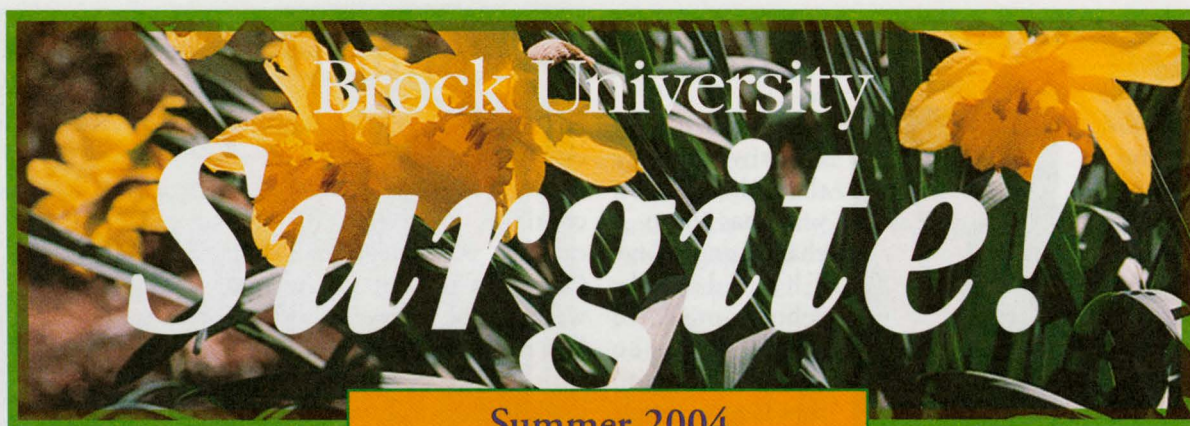


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Surgite!/sur-gi-tay/Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

First Brock student to graduate with PhD in Biotechnology



Candace Panagabko

By Penni Lafleur, SPARK writer

At June convocation, Candace Panagabko of St. Catharines had the honour of being the first Brock student to graduate with a PhD in Biotechnology, and she passed with Distinction.

"That's a mark reserved for an accomplishment that is rare at this level," said Dr. Jeffrey Atkinson, Panagabko's academic advisor and Associate Professor and Chair of the Chemistry department at Brock.

"Candace was an exceptional student and I have no doubt that she has a bright and exciting career ahead of her in the sciences," said Atkinson.

"The University is proud to count her as our first PhD graduate in Biotechnology, and we look forward to working closely with students of her calibre in the years ahead as this program grows."

Panagabko joins Heather Chalmers as the first students to graduate with a PhD from Brock University. Chalmers will receive her PhD in Psychology, and is currently an Assistant Professor in the

Department of Child and Youth Studies at Brock.

Atkinson added that Panagabko's training at Brock, funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), has prepared her to be an "exceptional" researcher who can rise to the demands of major research programs. In March, she began a new stage of research through a three-year post-doctoral fellowship at two prestigious research institutes south of the border.

She will spend about one and a half years in Bethesda, Maryland, at the National Institute of Health (NIH), in the diabetes and digestive diseases division. While at NIH, Panagabko will begin new projects on protein kinase C and various isoforms of this enzyme: determining its structure and then their function.

Her research at Brock concerned a different protein involved in the metabolism of vitamin E. Vitamin E from our diets is actually a mixture of

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Celebrate Brock Days 2004!

Mark your calendar and plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration on September 24, 25 and 26. To add to the festivities, the University will be celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Come back for the celebration and enjoy the best Brock and Niagara have to offer as once again the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival (see page 4).

There will be something for everyone during Brock Days with wine events, an afternoon of activities and grad reunions in Montebello Park, a reception for graduates with Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo fame, a Grape Stomp Extravaganza, an alumni pub night, live entertainment, the Alumni Association Golf Tournament, varsity athletic competitions and more.

Starting July 5, you will find more details about Brock Days activities at: www.brocku.ca/brockdays

As well, a full program of events will be provided in the next issue of *Surgite!* Graduates should keep checking www.brockpeople.ca for updates and details and to keep in touch with fellow graduates.

Here are a few Brock Days highlights.

The Centre for the Arts presents Jim Cuddy with guest Jim Bryson

The Centre for the Arts is proud to present Jim Cuddy with guest Jim Bryson for a very special Brock Days event on Saturday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. Renowned as one half of Canada's most popular songwriting teams, Jim Cuddy is as impressive as a solo artist as he is with Blue Rodeo. His brilliant songwriting and familiar voice have made him a Canadian musical icon. Hailed as a superb and infectiously gifted singer-songwriter, Jim Bryson will open for Jim. Tickets will go on sale to Centre for the Arts Members on May 26 and to graduates and the public on June 14. Tickets are \$40 each. Brock graduates receive a 10-per-cent discount on tickets. Visit brockpeople.ca for your coupon code before you order your tickets. Contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office at: 905-688-5550, ext. 3257, or online at: www.arts.brocku.ca

Pre-show meet and greet for graduates

Graduates and their guests are invited to a pre-show reception with Jim Cuddy on Saturday, September 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Alphonse's Trough. Admission is free,

but reserve your ticket now, as space is limited. Contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office at: 905-688-5550, ext. 3257 or online at: www.arts.brocku.ca

Celebrate Brock Days Around the World

Brock is celebrating its 40th anniversary and to commemorate this event we are encouraging our international and Canadian graduates living or working abroad and in Canada to hold their own Brock Days celebrations. Events can be organized in and around September 24 to 26. Planning an event, big or small, will be easy.

If you are interested in organizing a Brock Days Around the World event, please e-mail: brockint@brocku.ca. To help you with your celebrations, and to thank you for your participation, we will assist you by providing Brock materials and merchandise for the event. **Fourth Annual - Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts! Friday, September 24, 7:30 p.m.**

Tradition and excellence now set in historic Rodman Hall! There is no better setting for you to experience and celebrate this annual Festival event. Enjoy the creations of Niagara's finest chefs paired with VQA wines — all set in one of Niagara's historic landmarks! Watch www.brocku.ca/brockdays for details. Contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office for tickets: 905-688-5550, ext. 3257. Tickets are \$85 per person.

Brock Days Reunion Celebrations in the Park

Brock Days 2004 will be an exciting time for alumni reunions, which will take place in Montebello Park, Saturday, September 25. Reunions already planned include 35th, 30th, and 25th anniversaries for the classes of '69, '74, and '79 joined by Professors Bill Hull and Bill Matheson. John Orth, Henry Nur, and Phil McCann will also be hosting a reunion for math and physics graduates of 1974.

If you would like to organize a reunion for your class or group, contact former faculty, or merely get in touch with old friends and classmates, please contact Lynne Irion, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251, or e-mail: lynirion@brocku.ca. If you wish to contact faculty members, Lynne will be pleased to contact them on your behalf.

For all your Brock Days planning needs, see the brockpeople.ca ad in this issue of *Surgite!*.

Brock releases 2003-04 Annual Report

The University's 2003-04 Annual Report will be available in late July. The publication will be posted online: www.brocku.ca/alumni/publications/index.phtml

To request a copy of the publication, please e-mail Julia Gottli, at: jgottli@brocku.ca and include all mailing information.

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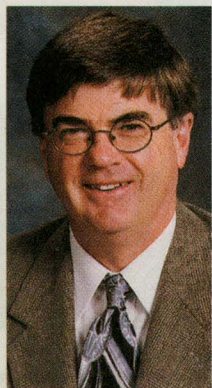
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Brock enjoys unprecedented success



Dr. David Atkinson
President and
Vice-Chancellor

Everyone at Brock would agree that the current year has been a challenging one. The "double cohort" presented the Ontario universities with the largest single enrolment increase in history. Certainly, this was the case for Brock, as we admitted

over 4,300 first-year students last September, compared to 2,750 in 2002. While we will admit fewer students this year, Brock's total enrolment will continue to grow as a result of "flow-through," into second year. So the challenge has not gone away. Brock's retention rates continue to climb, a result in part of the quality of students coming to Brock. As well, our graduate programs also continue to grow, as Brock pursues its ambition towards comprehensiveness.

An examination of any of the usual indicators suggests that Brock is enjoying unprecedented success. Enrolment growth, application numbers, the success of Brock graduates, our capital expansion program, the success of our researchers, all combine to create a very positive picture of Brock. Most recently, Brock received \$4.6 million from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, which will be matched by the Ontario Innovation Trust Fund, clearly a most impressive showing by Brock, as its researchers enjoy increasing success with the various granting councils. Through the Centre for Teaching, Learning and

Educational Technologies, Brock continues to develop new and innovative learning strategies. We shall continue, moreover, to expand our campus. An extension to Mackenzie Chown is to start in the next several weeks, to be followed shortly thereafter by a new building attached to Taro Hall, which will house a long overdue bookstore. As well, part of the CFI/OIT funding will go towards construction of a new building for the Lifespan Development Research Centre.

All these achievements come from the collective efforts of faculty, staff, and students. But even though we have much in which we must be pleased, there are ominous clouds on the horizon. Despite the largest faculty expansion in history (over 90 this year), we are still confronted with increasing class sizes, and increased stress on the institutional infrastructure (the Library, science labs, computing). The simple fact is that Ontario universities are not funded adequately. Comparisons with other jurisdictions paint a worrisome picture. Funding on a per capita basis place Ontario's universities 10th among Canadian provinces. North America wide, Ontario ranks 58th out of 60 jurisdictions. Such numbers suggest that Brock's successes, as well as those of other Ontario universities, are even more impressive.

While we note with optimism the Ontario government's intention to review funding for higher education over the next year or so, we must also be concerned about higher education's lack of public profile in Ontario and in other jurisdictions as well. In a period of intense competition for public resources, higher education too often takes second

place to health care, social services, the K-12 sector, and the environment. What is overlooked is that the funding of higher education is an investment in everyone's future. It is the universities that produce the physicians and nurses, the social workers, the teachers, the engineers and the environmentalists, who are so necessary in our society, both now and in the future. Too often the only time people are really concerned about universities is when they have someone attending university. The current year generated enormous parent interest in universities because of the "double cohort." Once this "personal" connection is gone, people tend to forget about universities and their importance.

More than this, though, we must never forget that universities are about nurturing and protecting the best of who we are. In their celebration of literature, history, and philosophy, they reinforce what it means to live a "good" life, which we would all agree is far more significant than the size of one's salary. We are reminded of the highest principles of ethical behaviour and civic responsibility — this is truly the most noble of ambitions.

Universities have survived and flourished through difficult and challenging times before. Brock University will continue to move forward, as it takes an increasingly more important place among Canadian universities. It will require the work and support of us all. Alumni are part of our continuing community, upon whom we depend for critical advice and support. I know I can count on you all.

Five distinguished Canadians to receive honorary degrees at Spring 2004 Convocation

Five distinguished Canadians, three of them Niagara residents, will receive honorary degrees from Brock University at its 2004 Spring Convocation ceremonies to be held June 7 to 10.

This year, Brock takes pride in awarding honorary degrees to:

- **Phil Fontaine**, Assembly of First Nations National Chief;
- **Gillian Dooley**, Executive Director of Women's Place of St. Catharines and North Niagara;
- Canadian advertising icon **Terry O'Malley**;
- **Donald Triggs**, President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Vincor International Inc.;
- **Robert Giroux**, President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

With an estimated 2,500 students receiving their degrees, the 2004 Spring Convocation will bring the total number of Brock graduates to more than 50,000.

All ceremonies will be held in the Walker Complex at the west end of campus, in the 23,000-square-foot gymnasium.

An outdoor reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will follow each ceremony.

The University will honour six faculty for their contributions to teaching as part of the Convocation ceremonies.

Recipients of the annual Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching are

chosen by a selection committee from each faculty that includes representation of faculty, staff and students.

Nominees must have a reputation for superior teaching and be recognized for this quality by students and colleagues. Among other criteria, they must demonstrate creativity and excellence in the development of new course/program teaching materials.

As well, they must set a high standard and successfully motivate students to attain such a standard.

This year's recipients of faculty awards of excellence for teaching are:

- **Professor Maureen Donnelly** of the Department of Accounting and Finance, in the Faculty of Business.
- **Professor Dr. Mei Ling Huang** of the Department of Mathematics, in the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.
- **Professor Ken Kernaghan** of the Department of Political Science, in the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- **Professor Jane Koustas** of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, in the Faculty of Humanities.
- **Professor Ruth McQuirter Scott** of the Pre-Service Department, in the Faculty of Education.
- **Professor Ryan Plummer** of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

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

CFI funding exceeds \$4.6 million



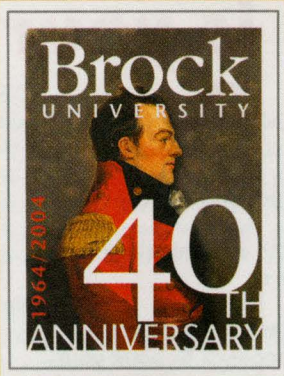
Brock University will receive more than \$4.6 million for two research infrastructure projects through the Canada Foundation for Innovation Fund. CFI funding includes \$2.6 million towards the establishment of a Lifespan Development Research Centre at Brock. Psychology Professor Sid Segalowitz, far right, will lead the project with a team of 40 faculty members, including Psychology Professor Jane Dywan, far left, and Child and Youth Studies Professor Teena Willoughby. Sharing in the excitement with the Brock faculty members is Walt Lastewka, MP for St. Catharines.

Brock University will receive more than \$4.6 million in funding for two research infrastructure projects with a total cost of \$11.9 million, through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovation Fund.

This funding announcement represents the largest-ever grants for Brock through the CFI. The University anticipates the funding will be matched by the Ontario Innovation Trust later this year. Brock is also the recipient of an additional \$326,916 in CFI funding through a grant to The Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network (SHARCNET), a multi-institutional, high performance computing institute, which promotes excellence in research and accelerates the production of research results in the natural and social sciences, engineering and business.

The two projects approved by CFI at Brock include:

- \$2.01 million to fund a collaborative research effort headed by Dr. Doug Bruce, a Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. The project, entitled Integrated Tools for Biotechnology, will enhance the research capacity of the departments of Biology, Chemistry, the Centre for Biotechnology, and the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI).
- \$2.6 million to fund the establishment of the Lifespan Development Research Centre. Dr. Sidney Segalowitz, Professor in the Department of Psychology, will lead the project with a team of 40 faculty members from the faculties of Social Sciences, Education, and Applied Health Sciences.



Happy anniversary

Brock proudly celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

To mark the occasion, *Surgite!* presents a retrospective of the University's history with a series of photo features. Here we present "They Played at Brock."

The photos were provided by: Special Collections and Archives, James A. Gibson Library; Divino Mucciante, University Photographer; and the Office of University Advancement.

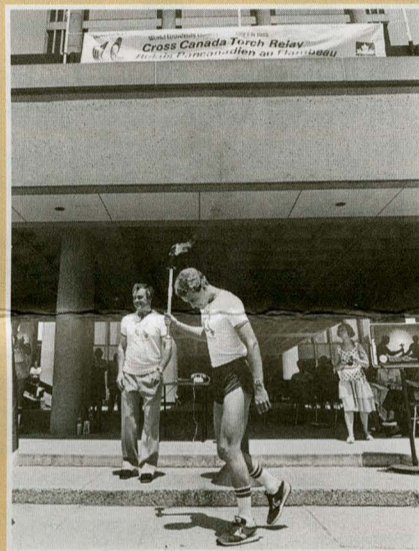
More photos from the past four decades can be found at: www.brocku.ca/anniversary



Brock University men's curling team, from left, Brian Turner, John Goodwin, John Donal, John Glennie, Rob Kelly, and Ed Davis (Coach).



Brock students decorate for Christmas. Hanging ornaments are Frank Reynolds, Business Manager, Students' Union, Janet Brown and Margaret Sloan.



The Cross Canada Torch Relay - David Heyworth of Niagara Falls takes the first step with torch on June 18, 1983. Brock President Dr. Alan Earp is in the background.



Brock's 2002 Rowing team.

Raising profile of Graduate Studies



Dr. Marilyn Rose

Dr. Marilyn Rose is in "a high learning mode" as she prepares to provide new leadership to Graduate Studies at Brock for the next four years.

Her recent appointment as the new Dean of Graduate Studies, effective July 1, 2004, puts her at the forefront of Brock's mandate to become a comprehensive university — a mandate that centres, in a large part, on the continuing growth of graduate programs.

"Dr. Rose has enjoyed a long and distinguished career at the University as a teacher, researcher and administrator," said Brock President David Atkinson. "Graduate Studies is one of the most rapidly growing parts of the University, and I am certain that Dr. Rose will provide the leadership and vision so important to the continuing development of innovative programming in this area."

Rose, who joined Brock in 1981, has

an impressive list of academic and administrative achievements at the University. She is currently a Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature. She is Brock's Academic Colleague on the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), and serves on the COU's Executive Committee. Rose also is the Founding and current Director of Brock's Humanities Research Institute.

"I need to spend my first year listening in order to assess how we strengthen the initiatives that are in place now and to continue with program development," she says.

Within the past five years, Brock has expanded from eight Master's programs to 20 along with four PhD programs. Another seven Master's programs are in the advanced stage of planning or approval.

"We are known for the breadth of our programs and we must work to become better known for their substance and originality," she says. "We have to become more of an active presence in the graduate studies community in Canada."

To advance the reputation of Brock's programs, Rose says it is important to raise the profile of graduate students.

"Students are our partners in research and dissemination of information," she says. "I want to give them an opportunity to be out in the community where they can demonstrate what they know and what they have to contribute. Students are an extraordinary resource for us. We have to encourage them to help us put Brock on the map for Graduate Studies."

New appointments



Dr. Isabelle Lesschaeve

CCOVI director

Dr. Isabelle Lesschaeve, an internationally renowned expert in the sensory evaluation of wines, has joined Brock University as the Director of the

Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI).

Lesschaeve brings to CCOVI and Brock University a commitment to developing strategic research initiatives with the Niagara, Canadian and international grape and wine industries while maintaining Brock's commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate instruction.

A native of France, Lesschaeve brings 15 years of experience in both academia and industry research affiliations, including the National Institute of Agronomical Research in Dijon, France, and one of the largest wineries in the world, based in California. She has extensive experience in conducting research projects related to wine quality management as well as wine market research.

She is also the author or co-author of more than 25 scientific papers and regularly presents papers and leads symposia in France, North America and Australia. Lesschaeve will continue her affiliation with Inno Vinum, a consulting firm which specializes in sensory strategies for the wine industry.



Sharilyn J. Ingram

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SPFA director

Sharilyn J. Ingram, a professional manager with more than 25 years of experience in cultural development, has joined Brock

University as its first Director of the new School of Fine and Performing Arts (SFPA).

Before coming to Brock, the Grimsby, Ontario resident, served as President and CEO of Royal Botanical Gardens (Canada) in Hamilton/Burlington and as Deputy Director of the Art Gallery of Ontario. She has held leadership positions in cultural policy and funding at the National Museums of Canada, as well as served as an advisor to many national and international institutions. A past board member of the Cultural Human Resources Council, she is a long-standing member of such professional organizations as the Association of Cultural Executives and the Canadian Conference for the Arts.

The SFPA offers a wide range of educational and professional experiences to students. Established in July 2002, the School is an interdisciplinary centre for creative and scholarly activities relating to the arts. It is made up of the Departments of Dramatic Arts, Music, Visual Arts, the Centre for Studies in Arts and Culture as well as Dance courses in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology.

Affinity Life Insurance Program - Call for proposals

The Office of University Advancement, Brock University is reviewing partnership proposals to offer life insurance and extended health coverage to its 47,000 graduates.

Currently, Brock University has several recognized affinity partners — companies chosen for the quality of their products and integrity of their

services. Our affinity partners offer useful benefits to the Brock family while providing generous support to the University for alumni programs.

Graduates interested in submitting a proposal should contact Lynne Irion at lynirion@brocku.ca or by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3251.

For more information on these appointments and other news at Brock go to: www.brocku.ca

Brock grad joins Advancement team



Terry Cockerline

Brock graduate Terry Cockerline (BA '97) joined the Office of University Advancement on April 26 as the new Alumni Advancement Officer.

Cockerline will have a key role in further developing the University's relationships with its growing number of graduates. One of his main responsibilities will be to build upon the success of brockpeople.ca — the

University's new online community for graduates.

"I think brockpeople.ca is one of the best things to happen for Brock graduates," says Cockerline. "I'm looking forward to adding more content and value to the site. I see brockpeople.ca as a gathering spot for graduates."

Cockerline also will be working closely with the Brock University Alumni Association.

Graduates are invited to contact Cockerline by e-mail: tcockerline@brockpeople.ca or at 905-688-5550, ext. 4921.

Be part of Niagara's wine celebration

Brock University is proud to support the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival. Mark your calendar with the following events:

• Niagara New Vintage Festival - June 12 to 27

Join more than 35 internationally acclaimed Ontario wineries as we present the first taste of Niagara's award-winning wines at one of Canada's premier spring events.

Kick off the celebrations with an outdoor Garden Party offering the bestselling Ontario wines paired with Canada's top cheeses at a casual tasting.

A spectacular gala wine evening begins the second weekend with the first taste of Ontario's 2002 and 2003 vintages, paired with wine country cuisine.

On the final weekend, the inaugural "New Vintage Winemakers' Dinner" takes place. Included in the celebrations is the New Vintage Winery Touring Passport program with special events, tours and tastings at Niagara wineries, June 12 to the 27.

For tickets and complete information, please visit www.niagarawinefestival.com or call 905-688-0212.

• Niagara Wine Festival - September 17 to 26

Join our Wine Country, celebration of Niagara's internationally acclaimed grape and wine industry the last two weekends of September. More than 100 events including Fine Wine Tasting in Niagara-on-the-Lake, winery tours and tastings, concerts, Niagara cuisine, artisan shows, wine seminars, family entertainment and one of Canada's largest parades. Selected as Ontario's Cultural Event of the Year for three years in a row and as one of North America's Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association in 2003.

For tickets and complete information, please visit www.niagarawinefestival.com or call 905-688-0212.

brockpeople.ca is your portal to Brock Days

Alumni Pub Night
Thursday, September 23
Order your free tickets online!

Afternoon in the Park
Saturday, September 25
Alumni reunions will begin in Montebello Park. See who will be stopping by Brock's tent.

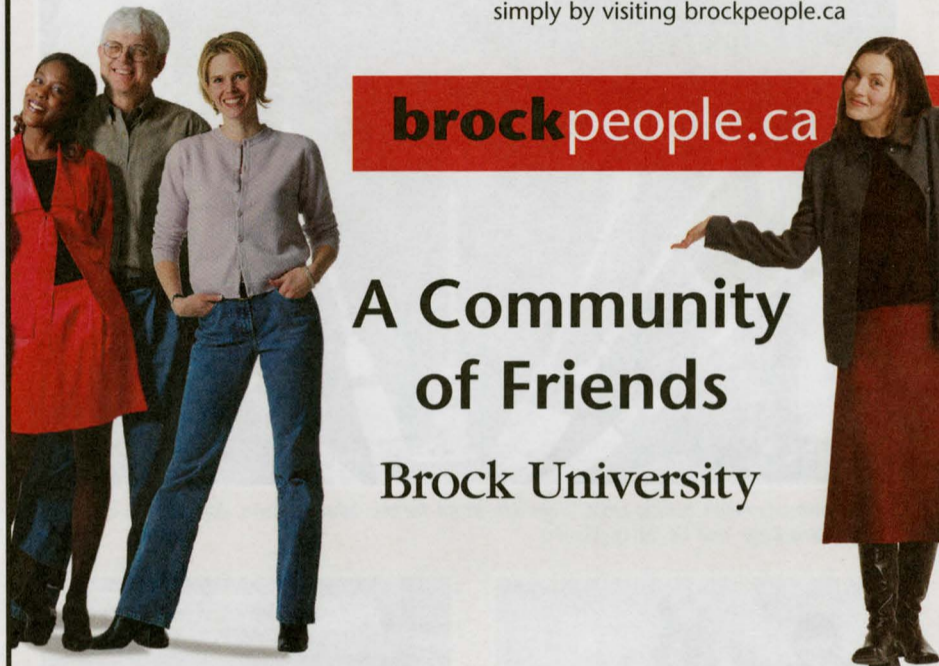
Jim Cuddy Live at the Brock Centre for the Arts
Saturday, September 25
Alumni receive a 10% discount. Visit brockpeople.ca for more details.

Jim Cuddy pre-show meet and greet.
Alumni tickets available through brockpeople.ca

Accommodation Discounts
Use brockpeople.ca to book your Brock Days accommodations and receive an Alumni rate.

On-line contest
Enter to WIN two tickets to Jim Cuddy's performance at Brock Centre for the Arts.

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Contact the Brockpeople administrator at brockpeople@brocku.ca or the Office of University Advancement at 905-688-5550, ext 3816, if you require assistance.

Alumni Association news and events

www.brockalumni.ca

Annual General Meeting - Sunday, September 26

The Brock University Alumni Association (BUAA) will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, September 26, 11:30 a.m., at Rodman Hall. The agenda is posted on the BUAA Web site under AGM and includes numerous executive and committee reports. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. A tour of the facilities will follow the meeting.

Nominations for the Board of Directors

Brock graduates interested in being considered for the Board of Directors should submit a Board Nomination Form, found on the BUAA Web site, by September 18.

Proposed Constitutional Revisions

Graduates are invited to review the proposed constitutional changes to the Brock University Alumni Association's Corporate Bylaws. The changes include additional guidelines allowing greater flexibility for the governance and administration of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The proposed changes have been posted on the BUAA Web site and will be discussed at the AGM in September.

9th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament - Saturday, September 18

This is a great Brock community event involving graduates as well as faculty, staff and friends of Brock University. This year, the Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Links of Niagara at Willodell (Niagara Falls) on



Participating in the recent alumni bonspiel were Amy Wilson, Kabir Abdurrahman (BA '00), Darryl Paul (BA '01), Scott Young (BA '99), Brock student Dell Khalife, and Vincent Wilson (BRLS '98).

Saturday, September 18. The registration fee for the tournament is \$340 for a foursome or \$85 for individual golfers. The tournament will feature a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. (scramble format), use of practice facilities, 18 holes of golf, cart, prime rib dinner, prizes, raffle and silent auction items. This year, the registration fee also includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one opportunity sponsored by Rose, Horne, and Stevenson Insurance Group and several golf skill contests. Register the Brock Days event by contacting the Centre for the Arts Box Office, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257. Sponsorship and prize donations are appreciated. Contact either Richard Knabenschuh at rknabenschuh@cogeco.ca or Terry Cockerline at tcockerline@brocku.ca for details.

New entry-level scholarship award

This year, the Alumni Association coordinated several elementary school student events including cross-country races, a basketball showcase (2004) and badminton tournaments. While these events were run on a cost-recovery basis, the additional revenue was used to introduce a new scholarship award of \$500 for new students entering Brock who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership in the community and have a parent or sibling who is a Brock graduate. Details of the award and selection process can be found on the BUAA Web site.

Renaissance at Rodman Lecture Series

This spring, the Alumni Association coordinated a lecture series involving five consecutive Thursday mornings at Rodman Hall. Lecture topics included Understanding Popular Film, Canadian Detective Fiction, Cancer, Love, and the potential for significant conflict between China and the U.S. Featured lecturers included notable Brock faculty Dr. David Goicoechea, Dr. Donald Ursino, Dr. Charles Burton, Dr. Barry Grant, Dr. Marilyn Rose and Dr. Jeannette Sloniowski; several of whom were past recipients of the Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence. Over 30 registrants participated in the series and enjoyed the variety of educational topics and social interaction.

Engaging youth in volunteering - www.youthtakeaction.ca

This year, the Brock University Alumni Association partnered with the Centre for Community Leadership at Niagara College and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of St. Catharines, Thorold to develop a Web site designed to encourage the involvement of youth in the voluntary sector. This was the only youth focused and youth driven initiative funded in Ontario by Volunteer Canada and resulted in the launch of a new Web site www.youthtakeaction.ca which was designed to educate, connect and celebrate youth involvement in Niagara-based volunteer initiatives.

Visit the BUAA Web site at www.brockalumni.ca for full event details and reports.

1975

Diane (Naeyaert) Bowman (BA, geog/uest) and husband Jim reside in Leamington with their three children, Anne, 23 years, Elizabeth, 20 years, and Thomas, 17 years. They own Bowman Pro Sports and Bowman's Embroidery in Leamington.

1985

Julia (Sarkisian) Dumanian (BA, poli) is the new chief executive officer at Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

1995

James Moretti (BA, psyc; BACC, '01) was appointed manager at Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP St. Catharines office. He served as a member of the firm's education sub-committee, participated in local volunteer tax clinics and has been involved on the Membership Committee for the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce.

1999

Christopher Lazarz (BACC) was appointed manager at Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Welland office. He provides accounting, assurance and tax services to business owners with an emphasis in automotive dealerships. Christopher is currently Vice-President of the Chartered Accountants Students Association of Ontario and a Director of the Niagara District C.A. Association.

2002

Bob Van de Vrande (BEd), in November 2003 was acclaimed for a second term as a trustee for the Halton Catholic District School Board, having served as vice-chair of the board for two years of his first term.

Births

Jennifer (Mason) Blaik (BRLS, '98) and **Daniel Blaik** (BEd, '95), a daughter, Shealyn, July, 2003.

Lori (Braham) Babineau (BA, hlst, '99), a daughter, Danielle, October 13, 2003.

Raymond Brisebois (BA, Fren/list, '88), a daughter, Elizabeth, January 25, 2004.

Tony Cheung (BA, psyc, '92), a daughter, Chantal Elizabeth, June 19, 2003.

Geraldine (Fleischmann) Colic (BBA, '94) and **Alexander Colic** (BA, hist, '93; BEd, '96), two daughters, Eva, September 18, 2000 and Amelia, July 3, 2003.

Anna (Mostacci) Conceicao (BA, hist, '02), a daughter, Alessia, July 27, 2003.

Christine Crawford Baggs (BA/BEd, '92; MEd, '01), a daughter, Amy, February 3, 2003.

Melanie (Buie) Blanchard (BSc, biol/psyc, '97) and **Kevin Blanchard** (BA/BEd, '97), twins, daughter Georgia and son Carter, December 1, 2002.

Alison (Dell) DeMelo (BRLS, '94) and **Norman DeMelo** (BA, admin/poli, '92), a son, Zachary, May 5, 1999 and a daughter, Katie, October 25, 2001.

Sabina Eichhorn-Sabina (BA, csbc, '99), a daughter, Jayme Emma, January 17, 2003.

Amanda (Clarkson) Feletar (BA, soci, '02), a daughter, Brooke, July 17, 2003.

Christine Fiorini (BA, poli, '95; BBA, '98), a son, Thomas, September 3, 2003.

Valerie Henderson (BA, soci/thea, '87), a son, Martin Gordon, October 27, 2002.

Shannon Hogg (BA, chys, '99), a son, Colby Douglas, April 22, 2003.

Melody (Van de Hoef) Jaques (BACC, '96) and **Brian Jaques** (BACC, '95), a daughter, Meagan, February 12, 2004.

Grant Johnston (BPhEd, '97) and **Lisa (Yaworski) Johnston** (BA, psyc, '96), a son, Cameron Michael, April 4, 2003.

Allison (Baird) Knipfel (BBA, '95) and **Brian Knipfel** (BBA, '95), a daughter, Erin, June 14, 2002.

Nicole Kushner-McDougall (BSc, bchm, '91), a daughter, Heather, March 19, 2003.

Andrea (Birdsey) Lawton (BBA, '96), a daughter, Erin Elizabeth, January 30, 2004.

Christopher Powles (BEd, '99), a son, Oscar, August 4, 2003.

Suzanne Scott Fraser (BA/BEd, '88), a son, Camdron James, January 9, 2003.

Mary Towndrow (BAdmin, '85), a son, Jay Alexander, July 18, 2003.

Bob Van de Vrande (BEd, '02), a son, Cameron Nicholas Alexandre, April 23, 2002.

Melanie (Bourque) Zarzycki (BA, Fren, '00), a son, Matthew, April 20, 2003.

Marriages

Heather Bevan (BA, chsc, '01) and **Andrew Raymer** (BBA, '01), September 29, 2001.

Michelle Blackwin (BA, admin/econ, '92) and **Vilmore Wint**, October 19, 2002.

Terri-Lynn Carter (BA, enpl, '01) and **Sean McKenna** (BPhEd, '01), November 15, 2003.

Genille Clifford (BA, hist, '03) and **Roger Kroeker** (BSc/BEd, '01; BSc, bit, '02), August 8, 2003.

Michael Coons (BA, psyc, '01) and **Julie Gall** (BBA, '00), August 16, 2003.

Carol Dohn (BA, licd, '02) and **Steve Steingart** (BBA, '96), May 10, 2003.

Stacey Gowans (BA, chsc, '01) and **Darko Berisavac** (BSM, '01), August 20, 2003.

Kendra Guest (BA, Fren, '00) and **Paul Lawrence** (BA, adm/econ, '00), July 26, 2003.

Carolyn Hand (BA, chsc, '01) and **Joel Niddrie**, September 21, 2003.

Andrea Hertick (BA/BEd, '01) and **Ryan Stumpf**, July 19, 2003.

Darren Jolley (BBE, '98) and **Karen Oderkirk** (BACC, '99), July 14, 2001.

Jennifer Knox (BA, psyc, '97) and **Craig Fralleg**, May 3, 2002.

Cory Laporte (BA, visa, '98) and **Jamie Cole** (BSc, cosc, '99), May 31, 2003.

Julie Ruston (BSc, biol, '98) and **Ted Hodgkinson** (BRLS, '99), September 27, 2003.

Kelly Upson-Gates (BA, chys, '00) and **Jeffery Jachymek** (BACC, '98), May 18, 2002.

Carrie Wood (BBA, '98) and **Nathan Phillips**, September 12, 1998.

Cheryl Ward (BA, chld, '91) and **Bruno Bellissimo**, July 19, 2003.

Robin Zuber (BA, chys, '00; BEd, '01) and **Craig Vicars**, August 23, 2003.

In Memoriam

Rita (Lortie) Bertothy (BA, Fren, '72), December 13, 2003.

Karen (Hooper) Colin (BEd, '97), August 30, 2003.

Donald Daigle (BA, phil/psyc, '79), December 17, 2003.

Antonio Domenichini (BA, clas/hist, '72), August 12, 2003.

Sue Fransen (BPhEd, '78; BEd, '79), May 28, 2003.

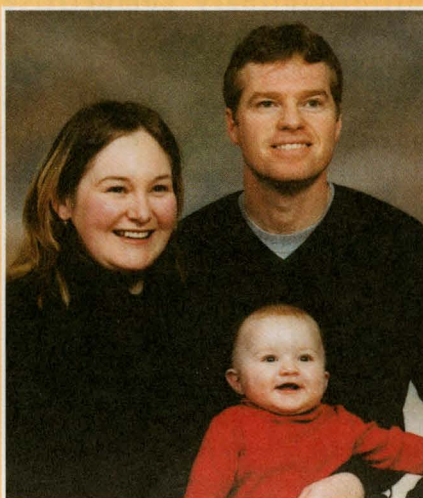
Walford Lewis (ADEC, '97), September 29, 2003.

Bohdanna Rozdolsky-Chmyliwsky (BA, psyc/poli, '75; BEd, '77), December 26, 2003.

Rhiain West (BSc, cosc, '85; BEd, '92), September 27, 2003.



Julie Ruston and Ted Hodgkinson were married on September 27, 2003 - their own version of a Brock Days celebration in Stratford! Celebrating with them were a number of Brock graduates. Front row, from left, Amy Campbell (BA, chsc, '01), Scott Clayton (BRLS, '99), Brad Hope (BRLS, '99), Julie Ruston (bride) (BSc, biol, '98), Ted Hodgkinson (groom) (BRLS, '99), Christine (Imre) Fawkes (BA, psyc, '99), Mike Fawkes (BRLS, '99), Zoe Finlay (BA, chys, '01; BEd, '03). Second row, from left, Annemarie (Huitema) Satchell (BA, chld/psyc, '97), Kristen Smith (BA, chld, '98), Dora (Sywanicz) Baczyk (BSc, btec, '98), Ian Atkins (BA, hist, '98), Darrin Street (BRLS, '98), Michelle Jubinville (BA/BEd, '03), Erin White (BA, csmc, '98). Missing in the photo, but part of the celebrations were Jen Peterson (BRLS, '99), Ian Stoddart (BBA, '01), Steve van den Hengle (BACC, '01), Cathy (Denstedt) Buchanan (BA/BEd, '93), Stephanie Peter (BRLS, '99) and John Flynn (a Brock student).



Jennifer (Mason) Blaik (BRLS, '98) and Daniel Blaik (BEd, '95), a daughter, Shealyn, July, 2003.



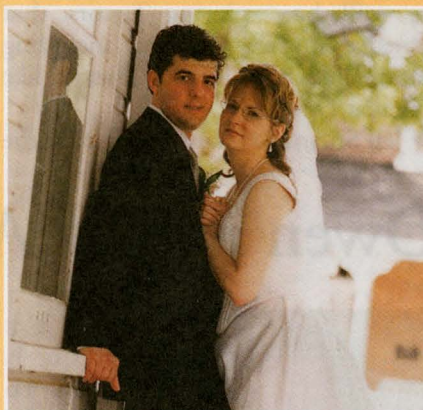
Maria (Giesen) Tremere (BA/BEd, '99) and Greg Tremere (BACC, '00) with daughter, Emily Anne born on September 6, 2003.



Amy Poole (BA/BEd, '00) and Cephas Panschow (BA, enec, '00), July 27, 2002.



Henry Kwong (BBA, '98) and Fiona So (BA/BEd, '98), August 24, 2003.



Karen Raittinen (BA, Fren, '94; BEdTSL, '95) and Pat DeSario, June 1, 2002.



Kristi Plett (BA, pols, '02) and Patrick Collins (BA, gbls/hist, '01; MA, popt, '02), August 9, 2003.

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In Memoriam



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Professor
Colin A. Plint

It is with deep regret that the Department of Physics announces the recent passing of Professor Emeritus Colin A. Plint who died peacefully on Saturday, April 3, 2004.

Plint obtained his BA and MA from Oxford, and then came to Canada, obtaining his PhD from the University of Toronto.

Plint was the Dean of Arts and Science at Brock for seven years (1969 to 1976) and a member of the Physics Department until his retirement in 1991. He was appointed the first Chair of the Physics Department in 1968. He also served on the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies.

He retained his passion for physics until his death.

Plint leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Florence, daughters Hilary Plint (BSc, geol. '76), Alison Sawatzky (BA, poli, '80; BEd, '91), Heather Plint (BSc, geol, '84) and Amy Plint (BSc, biol, '87). His son Jeremy died in 1983.

Plint was determined that all of his daughters be university educated and have the opportunity to achieve good careers. All who knew him will remember his keen sense of humour, as well as his total dedication to academics. He insisted that one try to walk in another's shoes before judging. His calm, rational and reasoned approach to life always set things right. His gentleness and compassion for both people and animals were unsurpassed.

Plint's family has set up a fund to receive donations in support of a student award in his memory.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution can forward their cheque payable to "Brock University" or complete a pledge form listing other payment options, at www.brocku.ca/alumni/friends/pledge.pdf, to: Brock University, Colin Plint Memorial Fund, University Advancement, 500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1.

Dr. Edward Mirynych, one of Brock's founding professors who passed away recently, is being remembered by the University community for his many contributions to the institution and to the Niagara region.

At Brock, Mirynych helped found the Departments of Geography, Physical Education and Geology. He also served on Senate.

He was instrumental in setting up the Brock University Rowing Club, in which he remained a lifetime member.

Mirynych's life outside of the University was also busy and fulfilling. He thrived on spending time with his family and friends, and serving his community. Among his many community associations, he was a director of the Canadian Red Cross, the Niagara South Federation of Agriculture and the Grape Growers Marketing Board.

Mirynych retired from Brock in 1985. A bursary he started in 1984 continues to be awarded each year to students in Earth Sciences.

Brock's newest Canada Research Chair relocates from Switzerland

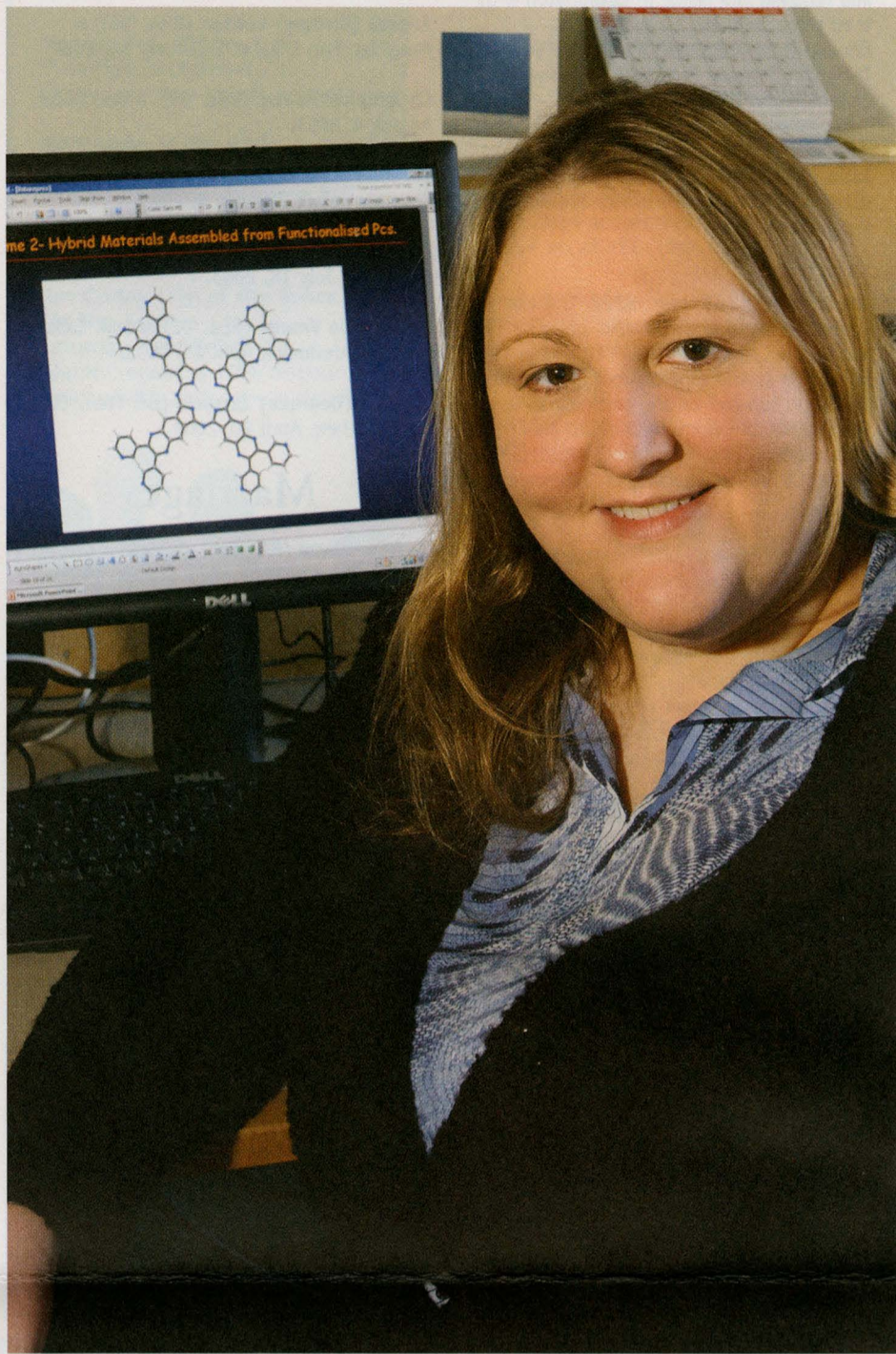
A Swiss-based chemist who is considered a future world leader in the field of materials chemistry has relocated to Brock as the University's newest Canada Research Chair.

"We are thrilled that Brock has secured another top and emerging researcher through the Canada Research Chair program," said Dr. Jack Miller, Associate Vice-President of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies at Brock. "Dr. Melanie Pilkington's experience and knowledge will provide another pocket of expertise that helps strengthen the University's position as a major research centre."

A British citizen, Pilkington arrives at Brock from the University of Berne, Switzerland. In her new position within the Faculty of Mathematics and Science, she plans to expand the role of chemistry into new areas of science and technology, and to establish a multidisciplinary competitive international research program in materials chemistry at Brock.

As a Tier 2 Research Chair, the University will receive funding of \$500,000 over the next five years. Tier 2 positions are awarded to researchers who are acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field.

"The primary purpose of my research and educational mission at Brock will be the training of students and postdoctoral fellows, which I hope will serve to support the establishment of a new Chemistry PhD program that will compete nationally in attracting and producing outstanding graduates," said Pilkington.



Dr. Melanie Pilkington

CFI funding supports new researchers

Brock University welcomed the Canada Foundation for Innovation's (CFI) investment of \$295,704 recently in support of three research projects led by new faculty members:

- Brian Roy, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, received \$90,345 for the Laboratory for the Study of Skeletal Muscle Cell Volume and Metabolism. Roy will be exploring factors that influence muscle function including abnormalities that lead to diseases like Muscular Dystrophy.

- Jeff Stuart, Assistant Professor in the

Department of Biological Sciences, received \$117,208 to study Mitochondrial Oxidative Metabolism and Genomic Stability. His research will investigate proteins that participate in preserving the integrity of mitochondrial DNA, which are essential to a healthy aging process.

- Kimberley Gammage and Phillip Wilson, Assistant Professors in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, received \$88,151 for The Centre for the Advancement of Research in Physical Activity and Health. The Centre will provide an exercise facility

for a wide array of research into physical activity.

These investments, approved by the CFI Board of Directors on March 2, were made under the New Opportunities Fund, providing \$23 million for infrastructure support to newly recruited academic staff, and the Infrastructure Operating Fund providing \$6.9 million to help with operating and maintenance costs associated with new infrastructure projects.

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

Owen named Associate Vice-President, Research



Dr. Michael Owen

Brock University is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Michael Owen as Associate Vice-President, Research, effective July 1, 2004.

Owen has been the Director of Research Services at Brock for the last four years. In his first year in that position, he instituted wide-ranging reviews of operations, and developed a

strategic plan for the growth of the office and its related functions.

"I am confident that Dr. Owen will provide the leadership required to further advance research at Brock," said Terry Boak, Vice-President Academic and Provost at Brock University. "His dedication to excellence and his commitment to the University will help lead Brock further towards comprehensive status."

Owen is active in various national and international organizations such as the Society of Research Administrators International, of which he is President. He also has extensive contacts in the research community across Canada, the U.S., and abroad.

Owen brings to the position a

thorough understanding of the complex needs of scholars and scientists across the University, each with their disparate research funding requirements. His hands-on approach to securing major grants will continue to be of great benefit to the University. Brock's research activity has grown exponentially in recent years, from just over \$2 million in 1999 to an anticipated \$12 million in 2004-05, including recently announced grants from Canada's major research funding agencies.

Dr. Jack Miller, who has served as Associate Vice-President of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies for the past five years, will begin an administrative leave in June



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To celebrate Brock's 40th Anniversary, the Silver Badgers, Brock's first graduates, held a Porch Club party in honour of Professor Michael Hornyansky on Saturday, March 20, at the St. Catharines Club. From left, John Ingram, Professor Michael Hornyansky, Eleanor Beattie, Jane Laughton, and John Auld.

The Silver Badgers will return to campus on October 16 to join graduands in the processional at this year's Fall Convocation.

Share your memories

The University Archivist is looking for donations from graduates of photographs and printed memorabilia from their early days at Brock. She also welcomes special memoirs and anecdotes.

If you are interested in scheduling a personal interview, or offering items to the Archives, please contact Lynne Prunskus by e-mail: lynne.prunskus@brocku.ca or by telephone 905-688-5550, ext. 3264.

Brock Student Ambassadors win spirit award

Brock University's Student Ambassadors are once again the winners of a coveted award given to a student group which shows the greatest spirit and pride in their own school and which inspires and encourages other universities and colleges.

This year's achievement marks the third time in four years that the Brock Student Ambassadors have won the 2004 CASE-ASAP District II Spirit Award. Twenty universities and colleges from Ontario and the United States were considered for the award at the recent CASE-ASAP District II annual conference in Buffalo, N.Y.

ASAP (Association of Student Advancement Programs) is the student body affiliated with CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education). District II consists of a total of 48 post-secondary institutions from

District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virginia, Virgin Islands and West Virginia. The Brock Student Ambassadors are extremely successful in promoting the University in Canada and the U.S. They have increased awareness of Brock and Canadian universities in general.

Locally, Brock's 30 ambassadors are student volunteers who represent the University at school and community events, such as parades and Out of the Cold, a project which feeds the homeless in St. Catharines. The ambassadors fundraise through the Touch of Home program, which gives out-of-town parents the opportunity to send their children cookies, cakes and other goodies on special occasions.

Journalist part of CBC team in Windsor



Susan Pedler

Susan Pedler (BA, cssp, '97) is the host of CBC television's Canada Now in Windsor, Ontario. This supper-hour newscast is the first CBC

television station to use the state-of-the-art automated control room known as Parkervision.

Pedler is also CBC's national reporter for Southwestern Ontario. She covers border issues, the automotive industry and breaking news.

Prior to arriving in Windsor, this award-winning journalist reported for CBC television in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, where she covered everything from the gas sniffing crisis in Davis Inlet to Brian Tobin's resignation, to the 17 day province-wide doctors' strike. Pedler has also reported for CBC television in Charlottetown and Toronto.

This is Pedler's second career. She was an X-ray technologist at Toronto General Hospital before making the move to journalism.

Pedler is a graduate of Ryerson University (Journalism), Brock University (Communication Studies) and the Michener Institute (Radiology).

Susan Pedler grew up in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Brock grad to share photography expertise

As the popularity and demand for Brock's Continuing Education courses increase, so do the opportunities for Brock graduates to become involved by instructing one of these distinctive, non-credit courses for adults.

This June, Brock graduate and internationally renowned photographer Stephen Dominick (BA, Admin/Econ, '82) will share his expertise with a number of aspiring photographers as he instructs a course designed to teach others how to take amazing photographs.

Dominick has maintained a professional photography studio in Niagara for over two decades. His images travelled the world with Eastman Kodak when he was the only Canadian photographer selected for Kodak's B&W Showcase Program. Many of his images have appeared in national publications, and he has been profiled in several Canadian magazines. He has lectured at and produced seminars for both professional and amateur audiences.

"I have very fond memories of attending Brock University," says

Dominick. "The teaching staff at the Faculty of Business was amazing. I want to give others what I have learned over 25 years as a professional photographer. The exchange of information and knowledge is crucial, especially to the ART of photography. To me, that is very exciting. And, anyone who gives of themselves, receives in return."

Other courses offered this spring include topics that range from Medication in Children to an Exploration of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and a new series of courses for Women Only focusing on the health and well being of women of all ages.

In addition, Continuing Education will again offer the very popular and unique Grandparent/Grandchild camp program and two science-based day camps for kids this summer.

More details are available in the latest issue of the *Brock University Community Education & Activities guide*. For your copy, call Continuing Education at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775, or visit us on the Web at www.brocku.ca/conted.

Dedication in memory of Brock professor

Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Centre recently dedicated its Library and Resource Centre in loving memory of Dr. Udayan Rege.

Dr. Rege was a Professor in Brock's Faculty of Business. He died of cancer January 31, 2000. He and his wife, Kanchan, played a fundamental role in the creation of Wellspring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation.

"Dr. Rege and his wife Kanchan dreamed of a support centre where cancer patients and their families would find coping strategies and comfort," said Lorraine Bauer, Operational Manager of Wellspring Niagara. "This dedication is a tribute to a person whose vision has made a difference to families across Niagara."

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Student athletes recognized for achievements

Director of Athletics Lorne Adams shared an interesting perspective on the collective success of Brock athletes during the 37th Annual Brock Athletics Awards Dinner, held in March.

Adams highlighted the outstanding accomplishments of Brock's teams with a break down of championships that spanned a five-year student athlete career. Brock student athletes now completing their university eligibility after five years of competition have witnessed the University win a total of 29 championships, he explained. On the other end of the spectrum, 2003-04 rookie players helped Brock win seven titles this year.

"Few institutions in Canada can compare to the high level of athletic achievement of Brock University," says Adams. "As well, our athletes are outstanding students and this year, we are proud to recognize 150 athletes for academic excellence."

The awards dinner provided an opportunity to congratulate athletes and to recognize some of the outstanding individual contributions. The top award winners for 2003-04 included wrestlers Evan MacDonald and Heather Swezey, named Male and Female Athlete of the Year.

MacDonald ended his season on a high as he helped lead the Brock men's wrestling dynasty to its sixth consecutive CIS Team title and 10th straight OUA Championship.

Among his accomplishments, MacDonald captured his second straight CIS Gold at the 2003 CIS Wrestling Championships.

The 2003-04 Team MVP and OUA All-Star also excelled on the international scene, becoming the fifth

Badgers wrestler to reach the Olympics. He placed eighth at the World Championships, qualifying him for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

MacDonald was also recognized as the 2003 Ontario Male Athlete of the Year.

Swezey had another impressive season in 2003-04 as she led the Badgers to their fourth straight OUA Championship and a bronze medal finish at the 2004 CIS Wrestling Championships.

Among her accomplishments over the last year, she was a gold-medal winner for the third straight year at both the CIS Nationals and the OUA Championships. She earned First Team All-Canadian honours and First Team OUA All-Star honours.

In addition, the Brock women's curling team was named the Female Team of the Year, while the men's wrestling team earned Male Team of the Year honours.

Please check the Badgers Web site at www.brocku.ca/athletics for a complete listing of the Brock Team MVPs and Rookies of the Year, and other important awards.

2003-2004 Canadian Championships

GOLD - CURC Men's Rowing
GOLD - CIS Men's Wrestling

2003-2004 Ontario Championships

GOLD - OUA Women's Curling
GOLD - OUFLA Men's Lacrosse
GOLD - OUA Men's Rowing
GOLD - OUA Men's Wrestling
GOLD - OUA Women's Wrestling

Head rowing coach resigns

Brock University rowing coach Joe Dowd will be leaving the University at the end of June.

Dowd announced his resignation in April.

"I've been going hard at this job for 11 years now and I just feel that it is time for me to pursue some other interests," he says. "I have had a wonderful experience at Brock University and I am very proud of what

has been accomplished during my watch."

Dowd is credited with taking the rowing program at Brock University to national and international prominence. Under his leadership, Brock rowers have won over 60 OUA gold medals, 48 gold medals at the Canadian Henley Regatta, five OUA Team Championships and three National University Championships.

Grad promotes non-contact rugby program for Grades 6, 7 and 8

A Brock graduate and two Brock varsity coaches teamed up to give senior public school students the chance to give flag rugby a try.

Lina Febbraro (BPhEd/BEEd, '00) and Women's Brock Badgers Rugby coaches Paul Robinson and Caleb Smith were part of a committee that initiated the

non-contact rugby program for girls and boys in Grades 6, 7, and 8. Febbraro is a former Brock rugby player. She teaches at Ferndale Public School in St. Catharines and coaches girls' high school rugby for Governor Simcoe High School in St. Catharines.

The new league will operate for two

years as a pilot project. It has received support, including a financial donation, from the Niagara Wasps Rugby Club in Port Colborne.

In May, several schools from the District School Board of Niagara fielded teams for a four-week long rugby season that culminated in a one-day

championship tournament at the home of the Wasps.

"The league is not only meant to encourage students to continue playing rugby in the later years — high school, post-secondary, and club level — but also to offer young students another way to stay fit and have fun," said Febbraro.

First Brock student to graduate with PhD in Biotechnology – Continued from page 1

eight compounds and of these, our body keeps only one, alpha-tocopherol when we eat vitamin E rich foods or take supplements.

Panagabko will spend the remainder of her time at the Ernest Gallo Research Clinic and Institute at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), where she will work to develop a drug to inhibit protein kinase C that could be applicable for the treatment of anxiety and alcoholism.

Panagabko said she feels "indebted" to Atkinson, her graduate supervisor, for

her past and future achievements. "I was introduced to the mystery and wonder of science through his eyes. From there, he offered me the perfect balance of independence and guidance that allowed me to cultivate my own passion for research and creative thought."

She holds an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry from Brock, having transferred here after her first year at McGill University. While at Brock, she was impressed with the calibre of instruction and vibrant energy in the Chemistry and Biology departments.

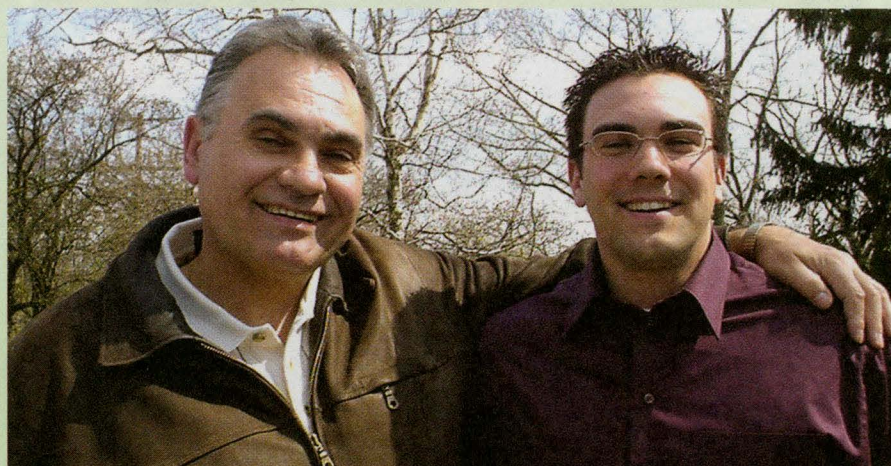
What Panagabko valued most about Brock was the extensive hands-on training she received with instruments and techniques. She experienced a high level of enthusiasm from both professors and teaching assistants, and a spirited camaraderie matched with a "zest for science that is compelling and inspiring" for students.

"The effect of the fostering environment is readily apparent by the extent of technical expertise and the depth of knowledge evident in fellow graduate students I have known," she said.

The Faculty of Mathematics and Science introduced the Biotechnology PhD program at Brock in 2001, eight years after the undergraduate program began. There are an estimated 100 students enrolled in Brock's undergraduate and graduate Biotechnology programs at Brock.

Penni Lafleur is studying Communications Studies and Women's Studies at Brock and is part of the NSERC 2003-04 SPARK (Students Promoting the Awareness of Research Knowledge) program. For the complete story, see the Spring 2004 issue of Brock Research online at: www.brocku.ca/researchservices/publications.html

S N A P S H O T



Name: Steven N. Latinovich

Degree: BA '70

Place of Residence: Welland, Ontario

Career: After graduation from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1972, I pursued a professional hockey career in Europe for 10 seasons as a player and coach.

I practiced law in the off season and now practice full-time with the firm of Flett Beccario in Welland, Ontario.

Favourite Memory of Brock: My first year at Brock when classes were held in the refrigeration plant at the bottom of the hill on Glenridge and the positive impact of lectures by Drs. Mayer, Sprung, and Hornyansky.

Greatest Source of Pride: My family.

Childhood Career Goal: To be a professional athlete.

Source of Inspiration: My wife. She has a great sense for doing the right thing.

Name: Steven M.A. Latinovich

Degree: BSM, '03 (Honours)

Place of Residence: Welland, Ontario

Career: Worked part-time for Canadian Tire Financial Services while studying for my undergraduate degree. Interned with the Buffalo Sabres NHL Franchise (U.S. office) Marketing Department, coordinating special events and game promotions. Now doing my MBA Internship at the Canadian Tire Bank as a Marketing Associate for their "Options" MasterCard portfolio.

Favourite Memory of Brock: It's a toss up, between winning the Intramural Flag Football Championship in '03, or doing a presentation on "female fertility" in front of a seminar room of 20 women and no men (I got an A, and two phone numbers!).

Greatest Source of Pride: Being accepted into the inaugural Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at Brock (It's nice to be a link in a chain...it's better to start one of your own!!).

Childhood Career Goal: Professional Comedian

Future Goals: Write the Canadian Securities Course (CSC), finish my MBA, get my Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, have a flat in Amsterdam, an apartment in NYC, and seasons tickets to the Calgary Flames!!

Source of Inspiration: There are many - my father, the wisest man I know; my two nephews Nathan and Zachary; and anyone who says, "it can't be done."

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