanie Douglas

Melanie Joy Douglas (BA, '00) was another shy student when she entered her first year at Brock. The singer-songwriter-pianist, known professionally by the name Melanie Joy, has just released her first solo album called *Magic*. She says the small class sizes — "my one fourth-year class had only four students" — encouraged her to overcome her shyness, speak up, and develop presentation skills.

"My English language and literature background at Brock really helped my lyric writing, and my Brock education in general immensely helped my ability to think analytically," says the Toronto-based recording artist. "Not only that, at Brock I found that my opinions mattered

and were valued, and that gave me a lot of confidence," says Joy, who describes her music as alternative pop-rock.

She gained enough confidence to embark on a solo career after 10 years of collaborating with other singers, and to turn down offers from established labels. (Joy feared she may have to compromise her artistic integrity.) She chose instead to deliberately travel the much-harder road in the entertainment industry, that of independently producing the album. Her co-producer is Peter Linseman of Toronto.

"I chose to pay heed to that inner voice and to do it my way," says Joy, who also has a master's degree in professional writing from the University of Waterloo, "I was involved in the entire creative process: from writing all of the songs on the album, to arranging and co-producing the songs, to being involved with the fine details of the artwork and graphics."

She hopes to be touring with her band as early as next year. For more information about Joy, click on www.melaniejoy.com

Dean Pollock

Dean Pollock (BA, '01), approaches the entertainment industry from an entirely different angle as a production co-ordinator. The Brock graduate is currently involved in helping to produce YTV's fall

lead television series for preteens called *Monster Warriors*. He has also worked in other capacities in the entertainment field — in sound, locations, as an assistant director, as a casting assistant on a few larger films, and as a production co-ordinator on television commercials, short films and the TV series.

After graduating from Brock in communications, media and culture, Pollock travelled "to find myself." He knew he wanted a career in film and television, but had no direct contacts in the industry. He landed his first job in the industry when contacted "by a friend of a friend of a friend" about a new position that had opened up.

Pollock plans to further his academic career in Australia by working towards a master's degree in film and television, with a focus on distribution and production.

He thanks his Brock professors for transferring their passion for film and television to him.

"They energized me and helped to foster a new appreciation for film and television. They continue to encourage me, including writing references on my behalf to the graduate school in Australia, and I can't thank them enough."



2005-2006 Board of Directors

At the Annual General Meeting for the Alumni Association, the Board of Directors welcomed its newest member, Ruth Ellen Wilson (BSc, ersc, '95), and said goodbye to two departing directors, Matthew Gerhard (BA, hist, '98) who was with the board for three years, and Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud (BBE, '96), who retired from the board after six years, the last three serving as President. Richard Knabenschuh (BA, psyc, '90) replaces Maksoud as President.

Stay Connected!

The Alumni Association Board of Directors has developed a newsletter called *Stay Connected!* It is intended to keep the Brock community and graduates up to speed on Alumni Association events and initiatives. Look for copies of *Stay Connected!* on display at all Alumni Association events, or find it online at www.brockalumni.ca

Another golfing success!

The 10th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was the largest to date. More than 120 Brock graduates and community friends gathered at the Links of Niagara at Willodell. Thank you to our many sponsors and supporters who helped to raise more than \$4,500 toward BUAA initiatives. Next year's tournament will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Upcoming Alumni Association Events:

The Brock Rock Curling Tournament

Circle Saturday, April 1, 2006 on your calendar for the annual Brock Rock Curling Bonspiel! This social day of curling is for curlers of all



Members of the 2005-06 Alumni Association Board of Directors gather at Rodman Hall for the Annual General Meeting. From left to right: Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud (BBE, '96) Past President; Cam Hathaway (BPHEd, '80); Lynne Bubic (BA (hon) psyc, '91), Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Lisa Foran (BA, ling, '00); Richard Knabenschuh (BA, psyc, '90), President; Cynthia Roberts (BRLS, '88); Alison Lahn (BA, chld, '95); Ruth Ellen Wilson (BSc, ersc, '95), Bert VenderPerk (BAdmin, '77); Christine Jones, Director, Alumni Relations; Brad Clarke (BA, chld, '00), Vice-President, Alumni Affairs; Terry Cockerline (BA, comm, '97), Executive Director; David Betzner (BSc, cosc, '85), Toronto Network Representative. Board members missing from the photo are: Jason Coolman (BA, poli, '98) and Rena Posteraro (BA, fren, '98, MEd, '05)

experience levels. Perfect for non-curlers, but challenging enough for those with experience. Teams compete for prizes for Best-Dressed Team and of course, the coveted Brock Rock trophy! Register your team now by e-mailing alumniassociation@brocku.ca, or calling 905-688-5550, ext. 4502.

Renaissance at Rodman

The Alumni Association's annual spring lecture series returns for another round of thought-provoking sessions, led by some of Brock's finest faculty members. Lectures run for five consecutive Thursdays — April 20, 27, May 4, 11, and 18 — at Rodman Hall from 10-11 a.m. This year's schedule will be out early in the new year.

Volunteer opportunities

If you are a Brock grad wanting to stay connected with Brock and your Brock friends, why not consider getting involved as an Alumni Association volunteer? The Alumni Association Board of Directors has a number of openings for graduates at the committee level, such as helping to organize events that include Brock Rock Alumni Curling Bonspiel,

Renaissance at Rodman Lecture Series, and others.

For more information, contact Terry Cockerline, Executive Director, at tcockerline@brockpeople.ca or call 688-5550, ext. 4502.

Three outstanding Brock students earn recognition

The Brock University Alumni Association has recognized three outstanding Brock students for their achievements and contributions to the University and the community.

Lindsay Ferris was the recipient of the

Alumni Association Student Award, Julie Lawlor received the Silver Badger Award, and Karla Boluk was honoured with the Badger Award. Students are nominated for these awards by their peers; selection is based on their outstanding contributions to extracurricular activities as well as an above-average academic standing.

The awards were presented at the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting, which was held at Rodman Hall Arts Centre in September.

Did you know?

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Kara Kelly (BA, poli, '98)

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Other events for our graduates

Ottawa graduates to meet in HMSC Bytown Wardroom

Graduates from the Ottawa area are invited to a reception hosted by Brock University's Acting President Terry Boak on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, 5 p.m., at HMSC Bytown Wardroom, 78 Lisgar St., Ottawa.

Graduates are encouraged to take the rare opportunity to tour HMCS Bytown Wardroom, a private naval officer's mess, just a 10-minute walk from Parliament Hill. The mess is located in the former home of Charles Delamere who built the house in 1896, where he lived until his death in 1918. It was established as a unique naval officers' mess in 1943. Plans to organize a Winterlude celebration, such as a skating party, following the reception, are underway. We would like to hear your suggestions regarding such an event and encourage you to post your suggestions on forum on brockpeople.ca

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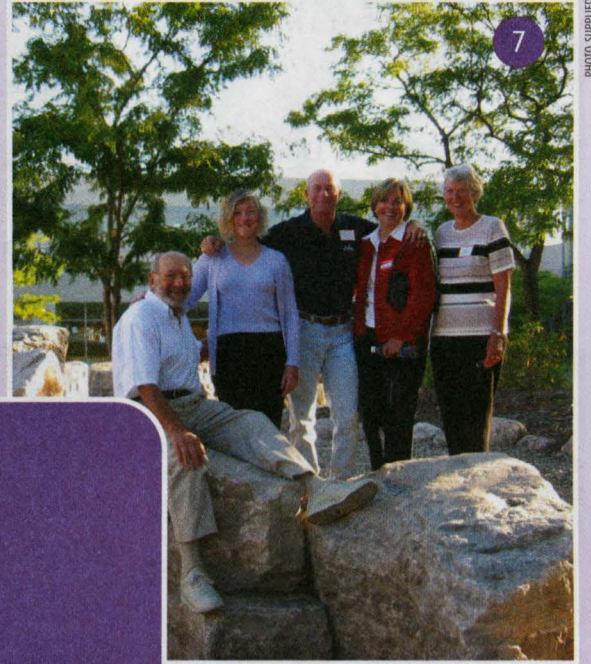
Ottawa event, please contact Terence Scheltema at 613-521-9101; e-mail: terence@scheltema.ca Another contact is Richard Guitar at 613-945-0683; e-mail: Guitar.RRJ@forces.gc.ca

Graduates living in the Ottawa area will also receive an invitation in the mail.

Badgers, Marauders to square off in Bromac hoops challenge

On Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m., graduates are invited to cheer on the Badgers as they meet the McMaster University Marauders in the Walker Complex, Bob Davis Gym for the Bromac Challenge men's basketball game. Show your alumni card at the door and receive a gift courtesy of Alumni Relations. Graduates are also invited to join the coaches, players and friends at a post-game celebration at Dom's Pasta and Grill, Schmon Parkway. For more information, please contact Lynne Irion at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251; e-mail: lynirion@brocku.ca

Celebrating BrockDays 2005!



1. The extraordinary taste experience of Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts.

2. The Biorhythms perform during the Brock Days Variety Show.

3. From left: John Zoccoli (BAdmin, '86) of the St. Catharines Jaycees, presents the trophy for Most Honest Golfers to Rose VanderPerk (BA, engl, '93), Eduardo Rodriguez and Bert VanderPerk (BAdmin, '77) at the 10th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament.

4. Theatre Beyond Words gets into the swing of things with Brock's Acting President Terry Boak, second from left, during Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts.

5. Staff from Conference Services warm up for the Grape Stomp.

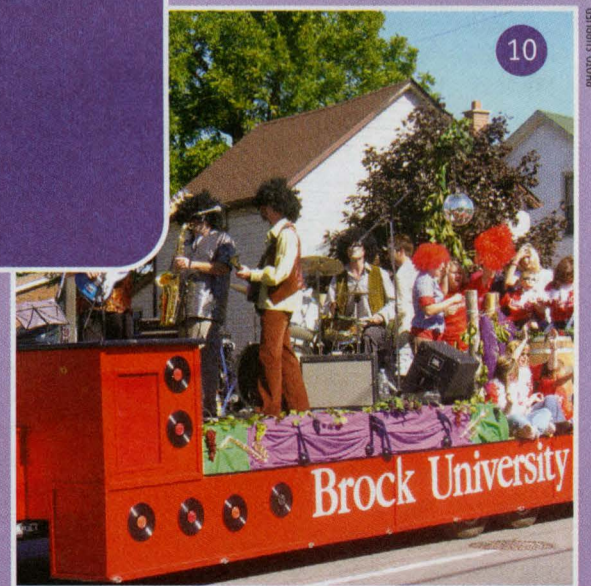
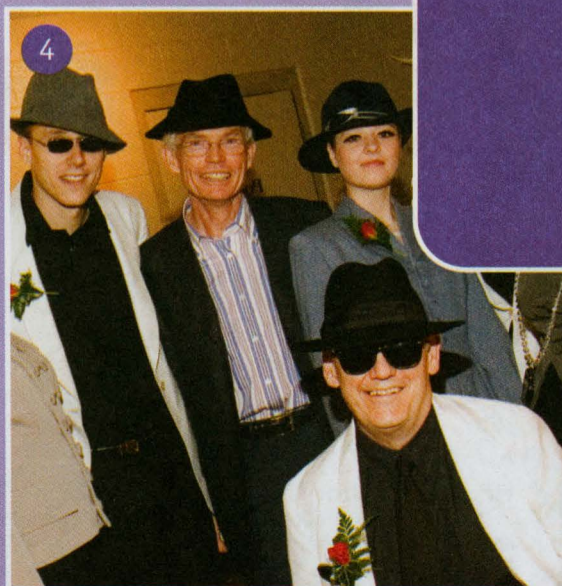
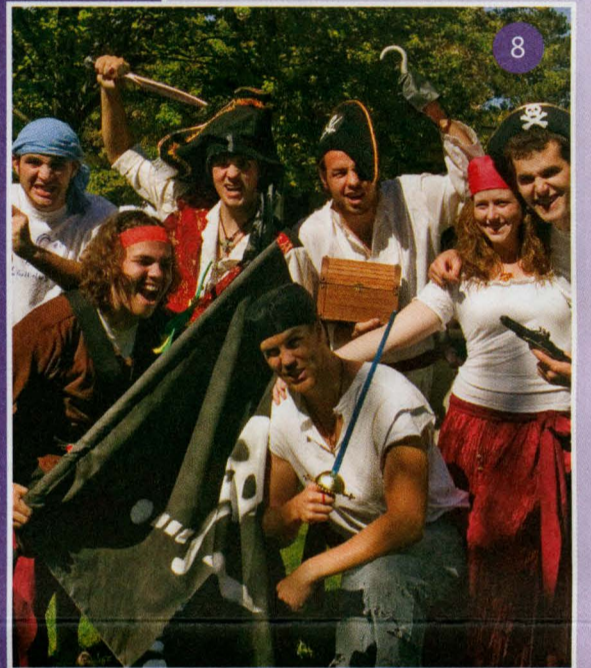
6. Youngsters from the Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care stomp away during the Brock Days Kick Off.

7. Graduates, faculty and staff celebrate the 30th anniversary of Brock Physical Education. From left, Dr. Arnie Lowenberger, first Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, graduate Laura Mitchell ('76), Professor Lorne Adams, graduate Shelagh Marray (BEd, PRJR, '77) and retired Professor Val Drake.

8. A band of pirates at the Brock Days Kick Off.

9. Brock OEVI graduates Rob Power, left, and Tom Green, both Niagara winemakers, shared a taste for success at the Wine Seminars presented at Montebello Park by Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute and Vines Magazine.

10. Brock wins Best Float in the Grande Parade of the Niagara Wine Festival.





Dr. Karl Kaiser, left, and business partner Don Ziraldo.

Viticulture Institute (CCOVI)."

Dr. Kaiser maintains his commitment to the University by conducting research in collaboration with Brock faculty. He also has lectured in the past to CCOVI students.

The winemaker now focuses his attention solely on icewine, a late-harvest icon that has gained international prestige and is in high demand. In 1991, Dr. Kaiser won the Grand Prix d'Honneur at Vinexpo for his 1989 icewine, drawing the world's attention to Canadian wine and introducing wine lovers everywhere to Canada's gift of winter.

Dr. Kaiser was born in Austria and was a student in a monastery where viticulture and winemaking were time-honoured traditions. After compulsory military service, he taught at a vocational school and spent his spare time helping in the cellars of a small wine producer. In 1969, he immigrated to Canada, returned to school, and

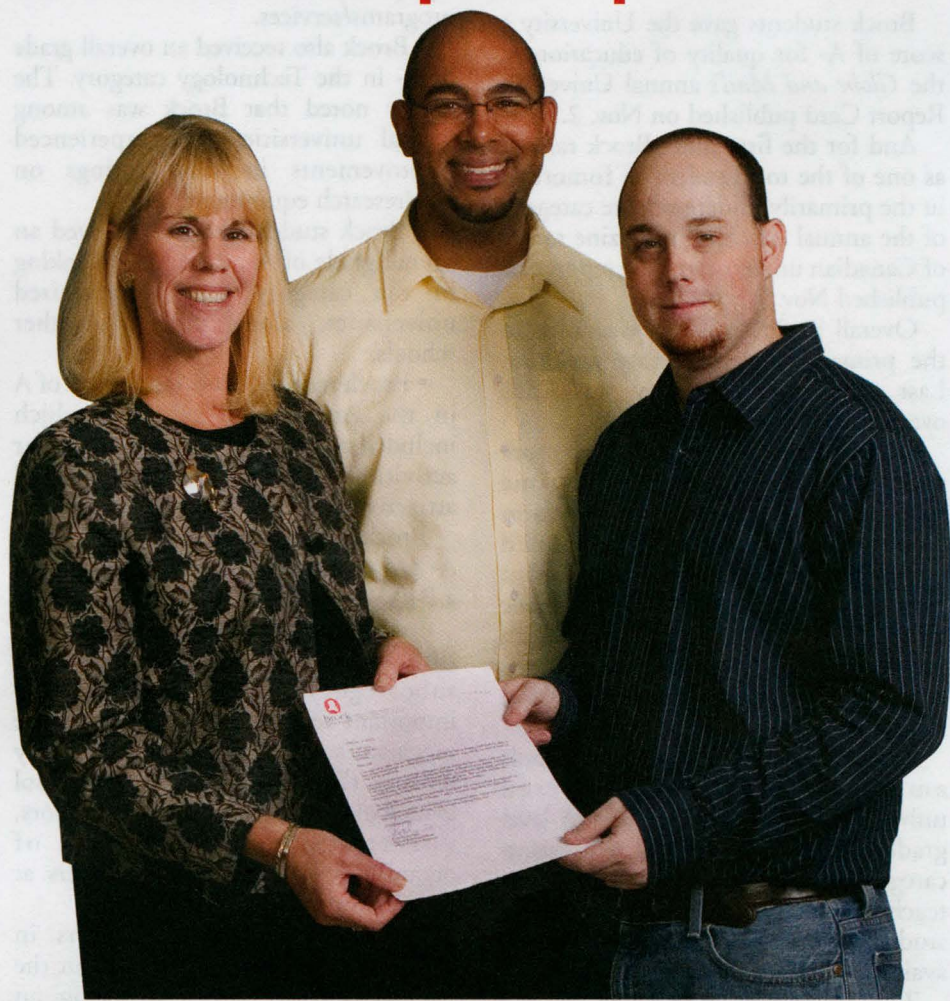
earned his science degree from Brock.

While studying at the University, Dr. Kaiser began planting his own grape vines and making his own wine. He met his future business partner, Donald Ziraldo, and they applied for a winery licence, which resulted in the formation of the award-winning Inniskillin Wines.

Several years ago, Dr. Kaiser was appointed National Vice-President, Quality and Science, for Vincor International, Inniskillin's parent company. He is an active member of the American Society of Enology and Viticulture and the Canadian Society of Oenology and Viticulture.

Earlier in 2005, Dr. Kaiser received the Ontario Wine Society's first Lifetime Achievement Award. In 1993, he received the Order of Ontario and in 2002, he was presented with the Golden Jubilee Award, which recognized the 50th anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

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Congratulations to Jeff Love (BSM '04) for winning a trip for two to Tuscany, Italy, compliments of the Alumni Association and Arts and Leisure Tours. Jeff was one of more than 1,000 graduates who completed the online alumni survey for a chance to win. Results from the survey are being compiled and will be posted on brockpeople.ca in the new year.

For more news and events please go to:
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Graduate-supported bursaries ease hardships for cash-strapped students

The following story was submitted by Jason Sykes, a fourth-year Political Science student.

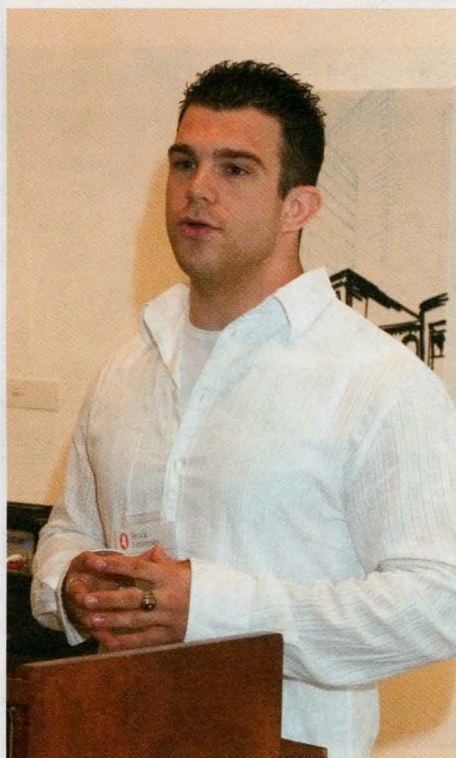
Without the generous support of donors to Brock's bursary and scholarship program, my University education likely would have shipwrecked on financial shoals several years ago.

I come from a family of four children. When we were growing up, my mother was, for the most part, our sole financial supporter. She was never given the opportunity for a post-secondary education, despite being one of the brightest women I have ever known.

Her family simply did not have enough money.

My mother went into debt so my older sister could attend university, and when it came to my turn to make the push for a better life through a higher education, resources were scarce. Even with full funding from the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), there still remains a serious gap in the funding needed for school. Though I work full time during the summer, there is little left after I pay for clothing, transportation, and summer rent.

At the start of each year, my mother and I sit down, talk over my finances and how much, if any, she is able to help me. Every year, the amount she can spare decreases, while the cost of university increases. OSAP recently increased its payments, but I'm still left with a significant hurdle to overcome.



Jason Sykes speaks at Brock donor event earlier this year.

Each year, bursaries supported by Brock donors have given me the ability to overcome this financial hardship. Although there have been several times that I did not think I would be able to continue, the fall of 2004 posed perhaps the greatest roadblock. It was then my mother was diagnosed with cancer. To fight her illness, she needed to take time off work, while at the same time absorbing the cost of medication and transportation associated with her treatments. This occurred about the same time my funding had reached its end, the last weeks of November.

I was faced with a serious choice. I had enough money for either my December rent, or food. That was all the money I had. I could not turn to my mother, and had no one else to fill in the void.

To say the least, I was up all night. I was a mess. It seemed my dream of a university education, one for which I had fought for four years, was coming to an end. The next day, Brock notified me that I was the recipient of another bursary. My dream was alive again.

I have the donors to thank for this. Without them, I almost certainly would have dropped out and been forced to give up my ambitions.

I have spoken to many Brock students who have been the recipients of bursaries or scholarships. In all of them I find a deep appreciation for these gifts. Many of them speak of showing their thanks by helping to support future generations of Brock students by donating to scholarships and bursaries when they themselves are graduates.

This, too, is my intent. I can think of no better way to say thank you to those who have supported me than to continue their good works as a future donor.

I'm grateful to those who have already generously given, and encourage others to contribute. Donors really do make a difference in the lives of people. Mine most certainly would not be the same without the financial assistance for which I am so grateful.



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Annual rankings measure Brock's performance

Brock students gave the University a score of A- for quality of education in the *Globe and Mail's* annual University Report Card published on Nov. 2.

And for the first time, Brock ranked as one of the top Leaders of Tomorrow in the primarily undergraduate category of the annual *Maclean's* magazine rating of Canadian universities. The report was published Nov. 7.

Overall in 2005, Brock was 14th in the primarily undergraduate rankings. Last year, the University was 13th overall.

With a student population of more than 17,000 full- and part-time students, Brock continued to perform well within the medium-sized universities classification (enrolment between 12,500 and 25,000), the *Globe and Mail's* largest category, which included other Canadian institutions such as McGill, Simon Fraser and Queen's.

Brock was one of only two schools among the 17 medium-sized universities to score consistent A-level grades in the quality of education category, which includes criteria such as teaching quality, class sizes, faculty-student interaction and faculty availability outside classroom hours.

The following were some of the highlights from the *Globe and Mail's* survey:

- Brock placed within the top three for each of the following criteria in the survey's medium-sized university category: quality of academic advising, faculty members' knowledge of subjects, student residences, career counselling/placement services, opportunities to acquire work-related knowledge skills, labs/research

equipment and recreation/athletics programs/services.

- Brock also received an overall grade of A- in the Technology category. The survey noted that Brock was among several universities that experienced improvements in their ratings on labs/research equipment.

- Brock student services received an overall grade of A-, the highest ranking in the category for medium-sized universities, along with six other schools.

- Brock received an overall grade of A in the Atmosphere category, which included criteria such as extra-curricular activities, sense of community and attractiveness of campus.

Brock students gave the University an A- rating or better in 31 categories and a B+ to B- rating in another 32 areas.

In the *Maclean's* report, Brock placed fifth in the Leaders of Tomorrow subcategory that falls within the important reputational category of the magazine's ranking. The category reflects the opinion of high school principals and guidance counsellors, university officials, heads of organizations, CEOs and recruiters at corporations across the country.

"We are pleased that leaders in education and business throughout the country identify Brock as being an institution that provides a quality university experience," said Michael Manley-Casimir, Acting Vice-President Academic and Provost at Brock University. "More importantly, they recognize that Brock is positioned to make important contributions and to set exciting new directions in post-secondary education."

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Surgite! Winter 2006

Master's student receives \$17,500 for enzyme research

A student in Brock's Master of Science program has been named the recipient of a Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) Master's Award totalling \$17,500 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Laura MacPherson, of Corunna, Ont., was recognized for her research into an enzyme involved in the process of fat oxidization, which plays a pivotal role in the onset of diseases including type 2 diabetes and obesity. Pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH) is a key enzyme complex that regulates oxidative glucose disposal, and thereby indirectly the proportion of fat and carbohydrate oxidized in the body.

MacPherson also completed her undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Health Sciences at Brock in 2004.

Over the course of her studies at Brock, MacPherson has been the recipient of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship, a Natural Science and Engineering Research Council Undergraduate Student Research Award, a Brock University Alumni Association Award, and was on the Dean's Honour List.

In addition to her academic achievements, MacPherson is also an accomplished varsity athlete with the Brock swim team, and recipient of the Athletic Director's Award, and the President's Surgite Award for outstanding involvement and accomplishments at Brock.

ATHLETIC Highlights



Melissa Brannagan grins after successfully completing lake swim.

Badger completes swim across Lake Ontario

Brock women's swimmer Melissa Brannagan became the 39th person in history to swim across Lake Ontario as she completed the 51km swim from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Toronto in 16 hours and 11 minutes on Aug. 10. Her time was the fifth-fastest time in history by a female swimmer. A very close friend of Brannagan's lost her mother to cancer two years ago and she wanted to do something in her memory. All the funds raised by the venture will be donated to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Brannagan, 23, has been a competitive swimmer on the Brock varsity swim team since 2001. She recently graduated with her BSc in Health Sciences with honours.



Tonya Verbeek

Verbeek wins bronze in Budapest

Brock's Tonya Verbeek (BEd, '03) posted a 4-1 record at the 2005 Senior World Championships held in Budapest, Hungary, in September, capturing the bronze.

Verbeek's lone loss came against Japan's Saori Yoshida, the defending two-time World Champion and 2004 Olympic gold medalist in the semi-finals.

Milestone for coach Ken Murray

Brock Coach Ken Murray (BPhEd, '76) achieved his 300th career win in late October when the men's basketball team defeated the McGill Redmen in non-conference action by a score of 57-55 at home. Murray is the first Brock coach to reach that milestone.

Paddlers complete voyage

Brock graduate Drew Osborne (BSM, '03) and longtime friend Clare Cayley have completed their 5,200-km canoe and portage expedition. The objective of the trip was to raise money for the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada.

The expedition began at Rocky Mountain House, Alta., on April 26, and ended in Montreal, Que. on Sept. 28.

Look for an account of the pair's adventure in the Spring 2006 issue of *Surgite!*

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