

BrockNews

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Open to debate: Autism the subject of Café Scientifique

A unique forum will provide opportunity for community discussion around issues of autism. "Across the spectrum: Understanding the impact of research on the lives of people with autism and their families" is the first Café Scientifique hosted by Brock.

The session will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Niagara College Culinary Institute restaurant in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The event is an opportunity for parents, educators, family members and friends to speak with scientists and practitioners at the cutting edge of autism and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) research.

The Café Scientifique is geared toward people interested in science who generally don't have the opportunity to discuss their views with scientists. Individuals living or working with persons with autism can hear about some of the advances in ASD research, and express some of their hopes and concerns.

"With this event, Brock joins a global effort to reach out and bring science to the people. The Café Scientifique is an exciting opportunity for Brock and the Niagara community to connect in a casual and welcoming atmosphere," says Frances Chandler, Associate Director of Research, Brock University. "Autism affects many people and, no matter what our role, we can all learn things from one another."

Experts in the field of autism and ASD from Brock University, McMaster University, the University of Western Ontario, Niagara College and the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, as well as people who experience ASD in their own lives every day, will be on hand to take part in the discussion.

Café Scientifique invites an informal public dialogue and is intended to make science accessible to a general audience. The movement, which began more than a century ago in coffee shops in Europe, has in recent years become a worldwide phenomenon. This event is funded in part by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), which supports several Brock University researchers studying autism and ASD.

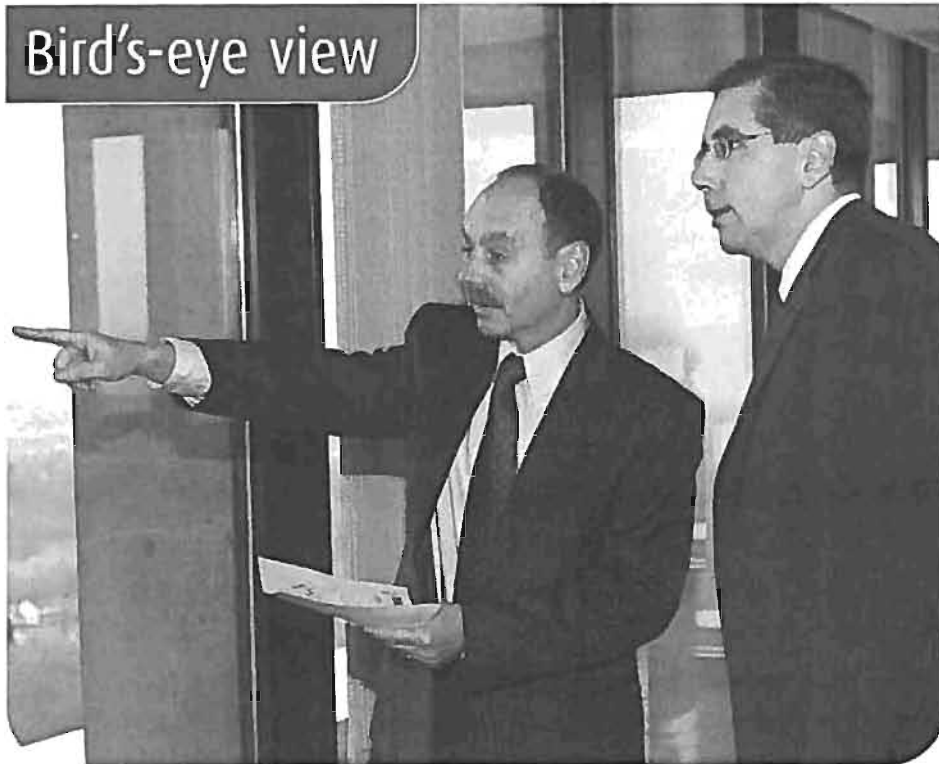
The event is free, but space is limited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jeannie Mackintosh at ext. 5024; e-mail: jmackintosh@brocku.ca

New traffic stop on campus

In coming weeks the intersections at University Road and Isaac Brock Boulevard East and West will become three-way stop intersections. This change will affect motorists travelling north towards the Schmon Tower and south away from the tower.

This change was prompted by safety concerns for both motorists and pedestrians travelling east/west along University Road. Please e-mail Brock University Parking Services at parking@brocku.ca if you have any questions regarding this change.

Bird's-eye view



John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, was at Brock on Jan. 7 to meet with University administrators, in addition to key dignitaries from around the region. During the visit, President Jack Lightstone, left, provided Milloy with a bird's-eye view of the surrounding area from the 13th floor of the Schmon Tower.

Emergency preparedness at Brock

Over the past two years, Brock University has been developing and enhancing its Emergency Response and Preparedness to ensure a safe and secure environment for the local community.

In 2006, the Emergency Response and Recovery Plan was developed and approved, which provides the framework for our response.

A procedure that will enhance our response is the new "Imminent Threat" Shelter in Place/Lock Down Procedures.

This procedure provides basic guidelines to follow if the University implements a campus-wide lock down, and it is important that all members of the community take the necessary time to be familiar with this information.

Tragic events have taken place at university, college and high school campuses across North America, and this document has been developed based on best practices derived from

many of those scenarios.

In 2008, the University will be enhancing its mass notification capabilities, auditing door locking procedures and embarking on an educational campaign to familiarize the entire Brock community with the new procedures.

In the very near future, the Emergency Notice that is found in the procedure will be posted throughout the University next to fire notifications for easy access and reminder.

The new procedures can be accessed online at www.brocku.ca/campussecurity/policy.php or via a link from the Brock main web page under the Highlights section, and also through the Brock portal page under the Bulletin Section.

Let's keep Brock University safe. Please make it a priority to review these procedures regularly.

Preventing Child Neglect Brock University Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence lecture

Maurice Feldman, Professor in the Department of Child and Youth Studies, Director of the Centre for Applied Disability Studies, and recipient of a Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence, presents a lecture entitled "Preventing Child Neglect" today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Alphie's.

Although child neglect harms more children than physical and sexual abuse combined, few evidence-based programs exist that focus on the

prevention of child neglect. Feldman will describe his programmatic research in the assessment and teaching of parenting skills to parents with learning difficulties, who are at risk for neglectful child care.

Feldman is considered one of the leading experts in this area, with more than 35 peer-reviewed publications and numerous media appearances. The parent education program that he will

New Inclement Weather Policy in place

A new Inclement Weather Policy has been developed to guide Brock's communications to faculty, staff, students and the broader community when severe weather threatens to interrupt normal university operations. (The new policy replaces the former Interruption of Normal Operations Policy.)

Using suggestions brought forward by faculty, staff and students following last February's severe winter storm, the new policy defines "essential services" and what it means for the university to be "closed". Closing the University is defined as:

- Classes are not held;
- Meetings and other scheduled community events are cancelled. Any exceptions will be communicated via the Brock website and/or local radio stations;
- All areas and operations not defined as "essential" are closed;
- Examinations scheduled on the day or evening of a closing are cancelled, and rescheduled;
- Deadlines for assignments and other submissions are postponed until the same hour of the next academic day on which the University is not "closed."

As the home of 2,400 students living in campus residences, the University is responsible for maintaining essential services throughout emergency closing. The "essential services" to be kept in operation during weather-related closings include:

- Food service in the residences
- Campus security services
- Facilities management
- Animal care
- Residence and conference services
- Emergency repair and maintenance
- Telecommunications
- Communications

Staff providing essential services are designated by the department heads responsible for those services.

Individual faculty, staff, and students are responsible for checking the Brock website, portal, and/or telephone switchboard, and to listen for local radio station announcements of closures at the University.

In the absence of a communicated decision to close, the University remains open and all activities continue as planned. At all times, individuals should assess their personal safety in deciding whether to come to work or class.

It is the responsibility of faculty to inform their students of class cancellations in the event they are unable to attend and the University is open.

The new Inclement Weather Policy will be available on the front page of the Brock website at www.brocku.ca

All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the policy as the season of winter hazards is now upon us.

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Master's student receives award for outstanding achievements

Last month, the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) awarded the Ralph D. Morris Bursary to Cindy Lee Scott, a second-year master's student in the Department of Classics. Presented by the award's benefactor, Professor Emeritus Ralph D. Morris, Scott accepted the award during the association's annual holiday festivities on Dec. 5.

Scott's research interests have to do with questions of ethnicity and identity in Minoan Fresco, and she has excavated on Cyprus, Crete and the Greek Mainland. Some of her principal work has been on the Nemea Valley Archeological Project with Professor R. Angus Smith, her advisor. She works as a Teaching Assistant in the areas of Greek and Roman Civilizations, Greek Mythology, Greek Sanctuaries and Classical Archeology.

"It's a pleasure to be able to publicly acknowledge the great work being done by Brock grad students," said Claire Meldrum, President of the GSA. "Cindy is an outstanding

example of the commitment our members bring to their studies, Brock University and the community at large and we congratulate her for it."

Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies, acknowledges the high calibre of Scott's research and her many leadership activities at Brock and abroad.

"Her work in helping to introduce Brock undergraduates to archeology during the 2006 Brock archaeological practicum on Crete is particularly noteworthy," says Rose. "Such experiences are life-changing for Brock students, and Cindy's role in inspiring others to aspire to graduate work in Classics is a significant contribution to the development of a strong graduate culture at Brock."

First presented in 1996, the Ralph Morris Bursary is awarded annually and recognizes the outstanding contributions of graduate students to Brock University and the surrounding community.

Best practices for effective minute taking

Faculty and staff are invited to learn about best practices for effective minute taking and also related privacy issues. Sign up for this information session offered by the University Secretariat. This interactive session will introduce participants to best practices for minute taking, such as what should and should not be included in drafting minutes.

The session takes place on Monday, Feb. 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber.

The session will be facilitated by Mike Farrell, Marion Hansen and Margaret Thompson of the University Secretariat.

Sign up by visiting:
www.brocku.ca/hr/training/focus/

Brock wrestlers capture gold at Olympic trials

Brock Wrestling Club's Tonya Verbeek and Saeed Azarbayjani both captured gold at the 2008 Canadian Olympic Trials last month in front of a sold-out crowd at the Etobicoke Olympium.

Verbeek, the top seed at 55kg, defeated Western's Terri McNutt two matches to one. Azarbayjani, the second seed at 60kg, defeated pool winner James Mancini from the Montreal Wrestling Club 2-0.

Verbeek and Azarbayjani will now have to qualify their individual weight classes in the new year for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

Brock Briefs

Master of Education thesis defence

Master of Education student Christa Love will present her thesis defence on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "Teaching Media Literacy Skills About Commercials: A Comparative Analysis of Media Literacy Instruction." Supervisor: Joe Engemann; External Examiner: Paul Nesbitt-Larking, University of Western Ontario; Committee Members: Vera Woloshyn, Nicholas Baxter-Moore; Chair of the Examining Committee: Dolana Mogadime. All are welcome to attend.

Resolution solutions from Recreation Services

Fitness and spin classes have already begun. Hip hop dance classes begin Monday, Jan. 21. Pilates, yoga, and yagalates classes begin the week of Monday, Jan. 21. Ballroom Latin, swing dance classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 23. Also available by appointment are personal training, triathlon, and body composition, strength, and aerobic fitness evaluations. Register now at ext. 4060. For full details, visit: www.brocku.ca/recserve

A note of thanks

It is difficult to find the words to express my and my family's gratitude for the many kindnesses you have shown us during this sad time.

We are so grateful for all you have done for us - the cards, prayers and visits meant a great deal to us as we struggle with this heartbreaking loss. Along with the emotional support you gave us, the meals, flowers and other gifts of your time and energy helped to sustain us day by day.

We are unable to write individual thank you notes to each one of you, given the great outpouring of support. Please know that your generosity and thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Knowing that we were not alone is helping us bear our grief and sadness. Thank you for being there for us.

Warm Regards,
Adele Romak and family

St. Catharines approves consultant for City/Brock study

On Monday, Jan. 14, St. Catharines City Council approved the hiring of a consultant to undertake a Program, Site and Facility Management Feasibility Study for a Cultural and Academic Development in Downtown St. Catharines. Levitt Goodman Architects lead a team made up of members from multiple firms, including Martin Vinik Planning for the Arts and Urban Strategies.

"This partnership project is a cornerstone in the vision for a revitalized St. Catharines," says Mayor Brian McMullan. "The project's partnership team has selected a truly outstanding consulting team to undertake the practical planning required for the success of our project. Council has shown real leadership in supporting the recommendations of the team."

The objectives of the study include assessing the potential of moving Brock University's School of Fine and Performing Arts into downtown St. Catharines, as well as partnering with the University's Centre for the Arts to create an integrated arts facility that will include programming from local arts groups and events. The study will develop an Artistic Program Plan, make recommendations for site selection, establish a business plan for operations and measure the economic impact of the development.

"Brock is excited about partnering with the City, not only to provide a new home for its School of Fine and Performing Arts and for the activities of its Centre for the Arts, but also to create a significant 'arts hub' for Niagara as part of a comprehensive plan to revitalize downtown St. Catharines," says Jack N. Lightstone, President of Brock.

"We are very pleased with the depth of expertise this consulting team brings to the table for the next phase of our development process," states David Oakes, Director of Economic

Development and Tourism Services for the City. "We require expertise in arts management, architectural assessment and urban planning in order to maximize the economic opportunities that this partnership with Brock University has to offer our community."

Levitt Goodman Architects is an award-winning architecture firm that has a proven record of designing innovative projects and tackling problems from a unique perspective. Projects include the School of Architecture in downtown Cambridge that has revitalized the area with its creative development of space for both university and community purposes.

Martin Vinik Planning for the Arts has a long history of providing planning, design and management services to a vast range of arts communities across North America. Martin Vinik is a proven expert in cultural district planning, whose list of projects includes the historic reclamation and revitalization of 42nd St. in New York, N.Y.

Urban Strategies is a full-service planning and urban design firm, with dozens of awards and an international reputation for its visionary and achievable proposals. Work with the public and private sectors has included the creation of a masterplan for Brock University.

Selection criteria for the process included understanding of the project's goals and objectives, appropriate methodology for the project, demonstrated ability of the team to undertake the work, and relevant experience and qualifications. The Levitt Goodman team's bid of \$250,000 matches the budget available for the study. Funds for the project are from three sources, including \$100,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade; a \$75,000 contribution from Brock University; and \$75,000 from the cultural services budget at the City.

Residence Life Staff hiring 08-09

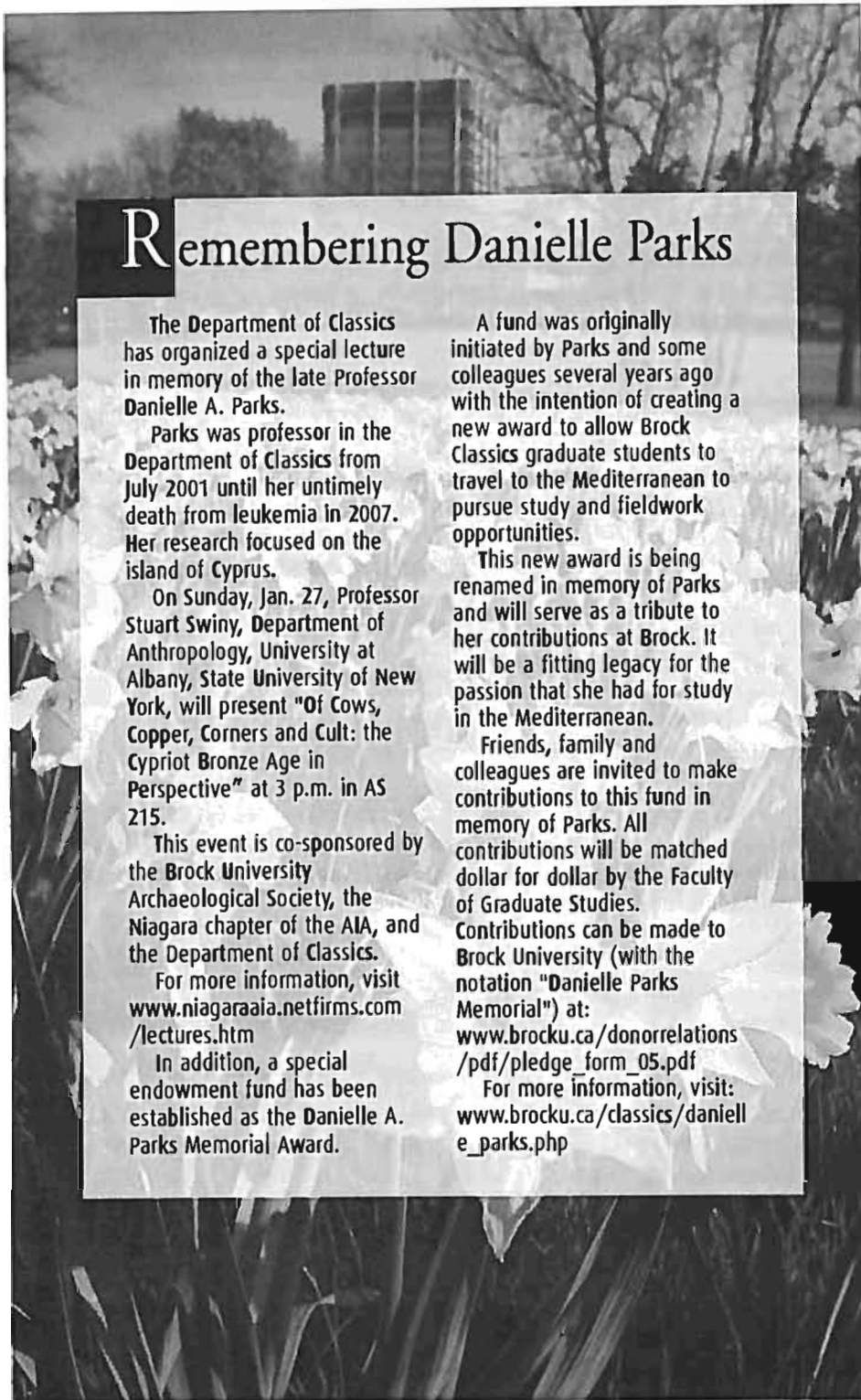
Do you know a student who is a role model and leader? A student who wants to become more involved in campus life? The Department of Residences is now accepting applications from students who want to become a part of the Residence Life Staff for the 2008-09 academic year. Positions available include Don, Don of Academics and Don of Activities. Being a member of the Residence Life Staff is an excellent leadership opportunity. Staff members enhance their communication and leadership skills, including active listening, conflict management, mediation, meeting management and program planning. No experience is necessary, but students who have lived in residence for at least one term are preferred. For application forms, job descriptions and more information on the selection process, please go to: www.brocku.ca/residence/residence_life/hiring

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describe is emulated worldwide.

Created in 2001, the Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence recognizes high quality research, scholarly and creative achievement by providing a three-year grant to support an individual's research program.

Building on the Canada Research Chair Program, the Chancellor's Chair program is a key element in Brock University's transition from a primarily undergraduate to a comprehensive, research-intensive institution. In compliance with the terms of the award, each Chancellor's Chair agrees to present a lecture to the University community. This is one of those lectures.



Remembering Danielle Parks

The Department of Classics has organized a special lecture in memory of the late Professor Danielle A. Parks.

Parks was professor in the Department of Classics from July 2001 until her untimely death from leukemia in 2007. Her research focused on the island of Cyprus.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, Professor Stuart Swiny, Department of Anthropology, University at Albany, State University of New York, will present "Of Cows, Copper, Corners and Cult: the Cypriot Bronze Age in Perspective" at 3 p.m. in AS 215.

This event is co-sponsored by the Brock University Archaeological Society, the Niagara chapter of the AIA, and the Department of Classics.

For more information, visit www.niagaraia.net/firms.com/lectures.htm

In addition, a special endowment fund has been established as the Danielle A. Parks Memorial Award.

A fund was originally initiated by Parks and some colleagues several years ago with the intention of creating a new award to allow Brock Classics graduate students to travel to the Mediterranean to pursue study and fieldwork opportunities.

This new award is being renamed in memory of Parks and will serve as a tribute to her contributions at Brock. It will be a fitting legacy for the passion that she had for study in the Mediterranean.

Friends, family and colleagues are invited to make contributions to this fund in memory of Parks. All contributions will be matched dollar for dollar by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Contributions can be made to Brock University (with the notation "Danielle Parks Memorial") at: www.brocku.ca/donorrelations/pdf/pledge_form_05.pdf

For more information, visit: www.brocku.ca/classics/danielle_parks.php

Mediatalk

People in the news

Ernest Biktimirov, Associate Professor of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Jan. 2 story about using proverbs to help teach financial concepts to students whose first language is not English. In the article, "Using folk wisdom to simplify financial concepts", Biktimirov notes "I always found these idioms and proverbs quite fascinating. I thought what a nice way in a very short phrase to capture the main idea."

Alun Hughes, Associate Professor of Geography, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for its Dec. 29 "Search Engine" column, "Houses on Queenston sideways because of necessity, not folklore." Hughes was also interviewed by *The Standard* for its Jan. 5 "Search Engine" column, "Stone at street corner a surveyor's monument."

Fanny Dolansky, Assistant Professor of Classics, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Dec. 22 story about the religious and cultural significance of Dec. 25, entitled "December 25: The chosen day and why so many celebrate it." The article was also published in the Dec. 22 issue of the *Niagara Falls Review*, "December a celebration of light."

Don Cyr, Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, Faculty of Business, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Dec. 21 story - "Research paper points to ways to protect against bad icewine seasons" - about a research paper published in the *Journal of Wine Economics*, "Canadian Ice Wine Production: A Case for the use of Weather Derivatives", which he co-authored with Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business.

The *St. Catharines Standard* also interviewed Cyr about the study in a Jan. 4 story, "Risky business for Niagara icewine producers."

Nota Klentrou, Professor and Chair, Physical Education and Kinesiology, and **Ken Lodewyk**, Assistant Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, were both

interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Dec. 17 feature story about osteoporosis and physical activity in youth, entitled "Stopping the Silent Thief." The article was also republished in the Dec. 17 issues of the *Niagara Falls Review* and *Welland Tribune*.

David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, was interviewed by the *Niagara Falls Review* for a Dec. 13 story about citizen journalism, entitled "Citizen reporters." In the article, Siegel notes "Whether it's YouTube, Facebook, or virtually any search engine, you're bound to find citizen blogs or community groups about hot button political matters at every level of government."

Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Dec. 12 story about a detailed study of the region's cultural assets being conducted by the Niagara Region culture committee. The Dec. 12 article, "Niagara's 'rich history' a part of cultural assets mapping", notes that the study includes everything from the canals and battlefields to festivals, museums, libraries, theatres, the Underground Railroad, and local artists' studios.

Harris Loewen, Associate Professor of Music, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Dec. 6 story about his concert Niagara Noel: Works by Niagara Composers, entitled "Niagara's composers in the spotlight." Loewen was also interviewed about the concert by AM 610 CKTB on Dec. 6 and 7.

Brad Clarke, Off-Campus Housing Services Officer, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Dec. 1 story about an off-campus living public service announcement video written and directed by Brock students, entitled *The Landlord: How I Survived Student Housing*. In the article, "Mockumentary" spoof has a serious message", Clarke notes: "Given that the project was student-driven, they were able to pull together creative ways to deliver those educational messages and a video that's enjoyable to watch. The more times students see this video, the more messages that will sink in." Clarke was also interviewed by *The Standard* for a Dec. 18 followup story, "Two thumbs-up for Brock's student video."

2008 Brock News Schedule

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June 4	May 23	Nov. 19	Nov. 7
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No issue	July 2	Dec. 17	Dec. 5

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Lewis Perinbam, renowned for his distinguished contribution to Canadian public life and record of distinguished humanitarian service, died in Vancouver on Dec. 12, 2007, from complications after heart surgery. He was 82.

Dr. Perinbam was awarded an honorary degree from Brock at the Fall 2004 convocation. During his convocation address, he challenged graduates to be responsible in their actions:

"We are a single global community. As in all communities we are responsible for each other."

He also called on graduates

to work towards a world of peace and knowledge, even during times of turmoil and trouble.

"It is a daunting challenge, but times of danger are times of opportunity," said Dr. Perinbam. "They are also times of hope when new possibilities arise and new horizons appear. You must never become discouraged, because you can be the architects of a more humane and just world."

Dr. Perinbam was born May 11, 1925, at Johor Bahru in what is now Malaysia. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Garrett, brothers Alfred, Cecil and Raj, and sister Jeya.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Lynn Dempsey, **Wenonah Campbell**, and **Elizabeth Skarakis-Doyle** presented a poster entitled, "The Classification Accuracy of the MacArthur Communicative Development Inventory - Level III" at the Annual Convention of the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association (ASHA) in Boston, Mass. on Nov. 17.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Bohdan Y. Nebesio spent the Fall term at Harvard University as the 2007-08 recipient of Eugene and Daymel Shklar Fellowship and presented a public lecture "The Ukrainian Film Industry and the Soviet Studio System of the 1920s."

ECONOMICS

Robert Dimand presented a paper, "Lessons from the 1929 crash and the 1930s debt-deflation: What Ben Bernanke and Mervyn King learned, and what they could have learned" at a conference on Post-Keynesian Economic Policies, University of Burgundy, Dijon, Dec. 1.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Elizabeth Sauer's article, "Milton's Of True Religion, Protestant Nationhood, and the Negotiation of Liberty," in *Milton Quarterly* (40.1, 2006, pp. 1-19) was awarded the Milton Society of America's James Holly Hanford Award for Most Distinguished Essay at the Modern Language Association Convention, Chicago, Ill. on Dec. 28.

MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

Antonia Mantonakis recently made the following conference presentations:

- Hughes, Andrea D.; Mantonakis, Antonia; and Whittlesea, Bruce W. A. "Retrieval-Induced Forgetting: Inhibition or Interference?" and Appleton-Knapp, Sara; and Mantonakis, Antonia (2007). "Remembering the Competition in Comparative Advertising" at the Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, held in Long Beach, Calif., in November.
- Mantonakis, Antonia and Whittlesea, Bruce W. A. "Remembering Words and Brand Names after a Perception of Discrepancy", Competitive Paper at the Association for Consumer Research Conference held in Memphis, Tenn., in October.

Chang Hoon Oh recently presented following papers:

- "Natural Disaster, Man-made Disaster, and International Trade," at the 2007 JIBS/AIB Frontier Conference in Miami, Fla., on Nov. 30.
- "Market, Resources, and Their Interplay" A Multi-level Random Coefficient Approach," at the 2007 Copenhagen Conference on Strategic Management in Copenhagen, Denmark on Dec. 11.

Publications

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Grant, Barry Keith, ed. *Auteurs and Authorship: A Film Reader*. Boston: Blackwell, 2007, 323 pages. Included in this book, which includes the work of Francois Truffaut, Pauline Kael, Gore Vidal and others, is Grant's essay "Man's Favorite Sport?: The Action Films of Kathryn Bigelow."

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MacKenzie, H. F. (Herb). (2008). *Sales Management in Canada*. Toronto, Ont. Pearson Prentice Hall, 446 pages.

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Mulligan, Thomas. (2007). "Plato's New Dialogue." *Arion: A Journal of Humanities and the Classics*, 15, 2 (Fall), pp. 57-71.

Neufeld, Craig, **Ross, Brian J.,** and **Ralph, W.** (2007). "The Evolution of Artistic Filters", chapter in *The Art of Artificial Evolution*, P. Machado and J. Cardalda (eds.), Springer.

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Vrbik, Jan. (2008). "Monte-Carlo computation of ground-state energy derivatives." *International Journal of Quantum Chemistry*, 108, pp. 493-502.

The International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, second edition, edited by William Darity, Jr., Detroit: Macmillan Reference U.S., nine volumes, 2008, includes the following articles by Brock authors:

- **Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh** and **Robert Dimand**, "Mathematical Economics"
- **Robert Dimand**, "Efficient Market Hypothesis," "Fisher, Irving," "Koopmans, Tjalling," "Multiplier," "Neoclassical Growth Model," "Nonco-operative Games," "Probability, Subjective"
- **Tomson Ogwang**, "Inequality, Income," "Nominal Income," "Public Assistance," "Real Income"

- **Murray E. G. Smith**, "Credentialism," "Managerial Class," "Mandel, Ernest," "Putting-Out System," "Self-Determination," "Self-Employment," "Value, Objective"
- **Lewis Soroka**, "Sports Industry"
- **William Veloce**, "Bayes' Theorem," "Logistic Regression," "Model Selection Tests"

Events

The Brock University Film Society: BUFS continues its winter season on Jan. 20 with *Lars and the Real Girl*, starring Ryan Gosling and Patricia Clarkson. On Jan. 27, the Office of Human Rights and Equity Services, the Positive Space Campaign, and the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology join BUFS in presenting the Canadian comedy *Breakfast with Scot*, the story of a very private gay hockey star (Tom Cavanagh) taking in his show tune-loving and boa-wearing nephew. For more information on our upcoming films including ticket prices, please visit www.brocku.ca/bufs

The Canadian Federation of University Women: CFUW Welland and District will meet today at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home. The topic "Social Justice: Poverty in Welland" will be presented by Father Jim Mulligan of St. Kevin's Church in Welland. New members and interested women welcome. For information, call 905-892-1179.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007/2008 Professional Entertainment Season continues in January. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated.

Tickets are on sale at www.arts.brocku.ca or through the Box Office at ext. 3257.

The Comedy Lounge featuring Sean Cullen and hosted by Jon Dore, Jan 17; Marc Jordan and Amy Sky, Jan 19; The East Village Opera Company, Jan 23; Rubberbandance: Elastic Perspective, Jan 26 (David S. Howes Theatre); DK Ibomeka with Kellylee Evans, Jan 30; DRUM!, Jan 31; The Spirit of Harriet Tubman starring Leslie McCurdy, Feb 19; Tommy Douglas: Arrows of Desire starring John Nolan, Feb 20; Connie Kaldor with Eve Goldberg, Feb 21; Black Umfolosi, Feb 28; The Czech Boys Choir (Boni Pueri), Feb 29.

Brock Athletics

Women's Basketball: Wednesday, Jan. 16 vs. Waterloo at 6 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 19 vs. Windsor at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 23 vs. Laurier at 6 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 26 vs. Guelph at 2 p.m. All games at the Bob Davis Gymnasium.

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Women's Volleyball: Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Waterloo at 3 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 3 vs. Laurier at 3 p.m. All games at the Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Women's Hockey: Saturday, Jan. 19 vs. York; Sunday, Jan. 20 vs. Toronto; Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Waterloo; Sunday, Feb. 3 vs. Laurier. All games at 3 p.m. at the Seymour-Hannah Centre.

Men's Hockey: Saturday, Jan. 19 vs. York; Saturday, Jan. 26 vs. Ryerson; Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Guelph. All games at 7:30 p.m. at the Seymour-Hannah Centre.

Tickets available at the door. Adults \$7, students and seniors \$4.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: Guest Artist Ker Wells will present his critically acclaimed show "Living Tall" on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 at 8 p.m. in The Studio (ST107). Tickets are \$15 at the door. Seating is limited.

Department of Visual Arts: Alex Watts: The Optical Art of Anaglyph Images - 3D Drawings (VISA 3F99) Exhibit runs Jan. 22 to Feb. 2 at The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre (Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Department of Music: ENCORE! Professional Concert Series presents the Penderecki String Quartet on Friday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

As one of the most celebrated chamber ensembles of their generation, this quartet has performed in New York, Amsterdam, St. Petersburg, Paris, Los Angeles, and Atlanta.

Tickets available from the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257 or visit: www.arts.brocku.ca

MUSIC@NOON presents: Faculty recital with Gordon Cleland, cello, on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Faculty recital with Timothy White, trumpet; and Lesley Kingham, piano, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Both recitals are free community events.

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. Unless indicated otherwise, all seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

- Friday, Jan. 18: Andria Jones, Department of Biology, University of Guelph. Topic TBA. Hosted by Martha Bajec, graduate student.
- Monday, Jan. 28, 12:30 p.m. in MC H313: Dr. Kenneth Storey, Department of Biology, Carleton University. "Nature's Frozen Vertebrates: Surviving Winter as a Solid." Hosted by Professor Glenn Tattersall.
- Friday, Feb. 1: Litsa Tsiani, Department of Community Health Sciences, Brock University. "Resveratrol, a red wine polyphenol, prevents FFA-induced Insulin Resistance." Hosted by Professor Jeff Stuart.

Classified

For sale: Rare 1940 Quidoz (Quebec) upright piano with bench. Burl wood, curved lines. Excellent shape. Digital photos available. \$1,500. Call 905-732-1166 for more information.

Brock and Niagara College partner to facilitate student transfers

Brock University and Niagara College announced a new partnership initiative last week that will enable the seamless and smooth transfer of students between both institutions. The initiative, together with others, will have a positive strategic impact on the cultural, economic, and social development of the Niagara region.

The Ontario government provided \$125,000 in funding through the Ontario College University Consortium Council (CUCC) in fall 2007 to lay the foundation for full-credit transfers for specified programs between both schools.

The Ontario government funding is being used to develop a range of innovative projects that promote greater collaboration between colleges and universities and provide a wider range of pathways for students.

The funding has enabled the recruitment of a joint Advisor/Liaison Officer and Articulations Facilitator as well as the ongoing development of collaborative learning and research opportunities. The funding has also supported development of the Brock University-Niagara College Partners Program, which is already in place.

"This initiative recognizes the value of working together to provide education and training for students," said Dr. Terry Boak, Provost and Vice-President, Academic at Brock. "Brock University and Niagara College share many common objectives and this new agreement represents a win-win for students, both schools and the region."

"The CUCC's investment will support the important work that has already begun between our two institutions," said Dr. Joyce Engel, Vice-President Academic, Niagara College. "It will help us take our collaboration to new levels that will benefit students and all of Niagara."

"Now students can get the benefit of being instructed at the two fine post-secondary educational institutions in Niagara," said St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley. "Greater collaboration between our colleges and universities will have significant advantages for learners, institutions, employers and the government. Our government is committed to increasing student access and opportunities within the post-secondary sector — and this collaboration between Brock University and Niagara College will help us meet our goal."

Brock University and Niagara College already have a number of programs with transfers, including Physics to Advanced Lasers; Geography to Geographic Information Systems—Geospatial Management; and Communications Studies, Human Geography, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology to Accelerated Police Foundations. For all of these programs, students are required to complete Years 1, 2 and 4 at Brock University and Year 3 at Niagara College. In addition to these programs, several other collaborations are in development.

Niagara College and Brock University share a common commitment towards higher education in the Niagara region by improving lifelong learning and pathways for students, building on areas of specialization, developing niche joint programs, and enhancing the student experience by providing innovative, collaborative services.



John Wilkinson, Minister of Research and Innovation for the Province of Ontario, speaks with graduate students Jonathan Roepke (left) and Dylan Levac (centre) in Vince De Luca's biotechnology lab recently. Minister Wilkinson was on campus on Jan. 14 to meet with Brock President Jack Lightstone.

New media incubator will position Niagara as an industry leader

A significant transformation is underway in Niagara.

With the recent \$245,000 funding announcement from the Ontario Ministry of Culture through the Ontario Media Development Corporation (OMDC) to support the creation of nGen (Niagara Interactive Media Generator), the region is positioning itself as an industry leader in interactive digital media development in Ontario and the world.

nGen will build upon an already existing vibrant interactive media sector in Niagara, which includes Silicon Knights, Ontario's largest video game developer.

The project will create a hub and foster synergies between creative and enabler enterprises, local arts and culture industries in the region, as well as the educational programs, research and development expertise, and infrastructure at Brock University and Niagara College.

Other partners advancing this initiative include Interactive Ontario, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the City of St. Catharines, the Niagara Economic Development Agency and the Niagara Enterprise Agency.

"By encouraging collaboration across a variety of sectors that may not have worked together before, we can help develop new businesses and keep jobs in Ontario," says Karen Thorne-Stone, President and CEO of OMDC, adding that the entertainment and creative cluster will be a key driver of Ontario's economy over the next 10 to 20 years — outstripping growth in many traditional industries.

"The development of new interactive media technologies through nGen, in partnership with local success story Silicon Knights and our two post-secondary institutions, will help ensure the Niagara region continues to stay on the forefront of the digital media industry," says St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley.

"Building on the success of the Interactive Arts and Science program in the Faculty of Humanities at Brock, we envisioned the development of an enterprise that would

support the future potential of our students as leaders, creators and designers in the growing area of interactive digital media, a new pillar of a sustainable diversified economy in Niagara and Ontario," says Jack N. Lightstone, President, Brock University. "This vision, combined with the enthusiastic support of our partners in government and the region, is now one step closer to realization as a result of the creation of nGen."

"As we look toward the future, I'm confident nGen will play an important role in building the interactive media sector so it can become a cornerstone in our new

local economy," says St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan. "As a catalyst for skilled creative jobs, nGen will encourage young university and college graduates to make St. Catharines their home, which is critical to the long-term prosperity

of our city."

nGen is the result of a feasibility study exploring mechanisms to support a new media cluster in Niagara. The study was carried out during the summer of 2007 by Millier, Dickinson, Blais Consultants and funded by the OMDC and all partners involved with the project.

The results of the study demonstrated the strong potential for an interactive media generator as a focal point and anchor for the digital media sector and cluster development efforts in the Niagara Region.

The study identified the following key components of the industry already present in Niagara:

- creators of new media content and tools;
- enabling services and businesses;
- creative institutions such as Brock University and Niagara College that offer programs in interactive media and arts;
- technical institutions such as Brock University and Niagara College that offer programs in computer programming and software development; and
- an existing cultural community related to arts, music, theatre and film.

A significant feature of nGen is the



niagara interactive media generator

New ITS executive director sought

Luddites need not apply.

Brock University is seeking an Executive Director, Information Technology Services (ITS), so if technological progress or change makes you break out in a cold sweat, you'd best skip to the next job ad.

The new Executive Director of ITS will be a key member of the senior administrative team and is responsible for designing, planning, co-ordinating, implementing and administering campus-wide information services, resources and technology.

Jim Kerr, who sits on the search committee for the ITS executive director, appreciates the enormity of keeping on top of rapidly evolving information technology and applying it to an expanding university community and campus. He's been Acting Director of Brock's ITS Department for about a year, coming out of his "retirement" that began in August 2006. Prior to that, he was the IT leader and a professor in the Faculty of Education.

Kerr said it is hoped that candidate interviews will begin in March and that a new executive director will be in place by July 1.

A self-professed lover of tech toys (he owns a BlackBerry, laptop, GPS, PDA and Wii), Kerr says the job is one "where the grass doesn't grow under your feet." Two weeks ago, he and his department were trying to put out a fire in the form of a slowdown in WebCT. There is a wide range of

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Change in leadership at CCOVI

Isabelle Lesschaeve recently stepped down from her position as Director of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) at Brock University in order to more fully pursue her roles in teaching and research at the University.

This change took effect Jan. 11. Lesschaeve will continue to teach in the Oenology and Viticulture (OEVI) program, train students, and engage actively in CCOVI research and provide service to CCOVI. I thank Isabelle for the hard work and guidance she offered as Director of CCOVI over the past four years. A decision about CCOVI governance will be made following recommendations of an ad hoc committee headed by David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences. Until such recommendations are made, CCOVI will report directly to the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

Joffre Mercier
Acting Dean of the Faculty of
Mathematics and Science

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New lecture series hosted by local gaming company

The Interactive Arts and Sciences (IASC) Program is pleased to announce the launch of a new lecture series hosted by local gaming company Silicon Knights for the Winter semester 2008. During the semester, IASC will be hosting a series of talks at Silicon Knights Inc., One St. Paul St., in downtown St. Catharines. All talks are free and open to the University community. Scott Henderson, Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film, made the initial presentation on Monday, Jan. 21.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Dale Bradley, Department of Communications, Pop Culture and Film will present "What Would Robocop Do?: Love, Hate, and the Happy Cyborg."

For further information contact: Christine Coughlin, Administrative Assistant, IASC, at ext. 5363 or Barry Grant, at ext. 3215.

"High School Musical" comes to Brock

Brock Musical Theatre is proud to present The Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical "High School Musical" on stage at the David S. Howes Theatre, Brock University on Feb. 1, 2 and 3.

The musical is a story of two high school juniors - Troy Bolton, the popular captain of the basketball team and Gabriella Montez, the brainy and beautiful member of the academic club. Together, they break all the rules of East High's student cliques when they secretly audition for the leads in the school's musical.

Brian Waters is directing the production. Proceeds from this event will go to the Mike Heron Holmes Scholarship Fund established by Brock Musical Theatre in memory of a student from the Department of Dramatic Arts, who passed away in 2005.

"High School Musical" will be on stage at the David S. Howes theatre on Friday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257. Ticket prices: adults \$15, students/seniors/children \$10.

Brock and TD Canada Trust partner on mentorship program

On Jan. 16, representatives from Brock University and TD Canada Trust, as well as four student participants, were on hand at the St. Catharines Club to launch the TD Canada Trust Corporate Mentorship Program.

With an aim to build upon their mutual corporate relationship, Brock University and TD Canada Trust developed this program to help Brock students explore career opportunities in the retail banking and financial services industries.

Student participants will acquire valuable business knowledge through their TD Canada Trust mentors and experience the services and culture of the company's local retail banking operations through part-time employment.

"Mentoring is such an important part of the career experience," says Amy Elder, Director, Career Services, Brock University. "Collaborative mentorship programs such as this provide real value-added educational opportunities for students by giving them a head start in their careers."

This experiential learning opportunity will be of interest to second- and third-year Brock students enrolled in business administration, accounting, economics and communications studies.

Proposal deadline nears for research event

The deadline to submit proposals for presentations and posters at a leading research event at Brock is fast approaching.

Brock graduate students and faculty wishing to participate in the third-annual Mapping the New Knowledges conference, which will be held Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at Pond Inlet and the Plaza Building, must submit their proposals by Friday, Feb. 1 at 12 noon.

Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies, said the conference, which is open to the public, is a tremendous opportunity to showcase and celebrate Brock's research initiatives and to familiarize graduate students with a professional process by which knowledge is disseminated. It is extremely unusual, she said, for a university to organize a university-wide graduate research conference.

Proposals are invited from currently registered Brock graduate students (master's and doctoral) and faculty. Presentations and posters may reflect work in progress where "final" results have not yet been attained.

Kicking off the April 4 session will be a Scientifique Café at Pond Inlet. The panel of experts will focus on child health and obesity. Research posters by graduate students will also be displayed.

At last year's conference, 95 presentations — 53 oral and 42 poster — explored areas as diverse as active living and public leisure services, the social implications of Alfred Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*, children's illustrated Bibles, workplace bullies, female risk-taking behaviours, new approaches in mortuary archaeology in the Bronze Age, a transdisciplinary approach to understanding dominant autism discourses, and the impact of childhood obesity on bone strength.

The cross-disciplinary event features research from all six of the University's academic Faculties: Applied Health Sciences, Business, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social Sciences.

To submit a proposal online, please go to: www.brocku.ca/gradstudies/ and click on "graduate conference".

International Development Week comes to Brock

Held annually during the first full week of February, International Development Week (IDW) highlights and illustrates the work of Canada's development community. IDW provides a great opportunity for Canadians to increase their awareness of the role many Canadians play in international development, learn more about living in developing countries, and find out how they can become global citizens actively involved in international development.

The Office of International Services and Brock International will organize events and activities across campus during the week, including:

Monday, Feb. 4

Salud Escolar Integral: Teaching Non-violence in El Salvador

John Corlett (Dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences) and James Mandigo (Co-Director, Centre for Healthy Development)

12 noon to 1 p.m.

Location: *International Lounge*

(DeCew Residence, R208)

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Stories of South Africa: Embracing Diversity

Amy Fish, MEd candidate

12 noon to 1 p.m.

Location: *International Lounge*

(DeCew Residence, R208)

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Brock's WUSC Refugee Sponsorship Program

11 a.m. to 12 noon

Location: *Alphie's Trough*

Everyone Welcome

Thursday, Feb. 7

St. Petersburg and Moscow as the Capitals of the Russian Empire

Visiting Scholar, Dr. Alexander Shevryev

12 noon to 1 p.m.

Location: *International Lounge*

(DeCew Residence, R208)

For a full listing of events, please visit www.brocku.ca/international or refer to an IDW poster.

Teaching awards open for nominations

One of the mandates of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies is to work closely with nominators and nominees in developing the documentation required for internal teaching awards.

To learn more about a Brock Teaching Award, or if you would like guidance in nominating a colleague, please contact CTLET at ext. 3933. Some of the upcoming awards include:

• **Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching**
One award in each of the six Faculties to be presented annually at Spring Convocation.

Deadline: Friday, Feb. 15, 2008 (or as communicated by each Faculty)

For information go to:

www.brocku.ca/ctlet/facAwardRecip.php

• **TA Awards**

Three TA awards are available.

Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2008

For details go to:

www.brocku.ca/ctl/TA_Awards.php

• **Brock Chancellor's Chair for Teaching Excellence**

Chair-holders are individuals who have demonstrated exceptional promise of outstanding contributions to post-secondary teaching, learning, and/or educational technology and/or have established an exemplary record of achievement.

Deadline: Monday, March 31, 2008

For information go to

www.brocku.ca/ctlet/cc.php

• **Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching**

Deadline: April 30, 2008

For details go to:

www.brocku.ca/ctl/pdf/Dist_Teaching_Award_Guideli1.pdf

New media incubator...

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development of a series of content-driven interactive media projects to bring public, private and not-for-profit players together in an environment of collaboration and creation.

"The nGen initiative demonstrates the power of partnership to bring about change and open up new economic opportunities for Niagara and Ontario," says Patrick Gedge, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Economic Development Corporation. "The growth of the future economy of Niagara will be accelerated as a result of new knowledge-based clusters being developed that will enhance our international competitiveness and reputation as an innovative, creative community."

nGen plans to provide a space in downtown St. Catharines in early 2008 where multiple players within the emerging Niagara interactive media cluster can work together on new initiatives. Once established, nGen will endeavor to:

- strengthen the linkages between key players in the cluster;
- deepen the relationships between established and emerging creators;
- open opportunities for new venture creation and cultural entrepreneurship; and
- Connect key area support structures and programs — both existing and envisioned — to specialized resources in a manner that improves success rates among interactive media startups.

nGen has also launched a search for a Director who will be responsible for implementing the current strategic plan and establishing it as a sustainable enterprise.

New IT executive...

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responsibilities with the job, including budget, updating software and computer labs, dealing with personnel issues, maintaining the telephone system and making sure that hardware and networking are in good working order. Not to mention constant committee meetings.

"This is an absolutely huge portfolio," said Kerr. "Everybody in this University is very dependent on technology. Not only do students, faculty and staff depend on it, but so do areas like the Centre for the Arts, recreation services, children's camps, parking, alumni, donor development, the Registrar, Finance, the Library and others."

"If something doesn't work, we're the first to hear about it," he added. "The people in ITS are skilled, creative and completely dedicated and they voluntarily give up their own time outside of office hours if there is a glitch or breakdown."

ITS personnel have an open-door policy and also work closely with faculty to attempt to accommodate information technology requests. These requests include researching and sourcing hardware and software, setting up and maintaining research labs, and working with individuals to solve the many challenges that arise with rapidly evolving technology.

From an ITS standpoint, he said, security is a key priority and a balancing act. "When we tighten security at one end, it may impact negatively on someone at the other end whose access is suddenly restricted. We have to be sensitive to that."

Disaster recovery planning and emergency response are also important aspects of the job. To keep the community abreast of current issues and developments, all options for communications must be considered — one method of communication does not fit all cases, said Kerr.

Joining Kerr on the search committee are chair Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic and Provost; Professor Jon Radue, Computer Science; Nota Klentrou, Chair, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology; James Heap, Dean, Faculty of Education; Barb Davis, Registrar; Pauline McCormack, Executive Director, Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety; and Joanne McKee, Executive Director, Financial and Administrative Services.

The Toronto branch of Ray & Berndtson, an executive search firm, has been hired to assist in the process.

Events

Athletics:

Tickets available at the door for all games. Adults \$7, students and seniors \$4.

Women's Basketball: Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 vs. Lakehead at 6 p.m. (both nights); Wednesday, Feb. 13 vs. Western at 6 p.m. Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Men's Basketball: Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 vs. Lakehead at 8 p.m. (both nights); Wednesday, Feb. 13 vs. Western at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 20 vs. McMaster at 7:30 p.m. Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Women's Hockey: Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Waterloo; Sunday, Feb. 3 vs. Laurier. Both games at 3 p.m. at the Seymour-Hannah Centre.

Men's Hockey: Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Guelph at 7:30 p.m. at the Seymour-Hannah Centre.

Men's Squash: Host of the OUA Championships - Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9, at 9 a.m.

Women Volleyball: Friday, Feb. 1 vs. Ottawa; Saturday, Feb. 9 vs. Guelph; and Sunday, Feb. 10 vs. McMaster. All games at 2 p.m. at the Bob Davis Gymnasium.

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- Friday, Feb. 8, Bryan Neff, University of Western Ontario. "Alternative mating tactics and mating system evolution in bluegill." Host: Miriam Richards.
- Friday, Feb. 15, Harry Peery, Department of Biological Sciences. "Neuroprotective drugs in Alzheimer's Disease." Host: Gary Pickering.

Canadian Federation of University Women: Niagara Regional Police Chief, Wendy Southall, will be guest speaker at the joint meeting of CFUW-St. Catharines and CFUW-Niagara Falls. Chief Southall will speak about "Awareness of Problems in the Community." The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., in the La Marsh Room of the Niagara Falls Public Library. For more information, call 905-935-5674.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: Dramatic Arts main-stage production of Caryl Churchill's *The Skriker* on stage on Feb. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Purchase tickets through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257.

Department of Music: ENCORE! Professional Concert Series presents *Jane Bunnett & The Spirits of Havana*, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Winner of the 2006 JUNO award for Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year for Radio Guantánamo. Tickets available through the Box Office, ext. 3257. Co-sponsored with Centre for the Arts Box Office.

Music@Noon: The Department of Music presents a recital featuring performance students on Tuesday, Feb. 5; and a Viola d'amour, a faculty recital featuring George Cleland, violin; Andree Simard, viola; and Erika Reiman, piano. Concordia Seminary Chapel on Brock's campus, 12 noon, admission is free, all are welcome.

Visual Arts Exhibits: Alex Watts: The Optical Art of Anaglyph Images - 3D Drawings. Exhibit runs until Feb. 2 at The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre (Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Rodman Hall Arts Centre: Thom Lepp Family Album. Exhibit runs until Mar. 16; Artist talk: Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007/2008 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

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MARCH 2008

RyanDan (HOT TICKET ADDED EVENT), March 1; *The Mayhem Poets*, March 5; *Lesley Gore - It's Still Her Party!*, March 6; *Women of the World* with Kiran Ahluwalia, Ndidi Onukwulu and Tanya Tagaq (International Women's Day), March 8; *John Sherwood - Toronto's Jazz Scene* featuring Guido Basso and Carol McCartney, March 14; *Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans* with Danny Michel, March 15; *Al Stewart with special guest Dave Nachmanoff*, March 20; *Beatles Baroque* by Les Boréades, March 28; *boygroove - Boy band lovers and haters unite!*, March 29.

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People in the news

Dennis Soron, Assistant Professor, Sociology, wrote a cover story for the Jan. 3-9 issue of *Pulse Niagara*, entitled "Cycling Woes", about the City of St. Catharines' bicycle transportation strategy.

Elsbeth Cameron, Professor of Canadian Studies and English Language and Literature, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 8 feature article, "Other people's lives", about the recent publication of her joint-biography of pioneering Canadian sculptresses Frances Loring and Florence Wyle, entitled *And Beauty Answers*.

Louis Volante, Assistant Professor in the Pre-Service Department, Faculty of Education, was interviewed by CBC about common assessments in Prince Edward Island. Excerpts from the interview were broadcast by CBC radio on Jan. 8 and reprinted on its website on Jan. 9, "Schools vary widely in test results".

Natalie Alvarez, Assistant Professor, Dramatic Arts was interviewed by 91.7 Giant FM on Jan 8 about the Madness Manifest Symposium held at Brock University on Jan. 14.

Alvarez also served as story editor and writer for a four-part documentary series for Global television, which premiered Jan. 3 and ran every Thursday evening until Jan. 24. The documentary, entitled *The Limelighters*, followed senior residents of Toronto's Performing Arts Lodge, an apartment building exclusively for artists and members of the performing arts industry. Part of the first episode took place on Brock University's campus, and featured students from the Department of Dramatic Arts performing scenes with veteran stage actor Ken Wickes.

Alvarez was also interviewed on CBC radio's Metro Morning program at the end of September 2007 about Darren O' Donnell's "Slow Dance with Teacher" performance piece at Toronto's Nuit Blanche art event.

Kathryn Belicki, Professor and Chair, Psychology, was interviewed about the "post-holiday blues" on AM 610 CKTB's

"Niagara at Noon" program on Jan. 9.

Don Cyr, Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, Faculty of Business, was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* for a Jan. 9 story - "Betting on the weather? How Canadian" - about a research paper published in the *Journal of Wine Economics*, "Canadian Ice Wine Production: A Case for the use of Weather Derivatives", which he co-authored with Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business.

Cyr was also interviewed about the study on CHTV's "Niagara Express" program, which aired over the weekend of Jan. 18 to 20.

Yvonne Marinis, Assistant Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 12 story on crime statistics, police work and crime. The article, entitled "Crime declines, but police work on the rise", was also reprinted in the Jan. 14 issues of the *Niagara Falls Review* and *Welland Tribune*.

Vincenzo DeLuca, Professor of Biological Sciences and Canada Research Chair in Plant Biotechnology, was interviewed by the *Simcoe Reformer* for a Jan. 11 story about research he is conducting on tobacco. In the article, "A tobacco crop that fights cancer?", DeLuca notes that in the future it will be possible to grow a genetically engineered version of the plant that produces chemicals used in a range of medicines, including cancer-fighting chemotherapy treatments. The article was also reprinted in the *Brantford Expositor*, "Professor pushes tobacco in fight against disease".

David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, was interviewed by the *Kingston Whig-Standard* for a Jan. 12 story about amalgamation in the City of Kingston, "A decade later, city still has no official plan".

Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 18 story about a proposed music festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, "Proposed NOTL music festival could present educational opportunities".

New perspectives on managing safety

Supervisors (including faculty), Directors, Chairs and Deans are invited to attend "New Perspectives on Managing Safety" on Friday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year's conference features guest speakers knowledgeable on the current safety issues faced by organizations across the province plus the opportunity to connect with peers. In today's climate of heightened awareness surrounding workplace violence, university and college campuses are frequently the focus. While preparation to

respond to violent incidents is crucial, it is equally important to consider strategies to prevent, recognize, evaluate and mitigate these incidents. A closing legal update that addresses the many other safety and compliance issues facing complex institutions such as ours will be of value to all.

For details on the discussion topics and to register, please visit: www.brocku.ca/oehs Hosted by Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety.

Brock Briefs

Faculty of Education launches new website

The Faculty of Education is pleased to announce the recent launch of a new website representing the Live Life Learning branding process that the FOE has recently completed. All are welcome to view the new site at www.brocku.ca/fed

A special thank you

On behalf of the department of Community Services, thank you to everyone who donated mittens, toques and scarves on the Mitten Tree and for the non-perishable food items that all went to Community Care. With your assistance, Brock was able to donate

149 pounds of food and two large bags of mittens, hats and toques to warm the hearts of those in need.

Community Care helped more than 2,800 families (approx. 7,000 people) over Christmas and 1,500 families (approx. 3,750 people), during the month of December, providing them with emergency food, clothing and shelter in December.

Thank you for recognizing the importance and value we place on our community.

Marie Reimer
Conference & Event Services

New interactive tool available

BRIDGIT, a Web 2.0 application resulting from Brock collaboration with SmartTechnologies, is available

for all faculty and staff members at Brock University. BRIDGIT is utilized for remote collaboration by Brock employees with colleagues across campus or around the world. Advantages of the BRIDGIT system include reducing time, stress and costs associated with travel for face to face meetings.

More information is available at: http://citg.brocku.ca/bridgit_system

MEd thesis defences

Master of Education student Cindy Cosentino will present her thesis defence, entitled "The Impact of Integrated Programming on Student Attitude and Achievement in Grade 9 Academic Mathematics and Science" on Monday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Rodney Doran, State University of New York

at Buffalo; Thesis Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Ann-Marie DiBiase and Erica van Roosmalen; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Master of Education student Sylvia Ieraci will present her thesis defence, entitled "Improving the Oral Health Status of Functionally Independent and Dependent Seniors Residing in Long-Term Care Facilities Through Dental Hygiene Education" on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Sharon Kaasalainen, McMaster University, School of Nursing; Thesis Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Jeanne Kentel and Chunlei Lu; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Faculty and Staff

CLASSICS

Fanny Dolansky recently delivered a paper titled "Femineae Kalendae? Reconsidering the Matronalia and 'women's rites'" at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association in Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth S. Greene and Justin Leidwanger (University of Pennsylvania) organized a workshop session, "Archaeology in Deep Water: Ethical and Legal Questions," at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Chicago, Ill. on Jan. 6.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Jeannette Sloniowski has been appointed to the 2007 Adjudication Committee for the Best First Canadian Detective Novel of the year by the Crime Writers of Canada.

ECONOMICS

Marilyn Cottrell presented "A Complementary Technique for Reinforcing Basic Microeconomic Principles by Using Animated Vignettes" in an American Economic Association poster session at the Allied Social Science Associations annual meetings, New Orleans, La., on Jan. 5.

At the same meetings, **Robert Dimand** presented "Louis Bachelier's 1938 Volume on the Calculus of Speculation: Efficient Markets and Mathematical Finance in Bachelier's Later Work" (joint with **Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh**) to a joint session of the American Finance Association and the History of Economics Society, and "Galbraith's Heterodox Teacher: Leo Rogin's Historical Approach to the Meaning and Validity of Economic Theory" (joint with **Robert Koehn**) to an Association for Evolutionary Economics session.

HISTORY

R. Andrew McDonald presented a public lecture on "Manx Kingship in its Irish Sea Setting" at the Manx Museum in Douglas, Isle of Man, on Dec. 14, at the Manx launch for his new book on the same topic.

MATHEMATICS

Stephen Anco presented at talk entitled "Symmetry analysis of nonlinear wave equations in n>1 dimensions" in a session on Nonlinear Wave Equations and Applications held at the Winter Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society in London, Ont., in December 2007.

PHILOSOPHY

Christine Daigle presented the paper "Beauvoir philosophe: pour une phénoménologie de l'ambiguïté" at the International Colloquium of Paris, "Centenaire de la naissance de Simone de Beauvoir, 1908-2008", under the direction of Julia Kristeva, Université Paris Diderot - Paris VII, Paris (France), held Jan. 10.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Louis Volante conducted multiple workshops entitled "Balancing assessment OF, FOR, and AS learning to improve student learning and achievement," at the Ministry of Education Provincial Assessment and Evaluation Symposium, held in Toronto, Ont. in January 2008.

Douglas Karrow and **Xavier Fazio** received a BUA grant for \$3,600 to advance a NatureWatch pilot project initiated last year. The second iteration examines implementation of NatureWatch within an elementary school as a way to engage children with nature and expand their scientific and ecological literacies. Teachers' perceptions of data validity is the focus of this stage of the research. The study involves: Environment Canada/Nature Canada, a southern Ontario elementary school, Brock University and an expert scientist from a post-secondary institution.

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer delivered an invited presentation entitled "How Technology can Drive Inquiry: Web 2.0 and Its Applications" at the 30th Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, Jan. 3 to 6.

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For rent: Three-bedroom, two-bathroom sabbatical house available from May to December 2008. Located in lovely heritage district of St Catharines. Call Maureen at 905-685-7462 for more information.

For sale: Two sofas (excellent condition, \$50 each); KitchenAid built-in dishwasher and four-burner (coils) electric cooktop – both in excellent working condition (\$100 and \$75 respectively). Please call 905-468-4578 for more information.

For rent: Four-bedroom, three-bath home with private pool and hot tub, six kilometres from Disney World. Golf nearby, beaches 40 minutes away. For more information, call Leo at 905-318-6583; e-mail: contact@disneyvacationhome.ca

Course offers opportunity to study in Cuba

Brock students have the unique opportunity to spend two weeks (May 4 to 18) in residence at the University of Havana, Cuba and earn a half-credit from the Faculty of Education. EDUC 4P36/5P96 - Global Education International Field Experience, is open to all Brock University students.

The experience features:

- Local speakers and excursions on Cuban history, culture, education, race and gender issues, and social justice.
- Daily classes and the opportunity for collaborative and individual writing and reflection on the experience.

- An opportunity to sign up for optional one day tours (at additional cost) according to personal preferences and free time in Havana.

- Small class size – maximum of 20 participants

Items to note:

Cost: The flight and associated activities in Cuba costs \$1,750. Tuition is paid separately. The required textbook and personal expenses incurred in Cuba are the responsibility of each participant. \$1,000 due with application, \$750 due Thursday, March 20. Application deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 4. A valid passport is required.

For additional information and course outline, see the Cuba 2008 website: www.ed.brocku.ca/cuba2008, or contact Michael O'Sullivan, Assistant Professor, Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Education at ext. 5345; e-mail: mosullivan@brocku.ca

BrockNews

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Conley, Mitterer among TVO's Best Lecturer finalists

Conviction, clarity, energy and authority. These are the lecture traits that have earned two Brock professors a spot in the race for TVO's Big Ideas 2008 Best Lecturer.

Announced Feb. 4 by TVO, the 10 finalists include Tim Conley, from the Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, from the Department of Psychology. From English and psychology to architecture and the culinary arts, the professors represent a range of disciplines, but have all distinguished themselves for their ability to present their topics in a commanding, enthusiastic way.



Tim Conley

The finalists were chosen by a panel of independent judges - former teacher, school principal and politician Zanana Akande; author, poet and award-winning journalist Barry Callaghan; and actor/writer/producer Tony Nardi - who reviewed video submissions of lectures.



John Mitterer

"Some are flamboyant; others are solid. All embody intellectual passion in action," says Big Ideas producer Wodek Szemberg. "The 10 finalists have been endorsed by their students and passed muster with an unusually demanding jury."

"The broadcast of their lectures will allow viewers to experience the best that higher education in Ontario has to offer, and then to cast their vote for their favourite professor. It's a month-long course in humanities and social sciences without any registration or exam - just for the sheer love of knowledge."

The 10 finalists will deliver complete lectures on Big Ideas Saturdays and Sundays during five weeks beginning March 1, between 4 and 6 p.m.

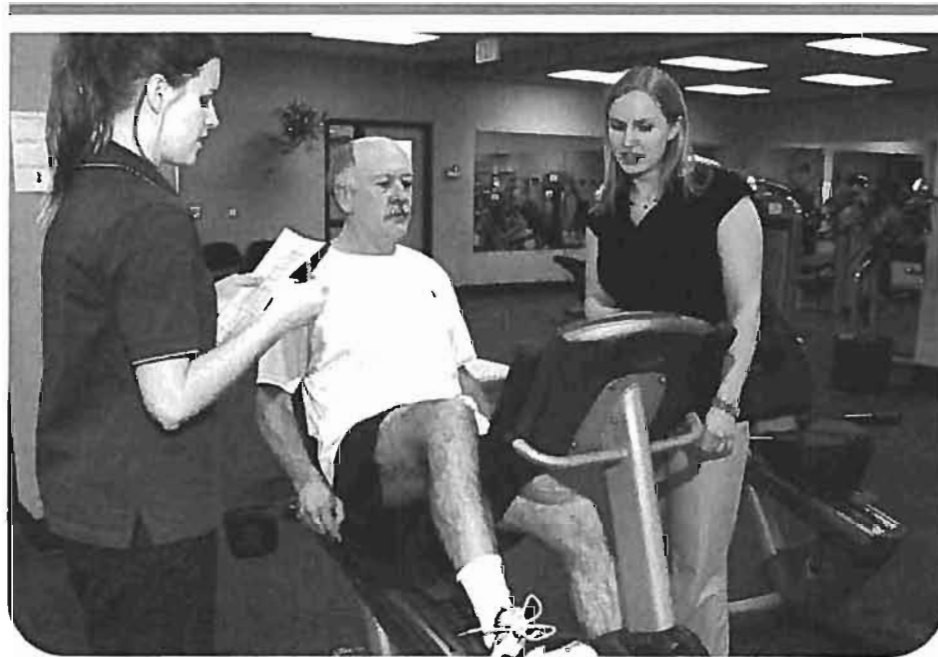
The viewers then have a chance to grade the professors online at tvo.org or by phone at 1-866-281-3536, and ultimately decide who will be Ontario's next Best Lecturer.

Conley's lecture on "Co-ordinating the Self in Contemporary Poetry" airs March 1, and will be repeated March 2, while Mitterer's lecture on "Truth and Humility in Professional Practice" airs March 8, and will be repeated March 9.

The winner's institution will receive a \$10,000 TD Meloche Monnex scholarship, while one viewer will win a 55" plasma television and home theatre system.

TVO's Big Ideas televised lecture series is in its third year.

For the full broadcast schedule of the lectures, or for more information such as contestant bios, video clips of lectures, student quotes and full contest details, visit tvo.org.



The Brock University Heart Institute has been busy raising the profile of its facility and programs as part of Heart and Stroke awareness for the month of February. The facility, located at 130 Lockhart Dr. at the base of the Niagara Escarpment, offers improved cardiovascular health and/or cardiac rehabilitation for individuals who have been diagnosed with or who are at risk for heart disease. Clients must have a physician's referral to enrol in the program. For more information or to tour the facility, contact Carma Lynn Wylie, manager, at ext. 5585, or by e-mail at cwyllie@brocku.ca. Pictured are, from left, Chelsea Pretty, Brock student volunteer; Bruce Wormald, Brock University Heart Institute member, and member of the Board of Trustees; and Carma Lynn Wylie, Heart Institute manager.

Brock works to close the Aboriginal education gap

John Hodson believes Brock University could play a significant role in "reducing the number of body bags" containing young Aboriginal people in Canada.

Hodson, Research Officer, Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education in the Faculty of Education, said appropriate and culturally sensitive teaching of young Aboriginal students by Aboriginal teachers could allow for learning and healing in a community whose population is exploding, according to recently released Statistics Canada census figures.

Results from the 2006 census indicate that the population of Aboriginals - defined as North American Indian, Métis or Inuit - increased 45 per cent over a decade and cracked the one-million mark for the first time since records have been kept. This compares to an eight per cent growth in the non-Aboriginal population in the same 10-year period.

Brock, Hodson says, is a cutting-edge leader in developing programs to attract and train Aboriginal teachers. In the University's Master of Education program, he said, 10 of the 110 candidates who enrolled in September 2006 identified as Aboriginal, double the national average. Only six per cent of Aboriginal people have university degrees, compared to 18 per cent of the non-Aboriginal population.

Despite the growth in population, Hodson said an ever-increasing number of students ages 15 to 24 are dropping out of school. There is a significant gap between the educational attainment of Aboriginal

and non-Aboriginal students, he said, and there are also more Aboriginal students discontinuing their academic studies in elementary school.

"With under-schooled students come associated problems like welfare dependence and substance abuse," said Hodson. "So the question becomes, do we invest now in appropriate education for Aboriginal students, or do we pay later with full jails and body bags in our morgues? This is a social justice issue in Ontario, the richest province in one of the richest countries of the world."

Michael Manley-Casimir, Director of the Tecumseh Centre, said that "until we get serious about Aboriginal education in this country, students will continue to drop out of high school and fail to meet the academic requirements to enter university. The gap in educational attainment will continue to grow."

Hodson said studies indicate that a "self-continuity connection" to the Aboriginal cultural community improves self-image. Aboriginal students, he said, need to see their lives represented in their curriculum and by their teachers.

The Brock Faculty of Education has recognized this need, and in November 2007, the University partnered with the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council (NNEC) in Sioux Lookout to create a Bachelor of Education Program. Emphasizing a "two-worlds" approach, 23 registered Aboriginal teacher candidates from 24 communities in the Sioux Lookout District will

Infrastructure projects get boost with campus renewal funds

Several infrastructure projects involving safety, campus security and maintenance at Brock have received a \$4.5-million boost thanks to an investment by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

The funding announcement was made Jan. 29 as part of the 2007-08 Campus Renewal Program, a provincewide initiative that will invest \$200 million in campus renewal projects at all of Ontario's publicly funded colleges and universities.

"As Niagara, along with the rest of the province, works to diversify its economy in a competitive global environment, post-secondary institutions will be increasingly seen as key elements of Ontario's economic infrastructure," said Jack Lightstone, President, Brock University. "This funding will support quality infrastructure improvements at the University, which will, in turn, improve the quality of education we provide to our students."

Lightstone also said the investment illustrates the leadership by Minister John Milloy and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty in positioning Ontario as a leader in post-secondary education.

Under the same announcement, made from George Brown College in Toronto, Niagara College received \$2.3 million.

The funding will be used by Brock for infrastructure renewal, campus security and safety initiatives and deferred maintenance projects at the University. A recent report from Ontario's auditor general noted universities are in need of \$1.6 billion to repair aging facilities across the province.

Newsletter editor joins staff

Carolyn Mullin has joined the staff of the Office of University Communications as the new editor for Brock News. Mullin, who has an Honours BA in English from Brock and a journalism diploma from Niagara College, is an award-winning journalist with more than 15 years' experience as a newspaper reporter and editor, a magazine editor and a freelance writer. Most recently, the Niagara resident has been working as an editor for the St. Catharines Standard and for CanWest Editorial Services in Hamilton, where she has assisted in producing electronic publications for markets across the country.

Mullin will be assuming/assisting some of the duties of Communications Officer Kevin Grout as he now moves into a role concentrating on marketing and communications planning with various departments and faculties across the University.

Submissions for Brock News should still be sent to campusnews@brocku.ca; Carolyn Mullin can be reached directly at cmullin2@brocku.ca

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Faculty of Business receives \$25,000 donation from BDO Dunwoody LLP

A strong community partnership between the Brock University Faculty of Business and a local accounting firm has resulted in a substantial gift to the department.

BDO Dunwoody LLP recently donated \$25,000 to the Business department as part of the company's ongoing commitment to giving back to the community, and reflects the long-standing relationship Brock and BDO have had through the Faculty's Co-op Accounting program.

"Many of our students have spent their co-op work terms with BDO and have gone on to become valuable full-time members of the BDO team after graduation, said Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business. "In view of this long-standing relationship, we are pleased to receive this donation."

"Many of our professionals are Brock alumni, and we hold the school in very high regard," said BDO Dunwoody CEO Gilles Chaput. "As such, we welcome this opportunity to help foster the development of Brock accounting students and maintain our relationship with such a valuable institution."

The donation will be used to assist the Faculty as it elevates its programs and will result in the naming of a meeting room within the Business building.

Collaborative programs flourish in the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences recently celebrated the development of several collaborative programs between its department and various colleges across Ontario. Under most of the programs, students study at Brock for their first two years, attend an accelerated program at a college in their third year, and then complete their studies back at Brock for the fourth year. Successful students graduate with a four-year degree as well as a college diploma or certificate.

Programs have been developed for Child and Youth Studies, Communications Studies, Distinct and Diverse Communities, Economics, Labour Studies, Political Science, Popular Culture, Psychology, and Women's Studies.

The programs were developed as a response to student needs, in that they provide both a strong theoretical base in the university setting, along with the applied, practical knowledge developed in the college setting.

For more information of the programs, go to www.brocku.ca/fss/collaborative.php

Health and safety training offered

Human Resources offers the following health and safety training opportunities. Full details and registration information are available on the web at www.brocku.ca/hr/training/

• Standard First Aid/CPR Training, facilitated by Lifesaving Society Trainer

Wednesday, Feb. 20 and Thursday, Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., MC G310

This CPR program is designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. The Standard First Aid/CPR course covers a variety of topics from basic (such as cardiovascular and breathing emergencies, CPR, prevention of disease transmission) to in-depth topics, such as sudden medical conditions and injuries to the head and spine.

• Smart Work Design Workshop, facilitated by Norm Westbury, Worker's Health and Safety Centre Trainer

Thursday, Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alumni Lounge

You will learn how to identify typical work design hazards and examine their effects on health, as well as implement work practice strategies to enhance comfort and reduce the risk of injury.

• Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training, facilitated by Lifesaving Society Trainer

Friday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ian Beddis Gym

This training will familiarize individuals with the AED units (several of which are located throughout the campus) and assist in

responding to emergencies.

Individuals must have taken the Standard First Aid/CPR course prior to attending this training.

• Mental Health Works – Managers/Supervisors Session, facilitated by the Canadian Mental Health Association

Tuesday, Feb. 26 (location tbd) or Tuesday, March 11 (Pond Inlet), 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A full-day workshop designed specifically for managers. Learn to effectively discuss mental health issues with employees, resolve conflicts, separate performance issues from health issues and create accommodation strategies.

• Mental Health Works – Employee Session, facilitated by The Canadian Mental Health Association

Tuesday, April 15 or Tuesday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, The Pond Inlet

Mental health issues affect everyone within the organization, making it important to increase awareness throughout the workplace. Open to all employees. Learn how to understand and identify mental health issues in the workplace.

If you are interested in becoming a Fire Safety Warden, send an e-mail to oehs@brocku.ca. Training opportunities are being planned and details will follow.

Dramatic Arts ready to stage *The Skriker*



The Skriker, being staged by the Department of Dramatic Arts Feb. 14 to 16 at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, features Denise Christoff as the Skriker (on ground); Shannon Howes as Lily (left), and Gillian Fournier as Josie.

Billed as a visionary exploration of contemporary life, *The Skriker* takes the stage this week as the main production of the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts.

The play, combining English folk tales with modern urban life, will be staged at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre Feb. 14 to 16. *Skriker*, a shapeshifter and death portent, ancient and damaged, can travel through time and space. Infuriated by environmental degradation, she uses her abilities to bring two women on a terrifying whirlwind journey backwards and forwards in time, and to different places on the increasingly polluted earth.

British playwright Caryl Churchill frames the story of the play in a plot reminiscent of a fairy tale, with insightful political perspective and experimentation with

theatrical forms. In *The Skriker*, the earth's elemental energies and spirits take quasi-human shape in order to show the human characters the effect that all their toxic activities have on the planet, as well as to provide them with a terrifying glimpse of the future.

The Skriker is directed by Professor David Fancy, with set and costume design by Kelly Wolf. The production runs Feb. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 students and seniors, and are available at the Centre for the Arts box office, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

High school students may attend live performing arts through an innovative \$5 ticket program, eyeGo. Visit www.arts.brocku.ca/eyego.php for information. This play contains mature content.

Brock works to close...
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graduate from the NNEC location with a Brock Bachelor of Education degree in five years. The newly minted teachers will then be qualified to teach on reserve or move to urban areas, where the majority of Aboriginals now live.

Locally, the Tecumseh Centre hires a co-op Aboriginal student from Niagara who earns credits toward a high school diploma, and is also encouraging the University to hire Aboriginal faculty members (the goal is six professors over the next three years). School boards have also been asked to offer specialty courses in Aboriginal studies.

Spoken word, play and lectures put focus on Black History Month

The Brock/Niagara African Canadian Renaissance Group (B/NACRG), comprised of members of the African Canadian community and Brock faculty, staff, and students, has organized a series of events in conjunction with Black History Month.

The group will host its first symposium Thursday, Feb. 28. "Telling Our Stories: Blackness, Identities and Institutions" features panels on Narratives of Blackness, Black Student Community Organizing, Anti-Oppression Action, and Constructing Cohesive Communities. A mid-afternoon panel will include spoken word performances by Klyde Broox, D'lishus, and Crown A'Thornz. Alvin Curling, former speaker of Ontario's Legislative Assembly and current co-chair of the Roots of Youth Violence Committee; and Grace-Edward Galabuzi, faculty member in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University, will provide opening and closing addresses.

The morning panels are scheduled in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and afternoon panels will take place in Pond Inlet, from 2 to 5 p.m. Participants are also encouraged to attend a "Lunch-time Rhyme Off" competition at Isaac's from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

There will also be two lectures Feb. 29: Charles Simon-Aaron of King's University College, University of Western Ontario, will speak on "English Colonization in Ireland and Transatlantic Slavery: The Roots of Anti-African Racism in Enlightenment Political Philosophy" in AS 427, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., and Erica Lawson will speak on "Single Mothers, Absentee Fathers and Gun Violence in Toronto: A Feminist Analysis" at the same location from 2 to 4 p.m.

The award-winning OMO Dance Company will round out the events with a March 1 performance of *Diary of an Exile* in the David S. Howes Theatre at 7 p.m. The performance is free, and tickets are available from the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

All these events are free to the public through the generous support of the Humanities Research Institute, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies, the Human Rights and Equity Office, and the Department of Sociology.

For more go to <http://brockniagaraafricangroup.weebly.com/>

Chancellor's Chair lecture focuses on marketing



Bulent Menguc

Bulent Menguc, Department of Marketing, International Business and Strategy, presents a lecture entitled "Conflict, Leadership, and Market Orientation" Monday, Feb. 25 as part of the

Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence. The lecture runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m., with a reception to follow, at Alpha's Café.

Created in 2001, the Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence recognizes high-quality research, scholarly and creative achievement by providing a three-year grant to support an individual's research program.

Building on the Canada Research Chair Program, the Chancellor's Chair Program is a key element in the transition from a primarily undergraduate to a comprehensive, research-intensive institution.

In compliance with the terms of the award, each Chancellor's Chair agrees to present a lecture to the university community. This is one of those lectures.

Student Refugee Sponsorship Program reaches milestone

Brock University celebrated 25 years of involvement in the Student Refugee Sponsorship Program (SRP) Feb. 6 with a special event at Alpha's.

During the reception, the University and its various institutional departments, along with the Brock University Students' Union, reaffirmed and renewed the commitment to SRP for the next 25 years in a formal signing ceremony led by Jack Lightstone, President.

The event was one of many highlighting Brock's recognition of International Development Week, which celebrates the contributions Canadians are making around the world.

Since 1983, Brock's SRP program, which is offered through World University Service of Canada (WUSC), has provided the necessary financial, academic and social support to successfully integrate 25 newcomers to the University community. Brock's local WUSC committee co-hosted the event.

Atrium area reopens for public use

Facilities Management is pleased to announce that the atrium area of the Plaza Building has been reopened for public use. The area had been temporarily closed to allow for remedial construction work to be undertaken on the glass guard and handrail system as a result of the spontaneous breakage of one of the glass guards on the east stair last October.

The remedial work was completed on each component of the system, including all glass panels and the handrails. Each glass panel was individually inspected by specialists, who verified that all remedial operations performed by the contractor were completed in accordance with the design engineer's requirements. We are confident that the area is safe for use and encourage the Brock community to once again make full use of this area.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Scott Walker, OAA, MRAIC
Manager, Campus Planning Design and Construction
Facilities Management

Brock Briefs

Simon Fraser professor offers physics lecture

The Department of Physics will host the Canadian Association of Physicists Undergraduate Lecture Feb. 26, featuring Eldon Emberly from Simon Fraser University on the topic of "How Cells Measure Space and Time."

The lecture takes place in TH 256 at 4 p.m.

MA thesis defence

Master of Arts student Alanna Harman, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence Friday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "The Financial Status of High Performance Athletes: A Case Study of a Charitable Fund for Athletes."

Supervisor: Lucie Thibault; External Examiner: Katherine Babiak, University of Michigan; Committee Members: Lisa Kikulis; Cheri Bradish; Chair: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Nominate an educator for CMHC award

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Excellence in Education Award honours secondary and post-secondary educators who have encouraged students in the development of sustainable communities by integrating sustainable concepts in housing and community development into their curriculum.

To nominate an outstanding educator, go to www.cmhc.ca (keywords: Excellence in Education). The nomination deadline is May 31. CMHC will send a small gift to those who submit a nomination.

Ambassadors earn award for publication

Brock Student Ambassadors (BSA) weren't able to attend the recent CASE/ASAP conference due to bad weather, but they left their mark just the same.

The BSA earned the Outstanding Internal Award Program for the BSA Bugle, a twice-annual publication highlighting the events and achievements of the ambassadors. The award was part of a ceremony Feb. 2 at the conference, held at Nipissing University in North Bay.

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People in the news

David Siegel, Dean, Social Sciences, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Feb. 4 article about the creation of the Niagara Observatory, a Brock facility with 600 faculty poised to answer research issues for the Niagara region. In the article, entitled "Priming Brock's research engine," Siegel noted the first research report, set to be released this spring, will look at how many young people leave the area, and why. Siegel was also interviewed by the *Kingston Whig-Standard* for a Jan. 19 article on the 10-year anniversary of municipal amalgamation in the Kingston area. The article, entitled "Amalgamation had a human cost," makes mention of the book Siegel co-wrote with research partner Thomas Hollick: *Evolution, Revolution, Amalgamation: Restructuring in Three Ontario Municipalities*.

Craig Hyatt, Professor, Department of Sport Management, was interviewed by the *Toronto Star* for a Feb. 2 article entitled "Underdogs vs. overlords," examining the psychological behaviour of sports fan leading up to the Super Bowl. Hyatt noted human beings seem hard-wired to root for the underdog, partly because rooting for the favourite is just too easy, while the underdog path offers a challenge.

Hans Skott-Myhre, Associated Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* regarding his new book for a Feb. 4 article entitled "EQUALS: A Brock professor's new book offers a radical prescription for youth-adult relationships." The book, *Youth and Subculture as Creative Force*, explores how the perspectives of young punks and skinheads have helped Skott-Myhre better understand his role as a youth worker.

Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 29 article regarding the new-media incubator known as nGen. In the article, entitled "The nGen is running," Hale noted the collaborative project, the Niagara Interactive Media Generator (nGen), is aimed at nurturing a new generation of interactive entertainment companies, and includes partners such as Brock, Silicon Knights, Niagara College, city and regional governments, the Niagara Economic Development Corp., and the Niagara Enterprise Agency. The article also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and the

Niagara Falls Review. In an article on the same theme in *Niagara News* Feb. 1, Hale described the nGen potential as a "hot house" for employing co-op students from Brock and Niagara College, while noting the first project will be a War of 1812 education game.

Maureen Connolly, Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article published Jan. 28 about the recent Café Scientifique series with a focus on autistic children. The article, entitled "The Sanctity of Self," explains the reasoning and format of the series, which includes a panel discussion followed by a question and answer period.

John Black, retired Professor, Physics, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for an article published Jan. 25 on the tens of thousands of starlings that descend on an area of north St. Catharines every night during the winter. The article was aptly named "The Birds."

Alun Hughes, Professor, Geography, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article on the amalgamation of three churches in central St. Catharines. In the article entitled "United Churches to join together," Hughes noted Welland Avenue United Church is an impressive landmark in the downtown area.

Donna Moody, Director of Campus Security, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for the Jan. 30 edition regarding Brock's Imminent Threat Lockdown Procedure. Moody noted the plan is now fully in place, but specific details of how Brock security and Niagara Regional Police would respond if such an emergency arose are being kept secret for tactical reasons.

Thomas Wolf, Professor, Mathematics, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for an article about the Go Club at Brock. In the article entitled "Go players of all ages learn new moves playing 4,000-year-old game," Wolf explained the ancient game and its revival for people of all ages through the weekly club.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed for Mary Yang's report "Liberal Party Attack the Conservative Party for Destroying Canada-China Relations" published in *Sing Tao Daily* Jan. 17.

sodexo employees honoured

Brock Dining Services (Sodexo) honoured its employees at the 15th Annual Service Awards Dinner at Pond Inlet Feb. 6.

The evening brought together Sodexo employees who have served the Brock community for at least five years, and up to 25 years.

Recognized for their years of service were: Sandra Beatty, 25 years; Suzanne Arghittu, Kevin MacDonald, Melissa Warren, and Margaret Dean, 20 years; Tara Lisoy, Michelle Bateman, Jennifer Robichaud, Magda Sloboda, and Ewa Barszcz, 15 years; and Sylvia Stanclik, Marjorie Brisbois, Krystyna Glowacz, Kelly Pearson, Elaine Publicover, Louise Savoie, Roni-Sue Gicante, Teri Height, Victoria Kerr, Mariann O'Brien, Argine O'Connor, Grace Bialy, Laura Exnowski, Heather Leake, Janina Karasz, Nell Oud, Gregor MacLean, and Nellie Gunn, all for five years.



Employees of Brock Dining Services (Sodexo) were honoured for longstanding service Feb. 6 at Pond Inlet. The length of employment recognized ranged from five years up to 25.

Faculty and Staff

ACCOUNTING

Samir Trabelsi's paper "Incremental Disclosure on Corporate Websites, Determinants and Consequences" has been selected as the best paper of 2008 by a scientific committee, including Agnes Cheng (chair), Louisiana State University; Eli Bartov, New York University; Katherine Schipper, Duke University; Ross L. Watts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Gordon Richardson, University of Toronto, at the Joint Symposium of Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics (JCAE); and Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory held in Hong Kong, presented Jan. 4 and 5.

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S. C. Farrell gave the Plenary Address at the 21st Annual Professional Development Conference, Toronto District Catholic School Board, Feb. 1.

BIOLOGY

Vincenzo De Luca recently presented the following lectures:

- "The Catharanthus leaf surfaceome is specialization for, monoterpene indole alkaloid, triterpenoid, flavonoid and very long chain fatty acid biosynthesis," Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Université François-Rabelais, Tours, France, Jan. 20.
- "One cell layer accommodates diverse biosyntheses, including anticancer monoterpene indole alkaloids in the Catharanthus leaf surfaceome," Institute of Biology, Clusius Laboratory, Leiden University, Holland, Jan. 21.
- "The leaf surfaceome of Rosy periwinkle for genomic, proteomic and metabolomic analysis," Department of Plant Systems Biology, Flanders Institute for Biotechnology, Gent University, Belgium, Jan. 22.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

M. K. McGinn, with S. Cambridge, presented the paper "Pleasures and pains for academic researchers in Canada" at the Society for Research into Higher Education annual conference, Brighton, U.K., December 2007.

S. Ratkovic and **M. K. McGinn** presented the paper "Internationally trained professionals research assistant program: Thinking outside the box" for the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction biennial conference, Budapest, Hungary, September 2007. For the same conference, **McGinn, M. G. Lovering-White; E. Niemczyk; and J. Dixon** presented the paper "Developing potential for learning in higher education: Working as a graduate research assistant."

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Debra McLaughlan presented a paper titled "Please mark me absent. I only came to school today for drama class" at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Jan. 11 to 14.

John Quinn is the managing editor of a new online Canadian Catholic independent magazine called New Catholic Times: Sensus Fidelium, which began publication the end of January. Ted Schmidt is editor. You will find it at www.newcatholictimes.com

GEOGRAPHY

Phillip Gordon Mackintosh presented "The occult relation between man and the vegetable: Transcendentalism, race, city beautification and the park planning impulse in Toronto, circa 1900," at Rethinking the Great White North: Race, Nature and the Historical Geographies of Whiteness in Canada, Queen's University, Kingston, Feb. 1 and 2.

HISTORY

Maria del Carmen Suescun Pozas opened an exhibit/installation of a research project:

- "Art and History: Dialogues for the Reconstruction of Time Present," at the Museo de Arte de la Universidad Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia, from Nov. 9 to Dec. 20, 2007, in collaboration with Colombian painter Consuelo Manrique. She was also awarded research grants from the Humanities Research Institute and a BUAF Special Purpose Grant for completion of her book manuscript entitled "Modern Femininity, Shattered Masculinity: The Scandal of the Female Nude During Political Crisis in Colombia, 1930-1948," and made the following presentations:
- Guest Lecturer "The Female Nude, the Body and the Polity During Political Crisis and War in Colombia, 1940-2000," Women Studies Program, MCRTW, McGill University, Oct. 22, 2007.
- Lecture "Working All Through the Doing/Telling: Violence and National-Collective Identities in Present Time Colombia," Brock International Speaker Series and Luso-Hispanic Cultural Week, Sept. 25, 2007.

MARKETING, BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

Antonia Mantonakis recently presented the following papers:

- Wudarszewski, Amanda; Mantonakis, Antonia; Clifasefi, Seema; Bernstein, Daniel M.; and Loftus, Elizabeth F. (2008, February). "Remembering the Taste of the Wine: Constructed Wine Preferences from Suggestion." Society for Consumer Psychology, New Orleans, La.
- Stokes, Kirk; Mantonakis, Antonia; and Bernstein, Daniel M. (2008, February). "Unscrambling Words Increases Illusory Memory and Preference for Brands." Society for Consumer Psychology, New Orleans, La.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Irene Maria F. Blayer was recognized by the Portuguese government with the "Prémio Talento" award at a ceremony in Lisbon, Convento do Beato (2007). The event was attended by academics from the Portuguese diaspora and was broadcast worldwide.

SOCIOLOGY

Jane Helleiner presented her paper "Tourist Work and the Politics of Nationalism in Canadian Niagara" at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C., Nov. 28, 2007.

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Events

Athletics

Tickets available at the door for all games. Adults \$7, students and seniors \$4.

Women's Basketball vs. Western: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Men's Basketball vs. Western: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.; Saturday vs. McMaster, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m. Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

- Friday, Feb. 15, Harry Peery, Department of Biological Sciences. "Neuroprotective drugs in Alzheimer's Disease." Host: Gary Pickering.
- Friday, Feb. 29, Dr. Wayne Van Voorhies, Molecular Biology Program, University of New Mexico, Las Cruces, N.M. "Live Fast, Die When?: Metabolic Rate and Aging." Hosts: Jeff Stuart and Glenn Tattersall.

Canadian Federation of University Women: Niagara Regional Police Chief Wendy Southall will be guest speaker at the joint meeting of CFUW-St. Catharines and CFUW-Niagara Falls. Chief Southall will speak about "Awareness of Problems in the Community" Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., in the La Marsh Room of the Niagara Falls Public Library. For information, call 905-935-5674.

The Canadian Federation of University Women: CFUW Welland and District meets Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home. The topic "Running the Shaw Festival: A Challenge and a Delight" will be presented by Jackie Maxwell, the Artistic Director of the Shaw Festival Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake. New members and interested women welcome. For information call 905-892-1179.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: main-stage production of Caryl Churchill's *The Skriker* on stage Feb. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Purchase tickets through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257.

Department of Music: Music@noon: a Faculty Recital featuring Jonathan Earp on guitar, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 12 noon, Concordia Seminary Chapel on Brock's campus. Free admission. All are welcome.

Rodman Hall Arts Centre: "Trinities: Thirty-Three Years of painting by Tobey C. Anderson," until Feb. 24; Thom Lepp Family Album exhibit runs until March 16; 109 St. Paul St., St. Catharines.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007/2008 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

FEBRUARY 2008

The Spirit of Harriet Tubman starring Leslie McCurdy, Feb. 19; *Tommy Douglas: Arrows of Desire* starring John Nolan, Feb. 20; Connie Kaldor with Eve Goldberg, Feb. 21; Black Umfolosi, Feb. 28; The Czech Boys Choir (Boni Pueri), Feb. 29.

MARCH 2008

RyanDan (HOT TICKET ADDED EVENT), March 1; The Mayhem Poets, March 5; Lesley Gore - *It's Still Her Party!*, March 6; *Women of the World* with Kiran Ahluwalia, Ndidi Onukwulu and Tanya Tagaq (International Women's Day), March 8; John Sherwood - *Toronto's Jazz Scene* featuring Guido Basso and Carol McCartney, March 14; Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans with Danny Michel, March 15; Al Stewart with special guest Dave Nachmanoff, March 20; *Beatles Baroque* by Les Boréades, March 28; *boygroove* - Boy band lovers and haters unite!, March 29.

BrockNews

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Province gives Brock \$33.5M for new biosciences complex



Joining Brock staff and students for the Feb. 14 provincial announcement of \$33.5 million for the Health and Biosciences Research Complex were, Jim Bradley, St. Catharines MPP and Minister of Transportation, third from left; Jack Lightstone, President, sixth from left; and John Milloy, Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, seventh from left. After the formal announcement, visitors and staff toured some of the laboratories in Inniskillin Hall.

The Ontario government could not possibly have shown more affection for Brock University than it did on Valentine's Day with the announcement of a \$33.5-million investment in the planned Health and Biosciences Research Complex.

"I can't thank you enough for this gift of love for our students," said Jack Lightstone, President. "And we at Brock will reciprocate with our own expression of affection," he added, noting the University will commit to redoubling its efforts to educate undergraduate and graduate students, and to advance cutting-edge research and creativity. But more than that, the University will also commit to active innovation, particularly in partnership with the community and related industries.

Simply put, graduates will be able to contribute to better human health while studying, but they will also have a research facility to help keep them employed in Niagara after graduation.

The centre, with an estimated cost of \$90 million, will help Niagara

transition from an economy based on manufacturing to one that is high-tech focused and knowledge based.

"Our investment in this modern resource complex is ensuring that students in the Niagara region are prepared for success in the future, while we create new jobs today," noted John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, during the funding announcement. "We are taking a major step to improving the long-term quality of post-secondary education in Niagara, while providing jobs in the short term.

The centre is expected to create about 335 jobs, but it will also solve a university-wide challenge, Lightstone added. "When I first arrived here not so long ago... I went around to every faculty and department and asked what were their No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 needs. The answer always came back the same: 'We need more space.' With this new complex, we will be able to meet those needs."

The funds come as part of the

government's \$1.4-billion investment in strategic infrastructure to encourage economic activity, create short-term jobs and help municipalities while enhancing Ontario's competitiveness.

In earlier media interviews, Lightstone noted areas of study in the centre would include health and wellness, new forms of energy, biomanufacturing and so-called "green" science. Research laboratories and classrooms would be housed in an 180,000-square-foot facility. Besides cutting-edge research into new pharmaceuticals and disease treatments, the facility could also be a satellite centre for the McMaster University Medical Centre.

Brock has earmarked \$9 million for the project, and has asked other levels of government to provide partnership funds as well. Earlier in February, Lightstone made a formal presentation to the Region asking for \$3 million to \$5 million in funding over the next several years.

University-wide marketing project launched

Consultants to hold presentation Feb. 28

Brock University is about to launch an institution-wide assessment aimed at providing consistency and clarity of its key messages.

The process, which is also known as a branding exercise, will address issues of enhancing Brock's reputation and increasing our visibility in the higher education marketplace.

To that end, Educational Marketing Group (EMG) has been contracted to conduct an assessment of our current communications programs and assist in developing a clear and compelling messaging platform for Brock University. EMG has worked with premier universities across North America, including Dalhousie University, University of Victoria, Virginia Tech, University of Nebraska, and Washington State University, among others.

To launch the marketing project, EMG's consulting team will hold an open-campus presentation Thursday, Feb. 28 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in AS203. The consultants will discuss the branding process and its increased importance for higher education. They will also be available to answer questions.

"I encourage you to attend this important session and to give the EMG consultants your full co-operation over the coming weeks," said Jack Lightstone, Brock University President.

EMG will also be conducting interviews with many faculty, staff, students and alumni as the process continues over the next couple of months.

"Strengthening the Brock University reputation is at the heart of our strategic efforts to enhance recruitment and improve our financial stability," Lightstone noted. "Your continued participation will be crucial to the success of this important effort."

For more information, contact Martha Nelson, Director of University Communications, at ext. 3248, or e-mail mnelson@brocku.ca

TVO lecturer voting opens March 1

Brock University is home to two of Ontario's best lecturers, according to our students and a contest currently running on TVO. One of those two could become THE best lecturer in Ontario, but only with the enthusiastic participation of the University population.

Earlier this month, Tim Conley, from the Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, from the Department of Psychology, were announced as finalists for TVO's Big Ideas 2008 Best Lecturer Competition (BLC).

They are two of 10 finalists based on nominations from students for educators who deliver lectures with conviction, clarity, energy and authority.

On the TVO web page about the BLC contest, student quotes about Conley say,

"Through his dynamism, theatricality, astounding and intimidating intelligence... Tim was also able to demonstrate that the study of literature is not only engaging and complicated, but also completely worthwhile."

Mitterer's students said this: "John brings several necessary components to the classroom: exceptional knowledge of content, an insightful ability to disseminate information, sensitivity to different learning styles, and the ability to engage students in the learning process with grace and humour."

Voting opens Saturday, March 1 and runs throughout the entire month. Each Saturday, and repeated on Sunday, TVO will air two lectures on Big Ideas (from 4 to 6 p.m.). Voting is possible online at tvo.org, or by

phone at the toll-free number of 1-866-281-3536, from 5:45 p.m. Saturday until 12 noon Monday each weekend. The cycle repeats each weekend until March 30, allowing the same amount of viewing time for each candidate.

Results will be tabulated by the afternoon of Monday, March 31, with an announcement expected Tuesday, April 1.

Conley's lecture on "Co-ordinating the Self in Contemporary Poetry" airs March 1, repeated March 2, while Mitterer's lecture on "Truth and Humility in Professional Practice" airs March 8, repeated March 9.

The other nominated professors are: Nick Bontis, Associate Professor, Strategic Management and Director of the

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Brock opens its doors to the public

More than 3,000 visitors are expected to be on campus Sunday, March 2, when Brock University opens its doors to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. for its annual Open House.

This event is a great opportunity for prospective undergraduate and graduate students and their families, as well as members of the community, to experience all that Brock has to offer. The Open House will feature a wide variety of interesting tours, informative seminars and exciting events.

Visitors will have the chance to participate in "University 101" sessions in which they can find out

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Brockiana items were in the spotlight earlier this month as a portrait artist and Sir Isaac Brock researcher stopped by the James A. Gibson Library's Special Collections and Archives to get a closer look at the replica Brock jacket and hat. Left photo: Jonathan Younker, the Library's Head of Systems, donned the replica jacket for an experiment regarding the musket ball's supposed point of entry, conducted by Guy St-Denis, researcher (left). Right photo: Fritz Beindorff took a turn posing for artist Gertrude Kearns, who has been commissioned to do a painting for the Royal Canadian Military Institute.

Huge jump in submissions for Mapping conference

The third-annual Mapping the New Knowledges research conference is almost a victim of its own success.

Organizers for the two-day conference, to be held Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5, report a significant increase in the number of submissions – about 37 per cent – from the year before. In 2008, there are 130 submissions; last year, there were 95 presentations.

The conference, which is open to the public and will be held in Pond Inlet and the Plaza Building, showcases Brock's research initiatives and familiarizes graduate students with the professional process by which knowledge is disseminated.

Of the 130 submissions, 45 are from the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, 32 from Social Sciences, 20 from Mathematics and Science, 16 from Education, 11 from Humanities and six from Business. A further breakdown indicates there will be 52 poster presentations, 65 oral presentations and 13 that could be either poster or oral.

Research topics show a great range in diversity, including presentations about upper leg strength and the risk of Type 2 diabetes, understanding character development, the military metaphor of illness, compensation in the aging human brain, energy substitutes, philosophy in *Macbeth*, NHL salaries, and conceptualizing autism.

"The tremendous diversity in research papers and posters is an indication of the great strides Brock has made in its transformation to a research-intensive university," says Marilyn Rose, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies.

She adds it is unusual for a university to organize a campus-wide graduate research conference. Most are within individual Faculties or departments.

"The multidisciplinary nature of the Mapping conference is a way of bringing graduate students together across disciplines, so that they can experience the many kinds of scholarly work that characterize graduate research on this campus," Rose says.

After the welcoming remarks in Pond Inlet April 4, a panel of experts will facilitate a Café Scientifique funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research and focused on child health and obesity. A reception and poster presentation will follow.

Fran Chandler, Associate Director, Office of Research Services, says the café is another good example of the community engagement that is encouraged by Brock.

"When our research experts share information on issues that are significant and relevant in the lives of individuals and families, such as child health and obesity, Brock helps to fulfil its stated goal of contributing positively to the community," says Chandler.

On April 5, Rose and Ian Brindle, Acting Associate Vice-President, Research Services, will provide opening remarks beginning at 9 a.m., followed by keynote speaker Douglas Peers, Dean of Graduate Studies at York University. The topic of his address is "Beyond Academics: What About Professional Skills Training for Graduate Students?" A panel of Brock faculty members will participate in a brief discussion after the address, after which graduate students and faculty will then go into breakout sessions over the course of the day for their oral and poster presentations in Pond Inlet and the Plaza Building.

Visiting professors hail from China, Russia and Austria

Brock International has been busy this term helping educators from China, Russia and Austria settle into the Brock community as part of the Visiting International Professors, Visiting International Scholars and University Mentorship (VIP/VIS/UM) programs.

Alexander Shevryev, an associate professor of Russian history at his home institution, Moscow State University in Russia, is teaching two undergraduate courses in the Department of History: a second year half-course, History of Modern Russia; and a fourth-year half-course, The Russian Revolution.

Weidong Gao, a Professor of Mathematics at his home institution, Nankai University in China, is back at Brock for his third session as a Visiting International Scholar. While at Brock, he is collaborating with Yuanlin Li to conduct research on the problems in combinatoric number theory and group theory.

Ekaterina Shemyakova recently finished her PhD in Mathematics from J. Kepler University in Austria. She is teaching one undergraduate third-year course this term as a visiting international professor in the Department of Mathematics: Partial Differential Equations.

Jing Zhao, a lecturer at her home institution, Hebei Normal University in China, is collaborating with Cheng Luo in the Department of Applied Linguistics, to jointly pursue research in the areas of advanced teaching theories in second language acquisition, TESOL and L2 education.

Anyone wishing to contact the participants, or to find out more information about the programs, can contact Cassidy Gong in Brock International, at ext. 4088, or by e-mail at xgong@brocku.ca

Update in search for Dean of Social Sciences

The Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the names of the three candidates for the position of Dean of Social Sciences:

Dr. Robert Dimand, Professor of Economics, Brock University

Dr. Thomas Dunk, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lakehead University

Dr. Dorothy Griffiths, Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Brock University

The Candidates have been invited to Brock to meet with the Advisory Committee, Senior Administration, Chairs and Directors, students and faculty.

Each candidate will be making a public presentation to the Brock community on the following dates:

- Dr. Robert Dimand – March 5, 2008 in E-Classroom 2 to 3 p.m.

- Dr. Thomas Dunk - March 11, 2008 in E-Classroom 2 to 3 p.m.

- Dr. Dorothy Griffiths – March 12, 2008 in E-Classroom 2 to 3 p.m.

The CVs of the applicants are available for review through the Office of the VP Academic and are also on reserve in the James A. Gibson Library.

Members of the Brock Community are encouraged to attend each of the presentations and are invited to make written submissions with respect to the suitability of each candidate for the position of Dean of Social Sciences. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Submissions will be confidential to the Advisory Committee and will be shredded on completion of the committee's work.

Please direct submissions to: Terry Boak, Chair of the Advisory Committee
Re: Dean of Social Sciences
Office of the President and Chancellor
13th Floor, Schmon Tower

For further information, please contact Wanda at wtrottier@brocku.ca or tboak@brocku.ca, extension 4121.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 19.

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more of what to expect from university life. Guests will have the chance to win free tuition for a half-credit undergraduate course and they will also have the opportunity to speak with professors and students from every academic program and service offered by the University.

Representatives from the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be on hand to provide information to prospective graduate students and will also be offering an information session, entitled "Thinking of graduate studies? Think Brock."

Information will be available on Brock's Co-op and internship programs, Brock-Niagara College transfer programs and Experience Plus, a unique program that provides students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while obtaining their degree.

Those interested in attending can visit www.brocku.ca/prospective and click on "Open House" to register. Registration packages will be available at the Welcome Centre in the Walker Complex. Free parking will be available.

For information, contact Melissa Coleman, Open House Co-ordinator, Recruitment and Liaison Services, at ext. 4685, or e-mail mcoleman@brocku.ca

The Faculty of Business will also be hosting an MBA for a Day event for prospective applicants at the Open House that will feature an alumni panel, sample classes and lunch with current students. The event will offer interested prospective applicants the chance to discover first hand the many ways a Brock MBA can help them achieve success in their careers.

Those interested in being an MBA for a Day on March 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., should register through the Graduate Student Information System at www.bus.brocku.ca/gradstudents

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Undergraduate Program, McMaster University; Finney Cherian, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Windsor; Ken Cramer, Professor of Psychology, University of Windsor; Gerald Cupchik, Professor of Psychology, University of Toronto (Scarborough); Christopher diCarlo, Assistant Professor, Health Sciences and Criminology, UOIT (University of Ontario Institute of Technology); Marc Fournier, Assistant Professor, Psychology, University of Toronto (Scarborough); John Schneeberger, Professor, Hotel and Restaurant Management program, Loyalist College; and Robert Jan van Pelt, Professor, School of Architecture, University of Waterloo.

For the full broadcast schedule of the lectures, or for more information such as contestant bios, video clips of lectures, student quotes and full contest details, visit tvo.org

Spoken word, plays and lectures will provide entertainment and food for thought in the next few days as the Brock/Niagara African Canadian Renaissance group (B/NACRG) focuses on Black History Month.

The group, comprised of members of the African Canadian community and Brock faculty, staff, and students, will host its first symposium Thursday, Feb. 28. "Telling Our Stories: Blackness, Identities and Institutions," features panels on Narratives of Blackness, Black Student Community Organizing, Anti-Oppression Action, and Constructing Cohesive Communities. A mid-afternoon panel will include several spoken word performances. Alvin Curling, former speaker of Ontario's Legislative Assembly and current co-chair of the Roots of Youth Violence Committee, and Grace-Edward Galabuzi, faculty member in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University, will provide opening and closing addresses.

Symposium puts focus on Black History Month

The morning panels are scheduled in the Sankey Chamber, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and afternoon panels will take place in Pond Inlet, from 2 to 5 p.m.

There will also be two lectures Friday, Feb. 29: Charles Simon-Aaron of King's University College, University of Western Ontario, will speak on "English

Colonization in Ireland and Transatlantic Slavery: The Roots of Anti-African Racism in Enlightenment Political Philosophy" in AS 427, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.; and Erica Lawson will speak on "Single Mothers, Absentee Fathers and Gun Violence in Toronto: A Feminist Analysis" in the same location from 2 to 4 p.m.

The award-winning OMO Dance Company will round out the events with a March 1 performance of *Diary of an Exile* in the David S. Howes Theatre at 7 p.m. The performance is free, and tickets are available from the theatre box office.

All these events are free to the public. For information, go to brockniagaraafricangroup.weebly.com/

I N M E M O R I A M

The Department of Earth Sciences announces with regret the recent passing of Wayne Travis Jolly (BFA 1963, BA 1965, MA 1966, PhD 1971) at the age of 67.

Professor Jolly, locally famous for his fondness for Dr Pepper, died Feb. 9 at Niagara Falls General Hospital following a short illness during which he kept good spirits and humour. He was a native of Texas who began his university career with a degree in Fine Arts specializing in Film and Television (BFA 1963). A chance encounter with a geology course caused him to change direction. After completing his doctorate at SUNY Binghamton, he moved to a post-doctoral position at the University of Saskatchewan, and from there he came to Brock, initially on a one-year contract to teach Introductory Geology. Since 1971, he has been a greatly

respected member of the Department of Earth Sciences at Brock University, publishing at least 49 academic papers. He was Chair of the Department 1980 to '84. In spite of being in hospital, he revised page proofs of papers about to be published – and drafted two more. His recent co-authors will see these papers through to press. He was an expert on the petrology of igneous rocks and was developing new interpretations of the development of the Caribbean island systems, with especial reference to Puerto Rico.

A celebration of his life was held in Pond Inlet on Feb. 13.

He is survived by his brothers Michael and John, and their families. A private family service will be held in Texas. Donations may be made to the Brock Scholarship Fund in Dr. Wayne Jolly's name.

Brock Briefs

Brock coach makes winning history

Brock University men's basketball coach Ken Murray reached a career milestone with just three regular-season games left to play. When Murray's Brock Badgers defeated the Lakehead Thunderwolves Feb. 9, he became just the fourth coach in active CIS history to earn 500 wins. He has 28 years' coaching experience.

MEd Thesis defence

Master of Education student Leigh-Ann Sauer will present her thesis defence on Friday, March 7 at 1 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is, "The Teaching Practicum as an Opportunity for Professional Growth: Perceptions of Three Associate-Teachers."

External Examiner: Hope Fennell, Lakehead University; Thesis Supervisor: Renee Kuchapski; Committee Members: Alice Schutz and Mary-Louise Vanderlee; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Jazz show takes stage March 2

The Cuban-influenced jazz sounds of Jane Bunnett and the Spirits of Havana will emanate from the Sean O' Sullivan Theatre March 2 at 3 p.m. The performance was rescheduled from Feb. 1 because of a winter storm.

Bunnett was the winner of the 2006 JUNO Award for Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year for Radio Guantánamo. Tickets are \$28.50 for adults, \$22.50 for students and seniors, and are available at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

Youth University offers March Break Enrichment Camp

What is your child doing during March Break?

Youth University is offering a week of exciting programs for children in grades 4 to 6, from solving crimes in the CSI Camp, discovering how the body works in our medical mysteries camp, or building the ultimate LEGO® robot.

Children may be registered for the full five days or just one.

The camps run March 10 to 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$30 per day with complimentary extended care available.

Visit the website for a full list of camps and registration information. www.brocku.ca/youthuniversity, or call ext. 3120.

Celebration of Nations at Pond Inlet

The fifth annual Brock Celebration of Nations takes place Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Pond Inlet. The

marketplace of countries offers sample snacks from around the world, while some of Brock's international students who come from 80 countries will talk about their homelands. Enjoy vibrant performances highlighting Brock's multicultural diversity. The free event is sponsored by the Office of International Services, Brock International, International Recruitment, Associate Vice-President, Student Services, ESL Services, Office of Human Rights and Equity Services, and Brock University Students' Union. For information, contact Jeanette Davis, International Services, at ext. 3163.

Quebec author offers reading

The Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures and the Centre for Canadian Studies will host a reading by renowned Quebec author Nicole Brossard on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. The event is sponsored by the Canada Council.

Born in Montreal, poet, novelist and essayist Nicole Brossard published her first book in 1965, the same year she cofounded the influential literary magazine *La Barre du Jour*. She has published eight novels, an essay and many books of poetry. She has won the Governor General award twice for her poetry (1974, 1984) and *Le Grand Prix de Poesie de la Fondation les Forges* (1989, 1999). *Le Prix Athanase-David*, which is for a lifetime of literary achievement, was attributed to her in 1991. In 1994, she was made a member of *L'Academie des Lettres du Quebec*. Her work has been widely translated and anthologized. Brossard currently lives in Montreal.

LifeQuilt at Brock University

Imagine getting a phone call at work one day with the news that your 18-year-old son has been killed on the job at a bakery, on only his second day of work. This type of story is all too familiar for far too many parents of young workers in this country. The LifeQuilt is a unique, permanent memorial dedicated to thousands of young women and men who have been killed or injured on the job in Canada.

In an effort to raise awareness of the importance of workplace safety, the LifeQuilt is coming to Brock University on Thursday, Feb. 28. A joint venture between OSSTF D-35, Brock University Support Staff, and the Workers Health and Safety Centre, Hamilton office, has made this opportunity a reality as part of International RSI, (repetitive strain injury) Awareness Day. The LifeQuilt will be on display in the Walker Complex, near the Red Wall, from about 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information about the quilt go to www.youngworkerquilt.ca or e-mail Norm Westbury at norm.westbury@gmail.com

Mediatalk

People in the news

Jack Lightstone, was the focus of an article in the *St. Catharines Standard* Feb. 8 entitled "Brock asks Region for \$5 million." The article focused on Lightstone's presentation regarding a funding request for the Niagara Health and Biosciences Research Complex. Lightstone was also interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Feb. 13 article on the same topic, entitled "Niagara would benefit from research centre, Brock president says."

Ian Brindle, Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, was quoted in the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Feb. 1 column regarding the review of the operations and program of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute. Entitled "Brock's wine program review fits well with Vineland changes," Brindle notes the review fits well with the rejuvenation of the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre.

David Fancy, Department of Dramatic Arts, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for a Feb. 6 article about the students' production *The Skriker*, a play mixing an old English folk tale and modern urban life, staged on the Sean O' Sullivan stage earlier this month.

Jim O'Brien, Brock University Students Union (BUSU) president, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for a Feb. 8 article entitled "Brock considers code of conduct off-campus." O'Brien noted BUSU is opposed to the request from St. Catharines and Thorold city councils to expand the code of conduct to include off-campus students.

Don Cyr, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Feb. 8 article entitled "Research paper helps protect icewine season." Cyr's paper, which will be published in the *Journal of Wine Economics*, explores the use of weather derivatives as a financial tool to protect farmers against losses brought on by the weather. The information is based on a paper co-published with Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business, entitled "Canadian Ice Wine Production: A Case for the Use of Weather Derivatives."

Lewis Soroka, Economics, was interviewed by *Niagara College News* for a Feb. 8 article entitled "From labour to knowledge economy." Soroka noted the region needs to move away from relying on manufacturing for a strong economy, especially in light of a stronger Canadian dollar and diminished opportunities for manufacturing in Niagara.

Anthony Bogaert, Psychology, was interviewed by the *National Post* for a Feb. 9 article about the increased awareness of

asexuality. In the article, entitled "Indifferent and proud," Bogaert discussed his early studies on the percentage of the population who may be categorized with this fourth orientation, along with data outlining who is likely to be asexual.

Ernest Biktimirov, Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, was interviewed by *Canadian Business* magazine for its Feb. 18 issue on the topic of using Chinese proverbs to assist in teaching. Entitled "Insider: Chinese proverbs," the article offers examples of Biktimirov's use of the proverbs to help Mandarin-speaking students learn about financial concepts.

Russell Johnston, Communications, Pop Culture and Film, wrote an article for the Feb. 2 issue of *Marketing Magazine* entitled "Defining an era," which explores the foundation of modern Canadian advertising as embodied by J. J. Gibbons.

John Hodson, Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education, was part of a panel discussing the right school environment for Aboriginal elementary school children during the Feb. 11 edition of Steve Paikin's *The Agenda* on TVO.

John Middleton, Tourism and Environment, was interviewed for *Niagara at Noon* on 610 CKTB Feb. 5 regarding the 25th anniversary of the Student Refugee Sponsorship Program at Brock.

Stephen Cheung, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was featured in a Discovery Channel episode of *Guinea Pig, "Hot Stuff,"* which is now posted online at www.discoverychannel.ca. Click on the show link on the right-hand side below "Featured Videos" to see episode highlights.

Nancy Johnston, Psychology (retired), was interviewed for a Feb. 13 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* about her Ontario Senior Achievement Award. Entitled "Provincial honours for local seniors," Johnston's career studying and championing children's mental health was highlighted.

Carma Lynn Wylie, Manager, Brock University Heart Institute, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Feb. 13 article on the work of the facility. In the article, entitled "Heart institute will fill a need in Niagara Region," Wylie explained the centre's focus on cardiac rehabilitation programs.

Anthony Ward, Tourism and Environment, was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* for a Feb. 14 article about niche programs at post-secondary institutions. In the article, entitled "Niche programs branch out into the unexpected," Ward explained Brock's reasons behind combining environmental studies with tourism.

Health and safety training offered

Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety offers the following Health and Safety Training Opportunities. For full information, visit www.brocku.ca/hr/training/ and address questions and enquiries to oehs@brocku.ca

- Smart Work Design Workshop, Thursday, Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alumni Lounge
- Standard First Aid/CPR Training, Monday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training, Two sessions offered: Friday, Feb. 29 (I. Beddis Gym), or Friday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Alumni Lounge)
- New Hazardous Waste Management System Information Session, Wednesday, March 5, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Plaza 409
- Mental Health Works – Managers/Supervisors Session, Tuesday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pond Inlet

Interested in becoming a Fire and Emergency Warden? The University needs your help to guide evacuation and control crowds. Contact oehs@brocku.ca for information or to sign up. Building-specific training opportunities are planned for March.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Lynn Dempsey spoke at the Rotary Club of St. Catharines meeting on "Learning to be literate: The foundations of literacy," Feb. 7.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Glenn Tattersall was awarded the Bob Boutilier New Investigator Award by the Canadian Society of Zoologists (CSZ) for 2008. The award is designed to encourage and honour CSZ members within five years of receiving their first academic or professional appointment. It also recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to zoology and is considered a rising star in his or her field.

ESL SERVICES

Jackie Angi-Dobos presented "75 Ways to Keep Them Talking" at the TESL Ontario Conference in November. She will present the same topic at the North York TESL Conference in April. Angi-Dobos also co-presented the socio-cultural activities workshop at the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada Annual Meeting in Charlottetown, P.E.I. in February.

HISTORY

Maria del Carmen Suescun Pozas recently made the following presentations:

- Seminar "There's Something About Mary: The Female Nude, Political Crisis, and the Lessons of Colombian History," McGill Center for the Research and Teaching of Women (MCRTW) Seminar Series, McGill University, Nov. 22, 2007.
- Seminar-Videoconference "A Study on The Persistence of Narrative and Realism in Painting. A Proposal on New Curatorial Practices," Universidad Nacional de Colombia, with the support of the Multimedia Production and Innovation Centre, Brock University, Saint Catharines-Bogota, Dec. 5, 2007.

LIBRARY

Several Brock librarians delivered presentations at the recent Ontario Library Association Super Conference. Justine Cotton and David Sharron offered a poster session on collaborative Special Collections/library research workshops entitled "Adventures in English Literature." Patricia Longo was a co-presenter for a session called "RDA: The Inside Story," which focused on the development of Resource Description and Access. Laurie Morrison presented a session called "Understanding Faculty Motives to Collaborate" and co-presented "Demystifying the Technician/Librarian Dilemma in the Digital Age: Promoting Healthy Relationships in Academic Libraries." She also offered a poster session with Tim Ribaric entitled "Going Live on a Shoe-String Budget: an Open-Source VR Solution." David Sharron delivered a presentation entitled "Go Digital! Creating Interactive Collections with the OurOntario.ca Toolkit" that outlined Brock's experiences in digitizing historic Welland Canal maps and the reaction from the research community.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Niagara Vocal Ensemble in a program of seasonal music by Niagara composers, entitled "Noel Niagara" in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Vineland in early December. The program featured premiere performances and previously existing works by Ronald Tremain, former instructors John Butler and Laura Thomas, graduates Pnina Blake, Matthew Tran-Adams and James Wells, as well as current faculty and staff Anne Adams and Harris Loewen. Loewen also conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir, with accompanist Lesley Kingham, in two performances of a seasonal program of selected works in Etobicoke Dec. 7 and 8. The program, entitled "That Christmas Feeling," included the six-movement Gloria by Peter Landey.

PHILOSOPHY

Prof. R. Raj Singh presented the following research papers in international academic events recently:

- "Schopenhauer's Pessimism and Indian Thought." Seventeenth International Congress of Vedanta; Oxford, Ohio; Sept. 21, 2007.
- "George Grant and Heidegger on Technology." The Third International Conference of the Yugoslav Association of Canadian Studies, (Plenary Session) Belgrade, Serbia, Oct. 20, 2007.
- "Death-Contemplation of the Buddha." Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Dec. 4, 2007.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Barbara Kennedy choreographed the opening dance number for Brock University's Don's Ball, performed by the students of the organizing committee. The eight couples set the tone for the Latin-themed evening with a dramatic, staged rendition of the tango, rumba and cha-cha. Brock President Jack Lightstone and other distinguished guests joined in at the end of the production with an energetic group limbo.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

S. M. Griffin presented the paper "Out-of-school talk: Tales of mothers' and daughters' music experiences," at Narrative Soundings: International Conference on Narrative Inquiry in Music Education, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz., in February. Griffin, along with R. J. Beatty, presented the paper "In/decisive moments: Narrative(s) of experience on new faculty informal mentorship" at the same conference.

Anthony Mollica recently gave the talk "Demystifying book publishing" to the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, and he was invited by Professor Marcel Danesi to give a two-hour lecture at the University of Toronto on "Recreational Linguistics and Language Teaching."

Louis Volante recently participated as a member of an expert panel at the Ministry of Education-sponsored Ontario Education Research Symposium. The plenary session was on the topic of "Evaluation of Policy and Program Initiatives."

RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Mary Breunig and Tim O'Connell presented a paper titled, "Sense of Community Amongst Trekkers and Mountaineers in South America" at the International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education held at Lincoln University near Christchurch, New Zealand from Jan. 20 to 24.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

- Friday, Feb. 29, Dr. Wayne Van Voorhies, Molecular Biology Program, University of New Mexico, Las Cruces, N.M. "Live Fast, Die When?: Metabolic Rate and Aging." Hosts: Jeff Stuart and Glenn Tattersall.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: The Laramie Project by Moisés Kaufman (DESS club), Feb. 28, Studio ST 107. Two performances, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.; One-Act Play Festival DART 3F54. (13 Plays) March 14 and 15, Schmon Tower 103, limited seating.

Department of Music: Jane Bunnett and the Spirits of Havana (rescheduled), March 2 at 3 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, co-sponsored with Centre for the Arts; Music@Noon: a Faculty recital featuring Devon Fornelli, percussion, Tuesday, March 4; and Voice Students on Tuesday, March 11. Both recitals are at 12 noon, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, admission is free, all are welcome.

Department of Visual Arts:

- Word of Mouth VISA 2P94: March 3 to 6, opening reception March 4 at 3 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan lobby. Free community event.
- The Great Canadian Surreal Beaver Ball. Refuse Locale: An Evening of Surrealism in St. Catharines, March 5 at 7 p.m. Niagara Artists' Company, 354 St. Paul St. A joint event presented by the Department of English and the Department of Visual Arts celebrates the ongoing history of Canadian Surrealism, including poetry, visual arts, films, games, and the launch of the Great Canadian Beaver Ball Multiples Exhibit. Tickets at the door.
- Multiples VISA 1P97 and VISA 3M90: March 5 to 15, opening March 5 at 7 p.m. Niagara Artists' Company, 354 St. Paul St.; Juried Exhibition, March 7 to 29, opening March 7 at 7 p.m., Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul Cres. Free community event.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

FEBRUARY 2008

Black Umfolosi, Feb. 28; The Czech Boys Choir (Boni Pueri), Feb. 29.

MARCH 2008

RyanDan (HOT TICKET ADDED EVENT), March 1; The Mayhem Poets, March 5; Lesley Gore - *It's Still Her Party!*, March 6; *Women of the World* with Kiran Ahluwalia, Ndidi Onukwulu and Tanya Tagaq (International Women's Day), March 8; John Sherwood - *Toronto's Jazz Scene* featuring Guido Basso and Carol McCartney, March 14; Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans with Danny Michel, March 15; Al Stewart with special guest Dave Nachmanoff, March 20; *Beatles Baroque* by Les Boréades, March 28; *boygroove* - Boy band lovers and haters unite!, March 29.

Classified

Wanted to rent: Visiting International Scholar (family of three) looking for furnished one- or two-bedroom apartment between \$600 and \$700 per month from March to May. E-mail: fredma@uel.br

For sale: Extremely spacious raised-ranch bungalow nestled at the foot of the escarpment. Close to shopping and schools, within walking distance of Brock University. Ideal for a young family. Four bedrooms, four bathrooms as well as semi-finished basement. Call 905-682-2347.

BrockNews

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Badgers grapple with 10th national title

The Brock Badger men can now claim a decade of dominance on the national stage of university wrestling. The Badger men captured their 10th consecutive national team title March 1 at the 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) wrestling championships at the University of Calgary.

The Badgers' title run, which started in 1999, is tied for second longest in CIS history, next to the University of British Columbia men's swim team (1998-2007).

C. J. Hudson of Calgary was the lone Brock man to capture individual gold, defeating Regina's Cory Horsburgh in the 61-kilogram final. Teammates Eric MacKinnon (68 kg), Paul Rabjohn (82 kg) and Alex Brown-Therault (90 kg) settled for silver, while Aaron Fabiano (54 kg) claimed bronze for the Badgers, who tallied 54 points to win a close three-way race over Simon Fraser (50) and Lakehead (49). Peter Simmons and Mike Neufeld were fourth at 65 kg and 130 kg respectively and Brad Trimble had a fifth-place finish at 76 kg.

Brock's Marty Calder was chosen the top men's coach for the fifth time.

Michelle Fazzari was Brock's lone female gold medalist, repeating her win at 59 kg from last season. She was also rookie of the year in 2006. Silver medalists for the Brock women were Alana King at 48 kg and Jessica Bondy at 55 kg. Liz Sanli took a bronze medal at 51 kg. Debra Jehu was fifth at 72 kg, Jocelyn Dresser sixth at 82 kg and Celeste Constant Rodrigues eighth at 63 kg. The Brock women finished in third place with 40 points, behind Simon Fraser (57) and Calgary (55).

Mentorship program boosts career planning at Brock

Brock is currently testing a new mentorship program that will provide students with what could be described as their own guidance counsellor, from their first days on campus until they launch their career or pursue further studies.

But more than counselling, this program will offer to students peer support from their area of study, as well as access to alumni and professionals in the fields related to their interests. The program's structure has been designed to appeal to students, alumni and the broader community.

Titled "Mentorship Plus," the program is being developed by Career Services and the Office of Alumni

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Governor General of Canada Michaëlle Jean (centre), and her husband, Jean-Daniel Lafond, Viceregal Consort of Canada (right), tour the Wine Cellar of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute March 1, led by faculty member Gary Pickering. The special guests then attended the 2008 Experts' Wine Tasting at Pond Inlet (left photos).

Podcasts break down barriers

In the world of iTunes U, class is always in session.

Philip Hume, a self-professed podcast-aholic, would like nothing more than to see Brock's educators tune into the extensive world of podcast possibilities offered by Apple's online service.

Hume, an account executive with Apple Canada, negotiated the area's near-record snowfalls last month to make a presentation about the University application at the invitation of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET).

"The CTLET invited (Hume) to showcase iTunes U as a new teaching tool, one which we would like to bring to Brock instructors," noted Matt Clare, Educational Technology Support Specialist.

"Success is best from the ground up with these things," Hume said of the challenge of creating and uploading podcasts for access within post-secondary institutions.

"You can start with one person, with one professor. One or two people uploading to iTunes is no big deal."

The service was created to manage, distribute, and control access to educational audio and video content for students within a college or university using Apple's iTunes Store infrastructure. The online service is without cost to those uploading or downloading material.

Hume said the overall goal for iTunes U is to provide a way to engage all learners with information that is easy - and free - to download, 24 hours per day, seven days per week. And with institutions such as the University of California at Berkeley uploading all of its lectures to iTunes U, financial and location barriers to education come tumbling down.

The audio, video or text files available for download also assist those with physical disabilities, Hume explained. Students who cannot take notes fast enough in class

because of a learning disability may download the lecture to transcribe at their own pace. A student who is visually impaired will have the enhanced experiences of an audio podcast. Students who are unable to attend class physically can still keep up with their peers. And snow-day challenges disappear if a professor has prepared the lesson for podcast.

"The thinking is that we move back or take away the walls of the classroom and use the tools the students already have," he said, noting iPod sales are most prevalent among students of post-secondary school age. He added that while iPods are the most portable way of obtaining and digesting the material, it may be downloaded and processed on any computer with Internet access.

Preparing material for podcast:

1. Capture or record material using existing computer software (such as GarageBand). Software is available for both Macintosh and PC computers. The material can be recorded using a built-in microphone on the computer, or screen captures, etc. (Extensive editing tools for video captures are available from about \$40 to \$200 extra, with discounts available for educators.)
2. Export material to appropriate file format: QuickTime, html, PDF, Flash, MP3, etc. Upload to the secure site on iTunes U. Data can be uploaded, stored and downloaded for free.
3. Students go to iTunes store website, click on the iTunes U link and find the appropriate folder on a secure site. They can download content to their computer, which will be automatically synchronized for use on the iPod if desired.

Depending on the level of customization, the University's site could become wholly public, provide some public content, or

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An open letter to the Brock community regarding inclement weather

This winter, the region has faced a significant amount of snowfall and weather that has tested the spirits of even the hardest Canadians.

Earlier this year, Brock implemented a new Inclement Weather Policy to guide communications to faculty, staff, students and the broader community when severe weather threatens to interrupt normal University operations. The policy was updated again after a snowfall in early February that challenged our timelines for informing the University community.

The recent decision to keep the University open on March 5 was one that was not made lightly. Our decision is largely tied, though not exclusively, to the decision of the local school boards, who also decided to remain open that day. Many faculty, staff, and students at Brock have children enrolled in the local school districts, and the closing of those schools can weigh heavily on the available human resources of the University.

Additionally, the District School Board of Niagara has a network of resources across the region that can effectively determine the state of roads and weather conditions in a variety of locations. We rely heavily on this insight since we do not have the same kind of network in place.

The challenge of making a decision in a timely fashion requires us to rely on weather forecasts, news reports of road conditions, and insight from various community resources, including the Niagara Regional Police, St. Catharines Transit, and Niagara College.

Regardless of the decision of the University, faculty, staff and students need to consider their own personal risks given their situation/geographic location. There is no expectation for someone to put at great risk their own personal safety to get to campus. The key part of this process is communication: if students determine that they cannot make it to campus during severe weather, they need to contact their professor in a timely manner. If a faculty or staff member is unable to attend, it is essential that they communicate that decision with the appropriate person.

Constructive input into the effectiveness of the Inclement Weather Policy is welcome. We will continue to do our best to ensure the University takes into consideration all options during inclement weather, and make determinations that are in the best interest of our community.

Steven Pillar
Vice-President,
Finance and Administration



O'Malley lecture topic set

Even though consumers are taking control of their media experience in the digital age, it just might be the best time to advertise.

So says Geoffrey Roche, founder and chief creative officer for Lowe Roche and the 2008 guest speaker for the Terry O'Malley Lecture in Marketing and Advertising.

Roche will discuss "Why Now Is The Best Time To Be In Advertising" March 19 in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. The advertising industry had its creative hey-day in the 1960s and '70s, but now – the era of digital disruption, where consumers are taking control of the media experience and commercial messages are mobile and omnipresent – is the best time to be in advertising.

The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free, but reservations must be made through the Centre for the Arts by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

The Terry O'Malley Lecture in Marketing and Advertising has become a sellout event on the Brock University campus since its launch in 2002. Established by Terry O'Malley, former Chairman of the Toronto-based ad agency Vickers and Benson Advertising (now Arnold Worldwide), the annual lecture focuses on advertising, marketing, and the mass media, examining the role they play in modern society. O'Malley, who spent more than 30 years in advertising, was inducted this year into the Canadian Marketing Hall of Legends.

Police recruitment event coming

Those thinking of a career in police services will have an opportunity to meet law enforcement officers face-to-face on campus next week.

Career Services and the Dean's office, Faculty of Social Sciences, are hosting a Police Recruiting Showcase March 18 in the lobby of the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

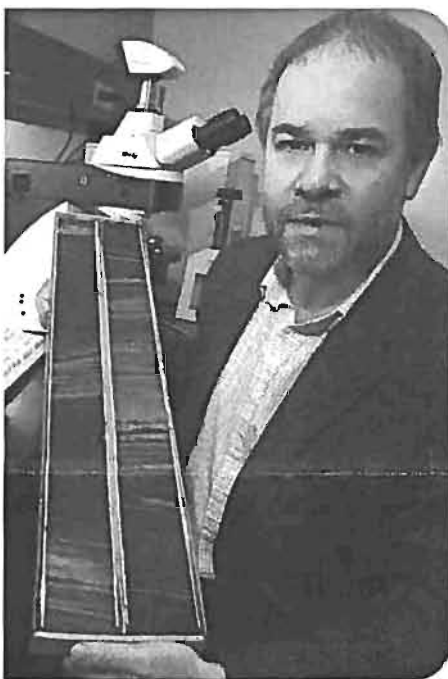
A variety of police service recruiters and representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police, Niagara Regional Police Service, Hamilton Police Service, Peel Regional Police, Halton Regional Police Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and others will provide information on issues such as how to apply, examination procedures, required training, salary and benefits, and career opportunities within the different units such as Emergency Task Force Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Canine Unit, Detective Office, and Underwater Search and Recovery.

Faculty and students looking for additional information prior to the event can e-mail Lisa Kuiper at lkuiper@brocku.ca, call ext. 3376 or e-mail Jeannette Ramsy at jramsay@brocku.ca



Rina Yasako (left), third-year Business student, offers tasty treats from her native Japan to Jordan O'Brien and Nicole Audette, second- and third-year students from Classics. More than 30 countries were represented during the annual Celebration of Nations Feb. 27 in Pond Inlet.

Professor brings piece of Alberta oilsands to Brock



Students in the Department of Earth Sciences don't need to imagine what it would be like to go drilling in Alberta's oilsands. They are now able to see first-

hand some of the technology in use, because of a donation of a long drill core from Imperial Oil, Canada's largest producer of crude oil.

Professor Martin Head recently accepted the donation of the core, which penetrates the full sequence of rock containing the Alberta oilsands.

Given the importance of the oilsands to Canada's future economy – the Alberta's oilsands contain at least 1.7 trillion barrels of oil, placing Canada second only after Saudi Arabia in global oil reserves – this is an important acquisition for Brock.

"Imperial Oil was interested in this core going to a good home where it could be used for undergraduate teaching, but also could form the basis for some possible research," Head said.

The 88.45-metre-long partial core originates from the Athabasca Oil Sands Deposit just north of Fort McMurray, Alta. The core penetrates through the full thickness of the oilsands deposit and into the underlying rocks in order to determine the distribution and quality of the sands prior to strip mining.

"They're looking particularly for 'sweet'" *Continues on page 3.*



The 556th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held Wednesday, Feb. 13. During the meeting, Senate:

- approved that the election of representatives to fill Senate vacancies occurring at the end of Spring Convocation, with the exception of student representatives, take place on Friday, March 28, 2008;
- approved the formation of the Centre for Sport Capacity for a term of five years;
- approved the proposed changes in degree requirements for the Master of Education;
- approved an amendment to Faculty Handbook III: 9.1.4 (C) *Examinations*;
- approved the addition of Faculty Handbook III: 19.1.9 *Distinguished Graduating Student Award*
- approved changes in the Course Bank for the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education-Aboriginal Adult Education, for the Centre for Adult Education and Community Outreach, for the Department of Geography, and for the Centre for Labour Studies;
- approved that the Chair or Vice-Chair of Senate annually convene the inaugural meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee and oversee the election of the Committee Chair and that FHB II: 9.4.2 be amended accordingly;
- approved that the composition of the Budget Advisory Committee be amended to include an undergraduate and a graduate student member and that FHB II: 9.4.2 be amended accordingly;
- received an oral Report from the Provost and Vice-President, Academic during which Senate Committee Chairs provided feedback to Dr. Terry Boak regarding each Committee's review of the draft academic plan;
- received a presentation from the Director of the Centre of Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies with respect to comparisons between open source and vendor-based learning management systems;
- received the updated Academic Dates for the 2008 Winter - 2009 Winter Term.

This report is a summary of actions taken. Full details of Senate meetings are available at www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate

Podcasts break down... *Continues from page 1.*

remain completely private. The University of Guelph and Mohawk College have public podcasts, Hume noted, while the University of Waterloo and Queen's University have private sites for academic content at this time. Queen's does have several recruitment and marketing podcast videos on the public site, as well as an audio podcast to accompany the quarterly alumni print publication.

"This is not just about lab demonstrations. The marketing possibilities become endless," he said, noting Mohawk has an edgy, somewhat amateur-looking recruitment podcast that is getting positive feedback from prospective students.

CTLET is currently working on putting together a task force to implement iTunes U at Brock. "We're still in the early stages, and require voices from across the campus in order to implement this correctly," Clare noted. At this point, CTLET has committed to supporting instructors in the use of iTunes U, similar to the support already given for WebCT, Turnitin.com, Wikis, etc. Production will be left to the individual instructors who may choose to recruit the ITS Multimedia Production team for assistance.

To learn more about the application and to view podcasts in a wide variety of disciplines, go to www.apple.com/itunes/u/ or www.apple.com/support/itunes_u/

To learn more about Brock's implementation of iTunes U, contact Clare at matt.clare@brocku.ca

Mentorship program... *Continues from page 1.*

Relations as an addition to the suite of Experience Plus co-curricular programs to ensure students are well prepared as they advance through their careers or further academic pursuits.

In their first year, students will be paired with senior student mentors to assist in the adjustment to Brock's environment, while in the second year, they will be placed in peer groups to engage in skill development programs related to their career goals. In third year, senior students will become mentors and will also begin to implement the plans they developed in their previous year, potentially through volunteer or employment opportunities. Finally, in the students' last year, they will be partnered with mentors who are knowledgeable in the students' career or academic areas of interest.

The first two months of 2008 brought together a test group of student-mentor participants with several get-to-know-you activities. Partners will continue to meet regularly throughout the semester until their formal mentoring relationship ends in April. Feedback from participants will help refine the program.

Ongoing support for Mentorship Plus is currently being sought in order to run a full pilot in September 2008, reaching a greater number of students and mentors.

The 2008 test phase of Mentorship Plus has been made possible in part with the financial support of the Niagara Community Foundation, which provided for training and resources for student and alumni participants. The Foundation builds permanently endowed charitable funds for the changing need and opportunities of the community and provides grants to eligible charitable organizations in culture, health, education, environment, recreation and social service sectors.

For more information, please contact Alaina Oda, Mentoring Program Co-ordinator, at ext. 4393, or e-mail: aoda@brocku.ca

Brock Briefs

Historic partnership results in lecture series

Brock's History Department and the Royal Niagara Military Institute are launching an annual lecture series. The first talk will be held on Wednesday, March 19 by Col. Michael Stevenson on "British Counter-Insurgency in Malaya and Aden: Lessons Learned (and Forgotten)." Open to the public, it begins at 8 p.m. in the Officers' Mess of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment at the Lake Street Armoury, 81 Lake St., at the intersection with Welland Avenue.

Thesis defence

MA in Popular Culture candidate Curtis Maloley defends his thesis, entitled "Picturing Mortality: Images of Death in Popular Cinema," on Friday, March 14 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Christopher Sharrett, Seton Hall University; Supervisor: Bohdan Nebesio; Second Reader: John Mitterer; Program Director: Jim Leach; Committee Chair: Zisimos Koustas. All are welcome to attend.

Thesis defence

Marianne Peso, a Master of Science student in the Department of Biological Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, March 18 at 2 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Nestmate recognition in the large carpenter bee, *Xylocopa virginica*." Her examining committee members are: Rick Cheel, Chair, Examining Committee; James Quinn, McMaster University, External Examiner; Miriam Richards, Supervisor; Glenn Tattersall and Gary Pickering.

PhD dissertation defence

Suguna Loganathan, student in PhD in Educational Studies, will present her doctoral defence on Thursday, March 20 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her dissertation is "Emergence of Conscious Awareness of Underlying Verbal and Visual Rules Over Time in Moderate Closed-Head Trauma Patients." External Examiner: Warnie Richardson, Nipissing University; Internal Examiner: John McNamara; Supervisor: Merle Richards; Committee Members: Jim Wagner, Sid Segalowitz, and Mary Clare Courtland; Chair of the Examining Committee: Vera Woloshyn. All are welcome to attend.

Summer accommodation on campus online now

Online reservations are now being accepted for students and visiting faculty that will be requiring long-term accommodation May through August. Rooms and unit rentals are available in Quarry View Residence. For more information, visit the website at www.brocku.ca/summerres or contact Conference and Event Services at ext. 5303.

Canadian soprano Shannon Mercer to give a workshop

The School of Fine and Performing Arts will offer community members the opportunity to attend a vocal workshop given by Canadian soprano Shannon Mercer at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Tuesday, March 18 between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Deborah Linton, Voice Instructor in the Department of Music, has pre-selected students within the department to participate in this workshop. Mercer will be focusing on vocal production, phrasing, and technique.

Such programs from the Department of Music are a key part of the School of Fine and Performing Arts' mandate to connect the community to the breadth of talent and creativity at Brock University.

Aquatic Centre busy

The Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre offers March Break fun swims daily from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. until Friday, March 14, and daily Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The daily individual fee is \$3.75 for children younger than 15, and \$4.75 for 15 and older. Family and multi-swim passes are also available.

Spring Swim Registration begins Monday, March 17 at 5 p.m. for the spring lessons, which begin Saturday, March 29. Registration continues until classes are full.

For information, go to www.brocku.ca/aquatics/

Scholarship within University examined

Several University partners are coming together later this month to present "The Scholarship of Engagement," a day-long event aimed at fostering discussion and awareness of the diverse range and types of legitimate scholarship within which the University and its partners engage.

Set for Tuesday, March 18 in Pond Inlet, Eugene Rice will offer the plenary address. A panel discussion on Faculty Work and Rewards features Jack Lightstone, President, as chairman, E. Rice, T. Boak, J. Heap and C. Merriam.

The event is sponsored by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, the Faculty of Education, Brock International and the Office of Research Services. Details can be found at www.brocku.ca/ctlet/soe

Brock professor honoured at Queen's Park

Nancy Johnston, retired Psychology Professor, was recently honoured with an Ontario Senior Achievement Award at Queen's Park for her work teaching psychology at Brock University, and for her work as a clinical child psychologist in the Niagara Region. She has specialized in assisting those who have suffered from sexual abuse. Johnston was presented the award by Lt.-Gov. David C. Onley, and Aileen Carroll, the Ontario Minister Responsible for

Professor brings piece of... *Continues from page 2.*

spots' within their acquisitions," Head explained. "In order to find these sweet spots, they need to drill a core to determine exactly what is beneath the surface."

Head will use the core as a teaching aid in his fourth-year petroleum geology course.

"By allowing the students to examine the core and see how the oil has been so discriminating in the way that it has gone through those rocks, it tells them something important about those deposits."

Head also recently received an equipment grant of \$73,000 from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council to purchase a vitrinite reflectance and fluorescence microscope workstation in association with co-applicant Professor Andrew Miall from the University of Toronto.

The equipment, which is now at Brock, is used to evaluate source rocks and will be used to conduct research on where the oil came from to source the oilsands of Alberta. It is the only equipment of its kind in central Canada.

"The Geological Survey of Canada in Calgary have similar equipment, but they are inundated with requests for analysis, both from academia and industry. And they are running at full capacity," says Head. "So there is a real need for these kinds of analysis that this equipment will produce, not only locally within Central Canada, but throughout Canada."

Graduate student Kamalpreet Sihra, a former Earth Sciences undergraduate student now working towards a master's degree under Head's direction, will be working the vitrinite reflectance and fluorescence microscope workstation on an oilsands-related project. Sihra is no stranger to the Canadian oil patch, having worked out west as a co-op student during her degree program.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Kevin Kee, Professor, History, was interviewed for a Feb. 6 article about the benefits of nGen in *Niagara News*. Entitled "nGen benefits will trickle through Niagara," the article notes Kee's class is contributing to a War of 1812 game.

Ian Brindle, Acting Vice-President of Research and International, was interviewed for a Feb. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock University lobbying feds for bioscience funds." The article was a followup to the provincial announcement of \$33.5 million in funding for the Niagara Health and Biosciences Research Complex. The article also ran in the *Welland Tribune*. Brindle, Jack Lightstone, President, and Vincenzo DeLuca, Professor, Biological Sciences, were interviewed for a Feb. 15 article in the same newspapers, as well as the *Niagara Falls Review*, and in the Feb. 20 edition of *Niagara This Week*, regarding the provincial funding announcement.

Kate Bezanson, Professor, Sociology, was interviewed by the *Welland Tribune* for a Feb. 18 article entitled "Changing face of Canadian families," in which she talked about the rise of the nuclear family in Canada during the past century.

Jean Bridge, Director, Centre for Digital Humanities, was interviewed for a Feb. 22 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* regarding the creation of office space for

nGen, in an article entitled, "nGen primed for St. Paul St." The article also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

Tim Conley, Professor, English, and John Mitterer, Professor, Psychology, were interviewed for a Feb. 22 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "What's the Big Idea?" highlighting the TVO Best Lecturer Contest, airing this month on television.

Craig Hyatt discussed his research into sports fans as a guest on radio show "Drive This" on Hardcore Sports Radio (Sirius satellite radio 186) on Feb. 15.

Angela Mills, Professor, English Language and Literature, was interviewed for a Feb. 17 article in *Niagara This Week* about the Black History Month events being put on by the Brock/Niagara African Canadian Renaissance group, in an article entitled "Brock events celebrate black history."

Kent Keeler, Business Administration master's student, was interviewed for a Feb. 19 article in the *Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal* for a story about his acceptance as one of four North American students to attend the Copenhagen Consensus Center in Denmark in May.

Melissa Cox, Campus Conservative Club President, was interviewed for a Feb. 21 article in the *Welland Tribune* about the Progressive Conservatives' annual general meeting. Entitled "Noticeable division among Tory party members," Cox spoke of the possibility of a leadership convention in the near future.

Brock athlete honoured at the Women of Influence Luncheon Series

Paige Gregson, a student-athlete at Brock University, was recently honoured at the prestigious Women of Influence Luncheon Series in Toronto. The series, hosted by Ontario University Athletics (OUA) member institutions, recognizes the achievements of female athletes who have demonstrated academic and athletic excellence.

Paige has been a dominating force on the Brock Women's Rugby team, leading her team to their first-ever OUA bronze medal in 2004. More recently, she earned her first OUA All-Star selection, finishing third on the team in scoring.

While her athletic talents are copious, her achievements off the field are equally impressive. The fourth-year Kinesiology student has also been recognized as an Academic All-Canadian for three straight years for

maintaining an average of 80 per cent, and has also been involved in the Brock Badgers IMPACT program, acting as a mentor for troubled youth in the Niagara community.

"I have found that because rugby is so demanding, it has forced me to be organized and use my time wisely," Gregson says of her ability to remain focused and achieve her goals on the field and in class.

"I never expected to stand out among the female varsity athletes at Brock. I was shocked at the enormity of the luncheon and I was very proud to represent Brock."

The 19 women recognized at the Women of Influence Luncheon are chosen from across the province because they demonstrate outstanding qualities, and serve as valuable role models for aspiring young females.

Healthy lifestyle choices drive Active Living Conference

Engaging people of all ages to adopt healthy, active lifestyles will be the goal behind the third annual Active Living Conference, set for Tuesday, April 8 at Brock.

Senior students in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology have used the latest research to develop original and innovative active living programs suitable for toddlers to senior citizens. The conference will also showcase programs that target special interest groups such as students, agricultural workers,

rural dwellers, women suffering from depression, and more.

The cost is \$25 for professionals and \$20 for students, which includes admission, lunch, a nutritious snack break, a dance performance and a chance to win door prizes. The keynote speaker is John Corlett, Dean of Applied Health Sciences at Brock. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information or to register, go to BrockALConference2008.googlepages.com

Faculty and Staff

DRAMATIC ARTS

David Fancy was awarded (in absentia) the Enbridge playRites Award – Emerging Canadian Playwright at a banquet held in Calgary on Feb. 14. The \$3,000 prize is sponsored by the Alberta Theatre Projects and Enbridge Gas and will go towards a production of his new play, *Khalida*, set for this summer. Fancy also recently received, in collaboration with Toronto director Alexandra Seay, a \$10,000 grant from the Canada Council for the Arts for the production.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Lorenzo Cherubini presented the papers "New teachers' perceptions of induction: Insights into principled practices" and "A quarter-century of disequilibrium for Aboriginal peoples in Canada," at the 11th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nev., in February.

Lorenzo Cherubini, **Ewelina Niemczyk** and **Sarah McGeen** presented "Wildfire Gathering as case method: An instructive approach to new Aboriginal teacher development," at the 11th Annual Meeting of The American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nev., in February.

MATHEMATICS

Chantal Buteau gave a presentation, entitled "Triggering University Students' Mathematical Creativity by Use of Technology," in the Mathematics Education Lunch Time Seminar at the University of Cambridge (U.K.), on Feb. 19.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Avanti Chamber Singers in a program entitled *Fa Una Canzona* (Sing Me a Song), consisting of works by Des Prez, Duruffe, Handel and others, on Feb. 3 in St. Catharines. Lesley Kingham (Music) served as both accompanist and organ soloist, and Brock graduate Melissa Shriner performed several vocal solos. Loewen also conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir in a performance of *Gloria* by Peter Landey (Music), with the composer at the keyboard, and led the festival mass choir in Handel's great coronation anthem *Zadok the Priest* at the Festival of Friends in Mississauga on Feb. 9.

PHILOSOPHY

Rajiv Kaushik was an invited lecturer and symposium guest on the topic of "Time, Horizontality and God in Husserl's Manuscripts," at Saint Anselm College in Boston, Mass., on Feb. 19.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Paul Hamilton presented a research paper entitled "Demands for Religious Parity in Canada: The Reasonable Accommodation Debate in Comparative Perspective" at the Centre of Canadian Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland on Feb. 19. He also gave four lectures on nationalism in Quebec, North American integration, and multiculturalism in Canada to an undergraduate Canadian Studies class.

Patrick Robson presented on the topic "Community Sustainability Plans" at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Sustainable Communities Conference 2008, in Ottawa, on Feb. 15. Robson was also recently appointed to the Vineland Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre.

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer delivered an invited plenary address, entitled "Web 2.0, Communication, Technology and Post-Secondary Education," to the Psychology section of the 61st Annual Convention of the Texas Community College Teachers Association, in Dallas, Texas, Feb. 21 to 23.

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Mary Breunig was invited to serve as a panel member for a presentation entitled "Gender and the Outdoors: An International Conversation" at the International Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference in Otago, New Zealand on Jan. 24. Breunig presented an invited lecture, entitled "Critical Pedagogy as Praxis: Teaching as Activism" at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) on Feb. 13.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

• Friday, March 14, Dr. Michael Jonz, Centre for Neural Dynamics, University of Ottawa. "Oxygen chemoreception in aquatic vertebrates." Host: Joffre Mercier

The Canadian Federation of University Women – Welland and District: will meet on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home to discuss the resolutions. Joe Barkovich from the *Welland Tribune* will speak on The Seven Wonders of Welland. Please note the change of time for this meeting only. New members and interested women welcome. For info call 905-892-1179.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

The Brock University Film Society: continues the winter season March 16 as Frank Langella gives the performance of his career as a novelist drawn into a May-December relationship in *Starting Out in the Evening*. On March 30, join us for Marc Forster's adaptation of the best-selling novel, *The Kite Runner*. The season wraps up April 6 with a film to be announced. BUFS screens Sundays at 7 p.m. in the David S. Howes Theatre. For details and ticket prices, please visit www.brocku.ca/bufs

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: One-Act Play Festival DART 3F54 (13 Plays), March 14 and 15, Schmon Tower 103. Limited seating.

Department of Music: Music@Noon series: March 18, Instrumental Students, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; March 25, Piano Students, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Recital: Instrumental Students

Department of Visual Arts:

- Multiples VISA 1P97 & VISA 3M90, until March 15, Niagara Artists' Company, 354 St. Paul St.
- Compulsion: VISA 3P96 – Third-year Painting, March 17 to 31, Opening: Wednesday, March 19 at 4 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Lobby. Free community event.
- Juried Exhibition, March 7 to 29, Opening: Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m., Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul Cres. Free community event.

SHOWCASE: The School of Fine and Performing Arts presents...SHOWCASE March 17, 8 p.m. Join us as Students engage audiences with unique presentations in theatre, music, dance, visual arts, and interdisciplinary arts. Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, free and open to the community.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

MARCH 2008

An Evening with Hawksley Workman (HOT TICKET ADDED EVENT!), March 13; John Sherwood – Toronto's Jazz Scene featuring Guido Basso and Carol McCartney, March 14; Corb Lund & the Hurtin' Albertans with Ridley Bent, March 15; Al Stewart with Dave Nachmanoff, March 20; Beatles Baroque by Les Boréades, March 28; boygroove – A musical spoof for boy band lovers and haters!, March 29.

APRIL 2008

The Standard OrchEXTRA: Higher Ground – The Music of Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson & Marvin Gaye featuring Gavin Hope of The Nylons, the Niagara Symphony & the Jeans 'n Classics Band, April 3; Los Pinguos, April 4; Acoustic Roots featuring Matt Andersen, Mike Stevens & Dave Gunning, April 5; Spirit & the Blues: Campbell Brothers with special guest Eric Bibb, April 9; Matt Dusk (SOLD OUT!), April 15; Gregg Lawless: Lawless Duets Etc. (Intimate On-Stage Seating), April 18; The Just For Laughs Road Show, April 19; Classic Albums Live: The Eagles – Hotel California, April 24 and 25; Sophie Milman, April 26.

Community Outreach Events (in partnership with SCAAC, Folk Arts and CFBU): Songwriting Workshop with Gregg Lawless, March 27 at 7 p.m. (31 James St., St. Catharines).

The Wee Ones Wiggle Series: (For ages 3+) sponsored by Niagara This Week Fred Penner: Growing with Fred! April 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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Conference gets in touch with digital side

The 2008 Web Broadcasting Conference, organized by BrockTV, will analyse the current trends of digital media, web video and viral marketing in order to harness its powerful potential into the digital environment at Brock University. With the application of BrockTV as a case analysis, the conference will include such topics as: online advertising; daily video segments highlighting up-to-date Brock information; incubating an online Brock social network; and cutting-edge educational opportunities in the digital media sector.

The Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 26, starting at 7 p.m. For information, go to Brocktv.ca

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Badgers put Brock in spotlight

Several Brock Badger teams have placed the University squarely in the national spotlight this month, with championship titles and accolades for team members and coaches alike.

Most recently, the mens' hockey team made its first foray into the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championships in Moncton, N.B. Although the team came away without any hardware, the program earned much praise, and its coach, Murray Nystrom, was awarded the CIS Coach of the Year. In his 10th season at Brock, the Thunder Bay native and Welland resident led Brock to first place in the Ontario University Athletics' Mid-West Division with a 17-8-0-3 record. He has the distinction of earning Brock's first CIS Coach of the Year title.

Meanwhile, the mens' basketball team continues to bask in the glow of earning its second-ever national title, a feat earned earlier in March with a trip to Ottawa.

Besides being inundated with television, radio, online and newspaper interview requests from across the country, the team is being honoured by the Province of Ontario, the St. Catharines, Thorold and Welland city councils, and has had requests for appearances by local organizations and charities.

"You couldn't ask for a better marketing pitch for your university," head coach Ken Murray noted in the days immediately following the CIS win. "I've got to work even harder now over the next couple of weeks, while it's fresh in everyone's minds that we won a championship."

To recognize these achievements, along with other provincial and national titles earned by teams earlier in the year, the Brock community will host an event honouring athletic excellence on Monday, March 31 in the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium at 4 p.m.

Café Scientifique II to discuss shape of things to come

The second Café Scientifique for 2008 will focus on childhood obesity.

Taking place April 4 in Pond Inlet from 4 to 7 p.m., the information-packed evening will also kick off the two-day Mapping the New Knowledges conference.

This free event is an opportunity for parents, educators, friends and leaders in the community to share new insights and strategies.

The Café Scientifique is geared toward people who are interested in science, but who generally don't have the opportunity to discuss their views with scientists. Those living or working with children can hear about the latest findings on how diet, physiological and social elements impact the health of society's youngest members.

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The triumphant Brock Badgers mens' basketball team can't keep the emotions inside as they celebrate their win at the national championships in Ottawa March 16 after defeating the Acadia Axemen 64-61. It is the second time in Brock's history the men have brought home the highest title in the nation.

Graduate conference about connections



PhD candidate William Tays, standing, works on research with Harm Kelly, third-year Neurosciences student, who is sporting a Biosemi Electrode Cap.

The research of graduate student William Tays has wide implications, especially to the population of Niagara.

Tays, a fourth-year PhD candidate in Psychology, is studying the aging human brain. According to the 2006 census by Statistics Canada, St. Catharines is one of the top five cities in Canada with the greatest number of seniors, defined as those 65 years and older. The Niagara city weighs in at 17.7 per cent of the population; the national average is 3.7 per cent.

Tays will be making an oral presentation about his research and findings at the third-annual Mapping the New Knowledges conference on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5. His research explores compensation and cognitive functioning in the aging human brain, specifically its decreased ability to identify personally relevant or salient information, and also its inability to ignore irrelevant or distracting information.

"My research identifies special situations where older people have particular problems," says Tays. "For example, life-and-death decisions constantly have to be made while driving, and older people have

more difficulty filtering out the distractions. In practical terms, we could explore initiatives that could be undertaken to reduce or eliminate those traffic distractions for older drivers."

The graduate student, who says he is eager to showcase his research at the approaching research conference, was motivated to conduct research in this field because of changes in behaviour he observed in family members and friends. His Niagara-area research subjects are healthy and range in age from 50 into their 80s.

Tays, whose supervisor is Professor Jane Dywan, said at some point he would also be interested in studying intellectual and cultural engagement by the aging brain and also the role of physical fitness on cognitive function.

Jamie Posavad, a master's candidate in Child and Youth Studies, is also making an oral presentation at the research conference. Her focus is on how autism is conceptualized culturally.

"My work aims to show how autism is understood within a westernized medical discourse," Posavad says, "and how culture influences our beliefs. It also provides some alternative understandings of what is identified as autism across the globe."

Posavad, whose thesis supervisor is Professor Maureen Connolly, says the implications of her research are important as Canada becomes more culturally diverse. She is also quick to point out that her research does not discredit the medical model, but encourages clinicians to approach and treat patients with culturally respectful practices.

The Mapping the New Knowledges conference, says Posavad, is an opportunity to share her research and receive feedback from others skilled in designing and developing research. She added she expects to gain insights from other people's research as well.

The conference, which is open to the public and will be held in Pond Inlet and the Plaza Building, showcases and celebrates Brock's research initiatives and

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Brock marketing project in full swing

When we hear the term "branding," we tend to think of eye-catching logos and thought-provoking taglines that help keep a product top-of-mind.

But apply branding to a university setting, and it's an exercise that should go much deeper.

According to Educational Marketing Group (EMG), the consulting firm that has successfully shaped the brands of universities across North America, to "brand" a higher education institution means clearly defining that institution and what it represents for the various stakeholders involved in its ongoing success.

"Right now, when people ask you what Brock represents, the answers are all over the board," said Prescott Coleman, EMG's vice-president of client services, during an open-campus presentation at the end of February.

"But what you want is for everyone involved to have a deep sense of who you are, with that one idea you want to own in the hearts and minds of your target audience."

"Right now, you really aren't making an impact outside your region."

To help obtain and retain that impact for Brock - with an aim to enhance the University's reputation and increasing its visibility in the higher education marketplace - EMG consultants have been spending time meeting with various University stakeholders.

After a round of input through personal and group interviews, EMG is now concentrating on a University-wide appeal for participation in a quick, five-question online survey. The deadline for response is this Friday, March 28.

Armed with input from across the Brock spectrum, EMG staff will then "lock the senior executives in a leadership conference for a few days and not emerge" until there is consensus about Brock's brand promise, and the key features to back it up. Once that process is complete, Brock faculty, staff and students alike should offer the same insight when asked about the Brock experience.

Coleman used the example of automobile branding, noting a Cadillac generally makes one think immediately of quality or luxury, while the Volvo makes one think of safety. Brock, he said, needs to find its one, authentic message to be top-of-mind for both its community and target audience.

He noted EMG will guide the exercise, but it will be the Brock community that creates and maintains the branding.

Those in attendance at the forum were asked to define Brock's best qualities. Answers included everything from the open-door policy of faculty to the unique programs, such as the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute.

EMG consultants hope to see the full process completed within the next few months, in time to develop creative for the next cycle of students.

To participate in the online survey, go to www.emgclient.com/input/brock

Participation makes Open House 2008 a success

Special thanks to all Brock faculty, staff and students who helped make Open House 2008 a great success! Open House is a very important event, as it occurs when prospective students are determining which university they will attend. The participation of the Brock community is a key part in making this event a success. Recruitment and Liaison Services greatly appreciates your support.

Thanks again,
Melissa Coleman
Open House Co-ordinator

Canadian literary icon visits Brock

Celebrated poet, playwright and essayist Roch Carrier will be reading his works and discussing life as a writer Thursday, March 27 for "Une soirée avec / An evening with Roch Carrier."

The famed author of *The Hockey Sweater* will be speaking in French and English for the event, set for 8 to 10 p.m. in Academic South 203. There is no admission for the event, which is sponsored by the Humanities Research Institute, the Centre for Canadian Studies, the Faculty of Education and with the co-operation of Editions soleil publishing.

A celebrated storyteller, Carrier is also a former National Librarian of Canada and Director of the Canada Council for the Arts, from 1994 to '97. While serving as the National Librarian of Canada, from 1997 to 2004, Carrier initiated the Digital Library of Canada, an online database of digitized copies of some of the most significant national treasures, to increase access to all Canadians regardless of geographic location.

Brock Briefs

BrockTV seminar gets in touch with digital side

BrockTV has organized a digital media seminar for today (Wednesday, March 26) to analyse the current trends of digital media, web video and viral marketing as they relate to the digital environment at Brock University.

Topics for the seminar, happening in AS215 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., include the status of digital media and the instant participation of Hollywood; content production within a digital media context; distribution for online media; advertising platforms, strategies and formulas utilizing digital media; and harnessing the power of digital media in a Niagara-based context.

Whether you are looking at advertising online, using online media as a source for information, or promoting faculty, staff or service, this seminar will contextualize the emerging trend of digital media.

For information, e-mail BrockTV.President@gmail.com

Social Justice and Equity Studies program holds diversity talk

The Social Justice and Equity Studies program will be hosting a talk by Tomee Sojourner, MA SJES graduate, entitled "Embracing Intersectional Diversity" on March 27 at 12 noon in TH248. All are welcome.

Cuvée dominated by CCOVI graduates



Brock Oenology and Viticulture program graduates who earned awards at the recent Cuvée Wine Awards include, back, from left: Chris Inns (Class of '08), Jamie Evans ('04), Lawrence Buhler ('03), and Rob Power ('00), and front, from left: Emma Garner ('04), Natalie Reynolds ('01), Lydia Tomek ('04).

Graduates of Brock's Oenology and Viticulture program raked in the hardware at the Cuvée Wine Awards, held recently at the Niagara Fallsview Casino. Rob Power, Natalie Reynolds, Lawrence Buhler, Jamie Evans, Emma Garner, and Lydia Tomek, all graduates, and Chris Inns, currently an undergraduate in the program, collectively won nine awards – out of a total of 20 – for wines they made.

Power was honoured with awards for four of his wines made under the Creekside Estate Winery and Mike Weir Estate Winery labels. Cuvée Wine Awards is the only wine competition in Canada in which winners are chosen by winemakers. This year, 44 winemakers tasted more than 180 wines from 55 wineries, upholding strict criteria to pick the winners.

Brock graduates won awards for their wines in the following categories (graduates' names in parentheses):

- Best red wine: Thirty Bench Wine Makers Benchmark Red 2005 (Natalie

Reynolds and Emma Garner)

- Best limited edition red wine: Creekside Estate Winery Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (Rob Power)

- Best sparkling wine: Peller Estates Winery Signature Series Ice Cuvée Rose NV (Lawrence Buhler)

- Best Meritage: Creekside Estate Winery Reserve Meritage 2004 (Power)

- Best Merlot: Hernder Estates Winery Merlot 2004 (Lydia Tomek)

- Best Syrah/Shiraz: Creekside Estate Winery Broken Press Shiraz 2005 (Power)

- Best red assemblage: Mike Weir Estate Winery Cabernet Shiraz 2005 (Power)

- Best Riesling: Thirty Bench Wine Makers Small Lot Riesling "Triangle Vineyard" 2006 (Reynolds and Garner)

- Cuvée Gold Award: Stonechurch Vineyards Riesling Dry 2006 (Jamie Evans and Chris Inns, Oenology and Viticulture student).

Dallaire part of Willowbank event

Romeo Dallaire, senator and retired lieutenant-governor, will give an afternoon lecture March 30 in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre as part of a presentation for the School of Restoration Arts at Willowbank. The author will talk on leadership and conflict resolution while offering stories of his experiences as Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission to Rwanda.

Tickets for the one-hour lecture, which starts at 2 p.m., cost \$49.50, while a VIP ticket, which includes an opportunity to meet Dallaire after the talk, can be reserved for \$100. For tickets, call the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

'Making a Difference' event set

Services for Students with disabilities will sponsor the eighth annual "Making a Difference" awards luncheon Thursday, April 3 in Pond Inlet from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

During the event, individuals in the Brock community will be recognized for making significant contributions to the successful academic lives of students with disabilities.

The guest speaker is I. King Jordan, Past-President of Gallaudet University. Jordan made history in 1988 as the first deaf president of Gallaudet, the world's only university with all programs and services designated specifically for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Tickets are available first-come, first-served by contacting the Student Development Office, ST 400, at ext. 3240, by Thursday, March 27.

Archaeology group celebrates 40th anniversary

The Archaeological Institute of America, Niagara Peninsula Society 40th Anniversary Dinner-Lecture, in association with Brock's Department of Classics, features Professor Michael Fuller, Department of Anthropology, St. Louis Community College, who will speak on the topic of "The DaVinci Code, Templars and Archaeology."

Tickets for the dinner, set for Sunday, April 6 at Club Roma, 125 Vansickle Rd. in St. Catharines, cost \$60 per person (including \$25 tax-deductible donation to the Society). Student tickets are \$35. Advance sales only. Tickets must be purchased by March 31. Call 905-468-5649, 905-685-6984 or 905-945-2887, or go to www.niagaraiaia.net/firms.com

End of term mixer date set

The Annual End of Term Mixer will take place Thursday, April 10 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Pond Inlet. All staff and faculty are invited to attend.

MEd Thesis Defences

Amy Woodland, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "An Exploration of Women Elementary School Teachers' Perceptions of How Their Decision to Return to Teaching Part-Time from a Maternity Leave Influences Their Professional and Personal Lives." External Examiner: Sandra Acker, OISE/UT; Thesis Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Sandra

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Graduate conference...

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familiarizes graduate students with the professional process by which knowledge is disseminated.

Of the 130 submissions, 45 are from the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, 32 from Social Sciences, 20 from Mathematics and Science, 16 from Education, 11 from Humanities and six from Business. A further breakdown indicates there will be 52 poster presentations, with the remainder as oral presentations.

In addition to the research by Tays and Posavad, research topics show a great range in diversity, including presentations about upper-leg strength and the risk of Type 2 diabetes, understanding character development, the military metaphor of illness, maize as an energy substitute, philosophy in Macbeth, and NHL salaries.

After the welcoming remarks April 4 at 4:30 p.m. in Pond Inlet, a panel of experts will facilitate a Café Scientifique beginning at 5 p.m. The focus of the café, funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research, will be child health and obesity. A reception and poster presentation will follow from 6 to 7 p.m. or later.

Douglas Peers, Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice-President Academic, Graduate, at York University, will deliver the keynote address shortly after 9 a.m. April 5. The title of his address is "Beyond Academics: What about Professional Skills Training for Graduate Students?" Following his remarks, concurrent sessions for oral presentations will begin.

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"This style of presentation can benefit both the public and the specialist by bringing them together on issues that affect us all," noted Frances Chandler, Associate Director Research.

Terry Wade, Brock's Canada Research Chair in Youth and Wellness, will act as moderator. Wade is an authority on the social-structural determinants of health and health behaviour, psychiatric epidemiology and child development.

Participants include:

- Brent Faught, an epidemiologist in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences whose research focuses on the relationship between habitual physical activity patterns and risk of other diseases/conditions such as obesity depression and coronary heart disease. His current research focuses on the incidence and co-morbidity of children who suffer from developmental coordination disorder.
- Panagiota Klentrou, acting Chair and Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology at Brock, whose areas of expertise and research are applied physiology, pediatric exercise physiology, exercise interventions, and health and performance in youth.
- Jason Liu, a biostatistician and epidemiologist in the Department of Community Health Services, whose research interests focus on the impact of early life experience on cardiovascular risk, and of lifestyle modification in the management of chronic diseases.
- Bareket Falk, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, studies the effects of exercise on growing bone, muscle strength and resistance training during childhood and adolescence, recovery from exercise, thermoregulation during youth, effects of exercise and training on children with chronic disease, including obesity.

This Café Scientifique is funded in part by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR). Wade and Faught have both received research support from CIHR.

For more information on Café Scientifique, contact Julia Blushak at jblushak@brocku.ca or at ext. 5686.

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Bosacki and Rosemary Young; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Michelle Duncanson, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Friday, April 18 at 1 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Wrap Around Analysis of the Affordances and Constraints for Girls with Physical Disabilities Participating in Physical Activities." External Examiner: Jane Taylor, Lakehead University; Thesis Supervisor: Maureen Connolly; Committee Members: Sheila Bennett and Brent Faught; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Social justice forum coming

The Niagara Social Justice Forum 2008 takes place Saturday, April 12 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Pond Inlet.

The day-long event will be an opportunity to dialogue with other people and groups in the Niagara Region who are interested in social justice. Admission is free.

For a detailed schedule and map go to www.brocku.ca/socialjustice

Groups interested in having an information table, contact Catherine Chaput at cchaput@brocku.ca no later than Monday, April 7.

Mental Health Works - Employee Awareness Session

An employee session facilitated by the Canadian Mental Health Association will be offered for employees on two dates:

Tuesday, April 15 or Tuesday, April 22. The session, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Pond Inlet, will explore how to understand and identify mental health issues in the

workplace. Mental health issues affect everyone within the organization, making it important to increase awareness throughout the workplace. For information, go to www.brocku.ca/hr/training/

Laramie Project shines light on hate crime

Due to the overwhelming response received from performances held on campus earlier this month, *The Laramie Project* is being remounted in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. On April 2 at 7:30 p.m., docudrama will be performed in a forum that is open to the public. Admission is free. *The Laramie Project* was written about the true-life attack on Matthew Shepard, 21, a gay student from the University of Wyoming. On Oct. 6, 1998, near Laramie, Wyo., Shepard was found tied to a fence, beaten and unconscious. He died from severe head injuries, bringing national attention to the issue of hate crimes.

Originally written and performed by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project in March 2000, it remains one of the most performed plays in North America today.

The production will be performed by Brock Connections, the Drama in Education and Society student theatre club, whose goal is to use theatre as a medium to address current social issues, and to encourage active, continuing dialogue. With *The Laramie Project*, the actors draw audiences into a soul-searching debate about prejudice based on sexual orientation.

No tickets are required, general seating only. Due to intense subject matter, this performance is recommended for ages 16 years and older.



Students in several universities across Canada spent five days recently living without means as a way to raise money and awareness for the homeless. At Brock, Jake Morrison, left, Noor Mufti, centre, and Ted Soepboer, students from the Faculty of Business, were able to wash up briefly in campus washrooms, and they had to attend classes, but otherwise they were stationed outside, underneath the Canadian Tire Bridge, relying on donations for their supplies. Funds raised went to Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.

On the Move focuses on getting girls active

Learning to be physically active in youth not only helps young girls fight off health challenges later in life, it can also boost self-esteem in the here and now.

On the Move is a workshop coming to Brock next month as part of a national initiative to increase awareness of the physical and mental health issues surrounding young girls who are not physically active.

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences for Healthy Development and Niagara Regional Public Health are hosting the workshop Monday, April 7 to increase opportunities for inactive girls to participate in sport and physical activity.

Studies have shown that in comparison to girls and young women who do not participate, those who do participate in physical activity report higher levels of self-esteem and self-efficacy, decreased tobacco, alcohol and other drug use, and lower incidences

of eating disorders.

The workshop, which runs from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Academic South 216, is co-ordinated by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS). The workshops are financially supported by the Public Health Agency of Canada as well.

Sydney Millar, CAAWS national project manager for On the Move, will be the workshop facilitator. Millar's work across the country has focused on presentations to inspire physical activity programs geared to unique needs and interests of girls and young women from all backgrounds and circumstances.

Registration for the event must be received by Friday, March 28. Contact the Centre for Healthy Development at chdspa@brocku.ca or call ext. 4904. For information about CAAWS and On the Move, visit www.caaws.ca

Mediatalk People in the news

Damian Ford, student, Sports Management, was interviewed for a Feb. 29 story in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brother's name lives on through memorial race." Ford is organizing a charitable run April 5 in memory of his brother, Brendan, who died of a heart condition two years ago. A similar story ran in *Niagara This Week* March 7.

Ana Sanchez, Professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for a March 1 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Too much TB." Sanchez and graduate student Angela Duarte are studying the prevalence of latent tuberculosis virus in the world's population and ways of detecting it. Sanchez's research on TB was also the focus of an episode of Project X, a documentary series on CBC. Her research in Latin America was featured in episode 3 (Invaders) and appeared on CBC television Feb. 27. View the segment at cbc.ca/invaders/ Her portion starts around the 15-minute mark.

Lewis Soroka, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a March 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "A sagging sector," regarding Niagara's changing economy. Soroka noted manufacturing jobs have been in decline for years, so Niagara has to stop looking back and embrace the new economy. The article also ran in the *Welland Tribune* and *Niagara Falls Review*.

Barb Tatarnic, Managing Director, Canadian Wine Library, was interviewed for a March 3 story in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Bramble the toast of wine event," in which she mentioned the Experts' Wine Tasting event was the best way to get VQA wines into the hands of sommeliers, restaurateurs and educators from both sides of the border.

John Middleton, Professor, Tourism and Environment, was interviewed for a March 4 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Striving for a fruitful future," in which he said tender fruit acreage must be protected to help protect the tourism industry.

Maureen Connolly, Director, Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, was interviewed for a March 5 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Significance of silence underestimated, abuse survivor says." Connolly spoke of the impact of silence in abusive situations as part of her talk to the Niagara Regional International Women's Day committee event.

Felice Martinello, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a March 5 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Canada's workforce is aging," in which he said a labour shortage won't be as impactful as today's statistics seem to indicate.

Kimberly Cote, Professor, Psychology, was interviewed for a March 7 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "One more hour... please!" about the effects of losing one hour's sleep due to the switch to daylight time.

Jeff Boggs, Professor, Centre for Labour Studies, was interviewed for a March 8 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* for an article entitled "Charting Niagara's new future," in which he noted various levels of government and education are coming together to create a better economic future for Niagara.

Dale Bradley, Professor, Communication, Pop Culture and Film, was interviewed for a March 3 article in the *Windsor Star*, about the movement of Polaroid away from film and into digital cameras, entitled "Polaroid legacy lives on."

Murray Nystrom, Coach, Brock Badgers hockey team, was interviewed for a March 1 article in the *Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal* entitled "Welcome back Mr. Nystrom," in which he recalled his days playing hockey in Thunder Bay ahead of the OUA semifinal game against the Lakehead Thunderwolves. Brock defeated Lakehead 1-0 in overtime to earn a spot in the nationals.

Brad Clarke, Off Campus Housing Officer, was interviewed for a March 5 article in *Niagara News* entitled "New group aims to involve students." The article focuses on the City of Thorold's new sub-committee aimed at giving post-secondary students a better community orientation and a chance to work with community groups.

Yousef Haj-Ahmad, Professor, Biological Sciences, was interviewed for a March 7 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "In for a long growing season," in which he talks about the growing success of his company Norgen Biotech.

Jonathon Roepke, master's student, Biological Sciences, was interviewed for a March 6 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Homegrown talent," in which he talks about the potential for keeping new graduates employed in Niagara. **James O'Brien**, Brock University Students' Union president, and **Rosemary Hale**, Dean of Humanities, were also interviewed for the article, which appeared in the *Welland Tribune* as well.

Joe Kushner, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a March 12 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Kushner likely victim of 'phishing' swindle," in which he warns fellow councillors not to reveal secure banking information by responding to seemingly legitimate e-mails. Kushner was the apparent victim of such a scandal related to his personal banking.

Gary Pickering, Chair of Biological Sciences and CCOVI Researcher, was interviewed for a March 12 article in the *Globe and Mail* entitled "Canadian bubbles have a sparkling future," in which he talked about the potential for Canadian sparkling wines on the world stage.

Tami Friedman, Professor, History, was interviewed for a March 8 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "International Women's Day a time to think of women everywhere," in which she spoke about the scope and history of the day.

David Fennell, Professor, Tourism and Environment, was interviewed for a March 8 article in the *Edmonton Journal* entitled "Slum visits: Tourism or voyeurism?" in which he questions the practice of touring slum areas of developing countries.

Tamari Kitossa, Professor, Sociology, was interviewed for a March 13 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Highlighting the region's African connection," in which he talked about the formation of the Brock-Niagara African Canadian Renaissance Group.

Vince Wilson, Student Development Centre, was interviewed for a March 7 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Brock volunteers help put finishing touches on village," about the Brock Care's Day of Service at four sites in Niagara.

Herbert de Bray, Aquatics Manager, was interviewed March 11 on 105.1 FM regarding the March Break swims, general aquatics programs and the upcoming spring lessons session.

Hemantha Herath, Professor, Accounting, was interviewed for a February 2008 article in *Infosecurity-magazine.com* entitled "Premium Pricing," in which the author discussed the reluctance of insurance companies to insure security incidents.

Faculty and Staff

CHEMISTRY

Tomas Hudlicky was recently invited to give these lectures:

- "Synthesis of morphine and Amaryllidaceae alkaloids via biocatalytic methods" at the University of Windsor, in February.
- "Chemoenzymatic synthesis of alkaloids, carbohydrates, and chiral materials," at the Xerox Research Centre of Canada, in February.

Hudlicky was recently elected to the advisory board, International Society of Heterocyclic Chemistry; and appointed to the advisory board of the journal *Organic Preparations and Procedures International*.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Ana L. Sanchez was invited to present the paper "Infectious Disease Research in Latin America: Vulnerability is a Two-way street" at the National Council on Ethics in Human Research National Conference in Ottawa Feb. 16 and 17. Sanchez hosted Honduran virology expert, Dr. Ivette Lorenzana, from the Department of Microbiology of the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH), from March 10 to 13. Lorenzana and Sanchez visited McMaster University to work on the design of a research project on Dengue virus infection in Honduras, a collaborative venture between UNAH, Brock, McMaster and the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

ESL SERVICES

Julia MacDonald gave a presentation entitled "Helping Your Student Writers Find Their Voice" at the TESL Ontario conference in November, 2007 and again by invitation at the Hamilton-Wentworth TESL conference on March 1.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Lorenzo Cherubini, Julian Kitchen, and Joseph Engemann presented "Learning from Experience: Supporting Beginning Teachers and Mentors," at the Ontario Ministry of Education Provincial Teacher Induction Symposium in Toronto on March 5.

Camille Rutherford and Candace Figg presented "Tech use and teacher candidates: The impact of new online tools on pre-service teacher attitudes," at the Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education Conference, Las Vegas, Nev.

Camille Rutherford and Candace Figg presented "The new age: Best practices for encouraging pre-service teachers' use of online resources in practicum experiences," at the Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education Conference, Las Vegas, Nev.

HISTORY

Carmela Patrias and Larry Savage (Labour Studies) delivered a public lecture entitled "The History of Organized Labour in St. Catharines" to the St. Catharines Historical Society on Feb. 28.

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye presented a talk entitled "What is Russian Orientalism? Reflections of the Relevance of Edward Said," at Carleton University's Centre of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies on March 6.

PSYCHOLOGY

Carolyn Hafer gave a talk entitled "From Victims to Villains: Functions and Manifestations of a Need to Believe in a Just World," at the University of California, Santa Barbara Feb. 20, and at the University of California, Los Angeles Feb. 22.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

- Friday, March 28, Dr. Vera Gorbunova, Department of Biology, University of Rochester, N.Y.



What you Tell **US** will make a difference, and could help you win.

Stephanie Young, a first-year student in Concurrent Education/History, is the first winner of an iPod in the contest related to participation in the National Survey of Student Engagement. In all, six iPods and one half-course tuition credit will be given away in the contest, which closes the second week of April.

"Evolution of tumor suppressors and genome stability: From mice to beavers." Host: Dr. Jeff Stuart

- Friday, April 4, TBA.
- Friday, April 11, Dr. Margaret Clagett-Dame, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Vitamin A and Nervous System Development." Host: Dr. Bob Carlone

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: Three Collective Creations, DART 4F56, April 3 and 4, 8 p.m. Schmon Tower ST 103 (Black)

Department of Music:

- Music@Noon Recital: Voice Students, April 1, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.
- Senior Student Recitals, Concordia Lutheran Seminary (free community events):
Saturday, March 29
1:30 p.m. Annette Heeg, voice (soprano)
3:30 p.m. Heather Thomas, voice (soprano)
7:30 p.m. Joanne DeRoss, piano
Sunday, March 30
1:30 p.m. Brittany Wilson, voice (mezzo-soprano)
3:30 p.m. Jennifer Aiello, voice (soprano)
7:30 p.m. Lara Kirby, alto saxophone
Wednesday, April 9
7:30 p.m. Scott Berti, classical guitar
- University Wind Ensemble with Conductor Zoltan Kalman, Tuesday April 1, 7:30 p.m. Sean O'Sullivan Theatre
- DUO CHORI II, University Chamber Choir & Women's Chorus with Guest Conductors Brent Fifield and Lesley Kingham, Saturday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., St. Thomas Anglican Church, 99 Ontario St., St. Catharines. Purchase tickets at the CFTA Box Office or at the door.

Department of Visual Arts

- Exhibits
- Compulsion, VISA 3P96, Third-year Painting, until March 31. Sean O'Sullivan Lobby, free community event.
 - Juried Exhibition: until March 29, Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul Cres., free community event.
 - Beds that Dream of Bodies, Honours Exhibition: Featuring work by Gustavo Cerquera, Candace Couse, Brian Durocher, Felix Ma, Sara Petranik, Will Postma, Ryan Rivando, and Alex Watts. April 4 to 27, opening reception Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m. Rodman Hall Arts Centre, free community event.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

MARCH 2008

Beatles Baroque by Les Boréades, March 28; boygroove - A musical spoof for boy band lovers and haters!, March 29.

APRIL 2008

The Standard OrchEXTRA: Higher Ground - The Music of Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson & Marvin Gaye featuring Gavin Hope of The Nylons, the Niagara Symphony & the Jeans 'n Classics Band, April 3; Los Pinguos, April 4; Acoustic Roots featuring Matt Andersen, Mike Stevens & Dave Gunning, April 5; Spirit & the Blues: Campbell Brothers with special guest Eric Bibb, April 9; Matt Dusk (SOLD OUT!), April 15; Gregg Lawless: Lawless Duets Etc. (Intimate On-Stage Seating), April 18; The Just For Laughs Road Show, April 19; Classic Albums Live: The Eagles - Hotel California, April 24 and 25; Sophie Milman, April 26.
Community Outreach Events (in partnership with SCAAC, Folk Arts & CFBU): Songwriting Workshop with Gregg Lawless, March 27 at 7 p.m. (31 James St., St. Catharines).
The Wee Ones Wiggle Series: (For ages 3+) sponsored by *Niagara This Week* Fred Penner: Growing with Fred! April 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Classified

Musicians Wanted: Join the Peninsula Orchestra - a group of amateur musicians who have been entertaining Niagara since 1978. Brass, woodwind and string players welcome. No audition required. Rehearsals at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Fonthill Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Visit www.peninsulaorchestra.com or call Mark at 905-562-0291.

For Sale: Beautiful and unique 9.5-acre property with an abundance of wildlife awaiting your custom-built dream home. The property is located on a quiet rural street on the edge of Fonthill in Pelham. Older home and garage structures exist. Please contact Andrea at atirone@cogeco.ca for further details.

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Staff member selected for national leadership conference



Norm Westbury

Norm Westbury's participation in the upcoming Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference has been nearly a year in the making.

The President of OSSTF D-35 Brock University Support Staff and Department of Recreation Services staff member first saw the program application last spring. Run every four years, an extensive three-step application and selection process helps narrow down candidates. Just before Christmas, Westbury was told he would be one of the 230 people selected from across the country to

attend the 15-day experience.

The conference gathers men and women from across the country and from all walks of life such as business, labour, education and the arts, in order to broaden their perspectives on work, leadership, community and country. The theme for the 2008 conference is "Leadership and Community." The event takes place June 6 to 20 and will include travel from Calgary/Banff to Ottawa/Gatineau, as well as participation in an eight-day study tour to Newfoundland and Labrador with 14 other delegates. The experience culminates with each study group making a 20-minute presentation to Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

For more information on the conference, go to www.leadershipcanada.ca

Celebration planned in memory of Gerald Dirks

It was with great sadness that members of the Brock community learned recently that Gerry Dirks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, passed away suddenly at his home in Victoria on Feb. 28.

Gerry became a Brock faculty member in 1966, and he contributed to the University through teaching, scholarship and service until he took Faculty Renewal Leave in 2002.

Although his death was unanticipated,

he left clear instructions about his wishes in the event of his demise. He wanted no funeral and no memorial service. However, he said he would not mind at all if friends and colleagues felt like having a party in his honour.

In that spirit, you are invited to attend a celebration of Gerry's life, accomplishments, and contributions to Brock University on Monday, April 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pond Inlet.

TVO lecturer voting draws to an end

Voting in TVO's Big Ideas 2008 Best Lecturer ends this weekend, providing just a few more chances for the University to support its two candidates.

Last month, Tim Conley, from the Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, from the Department of Psychology, were announced as finalists for the annual best lecturer competition.

They are two of the 10 best in Ontario based on nominations from students for educators who deliver lectures with conviction, clarity, energy and authority.

Voting has been open every weekend in March from 5:45 p.m. each Saturday until noon each Sunday. The voting time coincides with the featured lectures, offered Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. and repeated on Sunday. Both the lectures of Conley and Mitterer were shown earlier in the month.

Voting can be done online at tvo.org or by phone to the toll-free number of 1-866-281-3536.

Results will be tabulated by the afternoon of Monday, March 31, with an announcement expected later in the week.

For the full broadcast schedule of the lectures, or for more information such as contestant bios, video clips of lectures, student quotes and full contest details, visit tvo.org

Earth Hour sheds light on global warming

Brock University will be participating in the global World Wildlife Fund Earth Hour, from 8 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, March 29. Created to take a stand against the greatest threat our planet has ever faced, Earth Hour uses the simple action of turning off the lights for one hour to deliver a powerful message about the need for action on global warming.

Brock's most 'visible' contribution to Earth Hour will be to turn off the lights in Parking Lots T, U, V, and S. Depending on weather and traffic conditions immediately before Earth Hour, the streetlights along Isaac Brock Boulevard, North and South, and Isaac Brock Circle may also be turned off during the one-hour period. An enhanced Campus Security and Facilities Management presence will be maintained to monitor those large areas that have been darkened for Earth Hour. Due to a number of activities taking place that evening on the Main Campus, all other parking lot lights, walkway lights and streetlights, along with indoor public/common area and hallway lighting and lights centrally controlled will remain on for safety and security purposes.

Anyone can participate by safely turning off lights and computers. Please do not use candles or flame for illumination. For information on Earth Hour, go to www.earthhour.org. For local updates, use the University's home webpage, and the Facilities Management webpage at www.brocku.ca/facilitiesmgmt/



Sleep Research Lab needs good sleepers

The Sleep Research Lab is in the final stage of a large-scale research study investigating sleep in individuals who have sustained a traumatic brain injury. With data collection on this patient sample complete, a comparison group that is similar in age and gender is now necessary.

Specifically, the lab needs good sleepers who are in good health for a study of sleep and cognitive performance. For the main part of the study, individuals will be asked to stay in the Sleep Research Laboratory at Brock University for three nights in a row. Each evening, they will be allowed to sleep from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., and asked to complete a battery of tests on computer before and after sleep. Electrodes will be used to monitor brain activity during sleep and wakefulness.

Additional screening procedures

include a two-hour daytime orientation session, a three-hour cognitive testing session, and one overnight to screen for sleep disorders. The honorarium for completion of the full study is \$125.

Individuals must meet specific eligibility criteria and must be between the ages of 25 and 65. If interested, call Catherine at the Sleep Research Lab at ext. 3795 to determine if you are eligible to participate. The lab is looking particularly for male volunteers who are older than 40.

This study has been reviewed and cleared by the Research Ethics Board (File #06-049 MILNER) at Brock University. For answers to questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact a Research Ethics Officer at the Office of Research Services, at ext. 3035.



Bring your conference home

Conference & Event Services are asking faculty and staff for one consideration: "Bring your conference home to Brock and let our professional staff do the work for you."

Conference & Event Services offers many services to assist in co-ordinating and achieving a successful academic or professional conference at Brock.

The online registration service takes the guesswork out of conference registration needs. The department will work with organizers to create a customized registration site, provide delegates with 24-hour registration capability, manage all delegate registrations and finances, and provide full on-site registration support and post-conference financial reports.

Additional professional services offered through Conference & Event Services include on-site conference facilitation including the co-ordination of meeting room space and setup logistics, audio-visual requirements and catering services, and off-site special event co-ordination.

A promotional piece outlining details of the services will be sent to all faculty members in the near future. For information, contact Marie Reimer at ext. 3860.

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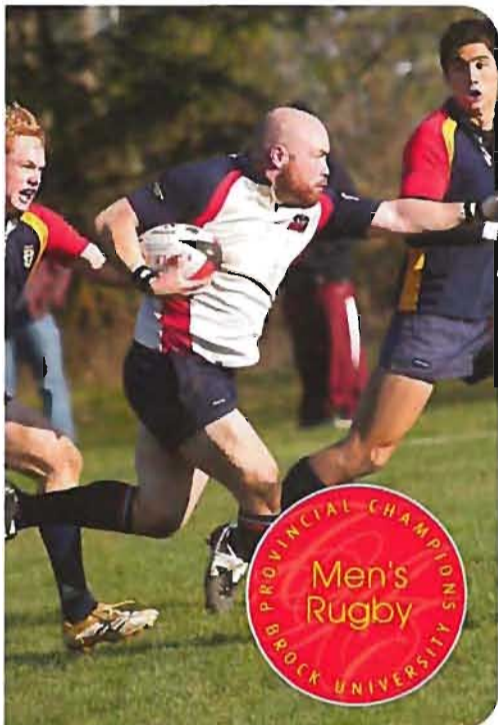


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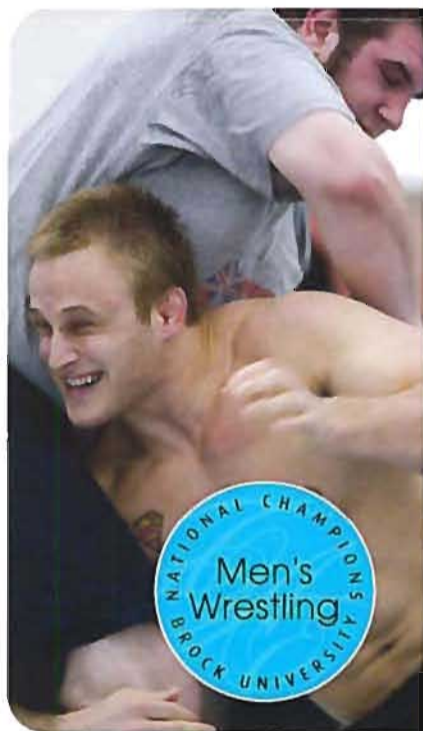


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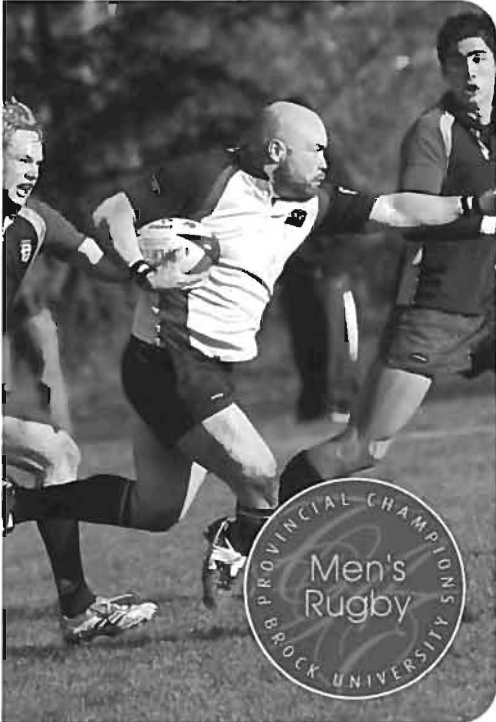


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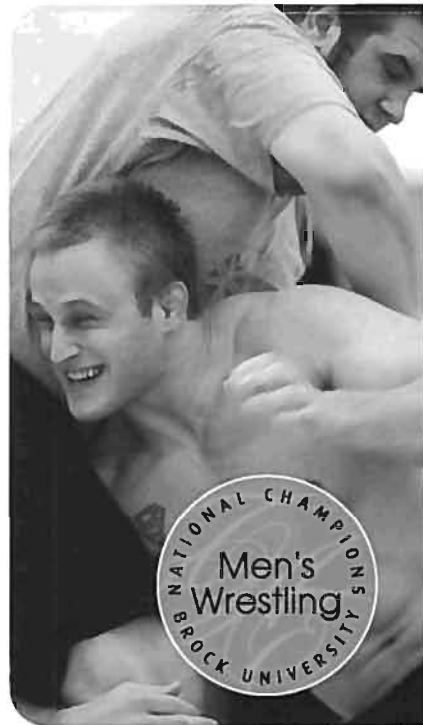


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A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Avoid the phishing hook

Next time someone goes phishing, don't swallow the bait.

The Brock community recently has been a victim of phishing attempts to criminally or fraudulently collect sensitive information like passwords and other personal details via e-mail requests.

"The message we want to get out to the Brock community is that Information Technology Services will never ask anyone at the University to reveal or confirm passwords or personal data," says Jim Kerr, Acting Executive Director of ITS.

Brad Saxton, Research Support and Web Services, offers suggestions to avoid taking the bait in a phishing expedition.

- Be aware that no organization, including Brock, will request or ask confirmation of personal information, including passwords, by e-mail;
- Check the URL. By proceeding with the fraudulent request, you may be taken to a website that is not the one you expected;
- Contact the ITS Help Desk at ext. 4357 if you are at all concerned;
- Never reply to the e-mail sender or click on any links or attachments provided in the message;
- Delete the message.

If a person feels that he or she has compromised his or her security by disclosing personal information, ITS recommends that it be called as soon as possible.

"There is nothing to be embarrassed about," says Andreas Paulisch, Acting Security Officer, ITS. "This stuff happens."

Brock is not alone in experiencing phishing scams. Universities and other organizations report similar incidents.

Plan to attend end of term mixer April 10

The Annual End of Term Mixer will take place tomorrow, Thursday, April 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Pond Inlet.

All staff and faculty are invited to attend.

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Minister Prentice visits



Minister of Industry Jim Prentice, centre, took a tour of the Brock campus Friday, April 4. Prentice heard presentations regarding research, graduate studies and the Niagara Health and Biosciences Research Complex, from such representatives as President Jack Lightstone, right, and Acting Vice-President of Research and International Ian Brindle. A number of community leaders also made presentations regarding regional economic development.

Next Top Ad Exec entrant fares well

Even when going it alone, Renzo Mendoza has shown he can compete with the best business students from across Canada.

In the recent Canada's Next Top Ad Exec contest, the third-year Brock student in the BBA program earned second place in the final round of competition, which took place March 25 in Toronto. All other entrants competed as teams, including first-place winners Catherine Lee and Gregory Duggan from Queen's University.

"Having earned the chance to interact with industry experts in the final round is an amazing opportunity to learn from some of advertising's best," Mendoza noted. "It has also provided me with a platform to get my name out into the ad world, so that I can prove myself and my abilities in this field and earn a place with a world class agency."

And prove himself he did, earning an internship offer on the spot from Larry Futers, program pioneer, from Infield Marketing Group.



Renzo Mendoza

The competition, run by students from DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University, received submissions from 27 Canadian universities, and was open to all undergraduate, MBA and business minor students. The final top 10 teams were made up of a combination of undergraduate and MBA students from eight universities.

For the finals, the 10 teams had to present marketing plans for Mitsubishi Motors to a panel of 14 marketing experts from industry and academia.

Top prize in the competition was a Mitsubishi Lancer, while the other finalists earned one of several internships from Canada's key names in the advertising and marketing industry.

Aquatic Centre's Cup running over

The Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre at Brock University offers a popular array of swimming and lifesaving programs. Once again, the centre now has the awards to prove it.

For the 13th time in the past 17 years, the Aquatic Centre has earned the University and College Cup from Lifesaving Society of Canada's Ontario division. What's more, Brock has also earned the Single-Facility Award and the McCutcheon Bowl for 2007.

The single-facility award is presented annually to the affiliate with the largest lifesaving program; The University and College Cup is presented annually to the affiliated university or college with the largest lifesaving program; and the

McCutcheon Bowl is presented annually to the single affiliate with the largest resuscitation and first-aid program.

Based on an extensive points formula, measuring the types of programs and the number of participants, Brock far outpaced the others in the facility category, earning 28,929 points, compared to 15,828 for second-place University of Waterloo, and third-place Kingston Family YMCA at 13,058. The same gap exists in the points between Brock and second-place Waterloo in the University and College Cup, with the University of Western Ontario in third at 12,715 points. For the McCutcheon Bowl, Brock earned 18,945 points, while Waterloo had 13,683 and Western had 9,750.

CFI awards \$85,972 to project

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has awarded \$85,972 to Brock University to support a project led by Professor Vincenzo De Luca, Canada Research Chair in the Department of Biological Sciences.

"This CFI investment will further develop Brock University's global reputation as a place where outstanding research and training is being conducted," noted Eliot Phillipson, President and CEO of the CFI.

"This equipment from CFI represents a valuable addition to Dr. De Luca's arsenal of advanced tools that will provide invaluable data on plant metabolites," said Ian Brindle, Associate Vice-President, Research at Brock. "These data will be extremely valuable as Dr. De Luca and his colleagues reveal the inner workings of plants and the valuable products they make."

"Professor De Luca's project is one that will have a positive and lasting impact on the production of food here in Niagara and across the province," noted St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra.

Following a rigorous merit review process, the investment was approved by CFI's board of directors. The CFI announced a total of \$ 22.5 million in new funds to support 134 projects at 31 institutions across Canada, while a total of \$18.7 million was awarded under the Leaders Opportunity Fund.

A complete list of the projects awarded, by institution, can be found at www.innovation.ca

The Canada Foundation for Innovation is an independent corporation created by the Government of Canada to fund research infrastructure with a mandate to strengthen the capacity of Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, and non-profit research institutions to carry out world-class research and technology development.

Health minister spends time with nursing students

George Smitherman, Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, spent the evening before the release of the provincial budget talking to Brock University nursing students.

Smitherman attended the Nursing Students of Ontario Awareness Conference, a student-focused event in Pond Inlet spearheaded by Nathan Kelly, a second-year student and executive member with the Nursing Students of Ontario (NSO), an interest group of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

During the evening, Smitherman talked about the priorities of his portfolio, such as improving access to family health care, including the

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Update on search for Dean of Business

The Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the names of the three candidates for the position of Dean of Business:

- Mr. Gary Comerford, Senior Vice-President, International, Sun Life Financial;
- Dr. Wendy Cukier, Associate Dean, Faculty of Business, Ryerson University;
- Dr. Metali De, Associate Dean, Faculty of Business, Wilfrid Laurier University

The candidates have been invited to Brock to meet with the Advisory Committee, Senior Administration, Chairs and Directors, students and faculty.

Each candidate will be making a public presentation to the Brock community on the following dates:

- Mr. Gary Comerford: April 22 in Taro 203, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Dr. Metali De: April 24 in Taro 203, 2 to 3 p.m.
- Dr. Wendy Cukier: April 29 in Taro 203, 2 to 3 p.m.

The CVs of the applicants are available for review through the Office of the VP Academic and are also on reserve in the University Library.

Members of the Brock community are encouraged to attend each of the presentations and are invited to make written submissions with respect to the suitability of each candidate for the position of Dean of Business. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Submissions will be confidential to the Advisory Committee and will be shredded on completion of the committee's work.

Please direct submissions to: Terry Boak, Chair of the Advisory Committee, Re: Dean of Business, Office of the President and Chancellor, 13th Floor, Schmon Tower. For further information, please contact Wanda at wtrottier@brocku.ca or tboak@brocku.ca, extension 4121.

The deadline for submissions is May 5, 2008.

Honouring athletic excellence



Six Brock University athletic teams that achieved provincial and/or national titles were honoured during a presentation March 31 in the Bob Davis Gym. See inside today's Brock News for a special commemorative issue honouring athletic excellence.



The 557th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held March 19. During the meeting, Senate:

- approved changes to FHB III: 14.4 with respect to Graduate Degrees;
- approved that the procedure for recommending members to senior academic and administrative advisory committees as approved by Senate on Nov. 21, 2007 be included in the Governance Committee Terms of Reference and that Faculty Handbook II: 9.5.1 be amended accordingly;
- approved that the Terms of Reference for the composition of the

Budget Advisory Committee be amended as proposed and that Faculty Handbook II: 9.4.2 be amended accordingly; and

- was informed that a draft report on revisions to the advisory committees for the appointment/reappointment of senior administrators would be presented at the next meeting of Senate on April 9, 2008.

This report is a summary of actions taken. Full details of Senate meetings are available at: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate

Brock helps break chain of poverty

Thanks to all the community members who generously donated to Break the Chain of Poverty and Hunger outside the Computer Commons the week of March 10 to 14. We raised \$364, which will be divided between Oxfam Canada (to help address global poverty and hunger issues) and Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold (to help address local poverty and hunger issues). In addition, students who participated in the HUNGRY4CHANGE 24-hour fast on March 14 and 15 raised an additional \$204 to go to Oxfam Canada.

Thanks to all who gave big from Brock Diversity, the Office of Human Rights and Equity Services, Residence Action Council, Community Connections, and students from the First Generation Program! Lynne Bubic, Human Rights and Equity Services

Conquer Cancer bike team gearing up

Team Brock University has committed to conquering cancer by participating in the 200-kilometre Ride to Conquer Cancer® benefiting Princess Margaret Hospital. Team members will join thousands of others June 20 to 22 from Toronto to Niagara Falls. Team members, including staff, faculty, alumni and community members, must each raise a minimum of \$2,500. They are relying on the generosity of Brock's students, staff and faculty to make this possible. For more information, including personal stories for each rider, or to donate, go to www.conquercancer.ca/goto/brock

To become a team member, visit at www.conquercancer.ca

For more information, contact Ian Young at ext. 3093 or iyoung@brocku.ca

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Catherine Longboat**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Ethical Space in a Secondary School: A Case Study." External examiner: Celia Haig-Brown, York University; Thesis Supervisor: Michael Manley-Casimir; Committee Members: Denise Paquette-Frenette and Merle Richards; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Dylan Levac**, Master of Science (Biotechnology) student, will present his thesis defence on Tuesday, April 15 at 2 p.m. in MC A241. The title of his thesis is "Functional genomics of the Catharanthus roseus 16-hydroxytabersonine O-methyltransferase involved in vindoline biosynthesis." External examiner: Malcolm Campbell, University of Toronto; Chair: Rick Cheel; Supervisor: Vince De Luca; Committee members: Alan Castle and Tomas Hudlicky. All are welcome to attend.

• **Amy Woodland**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "An Exploration of Women Elementary School Teachers' Perceptions of How Their Decision to Return to Teaching Part-Time from a Maternity Leave Influences Their Professional and Personal Lives." External Examiner: Sandra Acker, OISE/UT; Thesis Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Sandra Bosacki and Rosemary Young; Chair of the Examining Committee: Patrick O'Neill. All are welcome to attend.

• **Michelle Duncanson**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Friday, April 18 at 1 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch

Hall). The title of the thesis is "Wrap Around Analysis of the Affordances and Constraints for Girls with Physical Disabilities Participating in Physical Activities." External Examiner: Jane Taylor, Lakehead University; Thesis Supervisor: Maureen Connolly; Committee Members: Sheila Bennett and Brent Faught; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Andrea Chisholm**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, April 21 at 1 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Legal Education in Crisis: Healing and Humanizing Canadian Law Schools." External Examiner: Justice Marvin Zuker, OISE/UT; Thesis Supervisor: Michael Manley-Casimir; Committee Members: Susan Drake and Julian Kitchen; Chair of the Examining Committee: Coral Mitchell. All are welcome to attend.

• **Amy Cunningham**, Master of Arts, Faculty of Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Friday, April 11 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "Drumming Toward Communitas: A case study of facilitated recreational music making and the Arthurian method." Supervisor: Colleen Hood; External Examiner: Troy Glover, Waterloo University; Committee Members: Cathy van Ingen; Martha Barnes; Chair: Tim O'Connell. All are welcome.

• **Jennifer MacInnis**, Master of Science student, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, April 16 at 9 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "The Influence of Physical Activity Behaviour on the Relationship between Motor Proficiency and Body Composition in Children." Supervisor: John Hay; External Examiner: William Montelpare, Lakehead University; Committee Members: Jian Liu; Brent Faught; Chair: Martin Tammemagi. All are welcome.

• **Rosemarie Harrison**, Master of Science student, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences,

will present her thesis defence Tuesday, April 22 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "The Effect of Elevated Muscle Fluid Volume on Indices of Muscle Damage following an Acute Bout of Eccentric Exercise." Supervisor: Brian Roy; External Examiner: Martin Gibala, McMaster University; Committee Members: Sandra Peters; Paul LeBlanc; Chair: Rene Vandenboom. All are welcome.

Research colloquium focuses on Aboriginal education

The Faculty of Education Research Colloquium is set for April 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Pond Inlet. The theme is "Honouring Aboriginal Teachers' Voices: Understanding Realities and Building Relationships," and features discussion around the research into preparing and inducting Aboriginal educators to ensure educational achievement among Aboriginal people in Canada. The presenters are the 11-member research team, which includes representatives from the Faculty of Education, the Tecumseh Centre and one MED candidate.

Social Justice forum Saturday

The Niagara Social Justice Forum 2008 will take over Pond Inlet this Saturday, April 12 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free admission event features exhibits and presentations from participating groups, including the Coalition in Support of Indigenous Sovereignty; Niagara Sex Trade Coalition/Task Force; No One Is Illegal; and UNITE HERE: Organizing Workers, as well as a free lunch and musical entertainment. For a detailed schedule of events, go to www.brocku.ca/socialjustice

Memorial celebration for Gerry Dirks

There will be a special event Monday, April 14 in remembrance of Gerry Dirks, longtime political science professor at Brock University.

Gerry Dirks: A Celebration takes place between 3 and 5 p.m. in Pond Inlet.

Older adult volunteers needed for research on aging

Jane Dywan and her graduate students are collecting EEG and heart rate data to learn more about how aging affects the ability to respond selectively during memory and attention tasks. They need healthy older adults ages 65 to 80 years for about three hours. Anyone interested should call the Brock Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Lab at ext. 3451. Callers should leave their name and number and indicate they are calling about the aging study. A researcher will return the call, describe the study, and answer any questions. Every attempt will be made to schedule a convenient time and a small honorarium is offered for participation. The study has been approved by the Brock Research Ethics Board, file #07-104.

Dual business degree program first of its kind for Brock

The Faculty of Business at Brock University and The European Business School, International University Schloss Reichartshausen (EBS) officially launched their Dual Degree Program April 7.

The dual degree program will allow students from both Brock and EBS to study at, and receive degrees from, both institutions. Upon successful completion of the course of studies, students will receive two degrees: the Bachelor of Business Administration, International Business concentration degree from Brock and a Bachelor of Science in General Management, Track International Business Studies degree from EBS. The program marks the first of its kind for Brock University and the first North American venture at the undergraduate level for EBS, which has eight such programs worldwide.



George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, was the keynote speaker at the recent Nursing Students of Ontario Awareness Conference, held in Pond Inlet and organized by Brock nursing students.

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development of nurse-led clinics similar to one recently opened in Sudbury, reducing emergency waiting times, providing access to full-time employment for new nursing graduates, and more generally increasing the confidence of the Ontario public in the health-care system. Student questions included a focus on the need for further improvement in the quality of care in long-term care facilities.

This event was sponsored by the NSO, RNAO and the Department of Nursing, and featured welcoming remarks from Jack Lightstone, President; John Corlett, Dean, Applied

Health Sciences; and Lynn Rempel, Chair, Department of Nursing. Nursing faculty and clinical instructors were also in attendance.

The mission of the NSO is to promote, support and empower the full participation of Ontario nursing students as a significant voice within RNAO. The NSO is committed to empowering Ontario nursing students through leadership, visibility and education.

Students will learn how they may participate and make a difference in health and public policy issues and how it impacts Ontarians, and affects their profession now and in the future.

Cookie Drop-in a 20-year tradition during exam time

Brock Campus Ministries is rounding up donations of home-baked cookies to prepare for its Cookie Drop-in during spring exams.

Chaplain George Addison pointed out that the drop-in has been held at Brock during Christmas and spring exams since 1987.

"We provide homemade treats, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and encouragement for students during this stressful time," Addison said.

Local church groups who want to reach out to students provide the cookies and other baked goods. This spring, United Church Women's

groups baked more than 60 dozen cookies and treats for the event. Members of the Christian Reformed Churches of Niagara provided cookies and treats at Christmas.

Chaplains are on hand at the drop-in every evening to provide support and counselling for any student who may be finding it difficult to cope.

The Cookie Drop-in will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, from April 10 to 22 in the Multi-Faith Room, downstairs in the Tower, next to the Tower Cafeteria. For information, contact Addison at gaddison@brocku.ca

Mediatalk People in the news

Maryam Al-Harazi, business student, was interviewed for a March 15 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "A tale of two women," in which she talks about her experiences about being Muslim and being the first elected president of the Muslim Student Association.

Lorne Adams, Director, Department of Athletics, was interviewed for a March 18 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Hoops title boosts Brock's profile," in which he talked about the mens' basketball teams national championships and its positive impact on recruitment.

Antonia Mantonakis, Professor, Department of Marketing, International Business and Strategy, was interviewed for a March 18 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Buying local not as easy as 'Made in Canada' sounds," in which she talked about the growing trend of reading labels when shopping for produce and goods. The article also appeared in the *Welland Tribune*.

Isabelle Lesschaeve, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute researcher, and Nicole Gaudette, Brock Oenology and Viticulture graduate student, were interviewed for the March 20 airing of *Wine Confidential* on CBC, featuring the 2007 Wine Tasting Challenge organized by CCOVI.

Larry Savage, Assistant Professor of Labour Studies and Political Science, appeared as a guest pundit on the CTS program *On the Line* with Christine Williams on March 13.

Martin Head, Professor, Earth Sciences, and his student, **Kamalpreet Sihr**, were interviewed on CHCH News about their research on the oilsands of Alberta and donation of an 88-m core from Imperial Oil, on March 17. A story on the subject appeared March 18 in the *St. Catharines Standard* and *Welland Tribune*.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed by several media outlets in March in relation to the human rights crisis in Tibet. Burton did nine interviews with CBC Radio for CBC London, Quebec City, Winnipeg, Corner Brook, Whitehorse, Victoria, Regina, Kelowna, and Vancouver. His talk on "Canada, China and Bilateral Human Rights Dialogues" at the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto March 17 was covered by OMNI TV. A news item entitled "Scholars say China's Tibet policy flawed" included excerpts from Burton's presentation, as well as an interview in Mandarin was broadcast on their *News Mandarin Edition* and in their *News Cantonese Edition* programs. Burton was

also interviewed for the March 18 of the *Globe and Mail*, which was carried by *United Press International* and by *Reference*, a Chinese publication read by four million people. On March 19, Burton was interviewed on the subject for the *Christy Clark Show* on CKNW radio.

Tim Conley, Professor, English Language and Literature, was interviewed on March 22 on the radio program *The More the Merrier* on CIUT 89.5 FM regarding approaches to reading contemporary poetry.

Lew Soroka, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a March 25 story in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Niagara to weather economic storm, study says," in which he says the recent economic forecast produced by Robin Eaglesham is on the right track.

David Sharron, head of special collections, was interviewed for a March 31 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Long lost map a trove of Niagara history," in which he comments on the rare find of a circa 1862 map found in a century home in Effingham.

Rosemary Hale, Dean of Humanities, was interviewed for a March 28 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "War of 1812 bicentennial to be '1,000-day celebration,'" in which she discussed the role of the War of 1812 Legacy Council, of which she is a part.

George Addison, Chaplain, was interviewed for a March 19 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* and the *Welland Tribune* entitled "It's the earliest Easter we'll see in our lifetimes," in which he discussed the historical reasons for Easter's early appearance in 2008.

Martin Head, Professor, Earth Sciences, was interviewed for a March 19 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* and the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Brock strikes oil," in which he discusses the recent donation from Imperial Oil of a drill core, as well as a research grant from the National Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

Tony Shaw, Professor, Geography, was interviewed for a March 14 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Professor sees grape expectations beyond wine regions," in which he noted several Ontario regions beyond Niagara should be capable of sustaining grapes for wine production.

Kim A. Pelchat, Manager, Library and Media Services, Instructional Resource Centre, Faculty of Education, was interviewed for the March 2008 issue of *Professionally Speaking* in an article entitled "Finding the Resources You Need" by Lois Browne, which can be found at www.oct.ca/publications/professionally-speaking/march_2008/

Health and Safety Matters... with many on-campus training opportunities

Human Resources, Health and Safety-sponsored training opportunities are listed below.

Registration and further information can be found at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

• **THINK2: A Symposium on Academic Safety and Risk**, April 9: Drop in for the closing plenary speaker, Ed Turalinski, Ownership of the Workplace: Role of the Principal Investigator in Safety and Risk, at Pond Inlet, at 3 pm.

• **Wilderness Advanced First Aid**, April 14 to 17: Do you travel to isolated locations where a hospital may

be hours away? This four-day training program takes a judgment-based approach in critical thinking to successfully deal with medical emergencies in remote settings. Learn advanced medical techniques such as anaphylaxis management, spine clearing exam and wound cleaning. You will also learn to work with improvised equipment and anticipate potential risks to your patient. Join Wilderness Medical Associates Canada trainer, Rachel Jamieson, PCR, WEMT, for this intensive advanced first aid training at Brock University. Registration required.

• **Mental Health Awareness** – Open to all employees, Tuesday, April 15 or

Tuesday, April 22: Mental health issues affect everyone within the organization, making it important to increase awareness throughout the workplace. Take this opportunity to learn how to understand and identify mental health issues in the workplace. Sessions are filling up quickly, but some spots are still available. Registration required.

• **Standard First Aid/CPR Training**, April 28 and 29 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.): This program is designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. The Standard First Aid/CPR course covers a variety of topics from

basic (such as cardiovascular and breathing emergencies, CPR, prevention of disease transmission) to in-depth topics, such as sudden medical conditions and injuries to the head and spine. Registration required.

• **Automated External Defibrillator Training**, May 1 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.): Individuals who are certified in Standard First Aid/CPR course may enroll in this Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. Although training is not mandatory to use the Brock AEDs, the course helps to familiarize individuals with the units and responding to emergencies. Registration required.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

David Hayes was invited to give a plenary presentation entitled "In-service teacher education for primary English language teaching" at the second Primary Innovations Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, March 5 and 6. He also gave a parallel paper on "Primary English language teaching in Vietnam."

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

George Addison presented "Priests, Pastors, Prophets, Prodigals – Religious pluralism in early 19th Century Canada?" at the annual meeting of Friends of Fort George on March 25.

CHEMISTRY

Paul Zelisko presented the seminar "The Application of Enzyme-Mediated Reactions to Silicon Chemistry" at Trent University on March 19.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Nine members of the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture program presented work at the annual National Popular Culture & American Culture Associations Conference, March 19 to 22 in San Francisco, Calif. Seven students and two faculty members successfully presented papers on various panels at the conference, including: **Armando Alfaro**: " 'Frogs and Scorpions': Reconsidering Gender, Identity and Performance in The Crying Game;" **Professor Nick Baxter-Moore**: "Proletarians and Patriots: Discourses of Class and Nation in Country Music;" **Professor Greg Gillespie**: "Dressed to Kilt: The Shrek Tartan and the Discourse of Highlandism;" **Stephanie Morgan**: "Female Sexuality and the Need for Masculinity in The L Word and Sex in the City;" **Kim Randall**: "The Politics of Place – Russell Quant's Coming Out;" **Chris Richardson**: "Disappear Here: Foucault, Bloc Party and Brett Easton Ellis;" **Agata Tarkowski**: "The Illusion of Hegemonic Fulfillment;" **Susan Tkachuck**: "The Romantic Torturer of Tikrit: Representations of Islamic Masculinity in Lost;" and **Matt Ventresca**: "A Level Playing Field? Language, Football and Racial Segregation."

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Jian Liu, Divya Joshi, and Chris Sempos presented the paper "Non-high-density-lipoprotein cholesterol and cardiovascular risk factors among adolescents with and without impaired fasting glucose" at Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism Conference 2008 and the 48th Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Annual Conference 2008, Colorado Springs, on March 13.

EARTH SCIENCES/GEOGRAPHY

John Menzies gave an invited lecture "The Snowball Earth Hypothesis..." to the Niagara Peninsula Geological Society on March 14.

ECONOMICS

Robert Dimand presented a paper "Central Themes in Paul Davidson's John Maynard Keynes," to a session on "The Economics of Paul Davidson" at the annual conference of the Eastern Economic Association in Boston, March 8, and presented "General Equilibrium Reaches North America: Irving Fisher's Mathematical Investigations in the Theory of Value and Prices (1891)" (with **Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh**, Mathematics) at the University of Toronto, on March 14.

Steven Renzetti gave the inaugural address "Balancing Efficiency, Equity and Sustainability in Water Pricing" at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's "Water Thinker" speaker series on January 25 in Toronto. Renzetti also gave an invited presentation entitled "The State of Knowledge of Water Value Assessment in Canada" to the Water Valuation Workshop in Edmonton on March 25.

ENGLISH

Ann Howey presented a paper, "'Sweet is True Love': Tennyson and Popular Music" at the Popular Culture Association conference in San Francisco on March 20.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION, PRE-SERVICE

Lionel LaCroix presented "Semiotic interplay in mathematics learning activity within an apprenticeship classroom," at the Mathematics Education Forum of the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Science, in Toronto, on Jan. 19. LaCroix presented "Paradigms lost (and found): The transformative journey as a graduate student in education," at the UBC, Faculty of Education annual graduate students' retreat in Vancouver, B.C., on Feb. 8.

Anne Fraser, course facilitator and curriculum writing team member in the Adult Education program, received the 2008 AERA Narrative Research SIG Outstanding Dissertation Award in New York City on March 26. The title of her dissertation is "All the Workplace is a Stage – Work as Discourse: A Narrative Inquiry Into Workers' Professional Development."

HISTORY

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye presented the talk "The St. Petersburg School of Russian Orientalology" at the Eurasian Cities conference at the University of Toronto on March 14.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Leonard Rosmarin, retired professor, was invited by his publisher, Les Éditions du GREF, to participate in the Salon du Livre de Paris, which took place between March 14 and 19. He presented two of his works: *Emmanuel Lévinas, humaniste de l'autre homme*, as well as his translation of one of the finest plays to come out of France during the past half-century, *Les Mers Rouges*, by Liliane Atlan. He also took part in book-signing sessions during the Salon.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir and soloists in a program entitled "Masterworks Majesty" on March 29 in Etobicoke. The program, accompanied by Lesley Kingham at the organ and piano, consisted of highlights from extended choral works of the last three centuries.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton spoke on "Canada, China and Bilateral Human Rights Dialogues" at the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto on March 17.

SOCIOLOGY

Kate Bezanson presented her paper "Who Cares? Balancing Work and Family in a Neo-Conservative Canada" at the Gender Equality in the Modern World conference, held at Lincoln College, Oxford University, England, March 17.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

• Friday, April 11, Dr. Margaret Clagett-Dame, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Vitamin A and Nervous System Development." Host: Dr. Bob Carlone

The Canadian Federation of University Women: Welland and District, will meet on Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., at the Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home. Donna Ford from the BME Church in St. Catharines will speak about the Underground Railway and Black history in Niagara. New members and interested women welcome. Call 905-892-1179.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Music

• The Department of Music presents...The Niagara Vocal Ensemble, A Folksong Fiesta: Songs of a Global Village with conductor Harris Loewen, Sunday, April 20 at 3 p.m. Held at the Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Brock University. \$15.

• Purchase tickets for the Choral Series through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257 or at the door. For information about music programs, venues and events, visit www.brocku.ca/music

Department of Visual Arts

• **Detritus:** featuring works from 19 students, runs until April 12, opening April 11 at 7 p.m. 4323 Queen St., Niagara Falls. Detritus is organized by Visual Arts students enrolled in VISA 3F96, a course in interdisciplinary art practice. The artwork being presented addresses, in a variety of ways, the nature of garbage – from throw-away culture to the value of recycling. Much of the work will rely on reused materials or no material at all. Rather than traditional wall art, the exhibition will include installations, performances, video screenings and sound pieces, with an aim to engage people in participatory ways.

The artists participating in Detritus include: Samille Elliston, Alex Watts, Anna Chlebowska, Candace Couse, Alana Schultz, Daniel Anderson, Andrea Malus, Danielle Bilodeau, Sara Petranik, Melody Mitchell, Erica Villeneuve, Krista Peterson, Nicole Smith, Laura Prosser, Gustavo Cerquera, Jaxie Laird, Rebecca Latourell, Quinto Borghesi, Heather Lokstet.

Exhibits:

• **Beds that Dream of Bodies, Honours Exhibition:** Featuring work by Gustavo Cerquera, Candace Couse, Brian Durocher, Felix Ma, Sara Petranik, Will Postma, Ryan Rivando, and Alex Watts. Until April 27. Rodman Hall Arts Centre, free community event.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

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Gregg Lawless: Lawless Duets Etc. (Intimate On-Stage Seating), April 18; The Just For Laughs Road Show, April 19; Classic Albums Live: The Eagles – Hotel California, April 24 and 25; Sophie Milman, April 26. The Wee Ones Wiggle Series: (For ages 3+) sponsored by *Niagara This Week* Fred Penner: Growing with Fred! April 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Classified

Musicians Wanted: join the Peninsula Orchestra – a group of amateur musicians who have been entertaining Niagara since 1978. Brass, woodwind and string players welcome. No audition required. Rehearsals at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Fonthill Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, visit www.peninsulaorchestra.com or call Mark at 905 562-0291.

For Sale: Unique 9.5 acre property located on a quiet rural street on the edge of Fonthill in Pelham. Older home and garage structures exist. Please contact Andrea at atirone@cogeco.ca for further details.

For Sale: Custom built by award-winning John Boldt Builders Co. two-storey house in St. Catharines, north of QEW. 3,000+ sq. ft. (five BR, 3.5 BTH, two-car garage), walking distance from school, shopping, parks, and trail. Fifteen minutes from Brock and three minutes from QEW. See <http://web.mac.com/alex2010> for pictures and full information or contact friend1@cogeco.ca for details.

Herring family gives back to Brock with bursary

The biggest gift under the Herring Christmas tree last year was for an unknown Brock student.

Leading the way by example, Keith Herring convinced family members to forgo Christmas gifts and instead contribute to a bursary in honour of his grandfather and in memory of his grandmother, who passed away six years ago. As a result, the families of Angela Cronheimer, Meghan Daulton, Peggy Anthony and Andrew Keith made donations.

The bursary, called the Cameron and Helen Keith Award, will be made to a student entering fourth year in either the Business Administration or Accounting programs and who contributes to the community or University through extracurricular activity.

Applicants for the award, to which the family has made a 10-year



Some of the family members who have contributed to the Cameron and Helen Keith Award are, from left, Peggy Anthony, Brock graduate Keith Herring, Cameron Keith and first-year Brock student Steven Anthony.

commitment to ensure its growth, must demonstrate financial need and meet Ontario residency requirements. Ontario Trust for Student Support will match the award.

"My grandmother was not well enough to see me graduate," said Herring, who received his BAcc and MAcc from Brock.

"But she always valued a higher education, and that's why this gift seems so appropriate."

Herring's brother, Steven Anthony, is a first-year Business student, and their sister also took courses at Brock. The family's home base is Wheatley, Ont., near Leamington.

"Helen would have got a real kick out of this," said her husband Cameron Keith.

"She was a graduate herself, from the Chatham General School of Nursing. And I was a graduate from Ryerson (University) when it was still a trade school."

"Brock has been really good to us," said Herring.

"This was one way we could give back to the community."

Spring leisure guide released

The Spring/Summer 2008 *Learning & Leisure Guide* is now out.

Whether for art, photography, music or language skills, there are classes to keep

one stimulated, learning and growing.

Discover health and nutrition tips in "Live Longer the Mediterranean Way." Have you ever

wanted to develop your singing abilities? Take your song out of the shower and bring it to our popular "Sing it" class. "Mountain Biking for Men and Women" offers a different way to get in shape.

There are many fun and hands-on courses offered through the Continuing Education department this coming term.

Those who register before April 18 can take advantage of the early bird five per cent discount.

Spring guides will be distributed on campus the first week of April. For more information or to register, call ext. 4775, or go to www.brocku.ca/conted



Permanent staff to elect new member for Board of Trustees

The General Bylaws of the Board of Trustees specifies that three members from the permanent staff, elected by the permanent staff members of the University, serve staggered three-year terms on the Board. Permanent staff members who are Managers reporting directly to the President or to a Vice-President are not eligible to serve.

Effective June 30, 2008, there will be one permanent staff vacancy on the Board. Therefore, an election of one representative

from the permanent staff for a three-year term commencing

July 1, 2008, will be held on Friday, May 16. The poll will close at 4:30 p.m. on that date.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretariat Office (ST 1107) and must be signed by at least three members of the permanent staff and the nominee, and submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2.

Ballots will be distributed to all members of the permanent staff on or before Wednesday, May 7. Completed ballots are to be returned to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, sealed in a provided envelope. Ballots not returned in this manner and by the close of the poll at 4:30 p.m. on May 16, will not be counted.

The candidate leading the poll will be declared elected to the three-year term.

For more information, contact Mike Farrell, Secretary to the University, at ext. 3335.

Binding service now available

The James A. Gibson Library is pleased to offer a new plastic comb binding service to Brock faculty, staff and students.

This attractive and economical form of binding is ideal for reports, books, manuals and more. In addition, your document will lie flat when opened and can be easily updated. The plastic combs can be opened to allow for the removal or replacement of pages without the need to re-bind the document. The maximum thickness for a plastic comb bound book is 425 pages. There is no minimum sheet count requirement. The book length or height should be 14", 11" or less. Prices range from \$2 to \$5.75, with an additional small fee for covers.

For further details, contact the staff in Library Copying and Printing Services on the fifth floor of the Gibson Library at ext. 3263, or go to www.library.brocku.ca/services/abtpcty.htm#binding

Research lecture set for April 14

The Distinguished Research & Creative Activity Lecture set for April 14 features Panagiota Klentrou, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, and a talk entitled "Physiological outcomes of physical activity, exercise and training across the lifespan."

The lecture will take place in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber from 3:30 to 5 p.m., followed by a reception. The Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity recognizes faculty who demonstrate consistent and outstanding research achievements, and contribute to the training of future researchers.

Klentrou has a reputation as a prolific researcher and expert in exercise physiology. Her areas of study include applied physiology, pediatric exercise physiology, exercise interventions, health and performance in youth, osteoporosis, bioenergetics and temperature regulation, and exercise immunology.

CTLET honours accomplished TAs

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) recently held a TA reception, at which the following awards and certificates were conferred:

- The 2008 TA Award recipients were: Meaghan Wilkin, Psychology, TA Award; Bethan Kingsley, Physical Education and Kinesiology, Graduate TA Award; and Christine Goodwin, Child and Youth Studies, Senior TA Award.

- The 2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant Certificate Practicum recipients were: Lee Fielder, Physical

Education and Kinesiology; Marlie Christine Huisman, Visual Arts; Divya Joshi, Community Health Science; Maureen Kihika, Sociology; and Kiranpreet K. Sihra, Philosophy.

- More than 160 Brock University TAs participated in various forms of professional development offered by CTLET during the 2007-08 academic year.

During this time, 57 TAs completed the Basic Certificate in Teaching and Learning, while 26 TAs completed the Advance Certificate.



The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies 2008 TA Award recipients were, from left, Bethan Kingsley (Physical Education and Kinesiology, Graduate TA Award), Meaghan Wilkin (Psychology, TA Award), and Christine Goodwin (Child and Youth Studies, Senior TA Award).

Graduate conference focuses on digital age

The theme for the upcoming 26th Annual Graduate Conference, sponsored by the Graduate Department, Faculty of Education, is "Research in the Digital Age."

Open to all members of the Brock community, the May 3 conference features research papers, presentations, information workshops and a presentation by guest speaker Kevin Kee, Canada Research Chair of

Digital Humanities and Associate Professor at Brock.

The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Academic South and costs \$25 per person.

The registration deadline is April 18. For further information contact Lynn Duhaime, Faculty of Education, ext. 3340 or Lynn.Duhaime@brocku.ca

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Diverse topics given airing at Mapping event

Childhood obesity – a health issue that has reached pandemic proportions – was top-of-mind during a panel discussion at the third annual Mapping the New Knowledges conference April 4 and 5.

The Café Scientifique, whose panel included professors Bareket Falk, Brent Faught, Jason Liu and Jose Peralta-Huertas, and was moderated by Terry Wade, presented comprehensive knowledge about childhood obesity to the audience of close to 100 people from Brock and the broader community.

The panel was the opening event for the conference, which showcased graduate student and faculty research “that has tremendous relevance to the social and economic life of the community,” said Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies.

Wade said that 20 years ago, there was little discussion around the subject of childhood obesity. Today, however, obesity is starting to surpass smoking as a national public health concern. Nine per cent of Canadian boys and girls are classified as obese, and 27 per cent of girls and 32 per cent of boys are at risk of obesity.

Panelists touched on the benefits of resistance training, proper nutrition and physical activity in children, self-esteem issues, the health consequences of obesity as children become adults, and children who live with a clumsiness disorder that erodes their motivation and confidence to be physically active.

The question was also raised about the parental role in the childhood obesity pandemic – are parents doing a disservice to their children by making life easier for them?

Andy Depner, a first-year master's student in Applied Health Science, was one of the poster presenters at this year's conference. He, too, has an interest in childhood obesity from the aspect of motivation and self-determination, and cited a Statistics Canada study that stated the number of Canadian youth ages 12 to 21 who

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More cash for campus renewal



St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley, left, listens to President Jack Lightstone talk about the University's timely acceptance of \$6.7 million in provincial funding through the Campus Renewal funding program.

Province adds \$6.7M for Brock

Students are the big winners in this month's provincial funding announcement, according to the the University's president, and the minister who delivered the news.

St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley on April 11 announced \$6.7 million in funding under the Campus Renewal funding program, which helps post-secondary institutions deal with infrastructure needs such as facility renovations and equipment upgrades.

Along with the January announcement of \$4.5 million under the same program, Brock's portion of the total program funds climbs to \$11.2 million for 2008.

“This announcement couldn't have come at a better time,” President Jack Lightstone said. “This represents a foresight of understanding that the

future of Ontario is to educate the next generation, and advance the research work being done to improve all areas of our lives.”

Lightstone noted the students will benefit from the changes and upgrades, particularly in the areas of safety, security and energy efficiency.

“By investing in (our students') education, we are investing in Niagara's and Ontario's future,” Bradley added. “This money will allow Brock to make enhancements to its campuses to the benefit of countless students.”

A total of \$200 million has been earmarked by the provincial government for Campus Renewal funding across Ontario.

A recent report from Ontario's auditor general noted universities are in need of \$1.6 billion to repair aging facilities across the province.

Capacity audiences see Laramie Project

Brock University recently felt the reverberations of the murder of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, a hate crime rooted in homophobia that took place almost 10 years ago.

Brock Connections, a group of theatre students within the Department of Dramatic Arts, produced three shows of *The Laramie Project*, a play by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project about the reaction to the 1998 murder of Shepard in Laramie, Wyo. The play draws on journals, news reports and hundreds of interviews with the townspeople whose actual words are re-created on stage.

The Brock play was mounted twice in late February. Because so many people had to be turned away at the

door, the play was performed again a third time in April in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. It marked the first time a student-conceived, led and produced play that was not part of

course work or under faculty direction was mounted on the theatre's main stage. The Sean O'Sullivan event was made possible at the recommendation of Debbie Slade, Director, Centre for the Arts.

“I am so tremendously proud of our students,” said Sharilyn Ingram, Director of Brock's School of Fine and Performing Arts. “The mounting of *The Laramie Project* is an affirmation that Brock University values, respects and celebrates diversity.”

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Matthew Shepard

Dawson College still healing

Though the pain from the deadly results of an on-campus shooting in 2006 will never really go away, the staff of Dawson College face each day with the goal of putting the institution's best face forward and concentrating on its success in the future.

Two Dawson representatives visited Brock April 7 to talk about the dichotomy that exists between never forgetting the incidents of Sept. 13, 2006, but also of finding a way to move forward for the sake of the staff and faculty left behind.

“If we have done anything right, it is because we tried to make all our decisions not only with our heads, but with our hearts,” noted Richard Filion, Director General of the Montreal school.

“You won't find anything in blueprints to help you, because you are dealing with humans who have had their hearts broken.”

During the lunch hour of Sept. 13, 2006, a lone gunman stormed the main entrance of Dawson armed with three weapons and carrying 1,700 rounds of ammunition. Within a mere seven minutes, 13 students and six staff were wounded; one student was fatally shot. The gunman, identified as Kimveer Gill, committed suicide after being shot by police in the arm.

And while Dawson had an extensive emergency plan in place, the dynamics of the situation put that plan out the window within minutes of its implementation.

“I will admit we weren't really prepared. We had a plan in place, but we couldn't imagine a force so violent shattering our peace,” Filion noted.

Dealing with a fire or chemical leak in one place would have been more easily addressed in Dawson's plan, he noted, since there were contingencies in place for such elements as site evacuation.

But when dealing with the unpredictable nature of a shooter on campus, the plan simply fell apart. A nearby mall that would have been used for student evacuation closed its doors, while the underground subway shut down, both giving the students no option but to evacuate into the streets, scattered over several blocks in downtown Montreal.

Because the event happened during lunch, the senior communications team members were not able to convene quickly. And they could not contact each other because the network crashed, overloaded by cellphone use from frantic staff, students and parents.

The police took over the scene within minutes of the first shot, but released information only as needed, so the senior administrators had to rely on information being passed along by police or others on the street.

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They had no way of knowing what was really happening until hours later. Even so, the police never did release any official information about who was injured, and until 9 p.m. that night, they did not release the name of the fatally shot student, Anastasia De Sousa.

Yet as these events were unfolding through shock and chaos, the communications team somehow managed to gather on a nearby street corner, and began planning how to release the information to the outside world.

"We decided the DG and Academic Dean would be up front right away," noted Donna Varrica, Communications Co-ordinator. "They were then *seen* to be handling the crisis."

At the 5:20 p.m. news conference, they were able to share the news that there had been one shooter, who had committed suicide, and that several faculty and students had been injured.

From that point on, the senior administrators and communications team decided that their message moving forward would include three key points:

1. That the college would not become a fortress
2. That they would educate others about what had happened at Dawson
3. That the college would come back stronger

Although they have adhered to all three points – receiving resounding applause when the school was opened again to students – Dawson has improved its emergency planning and installed many safety measures in the past 18 months. While not outwardly looking like a fortress, all key doors now have magnetic locks that can be activated remotely; all classroom and office doors have deadbolts; there are 200 surveillance cameras around campus; a dedicated cellphone and MIKE network (in case the cell lines go down) has been added; and a central public address system has been implemented that can target messages to the whole school, or to key sections, wings or rooms as needed.

Because the main emergency response plan did not apply to the shooting scenario, a secondary plan has been added.

While administrators did not hold much hope for exceptional athletic or academic achievement during 2006-07, the students turned in strong performances in all areas.

"The students' messages were all saying the same thing: 'We must be stronger than this guy. We will not let him win,'" Filion noted.

And when the students organized themselves to re-enter the school five days after the shooting, they did so at exactly the same moment as the shooting (12:41 p.m.), to the spontaneous applause of those gathered to watch.

The pride of that moment stays with Filion and Varrica, spurring them on to share this story with others.

Youth University featured in best practices

In Canada, four out of 10 young Canadians do not finish high school, do not go on to post-secondary education or drop out of post-secondary studies.

In early April, an international conference hosted by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation and the European Access Network was held in Toronto to examine issues around access to post-secondary education. The conference featured a Best Practices Gallery with 28 exhibitors from Canada, the United States and Europe.

Brock's Youth University was featured as a unique Canadian early outreach program in the best practices gallery. Youth University's innovative programs, low fees, extended hours for working parents, and focus on the unique skills and abilities of all children rather than gifted students were some of the features highlighted.

Youth University brings more than 7,000 youth from all backgrounds on campus each year. This exposure is often a first glimpse into the world of post-secondary education.



ABOVE: Professor Terry Wade, far right, facilitates the Cafe Scientifique discussion on childhood obesity. Panel members include, from left, professors Brent Fought, Jason Liu, Bareket Falk and Jose Peralta-Huertas. RIGHT: First-year master's student Andy Depner, Leisure Studies, shows his research poster presentation during the annual Mapping the New Knowledges Conference.

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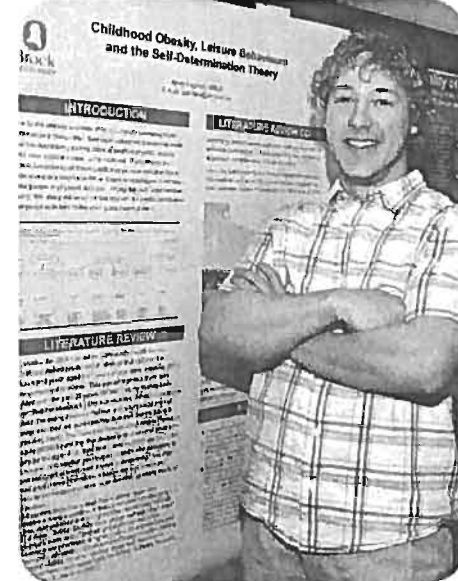
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participate in organized sport at least once a week is decreasing. There are three types of motivation, he said: none (amotivation), external motivation (peers, social) and internal motivation (self).

He intends to conduct his research in area schools in the next six months to determine the motivations of school-aged children participating in after-school intramural programs.

In all, there were 116 submissions – 48 poster and 68 oral – presented at the conference.

All of Brock's academic Faculties were represented – Applied Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Science, Education, Humanities



and Business.

Research topics showed a great range in diversity, including presentations about upper leg strength and the risk of Type 2 diabetes; how autism is conceptualized culturally; an assessment of Ontario winery websites; understanding character development; the military metaphor of illness; maize as an energy substitute; philosophy in Macbeth; and NHL salaries.

PhD graduates face tough road entering working world: Peers

Douglas Peers began his presentation with what he called an uncomfortable truth: Fewer than half of all PhD graduates enter academia, so preparing for the job market has never been more important.

Peers, Dean and Associate Vice-President Graduate, Faculty of Graduate Studies at York University, was the keynote plenary speaker at Brock's third annual Mapping the New Knowledges conference April 4 and 5. The title of his address was "Beyond Academics: What about Skills Training for Graduate Students."

In addition to the first uncomfortable truth, he said, is that fact that only about 50 per cent of all PhD candidates complete their degrees.

Peers noted universities are offering more applied degrees, as both master's and doctoral students are increasingly seeking to use their degrees outside the academy, and with the proliferation of graduate programming in applied areas, new approaches to graduate education may be required in addition to traditional research-oriented degrees.

"There is a growing recognition that we as professors have a responsibility to do more than reproduce ourselves," he said, "and training must be conceived of more broadly."

Graduate students themselves are changing and becoming more diverse, Peers said. They have families, come from a wider range of backgrounds, and have expectations quite different from previous generations. More substantial funding packages mean that universities are competing for students. One size does not

fit all, he said – people go to graduate school for different reasons.

Common criticisms from prospective employers of graduate degree holders, Peers said, are that they can be overspecialized, lack commercial awareness, face difficulties in adapting to non-academic work culture, cannot relate to non-specialists, use impenetrable prose and have unrealistic expectations.

He added it is also necessary to think through and beyond constraining dichotomies, such as pure versus applied research, or research versus teaching.

Serious consideration also must be made to differentiate between what can be integrated and what can be offered as supplementary in terms of professional skills training, said Peers.

William Tays, a fourth-year PhD candidate in Psychology, said that by choice he has been able to take applied courses that advance his professional skills, but that these experiences have taken a lot of his time during his degree studies.

"How do we address professional skills without placing too much of a burden on an already heavy workload?" he added.

Brock President Jack Lightstone opened the plenary session. He urged graduate students to look to the right and the left and be open to the value of the insights of other disciplines to their own specialized research. He also asked students to seek a balance between methodology and an interest in how their specialized work contributes to a larger theoretical or conceptual framework.



Douglas Peers

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Beyond a Brock-centred production, the student actors also performed *The Laramie Project* April 10 at Saint Paul Catholic High School in Niagara Falls. Production manager Tiffany Thexton, a fourth-year Drama and Education student, said that after the initial giggles, the high school students became caught up in the serious message of the play.

Adding to the intense interest in the first two Brock productions was information that a U.S.-based organization, the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), a strident opponent to homosexuality and *The Laramie Project*, intended to protest on campus. Rev. Fred Phelps, leader of WBC, gained international notoriety when he picketed Shepard's funeral, and the organization often pickets productions of *The Laramie Project*.

Brock's Campus Security and other security agencies were put on alert, and graduate students in the Social Justice and Equity program mobilized an information session. Other students believed strongly that non-engagement at any level was the appropriate course of action.

"The one good thing about the controversy was that it backfired on Fred Phelps," said Thexton. "We were able to redirect our initial anxiety and energies into something very positive."

Audience members raised about \$900 for the Matthew Shepard Foundation in free-will donations.

Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student, was tortured, beaten, tied to an isolated rural fence and abandoned in near-freezing temperatures on the night of Oct. 6 to 7, 1998. He died from severe head injuries on Oct. 12, never emerging from his coma. Shepard's two killers, Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney, were convicted and ordered to serve two consecutive life sentences.

For more information about the Matthew Shepard Foundation, please go to www.matthewshepard.org



The 558th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held on April 9, 2008. During the meeting, Senate:

- received the President's Report dated April 9, 2008;
- received a Report from the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee and
- accepted the Academic Integrity Policy (Code of Student Academic Conduct);
- accepted the amendments to Faculty Handbook Section III (relating to the Academic Integrity Policy);
- received a Report from the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee which included, for information, the 2007 Annual Waste Audit; and
- received a Report from the Governance Committee which included the draft amendments to Faculty Handbook Section I regarding procedures for the appointment/reappointment of senior academic and administrative officers and a response report to the Report of the Auditors on Undergraduate Program Review at Brock University.

This report is a summary of actions taken. Full details of Senate meetings are available at: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate

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From left, Elna Mayberry, Ian Young, and Lynne Bubic, all Brock graduates and current staff members, will take part in the Ride to Conquer Cancer in June.

Brock riders ready to conquer cancer

Six members of the Brock community are looking to their colleagues for help in reaching an important goal in the fight to conquer cancer.

Team Brock University has committed raising funds and participating in the Ride to Conquer Cancer® to benefit the Princess Margaret Hospital. The team will join thousands of other men and women in a 200-kilometre ride June 20 to 22, from Toronto to Niagara Falls with a night of camping in Hamilton. Members include captain, Ian Young (alumni and staff member), Elna Mayberry (alumni and staff member), Lynne Bubic (alumni and staff member), Jessica Sgrignoli (student), Sasha Karanjac (student), and Judy Wesley (community member). Riders will support breakthrough research and the discovery of new cancer therapies at the Princess Margaret.

While most of the team members are riding for many friends and family members who have been touched by cancer, Young and Bubic have shared their personal reasons for riding in this particular event. While Young is a cycling enthusiast who takes any and all opportunities to ride, this ride is not for him – it's for his father, who is currently fighting lung cancer. Not content simply to participate, he also took the next step of working to put a Brock University team together.

Bubic has recently returned to cycling and was motivated to participate in this event by her mother, who recently completed treatment for breast cancer. She was inspired by her mom's positive attitude, strength and resilience – qualities she hopes to

emulate on the ride.

Each team member is required to raise a minimum of \$2,500, so they are counting on the generosity and community spirit of Brock's students, staff and faculty, to reach the goal. For personal stories of each rider, see www.conquercancer.ca/goto/brock

Ways in which you can help:

- **Donate:** Anyone can make immediate donations online by going to www.conquercancer.ca/goto/brock and choosing a team member to support. Donations must be in by May 30, 2008, but you are encouraged to donate as soon as possible, so that the team will know they can meet the goal. All team members must meet the minimum requirement, so consider supporting a different team member if your first choice has already achieved his or her goal.

The team will also be doing fundraising displays and events on campus between now and the end of May – watch for donation buckets, spinners in the hallway, and other events. Connect us with Corporate Donors – do you know a company in our community that might be willing to sponsor us? Contact one of the team and they will contact the company.

- **Join the team:** Interested in participating in the ride? Join our team at www.conquercancer.ca – spots are limited.

- **Volunteer:** Help run events on campus, canvas in your neighbourhood, or contact potential corporate donors. If you have some time to spare and a passion for the cause, contact Young to volunteer (ext. 3093 or iyoung@brocku.ca).

Mediatalk People in the news

Lorne Adams, Director, Department of Athletics, was interviewed for an April 4 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Brock celebrates a season of success," in which he talked about the impressive 2007-08 season for Brock's athletes. A similar article ran in the *St. Catharines Standard* April 1 entitled "Just look at us now, Brock says." Adams was also interviewed for an April 4 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Cheers to a team that keeps its scrums on the field," in which he talked about the turnaround of behaviour from the rugby team.

Garth Stevenson, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a March 25 article in the *Vancouver Sun* entitled "All parties should listen to the message of the byelections," in which he notes that no federal political party will be in a majority position until a dynamic leader is found to capture the faith and imagination of voters.

Carman Cullen and Gary Pickering, Professors, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, were interviewed for a March 26 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Gauging Gen Y's taste for the bubbly," in which they talked about their study on the wine-drinking habits of people ages 19 to 30.

Sharon Abbey, Professor, Faculty of Education, was interviewed for an April 4 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Teaching on the road," in which she talked about a four-week trip she and several student teachers are taking to South Africa. The story also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

Kent Keeler, MBA student, was interviewed for an April 4 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Brock business student heading to Olympics of world issues conference," in which he talks of his upcoming trip to Copenhagen Consensus 2008.

Marilyn Rose, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, was interviewed for an April 4

article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Brock set to showcase grad research," in which she talked about the Mapping the New Knowledges conference.

Alun Hughes, Professor, Geography, was interviewed for a March 29 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "A reason to get cracking on the court," in which he talked about the historical reasoning behind naming Canboro Road in Fenwick.

Brad Clarke, Off-Campus Housing Officer, was interviewed for an April 5 article in *Niagara News* entitled "New group aims to involve students," in which he talked of the creation of the Town and Gown Committee in Thorold.

Craig Hyatt, Professor, Department of Sport Management, was interviewed for a March 31 article in the *Sarnia Observer* entitled "Moving brings mixed emotions," in which he talks of the emotional difficulty sports fans have when their hometown team moves to another market.

Tom St. Ivany, Director, Facilities Management, was interviewed for an April 2 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Water woes return," in which he talked of the University's position on the flood damage happening to properties at the bottom of the Niagara Escarpment.

Chris Critelli, Coach, Brock women's basketball team, was interviewed for an April 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Ex-Badger star earns shot at WNBA," in which she talked of Jodie Ebeling's success as a basketball player. The story also ran in the *Pelham News*.

Robert Dimand, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for an April 14 article by Matthew McClearn entitled "Different This Time? Why It's More Like 1929 Than Anybody Wants to Believe," in *Canadian Business*.

Jack Lightstone, President, was interviewed for an April 11 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Niagara visionary," in which he shared Brock's role in positively transforming the region's economy.

Health and Safety Matters... with on-campus training courses

Mark your calendar: The 2008 Employee Wellness Conference will be held Thursday, June 19. You are welcome to submit suggestions for workshop ideas to oehs@brocku.ca before April 30.

Human Resources, Health and Safety-sponsored training opportunities are listed below.

Registration and further information can be found at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

- **Standard First Aid/CPR Training**, April 28 and 29 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.): This program is designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. The Standard First Aid/CPR course covers a variety of topics from basic (such as cardiovascular and breathing emergencies, CPR, prevention of disease transmission) to in-depth topics, such as sudden medical conditions and injuries to the head and spine. Registration required.

- **Automated External Defibrillator Training**, May 1 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.): Individuals who are certified in Standard First Aid/CPR course may enroll in this Automated External

Defibrillator (AED) training. Although training is not mandatory to use the Brock AEDs, the course helps to familiarize individuals with the units and responding to emergencies. Registration required.

- **Anaphylaxis Awareness Training**, May 1 (9 a.m. to 12 noon): A general awareness workshop for individuals involved in food preparation, service and event planning.

- **Science Safety Seminar**, May 1 (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.): Mandatory training for anyone working in Brock labs. Covers regulations, emergency procedures and hazardous materials

- **Radiation Safety**, May 1 (1 to 2 p.m.): Provides information to radiation users, or those who work in labs where radiation is used. The training includes safety best practices, legislation and more.

- **Biosafety Training**, May 1 (2 to 3 p.m.): Essential information for those working in or with access to bio labs. You will learn prudent practices and important techniques plus understand the regulations and the University's biosafety guidelines.

Educators honoured for efforts in making a difference

Three members of the Brock community were put in the spotlight recently for their contributions to the successful academic lives of students with disabilities.

During the "Making a Difference" awards luncheon April 3 at Pond Inlet, Suzanne Burchell, Rick Cheel and Patrick Ounlert were honoured for their leadership in this area.

Burchell is an instructor with the Department of Dramatic Arts who regularly delivers speeches as an advocate for students with ADHD; Cheel is an Earth Sciences Professor

and Associate Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences; and Ounlert is an instructor in the Department of Accounting.

Services for Students with disABILITIES and the Student Development Centre organized the event, which featured I. King Jordan, Past-President of Gallaudet University as guest speaker. Jordan made history in 1988 as the first deaf president of Gallaudet, the world's only university with all programs and services designated specifically for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.



I. King Jordan

Faculty and Staff

CHEMISTRY

J. Stephen Hartman presented a poster entitled "NMR Studies of Nitrogen Doping and Spin-Lattice Relaxation in the 4H Polytype of Silicon Carbide" at the 49th Experimental NMR Conference at Monterey, Calif., March 9 to 14. The poster is co-authored with Alex D. Bain and Bob Berno of McMaster University and Chris W. Kirby of the University of Western Ontario.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Angela Duarte and **Ana L. Sanchez** presented the peer-reviewed poster "Being Free of Tuberculosis: Not Just a Matter of Health" at the 2008 International Conference of Emerging Infectious Diseases held in Atlanta, Ga., March 16 to 19. **Ron Mergl**, **Duarte** and **Sanchez** presented the peer-reviewed poster "Assessing Exposure to West Nile Virus in the Migrant Workers of the Niagara Peninsula" at the same conference.

DRAMATIC ARTS

Gyllian Raby has been selected to be an Associate Artist in a multidisciplinary residency at Atlantic Artists' Center in Florida. The centre offers a unique interactive intensive where Master Artists select, out of numerous applications from around the world, associates and projects they wish to work with. Poet Tony Hoagland, composer George Lewis and visual artist Rob Pruitt selected Raby and her projects *Moon Patent*, a script about genetic technology, and *Eunoia*, an adaptation for performance of Canadian poet Christian Bok's award-winning book.

EARTH SCIENCES

Dan McCarthy presented the poster "Ambient air quality monitoring using arboreal lichens in Sarnia and Hamilton," at the Best in Science Environmental Science Symposium at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment in Toronto on March 7. The poster is co-authored by **P. Tulumello** (MSc candidate, Brock Earth Sciences) and **L. Fiore** (Ontario Ministry of the Environment). McCarthy was awarded a \$50,000 grant in February from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for tracking transportation and industrial sources using lichen community analysis. This study will estimate pollution loads and map air quality gradients along Highway 401.

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch has also awarded a grant of \$150,000 to **McCarthy**, **Uwe Brand** (Brock Earth Sciences) and **Julian Aherne** (Trent, Environmental Resource Studies) in support of a three-year study: Monitoring ambient air quality with lichens and tree bark. Lab work led by Brand and Aherne will explore the use of tree bark as a biomonitor and will develop and test low-cost passive sensors for use in measuring nitrogen and ammonia loads. Field studies led by McCarthy will calibrate lichen community composition and tissue chemistry against data from 14 air quality monitoring stations operated by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Lichen mapping will be used to estimate and map mean annual SO₂, NO_x and heavy metal deposition in Hamilton, Ottawa, London and Oshawa.

ESL SERVICES

Jim Papple recently presented workshops entitled "Edublogging in ESL" and "Using a corpus-based approach to teaching idioms" at TESL London's Spring Mini-Conference, held in London, Ont., on March 29.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Julian Kitchen, **Lorenzo Cherubini** and **Joe Engemann**, along with **Patricia Goldblatt** and **Deirdre Smith** of the Ontario College of Teachers, presented three papers at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association in New York City in March 2008: "Partners in teacher induction: A collaborative self-study of a partnership between a university and a self-regulatory body for the teaching profession;" "The impact of new teacher-mentor collaboration on new teacher induction case narratives;" and "Exploring professional practice with beginning teachers and mentor teachers through narrative inquiry." At the same conference, **Tiffany Gallagher**, **Darlene Ciuffetelli Parker**, **Kitchen**, **Candace Figg**, and **Shelley Griffin** presented "Establishing and sustaining community: The second year of a self-study group in a faculty of education." **Kitchen**, along with **C. Beck**, **C. Kosnik**, **J. Caulfield**, and **A. McClure**, presented "Beginning teachers' professional identity: Where did it come from? How did it influence their practice?." **Cherubini**, with **L. Volante** and **S. Drake**, presented the paper "Examining the factors that influence administrative responses to large-scale assessment."

Peter Vietgen presented the paper "Carnivale at the Ca D' Zan: The Ringling's Mansion in Cross-Curricular Focus" at the National Art Education Association Conference which was held in New Orleans, La., March 26 to 30.

HISTORY

John Sainsbury has been awarded Yale University's joint Lewis Walpole Library/American Society for Eighteenth-Century

Studies Visiting Fellowship for research on his book project, *The Libertine Challenge: from Rochester to Byron*.

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye presented a paper, "Know Thine Enemy: The Travails of Russian Missionary Orientalology" On April 5 at a Festkonferenz at Yale University in honour of Paul Bushkovitch's 60th birthday. He also gave a talk to the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen at St George's Church in St. Catharines on "Why Russians Are Different from Us, but You Needn't Fret," on April 9.

Tami Friedman has been accepted to a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute, "Rethinking America in a Global Perspective." This four-week program, based at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., will be held June 15 to July 11. The participants will be conducting research, developing curriculum initiatives, and collaborating in efforts to situate their research and teaching of American history in a global context. The NEH is an agency of the U.S. government that supports humanities research and education.

MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

Chang Hoon Oh recently presented the paper "Expanding International Trade beyond the RTA Border: The Case of ASEAN's Economic Diplomacy," at the 49th Annual Convention of International Study Association, in San Francisco, on March 29.

MATHEMATICS

Chantal Buteau organized, together with **Christina Anagnostoupoulo** (University of Athens, Greece), the Computational Music Analysis Workshop for the April session of the MaMuX: Mathématiques, musique et relations avec d'autres disciplines seminar that took place at IRCAM, Paris (France). At this event, Buteau also contributed two papers: "Computational Analysis Workshop Introduction: First movement of Brahms' Op 51 No. 1 and an Overview of the Proposed Computational Approaches" (with Anagnostoupoulo) and "Topological Spaces of Motives of Brahms Op. 51 No. 1."

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Brian Roy presented "The benefits of milk consumption with resistance and endurance sports" at the 10th Pan-American Dairy Congress, in San Jose, Costa Rica, April 8 to 10.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton spoke on "Current Party Debates on Citizenship and Reform of Party and State Institutions" at the conference Political Change in China sponsored by the Munk Centre for International Studies and the York Centre for Asian Research at Trinity College of the University of Toronto on April 4. Burton also gave evidence as a witness to the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Affairs on "The Rise Of China, India and Russia in the Global Economy and Implications for Canadian Policy" in Ottawa on April 9.

PSYCHOLOGY

Sid Segalowitz presented "The development and personality correlates of medial frontal cortex activation across adolescence" at the Society for Research in Adolescence, Chicago, March 6 to 9. Segalowitz, along with **P. L. Davies** and **W. L. Gavin**, presented "An ERP Study of Error-Monitoring in Adolescence: Correlating Executive Functions to Within-Subject Variability in Brain Response" at the same conference. Segalowitz also presented "Differences in Medial Prefrontal Cortex Activity with respect to Development and Personality across Adolescence: ERP studies of the Error Related Negativity" at the fourth Cuban Congress of Neurophysiology, in Varadero, March 11 to 14.

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Events

Canadian Federation of University Women-St. Catharines: **Anne Marie Guilmette**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will be the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women-St. Catharines. Her presentation will be about humour. This CFUW Spring Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at the St. Catharines Golf and Country Club. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7 p.m. For further information call 905-935-5674.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Visual Arts:

Exhibit: Beds that Dream of Bodies, Honours Exhibition: Featuring work by **Gustavo Cerquera**, **Candace Couse**, **Brian Durocher**, **Felix Ma**, **Sara Petranik**, **Will Postma**, **Ryan Rivando**, and **Alex Watts**. Until April 27. Rodman Hall Arts Centre, free community event.

Department of Music

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performance start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

APRIL 2008

Classic Albums Live: The Eagles - Hotel California, April 24 and 25; Sophie Milman, April 26.

Classifieds

Brock staff member seeks temporary summer accommodation, beginning May 1, 2008. Niagara region required, proximity to Brock desired. Please contact Peter McKinley at petermckinley@sympatico.ca or 519-280-1794.

Stratford voice coach works with student teachers

A world-class vocal coach and the Faculty of Education at Brock University worked together in Hamilton this winter to help new teachers avoid vocal problems in the classroom.

Janine Pearson, Head of Coaching and Head of Voice at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, taught three-hour workshops that covered the basics of akeeping a voice in good shape. After a discussion segment that showed how the voice is produced and how it is affected by stress and tension in the body, the centrepiece of each workshop had participants on their feet doing a vocal warm-up and working on filling the gymnasium with their voices.

"This was by far the most beneficial professional development activity I engaged in while in the Brock

Pre-service program," noted Allyson Bradley, an aspiring drama and science teacher. "Janine provided practical information that will help increase the longevity of our careers as teachers."

During the three workshops, Pearson worked with more than 100 teacher candidates. Their awareness of vocal issues could mean a lot less lost time over their careers.

"By the end of this workshop, the participants should have a better understanding of how to take care of their own voices, and be able to recognize when they should be taking it easy or getting help," she said. "Many small problems can be solved with a bit of care. Without that care, the small problems soon become big ones."

Sixteen faculty members elected to senate positions for multi-year terms

Congratulations to the following faculty who were elected to Senate for the terms indicated.

Twenty nominations were received for the 16 positions available.

Their term of service as members of the 2008-09 Senate begins on the day after Spring Convocation 2008.

For a complete listing of the 2008-09 Senate go to: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate/SENATE-ELECT.pdf

A. For a Three-Year Term (12) ending Spring Convocation, 2011:

- Tansu Barker (Marketing, Int'l Business and Strategy – BUS)
- Tony DiPetra (Pre-Service, EDUC)
- Nota Klentrou (Physical Education and Kinesiology – (AHS))
- Jane McLeod (History – HUM)
- Merijean Morrissey (Visual Arts – HUM)

- Roberto Nickel (Classics – HUM)
- Fran Owen (Child & Youth Studies – SS)
- Gary Pickering (Biological Sciences – M and S)
- Mike Plyley (Physical Education & Kinesiology (AHS))
- Virginia Reh (Dramatic Arts – HUM)
- Angus Smith (Classics – HUM)
- Paul Zelisko (Chemistry – M and S)

B. For a Two-Year Term (1) ending Spring Convocation 2010:

- Jamie Mandigo (Physical Education and Kinesiology – AHS)

C. For a One-Year Term (3) ending Spring Convocation 2009:

- May Bletz (Modern Languages, Literatures & Culture – HUM)
- Kirill Samokhin (Physics – M and S)
- Murray Wickett (History – HUM)

Permanent staff to elect new member for Board of Trustees

Nominations close May 2

The General Bylaws of the Board of Trustees specifies that three members from the permanent staff, elected by the permanent staff members of the University, serve staggered three-year terms on the Board. Permanent staff members who are Managers reporting directly to the President or to a Vice-President are not eligible to serve.

Effective June 30, 2008, there will be one permanent staff vacancy on the Board. Therefore, an election of one representative

from the permanent staff for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2008, will be held on Friday, May 16. The poll will close at 4:30 p.m. on that date.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretariat Office (ST 1107) and must be signed by at least three members of the permanent staff and the nominee, and submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2.

Ballots will be distributed to all members

of the permanent staff on or before Wednesday, May 7. Completed ballots are to be returned to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, sealed in a provided envelope. Ballots not returned in this manner and by the close of the poll at 4:30 p.m. on May 16, will not be counted.

The candidate leading the poll will be declared elected to the three-year term.

For more information, contact Mike Farrell, Secretary to the University, at ext. 3335.



Six delegates from North-West University, one of Brock's partner institutions in South Africa, visited Brock between March 31 and April 2. During the visit, delegates met with colleagues in the Faculty of Education to discuss ongoing joint research projects and new joint international initiatives. The NWU delegates met with Dolana Mogadime from Faculty of Education (third from the left). The NWU delegates gave an Academic Colloquium entitled "Democracy, Education Change and Transformations in South Africa: Interdisciplinary Considerations." Petra Engelbrecht, Dean of the Faculty of Education Sciences at NWU, will visit Brock during the week of May 12. For information, contact Sheila Young, at Brock International.

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Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Tracy MacDonald**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Thursday, April 24 at 2 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Where is the value in education for me? Experiences and Perspectives of Ontario Secondary School Students at Risk of Non-completion of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma." External Examiner: John Freeman, Queen's University; Thesis Supervisor: Mary-Louise Vanderlee; Committee Members: Ann-Marie DiBiase and Alice Schutz; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Catherine Longboat**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Ethical Space in a Secondary School: A Case Study." External Examiner: Celia Haig-Brown, York University; Thesis Supervisor: Michael Manley-Casimir; Committee members: Denise Paquette-Frenette and Merle Richards; chair of the examining committee: Joe Engemann. All are welcome to attend.

Graduate event focuses on digital age

The theme for the upcoming 26th Annual Graduate Conference, sponsored by the Graduate Department, Faculty of Education, is "Research in the Digital Age."

Open to all members of the Brock community, the May 3 conference features research papers, presentations, information workshops and a presentation by guest speaker Kevin Kee, Canada Research Chair of Digital Humanities and Associate Professor at Brock. The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Academic South and costs \$25 per person.

The registration deadline is April 18. For further information, contact Lynn Duhaime, Faculty of Education, ext. 3340 or Lynn.Duhaime@brocku.ca

Summer heats up with first biennial Riesling Conference

The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute will host the first biennial Riesling Experience – An International Celebration of Style, Structure and Purity on Thursday, July 17. Riesling is becoming the fastest-growing white wine in the world. Learn and taste Rieslings from France, Germany, New York State and, of course, Ontario. For information on the conference, go to www.rieslingexperience.com

Krushelnicki takes on key planning role with province

Bruce Krushelnicki, a Brock graduate and former academic colleague in the Department of Urban and Environmental Studies, has been appointed to a significant dual-role position in the Ontario government: Chief Planning Advisor with the Ontario Growth Secretariat, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, and Metrolinx, effective April 7.

Krushelnicki is now effectively the chief planning advisor for all new development in the province under the Places to Grow program, as well as the chief planning advisor for the GTAA's regional integrated transportation network, with a 2007 budget of more than \$791 million. Both are important planning initiatives for the province.

CTLET sponsors workshops for instructors

This spring, both Brock faculty and TAs will have an opportunity to learn about the theory and practice of teaching by participating in an Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW), run through the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies. The ISW is a peer-based, experiential instructional development

program, designed to enhance the teaching effectiveness of both new and veteran instructors through practice and feedback in small groups. Registration is limited. ISW take place on April 28 and 29, or on May 14 to 16. To register, call ext. 3933 or e-mail wgilmore@brocku.ca

Big & Little series focuses on large classes

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) will host the Big & Little Series for Brock faculty, instructors and teaching staff. This is a series of teaching development sessions specifically focused on teaching large classes and first-year experiences.

CTLET will be host a session April 29 entitled "Institutional Support for Large Classes – models & strategies" from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in Plaza 409. For additional information or to register, call ext 3933.

Transitions focus of Best Practices Day

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) will host its annual Best Practices Day May 6. Concurrent sessions, panels and plenary speakers will take up the theme of Transitions as it relates to student engagement, educational technology, teaching and learning strategies, collaborative initiatives and community engagement.

Mike Ridley, CIO and Chief Librarian, University of Guelph and Nancy Schmidt, Director of the Learning Commons at University of Guelph, will be the plenary speakers and will address the Role of the Learning Commons in Transforming Teaching and Learning. The 2007 Brock Distinguished Teaching Award winner, Dorothy Griffith (Child and Youth Studies, Associate Dean, Social Sciences), will also give her distinguished teaching address.

Best Practices awards will be presented during lunch. Information and registration is available at www.brocku.ca/ctlet

Hamilton campus goes green with composting

Environmental stewardship is a particularly important ethic for teachers to develop with their students. Three of the Hamilton Campus Pre-service teacher candidates have taken this theme to heart, setting an example for their colleagues by organizing and running the Hamilton Campus compost initiative.

The idea for a campus composting program was discussed last school year in Professor Doug Karrow's environmental science class. This year, the team of Jenny Watson, Julie Sclodnick and Jennifer Acheson started planning and implementing a waste diversion and on-site composting program, beginning with a well-publicized trash audit conducted by Karrow's Junior/Intermediate science and environmental studies students.

Next, the team garnered the support of Director of Facilities John Bird and the student liaison council, arranged for the purchase of additional indoor collection bins to supplement the bins purchased last year as well as an outdoor composter, and conducted a campus education campaign. Then, Watson, Sclodnick and Acheson emptied the compost collecting containers from inside the building on an ongoing basis with the help of our custodial staff. A significant amount of waste from the cafeteria, counselling group rooms, the faculty lounge and other meeting places at the Hamilton campus is being diverted to the composter.

The building administration has also joined in by providing fine paper recycling bins throughout the building.

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BrockNews

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

New Dean of Social Sciences appointed

Terry Boak, Brock University's Provost and Vice-President, Academic, is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Dunk as the school's new Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, effective July 1.

Dunk comes to Brock from Lakehead University, where since May of 2007, he has served as Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities. Prior to assuming the position of Dean at Lakehead, he was Chair of the University's Department of Sociology for eight years.

"I am very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Dunk and know that he is well suited to meet the challenges and opportunities that the Faculty of Social Sciences at Brock has to offer," said Boak. "Deans have a key role to play in terms of setting examples and creating environments that encourage collegiality, consistency and clarity, and it is with great confidence and delight that I welcome him to the University."

With a doctorate in anthropology from McGill



Thomas Dunk

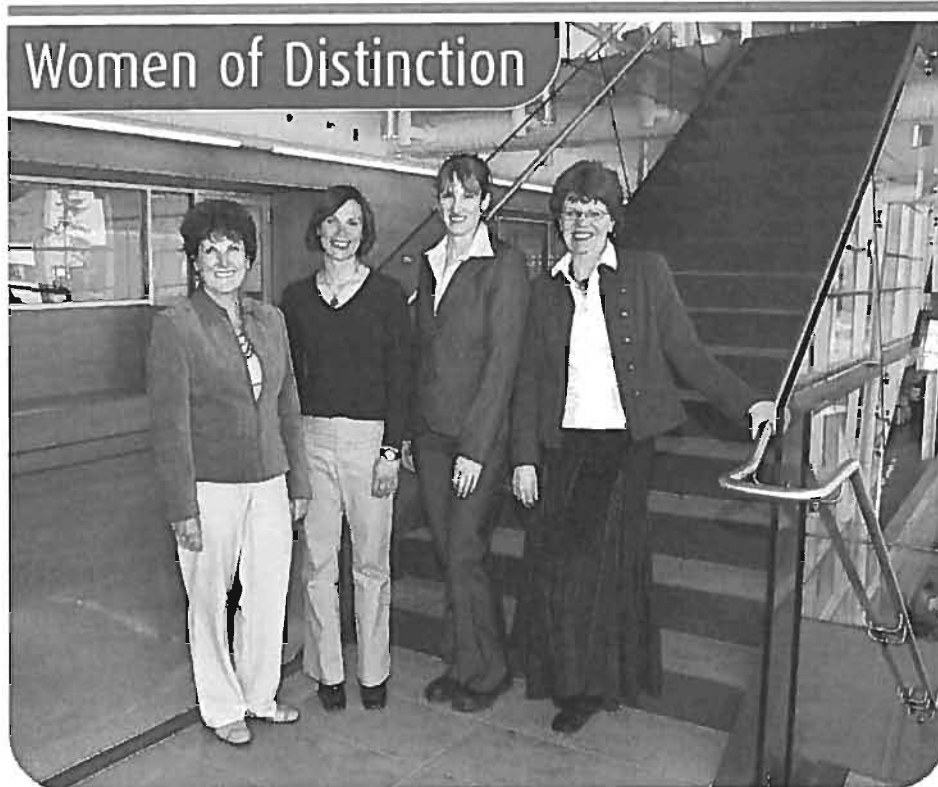
University, Dunk began his career first in the Interdisciplinary Centre for Northern Studies and then the Department of Sociology at Lakehead University. An active researcher, he has studied various topics, from dimensions of social inequality and spatial/regional identities to political economy and cultural studies.

Dunk has been an exceptional and popular teacher in subjects such as sociological theory and masculinities, as well as environmental sociology, and brings many years of experience in university and professional administration to his new position at Brock University.

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YWCA Niagara Region Women of Distinction Award nominees with ties to Brock include, from left, Debra McLauchlan, Karen Natho, Jenny Brown and Joan Wiley.

Brock nominees stand out

Four out of 14 women nominated for the YWCA Niagara Region Women of Distinction Awards have a Brock connection.

The four have been given the nod by their peers because of personal achievements, community commitment and their contribution to the advancement of women, but they have done so by bringing diverse skill sets and life experience to the table.

One person will be awarded in each of six categories during a gala tomorrow night, May 8, at John-Michael's Banquet & Conference Centre in Thorold.

The categories, judged by a jury panel made up of past recipients and community members, are: Trades, Professions and Entrepreneurship; Education, Training and Development; Health and Wellbeing; Public Affairs and Communication; and Public and Community Service.

Brock's nominees include:

• **Debra McLauchlan**, Education, Training and Development

As Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education, McLauchlan is a champion of lifelong learning opportunities for teachers, specifically in the areas of drama, visual arts and music. She has fostered many community-based partnerships between education and arts organizations and shared her research and workshops at conferences to challenge and inspire teachers. Together with Carousel Players, she helped to launch the annual Norah Morgan Award to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Niagara Region educators in memory of local drama educator Norah Morgan. She is a mentor to the many teachers who start their careers as elementary school teachers every year.

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Scientifically Yours challenges teen girls

An interest in future employment in science and mathematics brought more than 80 Grade 11 girls from the Golden Horseshoe to Brock this week for Scientifically Yours, the 19-year-old conference aimed at increasing interest in these fields for young women.

During a three-day period on campus, delegates of Scientifically Yours engaged in science projects, met many women in the varied fields of employment related to science and math, and enjoyed perhaps the first experience of university life.

"We have linked this year with the Student Development Centre's First Generation program, so these are not just girls with the highest academic standing, but these are girls who may not have considered math and science for a career path," noted Gail Higenell,

Scientifically Yours co-ordinator, and senior laboratory demonstrator, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute.

"They could be great achievers, if only they have that exposure."

Higenell noted the Grade 11 students are chosen because they are mature enough to handle the packed schedule – which includes fun activities such as swimming and trail exploration – and they are just on the verge of deciding what to do after high school.

While other years have featured a plenary speaker, this year's version offered a Junior Café Scientifique instead. This gave the young women a chance to talk to each other about the assumptions that have been built into their lives regarding future career paths.

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Convocation plans set

Thousands of Brock students will participate in what is anticipated to be the biggest-yet convocation with nine ceremonies over five days in June.

From Tuesday, June 10 to Saturday, June 14, the Walker Complex's Ian D. Beddis gymnasium will be taken over with this year's Spring Convocation.

For 2008, Brock takes pride in awarding honorary degrees to the following distinguished Canadians:

• **Robin C. Williams**, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Public Health, Regional Municipality of Niagara, for her professional contributions in raising awareness of children's health and welfare issues through educating parents, families, professionals, communities and provincial governments about child development.

• **Roberta Jamieson**, CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation and First Nations Leader, for her distinguished achievements and career of service for all Canadians, and worldwide acclaim for developing and promoting non-adversarial methods of conflict resolution to advance democracy through institutional change.

• **Marilyn Walker**, artist, teacher, mentor and award-winning author, for her extraordinary advocacy and support of the arts, and in recognition of her meritorious contributions and service to the Niagara and Brock communities.

• **Paul House**, Chairman, CEO and President of TDL Group Corporation (Tim Hortons), for his visionary leadership in developing the Tim Hortons brand and organization to iconic levels, outstanding humanitarian contributions, and distinguished service to the growth and advancement of the University.

Ceremonies include:

• Tuesday, June 10, 10 a.m. – Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

• Tuesday, June 10, 2 p.m. – Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

• Wednesday, June 11, 10 a.m. – Faculty of Education

• Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m. – Faculty of Education

• Thursday, June 12, 10 a.m. – Faculty of Social Sciences

• Thursday, June 12, 2 p.m. – Faculty of Social Sciences

• Friday, June 13, 10 a.m. – Faculty of Humanities and Concordia Lutheran Seminary

• Friday, June 13, 2 p.m. – Faculty of Mathematics and Science

• Saturday, June 14, 2 p.m. – Faculty of Business

All ceremonies will be held in the Walker Complex in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium. An outdoor reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will be held after each ceremony.

Information about the recipients of this year's Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching, Governor General's Gold and Silver medals, Dean's medals for academic excellence, and Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medals will be featured in future issues of *Brock News*.

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• Karen Natho, Education, Training and Development

Throughout Natho's career, she has worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of disabled children, often sharing her expertise with teachers and coaches both locally and internationally to help ensure they have the skills, knowledge and attitudes to ensure all children are provided equal opportunities. She spent six years directing the Easter Seals Camp Merrywood, a leading residential camp for children and youth with physical disabilities. She started the Brock Niagara Penguins in 2006 as a volunteer in collaboration with the University and the Brock Niagara Aquatics Club. "Attitudinal and awareness barriers, often so subtle, yet still prevalent in our society in 2008, are erased through Karen's efforts and young adults and leaders living with disabilities emerge with confidence," noted Margaret Sanderson, Accessibility Co-ordinator at Brock.

• Jenny Brown, Health and Wellbeing

Over the years, Brown has been instrumental in encouraging people to overcome barriers to physical activity and move on to healthier lifestyles and levels of fitness. In 1997, she founded "Reactivated," which helps people overcome barriers to physical activity such as car accidents, injuries, blindness, sports injuries, mental illness, asthma and more. She created H.O.P.E. (Healthy Outcomes for Personal Excellence) in 1999 with St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton to facilitate special needs, and injury recovery. In 2002, she recognized the need for a supportive environment for female racers and cyclists in a male-dominated sport, so she formed the Sunflower Squad, which encourages riders to reach their highest potential. She is currently a cycling coach and instructor with Brock's Continuing Education program.

• Joan Wiley, Public Affairs and Communication

Wiley's journey began when the daughter she'd loved for 18 years gathered up astonishing courage to disclose that she identified as a man. As a result of her son's revelation, Wiley founded TransParent Canada, an organization that supports and provides resources to parents of transgender and transsexual children. Wiley writes locally and nationally on these issues, eliciting responses from as far away as Ireland and Idaho as well as in St. Catharines. She maintains a website which allows anyone, anywhere in the world to become informed about gender-variant issues. Her many commitments include: founding director of Pride Network of Niagara; founding director of OUTniagara; executive editor of the quarterly newsletter *The OUTbox*; member of St. Catharines chapter of PFLAG Canada; ally of Transgender Niagara; board member and workshop facilitator on Brock's Positive Space Campaign committee; member of Justice at Brock committee. Wiley has been recognized locally and nationally for her advocacy work, including being one of three Canadians to receive the 2007 National Champion Against Homophobia Award by PFLAG Canada. She is writer/editor in Brock's Office of University Communications.

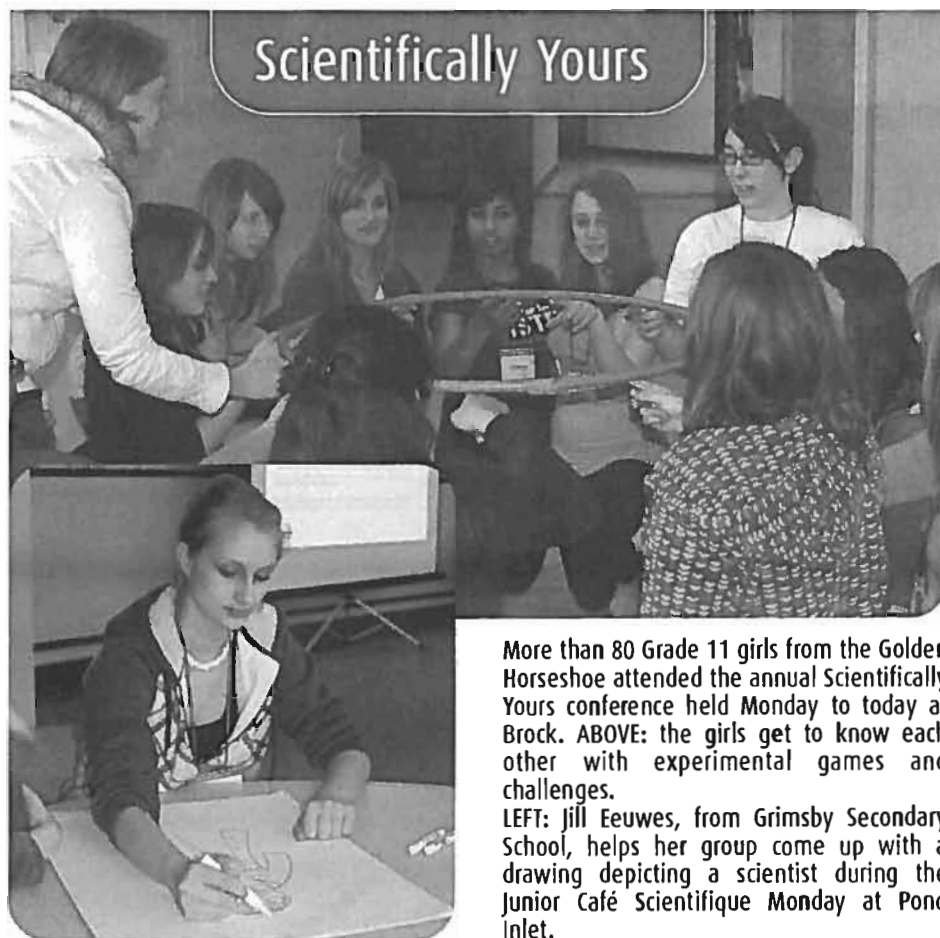
Women of Distinction Awards have been held by YWCAs across Canada since 1977, and in the Niagara Region since 1985.

Eleanor Lancaster, this year's Honorary Chair, received the Public Affairs and Communications Women of Distinction Award in 1991.

Thank you to custodial staff

The staff of Conference and Event Services and the Department of Residence would like to send out a big "thank you" to our colleagues in Custodial Services for their hard work during the turnover from residences to conference season. We appreciate what you do.

Wendy Laslo
Acting Associate Director
Conference and Event Services and
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With facilitation from graduate students, they were asked to visualize themselves in scientific careers, and to discuss whether or not that felt comfortable, and if not, why not.

"Girls still lag behind in some areas, such as physics and engineering," Higenell explained, "but they are increasingly found studying in the life sciences, in areas such as biology, so we just want to encourage them to pursue careers in science and math."

About 10 faculty and staff, and another eight to 10 senior students, volunteer their time to put together the conference, which included a multitude of science projects, from which the girls chose six to complete.

A number of areas support the conference through services and donations, including the Faculty of

More than 80 Grade 11 girls from the Golden Horseshoe attended the annual Scientifically Yours conference held Monday to today at Brock. ABOVE: the girls get to know each other with experimental games and challenges.

LEFT: Jill Eeuwes, from Grimsby Secondary School, helps her group come up with a drawing depicting a scientist during the Junior Café Scientifique Monday at Pond Inlet.

Mathematics and Science, and the Student Development Centre, which this year offered 10 bursaries to be drawn at random. Those 10 bursaries mean 10 young women attended the conference at no cost.

Although recruitment is not a major goal for the conference, encouraging the delegates to pursue post-secondary education is, Higenell noted, while informal statistics show about 10 per cent of those who attend Scientifically Yours end up pursuing post-secondary studies at Brock.

As the conference evolves, the organizers would like to see more follow-through for the students, by offering open dialogue after the event is over.

Science projects this year included everything from CSI-type exercises to studying water, fungus, laser holography, the sun, slime and DNA fingerprinting.

CCOVI engages global audience by streaming lectures online

With topics ranging from vineyard technology to wine marketing, the first annual Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute's (CCOVI) Fellows and Professional Affiliates Lectures Series served up something for all facets of the Canadian grape and wine community.

The series kicked off in mid-February with Pat Bowen, CCOVI Fellow (CF), discussing the use of geographic information systems to study terroir, followed by Karl Kaiser, CCOVI Professional Affiliate (CPA), on confronting the savagery of Pinot Noir; Tony Shaw (CF), who shed light on the climate of Ontario's wine regions; Linda Bramble (CPA), who gave a history lesson on the Ontario wine industry; and Carman Cullen (CF), who made sense of how to market sparkling wine to Generation Y. Ralph Brown (CF) wrapped up the series with his talk on remote sensing and precision viticulture.

Several of the lectures in the series were streamed online in live video, marking the first time CCOVI has live broadcasted events to a potentially global audience over the Internet.

"I love this (live streaming video) and think it has a great future for extending CCOVI's network of learners," Bramble said.

Cullen said that "having people watch

you on the Internet is a little bit frightening" to someone of his generation, the Baby Boomers, but that broadcasting live online was a relevant and important means of communicating with Generation Y.

Viewers, who - due to geographic situations - wouldn't have been able to see the lectures, were able to tune in to the CCOVI website, watch the presentation and interact with other viewers through online chat.

"This live presentation is much appreciated by those of us not in Niagara," noted Izabela Bembien, a 2007 CCOVI graduate and winemaker at Aleksander Estate near Leamington in southwestern Ontario, in an online post.

Archived videos, photos and slides of the lectures can be viewed by going to the www.brocku.ca/ccovi and clicking "CCOVI Lecture Series" on the left side of the page. The high resolution video and audio streaming was made possible with the support of Brock's Multimedia Production and Innovation Centre. This service, along with the archiving options, is available to all members of the Brock University community.

If you are interested in live streaming your event, contact Mike Laurence at ITS, by calling ext. 4812, or by e-mail at mike.laurence@brocku.ca



Ralph Brown

Call for staff representative

The advisory committee being created to find a new Provost and Vice-President, Academic, is in need of a staff representative.

Terry Boak will complete his term as Provost and Vice-President, Academic, on June 30, 2009. As a result, the Advisory Committee on the Appointment of the Vice-President is being struck to work with an Executive Consultant to search for his replacement. Members of the committee will engage with the search process from May 1, 2008 until Jan. 30, 2009, when it is anticipated that a successful candidate will be selected.

Reporting directly to the President, the Provost and Vice-President, Academic provides leadership in the co-ordination and development of academic programs and projects in the University, as well as maintaining the highest standards of excellence and quality. Working closely with the President and various academic units - Faculties, Library, Student Services, including the Registrar - he/she is responsible for guiding and enhancing Brock's academic mission through excellent teaching, graduate programs and research activities.

A staff representative is needed in order to fill out the slate of advisory committee members. If you are a permanent University staff employee and you are interested in filling this important role, please call Luaine Hathaway at ext. 3322, or e-mail lhathaway@brocku.ca for further information.

Brock's Azarbayjani joins Verbeek at 2008 Summer Olympics

Defeats three-time Olympian Sissaouri

Saeed Azarbayjani from the Brock Wrestling Club defeated three-time Olympian and former World Champion Guivi Sissaouri from Montreal for the first time in his career April 26 to win the 60-kilogram Olympic Team Wrestle-Off. Azarbayjani joins 2004 Olympic silver medallist and Brock University graduate Tonya Verbeek, who also will represent Canada at the 2008 Olympics this summer.

As Olympic Trials Champion, Azarbayjani came into the Toronto wrestle-off one match up in the best two-of-three challenge format. Sissaouri came in as challenger and had to win two straight matches to make the Canadian Olympic Team.

Needing just one match victory, Azarbayjani scored a single point late in the first round to take a 1-0 lead. In the second round, Sissaouri scored on a three-point under over and added a single to win the round 4-0, tying the match 1-1. In the third round, it was Azarbayjani battling Sissaouri's pressure countering on his under-over throw attempt and catching Giuvi on his back for two points. With less than 20 seconds remaining, Azarbayjani scored on a cross ankle to win in dramatic fashion against one of the top wrestlers in Canada for the past 15 years.

"We had a good strategy going in against Sissaouri," said head coach Marty Calder. "Saeed battled hard throughout the match and did the right thing in the third round that worked in his favour. He has worked very hard for the past four years and is well deserving of this victory and a place with the Olympic Team."

Dual business program getting ready to welcome January start students

Brock's brand new dual business degree program is expecting its first five students in January 2009.

Launched in April, the program between the Faculty of Business at Brock University and the European Business School, International University Schloss Reichartshausen (EBS) gives students the opportunity to receive two degrees: The Bachelor of Business Administration, International Business concentration degree from Brock and a Bachelor of Science in General Management, Track International Business Studies degree from EBS in Germany.

Students from Brock will be at Brock for 2.5 years and before going to EBS for 1.5 years. Students pay Brock tuition fees and are therefore always a registered Brock student.

While the program welcomes five students in January, there will be an intake of likely 10 students per year after that, Brock officials say, while Brock expects to send one student to EBS in January.

The program marks the first of its



Pictured at the launch of the dual degree program are, from left: Jack Lightstone, Brock President; Petra Weiler, Academic Director International Business Studies, Undergraduate and Graduate Education, European Business School; Barbara Sainty, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs; and Catrine Stibbe, Vice-Consul Cultural Affairs, German Consulate, Toronto.

kind for Brock University and the first North American venture at the undergraduate level for EBS, which has eight such programs worldwide.

stewardship and earn cash rewards for their efforts. Think Recycle, the recycling company with which the ambassadors have partnered, will award \$500 to the organization that submits the most qualifying cellphones. With your help, the ambassadors hope to win the \$500 which they would add to their existing Brock Student Ambassador bursary.

If you have old cellphones at home or in your desk, send them to the ambassadors, c/o the Office of Alumni Relations (TH265) before May 30. The ambassadors are also grateful to staff for their continued support of their ink cartridge recycling program. The bursary currently stands at approximately \$27,000.

Brock, Niagara College libraries develop reciprocal borrowing agreement

Niagara College students, faculty and staff are now able to borrow books from the James A. Gibson Library, as well as the Instructional Resource Centre and the Library at the Hamilton Campus, thanks to a new reciprocal borrowing agreement. Brock students, faculty and staff will have similar borrowing privileges at Niagara College libraries.

Members of the Brock community may borrow books from both the Welland and Niagara-on-the-Lake campus libraries. A Brock ID card and one additional piece of photo ID are required to register for borrowing privileges. DVDs/videos, journals, reserve and reference materials, and laptops are excluded, as is remote access to e-resources. Books may be borrowed for a two-week period with one renewal.

The agreement between the James A. Gibson Library and the Niagara College Libraries is an important example of the institutions' increasing collaboration.

Thesis Defence

A Master of Arts thesis defence for Jennifer Fresque, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at 1 p.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "The Evolution, Experience and Drivers of Collaboration: Case Studies from Non-Profit River Based Organizations in New Brunswick, Canada." Supervisor: Ryan Plummer; external examiner: Ben Bradshaw, University of Guelph; committee members: David Fennell; David Brown; chair: Michael Plyley.

Accounting education awarded with funds

The CMA Brock Accounting Research and Education Centre (CMABAREC) has received \$30,000 from the Society of Management Accountants of Ontario (SMAO). The funds will be used to support accounting research and education, and to promote Brock's undergraduate and graduate accounting programs. In 2007, the SMAO provided \$25,000 in support of the CMABAREC activities.

Brock Briefs

SPMA to hold alumni event

Brock University's Department of Sport Management has organized a special evening in conjunction with the upcoming North American Society of Sport Management conference, to be held May 27 to 31 in Toronto (see related story Page 4).

The social SPMA event for Sport Management Alumni will take place Thursday, May 29 at the Ultra Supper Club (www.ultrasupperclub.com), located in downtown Toronto. The event is from 8 to 11 p.m., following which the club will be open to the public. The night, with no cost for alumni, includes appetizers, a cash bar, and giveaways. It will also provide an outlet and opportunity for all attendees to network with other graduates, reunite with old friends, and share a few drinks with Brock professors. For information, contact Kirsty Spence at kspence@brocku.ca or Eric Sinker at es04ay@brocku.ca

Linguistics hosts poster presentation

The Department of Applied Linguistics hosted a Faculty and Student Research Poster Presentation April 8 at Pond Inlet. Several students in Applied Linguistics, as well as others in allied Faculties, presented their work alongside faculty members in the department. The event was well attended by the Brock community, who munched on snacks and talked about language, linguistics, the brain, second language teaching, communication disorders, and other interesting topics.

Advisor awarded by national association

Penni Lafleur, the Academic Advisor in the Communication, Popular Culture and Film Department, has been recognized with a 2008 National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Outstanding New Advising Certificate of Merit. The NACADA award is open to academic advisors from across North America who have demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students, and who have served as an advisor for fewer than three years. Lafleur, a Brock graduate with a BA in Communications Studies and Women's Studies, who holds a master's in Work & Society, Labour Studies, has been in her current role for two years.

Student Ambassadors need your cellphones

The Brock Student Ambassadors continue to celebrate Earth Day by participating in a Cellphone Collection Campaign. This campaign is an initiative for the ambassadors to realize their commitment to recycling potentially hazardous e-waste, practise environmental

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People in the news

Sharilyn Ingram, School of Fine and Performing Arts Director, was interviewed for an April 11 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Beyond the notes," in which she discusses the value of symphony orchestras as educational tools for children and the role of symphonies as social indicators.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an April 11 article in the *Globe and Mail* entitled "China spins protests to buttress support at home." Burton was also interviewed for CBC Radio One's *Sunday Edition* as part of a panel on "China, Tibet and the Olympics;" by Linda Tse on the Dalai Lama's recent statement to the Chinese media for Fairchild TV *National News* on April 15; and in a live interview with Zhao Li for the Radio Canada International Chinese Service about Tibet, the Olympics and Canada-China relations. Burton's testimony to the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on "The Rise Of China, Russia and India in the Global Economy and Implications for Canadian Policy" was reported in the April 16 issue of *Embassy Magazine* under title "No Progress on Democracy." Burton was also interviewed for the April 23 edition of *Embassy Magazine* in an article entitled "Embattled Chinese Ambassador Lu Shumin to Return Home."

James Cooper, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute communications co-ordinator, was interviewed for an April 14 article in the *Times of India* entitled "Old wine offers new opportunities," in which he talks about the oenology and viticulture opportunities at Brock.

David Fennell, Professor, Tourism and Environment, was interviewed for an April 11 news article posted online with Bayshore Broadcasting Corporation entitled "Learn more before you travel," in which he talked about learning as much as possible about one's travel destination before departing. Fennell was also quoted in the *National Post* April 12 in an article entitled "How the other half lives," in which he talks about the exploitation factor involved in slum tourism.

Stephen Cheung, Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, had an article posted April 15 entitled "Toolbox: Time trial pacing strategies" on the *Pez Cycling News* website (<http://www.pezcylingnews.com/?pg=fullstory&id=5816>)

Ian Brindle, Associate Vice-President, Research, was quoted in the *Niagara Falls Review* April 17 in an article entitled "Ridding shelves of bisphenol products will be challenging," in which he noted the dangers of bisphenol A particles from plastic bottles. The article also appeared in the *St. Catharines Standard* and *Welland Tribune*.

Robert Dimand, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for an April 14 article in *Canada Business* entitled "Different this time?" in which he discusses the economic theories of Irving Fisher and how they relate to today's financial climate.

David Siegel, Dean of Social Sciences, was interviewed for an April 12 article in the *Guelph Mercury* entitled "Can Guelph and Wellington County ever get along?" in which he noted that clashes between closely aligned municipalities can occur over minor issues.

Kevin Kee, Professor, History, was featured in the *St. Catharines Standard* April 19 in an article entitled "Teaching history through cyberspace," about his development of educational video games to help teach history and his plans to lead a team to create a War of 1812 tourism video game.

Felice Martinello, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for an April 26 feature in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Search Engine," in which he talked about the consequences of raising minimum wage.

Antonia Mantonakis, Professor, Marketing, International Business and Strategy, was interviewed for an April 26 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Gas or food?", in which she noted the rising cost of gasoline is making people change their transportation habits. Mantonakis was also interviewed, along with **Isabelle Lesschaeve** and **Erika Neudorf** of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, for an April 18 article in *Wines & Vines* entitled "Researchers consider factors of wine selection," regarding CCOVI's new Consumer Perception and Cognition Laboratory. The two were also interviewed for an article in the *St. Catharines Standard* April 25 and in the *Calgary Herald* April 29.

Maureen Connolly, Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed for an April 25 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "SNAP program helps special needs students developing motor, social skills and friendships," in which she talked about the pilot SNAP project at the MacBain Community Centre in Niagara Falls.

Terrance Wade, Professor, Community Health Services, and **Deborah O'Leary**, Professor and Director, Brock University Heart Institute, were interviewed for an April 23 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Findings not surprising: Brock researchers," in which they discuss research that shows obese and inactive children can have hardened arteries by the age of nine.

Ana Sanchez, Professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed on location in Honduras by CBC's *Radio Noon* (Montreal edition) on April 18 regarding her involvement in the Global Health Partnership funded by the International Development Research Centre.

Lecture focuses on social justice issues

Carolyn Hafer's research in the area of social justice will be in the spotlight May 8 for the Chancellor Chair for Research Excellence Lecture.

The researcher from the Department of Psychology will present "From Victims to Villains: Manifestations of a Need to Believe in a Just World." The lecture is from 3:30 to 5 p.m., with a reception to follow, in Plaza 600F.

Created in 2001, the Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence recognizes high quality research,

scholarly and creative achievement by providing a three-year grant to support an individual's research program.

Building on the Canada Research Chair Program, the Chancellor's Chair Program is a key element in Brock's transition from a primarily undergraduate to a comprehensive, research-intensive institution.

In compliance with the terms of the award, each Chancellor's Chair agrees to present a lecture to the University community. This is one of those lectures.

Sport Management team to host North American conference in Toronto

Firmly established in its second decade with more than 750 graduates, Brock's Department of Sport Management has come of age by being selected to host the 2008 North American Society of Sport Management conference, May 27 to 31 in Toronto.

The event's organizing committee, headed by professors Cheri Bradish and

Joanne MacLean, has identified a socially significant theme for this year's conference – Good Sport Makes Good Business – which will focus on the role of philanthropy in sport.

The keynote speakers for the conference include:

- **Beckie Scott**, athlete ambassador with Right to Play and member of the IOC and board of directors for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games, former member of the Canadian national cross country ski team, and a gold and silver medalist at the 2002 and 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

- **Mark Cohon**, the Canadian Football League's 12th Commissioner, former director of corporate and game development with Major League Baseball and vice-president of

business development with the National Basketball Association.

The conference will also include a special full-day workshop May 28 presented in partnership with the Sports Philanthropy Project group, which will feature representatives

from major philanthropic sport groups. Panellists from Right To Play, Toronto Blue Jays Foundation,

Lance Armstrong Foundation, Raptors Foundation, NHLPA, and CIBC Run for the Cure will share their expertise and insights on how sport organizations can give back to their communities and serve as important vehicles of social change.

The main site for the conference is the Holiday Inn on King Street in the heart of the city's sports and entertainment district. This central location was chosen to showcase Canada's thriving sport sector to the international sport management community and to provide a central venue for sport industry members – including Brock graduates – to attend the conference.

For more information, go to www.nassm.com/NASSM2008



Art classes spring to life at Rodman Hall

Whether you're looking for evening classes or weekend workshops for yourself, or after-school classes or summer camps for your kids, Rodman Hall is the place to be this spring and summer.

All classes are instructed by local professional artists, and enrolment is kept small, so you can benefit

from individual instruction. Small classes mean space is limited, so register early. For course listings, please see the website at www.brocku.ca/rodmanhall/education

To register by phone, contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257, or register online at www.arts.brocku.ca

Update on Search for Vice-President, Research

The Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the names of the three candidates for the position of Vice-President, Research:

- Dr. David A. Gauthier, Acting Vice-President (Research and International), University of Regina
- Dr. Liette Vasseur, Associate Vice-President, Research, Laurentian University;
- Dr. Daniel J. Weeks, Chair, Department of Psychology, Simon Fraser University

The candidates have been invited to Brock to meet with the Advisory Committee, Senior Administration, the Senate Research and Scholarship Policy Committee and Faculty. Each candidate will be making a public presentation to the Brock community on the following dates:

- Dr. Vasseur: Thursday, May 22 at 2 p.m.
- Dr. Gauthier: Tuesday, May 27 at 2 p.m.
- Dr. Weeks: Thursday, May 29 at 9 a.m.

All three presentations will be held in the E-Classroom.

The CVs of the applicants are available for review through the Office of the VP Academic and are also on reserve in the James A. Gibson Library. Members of the Brock community are encouraged to attend each of the presentations and are invited to make written submissions with respect to the suitability of each candidate for the position of Vice-President, Research. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Submissions will be confidential to the advisory committee and will be shredded on completion of the committee's work. Please direct submissions to: Terry Boak, Chair of the Advisory Committee, Re: Vice-President, Research, Office of the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, 13th Floor, Schmon Tower.

For further information, please contact Patrick Beard at pbeard@brocku.ca, or at ext. 4082; or Terry Boak at tboak@brocku.ca, or at ext. 4121.

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, June 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Faculty and Staff

CHEMISTRY

Prashanth Poddutoori presented a lecture entitled "Photoinduced Electron Transfer in AxialBis(Terpyridoxy)Phosphorus(V)Porphyrin: Towards Artificial Photosynthesis" at the 25th Eastern Regional Photosynthesis Conference in Wood's Hole, Mass., April 18 to 20.

Andrey Moiseev presented a poster entitled "A New Artificial Photosynthetic System: Two Zn(II) Porphyrin Donors joined via a Bis(dipyrromethane) metal Unit with Pyridyl Naphthalene Diimide Acceptors" at the same conference, while **Art van der Est** presented a poster entitled "Redox Potential Dependence of Forward Electron Transfer from A1 to Fx in Photosystem I."

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDIES

Shannon A. Moore and **Richard C. Mitchell** presented the paper "Rights-based restorative praxis: evaluating compliance with international standards" during the Youth Justice 2008: Measuring Compliance with International Standards conference at University College Cork, Ireland Centre for Criminal Justice and Human Rights on April 4 and 5.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Deborah O'Leary and **Terrance Wade**, the latter who is also a Canada Research Chair in Youth and Wellness, provided an update on results from their Heart and Stroke Foundation Ontario-funded research, entitled "Keeping a Finger on the Pulse of Children: The Future Heart Health of Our Community" during the HSFO volunteer appreciation night in Vineland April 21.

HISTORY

Tami J. Friedman presented the paper "If We are Pushed We Will Have to Leave: Capital Flight as a Corporate Anti-Labour Strategy in Postwar New York State," at the Business History Conference in Sacramento, Calif., on April 12. Friedman also presented the invited paper, "The 1950s: Era of Affluence, or Decade of Despair?" to the Economic History and Development Workshop, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, on April 23.

MATHEMATICS

Two Statistics courses: MATH3P82 Regression Analysis, MATH5P84 Time Series Analysis and Stochastic Processes have been approved by VEE (Validation by Education Experience) Administration Committee of the Society of Actuaries for years 2007-10. To receive credit, candidates will need a grade of B or better in each of associated course.

The Department of Mathematics hosted the annual OAME Golden Section Spring Conference on Thursday, April 24. The topic was "Math: Just for the Fun of it." There were 80 mathematics educators attending the event, which was co-ordinated by Dot Miners.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Felipe Ruan presented the paper "Moriscos and Mestizos: Mapping Intermediate Identities in the Early Modern Hispanic World," at the Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting in Chicago, on April 3. Ruan also co-organized, with Tracy Crowe-Morey, and chaired a panel session, "Early Modern Spanish and Colonial Latin American Identities: Literary and Historical Representations," at the Northeast Modern Languages Association Annual Convention in Buffalo, N.Y., on April 12.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Niagara Vocal Ensemble and accompanist Lesley Kingham in a program entitled "A Folksong Fiesta: Songs of Global Village" on April 20 in St. Catharines, as part of the Brock University Choral Series, and on April 23 in Fort Erie, as part of the Fort Erie Public Library's Adult Program Series. Pianist Karin di Bella and percussionist Devon Fornelli served as guest artists in the April 20 performance.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton made a statement and was questioned by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development on China policy for 90 minutes on April 17 as part of the Standing Committee's study on Canada-China Bilateral Human Rights Dialogue. Earlier the same day, he spoke to the Asia-Pacific Working Group of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation Spring Symposium on "Canada-China Relations." On April 16, Burton gave a public address at the University of Ottawa entitled "China in the World: Implications for Development."

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer delivered a colloquium entitled "Only Connect: Some Reflections on Teaching" to the Psychology Department at the Northwest Mississippi Community College on April 10. Mitterer also delivered a colloquium entitled "Teaching Psychology Well" to the Psychology Department at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) on April 11.

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BrockNews

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Professors to be honoured for teaching excellence

Brock University will honour six faculty members for their contributions to teaching as part of the Spring 2008 Convocation ceremonies to be held from Tuesday, June 10 to Saturday, June 14.

Recipients of the annual Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching – the cornerstone of the University's reputation for excellence in undergraduate and graduate education – are chosen by a selection committee from each of Brock's six Faculties. Represented on the committee are Faculty members, staff and students. Nominees must have a reputation for superior teaching and be recognized for this quality by students and colleagues.

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

- Hilary Findlay, Professor, Department of Sport Management, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences: Findlay's students and colleagues describe her as well-prepared, demanding, fair, accessible, helpful and engaging. She delivers interesting, real-world problem-solving experiences to her sport management students

- Debra McLaughlan, Professor, Pre-Service Department, Faculty of Education: Whether by current or former students, colleagues and peers, or the wider community, McLaughlan is admired for her extraordinary commitment to her students.

- John McNamara, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences: McNamara has established a

reputation as both an excellent traditional classroom teacher and keen innovator who is always looking for ways to better serve the needs of his students and the local community. His teaching philosophy focuses on motivation and compassionate mentorship.

- Angus Somerville, Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Humanities: Somerville inspires his students and fellow colleagues with his enthusiasm, professionalism, sense of humour, and comprehensive knowledge of an astonishing array of subjects.

- Ed Sternin, Professor, Department of Physics, Faculty of Mathematics and Science: Sternin sees the value of introducing new technology into his classrooms, while still meeting face-to-face with his physics students. He created a learning environment in which computer competence is taught and learned consistently.

- Kenneth J. Klassen, Professor, Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, Faculty of Business: Klassen doesn't mind if his business students play games in the classroom, as long as they are in-class simulation games for teaching project management, inventory management, and supply chain management. His simulation games, two of which have been published in operations management textbooks, and other innovative teaching techniques have received positive feedback from students.



Hilary Findlay



Kenneth Klassen



Debra McLaughlan



John McNamara



Angus Somerville



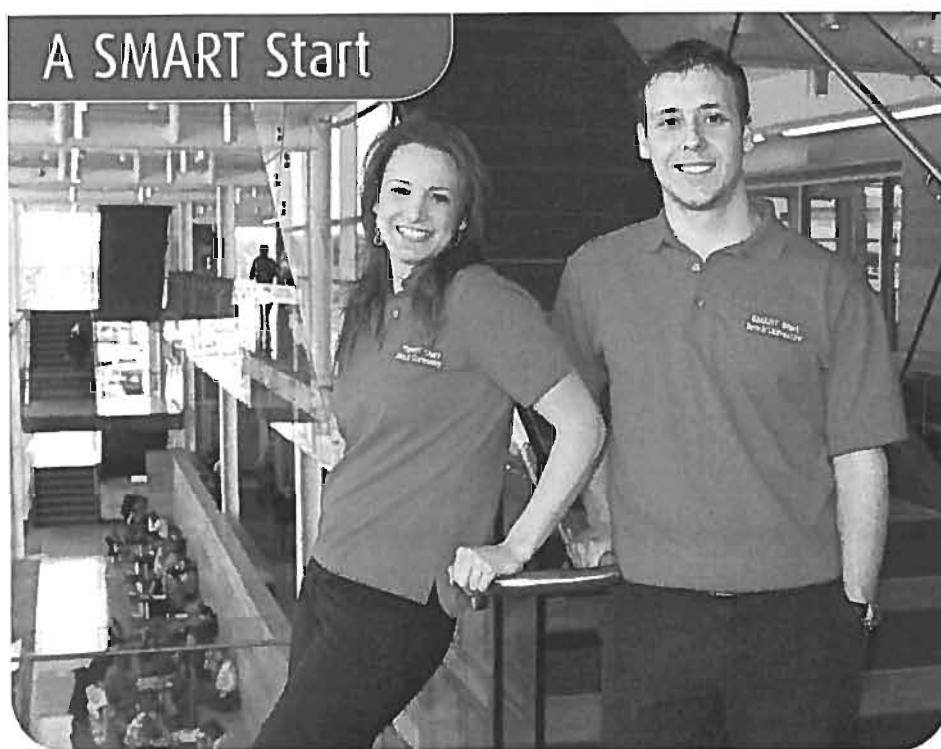
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Tasha Rubenschuh and Dave Luebbert, SMART Start Team Leaders, are getting ready to welcome new students to campus with intensive orientation days during the summer.

SMART Start opening doors

SMART Start is a constantly evolving Student Services program that strives for one main element of consistency: making the transition to university as smooth as possible.

While other universities have orientation activities and presentations once students arrive to start classes in September, Brock has found success moving its program into the summer months.

"This is their first official day as Brock students, so we want to make sure it's a welcoming experience," notes Tasha Rubenschuh, SMART (Students Making A Realistic Transition) Start Team Leader. "We just want to give the students a sense of calm."

The entrants, mostly teens and international students, are taken through a day-long series of presentations on campus. Most often, parents accompany the newly accepted students, which provides an

opportunity to educate them as well.

"The parents have their own questions, because this is a transition period for them, too," says Dave Luebbert, SMART Start Team Leader.

Rubenschuh, Luebbert and 18 other current Brock students spend several months training for these one-day sessions, which take place from June 23 to Aug. 8.

SMART Start employees need that time to absorb all there is to know about registration procedures, financial questions, campus facilities, academic, social and athletic life at Brock. They need to know it all, to share it all during that eight-hour time period.

At its peak, 90 students and their guests go through the program each day (the summer starts with 60 students per session to ease the new recruits into their SMART duties).

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Brock subject of photography book

Brock University, in collaboration with photographer and publisher Richard Bain, will be producing a photo-rich, tabletop book on the institution.

The book, hard cover and likely around 120 pages, will be designed to showcase the campus and its activities during all four seasons of the year.

Bain has an impressive track record photographing and developing books on many universities, including Guelph, McMaster and Western, and cities and regions, such as Stratford and Niagara.

He will be on campus numerous times during the next nine to 10 months to capture the images and events that make up a year at Brock. The book will be produced in time for a spring 2009 release. The project will

be self-financed through book sales (including pre-sale orders) during a one- to two-year period.

The proposal includes an initial printing of 3,000 copies.

Beyond personal interest, the book has great potential as a guest speaker or visitor gift, or a graduation gift.

"Richard's talent, creativity, commitment, professionalism and good humour made this a great experience for all involved," notes Chuck Cunningham, Director of Public Affairs, University of Guelph.

Bain's landscape photographs have been widely published throughout North America and Europe. He is perhaps best known for his previous photo collections: *Images of London* with a foreword by Peter Desbarats,

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Images of Waterloo County with a foreword by Peter Gzowski; *Niagara* with a foreword by Donald Ziraldo; the best seller *Stratford*, with text by Christopher Plummer; *London* with foreword by Bill Brady; *The Thames*, with foreword by Lloyd Robertson; *Western* with foreword by Kevin Newman and *The University of Guelph* with a foreword by Roberta Bondar.



Richard Bain

For more information on the project, contact Martha Nelson, Director, Office of University Communications, at ext. 3248, or by e-mail at mnelson@brocku.ca

Nominations open for Distinguished Alumni Award

The search is on for the next recipient of the Brock Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. Each year, the Brock Alumni Association presents this award to a graduate who has made an exceptional contribution to his or her profession, his or her community and to Brock.

The Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award. Nomination forms can be found online at www.brockalumni.ca or by e-mail to the Alumni Association at alumniassociation@brocku.ca. Nominations will be accepted until July 2.

Distinguished Alumni Award criteria:

- The nominee must be a Brock graduate
- The nominee must have earned prominence as a result of exceptional professional achievements and/or service to society. Vision, commitment, creativity, and leadership will have been recognized within his or her field of endeavour or in notable personal contributions to society.
- The nominee must embody the spirit of Brock; and through action and accomplishment is an inspiration to the alumni, faculty, staff and students who make up the Brock community.

Future a bright iYellow for graduates

Brock graduates Angela Aiello and Paxton Allewell started iYellow Wine Club more than two years ago with a single vision: tap into the younger, underserved segment of the Ontario wine market.

While working together at a wine retail store in Toronto's Queen's Quay, Aiello and Allewell, both graduates of Brock's Business Communications program, recognized a thirst among 19- to 35-year-olds that was not being quenched by existing wine businesses and tour operators.

"After seeing the demand for wine education and wine events in Toronto, we knew there was a huge opportunity to bring wine to a younger demographic," says Allewell.

So, in early 2006, the duo devised a plan to run a wine tour and events company, and iYellow – a play on Aiello's name, composed of the pop cultural "i" (as in iPod) and "yellow" (as in Yellow Tail Wines) – was born.

Having graduated from Brock the year before, neither had the financial means to launch a wine business, so they both pursued other career opportunities.

But Aiello's passion for the iYellow vision soon prompted her to start a blog newsletter (by the same name as the wine club), where she began sharing wine information with friends. Allewell jumped in with writing and creative work for the blog. The project quickly evolved into a multimedia website, with the original business idea of organizing wine tours and events coming to fruition soon after.

The club has experienced explosive growth in the past few years and now claims a following in excess of 2,000

members. The two entrepreneurs attribute their success in part to training and education they gained while at Brock, and have recently renewed their connections with the University by inviting Brock community members to contribute to the site.

"Our experience at Brock has turned out to be instrumental to our success," says Allewell. "Our Business Communications education has given us an edge in terms of marketing and branding iYellow in the real world."

"Right now, we are achieving our dreams, so for that we thank our professors, peers and the University," says Aiello.

This spring, Aiello and Allewell asked Erika Neudorf and James Cooper to



Angela Aiello and Paxton Allewell have developed the iYellow Wine Club. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

contribute to iYellow's May newsletter. Neudorf, Research Co-ordinator at the new Consumer Perception and Cognition Laboratory at the Brock Research and Innovation Centre, wrote May's "Two Bottles and Two Questions," a regular feature column for the club.

Cooper, Communications Officer at Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture, added a story entitled "Machismo Meltdown," about a (hypothetical) crisis which forced him to drink wine out of stemless glasses.

The wine club has also inspired the team to establish the iYellow Wine Group: a more broadly scoped company composed of the wine club, iYellow Wine Tours, Ange & Pax "The Wine Enthusiasts," and iYellow Consulting.

To read these articles and learn about iYellow, go to www.iyellowwineclub.com

SMART START

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The intense training seems to have paid off; statistics show as many as 80 per cent of the entrants register each year to take the detailed summer orientation program. Many sign up for SMART Start when they receive the information with their offer of acceptance, while others come on board when they receive their official registration package from Brock. Still others hear about the program from fellow students, and sign up later in the summer.

"It's great knowing the new students are leaving in a much more comfortable place than when they came," Luebbert notes. "They may be nervous still, but they aren't scared anymore."

Rubenschuh noted the high-energy presentation gets the crowds going from the earliest moment, giving a positive vibe to the entire day. "We have great support from our faculty – different members take turns doing presentations – who help the students realize what is expected from professors, but also that they aren't unapproachable people."

Senior administration officials also bring greetings to the groups as schedules permit. President Jack Lightstone, many deans and several BUSU members make appearances whenever possible, helping maintain Brock's close-knit community ambience.

Wellness Conference date set for June 19

The ninth annual Employee Wellness Conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 19.

For information about the workshops, keynote speaker, prizes and registration, go to www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference



Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Riyaz Aksir**, Master of Arts student, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present a thesis defence Friday, May 23 at 1 p.m. in WH 147. The title of his thesis is "A Qualitative Narrative Inquiry of the Experience of Accessing Community Supports Among Women Who Have Experienced Trauma." Supervisor: Susan Arai; External Examiner: Leigh Golden; Manager, Social Planning, Kitchener; Committee Members: Miya Narumshima, Donald Reid, University of Guelph, Chair: Dawn Prentice. All are welcome.

• **Carolyn Brown**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, May 27 at 9 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "Course/Instructor Evaluation: Perspectives of Part-time Graduate Students." External Examiner: Ruth Cruikshank, Wilfrid Laurier University; Thesis Supervisor: Denise Paquette-Frenette; Committee Members: Maureen Connolly and John Novak; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Christina Skorobohacz**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Friday, May 30 at 2 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "Exploring Female Graduate Students' Multifaceted and Intersecting Roles and Identities in a Complex Educational Milieu."

External Examiner: Denise Stockley, Queen's University; Thesis Supervisor: Alice Schutz; Committee Members: Mary-Louise Vanderlee and Joyce Mgombelo; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

1 Password 2 it all! now at the Library

Brock students, faculty, and staff will no longer need a separate account to access library services and digital collections from off campus.

To connect to the James A. Gibson Library's rich collection of online resources or view Library account information, a Brock Portal/e-mail account and password is all that is required. That means a separate "My Library Account" PIN is no longer necessary. To ensure that your Portal account is activated, please visit my.brocku.ca. Look for more information on the Library website at www.library.brocku.ca



Brock graduate makes award-winning wines

Rob Power, a graduate of Brock's Oenology and Viticulture program in 2000 and winemaker at Creekside Estate Winery, and co-winemaker Craig McDonald, shared the Vintage Hotels Winemaker of the Year Award at the recent Ontario Wine Awards.

This award comes after Power received awards at the Cuvée Wine Awards for four wines he made with McDonald under the

Creekside and Mike Weir Estate Winery labels.

The (hot) dog days of summer return

The new and improved Walker Courtyard Hot Dog Cart is now open, featuring "Award Winning" Sausages produced locally by Big Red Markets and fresh-baked buns by St. Joseph's Bakery in Thorold. Enjoy a sunny summer day by coming out and supporting the community with a sausage and a drink for less than \$5. The hours are Monday to Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cart is located in the Walker Courtyard in the Walker Complex – just look for the red canopy.

Brock women honoured with distinction

Congratulations to Jenny Brown, Karen Natho and Joan Wiley for their recent achievements as YWCA Niagara Region Women of Distinction. The awards were handed out at a gala banquet May 8 in Thorold. Brown, founder of Bikefit Sunflower Squad and mountain biking instructor, was nominated in the Health and Wellbeing category; Natho, co-ordinator and head coach, Brock Penguins, was nominated in Education, Training and Development; and Wiley, writer/editor with University Communications, was nominated in the Public Affairs and Communication category.

Debra McLauchlan, Interim Associate Dean, Faculty of Education, was also nominated in the Education, Training and Development category.

First biennial Riesling Conference coming
The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture

Institute will host the first biennial Riesling Experience – An International Celebration of Style, Structure and Purity on Thursday, July 17. Riesling is becoming the fastest-growing white wine in the world. Learn and taste Rieslings from France, Germany, New York State and, of course, Ontario. For information on the conference, go to www.rieslingexperience.com

Registration open for annual Alumni golf tournament

The Alumni Golf Tournament will be held once again Sept. 13 at LochNess Links in Welland. The day includes an 18-hole scramble format, sausage-cart lunch, steak dinner and prizes, including two hole-in-one contests. Register online before Aug. 1 for \$440/foursome. Earlybirds will also receive a discounted round of golf at LochNess Links to get in some practise before the big day.

Register online at www.brockalumni.ca or call the Alumni Association at ext. 4502 for more details.

Executive Director hired for nGen

Jeff Chesebrough was recently appointed to head the newly established nGen incubator designed to nurture new-media companies through a series of partnerships and collaborations, including Brock, Niagara College, the City of St. Catharines and Silicon Knights.

The 33-year-old is a past president of the St. Catharines Jaycees and has received a Top 40 under 40 award from Business Niagara Link.

Students wade in to restore ecosystem

This spring, Brock University's ecopsychology class teamed up with the Niagara Restoration Council (NRC) to create awareness about the need for improvement to the Niagara Region ecosystem due to human destruction and/or natural causes.

Together, they planted more than 300 trees as restoration of the stream habitat located at the corner of Beamer Street and Sawmill Road in Pelham.

"Through direct action, the students demonstrated that citizens can effect change towards ecological sustainability and that the simplest of actions can make a difference," said course instructor Laurie Hollis-Walker.

This service action was intended to promote a sense of community within the Niagara Region by demonstrating through action that students of Brock University are working together with local community to create a more ecologically sustainable place for all.

The ecopsychology course applies psychological theory and research to ecological issues on multiple levels of



Kimberley LeClair smiles through the rain during the tree planting and stream restoration project, taken on by Brock ecopsychology students and the Niagara Restoration Council, in Pelham.

analysis to focus on theories, methods, and assessment tools used by relevant perspectives in psychology that apply and have been applied to ecological issues. The course offers comparison of different theories and approaches and a focus on the attainment of individual and collective, sustainable solutions.

For more information about NRC, go to www.niagararestoration.org/

For more information about the ecopsychology course, contact Hollis-Walker at lholliswalker@brocku.ca

Retirees' group offers life after Brock

Upon retirement, Brock employees have an opportunity to join the Brock University Retirees' Association (BURA) and enjoy a variety of activities in company with former friends and colleagues.

Membership in BURA (\$15 annual fee) is optional, except for those who elect to continue their medical insurance coverage through Green Shield. The association, which now numbers 160 former employees, schedules an activity each month from September through June, to which spouses and partners are also welcome.

The program of events is designed to appeal to a broad range of interests. On three or four occasions each year, a luncheon with a guest speaker or

entertainment is held at a local hotel or restaurant. Other events have included shows at the Shaw Theatre and Port Mansion, an afternoon at the Fort Erie Racetrack, a Brock Badgers basketball game, a Cards and Games Party, and tours of sites of interest in the Niagara Peninsula.

The Brock University Retirees' Association current executive includes Vic Cici, President, Ann Beresford, Lynette Fast, Evelyn Janke, Merle Richards, Leonard Rosmarin, Mary Francis Richardson and Don Ursino. Further information regarding BURA can be obtained by visiting the BURA website (www.brocku.ca/bura) or by contacting Don Ursino (membership chair) at dursino@brocku.ca

Health and Safety Matters...

The following courses are being offered through Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety:

- Standard First Aid/CPR Training: May 27 and 28 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

This program is designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. The Standard First Aid/CPR course covers a variety of topics from basic (such as cardiovascular and breathing emergencies, CPR, prevention of disease transmission) to in-depth topics, such as sudden medical conditions and injuries to the head and spine. Registration required.

- Automated External Defibrillator Training: June 3 (12:30 to 4:30 p.m.)

Individuals who are certified in Standard First Aid/CPR course may enrol in this Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training. Although training is not mandatory to use the Brock AEDs, the course helps to familiarize individuals with the units and responding to emergencies. Registration required.

- Emergency Preparedness Essentials that You Need to Know!: June 4 and 6

Don't miss this highly informative session where we will lead you through

the University's critical Emergency Management Plan and Procedures, including those for Bombs and Imminent Threat, plus everyday responsibilities for all Brock employees in Emergency, Fire Safety, Evacuation and EHS Management. Presented by Donna Moody, Director, Campus Security; Mike Agnew, Emergency and Life Safety Officer; and Val Wolfe, Manager, Environment, Health and Safety. Attendance at this important educational session is strongly encouraged for all faculty and staff members.

Registration for these Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety sponsored training sessions can be found at www.brocku/hr/training

Other upcoming training sessions being offered include:

- RESPECT: How to GIVE IT and GET IT, various dates
- Personality Dimensions, May 27 and June 12
- Best Practices for Effective Minute Taking, June 17

More information and registration for these workshops can be found at www.brocku/hr/training

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People in the news

Fiona Hunter, Professor, Biological Sciences, was a guest on AM 610 CKTB's "Niagara at Noon" program April 29 to discuss the prevalence of non-biting midges in Niagara at this time of year, and the upcoming West Nile season: what people can do to protect themselves, and how they can help in surveillance of the disease.

Susan Mifsud, Assistant Director, Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety, was a guest on AM 610 CKTB's "Niagara at Noon" program May 5 to talk about Mental Health week's theme "Mental Health: Make It Your Business." Mifsud was also interviewed for a May 5 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Working on mental health," in which she discussed the ways in which Brock promotes a healthy working environment. The article also appeared in the *Welland Tribune*, *Niagara Falls Review*, and *Sarnia Observer*.

Russell Johnston, Chair, Department of Communications, Popular Culture and Film, penned the article "Women's Writes," an exploration of the impact of *Everywoman's World* magazine, in the April 28 edition of *Marketing Magazine*.

Joseph Kushner, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a May 7 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Hockey tournaments net \$8K in city grants," in which he talked about the economic benefits of sports tournaments.

Lewis Soroka, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a May 2 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Middle class

keeps shrinking," in which he noted the level of education for many jobs has increased, in turn increasing the salaries.

Vincenzo DeLuca, Professor, Biological Sciences, was interviewed for a May 2 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Farming plays key role in Niagara's economy," in which he noted the University's new health and bioscience centre will help combat the recent losses in the agricultural industry in Niagara.

Jarold Cosby, Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed for May 3 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Brock professor published in *Lancet*," in which he discussed his research into the use of antibiotics as it related to superbug epidemics.

Dale Bradley, Professor, Communications, Popular Culture and Film, was interviewed for an April 30 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Lined up for the latest Grand Theft Auto game," in which he noted the new game allows users plenty of independence during play. The article also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and *Niagara Falls Review*.

Tony Volk, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for a May 6 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "The sling solution," in which he discussed a parenting style known as attachment parenting.

Rosemary Hale, Dean of Humanities, was interviewed for a May 9 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Culture important to sense of community," in which she updated attendees of the Smarter Niagara summit of the plans to mark the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

New trees for Pond Inlet



Two new tree plantings in Pond Inlet Courtyard were organized by the Facilities Management Department last month. Several white pine trees, which are Ontario's provincial tree emblem, were planted by Wellness Wednesdays participants (pictured here) as part of the environmental wellness session. A flowering dogwood, a native species, was planted by students of Brock's Ecopsychology class as well. These trees will help grace this landscape for years to come as well as contributing towards a better environment.

Exploring physical activity focus of research lecture

John Hay's work in the area of achieving physical activity will be explored during the Distinguished Research and Creative Activity Lecture, taking place tomorrow, May 22, in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber.

The professor from Community Health Sciences will speak on "Reconceptualizing Barriers to Physical Activity," from 3:30 to 5 p.m., with a reception to follow.

Hay's research explores the relationship between physical activity and health in children with chronic disease; measurement of physical activity; the development of activity patterns during childhood; and self-efficacy toward physical activity.

"John Hay has devoted his research efforts to better understanding the determinants of physical activity in children and adolescents, and he has approached this area with equal parts passion and zeal - (obvious to) anyone who has spent any time with John in his office or in the classroom," noted John Cairney, Brent Faught and Terry Wade in their letter of nomination.

The Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity recognizes faculty who demonstrate consistent and outstanding research achievements, and contribute to the training of future researchers.

Niagara chapter of nursing group starts endowment for Brock students

The Niagara Chapter of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario has created an endowment for Brock University nursing students.

The local group has donated \$3,000 to help establish the fund, which was matched by the provincial government in time to mark Nursing Week, and will be used to help nursing students with their education.

"We all need to do our part to draw more people into the profession, and that includes offering financial supports that will make nursing education an affordable option to students," noted Lois Lacroix, Niagara chapter association president.

"This award will help to educate the

future clinicians and nurse researchers who will add to the breadth of nursing knowledge that exists in the Niagara Region and beyond," added Lynn Rempel, Chair, Department of Nursing.

The endowment will be used to create a future nursing award. The provincial matching comes through the Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS); all future contributions will be matched 100 per cent by the OTSS program.

For more information on the endowment, or to make a contribution, contact Rempel at ext. 4774, or by e-mail at lrempel@brocku.ca



The Niagara Chapter of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) has set up an endowment fund for nursing students at Brock University. Celebrating the establishment of the fund during Nursing Week (May 12 to 16) are, from left: Lois Lacroix, President of the Niagara Chapter of the RNAO; Marlene Slepko, Provincial Region 3 representative for RNAO; Bill Rickers, representing the Family of Donors of the Aunt Ruth Scholarship in Nursing; Amber Crate, 2007-08 recipient of the Aunt Ruth Scholarship in Nursing; and Linda Rempel, Chair, Department of Nursing.

GSA Executive



The new executive of the Graduate Students' Association includes, front, from left: Melissa Page, Vice-President, Internal; Ellen Robb, Vice-President, External; and Karen Song, Vice-President, Financial; and back, from left: Lisa Neville, President; Joseph Brown, Senator; and Melissa Barnard, Senator.

Session to focus on minute taking

Faculty and staff are invited to learn about best practices for effective minute taking during a training session set for Tuesday, June 17.

The University Secretariat, with facilitators Mike Farrell, Marion Hansen and Margaret Thompson, is providing this interactive session to introduce best practices for minute

taking, privacy issues and what to include or not to include when drafting minutes.

Any faculty and staff responsible for taking minutes of meetings at various levels of the University should attend the session, set for 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber. To register, go to www.brocku.ca/hr/training/focus/

Fundraising deadline for cancer ride draws near

A little more than a week remains for Team Brock University to raise the targeted pledges for the Ride to Conquer Cancer® benefiting Princess Margaret Hospital.

The team will join thousands of other men and women in a 200-kilometre ride June 20 to 22, from

Toronto to Niagara Falls. The team includes several Brock graduates and current staff.

Each team member is required to raise a minimum of \$2,500. For personal stories of each rider, or to donate, go to www.conquercancer.ca/goto/brock

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Hedy McGarrell presented the papers "Learner Output in Two Different Discussion Environments" (co-authored with K. Epp), and "Paradigms of Plagiarism: Education not Prosecution" at the recent TESOL Conference, in New York City April 3 to 5.

CHEMISTRY

Mark Frampton, Ateeya Vawda, Ann Dion, and Paul M. Zelisko presented "Biosilicon Chemistry: Green Methods in Silicon Chemistry" at the 41st Silicon Symposium in San Francisco, Calif., April 24 to 26.

Bryan Van Schouwen made a successful application to the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Summer Program to spend two months at Kobe University, investigating peptides related to Huntington's Disease. Van Schouwen is a biotechnology graduate student, jointly supervised by professors Heather Gordon and Stuart Rothstein.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Ana Sanchez was invited to give a talk on "The Epidemiology of Taenia solium in Honduras" at the Institute of Parasitology Research Seminar Series, McGill University, Montreal, on May 2.

LABOUR STUDIES

Larry Savage presented the paper "Workers' Rights as Human Rights: Organized Labour and Rights Discourse in Canada," at the United Association of Labor Educators Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., on April 12. Savage was also awarded first prize May 3 for his piece "Socialist Slots" as part of a juried art exhibit in celebration of International Workers' Day at the Niagara Artists' Centre.

PSYCHOLOGY

Sid Segalowitz made the following presentations:

• "The caring and co-ordinated cortex: A developmental and

individual differences view of performance monitoring ERPs," Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Feb. 22

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Events

CFUW: Canadian Federation of University Women, Welland and District, will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home. Dr. Kim Gammage from Brock University will speak about Building Bones and Balance: Osteoporosis and Exercise. New members and interested women welcome. For information call 905-892-1179.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Two-Bedroom condo at 215 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines. Asking \$125,000. Call Mary at 905-358-6785.

HOUSE SITTER AVAILABLE: Brock staff member (and spouse) looking to house sit for the months of June, July and/or August. For more information, please call Tanya or Rob at 905-688-2387.

FOR SALE: Barely used Yardworks 20-inch electric lawn mower. \$120 (half-price). Call 905-356-3360.

BrockNews

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Videoconference service launched by SHARCNet

They were all attending the same meeting, but only a few could taste the cookies and smell the coffee. The rest could only watch as the goodies were consumed.

Members of the SHARCNet at Brock opened the new Access Grid room last month with a demonstration of its potential for applications across the University.

The refreshments were offered to those in attendance here in St. Catharines, but could not be shared with those watching and listening to the proceedings from large screens in the access room. Those attendees were seated in their own videoconferencing facilities at the University of Guelph and Wilfrid Laurier.

SHARCNet (Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network) is a high-performance computing consortium providing shared resources for 14 Ontario universities, two colleges and one research institute.

Linked by advanced fibre optics, and enhanced by microphones, video cameras and large monitors, the system allows for videoconferencing with SHARCNet members on a complex level, using the high-performance computers of great power and speed to work out problems that could not be solved by an ordinary desktop computer.

"We're working with huge formulas online. ... We can't do that with our own computers," noted Thomas Wolf, Professor, Mathematics, and the driving force behind bringing SHARCNet to Brock in 2003.

SHARCNet has a larger number of different computer clusters to serve different needs. On a more basic level, SHARCNet is helping students attend classes online that aren't available in their home institution.

"We're making these graduate classes available to more students," Wolf said, noting one Brock student recently completed an online course at Guelph using this method.

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BUSU 2008-09



The Brock University Students' Union executive for 2008-09 includes, from left, Will Crothers, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Rob Lanteigne, Vice-President, University Affairs; Mark Wrzosek, Vice-President, Student Services; and Jody Thomas, President.

Convocation will honour 3,500 students in five days

An estimated 3,500 students are expected to receive their degrees at Brock University's 2008 Spring Convocation, which takes place during nine ceremonies from Tuesday, June 10, to Saturday, June 14.

All ceremonies will be held in the Walker Complex at the west end of campus, in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium. An outdoor reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will be held after each ceremony.

Here are the highlights for spring Convocation:

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 10 a.m. - Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

- An honorary degree will be presented to Dr. Robin C. Williams, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Public Health, Regional Municipality of Niagara. Brock is recognizing Williams for her professional contributions in raising awareness of children's health and welfare issues through educating parents, families, professionals, communities and provincial governments about child development issues. Williams will address Convocation.

- Professor Hilary Findlay, Department of Sport Management, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will be presented with the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

2 p.m. - Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

- Professor Nancy Francis, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, Faculty of Applied Health

Sciences, will address Convocation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

10 a.m. - Faculty of Education

- Dr. Lorna Earl, Director, Aporia Consulting Ltd., and retired Associate Professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto (OISE/UT), will address Convocation.

- Professor Debra McLauchlan, Pre-Service Department, Faculty of Education, will be presented with the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

2 p.m. - Faculty of Education

- Brian McGowan, Deputy Registrar, Ontario College of Teachers, will address Convocation.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

10 a.m. - Faculty of Social Sciences

- Professor John McNamara, Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, and 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, will address Convocation.

2 p.m. - Faculty of Social Sciences

- An honorary degree will be presented to Roberta Jamieson, CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation and First Nations Leader. Brock is recognizing Jamieson for her distinguished achievements and career of service for all Canadians, and worldwide acclaim for developing and promoting non-adversarial methods of conflict resolution to advance democracy through institutional change. Jamieson will address Convocation.

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Get ready to BROCK

This year's Wellness Conference has built many meanings into its slogan: YOU BROCK! The annual one-day event takes place Thursday, June 19 as a celebration of the contributions of each and every staff member to the ongoing success of the University, while challenging us all to make a difference in our community and especially the world around us, starting from the ground up.

The conference is a chance to learn together and feel the power of unity in action – a fitting way to celebrate an institution named for a pivotal leader and perched in the midst of a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

The day includes meeting old friends and new; enjoying good food, sunshine and live music with local "In the Soil" performer Joe Lapinski; the tension and excitement of the ever-popular and generous Charity Penny Sale; and a few surprises.

With an environmental conservation theme for 2008, the conference will feature a tag-team of keynote speakers on the Environmental Well-being theme. Chris Winter is Executive Director of the Conservation Council of Ontario, and a world leader in voluntary transition strategies to address climate change and other environmental challenges. Peter Love is Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation Officer, heading the Conservation Bureau of Ontario Power Authority with a goal to limit electricity consumption, manage demand and foster a conserving culture.

Winter will take us down the path to conservation, starting with the things we need to do individually at home. Love will demonstrate the leadership we can show in organizations and workplaces, and together the way we can transform our communities into healthier and more resilient places to live, work and play.

Think, Move, Laugh, Feel, Reflect, Learn and Breathe – all of the seven elements of wellness are woven into the comprehensive and diverse schedule. Some sessions are limited in the number of participants, so register now at www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference



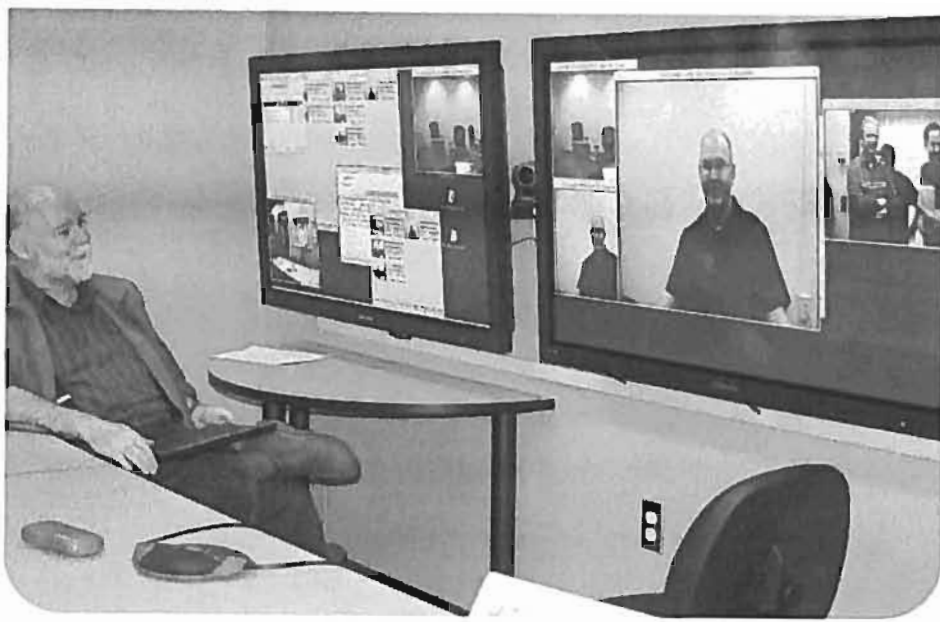


PHOTO: CAROLYN MULLIN

Thomas Wolf, Professor, Mathematics and Brock's SHARCNet founder, talks with John Morton (on screen), of the University of Guelph, during the Access Grid room open house recently at Brock. Representatives from Wilfrid Laurier are visible on the far right as they connect to the real-time videoconferencing demonstration.

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"And for seminars, we can bring someone in from anywhere in the world."

During the open house demonstration, John Morton, technical manager for SHARCNet at the University of Guelph, noted their videoconferencing service has grown in scope and need; a year and a half since its launch, it is increasingly difficult to book the room at Guelph because of high demand.

McMaster, Western and Guelph universities first made the successful pitch for grant money in 2001, to the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI), the Ontario Innovation Trust and the Ontario Research and Development Challenge Fund.

Further grants from the CFI and OIT allowed expansion and upgrades of SHARCNet, while industrial and private sector partners today include Hewlett Packard, and such

telecommunications giants as Bell Canada and Nortel Networks.

According to Brock's SHARCNet website page, high-performance computing (HPC) is the harnessing of multiple computers or processors in tandem to solve computational problems that are too large or complex to be tackled in any other way. HPC is used extensively in science and engineering for this purpose.

SHARCNet also provides grants for MSc and PhD students, and funding for postdoctorates and senior visitors. Last year, Brock was successful in applying for a SHARCNet Research Chair Position funded partially for two years, according to Wolf.

Brock faculty who wish to utilize the service need to sign up online and go through a half-hour tutorial before gaining access to the system.

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca/sharcnet

BROCK NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

July dates are July 16 and 30. There will be no Brock News July 2.

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Nicolette Cosburn**, Interdisciplinary Master of Arts student in Popular Culture, will defend her thesis, entitled "Revisiting Girlhood: An Autoethnographic Approach to an Active Popular Feminist Culture," on Friday, June 13 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Jacqui Reid-Walsh, Bishops University; Supervisor: Shauna Pomerantz; Committee Members: Sarah Matheson, Jim Leach; Chair: Jan Frijters. All are welcome.

• **Zorianna Zurba**, Interdisciplinary Master of Arts student in Popular Culture, will defend her thesis, entitled "Produced Subjectivities and Productive Subjects: Locating the Potential of the Self-Reflective Blog" on Monday, June 16 at 2 p.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Sandra Smeltzer, University of Western Ontario; Supervisor: Dale Bradley; Committee Members: Hans Skott-Myhre, Jim Leach; Chair: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Kristin Robbins**, Interdisciplinary Master of Arts student in Popular Culture, will defend her thesis, entitled "Theorizing It: Paris Hilton, the Celebutante, and the It Girl Lifestyle" on Tuesday, June 17 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Keir Keightley, University of Western Ontario; Supervisor: Sarah Matheson; Committee Members: Jackie Botterill, Jim Leach; Chair: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Luanne Jamieson**, Master of Arts student, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences will defend her thesis Monday, June 9 at 12 noon in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "The Relationship Between Early Age of First

Sexual Intercourse and Vulnerability to Depression Among Adolescents." Supervisor: Terry Wade; External Examiner: B. J. Rye, University of Waterloo; Committee Members: Anthony Bogaert; Stan Sadava; Chair: Kelli-an Lawrance. All are welcome.

Candidate sought for Brock Days tribute

The Brock Days Committee is seeking candidates for the annual Tribute event to take place in September. This roast and toast event is an excellent opportunity to recognize a member of our Brock community - be it an alumni, staff or faculty member. We are looking for someone who is charismatic, has contributed to campus life and who best exemplifies the spirit of Brock. Please e-mail your suggestions to Shelley Pooley at spooley@brocku.ca by June 27.

Niagara Youth Orchestra holds auditions

The Niagara Youth Orchestra will hold auditions for both the senior and junior Orchestras this Saturday, June 7.

Musicians ages 8 to 25 are invited to attend with the chance for a spot, which includes weekly sessions with professional coaching staff, one-hour sectional instruction, plus at least an hour and a half orchestral instruction. There are at least three concerts each season with the opportunity to work with fellow musicians in a number of capacities. The senior orchestra also tours every few years, with the tour planned for Austria in July.

To arrange an audition, call 905-704-0559 or send an e-mail to music@niagarayouthorchestra.ca

Auditions will also be held again mid-September.

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• Professor John McNamara, Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, will be presented with the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

10 a.m. - Faculty of Humanities and Concordia Lutheran Seminary

• An honorary degree will be presented to Marilyn Walker, artist, teacher, mentor and award-winning author. Brock is recognizing Walker for her extraordinary contributions, advocacy and support of the arts, and in recognition of her meritorious service to the Niagara and Brock communities. Walker will address Convocation.

• Professor Angus Somerville, Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Humanities, will be presented with the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

2 p.m. - Faculty of Mathematics and Science

• Professor Doug Bruce, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, and

recipient of the 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, will address Convocation.

• Professor Ed Sternin, Department of Physics, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, will be presented with the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

2 p.m. - Faculty of Business

• An honorary degree will be presented to Paul House, Executive Chairman of TDL Group Corporation (Tim Hortons). Brock is recognizing House for his visionary leadership in developing the Tim Hortons brand and organization to iconic levels, outstanding humanitarian contributions, and distinguished service to the growth and advancement of the University. House will address Convocation.

• Professor Kenneth J. Klassen, Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, Faculty of Business, will be presented with the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Remembering founding chairman of Brock's English department

Michael Hornyansky, founding chair and longtime professor with the English Department at Brock University, died May 14 in Tofield, Alta., after a short illness. He was 80.

His career began by graduating with first-class honours from such institutions as University College, Toronto and Merton College, Oxford, where he was a Rhodes scholar and won the Newdigate Prize for Poetry in 1951. After teaching English Language and Literature at Carleton University for 10 years, he made the move to St. Catharines in 1964 to help found the English program for the young institution as its first chairman.

He taught at Brock for the

remainder of his academic career before retiring in 1993. He wrote *The Golden Phoenix*, a retelling of French Canadian folk tales, and published papers on children's literature and the discriminating use of the English language. He also reviewed poetry for the University of Toronto quarterly.

He is survived by his wife Monica, daughter Vivien and son Mark, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. A family memorial service has taken place.

Donations in his memory may be made to Brock's annual Michael Hornyansky Prize in Creative Writing, through the Office of University Advancement.

Faculty of Business pays tribute to Dean Martin Kusy

An academic award will be created in honour of Dean Martin Kusy's decade of leadership with the Faculty of Business.

The Faculty will celebrate Kusy's achievements Wednesday, June 18 with an open reception at Pond Inlet from 4 to 6 p.m.

A ticketed dinner will follow that evening at John Michael's Banquet in Thorold, with 7 p.m. cocktails and a 7:30 p.m. dinner

Dinner tickets are \$60 per person available through the Brock Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

The endowment in Kusy's name will be established to provide an academic award each year to the student graduating with the highest academic standing from a Faculty of Business graduate program.

Anyone wishing to donate to the endowment can contact the Office of University Advancement at ext. 4009.

Staff elects new Board of Trustees member

Congratulations to Divino Mucciante on his election as a representative of the permanent staff to the Board of Trustees. Mucciante, University photographer, will serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011 and joins continuing staff representatives Mitzi Banders and Wanda Gilmore.

There is an opportunity each year for the election of a permanent staff representative to fill one of the staggered, three-year term vacancies.

Pension plan meeting June 18

A general meeting of the members of the University pension plan, hosted by members of the University's pension committee, will

take place on Wednesday, June 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Academic South 203.

David Service of Towers Perrin (the plan's investment consultant) will provide a market review for the plan year, commentary on fund performance and discuss the pension committee's investment structure review and the new fund manager structure. Ted Nixon of Mercer Human Resource Consulting (the plan's actuary) will provide commentary on pensioner adjustments. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period.

If you have questions you would like to have addressed at the general meeting, please contact Janice Facey at ext. 3186 or jfacey@brocku.ca by June 11.

All plan members are welcome to attend.

Woodbine alumni day open to all race fans

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Brock University GTA Alumni Network are proud to offer "A Day At The Races" at Woodbine Racetrack on Sunday, Aug. 17. The fun (and food) begins at noon.

The Brock community is invited to join graduates for an exciting day as close to the action as you can get in a plush Trakside Tent, exclusively set up for Brock alumni and guests.

For those who are new to the world of racing, there will be a customer service representative available prior to the race to explain how to bet and how to read the program. Woodbine has graciously offered to give Brock guests a free betting voucher to get the action rolling.

Tickets are \$25 per person before June 13, (\$35 after that) and can be purchased by signing on to brockpeople.ca (for graduates) or by calling Lynne Irion in the Office of Alumni Relations, at ext. 3251.

Solidarity Experiences Abroad brings students closer to social justice issues

Communities in need in Africa and Latin America have been receiving a share of Brock's physical, spiritual and emotional generosity thanks to Solidarity Experiences Abroad (SEA).

The non-denominational, volunteer social justice program is organized through Campus Ministries in partnership with International Services.

Last month, SEA volunteers, comprised of students and faculty from Brock, brought their physical strength for projects in Namibia and Peru, but each participant also brought a suitcase full of medical supplies, clothing and hygiene items for distribution.

Additional two-week trips are planned for Ecuador (in June) and Brazil (in August). In all, more than 100 Brock students will participate; some of the staff and faculty members have participated in past SEA trips as well.

Volunteers must raise their own money for the trip, and often turn to their own network of friends and family to help secure the costs and donations.

Many participants return with a determination to further the work of international understanding through organizations at home. In fact, several outreach groups, such as Brock's Solidarity in Action Inc., have since developed from this outreach project.

"This experience has changed many people's lives," notes Larry Shuttleworth, SEA program assistant. "Even if they don't go into social justice for their schooling, it still changes their outlook on life and their job opportunities later on."

Shuttleworth, a fifth-year English student from Mississauga, followed in his older brother's footsteps when choosing a university. After coming to Brock, he kept following his brother, signing up for a two-week trip to Peru.

"I wasn't really focused on anything at the time, but then, wow, two weeks later ... it was a big change for me."

His passion for volunteerism has led him on several trips, as finances permit, while his current job has allowed him to focus on arranging similar trips for other groups as well.



Julia Manieki, Andrea Klose and Stefanie Dringus, SEA volunteers, paint in unison as they bring colour to a school in Lima, Peru.

Projects can include anything from erecting a staircase on the steep slopes of a South American city to painting schools and erecting playground equipment in impoverished areas of African countries.

More than 300 students have experienced those life-changing moments during the past four years. They have learned about different cultures, many in severely impoverished areas, and witnessed the injustices of the world, but they have also witnessed the hope within these communities, and basked in the glow of unending thanks for their hard work.

Shuttleworth speaks with fondness of the end of one trip, when the villagers risked their own safety by piling into an overcrowded bus so they could escort the SEA workers through the narrow, steep streets to their exit destination.

For more information about Solidarity Experiences Abroad, contact Raoul Masseur, Roman Catholic chaplain, at ext. 4764, or John Kaethler, Director of International Services, at ext. 3732, or visit the website at www.brocku.ca/campusministries/solidarity

New Library program connects researchers to unique global resources

Brock faculty, students and staff can now access resources ranging from Albert Einstein's dissertation and the papers of Isaac Newton to some of the earliest African-American newspapers.

Access to these collections is a result of Brock's new membership in the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), a partnership of more than 240 university, college and independent research libraries, providing tremendous opportunities for teaching and research at Brock.

"Our membership in CRL has instantly put more than five million new items within reach of Brock's researchers," notes Margaret Grove, University Librarian. "These unique resources have the potential to engage researchers across campus."

For more than 50 years, CRL has acquired and preserved newspapers, journals, documents, archives and other traditional and digital resources from a global network of sources, and made them available to member institutions and others through interlibrary loan and electronic delivery. For researchers at member institutions, CRL functions as a branch library of extraordinary resources with user-

focused policies and practices, including:

- access at no charge to individual researchers
- unlimited access to CRL's corpus of five million items
- project-length loan privileges
- third-day delivery on the vast majority of interlibrary loan requests

Members may also participate in the Demand Purchase Program, which enables users to request purchases up to \$2,000 annually in three areas: foreign dissertations, newspapers, and archival material. CRL's in-depth holdings support research in history of science, economics, law and government, immigration and population studies, international diplomacy, cultural studies, and more. To explore the holdings of CRL and to find out how to request materials, go to www.library.brocku.ca/dbinfo/crl.php

The Library is committed to providing information resources of the highest quality to Brock researchers. If you have any questions about the Center for Research Libraries, contact Pamela Jacobs, Associate University Librarian for Collections, at ext. 3961 or by e-mail at pjacobs@brocku.ca

Mediatalk People in the news

Darlene Bay, Professor, Accounting, was interviewed for a May 13 article in the *Windsor Star* entitled "Accountants demonized on big screen," in which she talked about a study she co-authored (published in the *Journal of Business Ethics*) on the negative portrayal of accountants as characters in films. The article also appeared in several CanWest newspapers such as the *Vancouver Sun* and the *Edmonton Journal*.

Kevin Ker, Professor, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, was interviewed for a May 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Global warming could benefit Canada's wine industry," in which he noted water shortages will likely have a big impact on the Niagara grape harvest.

Lucas Hodgson, Development Services Assistant, Office of University Advancement, was quoted in a May 13 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Mock accident staged at Centennial Secondary School," in which he talked to students about his personal experience as a victim in an accident which involved a drunk driver.

Ken Murray, Coach, men's basketball team, was interviewed for a May 15 article in the *Niagara Advance* entitled "Brock

coach talks shop with Virgil kids," in which he is quoting talking to elementary school children about the factors one needs to succeed in sports and in life.

Ralph Morris, retired Professor, Biology, was interviewed for a May 16 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "567-foot cable bridge poses threat to terns: scientist," in which he talked about the threat of human activities, specifically twinning the Peace Bridge, on bird species such as the common tern. An article on the same subject also appeared in the *Welland Tribune*.

Keri Cronin, Professor, Department of Visual Arts, was interviewed for a May 17 article in the *National Post* entitled "A Plant Tale," in which she offers a look at web journal entries about her gardening experiences as her online alter-ego, known as the Dandelion Diva.

Ian Brindle, Acting Associate Vice-President, Research Services, was interviewed for a May 17 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Recycling: it's a numbers game," in which he explained the use of the triangular recycling symbol and numbers for identifying plastics.

Antonia Mantonakis, Professor, Marketing, and newly appointed Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute Fellow, was interviewed on CTV May 15 for a segment of *Canada AM* regarding the new Consumer Perception and Cognition Laboratory at Brock.

Eliminating hunger



Brock Dining Services teamed up with Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold recently to help fight hunger. The second annual "End the Year" food drive helped eliminate hunger for more than 2,800 families in our community with the collection of 348 kg in food donations. The managers, staff, students and their families realize today's world brings higher living expenses, unexpected medical emergencies and job losses - only a few of the problems many families face.

Rebecca Skinner earns 2008 Lou Cahill Scholarship

Academic excellence, community involvement and participation in charitable activities in her final year of studies have all helped Rebecca Skinner earn the Lou Cahill Scholarship in Communications.

The award was established by OEB Enterprise, Toronto, to honour Lou Cahill, the founder of OEB International, Canada's longest-operating public relations firm and a subsidiary of the Enterprise Canada Group.

"(Skinner) exemplifies the values of academic excellence, commitment to community and voluntarism that are so important to Lou and to this company," said Barbara Fox, OEB Enterprise President and Chief Executive Officer.

The Barrie resident has been a member of the Dean's Honours list for high academic achievement and was a member of the gold-winning team of the Terry O'Malley/Dobson marketing and communications case competition in 2008. Skinner also received an award for Outstanding Contribution to Business Communications at Brock.

For the past year, she has served as the volunteer director of communications for the Business Students Association at Brock. In addition, she has contributed her

communications and fundraising skills to a variety of non-profit organizations and events such as the Rankin Cancer Run, Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life, and the Spread the Net Malaria Free campaign.

Skinner has been a marketing executive with Brock TV, where she helped increase the number of monthly viewers. Her track record includes a role as marketing and communications assistant with Brock's Community Connections and a marketing internship with CAA Niagara.

In his early 90s, Lou Cahill holds an honorary doctoral degree from Brock and has been the recipient of the Canadian Public Relations Society (CPRS) Philip A. Novikoff Award for advancing the public relations profession. He was appointed to the CPRS College of Fellows in 2000.

Applications for the annual Lou Cahill Scholarship in Communications, valued at \$1,250 for eligible graduating students from the Department of Communications, Popular Culture and Film, are available from the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office.

Scholarship winners have an opportunity to participate in a four-month internship with OEB Enterprise following graduation.

CONNECTING WITH THE BROADER COMMUNITY

Rankin Cancer Run



Grantham Lions Park turned into a sea of Red Brock T-shirts May 24 as more than 100 participants from Brock University took part in the Rankin Cancer Run. Brock staff, faculty, students and supporters raised more than \$2,000 for cancer research and services in Niagara.

Brock runners rock the Rankin Run

Brock's participation in the Rankin Cancer Run resulted in 102 participants and more than \$2,000 in donations for the five-kilometre walk-run in St. Catharines May 24.

The total event had more than 5,000 participants, and raised a little more than \$405,000. Because they raised the most money and had the most participants, the entrants from the Intensive English Language Program won a lunch with Dr. Jack Lightstone.

Standing out in their red Brock University T-shirts, Brock's team was noticeable throughout the crowd of people at the Grantham Lions Park, demonstrating their commitment to Niagara. Community Connections plans to continue this community spirit with its next event, the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life hosted at Brock on Friday, June 20. For more information, contact Community Connections at ext. 4000, or by e-mail at community@brocku.ca

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF LARVICIDE FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL ON THE PROPERTY OF

Brock University

From June 4 to Sept. 30, 2008, Brock University will conduct a larviciding program under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health, Regional Municipality of Niagara, to control larval mosquitoes in order to prevent their development into vectors of West Nile virus.

The larvicide Methoprene (Ingot formulation, PCP No. 27694), under the federal Pest Control Products Act, will be applied by direct hand application into catch basins at Brock University-owned and leased properties within the Region of Niagara.

The biological larvicide B.L.I. (granular formulation, PCP No. 26863) may be placed by direct hand application into selected bodies of surface water such as ditches and ponds, depending on the results of testing for the presence of mosquito larvae. Signs will be posted at surface water locations where B.L.I. is applied. All larvicides will be applied by Ministry of the Environment licensed applicators.

For details on the exact locations and dates of treatments, please contact Brock University at 1-905-688-5550, ext. 3717 (collect calls will be accepted).

Earthquake relief in China



With just one long weekend of planning, a small group of students and faculty came together recently to raise money for the victims in the area affected by the recent earthquake in China. During the three-day campaign across campus, students, faculty and staff opened their hearts and their wallets to raise \$14,300. The money is being divided between the Red Cross and the Education Office of the Consulate General of the Peoples Republic of China, located in Toronto. Celebrating their efforts are volunteers, front, from left: Zoe Wang, Zhihui Gao, and Becky Situ; middle, from left: Fangli Wu, Junyi Li, Xixin Gai, Ge Lan, Jackie Sanders (ESLS), Jenna Novess (International Recruitment), Jenwei Long, and Ning Wong; and back, from left: Stephanie Soccio (ESLS), Jiarui Fan, Jinke Zhang, Ostap Pentsak (Rotaract), Bide Gao, John Keethler, Bo Yang and Du Yanwei.

Brock Community Farmers' Market rolls into Jubilee Court June 13

Mark your calendars for a brand-new summer initiative: the Brock Community Farmers' Market.

Community and Ancillary Services is pleased to present The Twelve Days of Summer every Friday, from June 13 until Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Jubilee Court.

Join local growers and producers for a fresh, local shopping experience

and lunch in the courtyard.

Local campus musical talent will also be featured; if you have musical talent you would like to share during the Brock Campus Farmers' Market, contact Kristen Smith, at ext. 3845 or Iain Glass, at ext. 5301.

For more information on the vendors and entertainment scheduled, look for regular updates on the Brock portal.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S. C. Farrell organized a colloquium and presented "The First Year of Language Teaching" at the TESOL New York conference in April.

BUSINESS

Anthony Halog chaired a session on Structural and Relational Supply Chain Networks and presented a research paper on "Assessing the Sustainability Performance of Global Supply Chains" at the 19th Annual Conference on Production and Operations Management (POMS) at La Jolla, Calif., May 9 to 12. Halog was also chosen as one of the POMS Emerging Scholars and is now considered an active alumnus of this select group.

CHEMISTRY

Georgii Nikonov recently gave the seminar "Agostic NSi...H...Mo Complexes: From Curiosity to Catalysis" at A. N. Nesmeyanov Institute of Elementoorganic Compounds, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, on April 28, and at M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, on May 15.

Martin Lemaire gave the seminar "Thiophene-substitution in spin-crossover complexes: Toward multifunctional metallopolymer materials," at the Eastern Canada Magnetic Materials Conference at the University of Ottawa on May 10.

GEOGRAPHY

Eight members of faculty presented papers at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, April 15 to 19, in Boston, Mass., including Jeff Boggs: "The constrained evolution of the Canadian book trade;" David Butz: "In Others' Words: A Critical Assessment of the Mountain Voices Oral Testimony Programme;" Chris Fullerton: "The Public Transit Commuter Accessibility Audit;" Hugh Gayler: "Agricultural land preservation, exurbia and the new countryside: the Niagara, Canada case;" Phil Mackintosh: "The Bicycle Gymkhana in Niagara-on-the-Lake: comparing Haute Bourgeois Victorian and Neoliberal Conceptions of Public Space;" Tony Shaw: "A Comparative Analysis of the Growing Season Conditions of Pinot Noir Wine Regions;" Dragos

Simandan: "Space and abstract cognition;" and Ebru Ustundag: "On Cosmo-Political Istanbul."

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Dianne Dutton presented a paper entitled "Arsenic et rhétorique: l'affaire de la Marquise de Brinvilliers" at the annual conference of the North American Society for Seventeenth-Century French Literature, in Easton, Penn., April 24 to 26.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir in a benefit mini-concert for the West Toronto Rotary Club on May 23. He also conducted the Avanti Chamber Singers in a program entitled "My Spirit Sang All Day" in St. Catharines on May 25. The latter program included a number of Brock University faculty, staff and alumni as choristers and featured staff accompanist Lesley Kingham at the organ and piano, Shelley Griffin (Faculty of Education) and alumnus Janice Slade as duo flutists, and alumni Dana Jarrett and Melissa Shriner as vocal soloists.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Tim Heinmiller presented the paper entitled "Managing Water Scarcity in the Prairie Region: The Role of the International Joint Commission in a Changing Climate" at the conference on Transboundary Environmental Governance in Canada and the United States, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C., May 8 and 9.

Livianna Tossutti presented the paper "Local Government Policy Responses to Ethnocultural Diversity" at the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Western Social Sciences Association, Denver, Colo., April 23 to 26. She also presented the paper "The Public Sphere Consequences of Family and Religious Networks in Canada's Cultural Communities" to the Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in Democracies conference in Montreal, Oct. 25 to 27, 2007.

PRE-SERVICE, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Lionel LaCroix, Hamilton Campus, gave a presentation for elementary mathematics teachers entitled, "Just the Facts? Math 'facts' and a whole lot more" at the Ontario Association

for Mathematics Education Annual Conference, in Richmond Hill, on May 8.

Publications

Bell, H. E. (2008). "On prime near-rings with generalized derivation," *International Journal of Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences*, Volume 2008, Article ID 490316.

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FOR SALE: Three-bedroom/one-bathroom bungalow at 144 Jacobson Ave., St. Catharines. Close to Brock and Pen Centre. \$187,900. Call 905-323-9730 or e-mail carolemos@gmail.com

FOR SALE: 10-piece French Provincial dining room set: Table, two armchairs, four sidechairs, large buffet and hutch, large server. Great condition. \$800 or best offer. Call 905-227-7663.

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Gift to honour professor creates Commons' name

When Arthur Peltomaa decided to give back to the institution that laid the groundwork for his successful career in law, he felt a monetary gift would be just the beginning.

So, when he heard of Brock's plan to open a Learning Commons within the James A. Gibson Library, the Niagara native knew he had found an appropriate focus for his gift — but he presented it with a special request.

With the Brock graduate's significant gift, the newly renovated space within the Library will open this fall as the Matheson Learning Commons.

"The Learning Commons is about students. It is about students being enabled and encouraged to savour the full university learning and living experience," Peltomaa (BA, econ/pol, '74) noted. "To me, (Professor) Bill Matheson epitomizes all that was and is good about Brock as an outstanding academic institution where the focus and priority is on the teaching of students."

Matheson taught at Brock for more than 30 years in the Political Science Department, while holding various administration titles, including the University's first Vice-President, Academic, and its first Dean of Social Sciences.

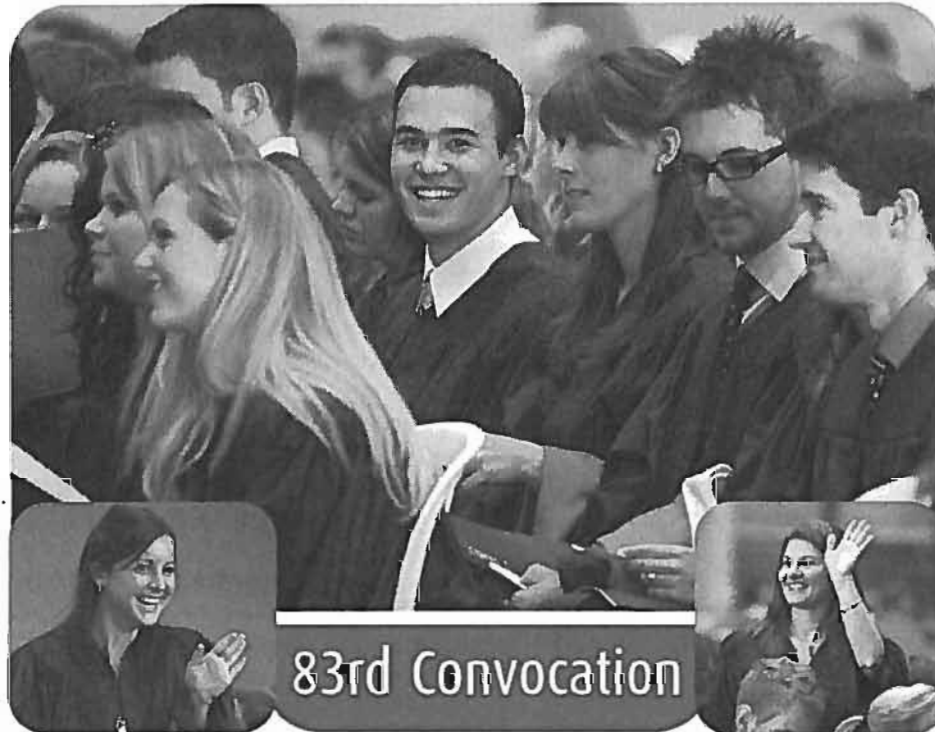
"More than being an exceptionally talented lecturer, with a razor-sharp mind and nimble wit laced with a healthy measure of irreverence, Bill Matheson was to me and others a mentor and source of inspiration and encouragement," added Peltomaa, now a highly regarded lawyer with the Toronto firm Bennett Jones.

While Matheson admitted to being "astonished" by the gift, he echoed the notion that his approach to teaching was to work tirelessly for the students, to give them the best possible University experience. He feels he is rewarded every time he meets former students.

"It's always a pleasure to meet students years later and find out that they've done well and that they still remember me and Brock," he said, adding "I made myself accessible, so they never were nervous about coming to see me."

In 1980, Matheson was awarded the inaugural Brock Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, followed, in 1994, with the initial Brock University Student Union Recognition of Teaching Excellence Award. He is also a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Gold Jubilee Medal awarded to Canadians who have made outstanding and exemplary contributions to their communities.

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The smiles were everywhere in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium last week as 3,500 students received degrees and certificates as part of the 83rd annual Convocation.

Graduates, teachers, guests lauded during Convocation

The 83rd annual Brock University Convocation took place during nine ceremonies in five days at the beginning of the month.

Family and friends joined faculty and staff each day from June 10 to 14 to celebrate the accomplishments of approximately 3,500 students from all faculties.

Three honorary degrees were awarded, while other special guests provided Convocation addresses. Jack Lightstone, President, and Ned Goodman, Chancellor, opened the ceremonies with their insights into the significance of Convocation. Here are a few of the highlights:

- **Lightstone** invited the graduates to celebrate the transformation of their lives as a result of their years at Brock, and he challenged them to effect positive change in the world by putting to work their "expanded intellectual capacity."

- **Goodman** told the assembly that in an increasing world of globalization, the graduates have a responsibility to become part of the solutions to the world's problems, because they cannot be avoided. He summed up his remarks with a challenge: "Be healthy. Be kind. Respect the environment."

- After receiving her honorary degree, **Dr. Robin Williams**, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Health, presented 10 lessons drawn from her experiences as a pediatrician, mother and grandmother. She challenged graduates to: take care of the environment better than her generation has; to rely on extended family and friends; follow common sense rules for health and well-being; give back to the community; be active; don't give up on things that are difficult the first time around; and to help break the cycle of

poverty, especially for the sake of today's children.

- In addressing the graduates of Applied Health Sciences, **Nancy Francis**, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology, painted a picture of accomplishment by speaking of the types of photos we all have in our personal albums. She spoke of the accomplishments of Arnie Lowenberger, Brock's first Dean of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics, in terms of photographic moments in his life, from his high school days in rural Saskatchewan, to his days at Brock helping plan its recreation facilities.

The last "photo" she spoke of was an elder Lowenberger celebrating with open laughter on the day the residence bearing his name was opened at Brock.

- **Lorna Earl**, Director, Aporia Consulting Ltd., and retired Associate Professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto, spoke to graduates from the Faculty of Education. The longtime educator told the newly conferred teachers that while assessment is a significant part of the learning process, it has evolved greatly over the years to address the needs of today's children. She told the graduates that modern students need an approach where assessment is done with learning in mind, not just testing.

- **Brian McGowan**, Deputy Registrar, Ontario College of Teachers,

Brock celebrates graduates

During his convocation speech, Jack Lightstone, President, noted the accomplishments of the 3,500 graduates also means a successful outcome for their families, friends, and for their various instructors along the way.

Graduates of note include:

- Curtis Brandon Russell, who received his Doctor of Philosophy for his research work into mosquitoes and West Nile Virus, was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal for having the highest standing in a graduate degree.

The recipients of the 2008 Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medals are:

Undergraduate students:

- Peter Simons, Physical Education and Kinesiology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Ray van der Meer, Pre-service Education, Faculty of Education
- Maria M. Majerski, Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Nicole Daniel, Classics, Faculty of Humanities
- Brian Penfound, Mathematics Integrated with Computers and Applications, Faculty of Mathematics and Science
- Bryceson Dodge, Business Administration, Faculty of Business

Graduate students:

- Darren Brenner, Master of Applied Health Science, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Catherine Longboat, Master of Education, Faculty of Education
- Anna Lise Domanski, Master of Arts in Social Justice and Equity Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Kevin McGuinness, Master of Arts Studies in Comparative Literature and Arts, Faculty of Humanities
- Susan Marie Lehman, PhD in Biological Sciences Ecology and Evolution, Faculty of Mathematics and Science
- Laura Ricciuto, Master of Business Administration, Faculty of Business

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Matheson Learning Commons



Sarita Peltomaa, left, Bill Matheson, retired Brock professor, centre, and Arthur Peltomaa take a tour of the Learning Commons recently. The Peltomaas have made a significant contribution to the project, which has resulted in the space being named the Matheson Learning Commons.

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"The Learning Commons was created to enrich the student learning experience by offering an environment that fosters informal learning and promotes student engagement," said Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services. "Brock has a strong reputation for dynamic, student-faculty interaction and this gift exemplifies that spirit."

Collaboration is a key feature in the planning and development of the Learning Commons. The design focuses on promoting and facilitating the shared, informal learning that takes place outside the classroom. Among other services, students will be able to receive assistance with research, study skills and essay writing, while graduate students will be able to serve as mentors to undergraduate students.

"Mr. Peltomaa's gift to the Brock Learning Commons is a fitting tribute to an outstanding academic who inspired countless students and instilled in them a love of learning," said Margaret Grove, University Librarian. "His generosity sends a powerful message to current and future students about the profound influence and lasting value of the educational experience. We are very grateful to Mr. Peltomaa and delighted that the

Learning Commons will bear Professor Matheson's name."

"We are seeing the gratitude of our alumni reflected in many forms," noted Christine Jones, Director of Alumni Relations. "This graduate has chosen to pay tribute to his student experience by recognizing the teaching excellence and educational leadership of one professor who had a positive influence on his life. His generous gift to the Learning Commons enables the University to support the needs of today's students — the hallmark of the Brock experience."

After graduating from Brock, Peltomaa earned his Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall in 1977, and then his Master of Laws in 1981 from the same institution. At Bennett Jones, he is the firm's Opinions Counsel, providing advice and assistance to lawyers and clients of the firm and to members of the profession generally, including corporate general counsel and their staff. He is the author of *Annual Review of Corporate Law* (Carswell, 1996), a book on developments in Canadian corporate law, and has written papers and articles on a broad range of legal topics. He is recognized in *Lexpert's Guide to the 100 Most Creative Lawyers in Canada*.

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Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Erik Khilji**, Master of Education student, will present his thesis defence on Thursday, July 3, at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of his thesis is "A District School Board's Induction Program for New Administrators: A Study of the Effectiveness of the Mentoring Component." External Examiner: Robert Macmillan, University of Western Ontario; Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Xiaobin Li and Lorenzo Cherubini; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Michael Pereira**, Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend his thesis, entitled "The Backwoods to Our Backyards: Ontarian Pioneers and the Crisis of Ecology," on Tuesday, July 8 at 2 p.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Debora Van Nijnatten (Wilfrid Laurier University); Supervisor: Jennifer Good; Committee Members: Adam Dickinson, Jim Leach; Chair: Cheryl McCormick. All are welcome to attend.

Former Brock athlete sinks hole in one at President's tourney

Bob Dunton, a St. Catharines businessman and former Brock basketball player, scored a hole-in-one worth \$10,000 in the annual Brock University President's Tournament at

the end of May.

Dunton, who had never scored a hole in one during regular or tournament play, used a six iron to complete the feat on the 13th hole of Legends on the Niagara Usshers Creek.

Parking permit registration goes online for employees

Online parking permit registration for Brock employees begins Thursday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Choose the employee permit registration link in the online services section of the Parking Services website at www.brocku.ca/parking

Once again this year, employees eligible for payroll deduction will now see that as a payment choice during online registration, and will no longer have to download or fill out a form. Employees who prepay online will receive their permits by internal mail in August. Please note that employee permits are not automatically renewed, and each employee must register annually to receive a new permit. Student permit registration will occur later in July. For inquiries, contact Parking Services at ext. 4309 or by e-mail parking@brocku.ca.

Young athletes offered conditioning camp

The Zone Fitness Centre is proud to offer for the first time a conditioning camp for young, competitive athletes ages 11 to 14.

Ian Young is an NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist with a diverse athletic background. The former All-Canadian

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told the assembly that the teaching profession has an influence on all other areas unlike any other, meaning these newly graduated teachers have a moral duty to make the next generation caring and capable contributors.

"Ask yourselves what you can do for the one who is hungry or impoverished, who cannot read because there are no books at home, or who grows up in a climate of fear. ... There is no work more noble than this."

• **John McNamara**, Professor of Child and Youth Studies and the recipient of the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, used his early university failures as a way of showing graduates there is always a chance to do better and succeed. He elicited laughter when he admitted his first-year average as an undergraduate psychology major at Brock was a mere 22 per cent. Through a series of uphill struggles, he earned a teaching degree and made his way back to Brock as a professor.

"I approach things now as I did then — with zest — and with the same vitality, integrity and positivity to be successful. And when I say successful, I really mean happy, because every day I get to do something that I enjoy."

He also noted the graduates of today will face many obstacles, including the state of the environment and global food shortages, but that he has confidence they will succeed, since progress is always moving towards something better. "I look forward to seeing what solutions you will offer."

• **Roberta Jamieson**, CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation and First Nations Leader, and recipient of an honorary degree, praised Brock for its ongoing advancement of study regarding Aboriginal issues, and the development of the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education.

"I believe that the Tecumseh sash is an important symbol for ... reconciliation and healing, particularly at this time. I urge Brock to demonstrate leadership in ensuring that all Canadians know of it, embrace it, and take it on as their own symbol for the kind of Canada that includes its Original Peoples."

• Because of illness, Marilyn Walker

was unable to receive her honorary degree or address the graduates. **John Lye**, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of English Language and Literature, delivered a Convocation address that included three key points for the graduates of the Faculty of Humanities. Wearing the gown his mother wore when she received a university degree in the 1930s, Lye told the assembly that they "get to make the world; (not just that they are the future); that it only takes one person to make a difference in the life of another; and that the wind doesn't always blow hard on Buzzard's Bay. The last reference was an anecdote relating to taking a chance on something when being told the odds of success are next to nothing.

• **Doug Bruce**, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, spent most of his address talking about the significant achievements of fellow Brock alumni. Bruce noted that while some had undergraduate degrees in math or science fields, "thank goodness biology wasn't for them." Some have gone into finance, while others are successful physicians and medical researchers, or have gone into teaching.

But he also spoke about how the graduates have already begun making their mark on a problematic world, through their volunteerism, athleticism and their research. "You can do anything. ... And you are about to face a most challenging future," he noted, mentioning global warming, food and genetic manipulation, and the end of the "easy energy" in our world.

• After receiving his honorary degree, **Paul House**, Executive Chairman, TDL Group Corporation (Tim Hortons), told the assembly that many factors can influence one's path in life, but that common sense should rule above all else: "Your goal should be to make things simple for the rest of us. Always remember all the rules in life should be subordinate to the rule of common sense."

House also told the graduates they should pursue a career that makes them happy, and that having a partner in life adds value while providing someone to help shoulder burdens.

swimmer turned Ironman triathlete will guide athletes through a variety of speed, strength and agility exercises to ensure they are fit and fast for the 2008 season.

Mental training and performance nutrition sessions will be included to develop the "whole athlete." Participants are sure to leave camp with a new level of confidence in their approach to sport.

Each session of this fully integrated and professionally supervised camp runs Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructional materials are included. Session I runs July 7 to 11, while Session II runs July 28 to Aug. 1. The fee is \$125/session (limited to 12 athletes per session). For information, call Young at ext. 3093 or e-mail iyoung@brocku.ca

United Way campaign needs volunteers

The Brock University Employee United Way Campaign Committee is now planning for this year's campaign. We are looking for caring and dedicated people who can contribute some of their time to help. All help would be appreciated. If you would like to join Brock's United Way team and help with the campaign, contact Kevin Lawr at ext. 3511 or e-mail unitedway@brocku.ca. Volunteer sign up will also be available at the Employee Wellness day.

Junior youth orchestra bids Thomas farewell

Laura Thomas conducted her final concert with the Junior Niagara Youth Orchestra on

May 31 at the Sean O' Sullivan Theatre.

The concert was entitled "Mother Russia's Day."

Thomas has been conducting the junior orchestra since the inception of the junior program 15 years ago, but she will shift her focus to be the new conductor for the Senior Niagara Youth Orchestra, beginning this fall. A conductor search for the junior program is underway by the Niagara Youth Orchestra Association.

Woodbine alumni event open to all race fans

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Brock University GTA Alumni Network will offer "A Day At The Races" at Woodbine Racetrack on Sunday, Aug. 17. The fun (and food) begins at 12 noon.

The Brock community is invited to join graduates for an exciting day close to the action in the Trackside Tent, exclusively set up for Brock graduates and guests.

For those new to the sport of racing, there will be a customer service representative available prior to the race to explain how to bet and how to read the program. Woodbine will offer to Brock guests a free betting voucher to get the action rolling.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by signing on to brockpeople.ca (for graduates) or by calling Lynne Irion in the Office of Alumni Relations, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251.



Students from the Advanced Outdoor Leadership Theory and Practices program lead high school students through canoe instruction at Charles Daley Park on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Students test outdoor leadership skills by teaching teens to canoe

Students in the Advanced Outdoor Leadership Theory and Practices class followed the lead of their course name recently when they put into practice the skills learned in the program.

The course is designed as an examination of advanced outdoor leadership theories and pedagogy, with an engagement in an extended outdoor field experience, leadership skill development and co-instructional opportunities.

After two days of on-campus learning, led by instructors Tim O'Connell, Associate Professor, and Mike Richardson, Field Experience Facilitator, both of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, the students embarked on a seven-day

canoe trip in Algonquin Provincial Park.

Canoe skills, advanced outdoor leadership practices, risk management and group dynamics were all put to the test by students Steve Ireland, Jon Woolley, Pat Doering, Miranda MacLeod, Shirly Laserson, Heather Hanlon and Kelly Gray.

After their trip, the group spent another day on campus planning another canoe outing, but this time the intended destination was Charles Daley Park in north St. Catharines. The students delivered a one-day canoe program to students from West Park Secondary School in St. Catharines, under the supervision of Randy Chrysler. The day culminated with a short paddle on Lake Ontario.

Award winner earns honour by using strong research skills

Charity Friesen is taking home much more than an undergraduate degree in psychology from Brock. The 22-year-old St. Catharines resident is the winner of the second annual Library Undergraduate Research Award.

Friesen clearly demonstrated advanced research techniques in both the essay she wrote to describe her research process and her final product, an empirical research thesis and literature review entitled "The Directed-versus-Diffuse Attention Scale and its Correlates."

"It is the variety of resources offered by the Library that allows me to do my research both effectively and conveniently," noted Friesen, who will continue her studies in graduate work at Wilfrid Laurier University.

The Library Research Award was developed in 2007 to recognize student achievement in library research skills. In addition to recognition for her research, Friesen will receive a \$500 prize.

"Undergraduate students who can effectively and efficiently find and use

information are in an excellent position to further their own education in both graduate school and in the workplace," said Karen Bordonaro, Library Instruction Co-ordinator, adding the strongest essays for this award came from students who had attended Library workshops or had librarians visit their class.

Honourable mention goes to Aditi Kantipuly for the library essay accompanying her paper, "Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Genetics, Pathophysiology, Clinical Manifestations, Treatment and Clinical Interpretations," and Hollis McPhee for the library essay accompanying her paper, "Print Culture and the English

Reformation: An Examination of the Infamous Tyndale/Joyce Debate."

The Library is committed to developing research skills of students across campus. Faculty members who may be interested in integrating library research skills into their courses are encouraged to contact their Liaison Librarian. For more information, visit the Library's website at www.library.brocku.ca



Charity Friesen

Relay for Life comes to Brock this weekend

This Friday and Saturday, Brock will host the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life, a 12-hour relay beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, and lasting until 7 a.m. Saturday.

Students, faculty, staff, friends and family may join the Brock team in the fight against cancer by signing up online at www.canadiancancersociety.ca, or visiting the welcome desk in the Tower lobby. Each team member is asked to raise a minimum of \$100

in pledges, in addition to the \$10 registration fee. Those who participate will receive dinner, a midnight snack, and breakfast. Luminaries may be purchased online for \$5, or at the Welcome Desk.

Those do not want to participate in the relay, but would still like to be involved, can volunteer. For more information, visit brocku.ca/communityconnections, or call Community Connections, at ext. 4000.

Mediatalk People in the news

Anthony Volk, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for a May 31 article in the *Sault Star* entitled "Parents key to putting a stop to bullying," in which he talked about research that shows girls with good sportsmanship tend to be bullies or victims less often. The article also appeared in the *St. Catharines Standard* May 30, and a similar article entitled "Sports are rife with bullying" appeared on CBC online May 29.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, penned an article published in the *Globe and Mail* May 31 entitled "Loved China. Maybe too much. Also loved women," in which he discusses the research and passions of scientist and author Joseph Needham. Burton was interviewed June 2 for Radio Canada International as part of a segment entitled "Cleared Guantanamo Prisoners Could Find Refuge in Canada."

Stephanie Soccio-Marandola, International Orientation Co-ordinator, Intensive English Language Program, was interviewed for a May 30 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Great response given to earthquake fundraiser," in which she noted volunteers raised \$14,324 in three days to aid victims of China's recent earthquake. The article and a similar one also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and *Niagara This Week*.

John Hodson, Research Officer, Tecumseh Centre of Aboriginal Research and Education, was interviewed for a May 30 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Native education gets failing grade from Brock researcher," in which he talks about the emotional and physical challenges of helping Aboriginal students to succeed in their education.

Jamie Fleming, Director of Residences, was interviewed for a May 24 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Thorold taking students under its wing," in which he noted all first-year students are offered a residence spot when coming directly from high school. **Brad Clarke**, Off-Campus Housing Officer, was also interviewed,

noting the number of housing units available at the time.

Dennis Soron, and **Mary Beth Raddon**, Professors, Sociology, were interviewed for a May 28 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Cyclists organize to get lanes," in which they discussed the negative impact of rebuilding downtown streets without lanes for cyclists.

Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business, was interviewed for a May 29 article in the *Hamilton Spectator* entitled "Brock loses a dean, gains a teacher," in which he talked about his 10 years as Dean, and his love of teaching. Kusy was also interviewed for a June 5 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock dean stepping down, looks forward to teaching."

John Corlett, Dean, Applied Health Sciences, was interviewed for a June 5 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "The campus on the canal," in which he talked about Brock's potential role in Welland's development of a health-care industry centre of excellence in the downtown area.

Jack Lightstone, President, was interviewed for the June issue of *Business Niagara* magazine, in an article entitled "Diagnosis Niagara," in which he talked about the employment opportunities in Niagara for Brock graduates.

Ellen Faulkner, Assistant Professor, Sociology, was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Ottawa Citizen* entitled "Ottawa's high rate of hate crime reflects strong police efforts: Officers reach out to communities most likely to be targeted," in which she explained the role of proactive policing measures in ensuring increased hate crime reporting. Faulkner was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Kingston Whig Standard* entitled "Hate crime stats misleading: police. Sargeant says calling Kingston 'racist' is 'unfortunate,'" in which she explained why gay and lesbian victims of violence seldom report hate crimes to police. She was also interviewed by CBC Radio Regina, Sask. June 9 for a segment of CBC Radio Regina regarding the findings in the Statistics Canada Report, "Hate Crime in Canada," which was released the same day.

Canada's Wonderland, Zooz tickets offered at discount

Specially priced tickets to Canada's Wonderland are now available online to all Brock faculty, staff and alumni. Tickets can be purchased directly by going to www.canadaswonderland.com; click the "Tickets" tab and enter the Corporate ID "BrockU." From here, you may select the tickets for the appropriate ages, purchase and print

them off from your computer.

Discount coupons for Zooz and Zooz concerts are available at the Conference Front Desk, DeCew Residence, which is open 24 hours every day until Aug. 24.

Coupons can be redeemed at Zooz for discounted tickets purchased on arrival at the park.



Gathering at the recent Graduate Student Awards and Donor Recognition reception in Pond Inlet are, from left, Jim Leach, Professor, Communications, Popular Culture and Film; Chris Richardson; Kamalpreet Sihra; Christine Arnold; James Heap, Dean of the Faculty of Education; Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies; Martin Head, Professor, Earth Sciences; Lesley Stefanyk and Paul LeBlanc.

Second-year student earns prestigious Vincor scholarship

Ryan Corrigan, second-year Oenology and Viticulture (OEVI) student, was one of two recipients of Vincor's new Grow Your Own scholarships.

Corrigan received his honour earlier this month at a reception at Jackson-Triggs Estate Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"As a leader in the wine industry, Vincor is proud to give back to our community and invest in the development of students' talent," said Jay Wright, President, CEO, Vincor Canada, during the event.

Along with \$1,500 per year in scholarship funds, the Grow Our Own program puts student recipients in paid co-op placements at

Vincor's vineyards and wineries in the Niagara region, British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, and Australia or New Zealand.

After catching the "wine bug" through his work at one of Vincor's Wine Rack stores, Corrigan decided to transfer from the University of Ottawa, where he was studying biomedical sciences, to Brock's OEVI program.

"I'm extremely pleased to be part of the Grow Your Own program, and I thank Vincor and Brock University for the opportunities they have given me," said the Campbellville, Ont. native who has also worked as a field technician, scouting Niagara-area vineyards and collecting grape samples.

"There's no substitute for applying knowledge in the real world," noted Brian Grant, Co-ordinator of Experiential Learning/Co-op for OEVI, and Brock's point person in co-ordinating the scholarship with Vincor.

"The co-op experience represents the most valuable part of a future winemaker's or viticulturist's preparation."

Anne-Marie Bitton, a student in Niagara College's Grape and Winery Technician certificate program, also received a Grow Your Own scholarship.

Vincor Canada is a division of the world's largest wine company Constellation Brands.



Jay Wright, left, and Ryan Corrigan.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

• **Thomas S. C. Farrell** gave the opening keynote address at the "Refresh, Reflect, Renew: Connecting Through Reflective Practice Across Disciplines" conference at Centennial College, Toronto, May 28 to 30.

• **David Hayes** presented a paper entitled "Teaching in times of conflict in Sri Lanka: The life and career of a Tamil teacher of English" at the interdisciplinary conference Narrative Matters: Storying Our World, in Toronto, May 7 to 10.

CLASSICS

Fanny Dolansky presented the paper "Playing with Gender Roles: Children's Dolls and Femininity in the Roman World" at the Feminism and Classics V conference held in Ann Arbor, Mich., on May 10.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

• **Neta Gordon** presented the paper "of inkling, of implication": John Gould's Kilter: 55 fictions as a short story cycle" for the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English in Vancouver, B.C., on June 2.

• **Ann Howey** presented a paper, "Desire and Death: Illustrating Elaine," for the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English in Vancouver, B.C., on May 31.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

• **John Hodson** and E. K. Niemczyk had their paper, entitled "Beyond the horizon: Internet technology as a new knowledge system for Aboriginal education in Canada," accepted to the 2008 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, Melbourne, Australia.

• **Louis Volante, Susan Drake, Lorenzo Cherubini, and Michelle Smythe** presented the paper "A comparative analysis of elementary versus secondary teachers' assessment literacy" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education, in Vancouver, B.C., in May.

• **Nancy Taber, Sharon Abbey, L. Howard, and Georgann Watson** presented the papers "Lived experiences of adult educators: Paradoxes, ambiguities, and intersections" at the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE) conference at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. Abbey, Howard, Taber and Watson presented the paper "Border-Crossings: Interactive Conversations in a Feminist Work-space" at the Canadian Association for the Study of Women and Education (CASWE) 2008 conference in the same location. Watson, Abbey, Howard and Taber also presented "Border Crossings: Creating a Feminist Work Space in the Academy" at the Canadian Women's Studies Association (CWSA) 2008 conference in the same location.

GEOGRAPHY

• Four members of the faculty presented papers at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, May 20 to 24, in Quebec City, including **Jeff Boggs**: "Constraints on the evolution of Canada's anglophone book trade" and "Contemporary scholarship on the cultural economy;" **David Butz** (with **Nancy Cook, Sociology**): "Living with a road in Shimshal, Pakistan;" **Daniel Olson**: "Moving beyond as 'sense of place': Managing salvation at sacred sites;" and **Dragos Simandan**: "Omitted variables in the geographical treatment of human inequality" and "The epistemological status of ex post facto analysis in Geography." Graduate student Katie Hemsworth presented a paper entitled "Identities in transit: Headphones and the construction of personal soundscapes in public space."

• **Hugh Gayler** presented an invited paper entitled "Ontario's Greenbelt and Places to Grow legislation and the future for the countryside and the rural economy" at the Space to Place: the Next Rural Economies Workshop, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, B.C., May 15 and 16.

LIBRARY

Doug Suarez co-presented a poster entitled "Nursing and medicine: their professional cultures and implications for training in evidence-based practice" at the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA) annual conference in Halifax, N.S.,

May 26 to 29.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir and soloists in his farewell concert, entitled "Choral Pleasures: From Madrigals to Mancini," on May 31 in Etobicoke. The eclectic program included two of his arrangements of German folk songs, Heidenröslein and Du liegst mir im Herzen, written especially for the choir, the latter receiving its premiere performance that evening. At the conclusion of the concert, an Arts Etobicoke representative presented him with an Artist Appreciation Award.

NURSING

• **Lynn McCleary** made the presentation "Waiting for Geriatric Clinical Experiences: Challenge & Success" as part of a panel "Getting Geriatrics/Gerontology into Curricula" at the Annual National Initiative for Care of the Elderly Knowledge Exchange, in Toronto on June 6.

• **Lynn Rempel** and Katrina Moore presented a poster "Comparison of Peer-Led and Nurse-Led Prenatal Breastfeeding Education" at the National Community Health Nurses Conference, hosted by the Community Health Nurses Association of Canada and the Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group, in Toronto, May 29 to 31. **Lynn McCleary, Rempel, Gloria Morris, Colleen Flynn, Mary Lou DeCou and Catharine Lowes** presented a poster "Public Health Nurses Breastfeeding Best Practice Guidelines Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviour" and a paper "Focused Implementation of RNAO's Breastfeeding Best Practice Guidelines Based on Mothers' Breastfeeding Experiences" at the same conference.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

• **William Mathie** gave the lectures "Our Best and Greatest Men? Lincoln and the Founders," and "Till Sovereigns be Philosophers: Hobbes's Political Philosophy and the Invention of Modernity" to faculty and students at Baylor University, Texas, on April 18.

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PRE-SERVICE, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Julian Kitchen and **Lorenzo Cherubini** delivered two papers at the Canadian Society for the Study of Education conference in Vancouver, May 31 to June 3: "A web of partnerships: Collaboration between a university and a self-regulatory body" and "Building teacher leadership through a teacher induction institute." Along with **Joe Engemann**, they also delivered a paper titled "Listening to the voices of new aboriginal teachers: Transcending conceptual borders and strengthening connections."

PSYCHOLOGY

Jane Dywan and **Sid Segalowitz** gave presentations on "Self-regulation and the Medial Prefrontal Cortex: from Normal Development to Psychopathy" and "Electrocortical and Autonomic Measures of Performance Monitoring in Aging" at the University of Tübingen's Institute for Medical Psychology and Behavioural Neurobiology and at the Department of Psychology of the University of Padua, May 19 to 27.

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Hilary Findlay and **Craig Hyatt** presented "Procedural justice as a critical element in managing disputes," at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference, in Toronto, on May 31.

YOUTH UNIVERSITY/CATI

Kate Cassidy presented the paper entitled, "Youth on Campus: The Scholarship of Engagement and Increasing Access to Post-Secondary Attainment" at the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education Conference during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Vancouver, June 1 to 3.

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Classifieds

HOUSE OR APARTMENT WANTED: New Brock faculty member and husband looking for housing within walking distance from campus, from Aug. 1 to May 2009, though exact dates negotiable. We are quiet non-smokers with no pets. House/petsitting OK too. E-mail barbara.burrell@classics.uc.edu or call 513-556-3180 (day), 513-861-0809 (evening).

FOR RENT: First floor of a raised bungalow, three bedrooms, immaculate condition, by the escarpment, close to Brock. Available Sept. 1, \$1,300/month, utilities included (basic cable, Internet, hydro, gas, and heat). Call 905-321-4523 or e-mail rdeschatelets@cogeco.ca

FOR RENT: Two-storey, three-bedroom home, located in mid-town St. Catharines on a tree-lined street, at 45 Maple St. New siding, wrap-around porch, high ceilings, large kitchen, main floor laundry, and finished attic. Yard work and four appliances included. Asking \$1,100 plus utilities. Available now. Call John at 905-685-4758.

Brock, Niagara College, NRPS renew collaborative program

The ongoing success of a collaboration between Brock, Niagara College and the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) resulted in the official renewal recently of the articulation agreement for the Collaborative Study in Policing in Criminal Justice (CSPCJ) program.

The program – the only one of its kind in Canada – responds to the need for police professionals with a solid academic background and applied skills and knowledge in areas of policing and criminal justice by facilitating students' transition between both post-secondary institutions, and providing valuable real-world learning opportunities with the NRPS.

Since it was established six years ago, more than 40 students have successfully graduated from the program and joined various police services, in Niagara and throughout Ontario. The program, administered by Brock and Niagara College, receives full support and assistance from the NRPS.

"As a result of this program, students are provided a unique opportunity to concurrently obtain a four-year university degree and a college diploma in police foundations," noted Wendy Southall, Chief of Police, NRPS. "Once students complete the program, the NRPS considers graduates well prepared to compete for a career opportunity as a police officer.



The Collaborative Study in Policing in Criminal Justice program articulation agreement was recently renewed with the signatures of the involved parties. Representatives included, from left, Terry Boak, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, Brock University; Joyce Engel, Vice-President Academic, Niagara College; and Gary Beaulieu, Deputy Chief, Niagara Regional Police Service.

"The program also allows our organization to gain an in-depth perspective into the qualifications and readiness of potential candidates."

"This initiative recognizes the value of working together to provide relevant

education and training experiences for students," said Terry Boak, Brock's Provost and Vice-President, Academic. "The program exemplifies partnership and community engagement. It also gives back to the community, in that graduates of the program go on to pursue careers in policing in the Niagara Region and beyond."

During the signing ceremony, Officer David Sinclair, one of the first CSPCJ program graduates, told those assembled the program "helped immensely" the advancement of his career within the NRPS.

Although the CSPCJ program is designed primarily to prepare graduates to enter the policing profession, the broad-based liberal education that students receive also opens doors to other professions, including corrections officer, parole officer, and private security consultant.

Students may also go on to further their education by attending graduate school in their chosen discipline or by attending law school.

Niagara College and Brock share a common commitment towards higher education in the Niagara region by improving lifelong learning and pathways for students, building on areas of specialization, developing niche joint programs, and enhancing the student experience by providing innovative, collaborative services.

For information about the CSPCJ program, visit: www.brocku.ca/policing

Sakai-based LMS to be phased in

The University will spend the next year phasing in a new Learning Management System (LMS).

Terry Boak, Brock's Vice-President Academic and Provost, announced the move to an open-source, Sakai-based LMS during a May senate meeting.

Brock has an opportunity to build a new LMS that is in tune with the University's needs and built upon a stable hardware infrastructure, representing a significant investment by the University.

The new Sakai-based system will be built upon a cluster that has all the features of a system that is redundant, reliable, scalable, and with sufficient capacity.

Spring 2008 marks the beginning of a phased transition at Brock to using exclusively a Sakai-based LMS for the 2009-10 academic year. Instructors have the option of using Sakai right now and students may already be taking courses that make use of Sakai.

As of July 31, 2009, WebCT will no longer be available at Brock. An implementation plan has been drafted to assure the transition from WebCT to Sakai can be accomplished without incident and with minimal discontinuities.

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) and others have begun the process of documenting Sakai and training faculty. Updates will be posted soon.

A contest to name the new Sakai-based system has been announced and can be found at www.brocku.ca/ctlet/sakai/contest.php



Computer Science hosts programming contest for teens

The Computer Science Department at Brock recently hosted a computer programming contest for high school students from the District School Board of Niagara.

Fifty-five students from Grades 10, 11 and 12 were given a series of problems to solve during the May 23 competition.

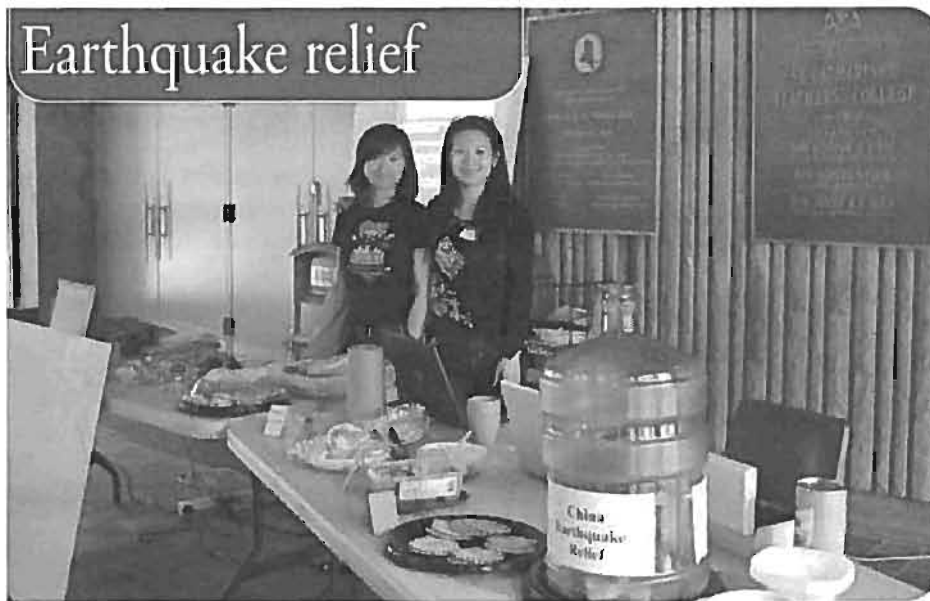
Winner of the Brock Book Store Awards included:

- Grade 10: Aaron Neufeld, Eden High School
- Grade 11: Eric Sones, Thorold High School
- Grade 12: Jason Zhao, Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School

The Deans Scholarship Award for a Graduating Grade 12 student went to Michael Richards of Laura Secord Secondary School.

Brock departments contributing to this successful annual event include Information Technology Services, Co-op Programs, Recruitment and Liaison, Student Services and the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

The computer Science Department would like to thank Tracey Morin and Matthew O'Beirn from ITS for their exceptional efforts in setting up the computer labs for the contest.



Students and graduates from the MEd ISP program in the Faculty of Education held a bake sale and solicited funds at both the St. Catharines and Hamilton campuses recently to raise money for China earthquake relief. A moving PowerPoint presentation accompanied their efforts, which raised more than \$1,000 for the Red Cross. Ling Peng and Lingzhi Liu were volunteers.

Summer swimming opportunities offered

The Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre and Walker Complex have several ways to keep children active and fit this summer season.

• Summer swim lesson registration begins Monday, June 23 at 5 p.m. in person at the Walker Complex Welcome Desk, or by phone at ext. 4060, and continues through the summer. Lessons run in two-week sessions, beginning June 30. Information can be found at www.brocku.ca/aquatics

• Looking for a summer aquatics experience for your child? Junior Lifeguard Camps run weekly beginning June 30 and stress fun and aquatic skill development based on personal-best achievement. Building on skills they already have, Junior Lifeguard Club members work to develop and

improve swimming and other aquatic skills with emphasis on swimming skills, lifesaving skills, lifesaving knowledge, leadership and teamwork, community education, competition and personal fitness. Members apprentice with working instructors and lifeguards. Register at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex. More information is available online at www.brocku.ca/aquatics/programs/camps.php

• Summer Youth Memberships for the Walker Complex are available for high school students ages 15 to 17. Adult members of the Walker Complex who would like to bring their children 13 years and older may also purchase a summer membership for them (child must be directly supervised by the parent).

German professor joins Physics staff

Reinhard Kremer, an internationally renowned senior scientist from Max Planck Institute of Solid State Research in Stuttgart, Germany, has joined the Physics Department as an adjunct professor.

Kremer is the author/co-author of more than 300 papers, monographs, and review articles in the field of solid state physics and chemistry and holds several patents to his name. As an adjunct faculty member, he will supervise/co-supervise the research of both undergraduate and graduate students in the Physics Department, teach occasional graduate courses during his summer visits to Brock and continue his collaboration with Feri Razavi, Professor, Physics. Two members of the Physics Department, Razavi and S. K. Bose, have had long-standing collaboration with scientists from this institute in Germany.

Kremer's appointment will further strengthen Brock's ties with this research institute, which is considered a world leader in the field of condensed matter physics.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the recent election for staff representation to the Board of Trustees. It is much appreciated.

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Student's tenacity results in \$16,500 scholarship

Brock student Colleen Sword has achieved a North American level of recognition and more than \$16,000 in scholarship money – all because she took the time to fill out a form.

The Welland resident recently received the Soroptimist International (SI) of the Americas Women's Opportunity Award.

She applied for the local SI award through the Stoney Creek-Niagara club, and ended up being awarded \$1,000. Her name was then submitted to the Eastern Canada Region, where she won and was awarded \$5,500. Finally, as one of 28 first-place recipients representing all the clubs in Soroptimist International of the Americas, Sword again came out on top, earning an additional \$10,000, for a total of \$16,500 for her education.

"You don't know how much this means to me. I could never say thank you enough," an emotional Sword told local and regional SI representatives during a recent presentation at Brock. "This will most certainly help me to keep going."

Each year, Soroptimist clubs assist women in overcoming personal difficulties and bettering their lives through education and skills training. Eligible applicants must be women who provide the primary financial support for their families, and who are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.

Sword fits the bill on every level; a single mother of four, Sword deals with several challenges in her home life. Not only does she deal with her own epilepsy, her children also have serious health challenges: three of her four children have seizures, with one actually being diagnosed with epilepsy. Two of her children have autism, and one has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. She is currently studying in the four-year combined Honours Psychology and Behavioural Science Technology Program, with hopes of graduating in 2010. Sword also has ambitious plans to attend teacher's college in the fall of 2010, while continuing her studies in the Applied Disabilities Studies master's program.



Margaret MacRae, representing Soroptimist International, offers an SI pin to Colleen Sword.



Arts funding

The Centre for the Arts will be able to present its Professional Entertainment Series for 2008-09, thanks in part to a recent investment by the Government of Canada. St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra, right, visited the Centre for the Arts July 9 to present \$60,000 in funding from the Arts Presentation Canada program. Joining him for the announcement were, from left, Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Rosemary Hale, Dean of Humanities, and Debbie Slade, Director of the Centre for the Arts.

Accessibility changes visible around campus

Of all the books, binders and documents lining her shelves, Margaret Sanderson looks to one particular blue binder when addressing accessibility issues at Brock.

As the University Accessibilities Co-ordinator, Sanderson works diligently alongside staff, faculty, alumni, students and community agencies to break down physical barriers on campus.

More specifically, she works with the Brock Barrier Free Working Group, chaired by Geography Professor Jeff Boggs and mature student Marie Belliveau, and Facilities Management to implement changes that have been identified and tallied in that blue binder.

"They really are a great group who deserve some recognition for all their hard work," Sanderson noted.

The thick volume contains the findings of an extensive Accessibility Audit, completed in 2007. The working group and Facilities Management work to prioritize what work should be done, as well as what work can be done within the allotted funding.

"Door operators was one of the first things we said we wanted changed this year," she noted.

"The key door was the (Schmon) Tower entrance. It's just old and temperamental, and it's a key place."

Replacing or installing 12 automatic door openers was completed this spring in several places on campus, including the

Walker Complex, Mackenzie Chown A block and Taro Hall, to the tune of \$40,000.

A total of \$200,000 was allocated from the Facilities Renewal Program for accessibility upgrades for 2007-08, while the same amount will be available for 2008-09 projects.

According to Scott Walker, Manager, Campus Planning Design and Construction, Facilities Management, this year's funding also includes \$50,000 for renovations to various campus washrooms; \$100,000 for handrails in the Thistle lecture halls and the David, S. Howes Theatre; and \$10,000 for a washroom redesign study for a Thistle corridor washroom.

The working group, which meets usually once a month, is currently prioritizing the project list for next year's funds.

Walker and Tom St. Ivany, also from Facilities Management, work with Sanderson to vet the wish list of the working group, which includes representatives from the Student Development Centre – Services for Students with disabilities, the community group Niagara Centre for Independent Living, and the St. Catharines Accessibility Advisory Committee.

"I consider this a crucial part of my service work at Brock," noted Boggs. "Everybody that we interact with, whether it's Facilities Management, the Library, or any other unit or group within the University, has been by

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New ITS director joins staff

Dr. Philip Wright joined the Brock community last month as the new Executive Director, Information Technology Services.

Wright, who reports jointly to the Vice-President, Academic and Provost Terry Boak and the Vice-President, Finance and Administration Steven Pillar, comes to Brock from the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, where he was Director, Information and Instructional Technology Services.

He was responsible for planning and providing technology solutions and services, including multimedia and application development, client services and desktop support, research computing, systems development and instructional technology support.

Wright enjoys creating client-centred teams and services aimed at improving institutional core missions, streamlining and increasing communications, simplifying administration, and increasing opportunities for new initiatives.

He brings 20 years' experience in industry and higher education; he replaces Dr. Jim Kerr who has been serving as Interim, Executive Director, ITS for the University since February 2007.

"I'm very pleased and proud to be a member of the Brock community. I'm looking forward to working with staff, faculty, and students to develop a sustainable vision for strong and reliable IT services at the university."



Dr. Philip Wright

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Sainty takes post of Interim Dean, Faculty of Business

The Faculty of Business has named Barbara Sainty Interim Dean, effective July 1. Sainty succeeds Martin Kusy, who has served as Dean of the Faculty since 1998.

"We are extremely gratified with the selection of Barbara Sainty, a gifted educator and highly respected teacher and administrator," said Kusy. "Her diverse experiences over a 13-year career in post-secondary education, including five years in administrative roles as Chair of the Accounting Department and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs, will certainly serve the Faculty well."

Sainty received her PhD and Master of Arts (Accounting) from Ohio State University. Prior to that, she graduated from the University of Regina with a degree in Administration. Her research includes corporate governance and corporate social responsibility and professional judgment.

Brock Briefs

MEd Thesis Defence

Sandra Styres, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, July 21 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Language Shifting Among the Hadenosaunee of Southern Ontario: Edwaenagé: tsgó - shogwaya-dlhis- oh nidwawenó-de: shogwaa-wi: tsáhohwejáda-t." External examiner: Pamela Toulouse, Laurentian University; thesis supervisor: Michael Manley-Casimir; committee members: Merle Richards and Lorenzo Cherubini; chair of the examining committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Brock student one of Top 20 Marias

Samantha Walkes has spent part of her break from school touring London in the company of Andrew Lloyd Webber. The 19-year-old Brock English and drama student from Hamilton was one of 20 candidates who got to sing in England as part of the CBC-TV program *How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?* While she wasn't one of the 10 chosen by Webber to continue in the quest to play Maria von Trapp in *The Sound of Music at The Princess of Wales Theatre* in Toronto, her last appearance ended with Webber telling her "you are quite seriously, wonderfully talented." The show was originally taped in April at the London Palladium.

The eventual winner of the program airing this summer will star in the Toronto production, opening this fall.

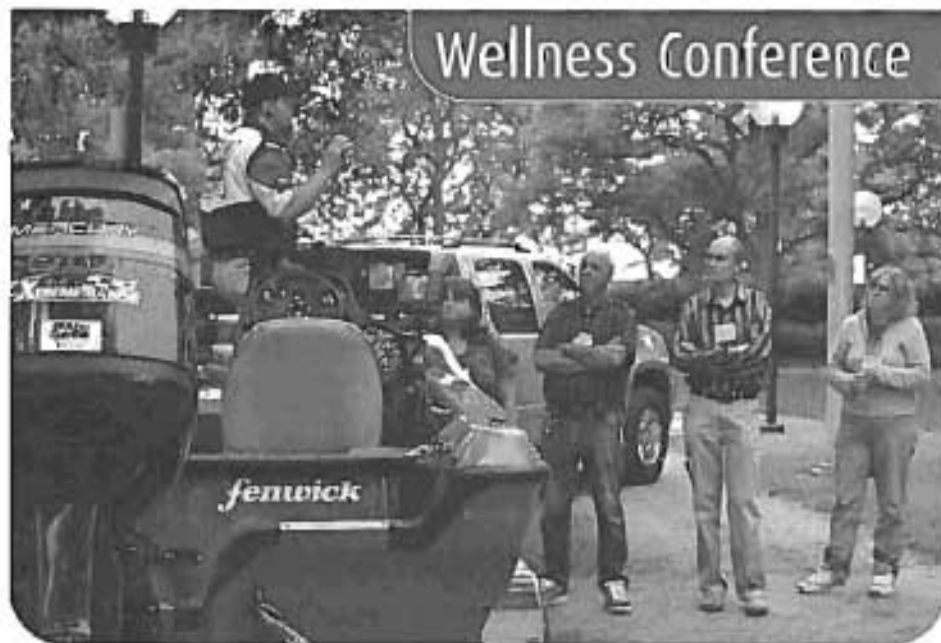
Winemaker earns gold - seven times over

Winemaker and Brock graduate Gina Haverstock took home an impressive seven gold medals this season, five at the All-Canadian wine championships and another pair at the Tasters Guild International competition. The Port Hawkesbury native works at the Gaspereau Vineyards in Nova Scotia.

Judging for the All-Canadian championships was done in Windsor. This year, 152 wineries across the country submitted more than 1,000 wines for consideration.

United Way campaign needs volunteers

The Brock University Employee United Way Campaign Committee is now planning for this year's campaign. We are looking for caring and dedicated people who can contribute some of their time to help. Any and all help would be welcome and appreciated. If you would like to join Brock's United Way team and help with the campaign, contact Kevin Lawr at ext. 3511 or e-mail unitedway@brocku.ca



Wellness Conference



A bit of drizzling rain didn't dampen the spirits of attendees for the 2008 Wellness Conference as they took in such outdoor sessions as Bass Fishing (above), and Get to the Point... into the Target!, a pointed lesson in archery.

Wellness Conference attracts record attendance

Without a doubt, YOU **ROCK!** Attendance at Brock's ninth annual Employee Wellness Conference on June 19 reached record numbers. In addition, money raised from the Penny Sale totalled an impressive \$1,505, which will be shared equally among Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, Conservation Council of Ontario and Hospice Niagara. Thanks to all of you for your participation and generous support. Congratulations to Greenshield Bike draw winner, John Rynberk, from Facilities Management. Nadia Shaver and Dorothy Krynicki won Earth Ball Consolation prizes.

While attendance and participation at this event were key to its success, many individuals, units and departments worked together to provide a positive and energy-filled day of well-being for all Brock employees. Special thanks go out to Custodial Services, Research Support and Web Services, Centre for the Arts, Tele-Communication and Network Services, Recreation Services, Printing Services, Community and Conference Services, Food Services, Parking Services, Facilities Management and the Health and Well-being Committee.

We hope you will be able to incorporate many of the skills,

techniques and knowledge acquired at YOU **ROCK!** into your life at home and work to optimize your health and well-being. Of course, this year's "green" theme also stressed the need to focus on the health of something we all share - the Earth. Now we need to carry forward all that we learned about conservation and commit to doing everything we can to meet the environmental challenges ahead.

Several great suggestions about conserving at Brock were received, including prizewinners (I Conserve T-shirts): developing an animal husbandry credit program in association with raising sheep, goats and cows to "mow" the lawn (by Linda Buys of the Registrar's Office) and harnessing the energy from spin classes at the Zone (by Cathy Angelone of the University Secretariat). Thanks to all who contributed their ideas. They will be saved and reviewed by an Environment and Sustainability Committee to be struck in the next few months.

View photos that capture the excitement and fun of the day plus thought-provoking Greener Brock suggestions at

www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference

- Conference organizers



More than 20 staff spent their Wellness Conference time volunteering as part of Brock Cares Day of Service, by doing general yard work outside and brightening up the children's bereavement room with a fresh coat of paint at Hospice Niagara's Stabler Centre.

Library entrance shifts during next phase of Learning Commons construction

The construction of the Learning Commons within the James A. Gibson Library has moved into the next phase, which involves the existing Library entrance/exit and the Circulation Desk. To help ensure the timely completion of the project, the following measures are in effect for the duration of construction:

- The check out of books, borrower registration, holds pickup, interlibrary loan pickup and drop off, payment of fees and fines, and change will be provided at the desk located inside Room 211, near the elevators
- Two photocopiers and a cash card manager machine that dispenses copy/print cards will be available for use on the main floor
- The existing east entrance and exit will be completely closed
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Thank you for bearing with us. Your patience and co-operation are appreciated.

- Library Staff

Aquatics Manager says thanks for the memories

To the Brock University community, As I prepare to retire from Brock University as Aquatics Manager and former swimming coach, I would like to thank you all the faculty and staff I have had a chance to collaborate with on various University issues of business over the past 28 years.

Although it's time to go, I appreciate all the help and advice from all sectors and the talented people at the University.

I should add, I probably won't be too far away and with a lifetime membership to the Walker Complex, I'll be sure to see many of you there.

Thanks for a great 28 years and believe me, Brock University has been a great institution for my family and me in every way, especially the people who make it so.

Best regards,
Herb de Bray

Cancer ride team raised more than \$15,000 in successful bike event

Team Brock University members each successfully completed the 211-kilometre ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls in the inaugural Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting Princess Margaret Hospital on June 21 and 22. Together we raised more than \$15,000 toward curing cancer in our lifetime and the Ride raised more than \$14 million! Thanks to all in the Brock community who supported us and followed our progress.

- Ian, Elna, Lynne, Judy and Gillian

Summer issues of Brock News will be published:

- July 30
- August 13
- August 27

Deadline: Friday after publication for the next issue.



Marie Belliveau, left, and Jeff Boggs, centre, are the co-chairs of Brock's Barrier Free Working Group. Along with Margaret Sanderson, Accessibility Co-ordinator, they were eager to test the new automatic door openers at the main entrance of the Schmon Tower.

ACCESSIBILITY

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and large quite gracious and respectful of our concerns. We are fortunate enough to be building on the work started by others who were and still are active in the Brock community, such as Judith Brooder."

Each project brings Brock one step closer to the provincial mandate of complete accessibility, according to the Accessibility for Ontarians with

Disabilities Act. The government has set a target date of Jan. 1, 2025 for businesses and institutions to comply with the legislation.

"Everyone is moving towards it, they are just approaching it in different ways," Sanderson noted.

"The smart ones are doing the work a little at a time, so it doesn't cost so much all at once."

Changing the face of Food Services, one meeting at a time

Chris Roberts has taken on what may seem like a tough mission to some: the new Director of Food Services with Sodexo wants to change the overall perception associated with the University's food service provider.

Roberts has already met with a few Brock groups in the months since his arrival on campus, but he says he will meet with every group, one meeting at a time, if necessary.

"I would like to offer every department the opportunity to forward me an e-mail with a few availability dates for a meeting in their department. I will arrange my schedule to be there and we can discuss a list of their concerns," he noted recently after a meeting with staff from Student Development.

Roberts noted that meeting offered a chance for staff to air their issues with food service. He addressed each concern, noting any changes that could be made, but also explaining the reasoning and history

behind things which could not be changed at this time.

"At the end of the meeting, I believe they were genuinely happy that they knew their concerns could be voiced and heard with someone

from Food Services in a face-to-face meeting. It helped them understand why certain things were done the way they were and the past history behind certain decisions. I was thrilled about the meeting and took away a number of ideas from their comments."

The success of the meeting put Roberts on his current path of reaching out to others. He suggested someone from each department pass around a sheet to allow people to list comments on it before meeting him in person.

"It's a tall order, but one that I am very excited about doing. I really want to change the face of Food Services one meeting at a time."

To contact Roberts, call ext. 3747 or send an e-mail to Chris.Roberts@sodexo.com



Chris Roberts



Visiting students dissect owl pellets in Youth University's Natural Science Program.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Ellen Faulkner, Assistant Professor, Sociology, was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Ottawa Citizen* entitled "Ottawa's high rate of hate crime reflects strong police efforts," in which she explained the role of proactive policing measures in ensuring increased hate crime reporting. Faulkner was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Kingston Whig Standard* entitled "Hate crime stats misleading: police," in which she explained why gay and lesbian victims of violence seldom report hate crimes to police. She was also interviewed by CBC Radio Regina, Sask. for a segment of *Blue Sky*, regarding the findings in the Statistics Canada Report, "Hate Crime in Canada."

Kate Cassidy, Director of Youth University, was interviewed June 27 on the morning show of 105.1 The River regarding Youth University's summer enrichment programs.

Deborah O'Leary, Director, and Carma Lynne Wylie, Manager, Brock University Heart Institute, were interviewed for a June 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock Institute is all heart," in which they discussed the new facility.

Joe Kenny, Manager, Don Lorimer Athletic Therapy Clinic, was interviewed for a June 17 article in *Metro* entitled "Start running for your life," in which he talked about the health benefits of running.

Isabelle Lesschaeve, Associate Professor, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, was interviewed for a June 20 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Riesling's long-awaited return to greatness becoming reality." Lesschaeve was also interviewed for a June 10 article by the Canadian Press entitled "A change is brewing, stats show," in which she discussed the move of Canadians away from beer and towards wine consumption.

Jack Lightstone, President, was interviewed for a June 21 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "City, Brock to work together on arts complex," in which he outlined the significance of the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the City of St. Catharines.

Iain Glass, Conference Services, was interviewed for a June 24 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock University going green with new farmers' market." Kristen Smith, Community Services Co-ordinator, was interviewed on the same topic in the July 2 edition of *Niagara This Week* for an article entitled "Brock farmers market growing."

Cathy Van Ingen, Assistant Professor, was interviewed for a June 19 article in the *Toronto Star* entitled "Club helps transform lives by teaching women to box," in which she described the success of the Toronto Newsgirls Boxing Club.

John Hay, Professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for a June 19 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Obese? Check activity meter," in which he discussed a Statistics Canada report linking increased television viewing with obesity. The article also appeared in the *Niagara Falls Review*.

Joe Engemann, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, was interviewed for a June 12 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Test results show gender gap," in which he discussed the impact of standardized testing at the elementary school level. The story also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and the *Niagara Falls Review*.

John Dick, Grounds Team Manager, Facilities Management, was interviewed for a June 26 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Green thumbs tackle historical garden," in which he talked about the upgrades to the Walker Botanical Garden near Rodman Hall.

Ron McTavish, former Dean, Faculty of Business, was interviewed for a June 28 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Book aimed at helping business conquer world," in which he talked about his contributions to the business book *Global Marketing*.

Larry Savage, Assistant Professor, Labour Studies and Political Science, appeared as a guest pundit on the CIS program *On the Line with Christine Williams* on July 3.

Lynn McCleary, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, was interviewed for a July 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Staff crunch blamed for nursing home woes," in which she discussed the resource challenges of Niagara nursing homes.

Youth University welcomed more than 3,500 students this spring

The course of a person's educational future begins at a young age. Family income level, educational attainment of parents, neighbourhood location, educational ambitions of parents for their children, and the educational goals of a child's peers are some of the factors shown to effect the aspirations of Canadian youth for higher education.

Youth University is a unique centre at Brock dedicated to helping young people meet their greatest potential and establish a path of lifelong learning through helping each child identify unique abilities, develop social skills, and become curious about the world.

During the past six weeks, 3,556 young people in grades 5 to 8 stayed at Brock as part of Youth University's spring programs. For most of these young visitors, it was their first glimpse into the world of post-secondary education. They took part in science, natural science or leadership programs and had the experience of living in University residence, learning in classes

and labs, and eating in the dining hall. Many enjoyed Brock's Olympic-sized pool and tried our ropes course as well. More than 40 Brock students from all Faculties acted as instructors and mentors for these youth, leading them through learning adventures in small groups of 10 to 15.

When asked if they had fun at Youth University, more than half of the young visitors gave Youth University a five out of five rating! Research conducted in 2007 found having fun at Youth University was positively correlated with students who planned to attend university in the future and thought that they would enjoy university.

This valuable and exciting program would not have been possible without the support and assistance of the Brock community.

The organizers noted many individuals, Faculties, and departments were part of making a positive and memorable experience for the young visitors.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Veena D. Dwivedi presented the talk "The neurophysiology of scope ambiguity" in collaboration with N. A. Phillips, S. Einagel and S. Baumat, at the Canadian Linguistic Association, which held its 2008 conference as part of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. on May 31. Dwivedi also presented the paper "Logical semantics in language processing: An ERP study" with colleagues John Drury and Karsten Steinhauer of McGill University at the 15th Annual Cognitive Neuroscience Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., on April 15.

Hedy McGarrell presented a paper entitled "Small-group interaction in two types of environments" at the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics Conference during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Vancouver, B.C., June 3 to 7.

BUSINESS

Don Cyr, with **M. Kusy** and **A. Shaw**, presented the paper "The Potential Use of Weather Derivatives to Hedge Harvest Rainfall Risk: An Application" at Wine in the World: Markets, Tourism and Globalisation, the Third International Conference on Economics, Management Sciences and History of Wine, in Bordeaux, France, June 5 to 7.

CHEMISTRY

Georgii Nikonov made the presentation "Diversity of Interligand Si-H Interactions in Half-Sandwich Complexes of Group 8 Metals" at the University of Tsukuba, Japan, on May 29, and at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, on May 30.

CLASSICS

Katharine T. von Stackelberg presented a paper titled "Garden Hybrids: Hermaphrodite Space in the Roman House" at Feminism and the Classics V, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., on May 10.

EARTH SCIENCES

Dan McCarthy recently presented two workshops, "Identification of lichens in the mixed hardwood forest," and "Use of arboreal lichens to monitor air quality, at the Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Protocols Workshop, hosted by the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network Co-ordinating Office (EMAN CO), Ontario Ministry of Environment, Parks Canada, and Bird Studies Canada.

ECONOMICS

Four members of the Department of Economics presented papers at the annual meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, held June 6 to 8 at the University of British Columbia in conjunction with the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress: **Marilyn Cottrell** presented "A Complementary Technique for Reinforcing Basic Microeconomic Principles by Utilizing Animated Vignettes;" **Robert Dimand** organized seven sessions (a "Keynes at 125" mini-conference marking the 125th anniversary of the birth of John Maynard Keynes) and presented "The Roots of the Present are in the Past: The Relation of Postwar Developments in Macroeconomics to Interwar Business Cycle and Monetary Theory;" **Hasan Imam** presented "Implications of Tax Expenditures on the Progressiveness of the Canadian Tax Structure;" and **Felice Martinello** presented "The Effects of University Characteristics and Academic Regulations on Degree Completion and Time to Degree."

Dimand also co-authored two papers at the HOPE 2008 conference at Duke University, April 25 to 27: "Trevor Swan and the Neoclassical Growth Model" (National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 13950) with Barbara J. Spencer of UBC; and "James Tobin and Growth Theory: Financial Factors and Long Run Growth" with Steven Durlauf of the University of Wisconsin.

GEOGRAPHY

Alun Hughes presented a paper entitled "Mapping the Great Swivel Link" at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Canadian Cartographic Association and Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives at the University of British Columbia. He delivered two keynote addresses: "Laura Secord: Seeking the Truth Beneath the Chocolate Coating" at the Annual Meeting of Heritage Niagara, and "The Origin and Naming of St. Catharines" at the 120th Anniversary Celebration of St. Catharines Public Library. In addition, he presented the following papers: "Terrorist Attacks on the Welland Canal," at the Brock Wellness Conference, "How Onguiaahra became Niagara (and the Mountain became an Escarpment)," at the Thorold and Beavertams Historical Society, and "'Lord Simcoe,' Lady Godiva and the Naming of Niagara's Townships" at the Historical Society of St. Catharines.

Honours student **Emily Watt** placed first in the 2008 Canadian Cartographic Association's President's Prize competition for

student map-making. Her map, entitled "The European Union in the Golden Years," was produced as part of GEOG 4P03, Advanced Cartography. Emily is continuing her studies in geography as a master's student at the University of Toronto.

HISTORY

R. Andrew McDonald presented a paper on "The Isle of Man under its late Norse kings as a maritime society" at an international conference on Maritime Societies of the Viking and Medieval World at Kirkwall, Orkney, Scotland, on June 3.

MATHEMATICS

Chantal Buteau delivered the paper "Encourager la créativité mathématique et l'indépendance intellectuelle des étudiants universitaires par l'utilisation de la technologie: une implémentation à Brock University" in the Mathematics Education session at the Second Canada-France Congress at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), in Montreal, June 1 to 5.

Thomas Wolf gave the talk "Hyperdeterminants as integrable 3D difference equations" at the SIDE 8 International Conference (Symmetries and Integrability of Difference Equations) in Ste-Adèle, Québec, June 26.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Felipe Ruan presented a paper entitled "Giovanni Della Casa's *Galateo* refashioned into *Galateo español*" at the joint Convention of the American Association of Italian Studies and the American Association of Teachers of Italian, in Giardini Naxos, Italy, May 22 to 25.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen's composition *Peaceful Niagara*, a setting of the poem *Niagara in 1882* by John Macdonald, received its premiere performance June 14 in St. Catharines. The work was commissioned and performed by the Niagara Men's Chorus in celebration of its 20th anniversary. The occasion was an NMC-hosted joint concert entitled "Ontario Sings," involving five ensembles from, and sponsored by, the Associated Male Choruses of Ontario.

NURSING

Lynn McCleary presented as part of two panels on evaluation of nursing best practice guideline implementation at the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) Best Practice Guidelines Summer Institute: Leading and Shaping Clinical Excellence, in Alliston, Ont., June 11 to 13.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Matthew Hennigar presented two papers to the Canadian Political Science Association at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences in Vancouver, June 4-6. The first was entitled "Judicial Activism or Compliance? Federal Government Concessions in Charter of Rights Cases," and the second, with Lori Hausegger and Troy Riddell, "Exploring the Links Between Party and Appointment: Canadian Federal Judicial Appointments from 1989 to 2003."

Leah Bradshaw presented the paper "Empire, Polis, Republic" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Humanities and Social Sciences Congress, Vancouver, B.C., June 4.

PRE-SERVICE, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Lorenzo Cherubini and **Julian Kitchen** presented the paper, "New teachers' leadership capacity in the context of a teacher induction project" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education, in Vancouver, B. C. in May.

RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Erin Sharpe, **Trent Newmeyer**, and **Martha Barnes** presented "CD on the down-low: Institutionalizing community development in public recreation," at the 12th Canadian Congress on Leisure Research, in Montreal, May 13 to 16.

SOCIOLOGY

Mary-Beth Raddon organized a session, "Focus Groups: Methodological and Epistemological Issues," at which she also presented the paper "Sleuthing the Layered Text: A Learning Object on Qualitative Coding" at the Canadian Sociological Association conference at the University of British Columbia on June 6.

Michael Palamarek organized a panel entitled "Critical Theory, Materialism, and Commodity Aesthetics," where he presented his paper "Working with Adorno," at the first North American Historical Materialism conference, held at York University, Toronto, April 24 to 26.

VISUAL ARTS

Duncan MacDonald recently installed a new site-specific artwork at the Grimsby Public Art Gallery entitled "White picket sound fence." The work, running until Aug. 14, is a sonic graph charting annual rainfall levels in the Grimsby area

from 1930 to the present. An art catalogue will also be published in conjunction with this exhibition. MacDonald is currently exhibiting a video artwork at Gairloch Gardens (Oakville Galleries) in a group exhibition entitled "Mnemonic Devices." The show, curated by Matthew Hyland, runs until Aug. 31. See www.oakvillegalleries.com

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Classifieds

FOR SALE: Custom-built John Boldt Builders Co. two-storey house in St. Catharines, north of QEW. 3,000+ sq. ft. (five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, two-car garage), walking distance from school, shopping, parks, and trail. Fifteen minutes from Brock and three minutes from QEW. web.mac.com/alex2010 or call 716-697-1695.

FOR SALE: Adult-driven, 2002 Mitsubishi Galant 2, appx. 6L for 100 km, in excellent mechanical condition (E and safety tests passed), burgundy red exterior, grey interior. Auto transmission, all electric, cold AC, power steering, CD-radio. \$5,500. Call 716-697-1695.

FOR SALE: House on rare 100 X 200 feet treed lot in Fonthill, 2,600+1,300 sq. ft. Heated inground pool, large cedar deck, eight-person hot tub, stone fire pit. \$689,900. E-mail kristy_kraemer@hotmail.com

Library transforms Social Sciences, Humanities research with digital files

Explore Marco Polo's travel writings. Browse the pages of a 17th-century book of midwifery. View dramatic performances by Sir John Gielgud, Sir Anthony Hopkins and Dame Helen Mirren.

With the Library's new digital collections, Brock researchers will have online access to a wealth of scholarly materials, ranging from books, letters and historical documents to music scores, maps, artworks and visual materials.

These latest acquisitions are the result of Brock's membership in the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), a partnership of Canadian universities, dedicated to expanding digital content for the academic research enterprise in Canada.

In 2008, a joint \$47-million investment by the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI), eight provinces, and 67 universities, allowed CRKN to negotiate major research collections, including:

- Adam Matthew Digital Collections (China: Trade, Politics and Culture, 1793-1980; Defining Gender, 1450-1910 Online; Eighteenth Century Journals I; Eighteenth Century Journals II; Empire Online; Mass Observation Online; Medieval Travel Writing; and Slavery Abolition and Social Justice, 1490-2007)

- CAIRN – the most comprehensive collection of French language periodicals in the social sciences and humanities disciplines

- *éruvit* – providing access to mainly French-language journals, e-books, proceedings, and theses in the humanities, social sciences, and natural science

disciplines

- Classical Scores Library – 400,000 pages of the most important classical music scores and manuscripts
- Theatre in Video – more than 250 of the world's most important plays, together with more than 100 video documentaries and online streaming video
- Intellex Past Masters – 117 full-text humanities databases
- Canadian Publishers Collection – 8,100 English and French e-book titles from 44 Canadian publishers (including major Canadian university presses)
- New JSTOR Collections – Arts and Sciences IV and V
- Periodicals Archive Online – access to 19th and 20th-century scholarly journals
- ALPSP Learned Journals Collection – 696 journal titles by 52 publishers
- Oxford University Press e-books
- Cambridge University Press e-books
- Taylor and Francis e-books

"The sheer volume of digital materials and the interdisciplinary nature of the collections translate into exciting new opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and student engagement with scholarly resources," noted Margaret Grove, University Librarian.

Many of these resources are available now through the Library's website at www.library.brocku.ca/dbinfo/crkn.php and access to all collections will be available by the fall.

For more information, contact Pamela Jacobs, Associate University Librarian for Collections, at ext. 3961, or e-mail pjacobs@brocku.ca

Try a Tri



Eighteen athletes participated in the recent second annual Try a Tri event at Brock. The triathlon was won by Ian Young in a time of 33:51. Next year's swim, bike and run event will be held in conjunction with the Wellness Conference. Start training now!



Margo Carter, left, Human Resources, purchases strawberries from Sarah and Kim Duffin of Duffin's Appleworks during a recent Friday Farmers' Market in Jubilee Court. The market continues every Friday throughout the summer.

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Present to the scholarship announcement are, from left, Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies; David C. Murray, donor; Elizabeth Surtees, donor; Rosemary Hale, Dean, Humanities; and David Schimmelpenninck, Chair, Department of History.

Niagara history focus of scholarship

Shedding some light on Niagara history could earn a Brock graduate student a financial reward, thanks to a new award established by David C. Murray and Elizabeth Surtees of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The duo recently made a significant donation to Brock to establish a graduate award for students studying the history of Niagara. Entitled the David C. Murray and Elizabeth Surtees Niagara Historical Society Post-Graduate Scholarship in the History of Niagara, a donation of \$56,000 was made to establish the award. The

Ontario government's Ontario Graduate Fellowship Program will match their funds with \$56,000, bringing the total value of the graduate student award to \$112,000.

The students who receive this award should be in a graduate history program at Brock and carrying out their major research paper on a Niagara local history subject, focusing on such topics as the political, economic, social, industrial, agricultural, maritime, or related history of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake or former township of Niagara.

Grant's 37-year teaching career at Brock wasn't intentional – at first

After 37 years of service to Brock University, Brian Grant retired at the end of June from his post as Co-ordinator of Experiential Learning/Co-op for the Oenology and Viticulture (OEVI) program.

At a recent retirement party, Joffre Mercier, Acting Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, spoke on behalf of Brock to thank him for his contributions and wish him well.

"We wish you the best of retirements. We will miss you, Brian," said Mercier.

Grant started at Brock in 1971 as a senior lab demonstrator in the Department of Geology. He was eventually asked to be a geology lecturer in the summer session, and later for evening lectures in the fall and winter semesters.

"I hadn't planned to become a teacher; it just sort of happened," Grant said.

In January 1997, Grant officially joined CCOVI, though he'd been involved with the Institute since fall 1996.

On top of his regular duties, Grant often played the part of unofficial photographer at CCOVI, capturing special events and the lives of students, staff and faculty at the Institute. He says he plans to further develop this skill in retirement.

"It's been great to work with the

dedicated group of people who've made CCOVI what it is today," said Grant.

"He has been a wonderful colleague, friend and teacher to so many, and a CCOVI fixture since its inception," said Barb Tatarnic, Co-ordinator of Continuing Education and Wine Education Events, who has worked with Grant since CCOVI was established.

Cara Boese, Senior Relationship Manager, Co-op Programs Office, will assume Grant's responsibilities in handling co-op and experiential learning for OEVI students. Gail Higenell, Senior Lab Demonstrator, OEVI program, will take over his academic and admissions advising for the undergrad program.



Brian Grant, right, celebrates his retirement with, from left: Linda Bramble, CCOVI Professional Affiliate, Debbie Inglis, CCOVI Researcher, and Barclay Robinson, Oenology and Viticulture student.

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BrockNews

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Prestigious Aboriginal event has strong Brock participation

For indigenous scholars, researchers and educators, the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) is the most prestigious conference in the world. Hosted by a consortium of universities and Aboriginal communities in Melbourne, Australia, the conference theme for 2008 is Indigenous Education in the 21st Century: Respecting Tradition, Shaping the Future.

The conference has generated an overwhelming international response of high standard abstracts and Brock University is there in strength, as several emergent scholars have had four papers accepted for presentation at WIPCE. John Hodson is completing doctoral work at York University, and Sandra Styres is completing a master's degree in education at Brock; both are Mohawks working at the Tecumseh Centre. Michelle Bomberry is Cayuga and Polish-born Ewelina Niemczyk are Brock master's students.

"It is an unbelievable honour to participate in a conference of this stature," says Styres, who works in Iroquois language restoration. "To be accepted at WIPCE is clear evidence of the relevance of our work, not only to Canada, but to a wider international indigenous community."

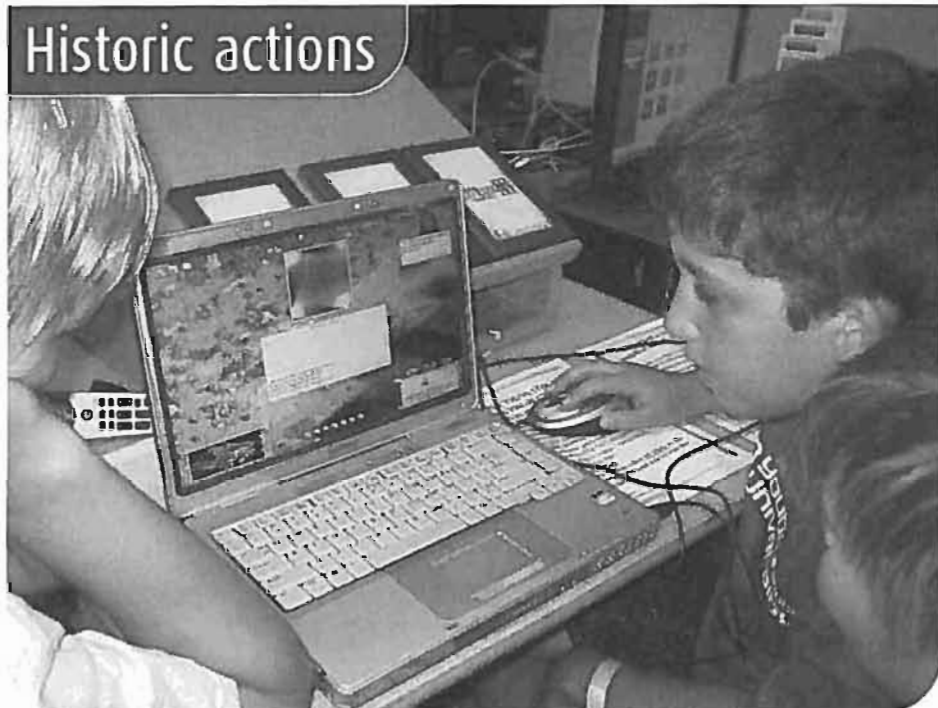
Graduate student Niemczyk believes her work on how people become researchers has been well informed by her experiences of working with Aboriginal researchers at Brock. "Aboriginal research methods shine an alternative light on how to build supportive communities of researchers that encourage skill development," Niemczyk said.

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John Hodson, Sandra Styres, Ewelina Niemczyk and Michelle Bomberry will represent Brock at WIPCE.

Historic actions



ABOVE: Excited Youth University participants assist one another as they make trades and alliances in their computer-simulated civilization. BELOW: Kevin Kee looks on during play.

History's virtual reality engages young campers

Many educators believe that video games have enormous potential as learning tools if the games are fun to play and if the virtual worlds they present are both interesting and relevant.

Earlier this month, 12 young learners had the opportunity to explore Canadian history as they relived, replayed and even rewrote Canada's history using a video game called The History Canada Game during a one-week Youth University program called Civilization Canada.

The History Canada Game is a "what if" virtual reality game of Canada, in which players take on the role of one of nine civilizations in 1525, and can play as one of seven Native cultures – Abenaki, Algonquin, Huron, Mi'kmaq, Mohawk, Montagnais, or Ojibwe – or as English or French settlers. Players have a range of resources to build from, such as cod, corn, tobacco, and animal hides. During the one-week enrichment camp, the young learners also interacted with artwork, text, short video clips, hands-on games and even maps from Brock's Map Library.

This hands-on program isn't aimed at teaching rote history, but rather the underlying variables such as the dynamics of making choices, and the consequences that arise out of choices.

"Children had the opportunity to collaborate and make tough practical and moral decisions in true-to-life scenarios" noted Kate Cassidy, Director of Youth University. "This program was developed to teach kids about history in a fun and interactive way as well as help them develop higher-order thinking skills such as strategic thinking and problem solving."

This Youth University program,



Civilization Canada, was developed in a working partnership with Brock's Kevin Kee, PhD, Canada Research Chair of Humanities Computing, and Director of the Simulating History Research Lab. "At a time when many commentators are calling for new strategies to effectively use technology in schools, and reach boys who appear disengaged in the traditional classroom, we have prototyped an exciting and innovative way to successfully learn history," noted Kee.

Youth University offers nine different programs each week until Aug. 22 for children who have just finished grades 3 to 8. Civilization Canada was one of the nine held the week of July 14 to 18. There is room for only 12 to 14 young learners per program, each designed around specific topics. A small number of openings are still available this summer. Youth University offers a discount to Brock families.

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca/youthuniversity

Brock Days 2008

Gourlay named Tribute! honouree

The Brock Days tradition comes alive again this year from Sept. 18 to 27 as the University hosts its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration. Brock Alumni and friends are invited to come together and experience the best that Brock and Niagara have to offer as the University once again partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

Tee off the Brock Days celebration by playing in the Annual Brock University Alumni Association Golf Tournament taking place on Sept. 13. Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts happens Sept. 18 at Rodman Hall, where you will experience the offerings of Niagara's finest chefs and wineries. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased through the Box Office at ext. 3257.

Start the weekend by celebrating with the Brock Community as we gather on Sept. 19 to roast and toast one of our own at Tribute! This Brock Days tradition honours an individual who has made a significant contribution to campus life and who best exemplifies the Brock Spirit. We are pleased to announce this year's Tribute! recipient is Ron Gourlay, Brock University Students' Union Business Manager.

The much-anticipated Annual Grape Stomp and Concert takes place Sept. 26 in Jubilee Courtyard with entertainment from the musical sensation Flat Broke. The Wine Festival at

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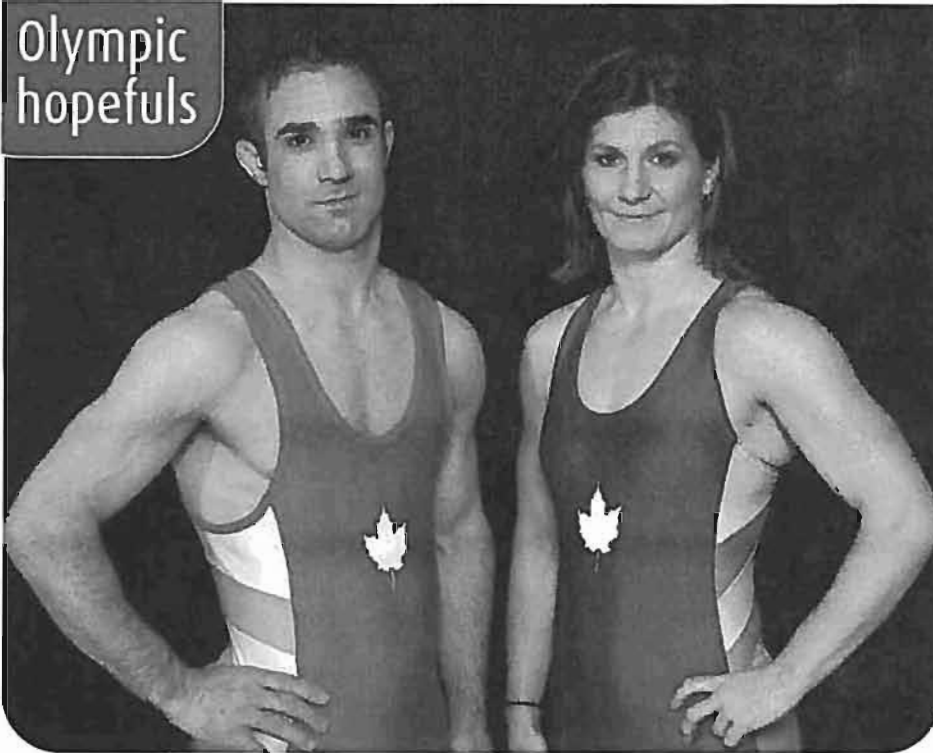
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HOT TICKET brochures available now

The Centre for the Arts is entering its 39th year of presenting an annual season of performances from September to April showcasing national and international artists in the Sean O'Sullivan and David S. Howes theatres. The 2008-09 HOT TICKET Professional Entertainment Season is packed with musicians, actors, dancers and artists to suit all styles, tastes and ages. The extensive lineup includes fan favourites who are returning by popular demand, plus many others who are brand new to the centre stage. The Centre for the Arts is also presenting school performances for Niagara-area students and community arts outreach events.

Tickets for the coming season are currently on sale to HOT TICKET members only and go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. Join the growing list of members who have first access to the best music, dance, drama and comedy, great seats, great savings and the flexibility to buy the shows they want.

Copies of the 2008-09 HOT TICKET Professional Entertainment Season brochure have been distributed campus-wide. If you already have received one, please share your copy with friends and family. Full-time Brock faculty and staff are able to purchase their season tickets and membership through payroll deduction. For more information regarding the membership program or any of the great shows in the 2008-09 season, contact the Box Office at ext. 3257 or visit www.arts.brocku.ca



Saeed Azerbaijan and Tonya Verbeek, members of the Brock Wrestling Club, will represent Canada next month at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Brock student Brady Reardon will be competing in the K-4 1000m event. Schedule: olympics.thestar.com/2008/schedule

Board names newest Trustee Emeriti

During a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, six former members were approved for the title of Trustee Emeritus. The Board established the honorary title last year in order to acknowledge the distinguished and meritorious service to the University of former members of the Board.

"The Board will benefit from the continuing involvement of these valued individuals in specific activities and initiatives and for their counsel and advice," noted this year's report.

The title of Trustee Emeritus was approved for the following individuals: George

Barkwell, David Edwards, Ken Fowler, Willy Heidbuechel, Andy Panko, and Carol Reid.

A Trustee who has served at least two full terms of three years is eligible for nomination as a Trustee Emeritus after retiring from the Board for one year. Election to Trustee Emeritus is by a majority vote of the Board on the recommendation of the Governance/Nominating Committee. A Trustee Emeritus is not counted as a member of the Board and has no voting rights, but is invited to serve on special committees constituted by the Board and/or the President.

Successful raffle for Andrew's Flight nets more than \$300

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets on the "Andrew's Flight" raffle for the Baby Gift Package.

The winner was Jeanette Davis in

International Services.

The total raised is \$320.

Hope Bauer
Accounts Payable

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Jonathan Roepke**, a Master of Science candidate in the Centre for Biotechnology, will defend his thesis on Monday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. in H313. The title of his thesis is "Localization and Functional Characterization of Iridoid Biosynthetic Genes in *Catharanthus roseus*." His examining committee members are: Rick Cheel, chair; Mark Gijzen, external examiner, Agriculture Canada; Vince De Luca, supervisor; and committee members Tony Yan and Doug Bruce.

• **Matthew Mulligan**, a Master of Science candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend his thesis on Friday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of his thesis is "Glucose Dynamics in Rat Skeletal Muscle: Recovery from Osmotic Stress." Supervisor: Brian Roy; external examiner: Mike Lindinger, University of Guelph; committee members: Sandra Peters, Paul LeBlanc; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Bethan Kingsley**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend her thesis on Wed., Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Teamwork and Leadership: Competitive Youth Soccer as a Context for Positive Youth." Supervisor: Jamie Mandigo; external examiner: Barry Wright, Brock University; committee members: Cathy van Ingen; Philip Sullivan; chair: Ken Lodewyk. All are welcome.

• **Renata Faber**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Gender Bias in the Trends in Mathematics and Science Study 2003 (TIMSS) for Canadian Students." External examiner: Don Klinger, Queens University; thesis supervisor: Joe Engemann; committee members: Ralph Connelly and Kelly Lockwood; chair of the examining committee:

TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Lynn Farquhar**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m. (EST) in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Words on Wisdom: Perspective Transformation in a 'Learning in Retirement Institute'." External examiner: Patricia Cranton, University of New Brunswick; thesis supervisor: Denise Paquette-Frenette; committee members: Xavier Fazio and Ann Marie Guilmette; chair of the examining committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Sara Gill**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. in WH147. The title of the thesis is "Creating a Space for Self-Transformation: Factors of Success for Adult Literacy Learners with Learning Disabilities or Suspected Learning Disabilities." External examiner: Margaret Jordan, Don Reilly Resource Centre, DSBN; thesis supervisor: Joe Engemann; committee members: Tiffany Gallagher and Rosemary Young; chair of the examining committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Erica Paton**, Master of Science candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend her thesis on Friday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. in WC204. The title of her thesis is "Attention Focus and Balance Control in Young and Older Adults." Supervisor: Allan Adkin; external examiner: William Gage, York University; committee members: David Gabriel, Jae Patterson; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

PhD Biotechnology Thesis Defence

Stephanie Martin, PhD student in Biotechnology, will present her thesis defence on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 1 pm in H313. The title of her thesis is "The Osmoadaptive Response of the Wine Yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* K1-V1116 during Icewine Fermentation." Examining Committee members are: Rick Cheel, chair, examining committee; Elizabeth Weretilnyk, Dept. of Biology, McMaster University, external

examiner; Debbie Inglis, supervisor; Alan Castle, internal examiner; Heather Gordon and Vince De Luca, committee members.

Fall Swim lesson registration

Registration begins Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. for the fall session of swimming lessons and continues until classes begin. You may register in person at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex, or by phone at ext. 4060. Lessons begin on Sept. 20.

Please see www.brocku.ca/aquatics for lesson information, and times.

Children's movement program returns

Does your child like to climb, explore, jump, dance, play games, or do gymnastics? The Brock University Children's Movement Program operates on Saturday mornings, and there are classes for children from the moment they walk to the age of 12. The departments of Physical Education and Kinesiology and Recreation Services partner to offer a physically active educational program which allows all children, regardless of physical ability, the opportunity to participate, aiding them in the development of self-concept and social skills. The program is integrated, and movement partners are available to assist children who may have a special need to enjoy the activities. Details are available at www.brocku.ca/recserve/children.php, or by calling ext. 4060. The program begins Saturday, Sept. 20.

Brock Works 2008 dates set

The annual Welcome and Orientation for new faculty and staff is set for Aug. 13 to 15 this year. Workshops and supplementary training are offered on Aug. 13 and 14, with campus tours and the annual Health and Well-being Family Picnic on Friday, Aug. 15. This year's picnic will be in conjunction with the Farmers' Market held in Jubilee Court. For more information visit www.brocku.ca/oehs

Wireless network upgrade coming in August

As part of its ongoing commitment to create a secure computing environment, ITS will implement a new network protocol called 802.1x, which will be available when logging onto the University's wireless network.

Starting the week of Aug. 11, ITS will have the protocol activated for general use. The new protocol will improve network security and performance for all users. The University's faculty and staff will be required to use BrockSecure (WPA2 protected) wireless network using 802.1x authentication to access specific resources such as shared drives and printers. Wireless users who require access to these resources and are currently using BrockNet instead of BrockSecure network will have to change their mobile device configuration by that date.

The access to BrockNet will still be available to Brock faculty and staff. However, only web-based resources, such as webmail, will be available. The instructions on how to connect to BrockSecure wireless network are available on the web at www.brocku.ca/wireless

If you require further assistance or have any questions, contact the ITS HelpDesk at ext. 4357.

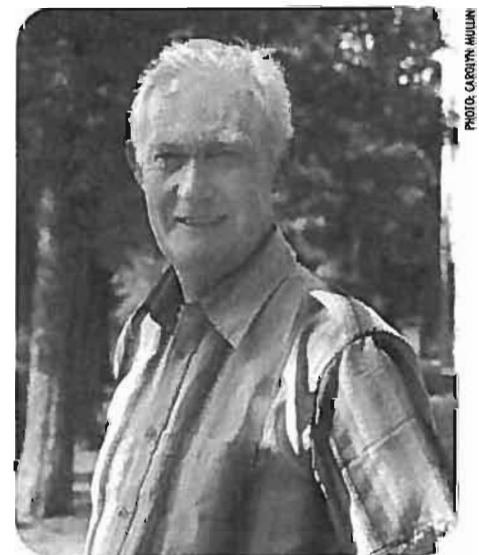
Co-op Programs leader honoured at national level

Gloria DiDiodato, Associate Director of Co-op Programs, was recently awarded the Moe Ktytor Award of Merit for outstanding service to the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers (CACEE).

The award recognizes exemplary contributions to the association through a specific and definable means, as a single act or a number of cumulative activities over several years, with impact on CACEE's national level.

In DiDiodato's case, she was honoured for longstanding service, to the equivalent of more than 50 years of volunteer work. As a volunteer with CACEE, she has served as chairwoman of the regional board, served on the executive of the national board, and she has organized countless conferences and events.

DiDiodato's achievement was highlighted at the national conference recently in Montreal, bringing with it recognition for Brock as well.



Ron Gourlay

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Montebello Park will be in full swing again this year and will host a number of activities for Brock Alumni and Friends, including a salute to Brock University's Alumni Winemakers.

Visit www.brocku.ca/brockdays for more information on all the planned events.

Faculty of Education researchers take stage at two key conferences

This spring, Brock University and the Faculty of Education were well represented by faculty members and graduate students alike at two key educational research conferences.

Many Brock researchers make the yearly trek to the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), held this year in March in New York City. This international research society strives to advance knowledge about education, to encourage scholarly inquiry related to education, and to promote the use of research to improve education and serve the public good. A competitive process combined with the large number of accepted papers indicates that the quality of scholarship from Brock is perceived to be high by both national and international peers.

Another sizeable group of Brock scholars attended the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Annual Conference, held in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The CSSE, and its national constituent associations, is the largest organization of professors, students, researchers and practitioners in education in Canada. CSSE is the major national voice for those who create educational knowledge, prepare teachers and educational leaders, and apply research in the schools, classrooms and institutions of Canada. This bilingual conference, held this June at the University of British Columbia, provided an opportunity for the discussion of issues among educational scholars from across the nation.

A sample of some of the work presented at both AERA and CSSE is included below, while the activities of Brock scholars at other key educational conferences, are included in the Faculty and Staff section.

AERA Annual Meeting, New York City, March

- **Anne Fraser**, course facilitator and curriculum writing team member in the Adult Education program, received the 2008 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Narrative Research SIG Outstanding Dissertation Award. The title of her dissertation is "All the Workplace is a Stage - Work as Discourse: A Narrative Inquiry Into Workers' Professional Development."
- **L. Volante, S. Drake, and L. Cherubini** presented the paper "Examining the factors that influence administrative responses to large-scale assessment."
- **T. L. Gallagher, J. Kitchen, D. Ciuffetelli-Parker, C. Figg, and S. Griffin**, presented the paper "Establishing and sustaining community: The second year of a self-study group in a faculty of education."
- **T. DiPetta, V. E. Woloshyn, T. L. Gallagher, and A. M. DiBiase** presented the paper "Reviewing an integration program for students with learning disabilities and mild intellectual delays: Teacher, student, and parent perspectives."
- **S. Bosacki, A. Elliott, V. Woloshyn, M. Bajovic, and S. Ratkovic** presented the paper "Harry Potter and Bart Simpson: Admiration or imitation?"
- **D. Armstrong** and B. McMahon presented the paper "Race and the dynamics of schooling: Administrators working within organizational cultures."
- **D. Armstrong** and B. McMahon presented the paper "Educators' Civic Responsibility: Constraints to Equitable Opportunity and Achievement."
- **D. Mogadime, K. Mentz, and D. Armstrong** presented the paper "Women who have aspired to educational administration in South Africa: What are the challenges and opportunities?"

CSSE, University of British Columbia, June

- **D. D. Karrow, and X. Fazio** presented the poster session "Engaging children in NatureWatch beyond the handmaiden of literacy" at the meeting of the Science Education Research Group of the Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies.
- **X. Fazio and T. L. Gallagher** presented "Characteristics that support learning: An examination of two teacher development collectives using a complexity framework" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Teacher Education.
- **A. Pitt, J. Kitchen, R. Mrazek, W. Nielsen, A. Phelan, L. Thomas, V. Triggs, and C. Kosnik** presented "Thinking like a teacher in teacher education."
- **L. Cherubini, J. Kitchen, and J. Engemann** presented the paper "Listening to the voices of new Aboriginal teachers: Transcending conceptual borders and strengthening connections."
- **J. Kitchen and L. Cherubini** presented "A web of partnerships: Collaboration between a university and a self-regulatory body."
- **L. Cherubini and J. Kitchen** presented the paper "Building teacher leadership through a teacher induction institute."
- **L. Volante, S. Drake, L. Cherubini, and M. Smythe** presented the paper "A comparative analysis of elementary versus secondary teachers' assessment literacy."
- **C. Lu** presented "Moving toward mindfulness."
- **V. E. Woloshyn, A. M. DiBiase, T. L. Gallagher, D. Dworet, T. DiPetta, and S. Bennett** presented "Implementation and stakeholder perspectives of a support program for students with learning disabilities and mild intellectual delay."
- **T. L. Gallagher, A. Grierson, and R. Kumar** presented the paper "Mutually-reinforcing professional learning opportunities that support teacher change in literacy instruction and assessment."
- **R. Kumar** presented the paper "Academic Freedom: An Idea at a Crossroads" at the meeting of the Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration.
- **J. Kentel and D. D. Karrow** presented the paper "(Ek)static educating: Exploring locales for intuiting ecological imagination in teacher education" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Teacher Education.
- **Karrow** was also a participant in the Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory (EPTC) and Culture writing workshop "Back to the Things Themselves."
- **C. Mitchell** and M. Meyer presented the paper "Healing the theory-practice divide in educational administration."
- **P. Woods, L. Sackney and C. Mitchell** presented the conversation session "Pushing the boundaries: Leading towards democratic learning communities."
- **M. K. McGinn and E. K. Niemczyk** presented the paper "Learning opportunities and team dynamics in social science research teams" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education.
- **M. K. McGinn and M. Frake** presented the paper "Ten years of celebrating mentorship in CSSE."
- **P. Klassen-Dueck, K. Sykes, and S. Bosacki** presented the paper "Psychological language in novels for middle schoolers: A content analysis."
- **C. Figg, S. Griffin, C. Lu, and P. Vietgen** presented "New faculty cross borders through self-study in teacher education: Global horizons."
- **D. Mogadime** presented the paper "Doing the hard work of transforming institutions: University youth and teachers organize for the development of women's studies courses in high schools."
- **C. Skorobohacz and D. Mogadime** presented the paper "Understanding Socially Just and Equitable Approaches Enacted in One Teacher's Critical Literacy Program."
- **Dolana Mogadime** is President of the Canadian Association for the Study of Women in Education (CASWE). A link to the May/June Newsletter follows: http://www.csse.ca/CASWE/Newsletters/CASWE_News_May_2008.pdf

Mediatalk People in the news

Gary Pickering, Professor, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, was interviewed for a July 12 article in the online edition of the *London Telegraph* entitled "New wine words send texture messages," in which he explained the use of texture words to describe the wine-tasting experience. Pickering has also been the subject of several blogs this month on the topic of using humans for taste-testing cat food. The story, entitled "Human panel judges cat food," was picked up from *The Daily Cat* based on his article in the *Journal of Animal Physiology and Animal Nutrition*.

Lynn McCleary, Professor, Department of Nursing, was interviewed for a July 1 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Ombudsman investigating Liberals' governing of nursing homes," in which she noted the probe should look at new priorities in regulation and inspection. The story also appeared in the *Niagara Falls Review*.

Jody Thomas, President, Brock University Students' Union, was interviewed for a July 8 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Getting to know the neighbours," in which he talked about BUSU's community barbecues set for this fall.

Anne Marie Guilmette, Professor,

Recreation and Leisure Studies, was interviewed for a July 11 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Craitor not convinced Vegas-style sports betting would be cure-all for casinos," in which she discussed the increased problem of gambling addiction that could come with introducing sportsbooks in Ontario.

Derek Foster, Professor, Communications, Popular Culture and Film, was interviewed for a July 16 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Nothing funny about this comic strip," in which he talked about comic book artists who have tackled serious issues in recent years. The story also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

David Hutchison, Professor, Pre-Service Education, was interviewed for a July 2 article for the *Metro* chain of national newspapers entitled "Educating with games," in which he noted many video games have great teaching potential in several academic areas, including mathematics and geography. Hutchison was also interviewed by CHCH TV on the same subject.

Kimberley Gammage, Associate Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed for a July 7 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "A question of balance," in which she talked about research with women and osteoporosis in relation to their balance and the potential for falls. The story also ran in a number of Opsrey papers across Ontario.

Education researcher, PhD candidate win national publication award

Dolana Mogadime, PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, and **Sherry Ramrattan Smith**, PhD candidate, Joint PhD in Educational Studies, are the 2008 Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies (CACS) Outstanding Publication Award recipients.

This annual award recognizes an outstanding publication related to scholarly insights and advances made in curriculum studies in Canada. The publication (cited below) was judged by a panel of Canadian curriculum scholars on the basis of its relevance to the field of Canadian curriculum studies, originality, timeliness, and quality of writing. A commemorative plaque was presented to the winners of the outstanding publication award at the CSSE conference held at the

University of British Columbia in June.

Their article was also refereed and selected as one of 10 (runner-up) finalists for the International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations International Award for Excellence in the Area of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations.



Dolana Mogadime

The article listing: Mogadime, D., and Ramrattan Smith, S. (2007). "Including Muslim Teachers' Sensibilities into Wider National and International Discussions About Culturally Responsive Pedagogy." *The International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*, 7(4) 217-230, <http://ijd.cgpublisher.com/product/pub.29/prod.558>

CONFERENCE

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"I am humbled by this opportunity to represent Brock and my work on the international stage."

The recent and sweeping apology - for residential schools abuses - delivered by the federal government in the House of Commons in June has resulted in a renewed, but cautious sense of hope for Aboriginal people in this country. Hodson, a Tecumseh Centre Research Officer, sees the convergence of this year's WIPCE and federal government's apology as an example of a global consciousness shift to address the contemporary realities of Aboriginal peoples.

"Many of our people hope that education and research, grounded in our ways of knowing, will bring an end to the inequities experienced in our communities," Hodson

said. "Brock continues to be on the cutting edge of Aboriginal education and research and we are now being recognized for that by being accepted to present at WIPCE."

Hodson notes that attending WIPCE will be an expensive proposition, adding "airfares alone will top \$10,000 for all and there just isn't the kind of support available from the usual sources. We are going to have to be very creative in our fundraising. I'm hoping the Brock community will recognize the potential to build relationships with other Aboriginal universities, researchers and scholars and tell the Brock story to a wider, international audience."

The conference takes places in December. For more information, contact Hodson at ext. 4757 or by e-mail at john.hodson@brocku.ca

Students earn award for newsletter

The Brock Student Ambassadors (BSA) have done it again, only this time their newsletter, the *BSA Bugle*, has received recognition on a higher international level.

The *Bugle*, whose fall issue was recognized by District II of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's student division, won the Outstanding Internal Program Award, for its spring edition, at the Association of Student Advancement Programs Network Convention in Utah.

The BSA newsletter was in competition with entries from all eight districts, which stretch far and wide from places such as Nunavut, Hawaii, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and everything in between.

"This couldn't have happened without a great team effort," noted Lynne Irion, Alumni Relations Co-ordinator. "Emily Keene did an outstanding job of getting people to submit articles and for a great layout. Well done."

STRATEGIES conference helps those with learning disabilities

Brock's Student Development Centre will host the third-annual STRATEGIES conference at the University from Aug. 17 to 20. The four-day program is designed to help incoming Brock students with learning disabilities make a smooth transition to University life.

"This conference will serve as a stepping stone to post-secondary education for students with learning disabilities by addressing their key questions and concerns," says Mary Ann Tierney, STRATEGIES Co-ordinator. "It will provide students with the opportunity to become acquainted with the University environment and

familiarize themselves with the services our office has to offer."

The conference will include a series of hands-on, informative seminars and discussions. Topics to be covered will include understanding the learning disability, time management and study skills; self-advocacy; and using assistive technology. The program will equip students with the information required to achieve both academic and personal success at Brock.

The conference, which takes place at various locations across the University, will open with a welcome barbecue on the evening of Sunday,

Aug. 17 in Pond Inlet.

The program is designed specifically for students with a diagnosed learning disability who have been accepted and will be entering their first year of study at Brock this Fall. The event is free for all qualified applicants.

Advance registration for STRATEGIES is required as a limited number of spaces are available. For more information, visit www.brocku.ca/sdc/disABILITIES/strategies or contact Tierney at ext. 3240 or by e-mail at mtierney@brocku.ca

The application deadline is Thursday, July 31.

Writers, researchers dive into Brock's archives to enhance published works

Historians, researchers and writers interested in the War of 1812 have been making fruitful use of the James A. Gibson Library's many services lately, resulting in the promotion of Brock within their published works.

The Archives and Special Collections and the Map Library are acknowledged several times in Guy St-Denis' recent article "The House Where General Brock Died?" in the summer edition of the *Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research*. The article details the search for the facts surrounding the location where Sir Isaac

Brock died after being shot in the Battle of Queenston, Oct. 13, 1812. Two archival collections, the Emma Currie Papers and the Niagara North Land Registry Copy Books, housed in the University Archives, were used for the investigation, as was a painting of the house in question, also located in the Archives.

The map library provided St-Denis with air photos of the Queenston area to help identify buildings, as well as access to historic maps of the Queenston area.

Local historian Robert Malcomson made use

of the Library, Archives and Special Collections, as well as the Interlibrary Loans department when researching material for this new book *Capital in Flames: The American Attack on York - 1813*. This book relates in great detail the events leading up to, during and following the burning of York by the Americans during the War of 1812. The Archives and Special Collections holds nine other works written by Malcomson, who conducts much of his research using this department, as well as the interlibrary loan service.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S. C. Farrell gave the keynote address at the "Refresh, Reflect, Renew: Connecting Through Reflective Practice Across Disciplines" conference held at Centennial College, Toronto, May 28 to 30.

CHEMISTRY

Georgii Nikonov recently gave the invited lecture "Silylamido Agostic Complex: From Curiosity to Catalysis" at the 15th International Symposium on Organosilicon Chemistry (ISOS-XV), on Jeju island, Korea, on June 3; and he gave the invited lecture "Rh Silyl Hydrides in Oxidation State +5: Myth or Reality?" at the Post-ISOSXV minisymposium, in Takasaki, Japan, on June 9.

ENGLISH

Tim Conley delivered the paper, "'Hive of Words': Poetics of the Eiffel Tower," at the first biennial conference of the European Network for Avant-Garde and Modernism Studies (EAM), Ghent University, Belgium, in May. Conley also delivered the paper "'Cog it out': Joyce on the Brain," at the International James Joyce Symposium at the Université François-Rabelais in Tours, France, in June. He also taught at the Trieste Joyce School, where he ran a week-long seminar on Joyce's book *Finnegans Wake* and gave the school's concluding lecture, entitled "The Missing and the Presumably Dead." He then read from his own fiction one evening in Trieste with Man Booker Prize winner Anne Enright.

Adam Dickinson presented the paper "Translating Toronto: Erin Mouré's Deterritorialized Pastoral" at a conference entitled "Poetic Ecologies: Nature as Text and Text as Nature in English-Language Verse" at Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium from May 14 to 17. He was also invited to read his poetry as a featured reader at the event.

Robert Alexander presented "Fabricators Atone: Michael Finkel's *True Story* and the Literary Journalism of Repair" at the Third International Conference for Literary Journalism Studies, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, Portugal on May 17. He presented a second paper on *Apologia* and Fabricated News at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric, University of British Columbia, on June 3.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Sandra Bosacki was co-editor, with Allyson Hadwin, University of Victoria, of the 2007-08 Canadian Association for Educational Psychology (CAEP) Newsletter.

T. L. Gallagher and **A. Grierson** presented the paper "Show me, help me, let me: Supporting teacher change through a demonstration classroom program" at the Annual Convention of the International Reading Association (IRA), Atlanta, Ga., in May. They also presented "Administrators at demonstration classroom sites: Leading literacy professional development" at the same conference.

Rodger Beatty was guest conductor for the Music Monday Massed Choir performance held at First Markham Place, Markham, on May 5. He conducted a 400-voice choir

comprised of students from various schools across the York Region District School Board. Music Monday is a program of the Coalition for Music Education in Canada which promotes the galvanizing power of music in Canada and how it is grounded and developed in school music programs.

Mary-Louise Vanderlee, Alice Schutz and Sally Hooper, MEd, presented in person, while other team members, **Joyce Mgombelo, Stephanie Jones**, MEd, and **Emily Hastings-Speck**, MEd student, presented electronically a description of a South African, after-school program that encourages family and community involvement as well as service learning, at the Association for Childhood Education International in Moscow, Russia, June 18 to 21.

Anne Elliott supervised **Spogmai Akseer**, MEd, during her project "So Far Away - Voices of Rural Afghan Women," which was recently published as a book.

MATHEMATICS

Yuanlin Li conducted a research field trip to China from May 16 to June 13. During the trip, he visited Nankai University and delivered a series lectures about group rings. He also visited Nanjing University, Southeast University and Shanghai Jiao-Tong University and gave several invited talks on reversible group rings and duo group rings.

Howard Bell and Li attended a math conference in Athens Ohio, from June 18 to 21. The latter also gave a talk entitled "On Duo Group Rings."

MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

Chang Hoon Oh presented the following three papers at the Academy of International Business Annual Meeting in Milan, Italy, June 30 to July 3: "Do Expanding RTAs Behave Like Trade Building Blocks," "The Market Value of Internationalization," and "Natural Disaster, Man-made Disaster, and International Trade: A Country-level and Industry-level Analysis."

Maxim Voronov and **Dirk De Clercq** presented "Upsetting art, upsetting commerce: From separate worlds to selective enactment" at the 2008 European Group of Organization Studies Colloquium in Amsterdam.

PHILOSOPHY

Christine Daigle presented three papers recently: "Beauvoir philosophe: phénoménologie, sexualité, ambiguïté" at the Special joint panel CPA/EPTC (Canadian Philosophical Association and Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture), Vancouver, B.C., June 5; "Towards Ambiguous Identity: Beauvoir's Challenge to Binary Thinking in *The Second Sex*" at the 16th Simone de Beauvoir Society Conference, "The Legacies of Simone de Beauvoir," University of Northumbria, Newcastle, U.K., June 14; and "The Ambiguous Ethics of *The Second Sex*: Identity, Sexual Difference, Ambiguity" at the "Simone de Beauvoir Life and Works" panel, 32nd Annual IAPL Conference (International Association for Philosophy and Literature), Melbourne, Australia, July 1.

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FOR SALE: Custom-built John Boldt Builders Co. two-storey house in St. Catharines, north of QEW. 3,000+ sq. ft. (five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, two-car garage), walking distance from school, shopping, parks, and trail. Fifteen minutes from Brock and three minutes from QEW. Call 716-697-1695.

BrockNews

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Beijing welcomes four athletes with ties to Brock

The 2008 Summer Olympics will showcase the talents of four young people with ties to Brock, including two members of the wrestling club, one current student and one graduate.

Brady Reardon, about to enter his fourth year in Community Health Sciences, will race in the K4 1000m kayak event starting Aug. 18. If his Canadian quad does well, they move on to the semi-final Aug. 20, while the final will be held Aug. 22. His group, including Angus Mortimer, Chris Pellini and Rhys Hill, qualified for the Olympic spot at the Continental Qualifiers in Montreal earlier this summer.



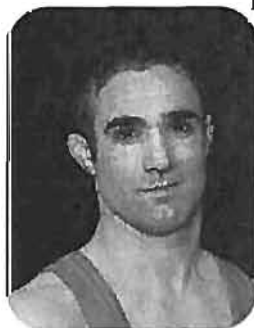
Brady Reardon

Alumnus Iain Brambell has already taken to the water in Beijing, but in the men's lightweight four rowing shell. Brambell, a former varsity rower now living in



Iain Brambell

Victoria, B.C., and teammates Jonathan Beare, Mike Lewis, and Daniel Liam Parsons, advanced to tomorrow's semifinal with a second-place finish in their heat (5:52.13).



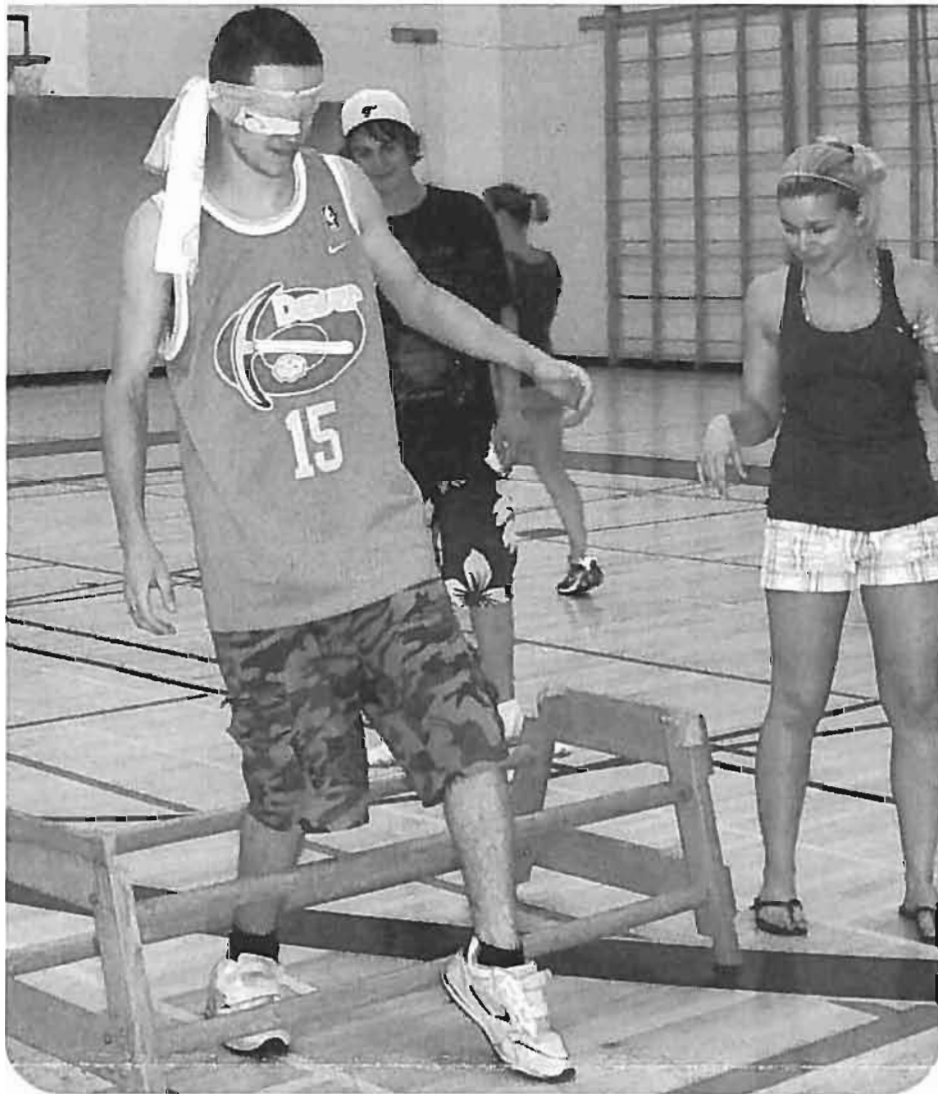
Saeed Azarbayjani

the Brock club, Saeed Azarbayjani brings high hopes in his first Olympics with an entry in the 60-kilogram event. While the wrestlers have been in Beijing since last week, Verbeek's event doesn't take place until this Saturday, Aug. 16, while Azarbayjani's will begin and end Aug. 19.



Tonya Verbeek

For a full schedule of event times, broadcast highlights from CBC, and updated highlights, go to cbc.ca



Joshua Ruscio (with blindfold) allows fellow RAFT residents and staff to guide him through the obstacle course at the RAFT Olympics, held last week on campus.

First Generation program expands plan for RAFT

Giving youth with a troubled past a chance at a better future is the goal behind a new partnership between Brock and the Resource Association For Teens (RAFT).

Earlier this month, 15 teens from the downtown St. Catharines support residence spent a day at Brock playing games and getting to know the recreation facilities of the University.

The RAFT Olympics was organized by the Student Development Centre's Learning Skills program staff as a way of introducing these challenged teens to the possibility of post-secondary education. Recreation Services and Aquatics made their facilities accessible for the day.

"They are struggling a bit with different things in their lives, so we are just here to show that post-secondary school is not impossible for them," noted Jesse Barraza, Outreach Co-ordinator and Co-ordinator of First Generation, a Learning Skills program which recruits students who are the first in their immediate family to attend a post-secondary institution.

"This is a way to help them get to know us and let them know there are programs and opportunities to work out finances and other things so they can attend school after high school."

To assist with the youth with the challenges of keeping up their

education, Brock has also partnered with Niagara College to form a homework club and a mentorship program to be conducted on-site at RAFT this fall.

Science, mathematics and English will be the first areas of focus for the University and college students, Barraza noted.

RAFT has been providing support services to high-risk youth ages 16 to 24 since 1994 from a facility on Centre Street in downtown St. Catharines. The majority of clients are between the ages of 16 and 19, noted Mike Lethby, executive director. The services include a drop-in centre, a crisis hostel, and support services for life skills, employment and housing. RAFT also has support services for the Fort Erie/Port Colborne area.

For more information, see www.theraft.ca

For information on the First Generation Program, see www.brocku.ca/sdc/learning/firstgen/firstgen.php

First-generation is a provincial program involving \$30 million over three years. Of that, \$27 million is being invested to support projects run by colleges, universities and community organizations, while \$3 million funds the Ontario First Generation Student Bursaries program.

Learning Commons manager named

Donna Grant has been appointed to the position of Learning Commons Manager, effective Aug. 1.

Grant is a longstanding employee of the James A. Gibson Library whose extensive experience with technology, reference service, and student training, supervision, and scheduling will serve her well in her new role.

She graduated from Brock University in 1995 with a BA in History and is currently the Web and Graphics Specialist in the Library's Systems and Technologies Department.

As the Learning Commons Manager, Grant will be responsible for the daily operation and co-ordination of activities in the Learning Commons, working in close collaboration with the partners (Library, Student Development Centre, Career Services and Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies).

Some of her specific duties include the training and supervision of student peer assistants, overseeing the use of the Learning Commons instructional facilities, participating in the delivery of workshops, and providing and scheduling service at the Reception and Help desks.

She will serve as a member of two important Learning Commons governance committees – the Services and Operations Team and the Programming Committee.

The Matheson Learning Commons is tentatively scheduled to open Sept. 5.

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Dragon Boat drills



Members of the Brock team paddle through the damp weather on the Henley course as part of the annual Dragon Boat Festival. Community Connections are now seeking participants for the MS Rona Bike Tour later this month.

Volunteers take soggy but satisfying paddle

On Sat., July 26, several members of the Brock community participated in the annual Dragon Boat Festival at Henley Island. Brock was among 40 teams to race despite the poor weather conditions of rain, lightning and thunder.

Although the storm clouds loomed for most of the day, the Brock team still had a great time, and raised a total of \$715 dollars that will go directly to Wellspring Niagara.

Community Connections would like to thank all participants, sponsors, and supporters of the Brock team as well as the Festival organizers and volunteers. We are looking forward to our next event, MS Rona Bike Tour on Aug. 24. More details will soon be available on the Community Connections webpage at www.brocku.ca/communityconnections.ca

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Amanda Rochon**, PhD student in Biotechnology, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. in H313. The title of her thesis is "Regulation of Systemic Acquired Resistance through the Interaction of *Arabidopsis thaliana* Transcription factors TGA1 and TGA2 with NPR1." Examining Committee members are: Rick Cheel, Chair, Examining Committee; Gopal Subramaniam, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, External Examiner; Charles Després, Supervisor; Travis Dudding, Internal Examiner; Vincenzo De Luca and Tony Yan, Committee Members. All are welcome.

• **Debra Attenborough**, PhD student in Educational Studies, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "Partnerships for Arts Integration: Exploring the Experiences of Teachers and Artists Working with Integrated Arts Programs." Examining Committee members are: Marilyn Rose, Chair, Examining Committee; Ann Patteson, Queen's University, External Examiner; Susan Drake, Supervisor; Maureen Connolly, Internal Examiner; Anne Elliott and Fiona Blaikie, Committee Members. All are welcome.

• **Yongsheng Wang**, a Master of Science student in the Centre for Biotechnology, will defend his thesis on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. in H313. The title of his thesis is "The Synthesis of a-Tocohexaenol, a New Fluorescent Analogue of a-Tocopherol." His examining committee members are: Bozidar Mitrovic, Chair; Richard Manderville, External Examiner; Jeffrey Atkinson, Supervisor; and committee members Jeff Stuart and Art van der Est.

United Way campaign seeks volunteers

The Brock University Employee United Way Campaign Committee is now actively planning for this year's campaign. We are looking for caring and dedicated people who can contribute some of their time to help with this year's campaign. Any and all help would be welcome and appreciated. If you would like to join Brock's United Way team and help with the campaign, contact Kevin Lawr at ext. 3511 or e-mail unitedway@brocku.ca

CCOVI evolves to capitalize on new opportunities

The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) has undergone a governance restructuring to capitalize on new opportunities and better serve the Canadian grape and wine community.

Terry Boak, Vice-President Academic and Provost at Brock, recently approved the next step in CCOVI's evolution.

Earlier this year, Joffre Mercier, Acting Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, was tasked by Brock's senior administrators to form a plan to change CCOVI's governance. Mercier's plan follows assessments in 2006-07 by the Allan Management Group and an ad hoc Brock committee headed by David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, which examined CCOVI's strengths, challenges and opportunities.

According to the plan, CCOVI will be overseen by the Vice-President, Research, rather than, as previously, the Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

"The changes will open CCOVI to Brock researchers from all disciplines – not just those in the natural sciences," says Ian Brindle, Interim Associate Vice-President, Research.

"It will also enhance collaborative research opportunities between CCOVI members and other researchers, particularly those at the new Vineland Research and Innovation Centre (VRIC), University of Guelph and Niagara College."

CCOVI will continue to have an Advisory Council and will now have an Executive Committee, which will include: the Vice-President Research,

replacing the Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science; the Chairs of the CCOVI Advisory Council and the Ontario Grape and Wine Research Corporation; two other members of the CCOVI Advisory Council; one CCOVI researcher, one CCOVI senior scientist; and, once named, the new CCOVI Director.

Reporting to the Vice-President Research, the CCOVI Director will serve a three-year term, be responsible for administration and industry relations, and develop a five-year strategic plan for the Institute which will provide a detailed roadmap for CCOVI's goals in terms of research, liaison, outreach and communications activities.

As in the past, the CCOVI Research Advisory Committee, with representatives from small and large wineries, grape growers, and grape and wine organizations, will provide CCOVI with input regarding industrial needs and research priorities.

It is intended that the CCOVI Director will ensure the committee meets at least once a year to advise CCOVI members on the needs of the grape and wine industry, and to develop ideas and set priorities for future research projects.

The CCOVI Director will regularly provide summaries about the research, liaison and outreach activities of the Institute to the Executive Committee, while obtaining information from the Committee about industrial activities and needs.

The changes to CCOVI's governance take effect immediately and will be re-evaluated one year from now.



IT implements single ID password system

Technology should make our lives easier and more productive, not more difficult. Unfortunately, often as technology grows, complexity does, too. At Brock, we want to reduce the complexity facing users of our IT systems and make access to services simpler.

While system integration has to be our long-term mission and goal, it all has to start with a reduction in the number of different identities – IDs and passwords – users need to remember. Beginning this month, we are taking a major step in this direction by converting users to a single ID and password – your "CAMPUS ID" – that will enable access to a wide range of services including:

- the Outlook/Entourage/Exchange and spartan mail systems
- the my.brocku.ca portal
- WebCT and Sakai learning management systems
- BrockSecure and BrockNet wireless networks
- access to computers in public labs and in departments where users have been converted by Help Desk staff to using Active Directory for desktop and laptop log-ins
- the Brock content management system
- vacation e-mail management
- anti-spam management
- the Brock dial-up modem pool
- all services normally accessed using your Exchange or spartan e-mail password

Users who are eligible to switch to this single ID and password will receive an e-mail later this month explaining how to make the change.

Details of this project will also be available at www.brocku.ca/its/helpdesk/single_authentication/

Students' union welcomes regional council announcement of \$50,000 bursary program

The Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) recently released a statement of endorsement for Regional Niagara's new bursaries for cash-strapped students.

Regional council announced last week it

would commit \$50,000 to provide \$250 to \$500 bursaries for students from low-income Niagara families. The cost of post-secondary education is increasing faster than student aid, noted BUSU president Jody Thomas.

Applications are available at www.region.niagara.on.ca, at Niagara Region Community Services offices, in the offices of affordable housing providers and at 2201 St. David's Rd. W. The deadline is Sept. 2.

Cultural exchange



Terry Boak, Vice-President Academic and Provost, representing Brock, and Rodolfo G. Martinez, Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Medical Sciences, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, exchange gifts after formalizing a partnership between the University and its Mexican counterpart July 31 with a ceremony at Inniskillin Hall. The research and academic partnership continues the work of Ana Sanchez, Acting Dean, Community Health Sciences, and senior researchers in Community Health Sciences on exploring the biomedical and social aspects of Mexican agricultural workers in the Niagara region.

Mediatalk People in the news

Leslie Boldt, Professor, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, was interviewed in French July 23 by Dominique Denis during a live broadcast of Radio Canada's *Estiva* program regarding the Niagara International Chamber Music Festival, held until Aug. 16 in a variety of Niagara venues.

David Hutchison, Associate Professor, Pre-service Education, was interviewed over the summer on *Breakfast Television* (CityTV), *WebMania* (CTV), A-Channel London, and Space-TV on the topic of his book, *Playing to Learn: Video Games in the Classroom*, regarding what parents and teachers can do to make playing video games an educational experience for children.

Tony Bogaert, Professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for an Aug. 2 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Examining the non-sexual," in which he talked about the popularity of his four-year-old research paper on the subject of asexuality.

Joe Kushner, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a July 27 article in the *Calgary Herald* entitled "Why fight City Hall?" in which he talked about his study, co-authored with David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, looking at why people don't vote in municipal elections.

Ian Brindle, Interim Associate Vice-President, Research, was quoted in a July 25 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Creekside winery changing in size and on its labels," in which he talked about the new management structure of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute.

Kate Bezanson, Professor, Sociology, was interviewed for a July 18 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Active transportation committee gets walking," in which she talked about the formation of the Active Transportation Committee in Pelham.

John Hay, Professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for a July 23 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Kids hanging up on cellphone safety warnings," in which he noted he does not believe there is a link between cellphone use and developing a form of cancer.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Aug. 6 article in *Embassy* magazine entitled "For China, it's the Official way or the Highway." Burton was also interviewed Aug. 5 on CBC radio by a number of afternoon hosts, as well as for CTV's *NewsNet* on the topic of the murder of six border guards in Kashgar and the threat of Uyghur terrorism to the Olympics. An interview with Burton was included in the Vision TV documentary *Islam in China* broadcast on July 24, while he was also quoted in the July 23 issue of *Embassy: Canada's Foreign Policy* newsletter for an article entitled "Beijing: To Attend or Not to Attend?"

Larry Molnar, Facilities Management Project Manager, was interviewed for the July issue of *CFM&D* magazine for an article entitled "A sustainable hybrid succeeds on campus," in which he discussed the building and maintenance of the Plaza building. The magazine cover also features an interior photo Plaza.

Barry Grant, Professor, Communications, Popular Culture and Film, was interviewed for an Aug. 2 story, in the *Summerside Journal-Pioneer* (and other CanWest newspapers), entitled "Mummy has cultural staying power," in which he talked about the popularity of mummy characters in cinema.

Centre for the Arts 2008-09 ticket sales HOT right now

Tickets for the 2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season of the Centre for the Arts are on sale for a few more weeks to HOT TICKET Members only. Advance tickets for members can be obtained now; they will be released to the general public for sale on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 11 a.m.

HOT TICKET members save as much as 20 per cent off ticket prices, receive complimentary parking, bring your "Friends for Free" to selected performances and receive invitations to special events such as Sneak Preview featuring showcases from next season's artists.

For more information, go to www.arts.brocku.ca or call ext. 3257.

All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, unless otherwise stated.

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NOVEMBER 2008

In Good Company's Production of

God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jolly Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

DECEMBER 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

JANUARY 2009

Holly Cole, Jan. 16; The Dance Party of Newfoundland, Jan. 21; Alvin Ailey II (DSH Theatre), Jan. 24; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Jan. 28; America, Jan. 29; Sour Brides Theatre: So Many Doors (DSH Theatre), Jan. 31.

FEBRUARY 2009

Compadres - Oscar Lopez and James Keelaghan, Feb. 19; Dhoad Gypsies from Rajasthan, Feb. 25; Endless Summer: The Music of The Beach Boys with the Jeans 'n Classics

Band the Niagara Symphony, Feb. 28.

MARCH 2009

Jamie Adkins: Circus INcognitus (DSH Theatre at 2:30 p.m.), March 1; Five Hole: Tales of Hockey Erotica by One Yellow Rabbit & Rheostatics, March 6; Dervish, March 7; Ivan Coyote and Veda Hille, March 12; LINK Dances (Robertson Hall at 11 a.m.), March 14; CIRCA: 46 Circus Acts in 45 Minutes (at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.), March 18; James Hunter, March 19; Chuck Mangione, March 22; Harry Manx, March 25; Lunch at Allen's featuring Ian Thomas, Marc Jordan, Cindy Church and Murray McLauchlan, March 28; Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), March 29.

APRIL 2009

Girls Sing Boys, April 1; Chantal Kreviazuk, April 8; Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd - The Dark Side of the Moon, April 9; The Just for Laughs Road Show, April 14; The Fabulous Thunderbirds, April 16; Samarabaloufi, April 18; In The Soil... Niagara's Homegrown Arts Festival, April 23; Emilie-Claire Barlow, April 24; Blood Sweat and Chicago with the Jeans 'n Classics Band and the Niagara Symphony, April 25; The Osmond Brothers, April 30.

Campus Connections launches new Promotions Policy

Last month, Brock launched the new Campus Promotions Policy to provide equal access to the space designated for the promotion of campus news, information, policies, programs, and events, while protecting campus property from distracting commercial and promotional materials.

This policy aims to maintain and improve the appearance of the physical environment of the campus as well as reduce the amount of paper used for posting and encourage recycling of removed materials. The promotions policy will also provide a means for students, recognized student organizations, campus departments and other University organizations to provide information and promote activities, events, and services.

In addition to regulating posters on the campus bulletin boards, the Campus Promotions Policy hopes to provide awareness about other means of advertising available. Services such as CampusTV, *Brock Press*, *Brock News*, the Community Connections Newsletter, the Brock Portal, BUSU advertising opportunities, and the University's Online Events Calendar are promoted as alternative advertising opportunities.

For more information, contact Community Connections by visiting the Welcome Desk in the Schmon Tower lobby, calling ext. 4000, or viewing the full document at www.brocku.ca/atyourservice/campus/promotions

Savouring Market flavours



Visitors to Jubilee Court savour the flavours of summer each Friday during the summer as part of the weekly Farmers' Market. This Friday, family members are invited to join the event, as the Health and Well-being Advisory Committee present the annual Brock Family Picnic.

Brock Family Picnic

You and your family are invited:

Friday, Aug. 15
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Jubilee Courtyard

Savour a barbecue lunch, visit with friends, sample and purchase local fresh fruits, vegetables and products at the Farmers' Market while enjoying live musical and children's entertainment.

Tickets available at the Centre for the Arts Box Office. Includes Sausage or a Hotdog, drink and a \$2 redeemable ticket to "buy local, buy fresh" at the market that day

Sausage \$5
or Hotdog (or Veggie Dog) \$4

Hosted by the Brock University Health and Well-being Advisory Committee and sponsored by Human Resources and Environment, Health & Safety

Government provides \$4.4 million for research on mental health problems

Brock Psychology Professor and a researcher heading the University's Social Development Lab, Linda Rose-Krasnor is a member of one of the three mental health teams that received funding as a result of the recent Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) announcement.

Funding of \$4.4 million from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) was announced in July by Steven Fletcher, MP for Charleswood-St. James-Assiniboia and Parliamentary Secretary for Health, on behalf of Tony Clement, Minister of Health.

The project, entitled "Pathways to Mental Health Treatment," was awarded \$1.5 million in new funding from CIHR. The team will be led by Dr. John Walker, a professor with the University of Manitoba's department of clinical health psychology and head of the Anxiety Disorders Program at St. Boniface General Hospital. The group is receiving some of their funding (\$250,000) for this project from the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

The team also includes researchers from other Canadian universities, including Brandon, McMaster and York.

The Centre of Excellence in Youth, led by the Students Commission in Toronto, is facilitating the involvement of young adults in the project.

The project "Pathways to Mental Health Treatment" will:

- Create effective and sustainable partnerships with young adults (ages 18 to 25) and community groups for successful mental health knowledge translation.
- Use consumer preference modeling methods to identify the information preferences of young adults and their allies.

- Retrieve, synthesize, and format preferred information for use in knowledge translation activities.

- Evaluate the impact of the materials on young adults in a "real-world" setting.

- Disseminate consumer-focused mental health information and knowledge translation processed on a wide scale in Canada.

The principal investigators and their respective projects will be funded for five years as they develop strategies and guidelines to address mental health issues.

Faculty and Staff

MATHEMATICS

Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh delivered an invited lecture "Equilibria for Set-Valued Maps Without Convexity" at the World Congress of Nonlinear Analysts 2008 in Orlando, Fla., July 2 to 9. He also organized and chaired a special session on "Fixed Point Theory for Set-Valued Maps and Applications."

Thomas Wolf received the Best Poster Award for his poster entitled "On solving large systems of polynomial equations appearing in Discrete Differential Geometry" at the International Symposium on Symbolic and Algebraic Computation (ISSAC 2008) in Hagenberg/Linz, Austria, July 20 to 23. Wolf also gave a talk, co-authored by Sergey Tsarev, entitled "Hyperdeterminants as integrable 3D difference equations" at the 14th International Conference on Applications of Computer Algebra (ACA 2008) in Hagenberg/Linz, Austria, July 27 to 30.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen served as guest soloist, singing works by Handel and Mendelssohn, with piano accompaniment by John Butler, for a worship service at St. George's Anglican Church June 29. Loewen also conducted the Niagara Vocal Ensemble in a program entitled "Poetry and Partsong" in Stratford June 30, to begin the Stratford Festival of Canada's 2008 Monday Evening Concert Series.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ingrid Makus presented a paper on "Simone de Beauvoir's Political Thought" at the 16th Simone de Beauvoir Society Conference at Northumbria University, Newcastle, in June.

Tim Heinmiller presented "Defining Limits: An Institutional Development Approach to Cap and Trade Programs" at the Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) in Cheltenham, England, on July 15.

SOCIOLOGY

Nancy Cook and **David Butz** organized a session, "Transcultural Encounters in the Context of Globalisation," at which Nancy also presented the paper "Governing the Haven: Development Workers and the Making of 'Home' in Pakistan"

at the 38th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, held at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, June 26 to 30.

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Events

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS 2008-09 PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENT SEASON

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NOVEMBER 2008

In Good Company's Production of God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; July Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

DECEMBER 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

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FOR SALE: For Sale: Large Maytag side-by-side fridge. White, 23 cu ft, approx. eight to 10 yrs old. Asking \$500 or best offer. Call 905-358-6785.

FOR RENT: Looking for graduate or mature students to occupy first floor of a raised bungalow, three bedrooms, immaculate condition, by the escarpment, close to Brock. Available Sept. 1, \$1,200/month with all utilities included (basic cable, Internet, hydro, gas, and heat). Call 905-321-4523.

FOR SALE: 2007 Ford Focus SE, black on tan interior, four-door auto with AC, AM/FM/CD/MP3 player, power windows, power locks and keyless entry. Only 44,000 km and still on bumper-to-bumper factory warranty. Asking price is \$10,499. Call Nadilein at 905-906-9772.

FOR SALE: 1,100 sq. ft., three-bedroom bungalow, seven minutes by car to Brock, near Westchester and Oakdale area. Fully finished basement with fourth bedroom potential, full bathroom on each level, driveway parking for three to four cars, appliances negotiable. Call 905-682-9653.

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Two Brock grads earn medals at Olympic games

In 2004, Tonya Verbeek lost a match to earn an Olympic silver. Four years later, she has felt the triumph of winning to achieve a medal, this time an Olympic bronze.

While the 31-year-old Beamsville native and member of the Brock Wrestling Club lost a match to the eventual gold medallist from Japan, she took that defeat and turned it into pure athletic focus on her way to downing Ida-Theres Nerell of Sweden Aug. 16 in the 55-kg women's freestyle wrestling event.

"This one's a bit different, because I won my match to get to the podium, whereas a silver, you lost," she said in an interview with the *Toronto Star*.

"This medal says I kept with it, I kept believing in myself," she told *Sun Media* shortly after her bronze-medal match. "There were times I just wanted to walk away from the sport... but I'm happy because I think I showed a lot of courage and kept going."

Although no formal plans have yet been announced, the Brock community will celebrate Verbeek's accomplishments when she returns.

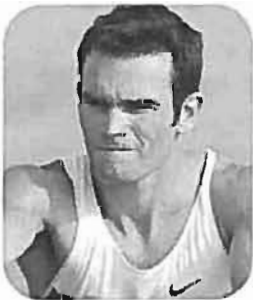


Tonya Verbeek

Brock graduate Iain Brambell entered his third Olympics with a rowing medal on his mind.

"We were fourth at the last two world championships. We stood on the wooden nickel outside of the medals and it was about time we stepped in," Brambell said Aug. 17 shortly after his lightweight men's coxless four crew edged out Great Britain for the bronze medal.

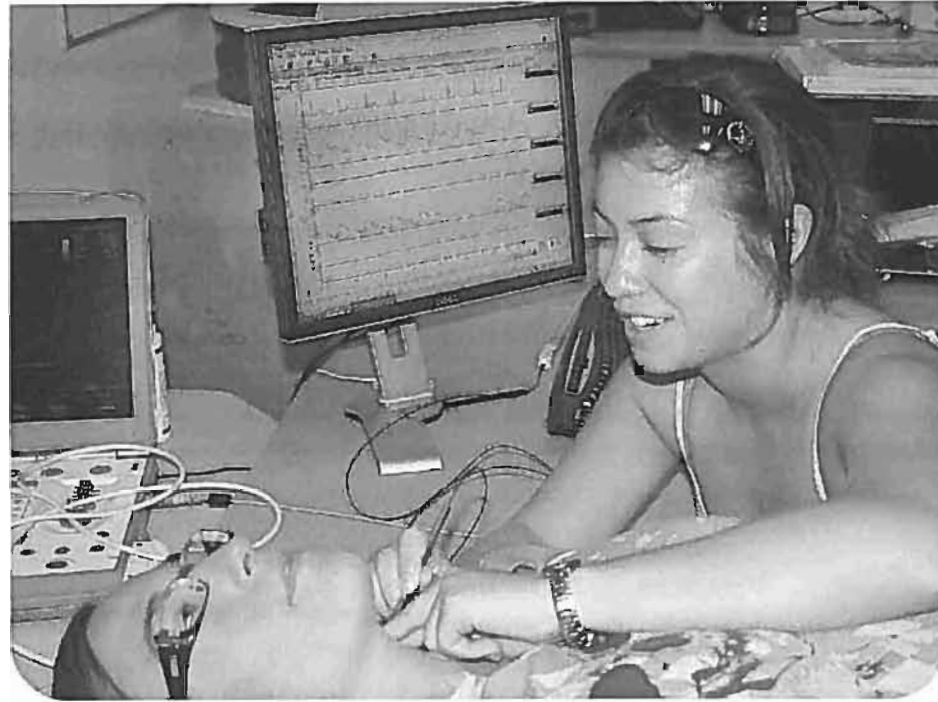
Canada's crew, including Jon Beare, Mike Lewis and Liam Parsons, led early, struggled in the middle of the race, falling to fourth, but poured on the power in the final 500m to reach the podium.



Iain Brambell

Verbeek's fellow club wrestler Saeed Azarbayjani entered his first Olympics with a strong showing in the 60-kg freestyle event by defeating two-time Olympian Martin Berberyan of Armenia 2-0 in the round of 16.

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Izabella Ludwa takes the prone position as fellow student Laura Fitzgibbon collects common carotid artery pulse pressure data in an Applied Health Sciences dry lab.

Applied Health Sciences adds PhD program

Brock University has initiated a new PhD program in Applied Health Sciences that features three fields of study with dramatic potential for positive impact on the health of individuals, groups, populations, and even organizations.

"The approval of the new PhD program is a clear indication of the maturity and reputation of the Faculty's undergraduate and graduate program offerings. Our multi-disciplinary approach provides yet another example of how our Faculty continues to break the boundaries of academic convention," noted Anna Lathrop, Interim Dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

Brock's newest PhD program, given approval earlier this summer by the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies (OCGS) encompasses the fields of Behavioural and Population Health; Health Biosciences; and Social and Cultural Health Studies.

While each field represents a different perspective from which to view contemporary health, the unique history of the Faculty lends itself to a multi-disciplinary approach to research. While many graduate programs operate under the umbrella of one department or institute, there is a single program that draws upon all departments that make up the Faculty.

The goal has always been to focus on a philosophy of integration, and to develop and promote graduate studies by integrating research and scholarship across departmental boundaries. This in turn has significant advantages in research.

"If you look at the example of childhood obesity and its impact on health, the issue can be studied from different fields and perspectives," noted

Mike Plyley, Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

"However, if you study the issue from only one perspective, you won't get all the answers you are looking for, nor will the research be as rewarding as when you are able to see problem from several perspectives and develop the bigger picture."

Plyley was recruited to Brock in 2001 to develop research programs and graduate studies. The OCGS recently conducted a review of the Master's Program, and approved six Master's fields: Community Health; Health and Physical Education; Health Science; Kinesiology; Leisure Studies; and Sport Management.

He said the timing seemed right for the Faculty to pursue the PhD program, and so the comprehensive process was begun about 18 months ago.

"Proposals for doctoral programs are very rigorously vetted at the provincial level," noted Marilyn Rose, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. "The success of this initiative speaks to the depth and strength of the research faculty in Applied Health Sciences, and to the hard work and vision of Dr. Plyley and his colleagues."

Following news of the approval, Plyley and fellow Faculty members will spend the next few months actively recruiting the best possible candidates for the program. Three will be admitted for January 2009, while a full roster of six candidates will be admitted in September 2009.

At its peak, there will be 24 PhD candidates in the four-year, multi-disciplinary program.

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Learning Commons nearly ready

Work on Welch Hall addition starts

Signs of a new academic year are everywhere on campus these days. This fall, they will be accompanied by the opening of the Matheson Learning Commons and the ongoing signs of the University's expansion.

The work at the base of the Schmon Tower has picked up pace in the final phases of developing the multi-use space, which is slated to be open with the return of students to campus the week of Sept. 8.

Furniture is being placed in the main-floor facility in the James A. Gibson Library, and the fire alarm verification process – which takes several days and involves testing every alarm and speaker before receiving approval from the fire department – should be completed by the first week of September. An official opening ceremony will take place in October.

"The Learning Commons was created to enrich the student learning experience by offering an environment that fosters informal learning and promotes student engagement," stated Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services.

Collaboration is a key feature in the planning and development of the Learning Commons. The design focuses on promoting and facilitating the shared, informal learning that takes place outside the classroom.

Among other services, students will be able to receive assistance with research, study skills and essay writing, while graduate students will be able to serve as mentors to undergraduate students.

Meanwhile, Merit Contractors have begun hoarding and generally preparing the site around Welch Hall for its addition, to take shape over the next 15 months.

The south-side complex, to include 62 new offices, meeting space, study space and a computer lab, is expected to be ready for occupancy in December 2009, according to Scott Roper, Project Manager, Facilities Management.

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Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Aaron Franks**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Social Justice and Equity Studies Program, will defend his thesis on Friday, Sept. 5 at 2 p.m. in WH147. The title of his thesis is "A Minor Theory of the Transit of Materiality into Discourse via Campesina." Supervisor: David Butz; external examiner: Robin Roth, York University; committee members: Mary Beth Raddon; Jane Helleiner. All are welcome.

• **Matthew Reimer**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Social Justice and Equity Studies Program, will defend his thesis on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 12 noon in PL600F. The title of his thesis is "Gendered Inequality in Academia: Exploring Women's Experiences During the Pre-Tenure Stage of Their Academic Career." Supervisor: Michelle Webber; external examiner: Lorna Erwin, York University; committee members: Ann Duffy; Jane Helleiner. All are welcome.

• **Xin (Reno) Zheng**, a Master of Arts student in Psychology, will present his thesis defence on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. in PL600F. The title of his thesis is "What happens in the first 200 ms of word reading: ERP studies on visual word recognition with top-down and bottom-up approaches." Supervisor: Sid Segalowitz; External examiner: John Connolly, Department of Linguistics and Languages, McMaster University; committee members: Karen Arnell and Cathy Mondloch; chair of the examining committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Kristin Robbins**, candidate for the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend her thesis, entitled "Theorizing It: Paris Hilton, the Celebutante, and the It Girl Lifestyle," on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room, 13th Floor, Schmon Tower. External examiner: Keir Keightley (University of Western Ontario); supervisor: Sarah Matheson; committee members: Jackie Botterill, Jim Leach; Chair: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Chris Richardson**, candidate for the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend his thesis, entitled "Canada's Toughest Neighbourhood: Surveillance, Myth and Orientalism in Jane-Finch" on Monday, Sept. 8 in WH147. External examiner: Imre Szeman (McMaster University); supervisor: Hans Skott-Myhre; committee members: David Butz, Jim Leach; Chair: Phillip Mackintosh. All are welcome to attend.

• **Lauren Corbett**, Master of Arts candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend her thesis Thursday, Aug. 28 at 1:30 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Stress and Immunity in Overweight and Obese Versus Normal Weight Early-and Late-Pubertal Females." Supervisor: Nota Klentrou; external examiner: Lori Francis; Penn State University; committee members: Bareket Falk, Brian Timmons, Chair: TBA. All are welcome.

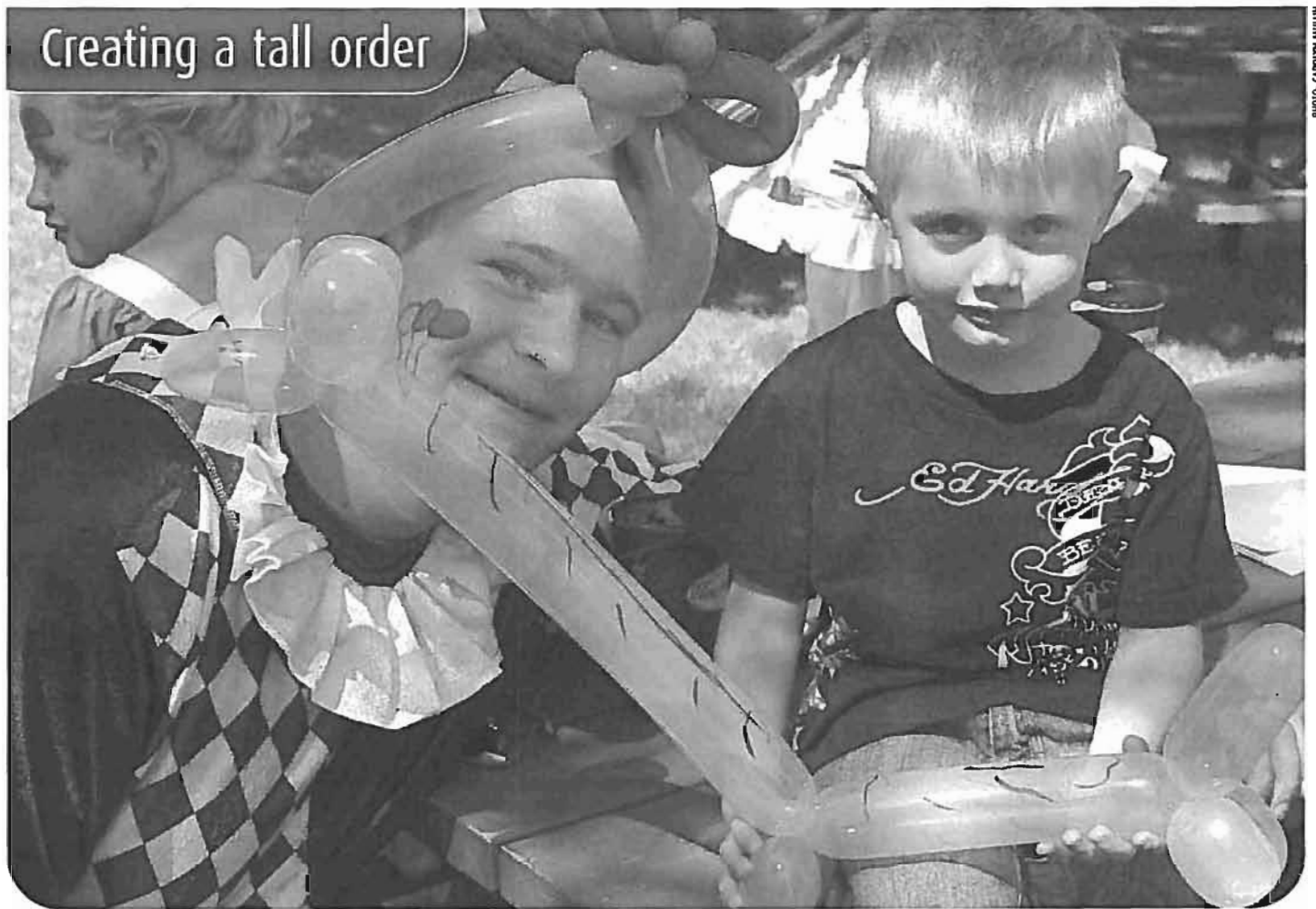
• **Bradley Walchuk**, Master of Arts student in Political Science, will defend his thesis entitled, "Intraparty Federalism and the Progressive Conservative Party in Alberta and Ontario, 1943 to 2003" on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 10:30 a.m. in PL 324. External examiner: Peter Woolstencroft, University of Waterloo; supervisor: Garth Stevenson; committee members: Larry Savage, Liviana Tossutti, Chair: Tom Dunk. All are welcome.

Fall issues of Brock News will be published:

- Sept. 10
- Sept. 24
- Oct. 8
- Oct. 22
- Nov. 5
- Nov. 19

Deadline:
Friday
after publication
for the next issue.

Creating a tall order



Four-year-old Drew McArthur knew exactly what kind of balloon animal to request from Lazy the Clown (partner of Daisy the Clown, naturally) during the Brock Family Picnic Aug. 15 in Jubilee Courtyard. The picnic, attended by 200 people, including faculty, staff and their families, featured lunch and entertainment amidst the usual Friday Farmers' Market.

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But on Aug. 19, he lost his quarter-final 2-0 to Iran's Mahammadi Seyedmorad in a difficult round. Azarbayjani, 33, left Tehran at the age of 20 for a better life in Canada. The Iranian who beat him was coached by his own former coach, Ehsan Farahvashi, he told the *National Post*.

"We are friends," Azarbayjani said of Seyedmorad. "I see him and we are good friends. In the match, you wrestle for four or six minutes and then you're buddies again."

When Seyedmorad later lost his semi-final bout to Russia's Mavlet Batirov, it eliminated any hope Azarbayjani had of reaching the repechage competition for the bronze medal.

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The timing couldn't be more appropriate, Pyley noted, as some of the researchers will eventually be housed in the new Niagara Health and Biosciences Complex.

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences already has a strong Master's program in place. The number of graduate students has grown from an initial 16 to 120 this past year, Pyley noted, but 40 per cent of the graduating Master's students have gone to other universities for PhD studies. In addition, the PhD program was

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There will also be a washroom incorporating Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) on the third floor that will exceed the normally required accessibility codes.

Because of the work, the circular driveway and its parking meters and the driveway down to the lower level at Welch Hall on the west side will no longer be useable. Hoarding will occupy the main entrance walkway except for the minimum required to maintain University access. Vehicular delays will be minimized with assistance from Campus Security.

Fourth-year student Brady Reardon is part of a young and energetic Olympic K-4 1000m kayak crew who have been happy just to be part of the competition. But, in first and semifinal heat, the Canadian crew, which included Reardon, Rhys Hill, Angus Mortimer, Chris Pellini, kept pace with the contenders and made it through to the finals.

In the semifinal, the hard-charging Canadians edged out their Australian rivals at the wire Aug. 20 to place third and claim the final qualifying spot for the Aug. 22 final. Unfortunately, stronger and more experienced crews ended up on the podium, leaving the young Canadians with a dream and a goal to pursue in another four years.

needed to attract and retain strong researchers and supervisors, he added. "We have young, vibrant newly graduated PhD professors who start their careers, and gain tenure, and then may get lured away to the older universities with PhD programs. We want to retain them." Currently, 35 professors of the Faculty's 80-member complement are qualified to supervise at the doctoral level, but as others gain experience and grants, meeting specifically laid-out criteria, they will also become eligible to supervise in the PhD program.

"Merit Contractors, a familiar construction company on campus over the years, have maintained a favourable working relationship on our campus; every effort will be made to accommodate University needs where possible in a collaborative spirit during the construction period," Facilities Management noted in an e-mail.

"Facilities Management and Merit recognize that this area is highly travelled by pedestrian and vehicular traffic and that there is an unfortunately high potential for disruption that we will work to minimize."

Opening of term event a culinary affair

President and Vice-Chancellor Jack Lightstone and his wife Dorothy Markiewicz cordially invite the Brock community to celebrate the start of a new academic year with the Opening of Term Event on Aug. 28 (tomorrow) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Lowenberger Residence Dining Hall.

The evening will be *marché* style, featuring local foods prepared by local chefs. Visit the food stations and enjoy complimentary beverages from the Niagara region. The cost for the casual evening of friendship and celebration is \$20 per ticket, which may still be purchased from the Centre of the Arts Box Office; contact the Box Office by calling ext. 3257.

Henley Honda hosts appreciation night

Henley Honda will host an Appreciation Night for Brock staff and alumni on Thursday, Sept. 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. at their location at 308 Lake St., St. Catharines. This business dress/casual event will include music, food, refreshments, speeches and a charity event known as a Reverse Calcutta, with proceeds going to Gillian's Place (formerly Women's Place of St. Catharines North and Niagara).

If interested in more information or to attend, RSVP to Kate at reception@henleyhonda.ca

PEKN staff member takes national job

After nearly 10 years at Brock with the Physical Education and Kinesiology Department, Barbara Kennedy has decided to enter a different phase of life. The former Movement Specialist with PEKN, and former lecturer, has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Canadian Cardiac Rehabilitation Foundation in Toronto.

Kennedy is a well-known name in the region as someone who danced and choreographed many productions, including for Brock's School of Fine and Performing Arts. Her earlier career work involved fundraising and creatively campaigning for national venues relating to the arts and sports.

Her e-mail is bkennedy29@gmail.com

New director for Rodman Hall arrives this fall

An art historian and curator with extensive experience co-ordinating international contemporary art exhibitions and managing public art galleries in Canada is the newly appointed Director of the Rodman Hall Arts Centre.

Shirley Madill will join Brock this fall from her position as Director/CEO of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, B.C., where she has been since November 2006. Prior to that, Madill was vice-president and chief operating officer, and director of programming at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, where she was a key player and part of the management team that oversaw its \$18-million renovation.

"Shirley's appointment is an important next step in the evolution of the Rodman Hall Arts Centre as the University works to enhance and revitalize the arts and culture in Niagara," says Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities. "She will bring a strong understanding of contemporary and interdisciplinary art – its issues and challenges – as well as outstanding leadership skills in areas of directing, curating and programming to the position."

"I was interested in coming to Rodman Hall because of Brock's dynamic and forward-thinking attitude towards the role of the arts and culture in the social future of the region," says Madill.

She is a member of the International Association of Contemporary Art Curators as well as a member of the Board of the International Council of Museums Canada. Besides travelling extensively throughout the world and curating many exhibitions in contemporary art at the international level, she has served on numerous juries for the Canada Council for the Arts and presented papers on photography, performance art, women's art issues, and First Nations art in Canada and the United States.

Madill has taught courses in 20th century Canadian and European Art at the University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, and Brock University; the history of photography at Mohawk College in Hamilton; and museum and cultural resource management at the University of Victoria. She has also published extensively.

She received recognition from the Ontario Association of Architects' for the Future Cities international exhibition project, was the 2004 Canadian Commissioner for the Bienal de São Paulo (Brazil), and won the Ontario Association of Art Galleries' 2007 Exhibition of the Year Award.

Prior to her positions with the art galleries of Victoria and Hamilton, Madill was Curator of Contemporary Art and Photography at the Winnipeg Art Gallery from 1979-99. She is a graduate from the University of Manitoba and her post-graduate studies focused on international and cultural history as well as art history.



Shirley Madill

Feeling the power



Doug Beckett, right, Manager, Maintenance and Operations, Facilities Management, takes new faculty and staff on a tour of the Cogeneration Plant as part of the recent New Faculty and Staff Orientation program held on campus Aug. 13 to 15. The orientation included several sessions over three days, culminating Aug. 15 with the Brock Family Picnic and a nature walk.

Mediatalk People in the news

Alun Hughes, Professor, Geography, was interviewed for an Aug. 8 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Historical and picturesque spires removed from church tower," in which he said it's a shame the Welland Avenue United Church building exterior has been altered.

Jesse Barraza, Outreach Co-ordinator, First Generation Program, was interviewed for an Aug. 7 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Program aimed at 'first-generation students,'" in which he talked about the developing partnership between Brock and the Resource Association for Teens (RAFT).

Marty Calder, Coach, Brock Wrestling Club, was interviewed for an Aug. 13 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Fully invested," in which he talked about the club's Olympic hopefuls and about the history and importance of the Brock athletic club.

Duncan MacDonald, Assistant Professor, Department of Visual Arts, was interviewed for an Aug. 12 article in the *Carleton Free Press* entitled "The art of being a Hartland native," in which he talks about his art installation "White Picket Fence Sound" at the Grimsby Public Art Gallery.

Carolynn Darrell, Master's Student, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for an Aug. 5 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "In touch with baby," in which she talks about her study of infant massage and its impact on the relationship between fathers and their

babies. The article also ran in the *Welland Tribune* and the *Niagara Falls Review*.

Tonya Verbeek, member of the Brock Wrestling Club, was interviewed by several media outlets before and after her bronze-medal win at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, including the *St. Catharines Standard*, the *Hamilton Spectator*, the *Toronto Star* and the *Toronto Sun*. **Saeed Azarbayjani**, member of the Brock Wrestling Club, was also interviewed about his Olympic experiences for articles in the *St. Catharines Standard* and the *Toronto Star*.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed by a number of media outlets in August in relation to China and the Beijing Olympics, as well as Canadian-Chinese relations. Burton was interviewed Aug. 6 for an article entitled "The new China: Emerging from history's humiliation" on CBC online; Aug. 9 for an article "61 Canadians in Chinese jails, figures show" in the *Globe and Mail*; several articles in *Singtao Daily News* Aug. 5 and 6 regarding Prime Minister Stephen Harper's absence from the Olympic games and Canadian-Chinese relations; and Aug. 20 on Radio Canada International for a piece on Jean Chretien's criticism of the current government's China policy, broadcast on *The Link*.

Cheryl McCormick, Professor, Psychology, and **Justin Carré**, PhD student, were interviewed for several international media outlets following the release of their recently published study on facial metrics and aggressive behaviour in *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. The study of NHL players was highlighted online and in print in Canada, India, Britain, Thailand, Australia and the United States immediately after its release Aug. 20.

Rec Services fall programs ready to go

The Fall Recreation Services Program Guide is now available, offering a way to get moving and keep fit for just about everyone's interests.

Full fitness and spin schedules start Monday, Sept. 8, while all classes start the week of Sept. 29, including pilates, yoga, yogalates, yogatone (new!), hip hop, ballroom, swing, and Latin.

The program guide has been sent to all departments with more than 15,000 copies being distributed campus-wide during the month of August. Register

early for fall programs by calling ext. 4060; have your Visa or MasterCard number ready.

The guide can also be found online by following the link on the Recreation Services homepage (www.brocku.ca/recserve). If you would like a copy sent to you, e-mail Brian Ker at brian.ker@brocku.ca

A reminder: the pool is currently closed for maintenance and has been scheduled to reopen during the week of Sept. 15.

Brock Days come to campus Sept. 18 to 27

Plan to take part in the Brock Days tradition from Sept. 18 to 27 as the University hosts its annual Community and Homecoming celebration in partnership with the Niagara Wine Festival.

The celebration kicks off with the annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 13. A new edition to Brock Days this year is Alumni Weekend, with a wide range of events for Brock Alumni to reconnect with old friends. To find out more, go to www.brockpeople.ca

Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts will take place Thursday, Sept. 18 at Rodman Hall. Enjoy an extraordinary taste experience with Niagara's finest chefs and wineries. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased through the Box Office by calling ext. 3257.

On the evening of Friday, Sept. 19, the Brock Community will gather to roast and toast one of our own at Tribute! We are honoured to recognize Ron Gourlay, Business Manager for BUSU, as he has made a significant impact on not only the University, but those students with whom he has come in contact. His involvement at Brock includes a variety of committees and as head coach of the women's soccer team. Tickets are \$45 and are available through the Centre for the Arts Box Office.

The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute will once again be hosting two Lunch and Learn sessions on various wine-related topics in their Cellar Tasting Room, while the Lunch Time Music Series returns from Sept. 22 to 25 with various musical talents.

The annual Concert and Grape Stomp will take place on Friday, Sept. 26 in the Jubilee Courtyard with musical sensation Flat Broke, a classic rock band.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, join Brock at the Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade and then at Montebello Park with a variety of activities for Brock Alumni and friends at the Brock Tent. For a full list of events taking place and more information on the events listed, go to www.brocku.ca/brockdays

Basketball team warms up season with NCAA action

For the sixth straight season, the Brock University men's basketball team will play host to three NCAA Division I opponents during Labour Day weekend at the Bob Davis Gymnasium.

The 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) National Champion Badgers will host the University of Buffalo Bulls, Mercer University Bears and University of Missouri Tigers.

"We are very pleased to have the opportunity to play the NCAA Division I opponents each season," said Brock head coach Ken Murray. "With such a new look to our program this season, these three pre-

season games will give our team a chance to come together as a unit prior to the start of the regular season."

The Buffalo Bulls are a member of the Mid-American Conference. Last season they finished with an overall record of 10-20.

The Mercer Bears are a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference. In 2007-08, the Bears finished with an 11-19 overall record.

The Missouri Tigers are a member of the Big 12 Conference. Last season, the Tigers finished with an overall record of 16-16. They dropped two conference games to the 2008 NCAA

Champion Kansas Jayhawks during the regular season. In the opening round of the 2008 Big 12 Championship, the Tigers lost to Nebraska 61-56.

During the past five seasons, the Badgers have defeated four NCAA Division I programs with victories over Air Force, North Florida, Canisius and Southeast Missouri State.

The schedule includes:

- Friday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. vs. Buffalo
- Saturday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m. vs. Mercer
- Sunday, Aug. 31, 2 p.m. vs. Missouri

Website redesign begins

Brock has recently undertaken an ambitious review of its website in consultation with James Norrie's firm, E-venture Consulting. After significant consultation with senior academic and administrative faculty and staff, the University will pursue the redesign of the Brock website under the project management leadership of Janice Wooster, E-venture Consulting.

To complete the remainder of the project, the University will select a web development partner to assist with the definition of project scope, technical requirements and ultimately to implement the new site.

Rico Natale has been seconded from his position as Director, Student Awards and Financial Aid, to work with as an Internal Project Manager with Wooster for nine months. Mary Poulin will be Acting Director during Natale's secondment.

Faculty and Staff

COMMUNICATION, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Bohdan Y. Nebesio presented the following papers: "Silent Partner: Film Industry and the Renaissance of Ukrainian Culture in the 1920s," at the Canadian Association of Slavists Annual Meeting at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 31 to June 2; and "What is Poetic about Poetic Cinema?" at the Conference of the Society for Cognitive Studies of the Moving Image, University of Wisconsin-Madison, June 11 to 14.

DRAMATIC ARTS

David Fancy received positive reviews for his play *Khalida*, which ran as part of the Summerworks festival in Toronto. The show, about an Arab actor trying to make his way in the West, won the Enbridge Emerging playRites Award for 2008 and has received more than \$30,000 in grants from HRI, Canada Council, Toronto Arts Council, and Ontario Arts Council for staging at Theatre Passe Muraille.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Sharon Abbey made the following presentation at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of British Columbia in May: "Border-crossings: Interactive Conversations in a Feminist Workspace," a script written and performed by Abbey, Nancy Taber, Loretta Howard and Georgann Watson, Centre for Adult Education and Community Outreach, for CASWE/CSSE. Abbey also presented "Pre-service Teaching in Africa: Shifting Global Perspectives" with Bosire Mwebi at CATE/CSSE in June; "Narratives of Women Who Challenge Traditional Academic Work Structures" with Watson, Taber and Howard at the Canadian Women's Studies Association in June; and "Lived Experiences of Adult Educators: Paradoxes, Ambiguities and Intersections" with Taber, Howard and Watson at the Canadian Association for Studies in Adult Education in June.

HISTORY

Elizabeth Neswald presented a paper on "Max Rubner, calorimetry and nutritional physiology in late 19c. Germany," at the joint meeting of the History of Science Society, British Society for the History of Science and Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science in Oxford in July.

MATHEMATICS

Thomas Wolf gave a talk/software demonstration entitled "The computer algebra programs LiePDE, ConLaw, ApplySym and Crack for computing and applying symmetries and conservation laws" at the international conference Similarity: Generalizations, Applications and Open Problems, at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 11 to 15.

MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

Maxim Voronov presented a paper entitled "Toward Engaged Critical Management Studies" at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, in Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 8 to 13. Voronov also presented two papers with **Dirk DeClercq** at the same conference: "The Coexistence Of Conflicting Institutional Logics in Cultural Production" and "The Role of Cultural Capital and Symbolic Violence in Entrepreneurial Legitimacy."

ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOUR, HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ETHICS

Calvin Hayes delivered an invited lecture "The Hayek-Popper Paradox and the Lenin-Lennon Dilemma" at the 2nd International Congress of The Austrian School in the 21st Century in Rosario, Argentina, on Aug. 8.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ingrid Makus presented the paper "Aristotle on Science as the Basis of the Human Good" at the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, University of Helsinki, Finland,

July 28 to Aug. 1. **Leah Bradshaw** presented the paper "Telos and Determinism: Two Ways of Knowing" at the same conference.

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Events

DEPARTMENT OF DRAMATIC ARTS

SEPT. 12: THE FOOLS ARE COME HITHER SPREADING SUNSHINE: How Clown Doctors help to "Humourize" Healthcare and Promote Healing. Free community event includes a lecture and talk-balk session presented by Dr. Bernie Warren, starting at 1:15 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Warren will share the historical precedents for the 'evolution' of clown-doctors, with special emphasis on his own experience as a clown-doctor in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENT SEASON

HOT TICKET sales are on now, while tickets will be released to the general public Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 11 a.m. Go to www.arts.brocku.ca or call 905-688-5550, ext. 3257

All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER 2008

RyanDan, Oct. 1; Classic Albums Live: Fleetwood Mac - Rumours, Oct.16; Sho, Mo & the Monkey Bunch (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Oct. 19; Arlo Guthrie - Lost World Tour 2008, Oct. 22; Ballet Jorgen: Anastasia (DSH Theatre), Oct. 25; Joe Bonamassa, Oct. 30; William Joseph with special guest Lily Frost, Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER 2008

In Good Company's Production of God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jully Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

DECEMBER 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

Classifieds

FOR SALE: 1992 Glendale Fireside, Site 57 park model trailer at the N.E.T. campground in Vineland. Features include: 32' with one tip-out; clean, excellent condition, large windows, large fridge; air conditioner and furnace; good-sized bathroom and central kitchen; front living room with Davenport style sofa; very large full-sized lot; 10' x 28' pressure treated deck; 8' x 6' park regulation Royal vinyl shed. \$10,000 complete - or make an offer. Contact owners at 905-641-1577 or rcranford1@cogeco.ca

WANTED FOR RENT: Brock professional interested in renting a home in the south end from faculty going on a sabbatical leave for one year. Call 905-964-7646.

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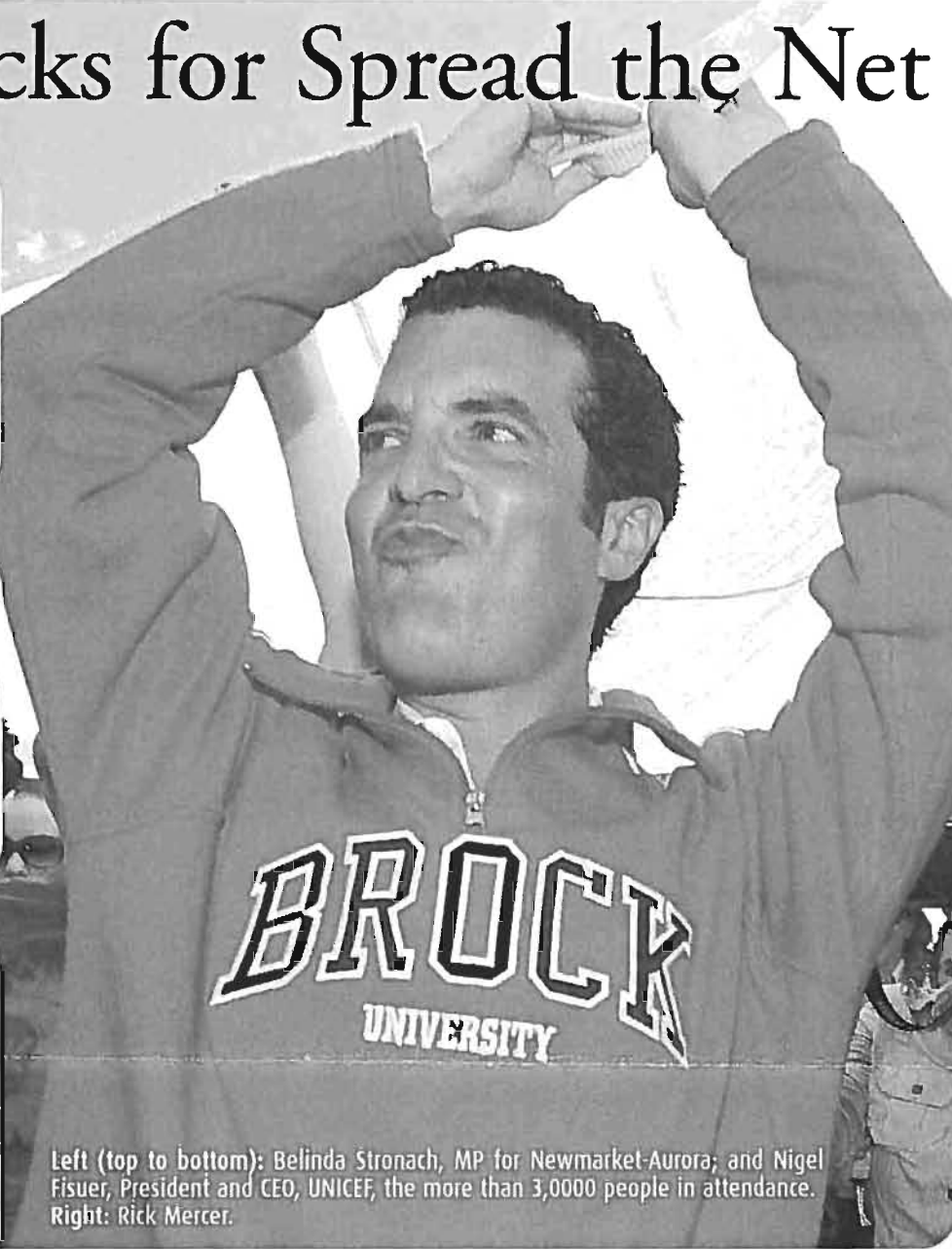
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Brock rocks for Spread the Net



Left (top to bottom): Belinda Stronach, MP for Newmarket-Aurora; and Nigel Fisher, President and CEO, UNICEF, the more than 3,000 people in attendance. Right: Rick Mercer.



Rick Mercer received a rock star's welcome Sept. 10 when he visited campus to launch the nationwide Spread the Net Student Challenge.

Thousands of students, staff and faculty congregated on the lawn in front of Schmon Tower for the noon-hour event, cheering, whistling and chanting their way through the half-hour presentation.

And while the applause for the Canadian comedian rang the loudest, a close second came for the Honourable Belinda Stronach, MP for Newmarket-Aurora, who co-founded the charitable program with Mercer and the support of UNICEF.

Stronach, who is not running in the federal election this time around, offered an enthusiastic response to a group of bare-chested male fans with the phrase "BU (heart) BELINDA," painted one letter or symbol for each chest.

"I didn't throw you guys a T-shirt because I think you are appropriately dressed," she told her impromptu fan club.

Stronach and Mercer were joined onstage by Nigel Fisher, president and CEO, UNICEF Canada; President Jack Lightstone; Jody Thomas, Brock University Students' Union president; and Lisa Neville, Graduate Students' Association president.

Spread the Net raises funds to purchase insecticide-treated bed nets to send to developing countries. The nets prevent the spread of malaria - which kills a child every 30 seconds around the world - by keeping the mosquitoes out.

"And let's face it, if there's one thing Canadians can get behind, it's a war on mosquitoes," Mercer offered, to more riotous cheering.

Each speaker focused both on the goal of raising money to purchase the \$10 bed nets, but also on the impressive track record Brock earned in last year's Spread the Net

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New Vice-President, Research appointed

Brock University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jack Lightstone, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Liette Vasseur as the school's new Vice-President, Research effective Jan. 1, 2009.

Vasseur comes to Brock from Laurentian University, where since September 2004 she has served as Associate Vice-President, Research and as a full tenured professor with Laurentian's Department of Biology. At Laurentian, she helped spark major development of research and of research links with the community and private sector. Prior to that, she was the K. C. Irving Research Chair in Sustainable Development at the Université de Moncton, and a professor in the Department of Biology for four years.

"I am pleased with the appointment of Dr. Vasseur and know that she is well suited to meet the challenges and opportunities offered by the new position of Vice-President, Research," said Lightstone. "Brock's significant growth in research capacity lies at the heart of its expansion of graduate programs and of its partnerships to help drive the economic, social and cultural development of the communities around us. Dr. Vasseur's prior accomplishments align completely with our goals and objectives."

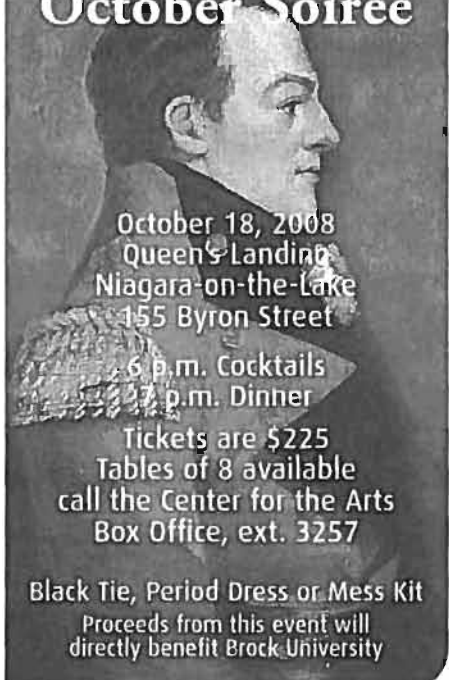
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Web Redesign Project

Brock University is undertaking the creation of a new, redesigned web site that will be contemporary and modern in its implementation. To facilitate communication regarding the progress of the project, a web site has been established to provide updates and opportunity for feedback.

For more information, please visit www.brocku.ca/web_project

General Brock's October Soirée



October 18, 2008
Queen's Landing
Niagara-on-the-Lake
155 Byron Street

6 p.m. Cocktails
7 p.m. Dinner

Tickets are \$225
Tables of 8 available
call the Center for the Arts
Box Office, ext. 3257

Black Tie, Period Dress or Mess Kit
Proceeds from this event will
directly benefit Brock University

Brock Days 2008

Brock Days, the annual Community and Homecoming Celebration, may only have a few days left, but there are many events pack into those days. Brock faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends are invited to come out to one or all of the many events taking place as the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

Tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 25, the Niagara Wine Festival and Brock University Centre for the Arts presents A Concert in Montebello Park featuring Daniel Lanois and Friends: An Evening with Canada's Finest Singer-Songwriters. This is a ticketed event where all Brock faculty, staff, students and Centre for the Arts members receive a Brock rate of \$27.

The annual, messy but fun tradition of the Concert and Grape Stomp takes place on Friday, Sept. 26 in Jubilee Court with entertainment by musical sensation Flat Broke, who specializes in classic rock hits from the 1960s to today. Festival treats will be available with all donations going to the United Way and Shinerama. The summer tradition will come to an end as the Brock Community Farmers' Market and Barbecue will be taking place for the last time this year.

The Friday events will be highlighted by a celebration of the four Olympic athletes affiliated with Brock. Tonya Verbeek, Iain Brambell, Saeed Azarbayjani and Brady Reardon, each competed in their

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BROCK NEWS READERS:

To serve our readers to the best of our ability, we are asking for **YOUR INPUT** on the faculty and staff newsletter. We have designed an online **READERSHIP SURVEY** that will only take a few moments to complete. The first 100 entries will be entered in a draw for **PRIZES** generously supplied by the Campus Store and Sodexo Food Services.

To be eligible, you must complete the survey by Sept. 30

To participate, go to:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dfmt85coVAufaWvxf/HGMHg_3d_3d

Effects of poor sleep focus of Café Scientifique

Sleep loss is a serious problem in modern society. Some people do not get the sleep they need because of lifestyle choices or work demands. Others are unable to obtain restful sleep because of sleep and medical disorders. Sleep loss leads to impaired mood, slowed reaction time, and deficits in memory and attention. There are also long-term consequences from chronic sleep disruption that profoundly affect health.

Brock Professor of Psychology, Kimberly Cote, who is currently the Vice-President of Research with the Canadian Sleep Society, has organized to bring a Café Scientifique to the Niagara region which will focus on the impact of sleep loss on health.

The event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Chateau des Charmes winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., from 6 to 8 p.m., and is open to the public and free of charge, but participants must register in advance. Refreshments will be provided; this is a 19-plus age event.

A Café Scientifique is an opportunity for members of the public to get together with scientists in a café or pub-like setting to discuss relevant health-related topics. The events, which are intended to make science accessible to a general audience. The Oct. 2 event will feature three experts who will discuss shift work, insomnia, and the impact of sleep loss on cardio-vascular health: Dr. Marie Dumont, University of Montreal; Dr. Charles Morin, Laval University; and Dr. Doug Bradley, University of Toronto.

Some of the biggest sleep stealers in our society are shift work and sleep disorders like insomnia and sleep apnea. In our around-the-clock society with continual demands for services and products, 25 per cent of Canadians are working shift work. According to Statistics Canada, 29 per cent of women and 21 per cent of men report difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep, and the incidence of insomnia increases with age.

More troubling is that 47 per cent of Americans state that they cut down on sleep intentionally in order to squeeze more out of the day. It is clear that sleep loss is a major problem in our society and that the scope of the problem is significant.

For more information and to register for this event, please contact Julia Blushak, Office of Research Services, at ext. 5686; jblushak@brocku.ca

United Way Campaign events at Brock Days

Be sure to stop at the United Way Candy Floss booth during the Brock Days Concert and Grape Stomp in Jubilee Court this Friday at 12 noon. A \$2 donation will get you a delicious candy floss cone and help support this year's United Way campaign. Raffle tickets will also be available for \$5 each. Each ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win fabulous prizes such as an Urban Bike, Trisha Romance Print, iPod Nano or an overnight stay at Keefer Mansion and brunch in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

Also, mark your calendars for the Brock United Way Employee Campaign kick-off on Thursday, Oct. 16. Watch for details on location, and upcoming campaign events in the United Way bulletins and on the campaign web site at www.brocku.ca/unitedway

Volunteers to help with this year's campaign are still very much needed and appreciated. If you can donate some time to help with events, canvassing, or the news bulletin, then please contact campaign co-chair Kevin Lawr at ext. 3511.

Nothing "common" about new learning space

The word "commons" refers to a place where people gather for a variety of reasons.

The recently opened Matheson Learning Commons brings together services in an enriched and informal learning environment to help students improve their academic and job-finding skills. It is a place where Faculty, the CTLET (the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies), Career Services, the Student Development Centre and the Library "come together to further Brock's research goals and support the scholarship of our students," notes CTLET director Maureen Connolly.

Through the partnership of these units and with the help of peer mentors, the Learning Commons consolidates a wide variety of services in a way that makes them easy to access. Either

on a one-on-one or group basis, services include everything from library research help, writing, math and science learning support, to assistance in improving study skills, career counseling and help with resumes, interview skills and job searches.

Located at the base of the Schmon Tower, the Matheson Learning Commons features a variety of study spaces, including eight group study rooms, two classrooms for workshops, 113 public computers (PCs and Macs), 30 laptops for loan, a combined circulation/reserves desk for signing out materials and a help desk for assistance with library research.

For more information on the Matheson Learning Commons and the services it offers visit: <http://learningcommons.brocku.ca>.

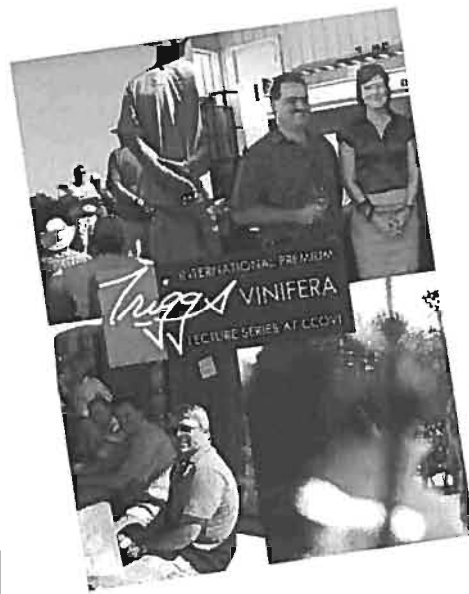


Special Constable Karl Thorp from Campus Security has difficulty driving the D.U.M.B. Car (Distractions Undermining Motorist Behaviour) while talking on a cell phone as instructed by Nicole Rusling, health promoter from the Niagara Public Health Injury Prevention Program during Brock's O-Week vendor fair. The simulator is part of the Drive To Survive Tour developed by the Insurance Bureau of Canada to educate the public on the dangers of driving while distracted.

Dr. Dirt enlightens winegrowers at Fifth Annual Triggs Lecture

Daniel (Dr. Dirt) Roberts pleased a crowd of more than 100 at the recent Triggs International Premium Vinifera Lecture Series, which was presented by Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute as a free event to the public and members of the grape and wine community.

In its fifth year, the event featured a public lecture by Roberts, Founder, Integrated Winegrowing, along with vineyard visits and a viticulture workshop. The day in the vineyards included a barbecue, sponsored by the Grape Growers of Ontario.



The event, attended by members of the grape and wine community, Brock and the public, was topped off with a wine reception, featuring Jackson-Triggs wines from the Delaine Vineyard, which is owned by Don and Elaine Triggs.

Roberts is a specialist in soil science and plant nutrition, with a doctorate in agronomy from the University of New Hampshire. Since 1981, he has worked with vineyards in California, Chile, Argentina, Australia, and Italy. His winegrowing expertise includes: viticultural land evaluation, vineyard design, vineyard development, irrigation, fertilization and vine management.

When asked by a local winegrower, at the lecture, what he thought about the Niagara wine industry, Roberts said he's impressed by the region's degree of quality and sophistication in terms of viticultural practices and wine production. He went on to say that he thinks cool climate varieties, such as Riesling, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, made in Niagara are world-class.

The Triggs Lecture Series is made possible thanks to an endowment established by Donald and Elaine Triggs. The aim of the Lecture Series is to bring leading international viticulture experts to Ontario on a yearly basis to share expertise on current issues concerning quality winegrowing.

Mercer cheered...
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challenge.

"In just two weeks, you managed to raise \$5,000. You're awesome," Mercer noted. Brock did not raise the most money last year, (that honour went to Dalhousie University), but Brock's enthusiasm and quick turnaround earned the attention of the program founders, and therefore the opportunity to host this year's nationwide launch. The honour also includes nationwide television exposure for Brock, since the segment was taped to air on the Rick Mercer Report on CBC.

The campaign runs until next March. Donations are being accepted in the coming weeks at various locations around campus, or can be done through the organization's website at www.spreadthenet.org

Volunteers reported donations collected at the event totaled more than \$3,100.

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respective events with Verbeek and Brambell winning medals in Beijing at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. To celebrate their achievements, Brock will acknowledge their accomplishments at the annual Grape Stomp and barbecue event.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Brock will be taking part in the Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade at 11 a.m. Brock students, staff, faculty, and alumni are invited to join the Brock float or be sure to wear Brock colours along the parade route through downtown St. Catharines. In the afternoon, Montebello Park hosts a variety of activities for Brock alumni and friends at the Brock Tent.

To find out more information on all the events, visit: www.brocku.ca/brockdays

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With a doctorate in biology from Queen's University, Vasseur began her career teaching and conducting studies in environmental studies and biology at Saint Mary's and Dalhousie, where she continues to have academic ties. Her research program is mainly in climate change, sustainable development, community-based ecosystem management and conservation ecology, while her teaching subjects have included evolutionary biology, ecology, botany and ecosystem management.

"I am very excited about this new opportunity," said Vasseur. "Brock already enjoys an enviable position among Ontario's comprehensive universities, and I am looking forward to contributing to the enhancement of its research profile."

Vasseur will be on campus starting Jan. 9, 2009. She has been appointed to a five-year term.

School of Fine and Performing Arts launches new season

From a surreal stage lampooning of George Bernard Shaw to calming noon-time musical entertainment and stunning visual art exhibits, the School of Fine and Performing Arts has launched its 2008-09 lineup of performances by students and faculty from the school's various departments. There is something for every person's taste and budget, including free music recitals in the Music@Noon Series, put on by faculty and staff every Tuesday from October until April.

For a list of upcoming events in September, October and November including times and ticket details, see Page 4 under Event Listings. For a full list of upcoming events for the 2008-09 season, visit: www.brocku.ca/finearts/events.htm

For more information, please contact Marie Balsom, Co-ordinator, School of Fine and Performing Arts, ext. 4765; mbalsolm@brocku.ca

Election of a Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees

There is now one permanent staff vacancy on the Board of Trustees due to the retirement of Divino Mucciante. Therefore, an election of one representative from the permanent staff will be held on Friday, Oct. 24.

Nominations are being accepted for one representative from the permanent staff to fill this vacancy for a term commencing immediately following the election until June 30, 2011.

The General Bylaws of the Board of Trustees specifies that three members from the permanent staff, elected by the permanent staff members of the University, serve staggered three-year terms on the Board. Permanent staff members who are Managers reporting directly to the President or to a Vice-President are not eligible to serve.

Nomination forms are now available from the University Secretariat Office (ST 1107) and must be signed by three members of the permanent staff and the nominee and submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees no later than 4:30 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 10. Ballots will be distributed to all members of the permanent staff on or before Friday, Oct. 17. Completed ballots are to be returned to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, sealed in the envelope provided. Ballots not returned in this manner and by the close of the poll at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, will not be counted.

Please contact Mike Farrell, ext. 3335 if you have any questions.

Brock Briefs

Thesis defences

- **Korinne Weima**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Child and Youth Studies Program, will defend her thesis tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. in Sullivan Mahoney Training Room, Computer Commons. The title of her thesis is "My Two Families: An Autoethnographic Exploration of the Internalized Lived by and the Externalized Lived With Family Experience." Supervisor: Hans Skott-Myhre; external examiner: Mark Krueger, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee; chair: Tanya Martini; committee members: Maureen Connolly; Kathleen Skott-Myhre.

- **Dirk Windhorst**, PhD student in Educational Studies, will present his thesis defence on Friday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. in WH 147. The title of his thesis is "Educating for Love of Wisdom: John Dewey and Simone Weil." Examining committee: Marilyn Rose, chair; Clive Beck, OISE/University of Toronto, external examiner; John Novak, supervisor; John Mitterer, internal examiner; Susan Drake and Mary Clare Courtland, committee members.

- **Nicole Maggio**, candidate for the interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend her thesis, "The Whole Earth as Village: A Chronotopic Analysis of Marshall McLuhan's Global Village and Patrick McGoochan's 'The Prisoner'," on Monday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Board Room, Schmon Tower. External examiner: Paul Heyer, Wilfrid Laurier University; supervisor: Jim Leach; committee members: Jeannette Sloniowski, Sherryl Vint; Chair: Thomas Dunk.

- **Lindsay Campbell**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Child and Youth Studies Program, will defend her thesis on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. in Plaza 600F. The title of her thesis is "An assessment of Autism Knowledge in the Medical Field." Supervisor: Trisha Vause; external examiner: Adrienne Perry, York University; chair: David DiBattista; committee members: Maurice Feldman; James Porter.

Anyone is welcome to attend any of these defences.

Faculty of Education to benefit from Welch Hall expansion



University administrators, faculty, staff and students gathered at the construction site next to Welch Hall on Sept. 17 to formally mark the occasion of the start of construction on the Faculty of Education Extension project. A group comprised of most key constituents as well as a representative of Merit Construction took part in a ceremonial groundbreaking and brief remarks by Terry Boak, Vice-President Academic and Provost, Brock University, and James Heap, Dean, Faculty of Education. Despite somewhat muddy conditions, those in attendance were happy to celebrate the construction of additional office space, computer and graduate student facilities as well as upgrades and renovations to existing facilities.

University photographer retires after 32 years

Divino Mucciante's regular routine at Brock has been to stay away from any kind of routine for the past 32 and a half years.

As the University's official photographer, no two days ever looked the same as he took on the challenge of capturing on film (or memory card) Brock's people, places and things.

"The job has been incredibly rewarding because of the people in the Brock community and the people who come to the University," Mucciante said shortly before celebrating his retirement last week with friends and colleagues.

During his time at Brock, he has captured the laughter, tears, triumph and relief of every single convocation ceremony; he has photographed high-profile people from Anne Murray and the Royal Canadian Air Farce, to philanthropists, politicians and Supreme Court Judges.

He recalls with a smile the time television personality Barbara Frum visited Brock. While Frum may have seemed grim and serious to most, she let her guard down when visiting one-on-one with the man with the camera. "I think everyone was a little afraid of her, but when she came in the room, she came straight to me. That made my day," Mucciante said.

The Fenwick resident has been responsible for capturing the images of a

variety of portrait and major print projects, including such publications as department and faculty annual reports, the University's Annual Report, the recruitment book, promotional posters, pamphlets and brochures.

His most challenging subject? A fruit fly.

But with a shot of ether, that fruit fly was sleepy enough to co-operate, he says.

Mucciante will now focus his energy on photographic artwork in the private sector, working with clients to bring to fruition their desired images, whether they be portrait, landscape or abstract.

Before taking up photography, he worked in a factory for eight years, the last four of them as a tool and dye

maker. In 1970, Mucciante started training as a professional photographer, spending several years working for some of the finest photographers in Canada, most notably Alice Hood, Al McGlenister and Al Gilbert (of Toronto). This allowed him to gain experience in the areas of advertising, commercial, portrait, wedding and corporate publication photography. As a result, he earned several prestigious awards in the field, including six major awards as a member of the Professional Photographers of Canada (PPOC). More than a dozen of his award prints were part of a display that toured Canada with the PPOC, and were then accepted into the public archives in Ottawa.



Divino Mucciante with the lens facing in the opposite direction.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Professors of Biological Sciences **Fiona Hunter** and **Michael Bidochka** were interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* about their research on malaria-spreading mosquitoes as part of the newspaper's coverage of the Spread the Net Student Challenge launch at the University. The Sept. 11 article, entitled "Mercer, Stronach spread malaria message at Brock" was also reprinted in the *Niagara Falls Review* and *Welland Tribune*.

Larry Savage, Assistant Professor, Labour Studies and Political Science, appeared Sept. 9 as a guest pundit on the CTS program *On Line with Christine Williams*. Savage was also quoted in a Sept. 11 CBCnews.ca article about the newly elected president of the Canadian Auto Workers, entitled "New CAW president faces multiple challenges."

Paul Hamilton, Associate Professor of Political Science and **Tim Heinmiller**, Assistant Professor of Political Science were both interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Sept. 10 article about the ongoing federal election campaign, "Mud flies in a campaign that's expected to get even nastier."

Sandra Felton, Professor, Accounting, was interviewed for a Sept. 5 article in *Niagara This Week*, entitled "Mirror or lens? Brock paper examines portrayal of accountants in film," in which she talked about her study with co-author and Brock professor Darlene Bay.

Brad Clarke, Manager, Student Community Outreach, was interviewed for a Sept. 5 article in the *Welland Tribune*. "Police beef up presence around student housing areas," in which he talked about Brock's programs to educate off-campus students about proper behaviour. The story was also printed in the *St. Catharines Standard*.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Sept. 4 article in the *Globe and Mail*, entitled "Chinese fugitive's deportation hailed as landmark move," in which he talked about the effect of the deportation on Canada-China relations.

Craig Hyatt, Professor, Sport Management, was interviewed Sept. 4 on AM FAN 590's *The Bullpen* program regarding teams rebranding their names and logos.

Michael J. Armstrong, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business, was interviewed on-air Sept. 1 by *St. Catharines* radio station AM 610 CKTB regarding his research on chocolate bar supply chains.

New Library resource enhances statistical research

Looking for an easier way to find and analyze data? Researchers at Brock will now be able to explore statistics and data in a fresh interface with the James A. Gibson Library's latest data resource: ODESI (Ontario Data Documentation, Extraction Service and Infrastructure Initiative). A significant feature of ODESI is the NESSTAR online data analysis tool, which will permit users to analyze variables without the use of external statistical software such as SPSS. It is accessible by Brock students, faculty and staff only.

ODESI includes: Statistics Canada datasets; datafiles from Gallup Canada and other polling companies; and

public-domain files such as the Canadian National Election Surveys and selected files from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).



College and University Libraries) and is available through the Library's Databases page. For more information about ODESI, contact your Liaison Librarian or Kevin Manuel, Data Librarian, at kmanuel@brocku.ca

Please check the library homepage for upcoming ODESI workshops throughout the fall and winter terms.

ODESI was developed with support from OCUL (Ontario

Faculty and Staff

BUSINESS

Kojo Saffu, Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship (Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship, and Ethics), presented the following papers with S. Apori and A. Elijah-Mensah:

- "Growth strategies of women-owned businesses: An emerging market perspective" at the 53rd International Council of Small Business World Conference in Halifax, N.S., June 22-24, 2008;
- "HRM practices in Polytechnics in Ghana: The impact of size", 9th International Academy of African Business and Development, at the University of Florida, Hilton Hotel, May 20-24, 2008.

John Walker (Finance, Operations, and Information Systems) and **Kojo Saffu** (Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship and Ethics) delivered a presentation, entitled "Drivers and Barriers to Electronic Commerce Adoption: Evidence from a Developing Country," at the 7th International Conference on Management, in Athens, Greece, from July 6-9, 2008. They also delivered a presentation with M. Mazurek, "Consumer Ethnocentrism: The Case of Slovakia," at the 8th International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organizations, at the University of Cambridge, England, from Aug. 5-8, 2008.

Communication, Popular Culture and Film

Greg Gillespie made the following presentations:

- "Ritualized Scottishness: Robert Burns Suppers and Associational Culture," at the Scottish Associational Culture in the Diaspora: Philanthropy through National Identity Conference hosted by the Centre for Scottish Studies, University of Guelph, Toronto, in June 2008
- "Weaving Local Identity: The Niagara Region Tartan and the Invention of Tradition," at the Folklore Studies Association of Canada Annual Conference, Cape Breton University, Sydney, N.S., in May 2008.
- "Heinous Highlandism?: The Album Covers and Gig Posters of The Real McKenzies," at the International Association for the Study of Popular Music (Canada), Brock University, in May 2008.

HISTORY

Elizabeth Neswald presented a paper on "Max Rubner, Volksernährung and the 'specific-dynamic effect'" at the meeting of the Society for the Social History of Medicine in Glasgow, Sept. 3-5.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen served as a singer in a solo quartet, performing works by Franck, Mozart, Victoria et al for a special service at St. Thomas More RC Church in Niagara Falls, Sept. 7. Also participating were Brock string instructors, cellist **Gordon Cleland** and violinist **George Cleland**. Organist and Brock Music alumna **Maureen Chamberlain** directed the music for the service.

SOCIOLOGY

Michelle Webber presented her paper, "Regulating Academics: Examining the Tenure Process in Canadian Universities," at the International Conference on Social Sciences (Social Sciences Research Society), Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Turkey, August 2008.

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Events

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: Fall Seminar Series.

- All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.
- Friday, Sept. 26: Dr. Stanislav Y. Shvartsman, Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics/Dept. of Chemical Engineering, Princeton University, "Quantitative biology of pattern formation in the early fruit fly embryo." Host: Joffe Mercier.
 - Friday, Oct. 3: Kevin Campbell, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Manitoba, "Mole hills and mammoth bones: A cold hard look at (haemoglobin) adaptation." Host: Jeff Stuart.

SEX WORK: ACTIVIST INTERVENTIONS FROM CANADA TO INDIA

Special screening of the documentary *Tales of the Night Fairies* (2002) followed by a panel discussion featuring: Shohini Ghosh, Director, *Tales of the Night*; Mäija Martin, Innocence Project, Canada; and Kara Gillies, Maggies, a Sex Worker Run Education Project. The event is free of charge, thanks to the sponsorship of: Centre for Women's Studies, Office of Human Rights and Equity Services, Social Justice and Equity Studies, Department of Sociology, and Office of the Dean of Social Sciences.

The screening and panel discussion will take place Friday, Sept. 26, Academic South 203. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., event from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

For information, contact: Margot Francis, Centre for Women's Studies, ext. 5381 or mfrancis@brocku.ca

CENTRE FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

Fall 2008 Teaching Assistant Workshop Series/Certificate Program, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon, TH 253. Registration is required. Register at www.brocku.ca/ctlet/TAWWorkshops_registration.php

- Saturday, Sept. 27 (2 credits) 3) Academic Civility 4) Power Practices in the Classroom: The Hidden Curriculum
- Saturday, Oct. 4 (2 credits) 5) Effective Seminars 6) Academic Integrity
- Saturday, Oct. 18 (2 credits) 7) Demystifying the Library (Part 1) 8) Demystifying the Library (Part 2)
- Saturday, Nov. 1 (2 credits) 9) Cultural Sensitivity: Working With International Students 10) Helping Your Students Prepare for Exams
- Saturday, Nov. 15 (2 credits) 11) Marking Madness: Tips and Tricks for Effective Grading 12) Course Closures: Ending Class with Class
- Saturday, Nov. 29 (2 credits) 13) Facilitating Discussions 14) Managing and Assessing Group Work

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS: The Archaeological Institute of America (Niagara Peninsula Society) and the Department of Classics host monthly public lectures that are free and open to everyone. Upcoming lectures this term include talks on Sardis in the Lydian Period (Oct. 19), Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls (Nov. 9), and Adonis in Roman Cyprus (Dec. 7). All lectures begin at 3 p.m. in AS 215. For additional details and a complete schedule for 2008/09, visit www.brocku.ca/classics and click on the "AIA Niagara" link.

SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Dramatic Arts: *MEDEA* by Euripides, directed by Natalie Alvarez, designed by David Vivian. A stunning new interpretation of this timeless tragedy of betrayal and revenge re-envisioned: a talk show forum replaces the ancient Greek amphitheatre; merciless cameras track every moment in place of the omnipresent gaze of the gods; and the audience-as-chorus become participants in the tragic spectacle.

Held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre Nov. 13, 14, and 15, 7:30 p.m., contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257 for tickets, adults \$15; seniors/students \$12; groups \$10, \$5 eyeGo for high school students.

Department of Music ENCORE! Professional Concert Series: All ENCORE! Professional Concerts are held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$28.50 adults; \$22.50 seniors/students; \$5 eyeGo for high school students. Contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257 or visit www.arts.brocku.ca

- Friday, Sept. 26: An Evening of Chamber Music Members of Brock's Music faculty Karin Di Bella (piano), Gordon Cleland (cello), and Rob Wolanski (double bass) join

Xiaoling Li (violin), Andrée Simard (viola), and alumna Jody Wieler (soprano) on stage. Highlighted by Franz Schubert's beloved Trout Quintet.

- Friday, Nov. 21: Canadian Guitar Quartet Recognized as Canada's top guitar quartet: Philip Candelaria, Denis Donegani, Patrick Roux, and Louis Trépanier have toured extensively throughout North and South America.

Music@Noon Series: The Department of Music presents a relaxing midday "music break" from 12 noon to 12:50 p.m. every Tuesday. This series features our talented performance faculty and students in a variety of small and large ensembles from soloists to large choirs. All Music@Noon performances are free community.

- Tuesday, Oct. 14, Recital: Stew Granger, tenor; Dr. Erika Reiman, piano, held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28, Recital: Performance Students, held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.
- Tuesday, Nov. 4, Faculty Recital: Patricia Dydnansky, flute; Dr. Erika Reiman, piano, held at the Concordia Seminary Chapel.
- Tuesday, Nov. 11, Recital: Department of Music Voice Students, held at the Concordia Seminary Chapel.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, Recital: Instrumental Students, held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.
- Tuesday, Nov. 25, Recital: Piano Students, held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

University Wind Ensemble: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008 and Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 7:30 p.m., with conductor Zoltan Kalman. Our Wind Ensemble enjoys a rich heritage of musical excellence, attracting talented brass, woodwind, and percussion performers from both the University and the Niagara community. Held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University. Free community event!

Choral Series: Purchase tickets for the Choral Series through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257, or at the door. For information about Music programs, events and venues, visit www.brocku.ca/music

- Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m., "Autumn Song" with the Avanti Chamber Singers, Harris Loewen conductor, at St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 33 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Tickets: adults \$20; eyeGo \$5 for high school students; children under 12 free.
- Saturday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m., "Duo Chori I" with the Brock University Chamber Choir and Women's Chorus, with Harris Loewen, conductor, at Knox Presbyterian Church, 53 Church St., St. Catharines. Tickets: adults \$10; eyeGo \$5 for high school students; children under 12 free.

Department of Visual Arts exhibitions:

- Amy Friend, *Soon this Space will be too Small*: runs until Friday, Oct. 10, The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Guest Artist Series: Guest speaker events are free community events. For information about Visual Arts programs, events, and venues, visit www.brocku.ca/visualarts

- Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m., Nicole Collins: Artist talk (painting), Rm. GLN 162.
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., The Department of Visual Arts presents ... Catherine Heard: Artist talk and discussion of Niche Project installation at Rodman Hall, 109 St. Paul Crescent, St. Catharines.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Brock University's 2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

Just added: Second Annual Canadian Idol Top 3 Tour Announced Tickets are on sale now for two performances at the Centre for the Arts on Thursday, Dec. 18 and Friday, Dec. 19. Featuring Theo Tams, Mitch MacDonald and Drew Wright. Gold Circle Tickets which include premium seating and a Meet and Greet with the Top 3 are \$55 and regular tickets are \$29.50. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

October 2008: RyanDan, Oct. 1; Classic Albums Live: Fleetwood Mac - Rumours, Oct. 16; Sho, Mo & the Monkey Bunch (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Oct. 19; Arlo Guthrie - Lost World Tour 2008, Oct. 22; Ballet Jorgen: Anastasia (DSH Theatre), Oct. 25; Joe Bonamassa, Oct. 30; William Joseph with special guest Lily Frost, Oct. 31.

Classified

House for Rent: Immaculate, furnished three-bedroom home for rent in Fonthill from Dec. 16, 2008 until June 16, 2009. Perfect for a visiting professor or new faculty member just arriving to the area. \$1,300 per month with all utilities included: basic cable, Internet, phone, hydro, gas and heat. E-mail broy@coqeco.ca or call 905-892-5926.

BrockNews

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Fire safety, Schmon Tower updates in effect

A new fire alarm system in Schmon Tower, Thistle Complex and the Matheson Learning Commons has created some modification to fire safety practices and access in the Schmon Tower stairwells.

The following information is provided by Mike Agnew, Emergency and Life Safety Officer:

In the event of a fire, pull the nearest fire alarm pull station to activate the fire alarm system, and then exit the building using the nearest exit. After the alarm sounds, there is an intermittent prerecorded message which states that the fire alarm has been activated and you are required to exit the building. The new fire alarm system also has speakers, which allow for voice messaging to everyone in the above-mentioned buildings.

Fire alarm contractors will be removing the old fire alarm system, which entails removing old heat detectors, smoke detectors, and old red pull stations.

All stairwells in Schmon Tower and Thistle Complex are being identified by alphabetical letters. Previously, the stairwells were numbered (e.g. stairwell 1, stairwell 2). The two main stairwells in the Tower are now identified as Stairwell 'A' and Stairwell 'B'.

In order to accommodate life safety under the fire code and library security, access to the stairwells in Schmon Tower has been modified.

Stairwell 'A' is positioned between Floor Level 2 (Main Lobby) and Level 14. Please take note of the following floor-specific information:

- Levels 2 – 4: Except in the case of an emergency, there is no access to and from these levels. The doors are held closed by a magnetic lock and/or a crash bar mechanism. In an emergency, there is a red fire alarm pull station on both sides of the door on level 2, and a crash bar on level 3. When the pull station is activated, all doors can be opened. If the crash bar on level 3 is used when there is no fire alarm, a local alarm will sound and a prerecorded message will advise you to return to a library floor.

Please note that stairwell access to and from levels 2, 3 and 4 is still possible using the open stair case located immediately beside the Schmon Tower entrance to the learning commons.

- Level 5 – 10: Access from both sides of the door is permitted. These are library floors.

- Level 11 – 13: Access to and from the stairwell is permitted with the use of a swipe card. The door is held closed by a magnetic lock.

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Welcome back



New and returning students take in the Vendor's Market in Jubilee Court as part of Orientation Week on campus Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Brock ready to celebrate with friends, alumni

The annual community and homecoming Celebration known as Brock Days takes place Sept. 18 to 27 with events and activities for Brock faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends. The University has once again partnered with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival for several of the events over two weeks.

Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts takes place on Thursday, Sept. 18 at Rodman Hall as an extraordinary taste experience with Niagara's finest chefs and wineries. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased through the Box Office by calling ext. 3257. On the evening of Friday, Sept. 19, the Brock Community will gather at a very special event, Tribute! to honour one of Brock's own – Ron Gourlay, Manager, Brock University Students' Union – in seriousness and jest. Tickets are \$45 and are available by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office. Following the Tribute! event, the Brock University Alumni Association will kick off the annual Pub Night taking place at Isaacs.

Saturday, Sept. 20 provides Brock alumni and friends with a chance to come together at a variety of events. In

the morning, visitors can go back to class and attend a lecture without the work or join the Alumni Association for a complimentary luncheon in Brock's newest facility, the Matheson Learning Commons, as they report on the past year at their Annual General Meeting. That evening, attendees will dress in their finest black and/or white attire for the Black and White Alumni Reunion Dinner and Dance as the entire Brock Community honours a number of distinguished graduates and celebrates with the reunion classes in style.

This year's Lunch Time Music Series will be held from Sept. 22 to 25 featuring various musical talents from the Brock community. On Thursday, Sept. 25, the Niagara Wine Festival and Brock University Centre for the Arts presents A Concert in Montebello Park featuring Daniel Lanois & Friends: An Evening with Canada's Finest Singer-Songwriters. This is a ticketed event and all Brock faculty, staff, students and Centre for the Arts members will receive a Brock Rate of \$27.

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Search begins for Provost, VP Academic

The University has formed an advisory committee to search for Brock's next Provost and Vice-President, Academic to replace Terry Boak, who is in his last year in this position.

Jim Lundy, executive consultant, Janet Wright and Associates, has been selected to assist the University in this search.

The advisory committee consists of the following members: Jack Lightstone, (Chair) President and Vice Chancellor; David Howes, Board of Trustees; Joe Robertson, Board of Trustees; Rosemary Hale, Dean, Senior Administrative Officer; Professor Anna Sanchez, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences; Professor Danny Cho, Faculty of

Business; Professor Michael Manley Casimir, Faculty of Education; Professor Debbie Inglis, Faculty of Graduate Studies; Professor Jean Bridge, Faculty of Humanities; Laurie Morrison, Professional Librarian; Professor Bozidar Mitrovic, Faculty of Mathematics and Science; Professor Sid Segalowitz, Faculty of Social Sciences; Cindy Dunne, Permanent Staff; Melissa Page, Graduate Student, GSA; TBA, Undergraduate Student, BUSU.

The deliberations of the Advisory Committee are strictly confidential and only the chair will be authorized to answer any questions regarding the proceedings.

Rick Mercer nets visit to campus

Television personality Rick Mercer and Newmarket-Aurora MP Belinda Stronach will bring a splash of Canadian celebrity to campus today as they launch the 2008 Spread the Net Student Challenge.

The national campaign, done in partnership with UNICEF Canada, is a student-driven initiative to raise money to purchase mosquito bed nets for children in developing countries.

The nets, which cost \$10, contain an insecticide that can reduce the transmission of malaria by 50 per cent.

Brock was chosen from several universities across the country to hold the launch because of an impressive showing at last year's challenge, Mercer noted.

Mercer and Stronach will initiate the campaign in front of the Schmon Tower at 12 noon today. Spread the Net runs from Sept. 10 to March 1, 2009.

For information, go to www.spreadthenet.org



BROCK NEWS READERS:

To serve our readers to the best of our ability, we are asking for YOUR INPUT on your faculty and staff newsletter. We have

designed an online READERSHIP SURVEY

that will only take a few moments to complete.

The first 100 entries will be entered in a draw for PRIZES generously supplied by the Campus Store and Sodexo Food Services

To be eligible, you must complete the survey by Sept. 30

To participate, go to: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=dfm18ScoVAufaWvxhGMHg_3d_3d

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Brock Briefs

Thesis Defence

• Matthew Reimer, a Master of Arts candidate in the Social Justice and Equity Studies Program, will defend his thesis on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 12 noon in PL600F. The title of his thesis is "Gendered Inequality in Academia: Exploring Women's Experiences During the Pre-Tenure Stage of Their Academic Career." Supervisor: Michelle Webber; external examiner: Lorna Erwin, York University; committee members: Ann Duffy; Jane Helleiner. All are welcome.

Farmers' Market success means extension

The summer Farmers' Market, which recently earned a special greenbelt designation, will continue throughout September, culminating as part of the Brock Days celebrations on Friday, Sept. 26. The designation comes in part because the market has attracted local growers and producers with green-friendly practices.

TA orientation day set for Sept. 13

All Brock University Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching Assistants, seminar leaders, markers and lab demonstrators are invited to attend the TA Day/Orientation 2008, Saturday, Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., in TH 325.

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies sponsors this full day to meet TAs, seminar leaders, markers and lab demonstrators from other disciplines and receive a reference binder of resources and helpful tips on teaching issues. Participation in the TA Day earns two credits towards the Brock University TA Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Registration is required and is open until Sept. 10 (today). To register: www.brocku.ca/ctlet/TAWorkshops_registration.php

Road safety awareness promoted

When close to 17,000 Brock faculty, staff and students lined up to receive their 2008-09 parking passes this year, they were also exposed to some powerful messages about thinking and driving in Niagara.

Campus Security at Brock partnered with the Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee (RNRSC) to promote the Think and Drive campaign during the parking pass pick up. Think and Drive resources were handed out with parking permits and a table top display promoted awareness outside the Office of Parking Services.

SIA run raises funds for clean water project

On Saturday, Sept. 13, Solidarity in Action (SIA) at Brock University is organizing its first annual Run with Hope - a 5km and 1km charity run - to bring the Niagara community together in an effort to raise funds to provide clean water for Kenya.

The run takes place at the Glenridge Quarry Naturalization site with check in at 8 a.m. The 5km run begins at 9:30 a.m., and the 1km run will start at 10 a.m. The run will be followed by a celebration and barbecue. SIA Brock hopes to raise \$15,000 for the not-for-profit organization, Ryan's Well Foundation, based in Ottawa. Combined with grants and other funds, this will fund 60 rainwater-harvesting systems in Kajiado, Kenya.

BUSU hosts free community barbecues

The Brock University Students' Union is hosting a series of free barbecues in partnership with Brock's Community Connections Department, and the cities of Thorold and St. Catharines to bring together new and returning students and the long-term residents who are their neighbours, as well as Brock administrators, local politicians, and emergency services personnel.

The first barbecue was to take place yesterday, Sept. 9, while the other two take place Thursday, Sept. 11 (tomorrow) at Confederation Heights South Park, Thorold; and Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Southridge Church, 201 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines. Both barbecues run from 5 to 8 p.m. The first 500 people receive a free hotdog, hamburger or veggie burger, and drinks will be available for purchase. All community members and students are welcome.

Learning Commons



Just in time for the new academic year, the Matheson Learning Commons is open for business. The Commons includes such amenities as individual and group study areas, 30 laptops to borrow, interactive information touch screens, and an area devoted to Career Services.

ACCESS

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In an emergency there is a red fire alarm pull station on both sides of the door at Level 13. When the pull station is activated, the door can be opened.

- Level 14 - This is a mechanical room, accessed only with a swipe card.

Stairwell 'B' is positioned between Floor Level 1 and Level 15. Please take note of the following floor-specific information:

- Level 1: This basement corridor has not changed; access from the corridor to the stairwell on Level 1 is not permitted. If you are inside the stairwell on Level 1 in an emergency, push on the door crash bar and the door will open. If it is not an emergency, the local door alarm will be activated and a prerecorded message will advise you to return to a library floor.
- Level 2: Access from both sides of the door is permitted. This is a library floor.
- Levels 3 - 4: Except in an

emergency, there is no access to and from Levels 3 and 4. The doors are held closed by a crash bar on Level 3 and magnetic lock on Level 4. In an emergency there is a red fire alarm pull station on both sides of the door on Level 3. When the pull station is activated, the door can be opened. If the crash bar on Level 3 is used when there is no fire alarm, a local alarm will sound and a prerecorded message will advise you to return to a library floor.

- Level 5 - 10: Access from both sides of the door is permitted. These are library floors.

- Level 11 - 13: Except in the case of an emergency, there is no access to and from these levels. The doors are held closed by a magnetic lock and/or a crash bar mechanism. In an emergency, there is a red fire alarm pull station on both sides of the door on Level 13. When the pull station is activated, all doors can be opened.

- Level 14: This is a mechanical room, accessed only with a swipe card.

Anyone with questions or concerns can contact Agnew at ext. 5335 or send an e-mail to magnew@brocku.ca

BROCK DAYS

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The annual Concert and Grape Stomp will take place on Friday, Sept. 26 in the Jubilee Courtyard, where you will be entertained by musical sensation Flat Broke, who specializes in classic rock hits of the 1960s, '70s, '80s. The Grape Stomp brings faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends together in a messy but fun celebration of the grape harvest.

Festival treats will be available with all donations going to the United Way and Shinerama. A summer tradition will come to an end as the Farmers'

Market and barbecue takes place for the last time this year in Jubilee Courtyard.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Brock will be taking part in the Niagara Wine Festival Grande Parade at 11 a.m. Brock students, staff, faculty, and alumni are invited to join us on the Brock float or to wear Brock gear and show support along the parade route through downtown St. Catharines. In the afternoon, come down to Montebello Park, where we will be hosting a variety of activities for Brock alumni and friends at the Brock Tent.

For more information visit www.brocku.ca/brockdays

Survey seeks answers on community engagement

Brock is dedicated to working in partnership to enhance the quality of life and economic, cultural, and social well-being of the Niagara region and beyond.

The University is committed to increasing its engagement in society by building upon the many meaningful community activities and partnerships currently involving Brock University faculty, staff and students.

Over the past two years, Brock has catalogued many community outreach initiatives that reflect the extraordinary contributions made by our faculty, staff and students in teaching, research and service capacities.

Because community engagement and outreach is ever changing, Community

Connections is again asking for assistance in responding to a Community Engagement Survey.

This survey provides a key tool to assist in identifying the full breadth of partnerships, events and initiatives that currently exist between Brock and the broader community.

The participation of the Brock community in the survey will help develop new strategies and opportunities for University/Community engagement. All respondents will be eligible to win an upgrade to a 2008-09 reserved parking pass. Surveys may be completed online by Oct. 12 for a chance to win. Go to www.brocku.ca/multimedia/CCSurvey/survey_brocklive_f.php

Aboriginal council seeks to fill vacancy

The mandate of Brock's Aboriginal Education Council (AEC) is to advise the University on all matters relating to Aboriginal education and research and is composed of both Brock personnel and members of the Aboriginal community. Currently, there exists one open seat for a Brock representative to be filled by Brock personnel who have an interest in Aboriginal issues and who would be committed to the AEC. Council meetings are normally held six times per year, on Fridays, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Nominations/letters of interest, which will be reviewed by the AEC Executive Committee and forwarded to the AEC for approval, may be submitted by Sept. 17 to janie.hodson@brocku.ca

Henley Honda hosts appreciation night

Henley Honda will host an Appreciation Night for Brock staff and alumni tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 10 p.m. at their location at 308 Lake St., St. Catharines. This business dress/casual event will include music, food, refreshments, speeches and a charity event known as a Reverse Calcutta, with proceeds going to Gillian's Place (formerly Women's Place of St. Catharines North and Niagara).

For information or to RSVP, e-mail Kate at reception@henleyhonda.ca

Human Rights and Equity Officer named

The Office of Human Rights and Equity Services is pleased to welcome the new Human Rights and Equity Officer, Marla Portfilio. She has worked at Brock for the past several years as the Med-Plus Co-ordinator with Career Services. Complementing her student service experience, she also has previous experience in human resources and social services. Her role will include training, prevention and awareness campaigns on campus, as well as working with students, staff and faculty on campus to resolve issues or complaints of bullying, harassment and discrimination.

All community members are invited to meet Portfilio in the office at DeCew Residence, Room 221; call ext. 3338; or e-mail mportfilio@brocku.ca

Positive Space workshops coming

The Positive Space Campaign Committee will hold several workshops in the fall 2008 term at the St. Catharines campus, including:

- Wednesday, Sept. 17: 9 to 11 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 29: 3 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22: 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- Monday, Nov. 10: 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 27: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Workshop dates for the Hamilton campus in 2008/09 are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 25 and Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, both from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This two-hour, interactive workshop will provide participants with the knowledge and comfort to become a "positive space" on campus and earns a postcard and/or button to designate yourself as a Positive Space.

Workshops are free of charge and all interested Brock community members are welcome to attend - faculty, staff and students, members of the LGBTQ community and allies. Please register in advance as seating is limited. Register by e-mail at positivespace@brocku.ca



Delicate operation

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Thousands of students visited the St. Catharines campus this summer as part of the Youth University weekly camp program. Medical mysteries was one of the many themes offered.

More than 5,500 children filled halls, classes for Youth U

During the past four months, those on campus have seen hundreds of young people in coloured Youth University T-shirts throughout the halls, classes and grounds at Brock. Youth University spring and summer programs not only served as a wonderful and innovative opportunity for more than 5,500 young people who will soon have to make choices about future careers and furthering their education, but also for the 45 university student instructors from all faculties who have been able to apply, and extend, their Brock education.

During May and June, students from across Ontario attended Brock with their classmates to take part in leadership, science and natural science programs. During July and August children ages eight to 14, from as far away as Oakville and Fort Erie, attended Brock for a week of specialty

classes such as web design, medical mysteries, video production, and robotics. Of the more than 1,000 children who attended summer camps, 31 per cent have guardians who are students, staff or faculty at Brock.

And the learning is not over! From September to April another 3,000 youth will attend Youth University @ Brock University for a day-long field trip to build character, community and skills for life-long learning.

This valuable opportunity would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of the Brock community. Youth University wishes to extend a very special thanks to those staff and faculty throughout the university who share space, time, and resources to help make Youth University enrichment programs happen throughout the summer and over the course of the year.

Brock hosts 13th annual LTOS event

The 13th Symposium on Latest Trends in Organic Synthesis (LTOS-13) was held at Brock from Aug. 13 to 16 with more than 100 participants from all over the world in attendance.

They shared the latest results in organic synthesis through 18 lectures and more than 60 posters presented by the experts in the field. The conference was organized by Tomas Hudlicky and Josephine Reed of the Department of Chemistry.

The symposium was conceived to bring together synthetic chemists from both academic and industrial worlds in a format that would allow

for maximum exchange of information in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. The first Symposium was held in Blacksburg, Va., in May 1984 with 33 attendees, who each gave a talk. The conference has been held every two years since, moving with Hudlicky to Gainesville, Fla., in 1996, and then again to St. Catharines in 2003.

The Symposium is concerned with synthetic chemistry as it is developing today along the forefront of science. The 14th Symposium on the Latest Trends in Organic Synthesis (LTOS-14) will be held at Brock in August 2010.

Lathrop takes post of interim dean

For the start of a new academic term, Brock has three interim and one new dean heading up the various faculties.

Anna H. Lathrop (BPhEd, '79), Professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs, in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, has been appointed to the position of Interim Dean for the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences for a one-year period.

Lathrop holds a number of national, provincial and teaching award distinctions, including a 3M Teaching Fellowship of Canada Award (2001) and the Ontario

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Leadership in Faculty Teaching Award (2007-08). Her term began May 1.

This summer, Brock welcomed Dean Thomas Dunk to the Faculty of Social Sciences, while Barbara Sainty was named Interim Dean in the Faculty of Business. Joffre Mercier is currently Interim Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, while James Heap continues his post as Dean in the Faculty of Education; Rosemary Hale is the Dean in the Faculty of Humanities; and Marilyn Rose is Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Mediatalk People in the news

Michael J. Armstrong, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business, was interviewed for an Aug. 27 article in the *National Post* entitled "News not so sweet in candy bar research." The article subsequently appeared in eight other CanWest newspapers. Armstrong also did an on-air interview with Calgary radio station AM 770 CHQR on Aug. 27.

Rob Lanteigne, Vice-President, University Affairs, Brock University Students' Union, was interviewed for an Aug. 28 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Few takers for Niagara's \$50,000 student bursary program," in which he talked about the region's bursary plan and changes to the Repayment Assistance Plan. The article also appeared in the *Niagara Falls Review*.

Brad Clarke, Manager, Student/Community Outreach, was interviewed for an Aug. 23 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Home sweet home," in which he talked about off-campus housing choices for students. Clarke was also interviewed for an Aug. 22 article in the *Standard* entitled "Mercer returning to Brock," regarding today's visit by television personality Rick Mercer to launch the Spread the Net campaign.

Voula Marinos, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for an Aug. 21 article in the *Toronto Sun* entitled "'Toronto-centric' policies blamed for increase in small-town violence" regarding a study showing violent crimes are on the increase in less-populated areas in Ontario.

Zopito Marini, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for a Sept. 2 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Make sure older child feels part

of the process," in which he talked about ways to make an only child adjust to becoming an older sibling when a new baby is on the way.

David Sharron, Manager, Special Collections and Archives, was interviewed for an Aug. 28 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Niagara Landmark," which focused on the contents and purpose of the collections and archive.

Peter Vietgen, Professor, Pre-Service, Faculty of Education, was interviewed for a Sept. 3 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Top grades for Saint Antoine," in which he talked about the importance of extra-curricular activities in elementary school.

Sharon Abbey, Professor, Pre-Service, Faculty of Education, was interviewed for a Sept. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "First-day jitters normal - even for parents," in which she talked about establishing routines for children and parents during the first weeks of school.

Felice Martinello, Professor, Economics, was interviewed for a Sept. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "St. Catharines-Niagara second in Canada for July job growth: survey," in which he talked about the significance of the employment numbers for the region.

Karl Thorp, Brock Security special constable, was interviewed for a Sept. 3 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Brock University joins Think and Drive road campaign."

John Corlett, Professor, Applied Health Sciences, was interviewed by several radio, newspaper, television and online media outlets Aug. 21 for his part in a physical education program in San Salvador aimed at increasing physical activity in youth while diminishing violent behaviour.

October Café Scientifique examines impact of sleep loss on health

Sleep loss is a serious problem in modern society. Many people do not get the sleep they need in order to function optimally in their daily lives. Sleep loss leads to impaired mood, slowed reaction time, and deficits in memory and attention. There are also long-term consequences from chronic sleep disruption that profoundly affect health.

Brock, the Canadian Sleep Society and the Institute for Circulatory and Respiratory Health are hosting a Café Scientifique on the impact of sleep loss on health on Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Chateau des Charmes winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., and is open to the public and free of charge, but participants must register in advance. Refreshments will

be provided; this is a 19+ age event.

A Café Scientifique is an opportunity for members of the public to get together with scientists in a café- or pub-like setting to discuss relevant health-related topics. The events, which are intended to make science accessible to a general audience, are funded in part by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR).

The event will feature three experts who will discuss shift work, insomnia, and the impact of sleep loss on cardiovascular health: Dr. Doug Bradley, University of Toronto; Dr. Marie Dumont, University of Montreal; and Dr. Charles Morin, Laval University.

To register for this event, contact Julia Blushak, Office of Research Services, Brock University, at ext.5686 or e-mail jblushak@brocku.ca

Students shop for jobs as part of back-to-school

On Tuesday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., smartly dressed students will flock to the Pen Centre in search of part-time jobs.

Shop for Jobs is an annual event organized by collaboration with Brock, Niagara College and the Pen Centre. Growing in success every year, Shop for Jobs assists students in search of part-time jobs at Niagara's largest shopping mall during their academic school year.

Students from both institutions will have the opportunity to walk around the mall, resumes in hand, to speak to representatives from the participating retail stores. This event provides students the opportunity to meet

with store managers face-to-face, introduce themselves and display their skills to potential employers, while some will even have the chance for an on-the-spot interview.

Students who visit the Career Services booth near the Customer Service kiosk will also be able to enter to win a \$100 Pen Centre gift certificate.

Not only is this event a benefit for students, but it also provides retailers help with their hiring needs. For more information on this event, contact Lisa Kuiper, Employer Development Co-ordinator at lkuiper@brocku.ca or for a list of participating stores, visit careerservices.brocku.ca

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

David Hayes was in Korea July 29 and 30 to lead a visioning workshop for the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology on the development of teachers of English as a foreign language. He also travelled to Indonesia to present a paper on "In-service teacher development: Theory and practice in Asia" at the Asia TEFL conference held in Bali Aug. 1 to 3; as well as conducting policy analysis for the Ministry of Education in Jakarta from Aug. 4 to 7 on in-service development for teachers of English in primary schools.

Thomas S. C. Farrell gave a plenary address to the Asia TEFL Conference in Bali, Indonesia, Aug. 3. Farrell also gave a seminar in Singapore at Nanyang Technological University, Aug. 6; and gave a workshop in Seoul, Korea, Aug. 10.

BUSINESS

Chang Hoon Oh presented the following two papers at the Academy of Management Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 8 to 13: "The Value of Cross-Border Market Penetrations by U.S. Multinational Enterprises" and "On the relationship between disasters and international trade."

DRAMATIC ARTS

Glenys McQueen-Fuentes, and ILTA instructor **Helen Zdriluk**, co-taught a workshop entitled "Dynamic Tips to Improve Your Performance Pieces" at the American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference in Atlanta, Ga., July 23 to 27. McQueen-Fuentes also presented the workshop "Transforming Text and Other Sources into Image-Movement Theatre," while Zdriluk gave the paper "Ten Years Later: Four adults discuss the impact of participation in high school drama and theatre on their current lives and careers" at the same conference.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

James Allard presented "Erasmus Darwin's Paratextual Authority" at the Annual Conference of the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism at the University of Toronto, Aug. 21 to 24.

LIBRARY

Kevin Manuel, Liaison Librarian at the James A. Gibson Library, received the Canadian Library Association's Library and Research and Development award for his proposed project *Working Together: Brock University Library's New Learning Commons*. The grant of \$1,000 will provide funding for participant incentives and the research will take place in October and November 2008.

MATHEMATICS

Yuanlin Li presented the talk "Subsums of A Zero-Sum Free Subset of an Abelian Group" at the international conference on Groups, Rings and Group Rings 2008 held in Ubtuba, Brazil from July 28 to Aug. 2.

NURSING

Janet Matthews, RN BScN MScN, has created a Nursing Ethics Decision Making Algorithm© which has been referenced in the new *Code of Ethics for Registered Nurses*, a document released in June during the Ottawa Biennial as the 2008 Centennial Edition. CNA's *Code of Ethics* is a national nursing guideline for practice for nurses in all contexts and domains of nursing practice-with individuals, families, and communities in hospitals, agencies and public health systems. Nurses at all levels of decision-making, as direct practitioner, educator, researcher or administrator, use this document to guide their decision-making and may select the algorithm along with provincial professional standards, legislation and regulations of their respective Colleges of Nursing. At the request of the College of Nurses of Ontario, Matthews participated as a Reviewer in the creation of this new *Code of Ethics* and currently is completing nursing research using this algorithm with Dr. Linda Ritchie from the Department of Nursing. To view or download the *Code of Ethics* see www.cna-nurses.ca/CNA/documents/pdf/publications/Code_of_Ethics_2008_e.pdf

PSYCHOLOGY

Carolyn Hafer, along with T. Scott, B. L. Choma, L. Gosse, and S. Patrick-Harris, presented a talk entitled "Discrepancies between directly- and indirectly-assessed belief in a just world" at the International Society for Justice Research in Adelaide, Australia in August.

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Events

DEPARTMENT OF DRAMATIC ARTS

SEPT. 12: THE FOOLS ARE COME HITHER SPREADING SUNSHINE: How Clown Doctors help to "Humorize" Healthcare and Promote Healing. Free community event includes a lecture and talk-balk session presented by Dr. Bernie Warren, starting at 1:15 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Warren will share the historical precedents for the 'evolution' of clown-doctors, with special emphasis on his own experience as a clown-doctor in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENT SEASON

Tickets for all performances are now on sale. Go to www.arts.brocku.ca, or call 905-688-5550, ext. 3257. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER 2008

RyanDan, Oct. 1; Classic Albums Live: Fleetwood Mac - Rumours, Oct.16; Sho, Mo & the Monkey Bunch (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Oct. 19; Arlo Guthrie - Lost World Tour 2008, Oct. 22; Ballet Jorgen: Anastasia (DSH Theatre), Oct. 25; Joe Bonamassa, Oct. 30; William Joseph with special guest Lily Frost, Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER 2008

In Good Company's Production of God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jullly Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

DECEMBER 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

CENTRE FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

• **SEPT. 10: International Teaching Assistants Dinner**, from 5 to 8 p.m., TH 253. Join us for dinner and conversation about the trials and triumphs of teaching in the Canadian classroom. This session may be of interest to new international TAs who want to know more about teaching and learning in a Canadian university, and the Brock seminar system in particular. This session is open to all Brock University International Teaching Assistants. To register, call ext. 3933 or e-mail ctlet@brocku.ca

All faculty, instructors and lecturers are invited to attend CTLET events. Visit www.brocku.ca/ctlet/teachingDevelopment.php or call ext 3933.

• **SEPT. 11: Build Your Course on Sakai**, 1 to 4 p.m., PLAZA 310. This workshop is intended to help instructors create their course in Brock's new Sakai-based Learning Management System. Instructors should expect to leave this hands-on workshop knowing more about Sakai, having their course requested and created for the fall duration, and have started (if not completed) configuring their course site(s). Online registration is available at ctlet.brocku.ca/events/

• **SEPT. 11: Orientation for Sessional and Contract Instructors**, 4 to 6:30 p.m., TH 253. New instructors will learn about the resources available. Registration is required. Call ext. 3933 or e-mail ctlet@brocku.ca

• **SEPT. 12: Build Your Course on Sakai**, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., PLAZA 310. See description above.

• **SEPT. 20, 21 AND 28: Instructional Skills Workshop**, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (full attendance required). All Brock University Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching Assistants, seminar leaders, markers and lab demonstrators are invited to attend. Three-day Certificate Program designed to enhance the teaching effectiveness of TAs through teaching practice and feedback in small groups. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion. To register or for additional information call ext. 3933 or e-mail ctlet@brocku.ca.

• **Fall 2008 Teaching Assistant Workshop Series/Certificate Program**, Saturdays until Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, TH 253. Registration is required, and opens Monday, Sept. 15. Go to www.brocku.ca/ctlet/TAWWorkshops_registration.php Topics include issues of academic civility, cultural sensitivity, and helping prepare students for exams.

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AVAILABLE FOR RENT: Looking for graduate or mature students to occupy first floor of a raised bungalow, three bedrooms, immaculate condition, by the escarpment, close to Brock. Available now, \$1,200/month with all utilities included: basic cable, Internet, hydro, gas, and heat. Call 905-321-4523.

BrockNews

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008

A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Fall Convocation features two ceremonies

More than 800 students will receive their degrees at Brock University's 2008 Fall Convocation, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18. The morning and afternoon ceremonies will proceed as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

- An honorary degree will be presented to Marilyn Walker, artist, teacher, mentor and award-winning author. Brock is recognizing Walker for her extraordinary contributions, advocacy and support of the arts, and in recognition of her meritorious service to the Niagara and Brock communities.

- All graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates from the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, Business, Graduate Studies, Humanities, and Mathematics and Science will be conferred.

- Two Governor General's Silver Medals, which are awarded to the students who achieve the highest academic standing at the undergraduate level, will be presented.

- The undergraduate Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal will be presented.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m.

- Professor John McNamara from the Department of Child and Youth Studies, will be presented with the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching, and Professor Maurice Feldman from the Department of Child and Youth Studies and Centre for Applied Disability Studies, will be presented with the Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity.

- Professor Lissa Paul, Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Education, will address Convocation.

- All graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates from the Faculties of Education, Social Sciences and Graduate Studies will be conferred.

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The University's fall tradition Brock Days homecoming events included the ever-popular - and messy - Grape Stomp in Jubilee Court Sept. 26. For more on Brock Days, see page 2.

President's Forum puts spotlight on Niagara's economic future

Brock University, in association with Canadian Tire Financial Services, is taking an active role in defining the economic future of Niagara through "A Meeting Of The Minds: President's Forum."

Leaders of the community will be discussing views, concepts, and ideas intended to build a common understanding of what talent is needed to recreate and sustain a diverse economy for Niagara and what strategies will be required to attract and retain this talent.

The forum takes place Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Featured panel speakers include: Jack Lightstone, president, Brock; Marco Marrone, president, Canadian Tire Financial Services; Lisa Neville, president, Brock University Graduate Students' Association; Dennis Parass,

chair, Niagara Economic Development Corporation; Peter Parington, chair, Region of Niagara; and Jody Thomas, president, Brock University Students' Union.

Following the discussions, the speakers will attend a meet-and-greet session.

Those in attendance will have their name entered in a draw to win prizes, including: an iPod; half-credit tuition for students; gift certificate towards continuing education for employees; parking pass upgrade for students; Brock University Alumni wine and cooler bag; Brock University book store gift certificate(s); or pre-loaded Canadian Tire MasterCard (\$100).

Tickets are free, but seating is limited, so those interested must make reservations through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

Biotech pioneer earns top alumni award

Yousef Haj-Ahmad, a pioneer in the biotech industry who strongly believes biotechnology is the way of the 21st century, is the recipient of the 2008 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. The award was presented during the University's Black and White Alumni Reunion and Dance, which took place Sept. 20.



The four alumni award winners include, from left: Len Bishop, (BA, '67), Faculty of Education, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; John Suk, (BSc, '73), Distinguished Math and Science Alumni Award Winner; Anna Lathrop, (BPhEd, '78), Faculty of Applied Health Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; and Yousef Haj-Ahmad, (BSc, '80, MSc, '82), Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award Winner.

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Senior administration sees changes

Jack Lightstone, president and vice-chancellor, recently announced a number of senior administrative position changes in recognition of the significant growth that has occurred on the Brock campus, and in consideration of the increasingly competitive and complex environment in which the University operates. The position changes reflect the University-wide responsibilities of the respective portfolios.

• Pauline McCormack, Associate Vice-President, Human Resources

Human Resources creates and sustains partnerships that enable Brock University to achieve its vision through innovative and supportive people practices, and through fostering a positive, safe and healthy environment. McCormack, a Brock graduate, joined Human Resources in 1989 and has continued her education through courses at the Industrial Relations Centre at Queen's University. In partnership with the Human Resources/Environmental Health and Safety team, she is responsible for all elements of a large, multi-functional department.

• Joanne McKee, Associate Vice-President, Finance

Responsible for the overall direction and management of the multi-functional customer-service focused Financial and Administrative Services Department. Responsible for the efficient control of all financial activities of the University including budgeting, accounting, financial reporting and analysis, treasury functions, audits and reporting to the Board of Trustees as well as provincial and federal governments. A Brock graduate, McKee is a Chartered Accountant and holds an MBA from Niagara University. Joanne joined Brock in 2002.

• Kim Meade, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Student Services

Student Services is responsible for the Office of the Registrar, Recruitment and Liaison Services, Career Services, Student Awards and Financial Aid, Health Services, Residence Life, Student and Community Outreach, Accessibility Office, International Market Development.

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Alumni Association holds annual meeting

The Brock University Alumni Association held its annual general meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20 as part of the inaugural Alumni Reunion weekend activities during the Brock Days, homecoming and community celebrations. Graduates and Brock friends gathered in the newly built Matheson Learning Commons to meet the 2008-09 board of directors and hear the board report on the past year's activities and outline the priorities for year ahead.

Joining the board for a three-year term will be Katie McClymont (BA '06), a teacher with the District School Board of Niagara; Marla Portfilio (BA '01), Brock Human Rights and Equity Officer; and Kithio Mwanza, (BA '07), policy co-ordinator for the St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce. The three additions will bring the total number of directors to 13.

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors met to elect the 2008-09 executive team. Scott Moore, (BA '01) will assume the role as president, while Stephanie Sugamori, (BBA '00) and Ashley O'Brien, (BA '06) were elected into the vice-president roles.

The Alumni Association is an autonomous organization championed and governed by a volunteer board of directors, and represents the interests of all Brock Alumni, acting as an advocate on their behalf. The goal of the Alumni Association is to continue to add value to a Brock degree, to support alumni in personal and professional development and to help graduates stay connected to the Brock community.

For more information on the Alumni Association and its activities, or to become involved, contact Terry Cockerline, Executive Director, at ext. 4921 or e-mail alumniassociation@brocku.ca

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International Services, Student Development Centre and Campus Ministries. Through collaboration with faculty, staff and students, key initiatives are developed in community outreach, internationalization and mentorship. Student Services is a partner in the Matheson Learning Commons. Meade joined Brock in 2003 and holds a master's degree from Acadia University.

• **Martha Nelson, Associate Vice-President, Marketing and Communications**

Marketing and Communications is responsible for developing and evolving Brock's brand management strategy and for integrated marketing planning to support the University's strategic and academic plans. Nelson joined Brock in 2007, bringing extensive senior experience in marketing from both the private and public sectors. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, has a master's degree from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, and is a Certified International Trade Professional.

• **Tom St. Ivany, Associate Vice-President, Facilities Management**

Facilities Management provides maintenance and operations services, custodial services, campus planning, design and construction services to the University. Brock's ambitious growth plans include the construction of at least three new buildings over the next five years. St. Ivany joined Brock in 2005. He is a registered Professional Engineer and a graduate of the Royal Military College.

Brock Days 2008



Brock Days events included, top left: Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts at Rodman Hall; above: the Tribute! for Ron Gourlay (right), manager, Brock University Students' Union; and left: an enthusiastic showing in the Niagara Wine Festival's grande parade.

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Haj-Ahmad graduated from Brock with his honours BSc in 1980 and his MSc in 1982. He continued his studies, earning a PhD at McMaster University in 1986, but soon returned to Brock and now teaches undergraduate courses in molecular genetics and biotechnology as well as graduate courses in molecular virology and immunology.

In 1998, Haj-Ahmad founded Norgen Biotek Company, which, among its dozen patents, has created a nucleic acid and protein isolation technology used for isolating and purifying DNA and RNA samples. This technology is helping scientists and clinicians around the world to study, identify and treat disease as well as develop new products for use in medicine and agriculture.

In addition to teaching at the University, Haj-Ahmad recruits Brock graduates to work in the Norgen Biotek laboratories, and is involved with the Niagara Regional Science Fair, the FUTURES program, and workshops for local schoolteachers.

The following distinguished graduates, were also recognized by their respective Faculties at the Sept. 20 event:

• **Distinguished Mathematics and Science Alumni Award**

John Suk of St. Catharines earned his BSc (honours) in biological sciences in 1973. The following year, he began what has become an exceptional career within the pharmaceutical industry, continually working to improve the quality of life/medical health of Canadians.

In 1997, he established a Canadian office for a German-based drug company, out of his basement. Today that company is Oakville-based Nycomed Canada and it has more than 265 employees.

Through Nycomed Canada, Suk also supports many community initiatives, and is involved with many healthcare, scientific, academic and community partnerships for improving the overall health of Canadians. He serves as a member of Brock's Board of Trustees.

• **Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

Distinguished Alumni Award

Anna H. Lathrop completed her BPhed (honours) in 1978 at Brock University before completing her MA at the University of Western Ontario (1989) and her EdD at the University of Toronto (1997), further focusing her capacities and interests on physical education and instruction. She is currently a professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs, in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, and has recently been appointed to the position of Interim Dean for the Faculty.

Lathrop has also received numerous teaching awards, including the Brock University Distinguished Teaching Award, the 3M Teaching Fellowship of Canada Award (2001) and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Leadership in Faculty Teaching Award (2007-08).

• **Faculty of Education Distinguished Alumni Award**

The Faculty of Education is pleased to award Leonard Bishop, of Niagara Falls, the inaugural Faculty of Education Distinguished Alumni Award. Leonard holds an MSc in Education from Niagara University and graduated from Brock with a BA in English as part of the University's first graduating class. This Silver Badger obtained his teaching certificate from the St. Catharines Teachers' College and has also completed Additional Qualifications courses at Brock.

Bishop is a retired Director of Education for Superior North Catholic District School Board, where he played a key role in shaping the education of Catholic students across the province and in ensuring students in more remote, northerly communities have access to the best education.

He has also served as Field Experience Co-ordinator and Faculty Advisor for the Department of Pre-service Teacher Education at Brock, where he helped shape future generations of teachers.

For more information on any of the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, contact Terry Cockerline, Executive Director, Brock University Alumni Association, ext. 4921; or e-mail tcockerline@brocku.ca

CONVOCATION

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• The graduate Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal will be presented.

Both Convocation ceremonies will

be held in the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium at the west end of campus.

A reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will be held after each ceremony.

BROCK NEWS READERS:

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in our recent **READERSHIP SURVEY!** Draw prize winners will be announced in the next issue

Home-grown director picked to lead CCOVI

Debra Inglis, a Brock University professor and resident of Niagara who has been involved in the local grape and wine industry since she was a child, has been chosen as the new Director of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute.

Inglis brings to the position more than 10 years experience in grape and wine research. An associate professor of Biological Sciences, Inglis' research is central to the CCOVI icewine program, which aims to improve icewine quality and guarantee its authenticity on the world stage. Ian Brindle, Brock's associate vice-president, research, appointed Inglis to the post. His decision was backed by the CCOVI Advisory Council, which comprises representatives from the University and the grape and wine industry. He notes that, "Dr. Inglis is an ideal fit for this position because of her intimate understanding of the Institute, Brock University and the Ontario grape and wine industry."

As well as being a CCOVI researcher since joining Brock in 1999, Inglis has taught biochemistry, wine chemistry and microbiology. She has served as Graduate Program Director for Biological Sciences and has been a member of the University's senate.

As CCOVI Director, Inglis will serve a two-year term in which she will be responsible for administration and industry relations, and for developing and instituting a five-year strategic plan for the Institute. "This is an exciting time to be part of CCOVI, as we grow our research and services capacity following the Institute's new governance structure," says Inglis. "We look forward to capitalizing on external opportunities to develop Ontario's wine research cluster and to strengthen Canada's national grape and wine strategy." Recent changes to CCOVI's governance mean that Inglis will report to the associate vice-president, research until January 2009, when a new vice-president, research will arrive at Brock. Inglis takes over the reins of CCOVI from Joffre Mercier, who was acting director from January 2008, in addition to his role as Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science at Brock.



Debra Inglis



Biennial image conference on next week

The fifth biennial Image and Imagery International Conference will be held next week, Oct. 10 and 11, at Brock. Organized by Leslie Boldt-Irons, Corrado Federici and Ernesto Virgulti, all of the Department of Modern Languages, Literature and Cultures, this interdisciplinary conference is devoted to exploring the intersections of visual, textual, and oral modes of artistic expression.

The theme is Re-making, Re-writing, Re-discovery. During the two days,

there will be approximately 85 papers delivered by scholars from Europe, the United States and Canada on a variety of topics related to the conference theme. As well, on Friday evening, Oct. 10, Gyllian Raby and the fourth-year students of Department of Dramatic Arts will present "A Brecht Cabaret" in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Members of the Brock community are invited to attend. For information and the conference program, go to www.brocku.ca/modernlanguages/

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Mark Kisse**, Master of Education student, will present his thesis defence on Friday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of Mark's thesis is "Transition Into the Teaching Profession: Induction and Mentoring Issues Surrounding Secondary Music Teachers." External examiner: Lindy Zaretsky, Simcoe County District School Board; thesis supervisor: Dr. Coral Mitchell; committee members: Denise Armstrong and Rodger Beatty; chair: Mary-Louise Vanderlee. All are welcome to attend.

• **Lindsay Campbell**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Child and Youth Studies Program, will defend her thesis on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. in Plaza 600E. The title of her thesis is "An Assessment of Autism Knowledge in the Medical Field." Supervisor: Trisha Vause; external examiner: Adrienne Perry, York University; committee members: Maurice Feldman; James Porter. All are welcome.

• **Liang He**, Master of Science student in Computer Science, will defend his thesis entitled, "Properties and Algorithms of the (n, k)-Star Graphs" on Friday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. in TH240. External examiner: Selim Akt, Queen's University; Supervisor: Ke Qiu; Committee Members: Sheridan Houghten, Michael Winter, Chair: Brian Ross. All are welcome.

• **Karen Mathewson**, PhD student in Psychology, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. in Plaza 600E. The title of her thesis is "Autonomic and Electrocardiac Indices of Performance Monitoring and Source Memory Discrimination in Older and Younger Adults." Examining Committee members are: Rick Cheel, chair, examining committee; Julian Thayer, Ohio State University, external examiner; Jane Dywan, supervisor; Panagiota Kientrou, internal examiner; Sidney Segalowitz and Karen Anell, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

Brock United Way campaign kicks off

Mark your calendars to come and join your fellow co-workers on Thursday, Oct. 16 as we kick off this year's Brock United Way Employee Campaign. The kickoff takes place at 12 noon in the tower lobby. Last year the campaign raised more than \$93,000 to help support those in need within our local community through the St. Catharines and District campaign. This year, we hope to match or even exceed that total.

Raffle tickets will be available at the kickoff for \$5 each, giving the purchaser a chance to win fabulous prizes such as an Urban bike, Trisha Romance print, iPod Nano, an overnight stay at Keefer Mansion, or

brunch at either the Pillar and Post of Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Watch for details on other upcoming campaign events in the United Way bulletins and on the campaign website at www.brocku.ca/unitedway

Packing peanuts free to good home

The Science Stores hopes to avoid sending its packing peanuts to the landfill. A large quantity has been saved and is waiting for a good home with a hobbyist/crafter or anyone else who has a use for them. Visit Science Stores in Mackenzie Chown E304 to pick up.

Judges sought for essay and poster contests

This fall, Youth University launched the second annual Essay and Poster Contest with a theme "Together we are even better: Great things happen when my class is like a community." To help select the winners, Youth U needs judges willing to give between two and four hours of time this week to read or view essays and posters done by Ontario students in grades 5 to 8. No special skills are required. For more information, or to volunteer your time, contact Kate or Ashley at ext. 3120.

Health-related seminars held

Continuing Education is offering three, one-night seminars to all current Brock faculty and staff at a 50 per cent discount. They include:

• **Healthy You! Prostate Cancer:** What you can do for yourself and what your urologist can do for you. Dr. Ian Brown. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$12.50.

• **Healthy You! Memory: A Users Guide.** Dr. Richard Salfanyos. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$12.50.

• **Herbs for Health:** Learn some common herbs, methods of preparation and how they can benefit you and your family. Dr. Tara Clapp Monday, Nov. 3, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$24.50. Register at ext. 4775.

Brock instructor leads NSO

Brock music instructor and well-known Niagara musician Laura Thomas took the conductor's podium for the season's first performance of the the Niagara Symphony Orchestra after the recent announcement of the departure of long-time conductor Michael Swift.

Niagara Symphony audiences have known Thomas as the principal percussionist with the Niagara Symphony Orchestra since 1985. She became the associate conductor of the Niagara Symphony in 2002, and is the artistic director of Niagara-based chamber choir, Choralis Camerata, as well as the music director of the Niagara Youth Orchestra. Thomas has been instrumental in two of the NSA outreach activities: Summer Music Camp and Composer in the Classroom.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Peter Vietgen, Pre-Service, Faculty of Education, was quoted in the cover story entitled "Class Acts - Our fifth annual survey of Canada's stellar schools," by Sara Bedal for the September "Back to School" issue of *Today's Parent* magazine.

Zopito Marini, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, appeared on *Taking Niagara by Storm* on TVCogeco Niagara Cable 10 Oct. 6 and 8 to talk about bullying. There is still one more chance to watch professor Marini's interview on Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

John Hay, professor, Community Health Sciences, was quoted in a Sept. 23 article, entitled "Why Johnny can't tie his own shoes," in the *Globe and Mail* where he talked about the importance of better understanding and diagnosing developmental co-ordination disorder, or DCD. **Brent E. Fought**, associate professor, Community Health Sciences, is also quoted in the same article talking about children with DCD.

Charles Burton, associate professor, Political Science, was quoted in a Sept. 24 article in the *Globe and Mail*, entitled "Harper commits to China visit." Burton was also quoted in *Sing Tao Daily News* on the same topic Sept. 17 and on OMNI TV *Mandarin Weekend* on Sep. 20.

Pierre Lizée, associate professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Sept. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Afghanistan issue

proving divisive," in which he shared his input on Harper's campaign promising to end Canada's combat mission in Afghanistan in 2011.

Michael Armstrong, associate professor, Faculty of Business, has been very busy with an interview for a Sept. 24 article in *Niagara this Week*, entitled "One sweet study," where he talked about his research on comparing the average age of various brands of chocolate bars sold at different retailers and studying how quickly the products get delivered to store shelves, and also with his appearance on CityTV Toronto's *Breakfast Television* on Sept. 19 to talk about his research on chocolate bar supply chains.

Stephen Cheung, associate professor, Applied Health Sciences, was interviewed for a Sept. 19 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Innovation is our future," in which he talked about his research on how heat and cold affect performance. The research of **Veena Dwivedi**, assistant professor, Applied Linguistics, on how the brain processes language was also featured in the article.

Paul Hamilton, associate professor of Political Science, was interviewed for a Sept. 26 article entitled "DiBartolomeo throws in his hat" in the *Port Colborne Leader*, where he commented on Welland's Jody DiBartolomeo running as an independent in the 2008 election.

Diane Miller, associate professor, Business, was interviewed for a Sept. 20 article in the *New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal* entitled "Managing a good company," in which she spoke about change and team conflict in the work place.

Learning Commons home to many workshops, services for students

Just in time for mid-term exams and major essay assignments, several campus groups and services are offering students assistance through literally hundreds of workshops, seminars and individualized services within the Matheson Learning Commons.

With an overall goal of helping the students to help themselves, the Learning Skills program run by the Student Development Centre has found early success with an increasingly visible presence in the Learning Commons.

The services include one-on-one consultation, workshops on topics such as essay writing and exam preparation, and a drop-in centre with blocks of time dedicated to assistance with math and science, biology and chemistry, or essay writing.

"We have Learning Skills instructors, and we have experienced, senior students as peer instructors, so the students feel comfortable coming in for help," noted Jill Brindle, Manager, Learning Skills Services. "They will often go on to form their own study groups after they have had help from us. That's what it's all about: teaching them the skills to study and research more effectively, so they feel more confident."

While Learning Skills workshops and services were previously offered all over the campus (wherever space could be booked), having a central location has boosted the services' visibility and doubled participation, compared to the same time last year, Brindle added.

The consultation room, two classrooms and the Hildebrand Drop-In Centre are all located on the east side of the Learning Commons, providing plenty of light and a comfortable atmosphere that is technologically up-to-date. The drop-

in centre is open longer hours than previous terms, closing at 9 p.m. every weeknight, except for Friday, when it closes at 4 p.m.

These services are all free, but students are encouraged to register ahead at the Library's main reception desk. Still, there is an open-door policy, so that if there is an empty chair at the beginning of the session, a student may come in and participate. And if a student isn't able to make the scheduled time, he or she can recruit three other students and order a workshop.

And since the Learning Commons is located on the first floor of the Library, it makes sense that the Library service also offers a number of workshops aimed at improving student success.

InfoSkills PLUS workshops are designed to help students achieve success in library research and essay writing. This workshop series consists of two core workshops - SMART Start Library and Advanced Information Skills - and a number of electives offered by both the Library and Learning Skills. The workshops teach students effective strategies for library research, how to cite and evaluate sources, and how to avoid plagiarism.

Students who register with Experience PLUS (through Career Services) and take five or more Infoskills workshops receive an InfoSkills PLUS certificate and a record of participation on their transcript. Several of the InfoSkills PLUS workshops are available online at www.learning.library.brocku.ca

For dates, times, and more information, visit the the Learning Skills online at www.brocku.ca/sdc/learning, or the Library website at www.library.brocku.ca

Audible signal for pedestrians installed

Audible pedestrian signals (APS) have been installed at the Glenridge Avenue pedestrian crossing to East Academic. APS communicate to persons who are blind or visually impaired that they may safely cross the intersection through both sound ("beep") and vibration.

Quieter cars, changes in intersection

design and signals have made it increasingly more challenging for those who are blind or visually impaired to safely cross roadways. The system will assist students, faculty, staff, and guests to campus who are blind or visually impaired to safely cross.

It is important to note that pedestrians

must depress the button located on the pole for five seconds to activate the vibration/audible "beep" of the APS.

The APS was installed as the result of a request made to Region of Niagara Traffic Operations by the University's Office of the Accessibility Co-ordinator and endorsed by the Brock Barrier Free Working Group.

Faculty and Staff

CENTRE FOR APPLIED DISABILITY STUDIES

Maurice Feldman, Director, Centre for Applied Disability Studies, has been awarded the Distinguished Researcher Award, Southwest Disabilities Conference (U.S.A.) and the (Inaugural) Outstanding Researcher Award, North American Coalition for Parents with Cognitive and Intellectual Disabilities. Feldman accepted the awards and presented a keynote entitled, "Recognizing and Supporting Competence in Parents with Learning Difficulties," Oct. 1 at the Southwest Disabilities Conference, Albuquerque, N.M.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Evangelia Tsiani and her students Toran Sanli and Brandon Faubert presented the work entitled "Resveratrol prevents muscle FFA-induced Insulin Resistance by regulating mTOR and p70 S6K phosphorylation" at the 68th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in San Francisco, Calif. in June.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Scott Henderson presented a paper entitled "Getting Personal: Experience, Identity and the Audience in Contemporary Pop Music" at the 2008 Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music-UK/Ireland, held at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 12 to 14.

EARTH SCIENCES

Uwe Brand has been invited to sit on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Geological Research* (Hindawai Publishing Company) and of the *Open Paleontology Journal* (Bentham Open).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Elizabeth Sauer and co-editor Sharon Achinstein's book *Milton and Toleration* was declared 2008 winner of the Irene Samuel Memorial Award, Milton Society of America, for the most distinguished collection of 2007.

GEOGRAPHY

Alun Hughes presented a paper entitled "When Onguiaahra became Niagara (and the Mountain became the Escarpment)" at the 23rd International Congress of Onomastic Sciences at York University in August.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

O. Croci and **L. Tossutti** presented "A picturesque place to visit but not a model to imitate: Italy as seen from Canada," at the XXII Annual Congress of the Societa' Italiana di Scienza Politica, University of Pavia, Italy, Sept. 4 to 6.

TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT

Two groups from this department earned \$1,000 prizes for papers submitted to the Niagara Escarpment Commission's conference, Leading Edge. The first winning paper was by one of last year's TREN 4F80 project groups: **Kerri Mulder**, **Alison Powell**, **Rebecca Firby**, **Pansie Hudson**, and **Rebecca Rockwell**, on "Legends and Folklore Tourism in Niagara." Mulder and Powell presented at the conference.

The second winning paper was by **Dave Brown** and his colleague in the Region's tourism organization, **Renato Romanin**, on "Digital Discovery and Electronic Explorations: Promoting Sustainable Tourism in the Niagara Greenbelt." Brown presented the paper.

VISUAL ARTS

Duncan MacDonald and recent graduate **Brian Durocher** travelled to Paris, France to install a

new interactive audio/video environment as part of *Nuit Blanche 2008*. The work, entitled *l'intrus*, is a collaboration with French artist **Emmanuelle Raynaut**. Their contribution to this work involves building an interactive environment in which optic, climate, pressure and motion sensors transmit data back to an audio console; this audio soundscape is mixed live with performance and an accompanying video installation. The work was exhibited at *Bibliothèque Forney: Hotel de Sens* on Oct. 4. For details, see: www.raynaut-intrus.com. **MacDonald** also recently exhibited new work at the *Toronto International Art Fair* (Oct. 2 to 6) with pm gallery. See: www.pmgallery.ca for details.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Fall seminar series.

All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.

• Friday, Oct. 10: no seminar

• Friday, Oct. 17: **Dr. Michael Goodin**, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Kentucky, "Plant-virus interactions in living colour." Host: **Alan Castle**

Department of Classics: In association with the Archaeology Institute of America Niagara Peninsula Society, presents a public lecture series on archaeology. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place Sundays at 3 p.m. in

Academic South 215. Free admission.

• Sunday, Oct. 19: **Professor Nicholas Cahill**, Dept. of Art History, University of Wisconsin, will speak on "Sardis in the Lydian Period: Between East and West."

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Music

Music@Noon

Tuesday, Oct. 14: Recital: **Stew Granger**, tenor; **Dr. Erika Reiman**, piano, **Sean O'Sullivan** Theatre, Brock University. Free community event.

Department of Visual Arts

• Oct. 14 to 31, 2008; Opening reception: Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. **David Wright**, "Selected Paintings": A selection of large scale oil paintings: Landscapes from the Niagara Escarpment and the Mexican Highlands, Still Life paintings, and Fish Ponds. Free community event.

• Tuesday, October 14, 1 p.m.

Nicole Collins: Artist talk (painting), Brock University, Rm. GLN 162. Free community event.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performance start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are now on sale at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

OCTOBER 2008

Classic Albums Live: **Fleetwood Mac** - Rumours, Oct.16; **Sho, Mo & the Monkey Bunch** (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Oct. 19; **Arlo Guthrie** - Lost World Tour 2008, Oct. 22; **Ballet Jorgen: Anastasia** (DSH Theatre), Oct. 25; **Joe Bonamassa**, Oct. 30; **William Joseph** with special guest **Lily Frost**, Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER 2008

In Good Company's Production of **God's Middle Name** (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; **SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution**, Nov. 19; **Jully Black**, Nov. 20; **Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time** (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; **John McDermott** with **Eric Bogle** (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; **Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp**, Nov. 26.

DECEMBER 2008

Classic Albums Live: **AC/DC** - Back in Black, Dec. 4; **Franklin's Family Christmas Concert** (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; **Christmas with The Celtic Tenors** (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; **The Winter Dance Party!** - The Music of **Buddy Holly**, **Ritchie Valens** and the **Big Bopper**, Dec. 10; **Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008**, Dec. 11; **One Night in Havana**, Dec. 17.

CFUW: Oct. 18: 38th Annual Book Sale of Canadian Federation of University Women Welland & District Chapter will be held at the Niagara Regional Exhibition Grounds, 1100 Niagara St., Welland, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Great bargains on books, CDs and DVDs, children's books, games, and special collections. Proceeds to university scholarships for female graduates of local secondary schools and to local charitable organizations. To donate items, call 905-732-1509, 905-892-9360, 905-892-3828.

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For sale: 2000 SATURN LS Wagon, silver, grey interior. 227,000 km. Good running condition and only one owner. E-tested in 2007. \$2,000 as is or \$2,5000 w/safety. Call **Bernie** at 905-892-2033 .

Brock professor earns Spirit of Ontario Award honouring Italian Canadians

A commitment to engaging the Italian community through his work as a professor of modern languages has earned Ernesto Virguliti a Spirit of Ontario Award.

The National Congress of Italian Canadians (NCIC) – Ontario Region presented the Spirit of Ontario Awards to eight individuals last week during a ceremony in Hamilton.

Established in 2007, the Spirit of Ontario awards recognize and pay homage to Italian Canadians residing in Ontario, who have made a significant contribution and a positive impact in the areas of research and innovation, academia, social justice, community service, science, education, business and entrepreneurship, and the arts.

Virguliti was honoured in the category of Academia for exceptional academic achievements inside and outside the classroom.

"His in-class skills and ability to stimulate students to think creatively and critically, and the innovation he demonstrates in his research, demonstrates people-centred teaching excellence and cutting-edge research," noted Rosemary Hale,

Dean, Faculty of Humanities.

Hale added that his work in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures has contributed significantly to the department's Italian studies program, which aims to help students develop written and spoken competence in the language and introduce them to the rich and vast world of Italian culture.

"We are very pleased for him and proud of his accomplishments," added Leslie Boldt-Irons, department chair, Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, noting he has made long-standing contributions to the local Italian community as well.

The NCIC Ontario is the umbrella organization representing more than 800,000 Italian Canadians living in Ontario. Since 1974, the NCIC – Ontario Region has been the voice of hundreds of community organizations, cultural clubs and associations on issues pertaining to citizenship, cultural endeavours and community leadership.

The NCIC-Hamilton District received approximately 40 nominations from both the Greater Hamilton and St. Catharines-Niagara areas.

Thank you for a nice retirement get-together

A sincere thank you for all the good wishes and comments of congratulations on my retirement after 32 and a half years as the University's photographer.

Your attendance at the get-together and

the many comments I have received mean a lot to me as I start this next chapter of my life. I have not put away the camera – I have just started capturing different images!

Divino Mucciante



The Campus Store is challenging the Brock community to purchase 1,000 T-shirts as part of a fundraiser and awareness campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The shirts are available for \$10 each throughout the month of October. Early buyers and store staff gathered outside the Campus Store Oct. 1 to show off their fundraising spirit.

Taking teaching and learning abroad

Anyone who has dreamed of being a teacher looks to the day when they enter the classroom, sharing the exciting gift of learning with their students. For a select number of Pre-service Teacher Education students, this day will soon come – with a twist. Sharon Abbey is taking a group of students to South Africa to gain international teaching and cultural experiences.

This trip is not Abbey's first, as she and Professor Kathy Rose supervised a group of 11 students who made the four-week trip in the spring to complete their practicum requirements in schools in Athlone Township.

For many students, the South African education system was challenging and frustrating. As the practicum progressed, the teacher candidates began understanding that there were obvious contrasts between

Ontario students and the children they were teaching.

Time spent outside the classroom touring museums and geographic points of interest, experiencing a safari and working at the Ncedelunta Orphanage gave additional insight into the richness and resilience of South Africa's people, and helped students understand the importance of a broad awareness of global perspectives.

An information session for those interested in more trip details was held yesterday, Oct. 6, and another will be held tomorrow, Oct. 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Hamilton Campus room 17.

Abbey and Rose will share photos and stories in order to elaborate on what students can expect from this life-enriching experience.

McCall MacBain featured in D. G. Willmot Lecture

John H. McCall MacBain, Chairman of the European Climate Foundation and President of the McCall MacBain Foundation has been named the Brock University Faculty of Business Distinguished Leader for this academic year.

The Niagara-born international philanthropist and entrepreneur will deliver his presentation titled "Sustainable Progress: Climate Change, the Economy and Development" as part of the D.G. Willmot Lecture Series on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 pm in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Admission to the presentation is free, however, tickets must be ordered through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

The Distinguished Leader Award was established by the Faculty of Business to honour leaders from the business community who have made significant contributions.

"Mr. McCall MacBain's leadership through his foundation work is truly inspirational to all Canadians," noted Barbara Sainty, Interim Dean, Faculty of Business.

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

Along with the beautiful colours of fall, October brings a month jam packed with health and safety training and professional development opportunities for staff and faculty. Visit Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/ht/training to register for any of these sessions.

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Keep the following dates in mind as we look ahead for the rest of the term:

- Nov. 3 – Health Fair
- Nov. 5 – Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Dec. 2 – Supervisors' Safety Conference

Watch for details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

TVO's Big Ideas deadline nears

TVO is once again asking students and alumni from the province's colleges and universities to have their say for Big Ideas, TVO's televised lecture series, through the TVO Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition. Created to recognize the best and brightest professors in Ontario's post-secondary school system, the Best Lecturer Competition invites Ontarians to nominate professors who have shown exemplary commitment to their subjects and students.

In 2008, Brock was the only institution with two professors in the top 10 finalists, Tim Conley, from the Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitteret, from the Department of Psychology. The nomination period has already opened, and concludes this Sunday, Oct. 12, giving Brock faculty, students and alumni just two and a half more weeks to promote the nomination period within their groups, school clubs, associations and communities. Nominating a lecturer can be done by sending an e-mail to bl@tvo.org with the subject line "BL 2009 Nomination" and including in the body the full name of the professor, the University/College and department where they teach, a short description (between 50 and 100 words) detailing the reason(s) a professor should be nominated as Best Lecturer, and the full name, e-mail, address and telephone number of the person submitting the nomination; or by texting PROF to 333111 on a mobile device. After submitting the nomination form, a TVO producer may respond by e-mail for more details. As an added incentive to support their school, each nominator will be entered in a contest to win one an iPod Touch.

For information, visit: www.tvo.org/bestlecturer

Marilyn Walker receives honorary degree

Brock's annual Fall Convocation ceremony featured honours for students, faculty members and one exemplary community member.

More than 800 students received their degrees during two ceremonies this past Saturday in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium in the Walker Complex.

Marilyn Walker, an artist, teacher, mentor and award-winning author, received an honorary degree during the morning ceremony.

Two faculty members, Professor John McNamara and Professor Maurice Feldman, were honoured for their commitment to creating a forward-thinking, student-centred learning environment at the University.

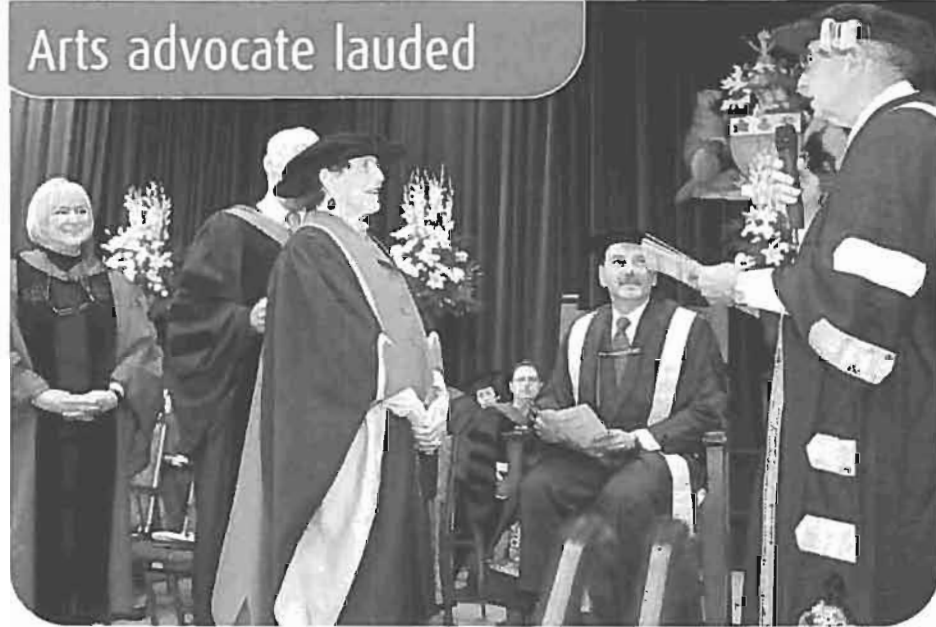
Brock is recognizing Walker for her extraordinary contributions, advocacy and support of the arts, and in recognition of her meritorious service to the Niagara and Brock communities.

As a fibre artist, she is a pioneer, both in terms of technique and in teaching others about the history of quilts and how they have emerged as an important consideration in the art world.

Throughout the 1980s and '90s, Walker lectured and taught at guilds across Canada and the U.S., and was instrumental in promoting and garnering national attention for fibre arts. She curated the first Canadian Contemporary Quilt competition, which took place in St. Catharines in 1988 and received entries from almost every Canadian province.

Walker is also a community leader and committed arts advocate whose thoughtful leadership and heartfelt dedication has created positive change in Niagara.

Walker has worked tirelessly for many years on behalf of the St. Catharines chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women, and has been enormously important in



Marilyn Walker, centre, accomplished artist, teacher and award-winning author, receives her honorary degree from Chancellor Ned Goodman, right, during the University's Fall Convocation Saturday. Watching the proceedings are, from left, Rosemary Hale, Dean of Humanities; Norris Walker, Marilyn's husband; and President Jack Lightstone.

sustaining the St. Catharines Area Arts Council, Bethlehem Place and Women's Place. She also played an instrumental role in the revitalization of the Rodman Hall Arts Centre.

During her morning address, she spoke of the challenges she faced in helping change the perception of fibre arts from craft item to work of art, and being heard in a male-dominated world.

She encouraged the graduates to follow their dreams, by combining healthy doses of imagination and knowledge.

"Life dreams have much in common with the research papers you've all written in the past few years. You get the germ of an idea and you explore it; you get the basic premise on to a firm foundation, and then you begin to weave it all together.

"Maybe you won't like the idea that your life is one big research paper, but you will have some fine experiences to bring to the task."

The teaching awards were handed out during the afternoon ceremony.

McNamara, from the Department of Child and Youth Studies, received the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching, the second major award for teaching excellence he has received from Brock this year. He also received the Brock University Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching at Spring Convocation 2008. The Award recognizes a faculty member who has made a significant commitment to providing and developing quality learning experiences for students, in addition to making valuable contributions in curriculum development and the mentoring of colleagues.

Feldman, from the Centre for Applied Disability Studies, received the Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity. This award recognizes faculty

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United Way campaign leaps to life

The Brock community kicked off its 2008 United Way campaign last week with the unveiling of an ambitious target goal of \$96,000.

Jack Lightstone, president, and Dr. Robin Williams, St. Catharines and District United Way campaign chair, joined Brock's co-chairs, Kevin Lawr and Deborah Zinni, to talk about the far-reaching effects of the funds raised for those less fortunate, and to announce some of the plans for Brock's efforts.

The bulk of the money raised will come from pledge cards distributed late last week through internal mailing, but the committee has also organized several events, along with a raffle. The events include an office decorating challenge Friday, Oct. 31, with a theme of nursery rhymes; and two special lunches set for Thursday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 19. Raffle tickets are available from campaign volunteers for \$5 each, and entitle the ticket holder to a chance at several prizes, including an Urban bike, Trisha Romance print, iPod Nano, an overnight stay at Keefer Mansion, or brunch at either the Pillar and Post of Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Details will be printed on United Way bulletins or they can be found on the campaign website at www.brocku.ca/unitedway

A message from the co-chairs: Brock's United Way executive committee has been meeting since February, preparing for this year's Faculty and Staff campaign. We have set a very ambitious campaign goal of \$96,000. This is the highest goal ever set by Brock, but we are confident that with your generous support and the hard work of our many dedicated volunteers and your financial contributions, we will achieve this goal.

The United Way funds many programs and charitable organizations that benefit our community. It helps to fill the gaps left between government programs and the available funds of low-income families. It is a staggering reality that one in six families in the Niagara Region lives in poverty. The youth of these low income families are particularly vulnerable.

Please help us to achieve our campaign goal by supporting the United Way through your Brock pledge card. You will feel good about knowing that your donation is really helping to strengthen our community.

Deborah Zinni, faculty representative
Kevin Lawr, staff representative
2008 United Way Campaign Co-Chairs



Matheson Learning Commons holds official opening

The Matheson Learning Commons will officially open on Sunday, Oct. 26 with a special celebratory event.

The event runs from 3 to 4 p.m. and will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and a special recognition of retired professor Bill Matheson. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to attend.

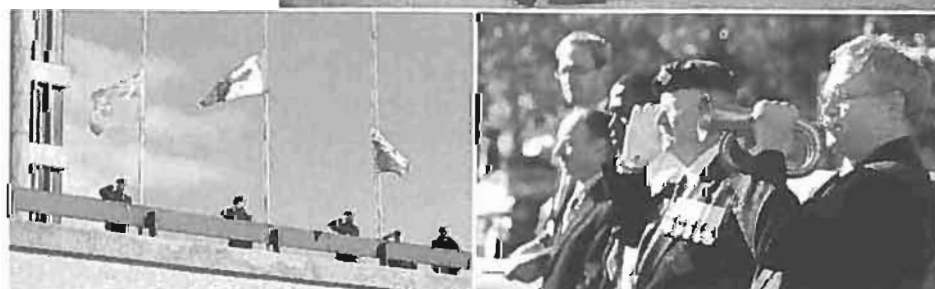
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University's namesake remembered

The Brock community gathered on the lawn in front of the Schmon Tower Friday, Oct. 17 for the second annual General Brock Commemoration Day, organized by the Brock 1812 Bicentenary Committee, and featuring re-enactors from Fort George and Fort Erie, a flag-lowering and several speeches.



Brock Briefs

Thesis defence

Jason Legge, candidate for the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend his thesis, entitled "Two War Scandals: News in the Age of Empire," on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room, 13th Floor, Schmon Tower. External examiner: Herbert Pimlott (Wilfrid Laurier University); supervisor: Hans Skott-Myhre; committee members: Derek Foster, Jim Leach; chair: Murray Smith. All are welcome.

Fall Preview Day 2008

Brock's annual Fall Preview Day will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. This event is held for prospective students, parents and the general public. Fall Preview Day is a critical part of the recruitment process, as it occurs just before prospective students are determining to which universities they will apply.

If you have any questions about your role in Fall Preview Day, or how you can become involved, contact Melissa Coleman in Recruitment and Liaison Services at ext. 4685 or via e-mail at mcoleman@brocku.ca

Registration is recommended. For details, visit <https://experience.brocku.ca> and click on the "Fall Preview Day" button.

Brock welcomes Grade 9 students Nov. 5

Brock will once be one of thousands of workplaces across the country welcoming special guests Wednesday, Nov. 5 as part of the annual national Take Our Kids to Work Day. Grade 9 students will spend a day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host to assist in their understanding importance of staying in school, gaining an appreciation for making a living and supporting a family, and encouraging them to make links between education and their future.

Brock's involvement in the program is a great way to highlight the diversity of roles at our University, and to develop connections with these future Brock students. Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety is currently planning an interesting and informative day of programming that includes mandatory health and safety training, a morning of campus tours and planned activities, followed by an afternoon of job shadowing with a Brock parent or sponsor.

If you know a Grade 9 student and you would like to be a host, please contact Lori Sather at lsather@brocku.ca, or call ext. 3023, to register. For more information and a full schedule of events, go to www.brocku.ca/oehs

Climate-change study team has Brock link

A Brock University economics professor has been awarded a Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences (CFCAS) grant to study the impacts of climate change on water resources in Greater Victoria, B.C., including effects on temperature and precipitation.

Mohammed Dore, an environmental economist, was a joint applicant on the research proposal with Thian Gan of the University of Alberta. The CFCAS is a foundation set up by the Government of Canada to support university research focused solely on the study of climate and climate change.

According to CFCAS, this is the first time it has funded a research project where one of the applicants was an environmental economist.

Dore's research will be carried out in his Climate Change Lab at Brock; the emphasis of his work will be on extreme weather events and how Victoria might carry out plans to adapt to the future scenarios of climate change.

International Education Week 2008

International Education Week 2008 happens the week of Nov. 17 to 21 to raise awareness and celebrate the benefits of international education, as well as to promote the international programs and events managed by Brock International.

A complete list of events will be in the next issue.

Honouring Sir Isaac



Top: students from the School of Fine and Performing Arts helped entertain during the first annual General Brock's October Soiree held Saturday, Oct. 18 at Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Bottom left: Guy Bannerman as Brock; bottom right: graduate Heather Thomas.

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members who demonstrate outstanding research achievements, contributions toward the training of future researchers, and consistency in scholarly or creative performance.

Honours for graduates included the following:

- Governor-General's Silver Medals, awarded to the students who achieve the highest academic standing at the undergraduate level, were given to Robert Flack of Thorold, Computer Science; and Colleen Cottrill of St. Catharines, Business Administration (Co-op) with a concentration in Human Resources Management

- Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medals are given to graduates who best embody the spirit of Sir Isaac Brock – leadership, courage, innovation, inspiration and community involvement – while representing the ideals that characterize the recipients of the Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal. The medals are presented to a graduate and undergraduate student. The graduate medal was given to Kimberly Costello of St. Catharines, MA Social Psychology, while the undergraduate medal was given to Jacelyn Holmes of St. Catharines, Honors in Dramatic Arts (performance concentration).



Delegates from Port-of-Spain and the City of St. Catharines twinning groups join Brock representatives earlier this month to commemorate the 40th anniversary of their partnership.

Twinning group celebrates 40th with scholarship

Almost 40 years to the day of a special twinning ceremony to unite St. Catharines and the Port-of-Spain, Brock welcomed a special delegation honouring that anniversary.

On Oct. 4, 1968, then-Mayor of St. Catharines, Mayor Mackenzie A. Chown and the then-Mayor of Port-of-Spain, Mayor J. Hamilton Holder, declared the Mundialization of St. Catharines and the Twinning of the two cities, to share a mutual respect for the principles of the United Nations, and to further the cause of "goodwill among nations of the world."

To celebrate its participation in the ongoing relationship, Brock created the 40th Anniversary Twinning Scholarship, which has been awarded to first-year student Stella-Marie Chong Sing, a native of Trinidad-Tobago.

Chong Sing was chosen by a selection committee and Brock for her high level of academic accomplishment, and a genuine interest and enthusiasm to participate in student life at the University, and because she has already shown herself to be a wonderful cultural ambassador for her home country, according to Sheila Young, Director, Brock International.

During Twinning Week, a delegation of 16 representatives from Port-of-Spain, including one of Chong Sing's former teachers, toured the campus and met several University representatives, including President Jack Lightstone, and Chong Sing. Representatives from the St. Catharines Twinning Association, including founding member Philip Atteck, were also in attendance.

President's Forum coming

Brock University, in association with Canadian Tire Financial Services, is taking an active role in defining the economic future of Niagara through "Growing Niagara: Future Talent Strategies."

Leaders of the community will be discussing views, concepts, and ideas intended to build a common understanding of what talent is needed to recreate and sustain a diverse economy for Niagara and what strategies will be required to attract and retain this talent.

The forum takes place Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Featured panel speakers include: Jack Lightstone, president, Brock; Marco Marrone, president, Canadian Tire Financial Services; Lisa Neville, president, Brock University Graduate Students' Association; Dennis Parass, chair, Niagara Economic Development Corporation; Peter Partington, chair, Region of Niagara; and Jody Thomas, president, Brock University Students' Union.

Following the discussions, the speakers will attend a meet-and-greet session.

Those in attendance will have their name entered in a draw to win prizes, including: an iPod; half-credit tuition for students; gift certificate towards continuing education for employees; parking pass upgrade for students; Brock University Alumni wine and cooler bag; Brock University book store gift certificate(s); or pre-loaded Canadian Tire MasterCard (\$100).

Tickets are free, but seating is limited, so those interested must make reservations through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

Researchers hope to wake the dragon

When one reviews the various fundraising events and promotions around October – Breast Cancer Awareness month – talking about a dragon boat challenge isn't usually on the list.

Brock researchers from the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies and various partners are trying to change that with a new project called "Waking the Sleeping Dragon." The community-based initiative also involves Joy Leonard of Niagara Dragon Boat Club and Karin Perry from the Niagara Breast Cancer Research and Education Fund. Recent funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation helped create the partnership, which was formally launched this month.

Mary Breunig and Tim O'Connell, professors from the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies (RECL), and Perry, a RECL graduate student, will be conducting research on the numerous physical and mental health benefits of dragon boat participation.

The \$20,000 Trillium grant will go towards the purchase of a dragon boat and creation of a dragon boat team for women living with and beyond breast cancer.

Eager to champion the role of dragon boating as a support-based activity for women living beyond breast cancer, dragon boat champion and St. Catharines resident, Marsha Bukata, and Leonard, president of the Niagara Dragon Boat Club, are contributing momentum to move this club forward and create a breast cancer team.

Bukata is one of the founding members of Knot-a-Breast, a competitive and fun-loving group of breast cancer survivors taking the dragon boat racing circuit by storm.

For information or a community presentation, contact the project coordinator Jen Murray at 905-687-3333 or e-mail wakingthesleepingdragon@gmail.com



On Saturday, Oct. 4, 85 Brock students volunteered their time, talents and energy as part of a "Brock Cares" Day of Service. The event was organized by Brock's Community Connections program in co-operation with the St. Catharines and District United Way. Volunteers spent the day cleaning, painting and organizing on behalf of seven local community and not-for-profit organizations, including the Southridge Community Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Gillian's Place, Hospice Niagara, Adopt-a-Road, the Clean City Committee (graffiti removal) and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. Visit www.brocku.ca/communityconnections for additional information about this event and other upcoming community service opportunities.

Staff member becomes campaign's face

Susan Mifsud, Assistant Director, Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety, was recently selected for the Faces campaign of the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health.

Mifsud is a member of the University Accessibility Steering Committee, made up of senior administrators, overseeing university-wide compliance of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Earlier this year, through Human Resources, she brought to campus the Canadian Mental Health Association's "mental health works" program for managerial and supervisory staff to better address issues of managing employees with mental health issues in the workplace.

Besides this work, Mifsud has also

participated in other accessibility awareness sessions ("Moving to Inclusion") in conjunction with the office of the Accessibility Co-ordinator.

Nearly one in five Canadians is affected by mental illness, yet a persistent stigma prevents millions from getting the help they need. The continuing theme of Mental Illness Awareness Week – Face Mental Illness – was designed to change that.

By sharing their stories, the "faces" of the campaign are helping bring mental illness out from the shadows. Their experiences are proof that through proper diagnosis, treatment and awareness, people with mental illnesses can live productive and fulfilling lives.

For more information on the campaign, visit miaaw.ca and follow the links for the Faces campaign.

Health fair offers vaccination clinics

Student Health Services is once again hosting the annual health fair Monday, Nov. 3 in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium.

Health Fair 2008 is a free event open to all members of the community and will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to evaluate their level of health, assess their stress management skills, learn about the positive impact of physical activity and test their knowledge of nutrition.

Close to 100 interactive displays presented by medical staff from Student Health Services, faculty, staff and students from the University, and professionals and representatives from area organizations will include featured topics such as general medical issues, travel safety, smoking

cessation, hand hygiene, sports injuries, physical activity, personal safety, substance abuse, relaxation techniques and more.

Also this year, Brock, in partnership with Niagara Region Public Health, will be holding a measles, mumps and rubella vaccination clinic for students, and a flu vaccination clinic for students, faculty and staff.

Students should bring either their driver's licence or Health Card to the clinic for more efficient service.

The vaccination clinics run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Walker Complex.

For more information, visit www.brocku.ca/healthservices/healthfair.php or contact Melodie Shick-Porter at ext. 4136 or by e-mail at mshick@brocku.ca

Graduates take next step with career expo

Career Services will be hosting the fourth annual Career & Post-Graduate Expo on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium.

The Career & Post-Graduate Expo encompasses four distinct areas of opportunities for Brock students and graduates including: full- and part-time job opportunities, post-graduate educational information, volunteer opportunities and professional development.

Students and graduates are required to register for the event online at www.mycareerexpo.com for their chance to win various prizes (such as gift cards from

the Campus Store) and to receive a list of exhibitors attending this event. There are more than 130 exhibitors this year from the Niagara region and beyond.

To ensure the success of the Career & Post-Graduate Expo 2008, we request your assistance in our promotions effort by informing the students and alumni within your department of this exciting event.

For more information on the Career & Post-Graduate Expo, visit the venue website at www.mycareerexpo.com or contact Lisa Kuiper, employer development/events & marketing co-ordinator at lkuiper@brocku.ca

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Mediataalk People in the news

Kimberly Cote, associate professor, Psychology, was mentioned in a Sept. 26 article in the *Port Colborne Leader* entitled "Forum will discuss health impact of sleep loss" as she hosted the Café Scientifique on impact of sleep loss on health. The article also ran in *Niagara This Week* on the same date.

Paul Hamilton, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Sept. 26 article in the *Port Colborne Leader* entitled "Bartolomeo throws in his hat," in which he talked about the challenges of an political candidate running as an independent.

James Mandigo, associate professor, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* for a Sept. 30 article entitled "In the name of physical literacy, pass the beer cup" in which he spoke about the importance of teaching children a wide variety of activities in physical education classrooms rather than just calorie-burning exercises.

Bill Ralph, professor, Mathematics, and **John Gill**, student, were interviewed in an Oct. 10 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Art with a twist," in which they discussed their works in the new! 2008 Niagara Biennial exhibition at Rodman Hall.

Sid Segalowitz, professor, Psychology, was interviewed for an Oct. 10 online article in *ScienceNews* entitled "Bad air for growing brains and minds," in which he talked about a study linking brain deficits in youth with pollution in Mexico City.

Brent Faught, professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for an Oct. 11 online news piece for CTV.ca entitled "Canadian researchers probe

'clumsy child' syndrome," in which he talked about the research on developmental co-ordination disorder.

Debra Inglis, Director, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), was interviewed for an Oct. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Plans afoot to expand grape and wine institute," in which she talked about the expansion of focus and research at CCOVI.

Mary Breunig, professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies, was interviewed for an Oct. 3 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Group hopes new boat helps 'wake the dragon,'" in which she talked about a partnership project aimed at breast cancer survivors and run jointly by Brock researchers, the Canadian Breast Cancer Research and Education Fund and the Niagara Dragon Boat Club.

Ingrid Makus, Chair, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 6 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Getting the female vote," in which she talked about researching any difference between the way males and females vote.

Beverly Boudreau, Communications Officer, and **John Corlett**, Dean, Applied Health Sciences, were interviewed for a Sept. 15 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Read her lips," in which the couple talked of Boudreau's education and life journey and her recent appointment as president of the Canadian Federation of University Women's St. Catharines branch.

Chris Roberts, Director of Food Services, appeared Oct. 11 on a CHCH *Niagara Express* segment. Roberts was interviewed in Alphonse's discussing local purchasing initiatives, while Alphonse's chef made a dish from the new menu.

Charles Burton, professor, Political Science, had his letter to the editor entitled "On the road to civility" published in the Oct. 7 edition of the *Globe and Mail*.

Health and Safety Matters...

Whether it is health and safety training or professional development opportunities that interest you, now is the time to brush up on valuable skills that will benefit you at work, home and just about any other aspect of your life. For further details and registration for any of these workshops, visit Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

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- WHMIS and Hazardous Waste Management: Nov. 19: An important workshop if you work with or near hazardous materials.

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- Don't forget: "New Perspectives on Managing Safety" – A Conference for Supervisors is on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Program details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

BROCK NEWS READERS:

Congratulations to Jo Smith for winning the top prize from our **READERSHIP SURVEY** draw! Thanks to the Campus Store and Sodexo Food Services

Rodman Hall offers creative outlet for P.D. day fun

Faculty and Staff

BROCK INTERNATIONAL

Sheila Young, Director, Brock International, presented the paper "Creativity and Commitment: Internationalization of the University While Strengthening Local Connections and Relevance in the Region" at the 12th North American Higher Education Conference held in Monterrey, Mexico, Oct. 8 to 10.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Barry Keith Grant delivered the opening keynote address "Crisis? What Crisis?: Masculinity, Genre, and the American Cinema" at the XIII SERCIA (Société d'Études et de Recherches sur le Cinéma Anglophone) and Culture and Power Conference on Genre, Ideology and Culture in the Cinema, University of Zaragoza, held at the Palacio de Congresos, Jaca, Spain, Sept. 18 to 20.

Nick Baxter-Moore presented the paper "Understanding the Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Taste, Aesthetics and Commercial Success" and was a panel member in a professional development workshop entitled "So You Wanna Be a Rock 'n' Roll Teacher? Explorations of Pedagogy and Technology" at the annual conference of the Midwest Popular and American Culture Associations in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 3 to 5.

COOL CLIMATE OENOLOGY AND VITICULTURE INSTITUTE

M. R. Bajec and **Gary Pickering** presented "Channels into perception: the perceptual properties of thermal taste and its molecular basis," at Proceedings of the XVIIIth Congress of European Chemoreception Research Organization, Portoroz, Slovenia, Sept. 3 to 7. Bajec and **Pickering** also presented "Oral phantasies: the perceptual world of thermal tasters" at the XV International Symposium on Olfaction and Taste, Association for Chemoreception Sciences, in San Francisco, Calif., July 21 to 26, while **Pickering** also gave the oral presentation "Oenological options for mediating ladybug taint" at the Uncorked Grape and Wine Industry Conference, Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, May 27 and 28.

ECONOMICS

Mohammed Dore has received a research grant from the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences (CFCAS). The research will be carried out in his Climate Change Lab. According to CFCAS, this is the first time that it has funded an environmental economist.

HISTORY

R. Andrew McDonald presented a paper on "The late Norse Isle of Man in its North Atlantic context: contacts and communication 1079-1265" at the Hvalsey Conference 2008, in Qaqortoq, South Greenland, Sept. 12 to 19.

John Sainsbury presented a paper on "Lord Rochester's Confession, Reverend Burnet's Profession" at the North American Conference on British Studies held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 3 to 5.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Cristina Santos presented her paper "Vampire or Megalomaniac Serial Killer? The Bloody Countess Erzsebet Bathory" at the sixth global

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Friday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 • Autumn Artfest (ages six to nine): Children will dabble in paint, pastels and more, explore the outdoors and gather objects to transform into

artworks. Instructor: Wendy Bering.

• Intensive Drawing Workshop (ages 10 to 14): Using a variety of media, will fine-tune drawing skills from portraiture to perspective and things in between, learning about composition, colour, and the rest of the tricks of the trade. Instructor: Laurie Boese.

Friday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 • Winter Wonderland Workshop (ages six to nine): Winter and holiday

arts and crafts, including designing wrapping paper and creating a card or two. Instructor: Wendy Bering.

• Holiday Wrap! (ages 10 to 14): Embossing cards, creating one-of-a-kind hand printed wrapping paper, and more in this preparation of the holiday season. Instructor: Laurie Boese.

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conference on "Monsters and the Monstrous: Myths and Metaphors of Enduring Evil" held at Oxford University, England, Sept. 22 to 25.

PHILOSOPHY

Rajiv Kaushik presented the paper "Affectivity and Religious Experience: Husserl's 'God' in the Unpublished Manuscripts" as part of a session at Regents Park College on the 'theological turn' in phenomenology, at Oxford University in the United Kingdom Sept. 22. Kaushik's paper "Re-appropriating the Tragic into Thinking" was read (in his absences) at the ISSEI Conference in Helsinki, Finland, on July 30.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton presented the paper "Cultural, Social, Historical and Developmental Issues in Implementation of International Human Rights Law" at the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development and Communist Party of China Central Committee Central Party School Joint Seminar held at Rights and Democracy in Montreal, Sept. 20.

David Siegel spoke at the Annual Conference of the Ontario Municipal Administrators' Association on the topic of "Challenges Facing Local Government in the Next 50 Years" in Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Oct. 2.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Fall seminar series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.

• Friday, Oct. 24: Dr. Mattheos Koffas, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York, "Engineering plant secondary metabolite biosynthesis in microorganisms." Host: Vincenzo De Luca.
 • Friday, Oct. 31: no seminar.

Department of Classics: in association with the Archaeology Institute of America Niagara Peninsula Society, presents a public lecture series on archaeology. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place Sundays at 3 p.m. in Academic South 215. Free admission.
 • Sunday, Nov. 9: Professor Jodi Magness, Kenan distinguished professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak on "The Archeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls."

Department of Classics: in association with the Classical Association of Canada present Mark Golden, Professor of Classics, University of Winnipeg, in a public lecture entitled "Oedipal Complexities: Growing up Fatherless in Greece and Rome" on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Academic South 202.

SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS Department of Dramatic Arts

• Thurs., Oct. 23, at 5 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, T.A.P. (Turn Around Project) presents "T.A.P. Japan - Sharing Cultures, Art, and People." This documentary will show how Brock students, led by Professor Jane Leavitt, ran an integrated arts program for children at Jelly Bean English Pre-School in Kumamoto, Japan. Working with children from elementary, high school, and an orphanage, Brock students had the opportunity to interface with Japanese culture by homestay with families of the children they taught, thus creating an integral life experience for both Brock and Japanese students. A free community event.

• Nov. 13, 14, 15: *The Medea of Euripides*, the controversial playwright of the Classical Age of Athens, known for his sensationalism, his mixing of tragic and comic genres, and his portrayal of the gods as fallible, everyday people, receives a suitably investigational staging that re-imagines the play in a modern milieu. Directed by Natalie Alvarez, designed by David Vivian, and featuring stunning performances by the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts, this production situates the play in a multimedia, television studio recording of a daytime talk show. Held in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, 7:30 p.m. For tickets contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257, or e-mail: boxoffice@brocku.ca

Department of Music Music@Noon

• Tuesday, Oct. 28: Recital: Performance students, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University. Free community event.
 • Tuesday, Nov. 4: Faculty recital: Patricia Dydnansky, flute; Dr. Erika Reiman, piano, held at the Concordia Seminary Chapel.

Department of Visual Arts

• Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.: Opening reception for David Wright, "Selected Paintings": A selection of large scale oil paintings: Landscapes from the Niagara Escarpment and the Mexican Highlands, still life paintings, and fish ponds. Free community event. The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Show runs until Oct. 31.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season includes world-class music, dance, comedy, theatre and family performances. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. For tickets and more information visit www.arts.brocku.ca or call the Box Office at ext. 3257.

October 2008

Arlo Guthrie - Lost World Tour 2008, Oct. 22; Ballet Jorgen: Anastasia (DSH Theatre), Oct. 25; Joe Bonamassa, Oct. 30; William Joseph with special guest Lily Frost, Oct. 31.

November 2008

In Good Company's Production of God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jolly Black, Nov. 20; Kaha-wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

December 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

RODMAN HALL ARTS CENTRE Exhibitions

• **new! 2008 Niagara Biennial:** runs until Dec. 30 featuring work by both established and emerging artists from the Niagara Region, including Tobey C. Anderson, Jean Bridge, Sandy Fairbairn, John Gill, Matt Harley, Ernest Harris Jr., Melanie MacDonald, Tyler Manzoni, Bill Ralph, Sheldon Rooney, John Venditti and Carolyn Wren.
 • **Blue Republic: Nostalgia for the Present:** curated by Carolyn Bell Farrell, originated and circulated by the Koffler Gallery until Feb. 15, 2009. Opening reception Saturday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. As the multidisciplinary collective Blue Republic, Anna Passakas and Radoslaw Kudlinski create installations that combine humour, wit and metaphor to stimulate discourse on political ideas, power structures and economic imbalances. Using discarded industrial materials and debris from the urban environment (empty paint cans, styrofoam packing forms, cardboard tubes and fashion magazines) they construct a miniature, sprawling urban environment in which refuse provides the building blocks of the future.

Cultural, educational exchange offers insight into South African experience

Brock University and North-West University in South Africa have both benefitted from an institutional partnership allowing students to trade places since November 2005.

The universities have enjoyed an active partnership that has included multiple graduate student research internships and exchanges funded by both Canadian International Development Agency and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada through the Students For Development Program (SFD) and the Graduate Students' Exchange Program (GSEP) respectively.

Linda Thomas of Brock and Joany Fransman of North-West are two graduate students essentially "trading places" for a term - Thomas with the support of the SFD program and Fransman supported by GSEP funding. Both are visiting the other's institution to further their graduate studies in education.

During her term in South Africa, Thomas is working on research related to health literacy, including issues such as lifestyle choices and AIDS literacy. Meanwhile, this term at Brock, Fransman is furthering her graduate research on comparative math education and math literacy for pre-service as well as in-service teachers. Joyce Mgombelo, assistant professor in the Department of Pre-Service Education in the Faculty of Education, will be supervising

and working closely with Fransman to conduct her research in Mathematical Literacy.

The Students for Development program mobilizes Canadian university students to work alongside developing country partner organizations active in the promotion of good governance. Graduate Students' Exchange Program is funded by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and managed by the Canadian Bureau for International Education. Its focus is to encourage Canadian universities to expand their exchange programs with eligible countries.

Dolana Mogadime, Faculty of Education professor, has been the Brock champion and driving force for the ongoing collaboration with North-West University for the past few years. In close collaboration with Brock International, many students and faculty have been actively involved in the Brock/North-West partnership.

Applications and information about either the SFD program or the GSEP may be found on the Brock International website: www.brocku.ca/brockinternational under Student International Funding Opportunities. Or, contact Sheila Young in Brock International at syoung@brocku.ca

Brock to host 10,000 Villages craft sale next month

International Services hosts the 10,000 Villages Craft Sale at Brock Nov. 3 to 7. Proceeds go to craftspeople in developing countries and Mennonite Central Committee to help with programming overseas. International Services also receives a contribution for

international development programming - the Solidarity Experiences Abroad Program in Namibia.

The sale will be in Sean O' Sullivan Theatre's Gallery Nov. 3, 12 noon to 7 p.m.; Nov. 4 to 6, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Four Brock business students recently earned the Highest Pledged School Award for their participation in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes fundraising and awareness event at the Pen Centre in support of Gillian's Place. The students include, from left: Noor Mufti (BBA '08); and MBA students Matt Miciula; Ted Soepboer; and Bryceson Dodge.

Students benefit from arts funding

Niagara region students will enjoy greater access to Centre for the Arts Theatre in Education series this season thanks to a \$15,000 contribution on behalf of Freedom 55 Financial, the financial security planning division of London Life.

The contribution, made through The Key to Giving™, the national corporate citizenship program of Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life, will provide discounts on student tickets and a full-ticket subsidy application program for disadvantaged areas, students in senior kindergarten through

Grade 12 and schools for the October 2008 to April 2009 series.

The Theatre in Education series has presented 16 national and international companies and 32 performances since its inaugural 2004-05 season. While attendance has steadily grown, ticket prices can be a financial barrier for many students, so the contribution allows more students access to these performances.

For a complete listing of the Theatre in Education series, visit <http://www.arts.brocku.ca/performances/schoolperformances.php>

Rhetoric class to stage mock U.S. presidential debate

William Mathie's rhetoric and democracy students will put theory to the test early next month when they stage a simulated presidential debate on the same day as the United States goes to the polls to choose new national leadership.

The students, who have been closely following the current election events, have also been studying the traditional case for and against democracy by looking as far back as the Abraham Lincoln-Stephen Douglas debates of the 1850s.

Therefore, when they meet Nov. 4 to stage the mock debate, they will stage a simulated version of a presidential debate with students representing Barack Obama and John McCain. They will also have a debate with students representing Lincoln and Douglas.

The format will be the same used in the first and third 2008 presidential debates and it will be open to the public to attend.

The presidential debate has been scheduled for 4 p.m. in AS 203.

Special Collections exhibit examines images of University's namesake

What did the 'Hero of Upper Canada' look like?

Nobody knows for sure what Sir Isaac Brock looked like, but his image has appeared in paintings, stamps, coins, toys, and logos for more than 200 years.

The staff of Brock's Archives and Special Collections invite you to explore a new exhibit on this theme: Isaac is Everywhere.

The exhibit features some unique items from the Brockiana Collection

and showcases the various incarnations of Sir Isaac Brock's image throughout the years.

Archives and Special Collections is located on the 10th floor of the Library and is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. All are welcome to visit and see this exciting exhibit.

For more information, contact David Sharron, University Archivist and Head, Special Collections at ext. 3264.

Arts winners have Brock connection

Three of the four major awards recently handed out for the St. Catharines Annual Trillium Arts Awards went to artists with a Brock connection.

They include:

- Excellence in the Arts Award: Emerging Artist: Joe Lapinski (Brock graduate, Philosophy)

Awarded to an emerging artist who is still in the early stages of his or her career, who has already shown serious dedication, earned significant recognition, and had an impact within St. Catharines' arts community.

- Excellence in the Arts Award: Established Artist: Stephen Remus (Brock graduate, Visual Arts)

Awarded to an artist who has received critical recognition of his or her craft and demonstrated leadership in the field, helping to increase the profile of the city nationally and internationally.

- Innovation in the Arts Award: Suitcase in Point Theatre Company: Alexandra Hlinyan-

szky, Annie Wilson, Deanna Lynn Jones, Cole Lewis, Tyler Sainsbury, Miles Coverdale, Natasha Pedros (Brock graduates, Dramatic Arts)

This award acknowledges an individual or arts organization whose enterprising efforts in the past two years have provided the community with an event or program which has been both inclusive and inspirational.

The St. Catharines Culture Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the Trillium Arts Awards as part of the 24th annual Trillium Awards for Excellence in Landscapes, Heritage Preservation and the Arts, recognizing outstanding achievements in the community.

Each year, four awards are presented to artists and/or organizations in our community that have demonstrated excellence and innovation in their fields, raised the profile of the arts, and generated significant contributions and partnerships in support of the arts.

Ontario Universities' Fair great venue

Thank you to all students, staff and faculty who represented Brock at the Ontario Universities' Fair, Sept. 26 to 28.

There were approximately 108,000 people through the doors of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre over three days - a record for this event.

Brock had an outstanding showing, with more than 160 volunteers present. More than 20,000 Brock view-books were distributed, 1,600 prospective student names were collected at the laptop stations, and almost 1,000 people attended Brock presentations.

All volunteers are reminded to submit their expense forms to Linda Steele in TH261. If you haven't yet completed an evaluation, we'd appreciate hearing from you.

Thanks so much for your participation.

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Researchers awarded funds by MRI

Five Brock University researchers have recently been awarded more than \$330,000 in provincial funding for their innovative and groundbreaking research through the Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI).

The ministry's Ontario Research Fund was established to attract and retain the best research talent from around the world in order to ensure Ontario universities and research institutes have the necessary equipment and infrastructure to remain at the forefront of global research excellence and scientific breakthroughs.

"Whether it's building our capacity in the global digital economy, working to reveal the inner workings of plants, or exploring how the brain comprehends language, these funds will further enable our talented researchers to contribute to solving the many challenges facing society," noted Ian Brindle, associate vice-president, Research.

Recently funded projects at Brock University by the MRI, include:

- **Vincenzo De Luca** (Biological Sciences), \$85,972: Facility for Small Molecule Analysis and Quantification. De Luca's research on the alkaloids in the Madagascar periwinkle leaves, and their active anti-cancer agents, are being created for important applications in Niagara's agricultural sector, in particular the development of new disease-resistant horticultural and food crops with enhanced properties.

- **Elizabeth Greene** (Classics), \$34,867: Advancing knowledge of ancient trade and technology. Greene is involved in the mapping, recording, excavating and conservation of cultural artifacts from ancient shipwrecks off the coast of Turkey. The information gained from Greene's research may answer questions about the international connections forged by ancient seafarers, their technological capacity, and the maritime economy in which they operated.

- **Kevin Kee** (History/Digital Humanities), \$46,646: Designing computer games to teach history. At the Simulating History Research Lab at Brock, Kee is creating educational computer simulations – commonly called "serious" games – focused on history. He is also testing and evaluating how these games engage and teach the subject. The technologies he develops and tests will have applications in many other areas.

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Driving home a lesson



Students from the Department of Dramatic Arts joined real-life emergency personnel Thursday, Oct. 30 in front of the Plaza Building for a noon-hour demonstration on the devastating effects of drinking and driving.

Effects of drunk driving played out on campus

Brock drove home the dangers of drinking and driving with a mock motor vehicle accident at the S-bend in front of the Plaza Building on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The 30-minute event played out as a drama with a narrator leading the audience through the tragedy as it unfolded. Brock students, staff and faculty were drawn into the scene, witnessing the hysteria, confusion, disbelief and emotion of an accident that claims a human life.

Emergency personnel included

firefighters employing the Jaws of Life, paramedics and employees from a local funeral home, who placed the 'fatal victim' in a hearse during the event.

The presentation was made possible by the participation of Niagara Regional Police Services, St. Catharines Fire Department and Niagara Emergency Medical Services, as well as Brock University Campus Security, Student Health Services and Dramatic Arts student actors, Regional Niagara Public Health Department, and Hulse and English Funeral Home and Chapel.

Report card gives Brock high marks

The quality of education at Brock continues to score high marks with students, according to the recently released annual *Globe and Mail* report card on Canadian universities.

The report card is based on feedback from students, and provides the University with an opportunity to listen to what students have to say about their experience at Brock.

With a student population of almost 17,000 (full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate), Brock continues to perform well within the survey's medium-sized universities category, which also includes schools like Queen's, Simon Fraser and Guelph.

The quality of education at Brock continues to score high marks with students, as the University placed at the top of the middle-sized category in Class Size, and received an A- for Quality of Education, Quality of Teaching and Most Satisfied Students.

Brock received a top indexical ranking for Academic Experience/Intensity and Teaching Quality when compared to all other universities.

The Tourism and Environment program received special mention as well in an article on niche programs at universities.

For the full report, go to www.globecampus.ca

Future talent strategies



A forum hosted by Brock and Canadian Tire Financial Services at the University Tuesday, Oct. 26, called Growing Niagara: Future Talent Strategies, was devoted to discussing the type of workers needed to rebuild Niagara's economy, and strategies needed to draw and keep them here in light of a skilled labour shortage. Speakers included, from left, Marco Marrone, president, Canadian Tire Financial Services; Jack Lightstone, president, Brock; Dennis Parass, chair, Niagara Economic Development Corporation; Jody Thomas, president, Brock University Students' Union; Lisa Neville, president, Brock University Graduate Students' Association; and Peter Partington, chair, Region of Niagara.

Orr worked at boosting endowment fund

Allan Orr, a longtime supporter of Brock University, 82, died in Creemore, Ont., on Oct. 26, 18 years to the day that he received an honorary doctorate from the institution.

Dr. Orr's dedication to Brock and to higher learning began formally in 1980 when he was appointed to the Board of Trustees, and thus began a long relationship with the institution through substantial committee

work, as vice-chair of the board from 1983-87, and as board chair from 1987-90.

His business acumen as an industrial leader was especially appreciated in the financial development of the University. In 1988-89, he co-chaired Brock's "Give Brock the Business!" capital campaign, at the time

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Soirée success thanks

Thank you to everyone who made the inaugural General Brock's October Soirée a resounding success.

The evening would not have been possible without the generous support of all who attended and to all of the sponsors.

Appreciation and gratitude are directed to Lincoln Fabrics as the presenting sponsor for the evening; the lead sponsor, Ravensden Asser Management; and sponsorship from TD Meloche Monnex, Sullivan Mahoney, MBNA, Walker Industries, L.R. Wilson Foundation and Whiting Equipment Canada Inc.

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the largest fundraising campaign in the University's history. At the conclusion of the campaign in 1990, the final total raised was \$5.021 million, which exceeded the campaign's original goal and increased the University's endowment by 70 per cent.

Dr. Orr was president and general manager of Atlas Steels in Welland for more

than 40 years. He was also a member of Queen's University Council and sat on the Board of Governors at Ridley College. Physical activity was a big part of his life, particularly his love of football, and even though he never mastered golf, he was talented at curling and water polo.

A celebration of Dr. Orr's life will take place at the Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E, in Creemore, Ont. on Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

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• **Veena Dwivedi** (Applied Linguistics), \$83,875: Determining how the brain processes language. Dwivedi uses electroencephalography (EEG) technology to investigate how the healthy brain comprehends language in real time. Specifically, her research involves exploring how the brain understands the meaning of words and sentences, in particular contexts by investigating electrophysiological response to language processing. Her work could lead to better treatments for people with cognitive impairments, including patients with Alzheimer's, traumatic

brain injury, and strokes.

• **Stephen Cheung** (Physical Education and Kinesiology), \$82,540: Exploring how heat and cold affect people's performance. Both hypothermia and hyperthermia are the result of thermal stress. Cheung is looking into human performance in thermally stressful environments. With significant numbers working in thermally stressful environments, such as firefighters, miners, military and athletes, his research could have a significant impact on their health and quality of life.

For more information about the Ministry of Research and Innovation's Ontario Research Fund, go to www.mri.gov.on.ca

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Diqing Tang**, Master of Science (Biotechnology) student, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Th241. The title of her thesis is "Metabolite Changes during Riesling Icewine Fermentation when Yeast micronutrients are used." Her examining committee members are: Ramon Mira de Orduna, New York State Agricultural Experimental Station, Geneva, N.Y., external examiner; Rick Cheel, chair; Debbie Inglis, supervisor; Jeff Stuart and Tony Yan, committee members. All are welcome.

• **Kimberly Maich**, PhD student in Educational Studies, will present her thesis defence on Friday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in WH147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "Opening a Can of Worms: Perceptions and Practices of Teachers in Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporating the Role of a Therapist." Examining committee members are: Marilyn Rose, chair; Elizabeth Starr, University of Windsor, external examiner; Don Dworet, supervisor; Zopito Marini, internal examiner; Vera Woloshyn and Robert Sandieson, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

• **Farah-Jade Dryburgh**, Master of Science (Biotechnology) student, will present her thesis defence on Friday, Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "The colony development of the insect pathogenic fungus *Metarhizium anisopliae*." Examining committee members are: Myron Smith, Carleton University, external examiner; Rick Cheel, chair; Mike Bidochka, supervisor; Heather Gordon and Adonis Skandalis, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day service on campus

Brock will host a Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Gathering at 10:45 a.m. in the Walker Complex Courtyard (Red Wall in the Walker Complex if there is inclement weather.) The service will be a time to honour those who have died in war and to reflect on peace. Everyone is welcome.

CCOVI Co-Hosts The Wine Tasting Challenge

In the spirit of friendly competition and wine education, Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute will again be the organizing/auditing body of one of the largest and unique wine competitions in Canada. The event will be hosted at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto on Monday, Nov. 24 with a prize purse in excess of \$100,000 including cash, trips, stemware and scholarships. New for 2008 is the ability for contestants to receive their confidential individual scores. Go to www.winetastingchallenge.com for details.

BUSU goes Parisien for Presidents' Ball

Faculty, staff and students are invited to a "Night in Paris" as part of the President's Ball Friday, Nov. 14 at Isaac's Bar and Grill. The formal dinner/dance is hosted by the Brock University Students' Union, and features cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and a silent auction from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All proceeds from the auction go to the Spread the Net campaign. Tickets cost \$45 per person or \$80 per couple, and are available until Nov. 13 at tables in the Mackenzie Chown A corridor and the Computer Commons area.

United Way pledge reminder

A reminder to all to complete and hand in pledge forms. This year's campaign is on track to meet the goal of \$96,000; every donation is important towards reaching that goal, and helping the many in need within our local community. Congratulations to the Week 1 incentive prize winners: Pauline McCormack, Margo Carter, Lisa Wilson, Domenic Maniccia, Carol McIntosh and Lynn McCleary. Please check the campaign website www.brocku.ca/unitedway for more details about incentive prizes, and upcoming events, such as the Isaac's Event tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 6 at 12 noon.

Cable program features Brock professor

Charles Burton, professor, Political Science, will appear as a guest on John Storm's *Taking Niagara by Storm* program on Cable 10 Niagara on Monday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be Canada's relationship with China.

Used stamps wanted

The Office of International Services is collecting used Canadian and international stamps as part of a fundraising program for OXFAM Canada. Director John Kaethler would welcome any contributions from the Brock community. Stamps can be brought to the office at De Cew residence, R209.

Call for staff representative

Marilyn Rose will complete her term as Dean, Graduate Studies on June 30, 2009. As a result, an Advisory Committee for the Appointment for the Dean, Graduate Studies is being struck to search for her replacement.

Reporting directly to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Dean will provide support for the development of new and dynamic graduate programs at both the master's and doctoral levels in all faculties.

A staff representative is required as a member of the advisory committee. If you are a permanent University staff employee interested in serving on this committee, e-mail Luaine Hathaway at lhathaway@brocku.ca stating your name, department and reason for your willingness to serve.

Grand opening



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THE MATHESON LEARNING COMMONS was officially opened Sunday, Oct. 26 with special guests from the Brock Community. The building was realized thanks to \$2 million in donations to the University - \$1 million in student donations through the Brock University Students' Union Strategic Expansion Fund, and \$1 million in private donations from Brock faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

As a result of a significant gift from former student Arthur Peltomaa (BA, econ/poli '74), the Matheson Learning Commons was named in recognition of Professor Bill Matheson's important contribution to the growth and success of Brock.

Matheson taught at Brock for more than 30 years in the Political Science Department, while holding various administration titles, including the University's first Vice-President, Academic, and its first Dean of Social Sciences.

Big Ideas nominees announced

Just in time to announce the new batch of nominees for the TVO's Big Ideas Best Lecturer contest, last year's finalists can now be viewed online.

Tim Conley, professor, Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, professor, Department of Psychology, were both top-10 finalists whose presentations aired on TVO during the early spring competition.

They can now be found on the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies' website. The videos can be viewed and embedded elsewhere by going to www.brocku.ca/ctlet/words

Announced on Friday, Oct. 31, the finalists from Brock for the fifth annual competition include:

- James Allard, English Language and Literature
- Tauri Caputo, Business
- Santo D'Agostino, Mathematics
- Patrick Ounlert, Business
- Harry Peery, Physical Education and Kinesiology
- Mario Pizzacalla, Applied Linguistics
- Murray Wickett, History
- Phil Wilson, Physical Education

and Kinesiology

Sponsored by TD Insurance Meloche Monnex, the Best Lecturer Competition was created to recognize the best and brightest lecturers at Ontario's colleges and universities. The competition invites Ontarians to nominate professors whose love of learning has helped to stimulate imaginations, open eyes and push boundaries in institutions of higher learning across the province. Big Ideas is TVO's popular televised lecture series, offering lectures on a variety of thought-provoking topics that range across politics, culture, economics, art history and science.

The next stage of the competition invites nominees to submit a tape of their lecture for consideration. Following review of these tapes, 20 semifinalists will be chosen from the nominees. Then, a panel of judges will choose 10 finalists, who will then be invited to deliver complete lectures on TVO's Big Ideas beginning Feb. 28, 2009. Viewers will be invited to grade each of the finalists and cast their vote for Ontario's next Best Lecturer.

For more information, visit tvo.org

Medea takes path of trash-talking TV

A riveting retelling of Euripides' *Medea* takes centre stage next week at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

This production of *Medea* draws on the clichés of trash-talk TV in a dramatic blend of video, live music and performance, on stage Nov. 13, 14, 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Director Natalie Alvarez presents a disquieting critique of popular media culture and its representations of the tragic. This main-stage production situates the play in a multi-media television studio recording of a daytime talk show. Designed by David Vivian, *Medea* features compelling performances by the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts.

The private-as-public culture of ancient Athens - where personal conflicts and crimes become public in the Assembly and ancient amphitheatres - finds its modern counterpart in the voyeuristic scrutiny of current media culture. The domestic dispute at the core of the play becomes sensational fodder for television cameras, the modern lenses that replace the omnipresent gaze of the ancient gods; the Chorus Leader becomes talk-show host, while the chorus retains its ancient function as an extension of the audience,



MEDEA

passive and complicit witnesses of this tragic story of betrayal and revenge. A surprise musical guest transforms the Chorus' words into chart-topping contemporary rock, bringing us the signature of Niagara's vibrant music scene.

Medea promises to leave audiences with a greater understanding of how revenge, pain and anger can compel one to seek justice on individual terms. For a media presentation visit

www.brocku.ca/dramatic_arts/events0809.html

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$12 for students and seniors; \$10 for groups, and are available at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, at ext. 3257. The Department of Dramatic Arts' partnership in eyeGo to the Arts means high school students may attend live performing arts through an innovative \$5 ticket program.



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Horizon Utilities has launched an energy conservation program that will be brought to Grade 5 students in Hamilton and St. Catharines in the near future. The program was recently presented to student teachers of Brock's Faculty of Education.

Conservation curriculum unveiled

Get ready for Generation C: They will be strong, determined and will be the ones to step up to the plate and save the world. Did we mention they are only 12 years old?

Horizon Utilities has launched an energy conservation program that will be offered to Grade 5 students in Hamilton and St. Catharines' school boards. Consisting of 10 hands-on modules that adhere to curriculum science standards, students will learn to quantify the amount of energy used and what would constitute an efficient level of electricity. In addition, they will learn to conserve energy in their own homes, with the plan being that

the students develop habits for life.

Brock University Faculty of Education brought Generation Conservation to their classrooms in October, to talk to potential teachers about what the program does and what it will mean for teachers. Professor Kamini Jaipal-Jamani and students participated in several of the modules and were surprised to see just how easy it is to conserve energy.

This positive and empowering program is sure to have both students and teachers interested in conservation in a whole new way, making both science and energy conservation more tangible aspects of every day life.

New chaplain opens door to students

David Galston has a passion for questions. That passion has led him on a lifelong quest for knowledge, and what better place to expand that knowledge than a university.

The ordained United Church minister – officially the Rev. Dr. Galston – joined the Brock staff this September as the ecumenical chaplain, replacing George Addison, who retired. There are two other on-site spiritual leaders, and two others affiliated with the University.

"Academic work is not isolated; we learn new things and it impacts the way we live," Galston notes.

His own pursuit of knowledge has included earning a PhD in philosophy of religion from McGill, a master's of divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Winnipeg. After his formative years as a student, he became principal of Iona College, an affiliate of the University of Windsor.

Life experiences and academic pursuits definitely went hand-in-hand with that posting, he says, since he could be teaching courses in the morning, but washing linens in the evening.

"I ran a Bachelor of Theology program, but I had to do the dishes, too."

After five years, the married father of two entered a ministerial position in Hamilton with Eternal Spring United Church. The congregation is an exploring and questioning group of liberal-minded people who want access to scholarship and teaching, Galston notes. Therefore, the

charge is in the process of being converted to Eternal Spring Learning Centre, and has Galston as a director.



Rev. Dr. David Galston

As a result of his exploration and studies over the years, Galston is a Fellow of the Jesus Seminar and a co-founder of the SnowStar Institute of Religion, which essentially mean, among other things, that he studies the historical Jesus, but does not believe in his divinity. His beliefs come out of honesty and integrity, religious literacy and tolerance, he explains.

"I say my beliefs plainly, because I believe in honesty, in questioning things to gain a better understanding."

As a chaplain, that means he offers himself to students as a counsellor, or just as someone who can listen to their concerns and challenges adjusting to university life. The chaplains aren't there to proselytize or convert, he adds. But that doesn't mean Galston doesn't have other goals in his position.

"I would like to see a progressive, interreligious group for students on campus, and I would like to participate more in academic discussions."

He and his fellow chaplains are also working on a speakers' series for the new year. In the immediate future, they will have a leadership role to play in next week's Remembrance Day Gathering in the Walker Complex courtyard as well. The Nov. 11 event starts at 10:45 a.m. In the case of inclement weather, it will be held in front of the red wall inside the Walker Complex.

Contest a tall order for coffee cups

Paper coffee cups are now compostable at the St. Catharines campus, so to spread the news and get the community behind a new recycling program, the Science Stores staff are starting a contest with a tall order.

The challenge is to register a team with Science Stores, stack and save your cups, and bring them in for measuring. The first three teams to reach the same height as the Schmon

Tower (167 feet) will win prizes.

Teams who are stockpiling cups can bring them in every once in a while to be measured (you don't have to wait until the stack is 167 feet!). After the contest there will be bins throughout the University for recycling.

Science Stores is located in Mackenzie Chown E304, and can be contacted at ext. 3407 or 4934

Mediatalk People in the news

Debbie Inglis, director, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, was interviewed for an Oct. 10 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "South Australian minister extols benefits of partnership with Ontario," in which she discussed possible partnerships related to the wine industry.

Larry Savage, professor, Political Science, appeared as a guest pundit on the CTS program *On the Line with Christine Williams* on Oct. 14. **Savage** was also interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Welland results among the closest in the country," and for an Oct. 21 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Dion making right choice."

Garth Stevenson, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 14 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Time for voters to speak" regarding the 2008 federal election. **Stevenson** was also interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Uninspired contest blamed for low voter turnout."

Matthew Hennigar, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Results didn't match eco-election hype," regarding the 2008 federal election.

David Siegel, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Lowest voter turnout in history," regarding the 2008 federal election. **Siegel** was also interviewed for an Oct. 10 article in the *Dunnville Chronicle* entitled "Independent MP versus Party members."

Paul Hamilton, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 17 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "'He has to go': critics," in which he discussed the future role of Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion. **Livianna Tossutti**, professor, Political Science, was also quoted in the article.

John Yardley, managing director, Workplace Health and Research Laboratory,

was interviewed for an Oct. 17 article in *Business Edge* entitled "Integrating health into the company culture," in which he discussed the research related to productivity and health in various work environments.

Terry Judd, **Harro Maskow** and **Robin Patterson**, instructors, Department of Dramatic Arts, were interviewed for an Oct. 18 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "In plain view," in which they talked about employing masks in their work with Theatre Beyond Words. The article ran in several newspapers across the country.

Antonia Mantonakis, assistant professor, Business, was interviewed for an Oct. 20 article in the *National Post*, which also appeared in CanWest papers across the country, entitled "Weak economy might bring more gift cards for Christmas," in which she discussed the psychology behind giving and receiving gift cards.

Tony Volk, assistant professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for an Oct. 22 article in the *Globe and Mail* entitled "Set the scene, get your reasons ready, take a timeout and lay down the law," regarding setting rules for teenagers' video-game consumption.

Ralph Morris, retired professor, wrote a column for the Oct. 23 edition of the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Tern needs a life span," in which he discussed the management activities undertaken to protect the common tern in southern Niagara.

Janet Conway, associate professor, Canada Research Chair in Social Justice, Sociology, had a Letter to the Editor published in the *Globe and Mail* Oct. 27 entitled "Colonialism at its worst," in which she offered reaction to recent comments regarding Aboriginal people and evolution.

Margaret Grove, librarian, James A. Gibson Library, was interviewed for an article in the Oct. 27 edition of the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock learning commons namesake very much alive," on the occasion of the official opening of the Matheson Learning Commons. **Bill Matheson**, retired professor and person for whom the space is named, was also quoted in the article, which also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

Many health and safety training and professional development opportunities continue to be available for staff and faculty. Course and registration details on Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

- Standard First Aid/CPR and Defibrillator Training, Nov. 10, 11 and 13: Designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life, this course covers a variety of topics from basic to in-depth. The half-day AED portion of the course (Nov. 13) helps to familiarize individuals with the units located around campus and responding to emergencies.

- Positive Space, Nov. 10, 24, 27: Learn about the Positive Space Campaign at Brock and your role in this important initiative intended to help create a campus that is welcoming and free of discrimination.

- RESPECT: How to GIVE it and GET it, Nov. 12, 28: This interactive workshop will introduce Brock's Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy and what it means to you.

- Productivity Training for Outlook 2003, Nov. 12, 19, 26: Recommended for users already familiar with Microsoft Outlook 2003 who want to maximize their proficiency. Time for questions will also be provided. For those wishing to view information on Outlook 2003, Exchange and Outlook Web Access in advance of the workshop, please visit www.brocku.ca/its/exchange/index.php

- "Excel"lent Workshop – Level 1, Nov. 11, 18 or 20: Whether you are a beginner or someone who is looking for tips and tricks for more efficiently and effectively using Microsoft Office Excel, this workshop will provide hands-on experience with an expert trainer covering a variety of topics.

- "Need to Know" Orientation, Nov. 12: Get important and useful information about Health and Safety. Ideal for new hires, CUPE 4207 members or as a refresher for all employees.

- WHMIS & Hazardous Waste Management, Nov. 19: Learn what you need to know about the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System and the Hazardous Waste Management System here at Brock. An important workshop if you work with or near hazardous materials.

- Standard First Aid/CPR RECERTIFICATION & Anaphylaxis Rescuer, Nov. 21: Lifesaving Society First Aid/CPR certificate holders are required to recertify every three years. Participants must bring proof of certification. Also learn the prevention, risk management, recognition and treatment for anaphylaxis, including how to use an auto-injector (EpiPen or Twinject).

- Wellness Wednesday, Nov. 26: Details to follow. Watch www.brocku.ca/oehs

- Mark Your Calendar... "New Perspectives on Managing Safety" – A Conference for Supervisors is Tuesday, Dec. 2. Program details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

Faculty and Staff

CHEMISTRY

Tomas Hudlicky gave the invited lecture "Total synthesis of natural products via chemoenzymatic and/or new reagent-based strategies: The story of morphine, pancratistatin, and balanolat" at the University of Calgary on Oct. 3; the University of Alberta on Oct. 6; and the University of Western Ontario on Oct. 22.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Jeannette Sloniowski has been invited by the Crime Writers of Canada to be a judge for the Arthur Ellis Award for best Canadian crime novel of 2008.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jon Radue presented "Pssst! I want to buy your expertise, but cheaply: Current Concerns on Contract Cheating" together with Troy Brooks, Academic Integrity Officer; and "Plagiarism Protection: Working in an Uncertain Environment" at the Annual International Conference on Academic Integrity, Clemson University at Myrtle Beach, S.C., Oct. 16 to 18.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Evangelia Tsiani presented the work "Resveratrol ameliorates high insulin-induced insulin resistance in skeletal muscle cells by Regulating mTOR and p70 S6K Phosphorylation," co-authored by students **Brandon Faubert** and **Toran Sanli**, at the European Association for the Study of Diabetes Annual Meeting in Rome, Italy, in September.

Paul LeBlanc and his student **Leslie Stefanyk** presented the work "Phospholipid fatty acid composition of skeletal muscle sarcolemmal and t-tubule membranes" and won the Master of Science Poster Presentation Award at this year's annual Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology conference in Banff, Alta., Oct. 15 to 18.

HISTORY

Elizabeth Neswald presented a paper on "The Experimental Subjects of Nutritional Physiology" at the Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar, York University, Toronto, on Oct. 14.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Sandra Beckett gave a keynote address "Crossover Fiction and Border Crossings in a Globalized World," at the IBBY Ireland Conference, "Green Gables to Globalization: Crossover, Canada and Children's Books" in Dublin on Oct. 18.

NURSING

Lynn McCleary co-authored the paper "Nursing careers in gerontology: Developing recruitment strategies," given by Veronique Boscart at the international conference Nurses: The Solution to Health Care Transformation in Beijing, China, on Oct. 21.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Garth Stevenson presented the paper "Canadian federalism and the search for accommodation of Quebec nationalism" at a workshop, jointly sponsored by the Quebec Studies Program at McGill University and the Institute on Quebec Studies at the State University of New York in Plattsburgh, in Montreal on Oct. 17. The workshop will lead to the publication in 2010 of a textbook on Quebec to be used in both Canadian and American universities.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Fall seminar series.

All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.

• Friday, Nov. 7: Dr. Joel Levine, Department of Biology, University of Toronto at Mississauga, "Love stinks: Social group affects gene expression, communication and mating in *D. melanogaster*." Host: Joffre Mercier.
• Friday, Nov. 14: Dr. Marie Elliot, Department of Biology, McMaster University, "Development of the multicellular bacterium *Streptomyces coelicolor*." Host: Alan Castle.

Department of Classics: In association with the Archaeology Institute of America Niagara Peninsula Society, presents a public lecture series on archaeology. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place Sundays at 3 p.m. in Academic South 215. Free admission.
• Sunday, Nov. 9: Professor Jodi Magness, Kenan distinguished professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak on "The Archeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls."

Department of Classics: in association with the Classical Association of Canada present Mark Golden, Professor of Classics, University of Winnipeg, in a public lecture entitled "Oedipal Complexities: Growing up Fatherless in Greece and Rome" on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Academic South 202.

Canadian Federation of University Women: Welland and District, will meet Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Cordage Retirement Residence. The topic "Females in the Wine Industry" will be presented by Lydia Tomek from Hernder Estate Wines. New members and interested women welcome. For information call 905-892-6535.

SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Dramatic Arts

• Nov. 13, 14, 15: *The Medea of Euripides*, the controversial playwright of the Classical Age of Athens, receives a suitably investigational staging that re-imagines the play in a modern milieu. Directed by Natalie Alvarez, designed by David Vivian, and with performances by the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts, this production situates the play in a multimedia, television studio recording of a daytime talk show. Held in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, 7:30 p.m. For tickets contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257 or e-mail: boxoffice@brocku.ca

Department of Music

Music@Noon

• Tuesday, Nov. 11: Recital: Voice students, Concordia Seminary Chapel.
• Tuesday, Nov. 18: Recital: Instrumental students, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Choral Series

• Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m.: "Autumn Song" with Avanti Chamber Singers. Music by Mozart, Fauré, Duruflé and Schütz, as well as Canadian composers Willan, MacGillivray, Rogers and Niagara's own John Butler. St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 33 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Adults \$20; seniors \$15; high school eyeGo \$5; children younger than 12 free.

Department of Visual Arts

Exhibits

• Nov. 17 to 28, 2008: VISA Comics: An Exhibition of Graphic Novellas presented by VISA 1P96 Foundation Classes. The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Guest Speaker Series

• Friday, Nov. 7: Dianne Bos, Artist talk: A Brief History of the Camera Obscura, the Pinhole Camera and the Photobased Work. 12 noon, Room GLN 162.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season includes world-class music, dance, comedy, theatre and family performances. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean

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November 2008

In Good Company's Production of God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; July Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

December 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC – Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! – The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

RODMAN HALL ARTS CENTRE

Exhibitions

• **new! 2008 Niagara Biennial:** runs until Dec. 30 featuring work by both established and emerging artists from the Niagara Region, including Tobey C. Anderson, Jean Bridge, Sandy Fairbairn, John Gill, Matt Harley, Ernest Harris Jr., Melanie MacDonald, Tyler Manzon, Bill Ralph, Sheldon Rooney, John Venditti and Carolyn Wren.

• **Blue Republic: Nostalgia for the Present:** curated by Carolyn Bell Farrell, originated and circulated by the Koffler Gallery until Feb. 15, 2009. Opening reception Saturday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. As the multidisciplinary collective Blue Republic, Anna Passakas and Radoslaw Kudlinski create installations that combine humour, wit and metaphor to stimulate discourse on political ideas, power structures and economic imbalances. Using discarded industrial materials and common debris from the urban environment they construct a miniature, sprawling urban environment in which refuse and containers are the building blocks of the future.

• **Catherine Heard: Theatrum Mundi, Niche Project 2008-09:** runs Nov. 8 to Nov. 1, 2009. Opening Reception: Saturday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. Artist Talk: Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Known for her sculptural work depicting things both monstrous and wondrous, Heard's site-specific installation recalls the European tradition of the wunderkammer – a princely collection of rare and strange natural objects and works of art. Transforming the rear bay window wells of the historic mansion into her own cabinet of curiosities, Heard displays her personal collection of objects and oddities. Each month Heard will rearrange her collection.

Classifieds

Wanted: housing for Brock couple for May to August 2009. Non-smokers, no pets, no children. Close to Brock preferred. Call George at 905-650-1898.

For Sale: 2004 Oldsmobile Alero, fully loaded, two-door coupe, sunroof, great condition, approximately 80,000 km, maroon colour. \$10,000 or make me an offer. E-mail tml_fan_01@hotmail.com

For Rent: ideal for faculty or staff, nice townhouse close to Brock, Thorold area, 31 Devine Cres., available Dec. 1 for five months at a reasonable rate. Call 905-934-5991.

International Education Week offers many events across University

Brock celebrates the spirit of co-operation and collaboration on a global scale next week in the form of International Education Week.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada's 92 members will join universities and educators from 85 countries around the world to mark the fifth annual event highlighting the key role international education plays as Canadians look to acquire the experience and skills they need to live and work in today's increasingly global society.

Promoting Global Citizenship is the theme for Canada's 2008 International Education Week, running Nov. 17 to 21.

Events taking place all week at Brock include:

- "This is My Home" and "Home Away from Home" international photo exhibitions (also featuring winners of International Services Photo Contest), displayed all over Campus, at many different locations

- "MedPlus in Peru Photo Reflection" and "The Big Guide to Living and Working Overseas Online" displays in the Career Resource Center in the Matheson Learning Commons

- Try some of our delicious international menu options at the DeCew and Lowenberger dining halls, as well as Tower Café and Walker Complex, sponsored by Brock Dining Services Special events before and during the week include:

- *Medea*, Department of Dramatic Arts (see Event Listings), Nov. 13 to 15.

- 10,000 Villages Fair Trade Sale will be in The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, until Nov. 7.

- Exchange Information Fair, Thursday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sankey Chamber.

- "Assessing your International IQ," presented by the Office of International Services, DeCew 208, 3 to 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 18:

- "T.A.P. Japan - Sharing Culture, Art and People" by Professor John Leavitt, from 12 noon - 1p.m. DeCew 208

- "The Art of Crossing Cultures," Tuesday, Nov. 18, presented by the Office of International Services, International Workshop, DeCew 208, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

- "Celebrating World Flavours," with Celebrity Chef Hari Nayak, internationally renowned chef and food writer. His signature style of cooking is "Modern Indian Cooking," featuring lunch at DeCew and dinner at Lowenberger dining halls on Tuesday, Nov. 18 only.

- Wednesday, Nov. 19: "International Snack Food Festival" in Mackenzie Chown A Block, Walker Complex, and East Academic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snacks are \$1 each, from such places as China, France, Latin America, Scotland, South Asia and more.

- Thursday, Nov. 20: "China Day" in the Pond Inlet, Thursday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring performers and speakers who will share their China experience. Same day: Chinese cooking demonstration. Sign up at International Services, DeCew 209.

- Friday, Nov. 21: "Brock Exchange Info Session" - Participate in a Brock Exchange and forever change your life, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, DeCew 208.

International Education Week activities are organized by Brock International and the Office of International Services with the collaboration of Campus Store, Career Services, Community Connections, Dining Services, ESL Services, Faculty of Business, Faculty of Education, International Market Development and Human Rights and Equity Services.

The International Education Week official website, www.iew-sei.ca, provides valuable resources on international education, information on getting involved and a list of the week's events across Canada.

Brock hosts Two Days of Canada

Brock plays host to its 22nd annual Two Days of Canada conference tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 7. The theme of this year's interdisciplinary conference is the development of media in Canada and their effects on culture and politics.

The way people communicate has always been important to Canadian society, even before Canada was a country. Newspapers, the telegraph, movies, radio and later television all had significant impacts on how people spoke to one another, created communities and crafted a common culture.

Brock's Centre for Canadian Studies pairs with another unit to host Two Days of Canada and the second unit typically selects the theme, according to Russell Johnston, associate professor and chair, Communications, Popular Culture and Film. This year, the second unit is not a department, but an informal group of scholars linked by the Canadian Media History listserv established by Gene Allen, associate professor of Journalism at Ryerson University.

Thomas Walkom, national affairs columnist for the *Toronto Star*, will deliver the keynote address on Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Pond Inlet. Walkom completed his PhD dissertation on the transformation of the Canadian press in the 1890s from a political press to an advertising-oriented medium following the growth of national advertising. His address will

speak to the continuing relevance of media history in understanding the role of the mass media in our contemporary world.

The conference's opening session Thursday will showcase the History of the Book in Canada/Histoire du livre et de l'imprimé au Canada project. This three-volume bilingual work charts the history of the printed page in Canada from its beginnings to 1980 and is a model for collaborative and multidisciplinary research in the field of media history. Professor Patricia Fleming, University of Toronto, and Professor Carole Gerson, Simon Fraser University, who were members of the six-person editorial team, will share their vision and insights at this lecture, which takes place from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in Pond Inlet.

Other papers to be delivered at the conference will look at such topics as the Catholic Church's response to mass media in the 1950s; adaptations of Anne of Green Gables; the first hockey broadcasts in Canada; and how the local press covered the hippie scene in 1960s Toronto.

Two Days of Canada is open to everyone and is co-hosted by the Centre for Canadian Studies at Brock University and the Canadian Media History listserv.

For more information and the conference program, visit www.brocku.ca/canstudies/2days - or contact Johnston at ext. 3154, or e-mail russell.johnston@brocku.ca



Pop culture lecture features film scholar

The Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture program will host the 2008 Popular Culture Lecture, presented in association with the Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film, the Brock University Film Society, and Canadian Studies.

On Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in AS 217, Canadian film scholar Stephen Broomer will screen a restored print of John Hofess' acclaimed experimental film, *Palace of Pleasure* (1968). The Boston Avatar hailed the film as "a masterpiece... the finest experimental film in two generations" at the time of its release, and it has played at the Museum of Modern Art and the National Film Theatre of London.

The screening will be accompanied by a presentation by Broomer on the film's controversial production history and its position in the Canadian experimental film canon. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, contact Amanda Bishop at ext. 3553 or e-mail amanda.bishop@brocku.ca

Columnist Dyer to speak at Brock

Canadian journalist Gwynne Dyer will be presenting a public lecture at the David S. Howes Theatre at Brock on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 p.m. Based on his soon-to-be released book, *Climate Wars*, Dyer will present what Random House Publishers calls a "terrifying glimpse of the none-too-distant future, when climate change will force the world's powers into a desperate struggle for advantage and even survival."

Dyer has worked as a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs for more than 20 years, but he was originally trained as a historian. Born in Newfoundland, he received degrees from Canadian, American and British

universities, finishing with a PhD in Military and Middle Eastern History from the University of London. He served in three navies and held academic appointments at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Oxford University before launching his twice-weekly column on international affairs, which is published by more than 175 papers in some 45 countries.

Dyer's presentation is sponsored by the Faculty of Social Sciences and is open to the public. Admission is free, but tickets are required and may be obtained from the Brock Centre for the Arts by calling ext. 3257. For more information, contact Thomas Dunk, dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, at ext. 3425.

Earth Sciences has strong showing at GSA

Brock's Department of Earth Sciences was well-represented for the Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting, held this year in Houston, Tex. from Oct. 4 to 9 with attendance in excess of 10,000.

Professor Uwe Brand organized and lead a technical session entitled: "T35: Paleozoic oceanographic and climate changes: evidence from seawater geochemistry and sedimentology records." The session attracted contributions from Japan, China, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, United States and Canada, eliciting 32 presentations.

Professor Francine M. G. McCarthy attended several business meetings in her capacity as past-president of the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists - The Palynological Society (AASP).

The department's faculty and graduate students and their co-authors, who come from industry and national-international academia offered the following presentations:

- Lisa A. Neville, Francine M.G. McCarthy, Michael D. McKinnon, Patricia Marlowe:

"Thecamoebians (testate amoebae) as proxies of ecosystem health in Oil Sands lakes and wetlands."

- Manuel A. Paez, Martin J. Head, Hildegard Westphal: "Long-Term Sea-Level Variations and Diagenesis Recorded on a Miocene Subtropical Carbonate Platform as Evidenced by Palynological Data, ODP Site 1007, Bahamas."

- Francine M.G. McCarthy: "Late Cenozoic climate change and organic sedimentation - positive feedback promoting ice sheet growth?"

- Uwe Brand, Karem Azmy, Gangiq Jiang, Xinqing Lee. Global Taghanic and Givetian Seawater Records: "An Amelioration of Faunal Realms, Climatic Conditions and High Levels of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide."

- Rosemarie E. Came, Uwe Brand, Weifu Guo, Jan Veizer, Karem Azmy, John Eiler: "Application of Carbonate 'Clumped Isotope' Thermometry to Marine Brachiopods from Icehouse and Greenhouse Periods in the Paleozoic Era - Preliminary Results."

Leadership event a new perspective

As a supervisor, director, chair or dean you already know the benefits that successful teamwork can bring to the University. Certainly, the vast majority of products and services generated by any organization are the outcome of group actions.

Focusing only on the "leader" in leadership disregards how work is actually done and can contribute to workplace toxicity.

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at New Perspectives on Managing Safety. Opening plenary speaker, Dr. John Yardley, President, Metrics@Work, draws on eight years of research at Metrics@Work (formerly Brock's Workplace Health Research Laboratory) to demonstrate what you can achieve with your team, if you (and they) "get it right".

Yardley will also facilitate an interactive workshop designed to explore what front-line leadership looks like in a truly healthy work environment. Complementing the healthy workplace theme, Kim Thompson and John Roberts from Human Resources, Environment, Health and Safety, present details on the Health Management Program being rolled out in 2009. Other workshop sessions are planned. Finally, Chris Boccinfuso from the Ministry of Labour will be the closing plenary speaker, reviewing roles and responsibilities outlined in the legislation and taking questions on their application in an academic environment.

Join your colleagues for a stimulating and thought-provoking day that focuses on your role as supervisor in developing and maintaining a healthy workplace for everyone. The day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration and program details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

Brock moves up Maclean's rankings

While Brock has not yet been given a designation in the "comprehensive" category of the Maclean's annual university rankings, the institution has improved once again according to the 2008 edition.

The University has moved up to 14 from 15 in 2007 (and from 19 in 2006) in the Primarily Undergraduate category. The preliminary results were released Nov. 10, ahead of the newsstand publication date of Nov. 24.

Brock also scored well in the area of faculty performance, with eighth place in social sciences and humanities grants, and fifth in medical/science grants. These scores represent the wall-to-wall research culture that currently exists.

The University also ranked well in the area of student support, as student services made third place, and scholarships and bursaries made seventh place, illustrating Brock's commitment to people-centred education assisting students to succeed.

Brock will continue to advocate for change in the way it is perceived for this process. The "comprehensive" category would better reflect the University's growing number of graduate programs (38, including six PhD programs), and the increasing number of full- and part-time students, which has more than doubled in the past 10 years. The "primarily undergraduate" category is defined as a school largely focused on undergraduate education, with relatively few graduate programs.

Holiday Celebration December 3

All Faculty and Staff are cordially invited to the President's Annual Holiday Celebration and faculty and staff recognition event, to be held Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Pond Inlet Refectory.

Management conference focuses on safety issues

Brock supervisors, directors, chairs and deans are reminded that the conference "New Perspectives on Managing Safety" is set for Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the St. Catharines campus.

Taking place from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Pond Inlet, the conference will feature guest speaker John Yardley, Brock University Workplace Health Research Laboratory, and president, Metrics@Work.

For information and registration details, visit www.brocku.ca/oehs



Dr. Marilyn Walker, educator, philanthropist and artist, right, received several standing ovations during the Nov. 5 announcement of her personal gift of \$15 million for the newly named Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts. Jack Lightstone, Brock president, and students from the school, joined her on stage during part of the hour-long presentation.

Terry Fox Hall of Fame nod an honour for advocate, graduate Crabtree

When Brock graduate Linda Crabtree was inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame last month, she was delighted to be linked to a Canadian icon who represents strength, determination and courage.

"It is a wonderful honour to have my name connected with Terry Fox," said Crabtree (BA, psyc, '87). "He represents all that is the best in humans."

Crabtree, a tireless advocate for persons with disabilities, is no stranger to awards and recognition, including from Brock. She received an honorary doctorate from the University in 1994, and she was named in 2007 as one of the Thirty from the Past Thirty in an Alumni Relations gala that celebrated graduates who exhibited Brock's core values of imagination, innovation and commitment.

Margaret Sanderson, Accessibility Co-ordinator at Brock (Office Vice-Provost and AVP Student Services), said that when she assumed her office "Linda was one of the first persons to whom I reached out for expertise about accessibility issues at Brock and in Niagara.

"Because Linda is a Brock graduate, I just knew she could give me the community voice on campus accessibility planning," said Sanderson. "On a visit to campus in 2007, Linda

reviewed some physical barriers on campus that were being addressed by our staff."

Just weeks before she received the Terry Fox Hall of Fame award, Crabtree also received the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario Volunteer of the Year award for her work in bringing to the attention of the tourism industry possible solutions to the challenges faced by travellers who are disabled.

Trophies and framed accolades are evident throughout Crabtree's St. Catharines home office. She has also received the Order of Canada (1994); the Order of Ontario (1992); the Ontario March of Dimes Rick Hansen Award for Excellence (2004); an honorable mention in the Premier's Award for Accessibility (1990), the first time a non-architect consumer entered and received the award; the YMCA 1994 Canada Peace Medal; and many more.

But it is the Terry Fox honour that has special personal significance for her. Crabtree, who hasn't walked for 20 years, is the founder of CMT International, a support group for those living with Charcot-Marie-Tooth, a progressive neuromuscular disorder.

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Cahill supported Brock from its earliest days

One of Brock's earliest supporters and a tireless public relations advocate, Lou Cahill, died Wednesday, Nov. 12. He was 94.

Cahill spearheaded many of the public relations precepts that guide the profession today. In 1946, he founded OEB International in St. Catharines, a leading public relations firm that later expanded to Toronto and is now nationally known as OEB Enterprise.

For his efforts, he received an honorary doctorate in 1991 from Brock. Other acclamations include the Canadian Public Relations Society's prestigious Philip Novikoff Award for lifetime achievement. Cahill also became the final recipient of the Canadian

Public Relations Society's Distinguished Service Award in 2004. The award is now called the "Lou Cahill Award."

The funeral mass was held Monday, Nov. 24 at the Cathedral of St. Catherine.

Donations may be made to the Lou Cahill Scholarship in Communications. The Brock scholarship was established in 2006 by OEB Enterprise through the Communications and Public Relations Foundation, and is awarded annually to a student graduating from Brock's Communications program who has demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, community involvement and charitable activities.

Inclement weather policy in place again

As the colder weather creeps into Niagara, the Brock community is reminded of the Inclement Weather Policy developed to guide Brock's communications to faculty, staff, students and the broader community when severe weather threatens to interrupt normal University operations.

Using suggestions brought forward by faculty, staff and students following severe winter weather, the policy defines "essential services" and what it means for the University to be "closed."

Closing the University is defined as:

- Classes are not held;
- Meetings and other scheduled community events are cancelled.

Any exceptions will be communicated via the Brock website and/or local radio stations;

- All areas and operations not defined as "essential" are closed;
- Examinations scheduled on the day or evening of a closing are cancelled, and rescheduled;
- Deadlines for assignments and other submissions are postponed until the same hour of the next academic day on which the University is not "closed."

As the home of 2,400 students living in campus residences, the University is responsible for maintaining essential services throughout emergency closing. The "essential services" to be kept in operation during weather-related closings include:

- Food service in the residences
- Campus security services
- Facilities management
- Animal care
- Residence and conference services
- Emergency repair and maintenance
- Telecommunications
- Communications

Staff providing essential services are designated by the department heads responsible for those services.

Individual faculty, staff and students are responsible for checking the Brock website, portal, and/or telephone switchboard, and to listen for local radio station announcements of closures at the University.

In the absence of a communicated decision to close, the University remains open and all activities continue as planned. At all times, individuals should assess their personal safety in deciding whether to come to work or class.

It is the responsibility of faculty to inform their students of class cancellations in the event they are unable to attend and the University is open.

The Inclement Weather Policy is available on the front page of the Brock website at www.brocku.ca

All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the policy as the season of winter hazards is upon us.

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Soon after the organization's founding, she was pressured to meld the Canadian organization with an American organization, a move she stridently resisted.

"I wanted the organization to have an international flavour," said Crabtree. "One day, I cut a picture of Terry Fox out of a newspaper and taped it to my computer. Whenever I needed inspiration to fight back against the headquarter issue, I would just look at that picture and think: 'If Terry Fox can do it, then so can I.'"

Fox was only 18 years old when he was diagnosed in 1977 with osteogenic sarcoma and had his right leg amputated above the knee. While he was recovering in hospital, he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

After completing 5,373 kilometres



Linda Crabtree

in his Marathon of Hope, Fox was forced to stop outside of Thunder Bay, Ont., when cancer spread to his lungs. He died on June 28, 1981 at age 22.

Crabtree donated her \$1,000 in winnings from the Terry Fox recognition to the Lincoln County Humane Society in a nod to animal welfare, another great passion in her life.

The advocate, who is also a writer and recognized artist, is also gratified by the tourism volunteer award.

"We ignore tourists with disabilities at our peril," she said. "There are ... about 1.8 million tourists with disabilities in Ontario alone who have their money in hand and want to spend it on travel. There are very real opportunities, once hurdles are removed, for tourism providers and travellers alike."

Crabtree is currently advocating for more accessible bathrooms in hotels and public places.

committee members. Everyone is welcome.

Souper Star Lunch benefits United Way

The United Way campaign's Souper Star Lunch takes place today, Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 12 noon, in Pond Inlet. Tickets are \$7 and available through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, or at the door. Come and join your co-workers for fun and a delicious selection of soup and stew made by the chefs of Brock Dining Services and served up by celebrity Souper Stars, as they compete for the honour of Best Soup at the event. Silent auction items up for grabs include gift certificates, a golf bag, a mini fridge, Oakley Sunglasses and more.

The campaign is nearing completion, with \$88,000 of the \$96,000 target raised. Those who haven't yet filled in pledge cards still have one and half weeks to do so.

Workshop focuses on civil learning

Zopito Marini, professor, Child and Youth Studies and Chancellor's Chair for Teaching Excellence 2007, will be facilitating an interactive workshop to explore our students' understanding of the continuum between civility and incivility and strategies for creating a civil learning community.

"Best Practices in Academic Civility: Issues in Teaching and Learning," takes place Thursday, Nov. 27 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in TH253 as part of the Big & Little Series. The event is sponsored by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies. To register, call ext. 3933.

Cable program features Brock professor

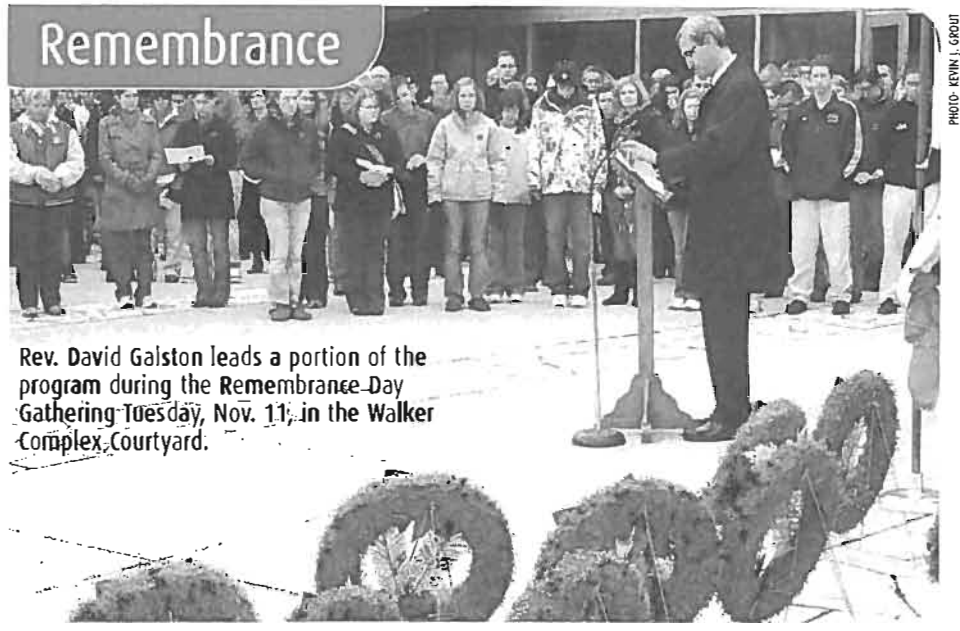
Rosemary Hale, dean, Humanities, will appear as a guest on *Taking Niagara by Storm* on Cable 10 Niagara on Monday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be culture in Niagara and the War of 1812 anniversary events.

Lady Badgers bring home silver

The Brock women's soccer team finished a strong season by capturing the silver medal recently at the Canadian Intersvarsity Sport National Championship Final in Langley, B.C.

The Badgers defeated several of the country's top teams before losing to the host Trinity Western Spartans by a score of 1-0 in the final. This is the best finish by the Brock women's soccer program and second-best finish by a women's team in school history.

Brock keeper Tiffany Scriver was named to the All-Tournament team, along with teammates Cassandra Van Bakel and Stephanie DiMartino.



Rev. David Galston leads a portion of the program during the Remembrance Day Gathering Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Walker Complex Courtyard.

Loyalist Collection celebrated

During the recent opening of the Matheson Learning Commons, another area of the James A. Gibson Library received some time in the spotlight.

As part of the official opening of the Learning Commons, the Library also recognized the growing Loyalist Collection in the Archives and Special Collections. Since 2002, the Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University has raised approximately \$30,000 to purchase resources that chronicle the migration of the United Empire Loyalists to Canada.

It is estimated that around 250,000 people in the Thirteen Colonies remained actively or passively faithful to the British Crown when the American Revolution broke out in 1775. Many Loyalists were persecuted or repressed to the point where living in America became a liability. These families immigrated to other parts of the British Empire. Approximately 50,000 individuals made Canada their new home, thus making them some of Canada's first political refugees.

The Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University have spent years finding and purchasing microfilm copies of records from a

variety of repositories in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.

To date, there are approximately 500 microfilms in the collection, including the personal papers of Sir Frederick Haldimand, Sir Guy Carleton, along with Niagara Loyalists the Merritt Family, Joseph Brant, the Claus Family, Jarvis and Powell Families, Robert and Abraham Nelles, Col. John Butler, and John Graves Simcoe. The largest group of films are the Loyalist Petitions for land in Upper Canada and New Brunswick. There are also an increasing number of published resources in the collection.

The Loyalist Collection has a keen interest in the approximately 5,000 Loyalists who settled in the Niagara Peninsula at the conclusion of the American Revolution in 1783.

For more information about Brock's Loyalist Collection, visit the Special Collection and Archives on the 10th Floor of the James A. Gibson Library; consult the Collection's website at www.brockloyalisthistorycollection.ca/; contact David Sharron, head of Special Collections, at dsharron@brocku.ca; or Edward Scott, chairman of the Friends of the Loyalist Collection at Brock University, at loyalist@becon.org

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Luke Dubin**, candidate for the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend his thesis, entitled "I Might Be A Duck, But I'm Human": An Analysis of Clothing in Disney Cartoons," on Friday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. in the Board Room, 13th Floor, Schmon Tower. External examiner: Nic Sammond (University of Toronto); supervisor: Nick Baxter-Moore; committee members: Christie Milliken, Jim Leach; chair: Rebecca Raby. All are welcome to attend.

• **Laura Comfort**, a Master of Arts candidate in English, will defend her thesis on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. in GL201. The title of her thesis is "Will the 'Fight' Ever End?: A Critical Reading of the Metaphors and Discourses that Construct HIV/AIDS in an African Context." Examining committee members are: Helene Strauss, McMaster University, external examiner; Sue Spearey, thesis supervisor; Jackie Rea, second reader; and Corrado Federici, chair. All are welcome.

• **Christine Rhoda**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. in WH147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Lived Experiences: An Exploration of Teachers' Thoughts and Feelings While Implementing an Antbullying Initiative." External Examiner: Donato Tarulli, Child and Youth Studies; thesis supervisor: Sandra Bosacki; committee members: Ann-Marie DiBiase and Mary-Louise Vanderlee; chair of the examining committee: Michael O'Sullivan. All are welcome to attend.

• **Michelle Walsh**, a Master of Arts student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend her thesis on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 9:30 a.m. in WC204B. The title of her thesis is "What Gets Plans off the Shelf? A Multi-site Case Study of the Factors Influencing Municipal Recreation Plan Implementation." Supervisors: Erin Sharpe and Martha Barnes; external examiner: Don Reid; University of Guelph; committee member: Glenn Stalker; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Kristina Whitbread**, Master of Science (Biotechnology) student, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, Dec. 9 1 p.m. in WH147. Her thesis is "Synthesis of Chiral Homoallylic Alcohols and Phthalans through the Asymmetric Allylation of Carbonyl Compounds." Her examining committee members are: J. Michael Chong, University of Waterloo, external examiner; Rick Cheel, chair; Travis Dudding, supervisor; Bob Carlone, Stuart Rothstein and Paul Zelisko,



Edward Scott, right, chairman, Friends of the Loyalist Collections at Brock, talks about the collection during a reception at the James A. Gibson Library, Oct. 26. Guests listening to the talk include, from left, Rachel Bakker; Jonathan Nicholson; Ruth Nicholson, president, Hamilton Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada; and David Sharron, Head of Special Collections and Archives at Brock.

Researcher participates in fungal genome project in China

Michael J. Bidochka, professor, Biological Sciences, recently made a trip to China to take part in the planning of a fungal genome sequencing initiative lead by Chinese academics.

Bidochka and other invited researchers from the University of Maryland and University of Florida, attended a meeting hosted by researchers from the Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, and Chongqing University. The North American contingent met with Chinese scientists over a two-week period from Oct 18. to Nov. 2.

Bidochka was invited to present seminars at the Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology and Ecology and Chongqing University. Bidochka also visited scientists at Southwest Agricultural University at Chongqing, at

Chengdu University and Zhejiang University in Hangzhou.

The fungal genome project involves sequencing and analysis of the genomes of up to five insect pathogenic fungi.

These fungi are being developed as alternatives to chemical pesticides and are widely used in China to control agricultural and forestry insect pests. Some of the fungi have broad insect host ranges, while others have a narrow insect host range.

By sequencing the genomes and comparative analysis of the genes the scientists hope to determine which genes are required for insect virulence. The even broader implications are to be able to investigate the evolution of pathogen virulence factors and strategies that pathogens use to infect their hosts.

Staying up-to-date on Brock's WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT is as easy as entering this URL: www.brocku.ca/web_project/

Cross-border program interdisciplinary

Brock's proximity to an international border has made it an ideal partner in a new interdisciplinary endeavour with the University at Buffalo (UB).

The Institute for Transnational Studies in the Americas was created jointly in the spring by Brock and UB. Its purpose is to foster interdisciplinary scholarship on border studies, particularly in the vitally important and shared interests of Canada and the United States (and Mexico) in the areas of security, prosperity and citizenship. The academically centred unit is committed to promoting scholarship in these areas in close co-operation with the already existing institutes and centres on the respective campuses.

Teaching initiatives include a recently developed Canadian Studies course offered in conjunction with

UB's Advanced Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies and Brock's Canadian Studies Major degree.

Another distinctive feature of this course is the schedule of regular meetings between UB and Brock students: once at UB, once at Brock University, and two times at the Peace Bridge Commission at the border crossing to exchange ideas and develop research partnerships. American and Canadian students will have the opportunity to present their ideas at the annual Crossing Borders student conference, to be hosted at Brock March 26 and 27, 2009, when they will be joined by their counterparts from other institutions such as SUNY Plattsburgh, McMaster University, the University of Toronto, Canisius College and Buffalo State College.

Outdoor Education Lab opens doors

With a length of webbing – normally used in rock-climbing activities – standing in for the ribbon, the Department of Recreation and Leisure Outdoor Education Laboratory was officially opened by the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences Oct. 28.

This unique new facility offers Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies Outdoor Recreation students hands-on experiential learning opportunities and enhances student and faculty research in outdoor recreation, outdoor education, outdoor leadership, experiential education and wilderness pursuits.

The Outdoor Recreation program focuses on leadership in the natural environment. This program provides students with the skills, knowledge and dispositions necessary to serve as wilderness trip leaders, to facilitate groups in outdoor recreation settings, to work in a variety of outdoor and experiential education environments, and to serve as agents of social and environmental change in the world. All classroom and field-based activities include lectures,

outdoor and experiential activities, and small group work.

Tim O'Connell, Mary Breunig, and Garrett Hutson, all experts in the field of Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Education, were brought on-board to not only develop the curriculum, but to advance the research program related to recreation and leisure in an outdoor context.



L to R: Tim O'Connell, Anna Lathrop, Mike Plyley.

With the acquisition of \$50,000 worth of equipment, \$50,000 of renovations and months of hard work, they have now realized an important milestone – the opening of the Outdoor

Education Lab, located in the Walker Complex (WC 171B).

For Chris Pontsioen, the new RECL Outdoor Recreation Specialist, one of his primary responsibilities is the day-to-day operation of the lab.

The ribbon was cut by Anna Lathrop, interim dean of the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, and Mike Plyley, associate dean, Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

Social Justice Forum proposals sought

While the Social Justice Forum 2009 does not take place until next April, the call has gone out already for proposals for workshops, panels, performance and activities.

Hosted by the Social Justice and Equity Studies (SJES) at Brock, the Niagara Social Justice Forum is a day-long annual event with the opportunity to dialogue and network with other people and groups in the Niagara Region who are interested in social justice. There will be music, food, and information tables. A large part of the day will be organized around concurrent activities to be decided on the basis of proposals received by this Friday, Nov. 21.

Last year's event attracted more than 100 people from both campus and the community and explored issues from

aboriginal rights, food activism, and labour organizing to peace-building and the arts.

The main goal of this event is to build relationships between the SJES program and student groups, activist groups and community organizations in the region working on social justice issues broadly defined. Ideal proposals are ones that seek to build these links through presenting or co-organizing with such groups, and activities involving art, music, drama or other non-traditional modes of interaction are also encouraged. As many proposals as possible will be included, providing diversity of issues and activities.

For detailed information on how to submit a proposal, contact Janet Conway, ext. 4196, or e-mail jconway@brocku.ca

Cultural tourism expert Friel to speak Dec. 3

The Faculty of Humanities, the Humanities Research Institute and the Faculty of Social Sciences will host a presentation by Edward Friel at Brock on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Friel, a well-known speaker and visiting professor with Niagara University, will present "The Authenticity of Place in a Global Economy" in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre at 5:30 p.m.

Friel was the chief executive of the Greater Glasgow Tourist Board and developed the policies that helped transform Glasgow

from a perceived decaying industrial city to a major tourist destination.

He successfully led Glasgow's bid to become the Cultural Capital of Europe in 1990 and was subsequently appointed Chairman of the marketing and communications board.

He is credited as being one of the first to recognize the role of cultural tourism in destination image building and subsequently as the driver of economic regeneration.

The event is free; no tickets needed.

Mediataalk People in the news

Andy Reynolds, professor, Biological Sciences, was interviewed for an Oct. 29 article in the *Sudbury Star* entitled "N.S. vintners test sparkling wine production," in which he talked about the grape-growing potential in Nova Scotia. The article ran in several newspapers across the country through the Canadian Press wire service.

Jack Lightstone, president, Brock University, was quoted for an Oct. 29 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Forum ponders brain gain," in which he talked about the economic future of Niagara during the Growing Niagara: Future Talent Strategies forum. Lisa Neville, president, Graduate Students' Association, was also quoted, and the story ran in the *Welland Tribune* and *Niagara Falls Review* as well.

Michael J. Armstrong, associate professor, Business, talked about his study of chocolate bar supply chains with CHAM 820 AM radio in Hamilton on Oct. 29, and then with Roger's Cable 10 television daytime show in Mississauga on Nov. 5.

Charles Burton, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 29 article in *Embassy* entitled "Fingers crossed Tories will learn from Emerson on China," in which he discussed Canada's political leaders and their roles in relationship to China. Burton was also quoted in the Nov. 6 online edition of *Embassy* for a story titled "Pros and cons

of Trade Minister Day."

Barry Keith Grant, professor, Communications, Popular Culture and Film, was interviewed for an Oct. 31 online article at popmatters.com entitled "Life amongst the dead," in which he talked about the 40th anniversary of the film *Night of the Living Dead*.

Lawrence He, professor, Finance, was interviewed while in China for a Nov. 10 article in the *People's Daily* newspaper, in which he talked about the current financial crisis from the risk management perspective as the former employee of Lehman Brothers. The article can be found online at http://paper.people.com.cn/scb/html/2008-11/10/content_135477.htm

Michael Manley-Casimir, director, Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education, was interviewed for an Oct. 29 article in the *Sioux Lookout Bulletin* entitled "QEDHS donates birch bark canoe to Brock University," in which he talked about the significance of the gift from Queen Elizabeth District High School.

Katrina Brudzynski, researcher, Biological Sciences, was interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *Parkhill Gazette* entitled "Honey: It heals wounds," in which she talked about the benefits of honey as a wound dressing.

Garth Stevenson, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Nov. 5 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Ontario's have-not status doesn't worry Brock prof," in which he talked about equalization payments to the provinces.

Off-campus learning offered, Cuban style

Brock students experience off-campus learning, Cuban style

For Brock students, not all learning happens in the classroom. A prime example of this learning is the half-credit course offered by the Faculty of Education "Global Education: The Perspective of Others," set to take place next spring.

Last year, 15 students went to Cuba for two weeks in the partnership with the University of Havana, which offered daily lectures ranging from Cuban history to the role of race and gender in Cuban society. But it was outside of class time that many students found they garnered the most personal knowledge, in the form of the friendships they forged with the Cuban students who accompanied the Brock students for the duration of their stay in the country.

"The students would go out with the

Cubans during a free afternoon or in the evening, and they would come back telling me things about life in Cuba I didn't know," said Mike O'Sullivan, professor and program co-ordinator, who has been going to Cuba off and on for more than 30 years.

"They would take what they had heard in lecture to their Cuban friends and use that as a starting point for asking them questions and engaging them in discussion," he added. "Our students were exposed to a variety of political perspectives ranging from the firm believers in the Revolution, to those who felt their aspirations could not be met unless there were significant changes in Cuba."

O'Sullivan is preparing to lead a new group to Cuba May 3 to 17, 2009. For more information about the upcoming trip, see www.ed.brocku.ca/cuba2009

The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2008.

Sexual assault prevention highlighted

Each fall, Brock Diversity and the Office of Human Rights and Equity Services works to raise our community's awareness of the prevention of violence against women – on our campus, in our community, and around the world.

This year, several events are taking place leading up to both national and international awareness dates at the end of November and beginning of December. Highlights include:

- "Raise Your Hands Against Violence" Banner: the Brock community has shown its commitment to ending violence against women by adding "hands" and names to the banner which was part of the Brock Diversity booth in hallways earlier this month. The completed banner will be displayed in Thistle between Monday, Nov. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 6, to mark the White and Purple Ribbon Campaign.

- Sexual Awareness Assault booths in the hallways earlier this month also provided information about preventing

and responding to sexual assault and acquaintance rape on campus. Students were encouraged to program the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre phone number into their cellphone. The program is part of the awareness campaign for the new sexual assault response protocol on campus, created in partnership with the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre.

- The White and Purple Ribbon Campaign takes place from Tuesday, Nov. 25 (UN International Day for the Prevention of Violence Against Women) to Saturday, Dec. 6 (Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action). Ribbons will be distributed through baskets around campus. They are worn as a symbol during this time to show support for ending violence against women and to honour those whose lives have been taken through violence.

For more information, send an e-mail to humanrights@brocku.ca or visit www.brocku.ca/humanrights

Health, Safety and Learning Matters offers Wellness Wednesday Nov. 26

Take a look at the professional development opportunities and health and safety training available for staff and faculty. Registration and course details on Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

• Positive Space, Nov. 24, 27:

Learn about the Positive Space Campaign at Brock and your role in this important initiative intended to help create a campus that is welcoming and free of discrimination.

• **RESPECT: How to GIVE it and GET it, Nov. 28:** This interactive workshop will introduce Brock's Respectful Work and

Learning Environment Policy and what it means to you. Define a respectful work and learning environment and learn the tools and techniques for creating one.

• Productivity Training for Outlook 2003, Nov. 26:

Recommended for users already familiar with Microsoft Outlook 2003 who want to maximize their proficiency. Time for questions will also be provided. For those wishing to view information on Outlook 2003, Exchange and Outlook Web Access in advance of the workshop, please visit www.brocku.ca/its/exchange/index.php

• Standard First Aid/CPR RECERTIFICATION and Anaphylaxis Rescuer, Nov. 21:

Lifesaving Society First Aid/CPR certificate holders are required to recertify every three years. Participants must bring proof of certification. Also learn the prevention, risk management, recognition and treatment for anaphylaxis including how to use an auto-injector (EpiPen or Twinject).

• **Wellness Wednesday, Nov. 26:** Time to Give: The Spirituality of Compassion: You are invited to join Brock's new ecumenical chaplain, Rev. Dr. David Galston, to learn

about the common thread of compassion amongst world religious traditions. Enjoy a hearty soup lunch for \$5 (tickets available at the Centre for the Arts Box Office). Ticket revenue will be donated to Out of the Cold to support their efforts in our broader community. They also welcome donations of warm socks and food staples.

• **"New Perspectives on Managing Safety," Tuesday, Dec. 2:** A conference for supervisors, directors, chairs and deans. Registration and program details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

Fall Preview Day successful thanks to community

Special thanks to all Brock faculty, staff and students who helped make Fall Preview Day 2008 a great success. Fall Preview Day is a very important event, as it occurs when prospective students are determining to which universities they will apply. The

participation of the Brock community is a key part in making this event a success. Recruitment and Liaison Services greatly appreciates your support.

Thanks again,
Melissa Coleman, Co-ordinator

Habitat for Humanity fundraiser netted \$438

Thank you to all who supported the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser, which raised \$438 for building materials for a Habitat build in Chile.

The lucky winner was Sandra Boone, of

Recreation Services, who correctly guessed the number of chocolate pumpkins as 276. Many thanks to all who participated.

Christina Bosilo
International Programs Co-ordinator

Faculty and Staff

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDIES

Zopito Marini presented the invited workshop "The critical role of parents in fostering emotional self-regulation in students at risk of involvement in both bullying and victimization," at PREVNet's third annual Conference on Creating a World Without Bullying! University of Toronto, Ontario, in May. **Marini**, along with A. Dane, T. Vaillancourt, L. Cunningham, K. Short, and Mac-CURA, presented the poster "Anti-Bullying Practices and Moral Disengagement: Key Gender Differences" at the 20th Biennial International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development Meeting, held Würzburg, Germany, July. At the same conference, the same group also presented the poster "Moral Disengagement in Physical, Verbal, Social and Cyber Bullying: Relation to Bully/Victim Status."

ECONOMICS

Felice Martinello presented a paper titled "Effects of University Characteristics and Academic Regulations on Student Persistence, Degree Completion, and Time to Degree" at the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation, Measuring the Effectiveness of Student Aid conference in Montréal, Oct. 25.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Rodger Beatty presented the paper "Performance-Based Assessment in Music Education: Enhancing Student Learning" at the 28th International Society for Music Education Conference, held in Bologna, Italy, July 20 to 25. **Beatty** was a juror for the Canadian Music Educators' Association 2008 National Essay Competitions for the Kenneth Bray Undergraduate Competition held in August 2008.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen and graduate **Jody Wieler** served as soloists for a performance of Faure's *Requiem* and the premiere of former instructor John Butler's *Out of the Deep* (Ps. 130) on Nov. 9 at St. George's Anglican Church in St. Catharines. The combined forces of St. George's and St. Barnabas Anglican church choirs, with orchestra, included staff accompanist **Lesley Kingham** at the organ, as well as former BU faculty, alumni, current music instructors and students, all directed by Butler.

NURSING

Faculty members **Lynn McCleary** and **Linda Ritchie**, and students **Tanya de Wal**, **Beverley McKeown**, and **Julianne Rockingham**, presented a paper "Clinical learning in long term care settings isn't for beginners: Faculty and student experiences waiting until senior level courses" at the Canadian Association on Gerontology Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting, London, Ont., Oct. 24. **McCleary**, with colleagues Dorothy Forbes, Nancy Platt, Karen Ferguson, Mary Bawden, David Reid, Abram Oudshoorn, Lorna Guse, and Laurie

Dodge Wilson, presented a symposium "Successfully integrating gerontology in undergraduate nursing curricula" at the same meeting on Oct. 25.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Fall seminar series.

All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.

• Friday, Nov. 21: Dr. Paul Feeny, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Cornell University, "The roles of defense and escape in the chemical diversification of plants." Host: Vincenzo De Luca.

• Friday, Nov. 28: Dr. Janet Koprivnikar, Department of Biological Sciences, University of the Pacific, "It's a small (and even smaller) world: Frogs, their parasites and the environment." Host: Jean Richardson.

Department of Classics: in association with the Archaeology Institute of America Niagara Peninsula Society, presents a public lecture series on archaeology. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place Sundays at 3 p.m. in Academic South 215. Free admission.

• Sunday, Dec. 7: Pam Gaber, Parks Memorial Lecture, professor of archaeology and Judaic studies, Lycoming College, will present "In Search of Adonis: A Consort for the Great Mother in Cyprus." There will be a reception from 2 to 3 p.m. outside AS215, including light refreshments.

Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies

• Sunday, Nov. 30, Monday, Dec. 1 and Tuesday, Dec. 2: Brock undergraduate and graduate Teaching Assistant Instructional Skills Workshop - three-day certificate program. Full attendance is required daily, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 3, Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 5: Brock faculty, instructors and teaching staff Instructional Skills Workshop - three-day certificate program. Full attendance is required daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Instructional Skills Workshop is a three-day program designed to enhance the teaching effectiveness of instructors through teaching practice and feedback in small groups. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion. To register or for additional information, call ext. 3933 or e-mail ctlet@brocku.ca

MARILYN I. WALKER SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Music

ENCORE! Professional Concert Series

• Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.: Canadian Guitar Quartet. Recognized as Canada's top guitar quartet: Philip Candelaria, Denis Donegani, Patrick Roux, and Louis Trépanier have toured extensively throughout North and South America. Tickets: Adults \$28.50; Seniors/Students \$22.50; High school students eyeGo program \$5. Purchase at Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

Music@Noon

• Tuesday, Nov. 25: Recital: Piano students, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

University Wind Ensemble

• Tuesday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.: University Wind Ensemble, with conductor Zoltan Kalman, featuring talented brass, woodwind, and percussion performers; 53 musicians drawn from Brock students, elementary and high school students, and members of Niagara's musical community. Held at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Free community event.

Choral Series

• Saturday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.: "Duo Chori I" Brock University Men's Chorus and Women's Chorus, with conductor Harris Loewen, Knox Presbyterian Church, 53 Church St., St. Catharines. Adults \$10; high school eyeGo \$5; children younger than 12 free. Purchase

tickets from the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257 or at the door. Visit www.brocku.ca/music

Department of Visual Arts Exhibits

• Nov. 17 to 28, 2008: VISA Comics: An Exhibition of Graphic Novellas presented by VISA 1P96 Foundation Classes. The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Nuit Blanche Brock

• Friday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. to midnight: Brock University will be transformed as we present Nuit Blanche Brock. This event is a unique one-night experience incorporating works from three visual arts classes: Image, Object and Narrative; Expressive Drawing; and Introduction to Photography. Nuit Blanche Brock will showcase an eclectic variety of contemporary art works from drawings, sculpture, photography, video, installation and performances. Two physical locations will showcase art - the Matheson Learning Commons, Thistle Complex, and the stone wall and glass window areas of the MacKenzie Chown complex. Reception (7 to 9 p.m.), information, and central location of exhibits: Learning Commons. Visit www.brocku.ca/visualarts/visaexhibits.html for more information. A free community event.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season includes world-class music, dance, comedy, theatre and family performances. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. For tickets and more information visit www.arts.brocku.ca or call the Box Office at ext. 3257.

November 2008

SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jolly Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

December 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17; Canadian Idol Top Three Tour, Dec. 18 and 19.

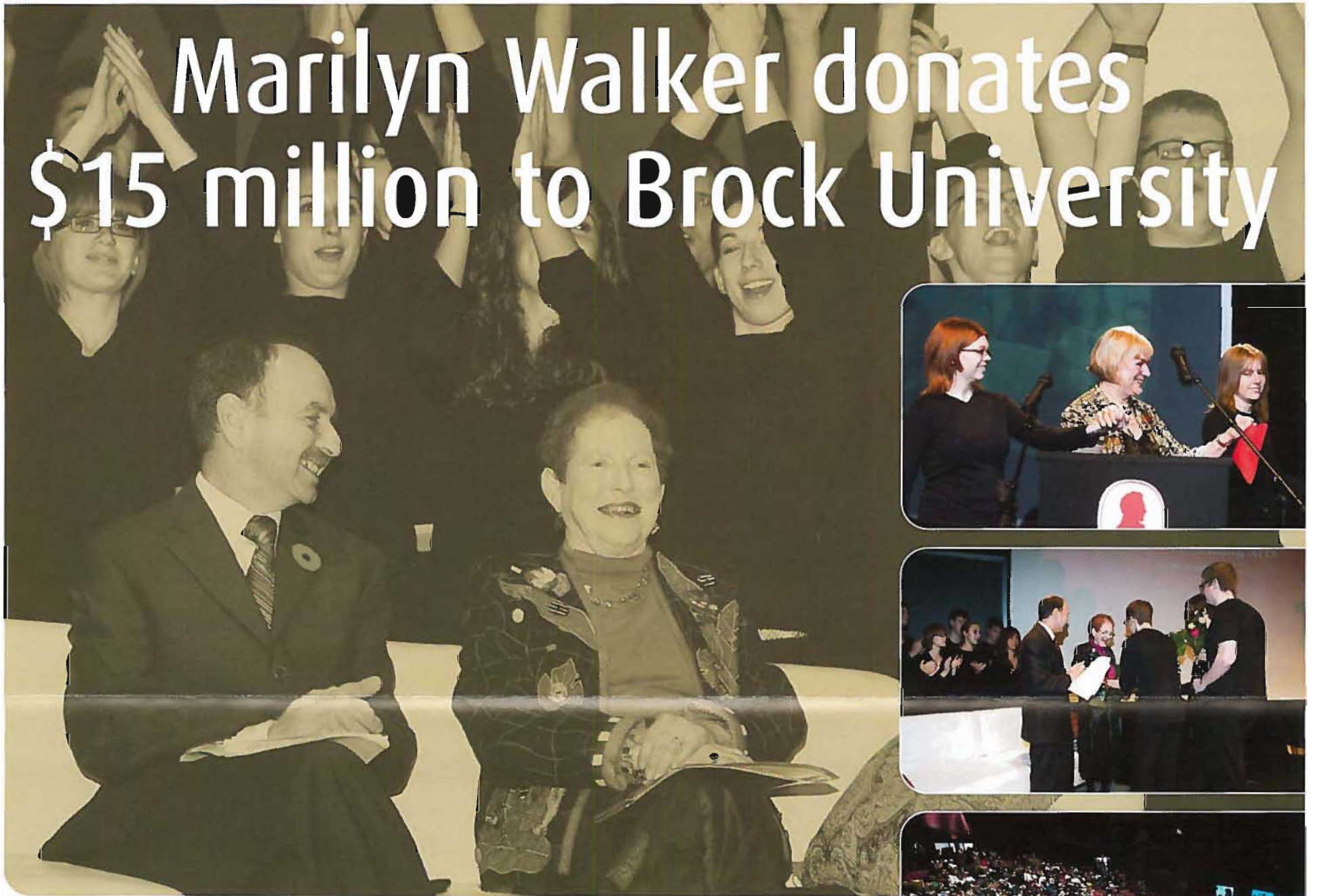
Classifieds

For Rent: Four-bedroom century home in Smithville (35-minute drive from Brock), available December or January. \$1,100 per month plus utilities. More than 2,000 square feet, three levels, including large, finished attic. Call Marion at 905-957-2719.

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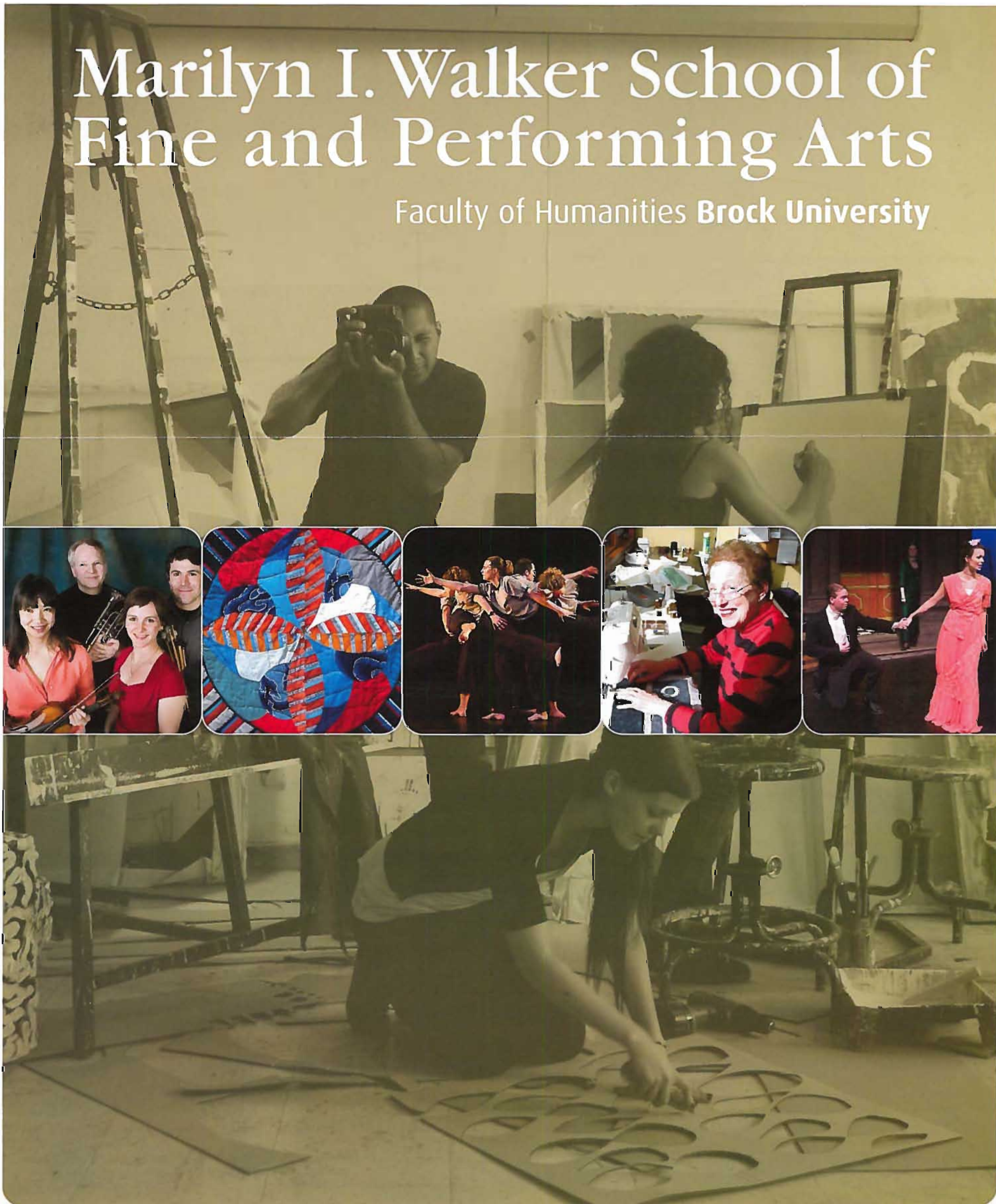
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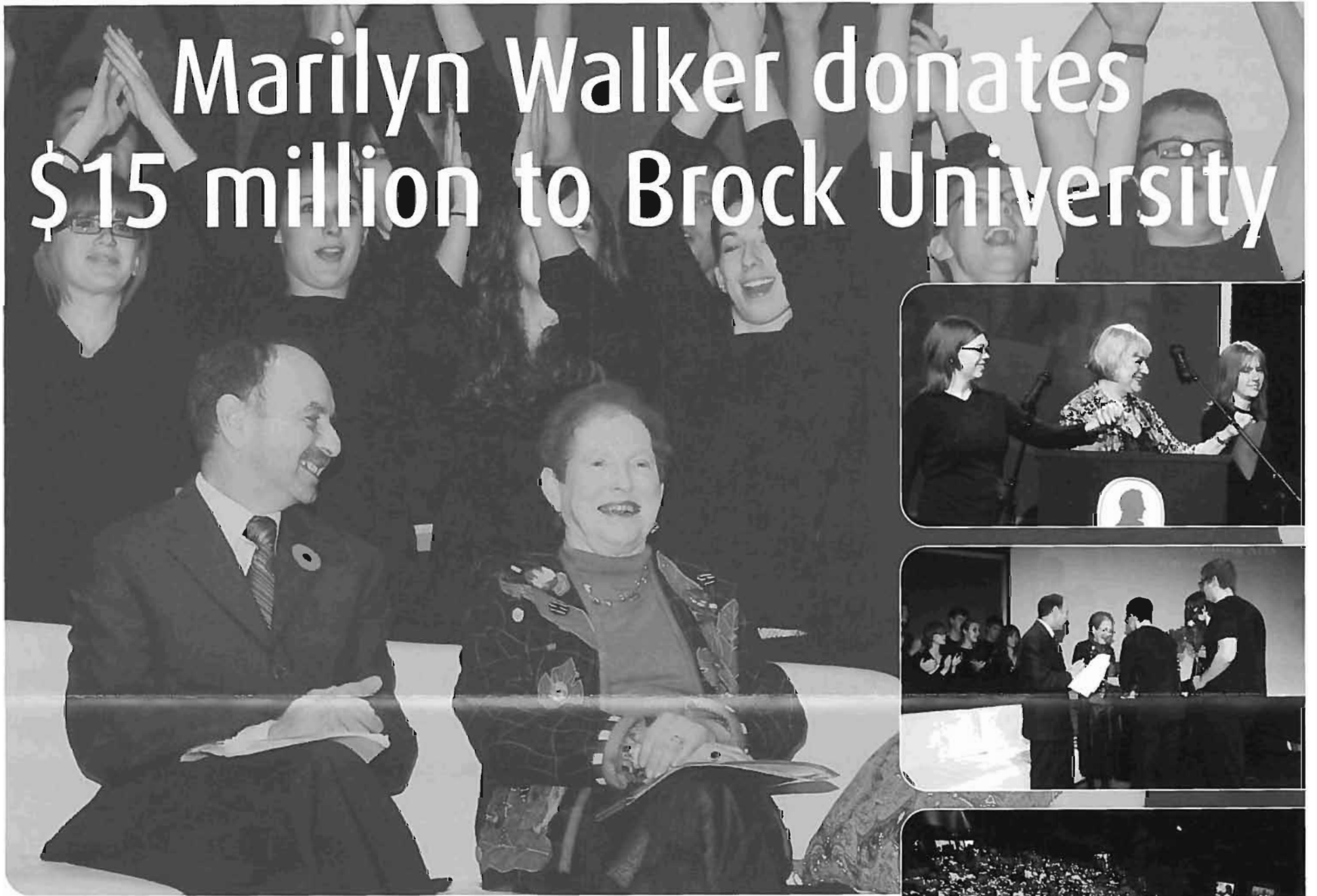
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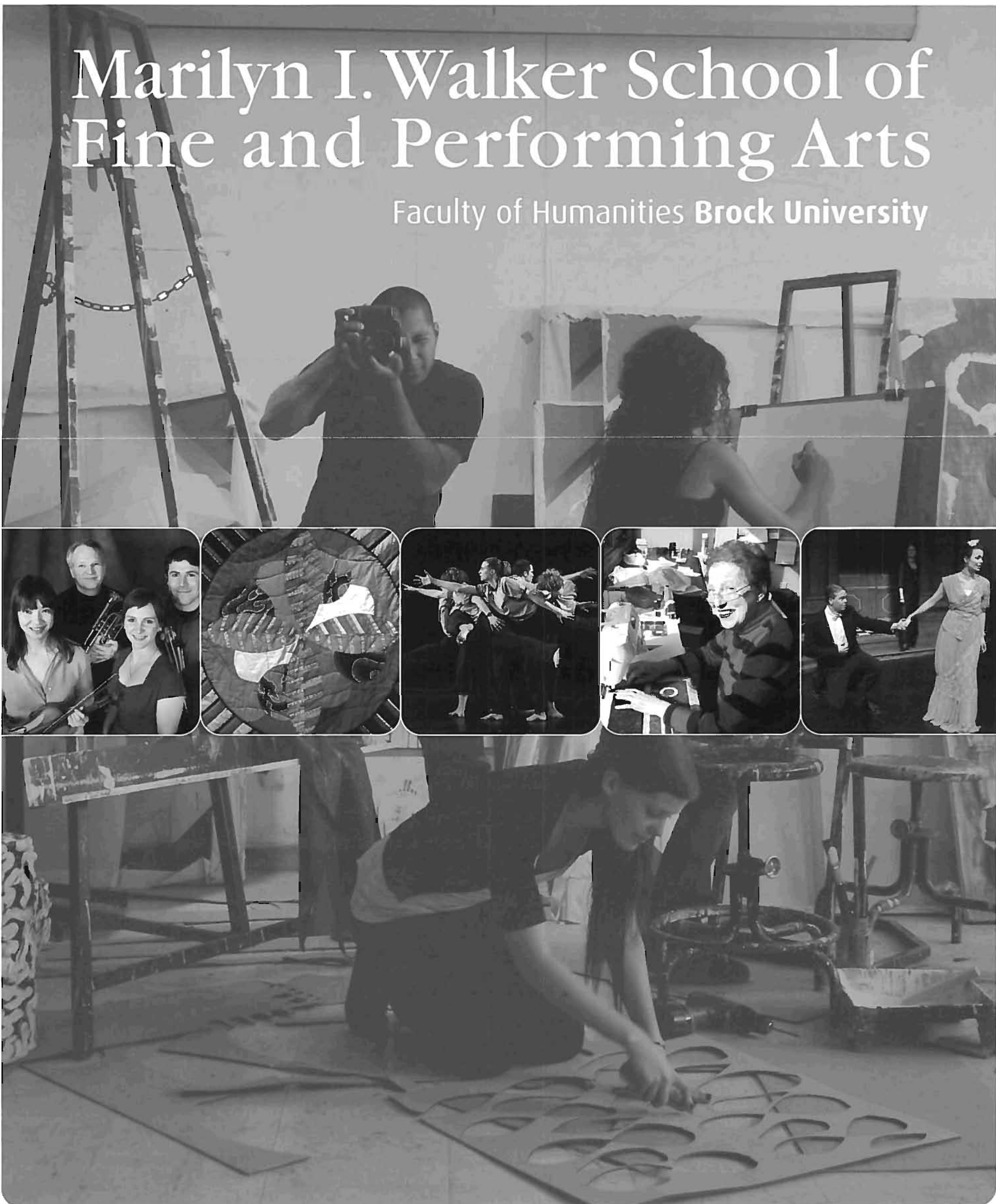
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Special Collections points way to historic dig

Nineteenth-century maps once nearly mistaken for garbage have found their place in recent history and once again shown the value of the Special Collections and Archives in the James A. Gibson Library.

Earlier this fall, an expedition in Lakeside Park, Port Dalhousie, unearthed the remnants of the first lock of the first Welland Canal, built back in the 1820s.

Two weeks before the Oct. 16 find, archaeologist and expedition leader Jon Jouppien and his crew met in Special Collections and Archives to study survey maps of the first and second Welland Canals. These archival records helped the team determine the location of the original lock and their primary dig site.

"The maps clearly show the course of the first Welland Canal which was not apparent in the other written records," Jouppien noted. "Along with detailing the first lock, these maps also provide other information on nautical and local history including locations of old harbour piers, dry docks, collector's houses and offices, storehouses, and more."

Two survey maps in the collection that were consulted. The first comes from a survey of Nathan Pawling's property in Port Dalhousie from 1826 that was found among other surveys in a land appropriation book of the Welland Canal Company. The second map was drawn in the 1850s during the construction of the second Welland Canal.

Among other things, this later map detailed the old locks of the initial canal. When examined together, the maps provided the most likely place for the archaeological discovery.

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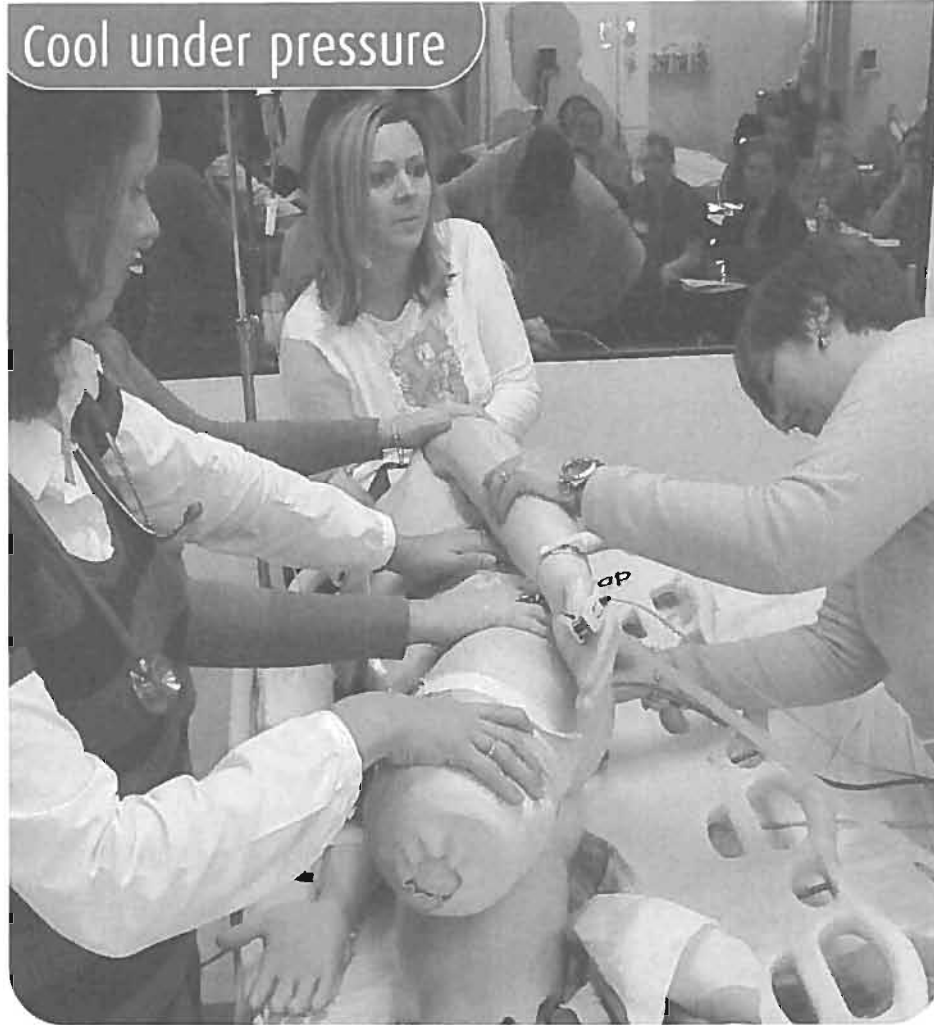
Website redevelopment ready to name vendor

The Brock University website redesign project is about to hit an important milestone. The team expects to name the vendor who will be working with the University on the web redesign project by the end of the first week of December.

The announcement will appear on the project website (www.brocku.ca/web_project), along with an invitation to attend an open presentation by the vendor, tentatively scheduled for mid-December.

Check the project website after Monday, Dec. 8 for further details.

Cool under pressure



Nurses and nurse educators from the Niagara Health System demonstrate the necessary skills during a mock emergency trauma training exercise held Friday, Nov. 28 in the Nursing Learning Resource Centre. Nursing students (seen in the reflection) spent the day learning from the nurses, both through presentations and then during hands-on training on three different mock-trauma scenarios. NHS representatives will continue the educational partnership with various events throughout early December.

Excellence in teaching celebrated

Teaching award winners from the past and present will honour the accomplishments of their peers during the annual Celebration of Innovation and Excellence in Teaching @ Brock University, set for next Thursday, Dec. 11 at Alphonse's.

Internal and external recipients, along with the Chancellor's Chairs for Teaching Excellence will continue the long tradition of outstanding teaching at Brock with several presentations during the afternoon ceremony. Among the highlights:

- An external award for Ryan Plummer will be presented. Plummer has earned the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Excellence in Education Award. An associate professor in the Department of Tourism and Environment at Brock,

his teaching and research broadly focuses on the human-environment interface and specifically the subject of environmental management. The award recognizes secondary and post-secondary educators in Ontario who have integrated sustainable concepts in housing and community development into the academic curriculum.

- the new Don Ursino Award for Excellence in Teaching Large Classes will be conferred. Ursino, a professor emeritus and multiple teaching award-winner, will be in attendance.

- Brock's Chancellors Chairs for Teaching Excellence who are in their current years of funding will present brief updates on their research and practice leading to a significant

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Lay members sought for board of trustees

The Governance/Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees invites suggestions from the Brock community of names of individuals for consideration to serve as lay (community) members on the Board of Trustees.

The Governance/Nominating Committee meets throughout the year to discuss board membership and will accept nominations at any time. All nominations will remain confidential.

The composition of the Board of Trustees includes 21 lay members, three faculty members, three staff members, three students, and the Chancellor and the

President and Vice-Chancellor, ex officio.

Lay members of the Board are expected to have the leadership qualities required to effectively oversee the activities of a multi-million dollar educational institution. Suggestions for lay members received by the Governance/Nominating Committee of the Board will be considered in light of the desired mix of skills, knowledge, geographic location, constituency representation and gender.

To submit a nomination, please complete the Board Membership Nomination Form located online at www.brocku.ca/secretariat/board

United Way target met – and surpassed

While Americans shopped their way through Black Friday, perhaps hoping to spend themselves into a better economic outlook, participants in the United Way campaign wrap-up at Brock were celebrating the generosity of the University community in an over-the-top successful campaign.

While the Nov. 28 event featured the unveiling of the official final tally – \$102,205 – Brock's total as of Monday was \$107,170, or more than \$11,000 above the original \$96,000-goal.

Campaign co-chairs Deborah Zinni, faculty representative, and Kevin Lawr, staff representative, thanked the small army of volunteers who helped make the six-week campaign run smoothly. They also offered their gratitude to the Brock community for the financial support that helped Brock surpass its goal. Events like the raffle, Souper Star lunch, office decorating challenge and potato bar lunch helped bring in some of that money, but individual employee deduction pledge cards make up the bulk of donated funds.



Deborah Zinni and Kevin Lawr, United Way campaign co-chairs, celebrate the wrap-up by showing off the over-target amount raised by the Brock community.

Thank you for Souper event

Thank you to all who participated in the Souper Star lunch on Nov. 19. This year saw the greatest attendance for the event with more than 120 guests dining on fabulous soup and chili.

Thank you to Hospitality Services for donating the beverages to the event and Brock Dining Service chefs for the tasty soups/chili. All together, the event raised more than \$1,300 for the United Way.

In the end, Roger Gallagher's New England Clam Chowder earned first place, as voted by the participants.

Brock United Way Campaign Committee

Holiday Celebration today

All Faculty and Staff are cordially invited to the President's Annual Holiday Celebration and faculty and staff recognition event, to be held today, Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Pond Inlet Refectory.

Twenty-five year employees will be given recognition during this event.

Learning Commons style of learning social, but not socializing

The Learning Commons at Brock is a physical place designed to support, empower, create, and share learning opportunities for all learners who come through its doors.

The type of learning it was built to facilitate is referred to by various names, among them "social learning," "proximal learning," and "situational learning." This type of learning is not socializing. Instead, it is learning that is predicated on Vygotskian theories of social interaction whereby learners learn from one another and learn together. Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development (1978) is a model that suggests physical proximity to other

learners can spark learning. The need to know by one person can be expressed in proximity to another learner who may already have that knowledge and be willing to share it. This sharing creates new knowledge.

Initial social interaction can therefore initiate, support, empower, and share learning through the use of technology, collaboration, and peer assistance.

Case studies that illustrate these various possibilities can be found at: https://kumu.brocku.ca/twiki/Learning_Commons#Proximal_Learning_and_Technology_in_the_Learning_Commons:_Case_Studies

Social or proximal learning can take place both spontaneously and in a more structured format. For example, an instructor whose curriculum is built around inquiry-based or problem-based learning could structure an assignment that requires students to go to the Learning Commons and engage in a collaborative self-directed research project.

Students would be accountable for not only completing the assignment, but also for being able to explain what they learned and how they learned it. This type of learning is sometimes also called "dispersed learning" because the learning takes place outside the classroom.

The social learning piece of dispersed learning could rest on interactions between students and faculty advisors, between students and librarians, between students and other students, and so on. Each piece of social learning adds to the whole learning process.

If you would like to incorporate structured proximal learning into your curriculum, contact a member of the Learning Commons programming committee: Karen Bordonaro (kbordonaro@brocku.ca), Barry Joe (bjoe@brocku.ca) or Giulia Forsythe (gforsythe@brocku.ca).

Get festive by participating in holiday parades

This holiday season, Community Connections has been spreading yuletide cheer and merriment as volunteers bundle up for this year's parades.

The float made its debut Saturday, Nov. 29 in the Annual Niagara Falls Holiday Parade and City of Thorold parade. That same weekend, Brock participants marched in the City of St. Catharines parade Sunday, Nov. 30 in the afternoon.

There is still a chance to bundle up and march in Port Colborne's parade this Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.; or the weekend after with the Niagara-on-the-Lake parade Saturday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.

For more information, visit the Community Connections website at www.brocku.ca/communityconnections, send an e-mail to community@brocku.ca, or call ext. 5434.

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Moemen Abdalla**, PhD student in Biotechnology, will present his thesis defence on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. in MC H313. The title of his thesis is "An Exploratory Study for the Discovery of Non-Invasive Hepatocellular Carcinoma Biomarkers Among High-Risk Hepatitis C Virus Infected Patients." Examining committee members are: Rick Cheel, chair; John Wayne, McMaster University, external examiner; Yousef Haj-Ahmad, supervisor; Doug Bruce, internal examiner; Jeffrey Atkinson, Alan Castle and Heather Gordon, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

• **Cindy Lee Scott**, a Master of Arts candidate in Classics, will defend her thesis on Friday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Patterns in Space: A Regional Study of Motif in Minoan Wall Painting." Examining Committee members are: Anne Chapin, Brevard College, North Carolina, external examiner; Jane Koustas, associate dean, Faculty of Humanities, chair; R. Angus Smith, thesis supervisor; and Elizabeth S. Greene and Katharine T. von Stackelberg, departmental representatives, Department of Classics. Everyone is Welcome to attend.

• **Kevin Lawrie**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend his thesis on Friday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. in WH147. The title of his thesis is "Coaches' Use of and Impressions of Computer-Mediated Communication (CMC) Media." Philip Sullivan, supervisor; Joanne MacLean and Cathy van Ingen, committee members; Todd Loughead; University of Windsor, external examiner; Craig Hyatt, chair. All are welcome.

• **Matt Yao**, a Master of Science candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend his thesis on Friday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. in WC284. The title of his thesis is "Bone Speed of Sound in Overweight and Normal-Weight Girls and Adolescents." Bareket Falkm supervisor; Joe Blimkie, McMaster University, external examiner; Nota Klentrou and Kim Gammage, committee members; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Divya Joshi**, a Master of Science candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend her thesis on Friday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. in WC204A. The title of her thesis is "Comparison of Non-HDL Cholesterol and Waist Circumference vs. Triglyceride Levels and Waist Circumference in Predicting Coronary Heart Disease Risk." Jason Liu, supervisor; Ian Janssen, Queen's University, external examiner; Martin Tammemagi and Litsa Tsiani, committee members; Debbie

O'Leary, chair. All are welcome.

• **John Gadoua**, Master of Education student, will present his thesis defence on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. in WH 147. The title of the thesis is "Second-Career Males: Issues Encountered in Teacher Education Programs." Rebecca Coulter, University of Western Ontario, external examiner; Tiffany Gallagher, thesis supervisor; Joe Engemann and Douglas Karrow, committee members; Dolana Mogadime, chair of the examining committee. All are welcome to attend.

Anna Olson visits Campus Store

Celebrity chef, TV personality and author Anna Olson will introduce her newest book *In the Kitchen with Anna: New Ways with the Classics* tomorrow, Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Campus Store, on the ground floor of the Plaza Building. Copies will be on hand for Olson for autograph during her visit between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cable program features Brock professors

Rosemary Hale, dean, Humanities, will appear as a guest on *Taking Niagara by Storm* on Cable 10 Niagara today, Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be culture in Niagara and the War of 1812 anniversary events. Mark Julien, professor with Organizational Behaviour, Human Resource Management, Entrepreneurship and Ethics, will appear on the program on Monday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. His topic will be balancing work and life.

Swimming registration starts Dec. 15

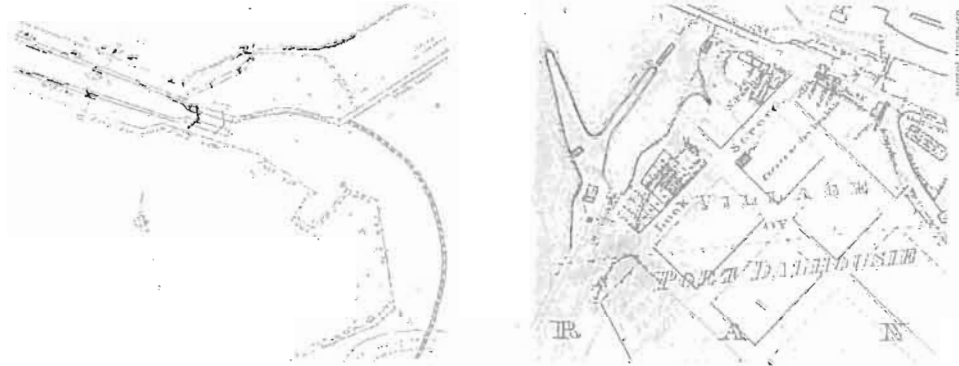
Registration opens for the winter session on Monday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m., in person at the Walker Complex Welcome Desk, or by phone at ext. 4060. Lessons begin the week beginning Jan. 3, 2009. For program information, see the brochure at www.brocku.ca/aquatics

Holiday Swim Times

Fun swims will be held at the Brock pool during the holidays on the following dates: Dec. 22 and 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Dec. 27 to 31 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.; and Jan. 2 to 4, 2009, from 1 to 4 p.m. Holiday prices are \$2 per child, \$3 per adult or \$10 per family (two adults and up to three children).

Children's Movement Program Winter 2009

Register now to ensure a spot in this inclusive Saturday morning activity program for children ages "walking" through 12 years. Classes are lead by Brock University PEKN students, and children are exposed to games, educational gymnastics and dance. CMP begins Jan. 10. Details are available at www.brocku.ca/recserve/children.php



These two survey maps, one from Nathan Pawling, right, and one done during the construction of the second Welland Canal, helped archeologists discover remnants of the first Welland Canal in Lakeside Park in Port Dalhousie.

MAPS

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"It is always exciting to see how researchers use archival materials in their work," said David Sharron, Head of the Special Collections and Archives. "Uncovering such a noteworthy part of St. Catharines' early history is special. This is why we collect and maintain these records."

These maps came to the Archives and Special Collections in the late 1980s when John N. Jackson, geography professor emeritus, saved them from being thrown in the trash and brought them to the University.

This find represents one of the

first canal routes in Canada, which prompted the rapid economic development of the Niagara area and Upper Canada, and is now being used to forward the movement to have the Welland Canals designated as a heritage corridor through the recommendation of the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board. There is also the hope that Lakeside Park could become the site of an interpretive centre focused on the maritime travel and the early development of the Niagara area.

"The Special Collections and Archives are an important gem with a high dimension for local and provincial history," Jouprien said.

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development in teaching, learning, and/or educational technology.

Other participants include teaching award winners of the 3M National Teaching Fellowship, the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), and Best Practices Recognition.

• 3M National Teaching Fellowship recipients are those with exceptional contributions to teaching and learning at Canadian Universities. The recipients embody the highest standards of teaching excellence and scholarship who are committed to enhance the educational experience of learners.

• there will be Best Practices Recognition for those who enhance students' learning experiences through

such things as advising, assessment and evaluation, course design and management, administrative processes, technology use, communication, seminar and small group processes, support of study habits, curriculum development, policy development, inclusion activities, diversity activities and so forth.

• Each year, the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) recognizes outstanding teachers and academic librarians in Ontario universities through awards. Approximately 10 awards are presented each year; 10 Brock faculty have received this provincial teaching award.

Information about the various awards and Brock recipients can be found at www.brocku.ca/cflet, or by calling ext. 3933.

Computer Science students excel at competition

Brock's Computer Science students once again excelled at the ACM Programming competition held recently at McMaster University. Team Brock 1 placed 13th out of 123 teams from 65 colleges and universities throughout western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, eastern Ontario, and Indiana.

Team 1 finished ahead of such institutions as Western, Queens, Carleton, Notre Dame, Windsor, York, Purdue, and Ohio State.

Team 2 came in a credible 53rd.

Team Brock 1 members include Robert Flack, Jonathan Ross, and Graham Sharp, while Team Brock 2 was comprised of Alex Bailey, Dennis Ideler and Ryan Renna.

Professor Sheridan Houghten was the coach and Professor Ke Qiu was the driving force. Joe Brown and Joe Peric were recognized by the department for donating their time in preparing the teams.



Participants in China Day, held recently in Pond Inlet as part of International Education Week, had the chance to make their own dumplings (above), and hear Professor Cheng Luo, from Applied Linguistics (right) play the erhu, a traditional Chinese instrument.

Mediatalk People in the news

Shauna Pomerantz, assistant professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for a Nov. 18 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* regarding her new book, *Girls, Style, and School Identities: Dressing the Part*.

Ernest Biktimirov, professor, Finance, Operations and Information Systems, was interviewed by several media outlets regarding his research on the Stanley Cup as a stock market indicator. Outlets include the *St. Catharines Standard* (Nov. 20), *Niagara This Week*, "The Close" on *Business News Network* (Nov. 21), *Canadian Business*, AM980 London, KX96 Oshawa, and Newstalk CFRB Toronto.

Larry Savage, professor, Labour Studies, was interviewed for a Nov. 25 article in the *Globe and Mail* entitled "Federal employees agree to 'tough times' wage deal," in which he talked about the labour agreement for the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

Chris Fullerton, professor, Geography, was interviewed for a November article in *Barry's Bay This Week* entitled "What kids want," in which he talked about a research project undertaken with the municipality of South Algonquin.

Barbara Sainty, interim dean, Business, was interviewed for a Nov. 30 profile of Brock's MBA program in *Financial Post Business*. Earlier in the month, the MBA

program was also profiled as part of "Stay in School" in *Canadian Business*.

Jack Lightstone, president, was interviewed for a Nov. 11 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Market woes haven't hit Brock too hard: Lightstone," in which he talked about the economic slowdown and its impact on Brock. Lightstone was also interviewed for "Branding Niagara," an article which appeared in the *Welland Tribune*, *St. Catharines Standard* and *Niagara Falls Review* on Nov. 19, in which he discussed the region's new Niagara Original branding program.

Carlee Van Bolderen, student, was interviewed for a Nov. 12 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Online mentor program relaunched," in which she talked about the role of Brock students as mentors with the Niagara Catholic District School Board's Mentor Connector program.

Joe Kushner, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Nov. 13 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "One Niagara gains attention," in which he noted amalgamation doesn't necessarily save money.

Isabelle Lesschaeve, associate professor, Biological Sciences, **Antonia Mantonakis**, assistant professor, Marketing and Consumer Psychology, and **Kai-Wu Wang**, assistant professor, Marketing, International Business and Strategy, were interviewed for the November issue of *Niagara Magazine* in an article entitled "Age of persuasion," in which they talked about their consumer research projects and programs at Brock.

Mind Olympics help students forget study, exam stress for a little while

If you passed by the Learning Commons on Oct. 30, you may have noticed some unusual goings-on in the Hildebrand Learning Centre. Students taking part in Learning Skills Services' first Mind Olympics competed in creative activities that challenged their math, science and writing skills. The event was organized by the Student Development Centre Learning Skills staff as an opportunity for students to put aside the worries of mid-term exams, have some fun, and celebrate the drop-in help provided by Learning Skills Services.

In the morning, writing skills events had some students swatting white boards with fly swatters, as they rushed to be the first to point out correct answers, while others shoved candies representing the parts of speech onto skewers to construct grammatically correct sentences. The event concluded with a scavenger hunt designed to familiarize students with the services offered by Learning Skills Services.

"I needed something like this! I've been studying so hard and needed a break," noted one first-year, First Generation student in attendance.

Participants were rewarded with vouchers for Tim Hortons, Studio 8, and The Bookstore.

Feats of mental gymnastics continued in the afternoon math and science events as students solved puzzles and riddles for prizes.

Commenting on the uniqueness of the experience, one student said, "This makes me feel smart and builds my confidence. It's unlike anything else in university."

"This is an excellent way to take my mind off the stresses of school," noted student Ashley Lamothe.

Six winners chose prizes from an assortment of clothing and jewelry displaying science- or math-related symbols.

All participants were treated to refreshments provided by Sodexo Catering Services.

Learning Skills Services has seen a significant increase in the number of students attending drop-in science, math, writing, and learning skills sessions this fall. The new space in the Learning Commons provides an excellent environment that is conducive to the social, proximal, and situational learning activities facilitated by Learning Skills Instructors and Peers. For more information about the services provided by Learning Skills Services, visit www.brocku.ca/sdc/learning

A Spring Mind Olympics is being planned for 2009.

CCOVI takes lead role in royal wine competition

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair introduced its first home grown wine competition held under the auspices of Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) in early November.

The Wine Competition judges consisted of a panel of licensee-employed sommeliers and purchasers, guided by Gary Pickering and Linda Bramble of CCOVI.

A key objective was to link Ontario wine producers more closely to consumer wine preferences through

front-line buyers in the hospitality industry. Wines were judged under double-blind international wine show standards, and included a consumers' panel that voted on the top wines from the earlier competition.

All judging panels were administrated and co-ordinated for accuracy, impartiality and efficiency by Barb Tatarnic, CCOVI director.

The awards were presented at a ceremony held Monday, Nov. 10. For a complete list of winners visit www.brocku.ca/ccovi/

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

Professional development opportunities and health and safety training available for staff and faculty. Registration and course details on Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

- **Intro to Outlook 2003, Dec. 5, 12 and 19:** Learn how to use Brock's new feature-rich e-mail, calendar, and contact management systems. Take this course if you have never used Outlook 2003 or if your computer will soon be upgraded to Outlook 2003 and you want to get a head start.

- **Productivity Training for Outlook 2003, Dec. 3, 10 and 17:** Recommended for users already familiar with Microsoft Outlook 2003 who want to maximize their proficiency. Time for questions will also be provided. For those wishing to view information on Outlook 2003, Exchange and Outlook Web Access in advance of the workshop, visit www.brocku.ca/its/exchange/index.php

- **Field Safety Workshop, Dec. 4:** This session will review the fundamentals of Field and Travel Safety to ensure your research activities are safe and meeting all required standards. Register by contacting Louise Davis in the Office of Research Services ldavis@brocku.ca.

- **"Need to Know" Orientation, Dec. 10:** Get important and useful information about Health and Safety at Brock and how it affects you as an employee. Includes relevant legislation; roles, responsibilities and liability;

hazard identification and management; and Emergency Essentials.

- **Science Safety, Jan. 9 and 23:** Mandatory training for anyone working in Brock labs. Covers regulations, emergency procedures and hazardous materials.
- **WHMIS & Hazardous Waste Management, Jan. 14:** Learn what you need to know about the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System and the Hazardous Waste Management System here at Brock. An important workshop if you work with or near hazardous materials.

- **Office Ergonomics and the Workplace, Jan. 21:** Spend hours a day on a computer? Rub your neck and eyes without noticing? It can take only a few small adjustments to make a workstation fit you ergonomically. Find out how to apply the basics of healthy design and work physiology to adjust your workstation, advise your coworkers and even improve your home IT set-up.

- **Threat Assessment 101, Jan. 30:** Join fellow faculty, staff and administrators to gain an understanding of the theory and practice of the relatively new field of student threat assessment. A compelling and stimulating presentation by Kevin Cameron, the crisis response team lead and Alberta Government consultant following the 1999 school shooting in Taber, Alta. He will share his knowledge and advice in the context of the implementation of programs like Brock's "Student at Risk" system.

2009 Brock News Schedule

Publication Date	Submission Date	Publication Date	Submission Date
Jan. 7	Dec. 19, 2008	July 8	June 26
Jan. 21	Jan. 9	July 22	July 10
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Feb. 18	Feb. 6	Aug. 19	Aug. 7
March 4	Feb. 20	Sept. 2	Aug. 21
March 18	March 6	Sept. 16	Sept. 4
April 1	March 20	Sept. 30	Sept. 18
April 15	April 3	Oct. 14	Oct. 2
April 29	April 17	Oct. 28	Oct. 16
May 13	May 1	Nov. 11	Oct. 30
May 27	May 15	Nov. 25	Nov. 13
June 10	May 29	Dec. 9	Nov. 27
June 24	June 12	Dec. 23	Dec. 11

Coffee Cup Challenge proving spirited contest

A little less than a month into the challenge, Brock's St. Catharines campus community has already diverted enough paper coffee cups from the landfill to reach the height of Schmon Tower at least two times.

The Coffee Cup Challenge, put on by Science Stores in co-operation with Custodial Services, has already seen a cumulative 376 feet of paper coffee cups, measured rim to rim.

And true to any team challenge, tales of alliances and dumpster diving are circulating the halls as registered groups

vie one of three prize packs. Top prize goes to the first team to recycle coffee cups totalling 167 feet, or the height of the tower.

Once the challenge has been met, blue containers with a vinyl sign will be distributed and recycling for paper cups will be part of the Brock routine.

Lisa Wilson, contest co-ordinator, noted the participation and support of Custodial Services has made this recycling effort possible. To keep track of your favourite team's progress, go to www.brocku.ca/sciencestores

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Nine times a year, the Distinguished Lecturer Series of Temple University, USA, brings three internationally-recognized TESOL scholars to Temple University Japan (TUJ) for intensive weekend seminars. Each seminar can be taken for elective credit for the MEd and EdD degrees. This year, **Thomas S. C. Farrell** was invited to give two weekend seminars on Reflective Language Teaching in Tokyo and Osaka, on Nov. 7 and 8 and Nov. 15 and 16.

David Hayes was an invited speaker at a symposium sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in Seoul, Korea, Oct. 29 and 30. The theme of the symposium was "English Language Education for the 21st Century." Hayes led the symposium strand on "Issues in English language teacher development."

Lynn Dempsey presented a poster entitled "An examination of The Picture Walk task as a measure of childhood storybook comprehension" at the annual convention of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association, in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 20 to 22.

CHEMISTRY

Paul M. Zelisko presented the talk "The Extraordinary Chemistry of Ordinary Things" at the STAO2008 Annual Conference in Toronto, Ont., Nov. 13 to 15.

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDIES

Hans Skott-Myhre presented a paper "Youth and the Question of Hopeful Failure: Karl Rossman in Kafka's Amerika" at the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association conference in Niagara Falls, Ont., on Oct. 31.

Shauna Pomerantz gave an invited talk entitled "The Art of Girls' Style," at the Teenage Cultural Practices Symposium at Concordia University, Montreal, on Nov. 8.

EARTH SCIENCES

Martin J. Head has been elected as the Ontario Representative and executive committee member of the Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments (CCCESD). The CCCESD represents the interests of all Earth Science departments across Canada.

ECONOMICS

Marilyn Cottrell presented an invited paper "Animation as a Tool to Reinforce Basic Microeconomic Principles" at the International Atlantic Economics Association Conference in Montreal, on Oct. 9. Cottrell also gave an invited presentation "An Animated View of Demand and Supply" at the Fourth Annual Gulf Coast Economics Teaching Conference in San Antonio, Texas, on Nov. 7.

ESL SERVICES

• **Joan Dundas** and **James Papple** presented a workshop titled "Engaging Students with Learning-Directed Portfolios" at the TESL Ontario conference in Toronto, Nov. 14. **Papple** also presented a workshop titled "Edublogging" at the same conference, and **Papple** and **Karen Bordonaro** presented the workshop "Promoting ESL Learning through Librarian/Instructor Collaboration."
• **Pamela Gifford** recently presented "Look Before You Read: Pre-Reading Strategies for ESL Readers" at the TESL Ontario Conference in Toronto.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

• **Xavier Fazio**, along with Paulo Garcia, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil; and Debra Panizzon, Flinders University, Australia, presented a paper titled "Comparative analysis of elementary science teacher preparation in Australia, Brazil, and Canada" at the XIII Symposium of the International Organization for Science and Technology Education (IOSTE), in Kusadasi, Turkey, Sept. 21 to 26. **Fazio** was a discussant at the conference, and also sits on the IOSTE Board.
• **Denise Armstrong** presented the invited keynote entitled "Administrative Passages:

Text, Context and Subtext in the Development of Moral Literacy" at the 13th Annual Values and Leadership Conference, Victoria, B.C., Oct. 4. **Armstrong** co-presented the paper "Educational Leadership Praxis: Connecting Thoughts, Words, and Deeds" at the University Council for Educational Administration Conference, Orlando, Fla., Oct. 31. **Coral Mitchell** and **Renee Kuchapski** presented a paper entitled "Linking Theory and Practice in Leadership Preparation Programs: Best Practice or Informed Practice?" at the same conference.

Shelley Griffin, Pre-service Department, and **Rodger Beatty**, associate dean, collaboratively presented a paper entitled "Storying Trails of In/decision: Informal Faculty Mentorship Experiences" at the Brock University Faculty of Education Research Colloquium held Friday, Oct. 24.

MATHEMATICS

Henryk Fuks has been invited to join editorial board of *Journal of Cellular Automata* effective October 2008. Earlier this year, Fuks was invited by the Chair of Technical Committee TC 1 of International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) to join Working Group 1.5 of as one of the initial members. IFIP Working Group 1.5 (Cellular Automata and Discrete Complex Systems) was re-established in September 2008 to support the development of cellular automata theory and their applications.

• **Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh** presented the colloquium talk "Solvability of Nonlinear Equations in Infinite Dimensions" at the University of Guelph Mathematics Seminar Series, on Sept. 29.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen's commissioned compositions for male chorus, *Peaceful Niagara* and *At Niagara Falls* (premiere), were performed by the Niagara Men's Chorus, directed by Bert Warkentin, at concerts in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls on Nov. 23 and 30 respectively.

PHILOSOPHY

• **Christine Daigle** presented the paper "Nietzsche and Phenomenology: A Re-assessment of Nietzsche's Middle Works" at the 30th Annual Meeting of The Nietzsche Society (in conjunction with SPEP), Pittsburgh, on Oct. 16. **Daigle** also presented the paper "L'ambiguïté du corps vécu chez Beauvoir," at the Annual Meeting of the CSCP (Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy), Montreal, on Oct. 31.

• **R. Raj Singh** delivered the following scholarly lectures during his recent visit to India:
• "Schopenhauer and Buddhism: Suffering and Asceticism," RKM Vivekananda College, Mylapore, Chennai, India, on Aug. 4.
• "Schopenhauer and the World-concept," University of Madras, Chennai, India, on Aug. 5.
• "Bhakti and Philosophy in Indian Thought Systems," Bhakti and Jnana Conference, St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, India, on Aug. 23.

PSYCHOLOGY

Cheryl M. McCormick and **Iva Z. Mathews** presented "Chronic social stress in adolescence affects amphetamine-induced regulation of corticolimbic tyrosine hydroxylase in adult males," at the conference of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology, in Washington D.C., in November. **Mathews, Amy Styles,** and **McCormick** presented "Age differences in locomotor response to acute amphetamine is not due to gonadal status in females," and **Justin Carré** and **McCormick** presented "Testosterone and competition: Not too bright and ready to fight" at the same conference. **Mathews, Styles** and **McCormick** presented "Dose-dependent effects of estradiol benzoate on amphetamine-induced locomotor activity," at the conference of the Society for Neuroscience, in Washington D.C., in November.

SOCIOLOGY

Dennis Soron gave the invited presentation "The Politics of the Popular: Reframing the

Debate," on a panel "Popular Culture and Social Change" at the Parkland Institute's annual fall conference in Edmonton on Nov. 15.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Fall seminar series.

All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.

• Friday, Dec. 5: Dr. Spencer C. H. Barrett, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto, "Evolution of plant sexual diversity." Host: Vincenzo De Luca.

Department of Classics: in association with the Archaeology Institute of America Niagara Peninsula Society, presents a public lecture series on archaeology. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place Sundays at 3 p.m. in Academic South 215. Free admission.

• Sunday, Dec. 7: Pam Gaber, Parks Memorial Lecture, professor of archaeology and Judaic studies, Lycoming College, will present a public lecture in memory of Professor Danielle A. Parks (1965-2007) entitled "In Search of Adonis: A Consort for the Great Mother in Cyprus." There will be a reception from 2 to 3 p.m. outside AS215, including light refreshments.

MARILYN I. WALKER SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Music – Choral Series

• Sunday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.: Singing the Nativity with the Niagara Vocal Ensemble conductor Harris Loewen, St. George's Anglican Church, 83 Church St., St. Catharines. Christmas carols, motets and partsongs by Canadians W. H. Anderson, John Burge, Eleanor Daly and others. Premieres of new works by John Butler and Matthew Tran-Adams. Comedic carols by P. D. Q. Bach. Tickets: adults \$20; eyeGo \$5 for high school students; children under 12 free. Purchase tickets from the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257 or at the door. Visit www.brocku.ca/music

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season includes world-class music, dance, comedy, theatre and family performances. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. For information visit www.arts.brocku.ca or call the Box Office at ext. 3257.

December 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC – Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! – The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17; Canadian Idol Top Three Tour, Dec. 18 and 19.

Classifieds

For sale: Piano, made by Mason & Risch. Apartment-size upright, excellent condition. Asking \$700. Call 905-688-3878.

House for rent: Furnished and immaculate, reasonable rent, available December through end of April. Four minutes from Brock. Call 905-934-5991.

For sale: single-sized futon mattress, rarely used, \$20, you pick up. Also wingback chair, good condition, you pick up. Call 905-685-3692.

For Sale: Three-bedroom townhouse (potential bedrooms down). Located near Brock – Thorold, Confederation Heights Area. Ideal for a small family or students/faculty. Featuring a large eat-in kitchen, fully finished basement, 2.5 baths, central air/vac, alarm system, landscaped yard. Asking \$199,900. Contact Lisa at 905-680-6213.

National Day of Remembrance looks forward, not just back

The founding of Brock's Women's Studies program came as a direct result of the tragic events of Dec. 6, 1989 at L'École Polytechnique. To this day, Brock's program is dedicated to the memory of the 14 women who died when Marc Lepine took their lives and his own at the Montreal institute.

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, Brock staff, faculty and students joined special guests in the Rita Welch Meditation Centre for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. They lit candles in remembrance, and discussed ways in which individuals and groups are taking action to prevent further violence in our communities.

Carmen Teeple Hopkins, one of several guest speakers, told those assembled about a Toronto initiative called No More Violence, which advocates on behalf of Aboriginal women, especially those in urban centres. Teeple Hopkins noted the history of exclusion is mated to the history of Colonialism and its oppressions, but that today's Aboriginal women and their allies are working to change that alienation through such avenues as speaking opportunities, rallies, film projects and ongoing dialogue with interested groups.

Two of Brock's deans added their voices to the discussion as well. Anna Lathrop, dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, noted that the Brock community has a choice to make about its behaviour towards those in at-risk demographics, while Tom Dunk, dean, Faculty of Social Studies, talked of the different layers of masculinity. While violence is often done by males to females, changing attitudes and addressing this type of masculinity will help bring that change.

Jack Lightstone, president, also offered his reflections, noting he worked just a few kilometres away at Concordia University in 1989. He said Lepine's anger at his own failures – not being accepted as a student or in

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Brock News resumes in new year

Please note: there will not be a Brock News publication Dec. 31. The next Brock News will be issued Jan. 7, 2009. Submissions are due Friday, Dec. 19, 2008.



Jack Lightstone, Brock president, second from left, announced this year's three recipients of the 2008 President's Distinguished Service Award during the Holiday gathering at Pond Inlet Dec. 3. The successful nominees include, from left, Kristin Smith, Community and Ancillary Services; Irene Cherrington, Philosophy; and Frank Benko, Physics.

Record number of faculty, staff honoured for silver anniversary

During the recent President's Holiday Celebration, the following faculty and staff were honoured for 25 years' service to the Brock community:

Barbara Austin, Marketing, International Business & Strategy
 Jerzy Barchanski, Computer Science
 Ray Birmingham, Printing Services
 Vicky Blakely, Financial Services
 Sandra Boone, Recreation Services
 Peter Bradstreet, Recreation Services
 Robert Carlone, Biological Sciences
 Ted Costanzo, CUB, Facilities Management
 Barb Davis, Registrar's Office
 Richard Deschatelets, Athletics
 Ken Enns, CUB, Facilities Management
 Ken Garrett, Centre for the Arts
 Ann Marie Guilmette, Recreation & Leisure Studies
 Barry Joe, Centre for Digital Humanities
 Cynthia Leavitt, Library

Tom MacDonald, Technical Services – Electronics
 Leslie McCurdy-Myers, Student Development Centre
 Bozidar Mitrovic, Physics
 Jonathan Radue, Computer Science
 Anthony Shaw, Geography
 Barbara Tataric, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute
 William Veloce, Economics
 P. Peter Yannopoulos, Marketing, International Business & Strategy

At the same event, Jack Lightstone, president, offered congratulations to three individuals nominated and chosen as the President's Distinguished Service Award recipients for 2008. Nomination information was shared regarding the exceptional qualities of these recipients:

Frank Benko, Physics
 Irene Cherrington, Philosophy
 Kristin Smith, Community and Ancillary Services

Marketing and Communications team grows

University Marketing and Communications is restructuring and reorganizing as part of the University's concerted drive to strengthen the profile and reputation of Brock.

As a result, Martha Nelson, associate vice-president, Marketing and Communications, recently announced the following appointments to the Marketing and Communications team:

• Dean Lorenz, Associate Director, Marketing

Lorenz joined Brock on Nov. 24 and is responsible for setting, maintaining and coordinating Brock's creative vision and brand expression across the University. He will also play a key leadership role in developing and executing Brock's integrated marketing communications program.

Prior to joining Brock, Lorenz worked for the the City of Calgary for 11 years, the

last four as Creative Services Manager, when he managed the City's internal advertising agency providing clients with a complete range of marketing and



Lorenz

(Communications and Advertising Accredited Professional) at Toronto's Institute of Communications and Advertising.

communications services. He received his Bachelor of Commerce degree (marketing major) from the University of Saskatchewan, where he also worked for two years, and was the 2004 CAAP gold medallist

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Services limited during holidays

Brock's offices will be close at 12 noon, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008 and will reopen at 7 a.m., Friday, Jan. 2, 2009.

The Walker Complex will be open to the public Dec. 17 to 19 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 22 and 23 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24 from 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon; closed Dec. 25 and 26; open Dec. 27 to 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Jan. 1, 2009; open Jan. 2, 2009 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

From Dec. 27 until Jan. 1 (inclusive), access to the Walker Complex will be limited to the west entrance opposite the tennis courts. Regular hours will commence Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009.

From Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008 to Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 (inclusive), Campus Security Services will unlock the Schmon Tower's main entrance doors from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2 p.m., for faculty and staff who do not possess an exterior door key and have a legitimate reason to enter the University. Faculty and staff accessing 573 Glenridge and Academic East need to sign in at the Information desk in the Schmon Tower lobby.

For one's own personal safety, anyone entering the University during this period should sign in and out.

Faculty and staff do not need a pass to gain access providing they have their own keys for access and can produce ID. Anyone else wishing access to the University must notify Campus Security Services, via an e-mail from their administrative assistant, dean or department head, sent to security@brocku.ca, advising of their impending visit. This e-mail notice must be received prior to Dec. 19, 2008 by 4 p.m. and must specify times and dates of the visits. Brock ID must be produced for the visit.

In the event of a building or grounds-related emergency during the period of Dec. 24, 2008 to Jan. 1, 2009 (inclusive), call Campus Security Services at ext. 3200 which, in turn, will inform the applicable Facilities Management staff to address the emergency. Heating setbacks will be in effect when the University is closed.

Custodial Services will be provided at the Walker Complex during hours of operation over the Holiday Season.

There will be no food service on campus other than vending machines during the holidays. There are a number of food outlets on the east side of Glenridge Avenue, immediately opposite the main campus.

Should a significant snowfall occur, major campus roads will be cleared, including lots D and P. These are the parking lots that should be utilized by all visitors, faculty, staff and students. There will be no charge to park in these lots over the holiday period.

If you have further questions regarding this notice, contact Campus Security Services at ext. 3200 or by e-mail at security@brocku.ca



Student Lindsay Adams speaks on behalf of survivors of sexual violence at Brock during the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, held Tuesday, Dec. 2 to commemorate the lives of the 14 women who were killed at L'École Polytechnique in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989.

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the armed forces – caused him to look outward at some other person or thing to blame; he chose to blame women who had succeeded at the same school where he had failed.

“We all have a personal responsibility to recognize when we are focusing on some ‘other’ rather than finding fault with ourselves for our own failures and inadequacies,”

Lightstone said. “We can easily be seduced into blaming others.”

While candles were lit, several members of Brock and the surrounding community also offered their reflections on the tragedy, and the need to remember that the violence still exists today.

The event was presented by the Centre for Women’s Studies, Human Rights and Equity Services, Justice at Brock, and Campus Ministries.

Experiential teaching rewarded

Mary Breunig, assistant professor, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, was recently named the Outstanding Experiential Teacher of the Year by the Association of Experiential Education (AEE) during its international conference held last month in Portland, Oregon.

The Outstanding Experiential Teacher of the Year Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates an active passion for experiential education principles and theories in teaching practice. This teacher must have practised innovative, experiential education methodologies in a public or private school system, and must have consistently put into practice the highest ethical standards in working with students.

“Mary allowed us the freedom to gain the most from our learning experience, and to apply the knowledge and skills we had gained in learning how to learn throughout our lives,” noted one of her students in a letter of support. “When we challenged her curriculum, we were met with appreciation and an openness that was quintessentially Mary,” he added, saying while she welcomes challenges from students, she isn’t afraid to share her own challenges with them.

“Her students consistently say that the courses she teaches are the most influential experiences they have ever had at the University,” stated Garrett Hutson, assistant professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies. “When I ask them

why, they always explain it in this way: ‘I REALLY learned about how I learn.’”

Breunig’s impact on experiential education extends beyond the classroom as well. She is a co-editor of the *Journal of Experiential Education*, and has co-authored textbooks on outdoor leadership and outdoor education. Breunig is past chair of the Northeast Region of AEE and has served on the international board of AEE as a member-at-large.



Breunig

She teaches primarily in the outdoor recreation concentration in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. She currently teaches a fourth-year course titled, *Experiential Education in Outdoor Recreation*, which examines the historical, philosophical, spiritual, and psychological foundations, as

well as the theories and practices of experiential education in outdoor recreation.

“Clearly, this award epitomizes the distinctive strength of the programs offered by this Faculty – namely, that theory and practice are combined in unique educational experiences that empower students to enter professional fields of practice,” said Anna Lathrop, interim dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

AEE is an international nonprofit, professional membership association dedicated to experiential education and the students, educators and practitioners who utilize its philosophy. There are more than 2,500 members around the world.

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Moemen Abdalla**, Arlene Grierson, PhD student in Educational Studies, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 at 2 p.m. in WH147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is “Show Me, Help Me, Let Me: Supporting Teachers’ Changing Conceptions of Reading Assessment and Reading Instruction.” Examining committee members are: Marilyn Rose, chair; Lesly Wade-Woolley, Queen’s University, external examiner; Vera Woloshyn, supervisor; John McNamara, internal examiner; Anne Elliott and Alison McInnes, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

• **Sara Gill**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is “Creating a Space for Self-Transformation: Factors of Success for Adult Literacy Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties.” Examining committee members: Margaret Jordan, District School Board Niagara, external examiner; Joe Engemann, supervisor; Tiffany Gallagher and Rosemary Young, committee members; Denise Armstrong, chair. All are welcome to attend, but seating is limited.

• **Chrisoula Benak**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is “Accommodating College ESL Learner Communication Needs: Perceptions, Policies, and Practices.” Examining committee member: Rena Helms-Park, University of Toronto, external examiner; Denise Paquette-Frenette, supervisor; Patrick O’Neill and Kamini Jaipal-Jamini, committee members; Joe Engemann, chair. All are welcome to attend, but seating is limited.

• **Lisa Cotie**, Master of Science student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Friday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. in WC204A. The title of her thesis is “The Validation of Power Spectral Analysis of Heart Rate Variability in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury.” Examining committee members: David Ditor, supervisor; Audrey Hicks, McMaster University, external examiner; David Gabriel, Nota Klentrou, Richard McMillan, committee members; Kim Gammage, chair. All are welcome.

• **Virginia Stewart**, a Master of Arts student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. in WC204A. The title of her thesis is “How can MPR Facilitate the Active Living Agenda: A Systems Analysis.” Examining committee members: Scott Forrester, Martha Barnes, supervisors; Amy Hurd, Illinois State University, external examiner; Lisa Kikulis,

committee member; Mary Breunig, chair. All are welcome.

• **Izabella Ludwa**, a Master of Science student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is “Bone SOS, Biochemical Markers of Bone Turnover and IGF-1 in Competitive Synchronized Swimmers.” Examining committee members: Nota Klentrou, supervisor; Wendy Ward, University of Toronto, external examiner; Diane Mack, Bareket Falk, committee members; David Gabriel, chair. All are welcome.

Online directory updated regularly

The online directory is now available at <http://centrix.cns.brocku.ca>. All the information that was previously listed in the printed directory can be accessed at this website. The web interface will change over time, based on feedback from the community. If you have any updates, send an e-mail to pfroese@brocku.ca

Campus Ministries event set to welcome chaplain

Campus Ministries has organized a service to officially welcome and covenant with David Galston, the new Ecumenical Chaplain. The event will take place Thursday, Jan. 8 at 12 noon in the Rita Welch Meditation Centre. All are invited. Lunch to follow.

Arts school co-ordinator on the move

Marie Balsom of the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts has moved her office to 573 Glenridge Ave., Rm. GLN 109. Her e-mail and telephone extension remain the same.

Swimming registration now on

Registration opened for the winter session on Monday, Dec. 15, in person at the Walker Complex Welcome Desk, or by phone at ext. 4060. Lessons start the week beginning Jan. 3, 2009. For program information, see the brochure at www.brocku.ca/aquatics

Holiday Swim Times

Fun swims will be held at the Brock pool during the holidays on the following dates: Dec. 22 and 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Dec. 27 to 31 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.; and Jan. 2 to 4, 2009, from 1 to 4 p.m. Holiday prices are \$2 per child, \$3 per adult or \$10 per family (two adults and up to three children).

Children’s Movement Program Winter 2009

Register now to ensure a spot in this inclusive Saturday morning activity program for children ages “walking” through 12 years. Classes are led by Brock University PEKN students, and children are exposed to games, educational gymnastics and dance. CMP begins Jan. 10. Details are available at www.brocku.ca/recserve/children.php

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• Kevin Cavanagh, Associate Director, Communications and Public Affairs

Cavanagh will join Brock on Jan. 5, 2009 to provide strategic leadership in planning and executing a comprehensive and proactive media relations program, public affairs, research communications strategy and special events program for the University. As



Cavanagh

spokesperson for the University, he will also ensure consistency and accuracy in the content of messaging in all media and public materials.

Cavanagh’s award-winning media background includes his current work as a senior editor at the *Hamilton Spectator*, and former positions with the *National Post* (national/foreign content editor) and as managing editor at the *St. Catharines Standard*. He was also the first Canadian to be awarded a Visiting Journalist Fellowship at Oxford University; he is former president of the Canadian Association of Newspaper Editors; and a former executive member of the Ontario Press Council.

• Carolyn Mullin, Research Communications Manager

Reporting to the Associate Director, Communications and Public Affairs, Mullin will be responsible for developing and



Mullin

implementing a comprehensive marketing communications strategy that will position, promote and celebrate the research accomplishments of Brock University’s faculty and student researchers, and support the

fundraising objectives of the University.

A Brock graduate, Mullin is the current editor of Brock News, Brock’s internal faculty and staff newsletter. The Niagara resident is an award-winning journalist with more than 15 years’ experience as a newspaper reporter and editor, a magazine editor and freelance writer.

She has most recently been working as an editor at the *St. Catharines Standard*, and has been working with CanWest Editorial Services in Hamilton, assisting in producing electronic publications for markets across the country.



PHOTO: CAROLYN MILLIN

The Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) recently made several special deliveries to local charitable organizations as a result of fall fundraising projects. From left are Ken Weir, president, Niagara Wine Festival; Jennifer Ritchie, campaign associate, St. Catharines and District United Way; Mark Wrzosek, BUSU vice-president, Student Services; Rob Lanteigne, BUSU vice-president, University Affairs; Will Crothers, BUSU vice-president, Finance Administration; and Jody Thomas, BUSU president.

Student-led initiatives help fund community charitable projects

Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) spent time recently filling the stockings of two charitable projects thanks to several fall fundraising initiatives.

Jody Thomas, BUSU president, was handed \$1,100 from the junior youth group of Trinity United Church. The Beamsville youngsters were inspired by fellow church member Sandra Romagnoli, a public health nurse who attended the nationwide launch of Spread the Net at Brock in September.

Brock is in the middle of a \$34,000 campaign to raise money for Spread the Net, which works with UNICEF to purchase insecticide-treated bed nets for protect children in Africa from the deadly effects of malaria.

"I just knew this was something that could inspire them," noted Romagnoli, a Brock graduate who brought a net to her church and challenged the young people to raise money. The church's outreach and social action committee matched their funds, bringing the total to \$1,100.

With that money, and a donation of \$870 from the rowing team, Brock is now nearly halfway to its goal, since \$16,000, or 48 per cent, of the money has been raised, according to Brad Clarke, manager of

student/community outreach.

"In Africa, bed nets save lives," Clarke said. "It is because of the generosity and compassion of these individuals and groups here today that more than 1,500 children will be able to sleep more comfortably while they are protected from a deadly disease."

Thomas also made a presentation to the United Way based on the student-led Shinerama, which raises funds annually for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. While several fundraisers took place, the participation in the Niagara Wine Festival was highlighted by Ken Weir, wine festival president.

Weir noted Brock's green team volunteers did a professional job cleaning and clearing Montebello Park in downtown St. Catharines for eight of the festival's busiest days, resulting in a donation of \$1,000 per night.

When all the money was counted, Thomas announced, BUSU was able to hand over \$25,123.22 to Jennifer Ritchie, United Way St. Catharines and District campaign associate.

While Shinerama has concluded for 2008, the Spread the Net challenge continues campus-wide until March 2009. For more information, or to donate, go to spreadthenet.org

Extra-ordinary, international honour awarded to education professor

North-West University (NWU) in Potchefstroom South Africa recognizes only a few circumstances under which an Extra-Ordinary Associate Professor can be appointed. With great humility, Dolana Mogadime, associate professor in the area of Social and Cultural Contexts of Education of the Graduate and Undergraduate Department in the Faculty of Education, has accepted a three-year appointment to serve in this honorable capacity.

Mogadime will spend at least two weeks each year for the next three years at NWU, engaging in scholarly activities such as developing collaborative research projects, joint publications and fulfilling the role of research mentor. She will also give public lectures regarding international research projects in which she is involved as principle investigator or co-investigator

in South Africa.

This appointment has been made primarily as a result of the ongoing collaborations between NWU and Brock University, including a Memorandum of Understanding, of which Mogadime has been the Brock champion. Additionally, the appointment recognizes Mogadime's proven leadership in her chosen research field with the understanding that it will be to the advantage of teaching and education at a tertiary level in South Africa.

As well as the appointment of Mogadime, six students from NWU and Brock have been participating in leadership and research exchanges for the past several years. Two students, one from each institution, are currently in the midst of an exchange.

Mediatalk People in the news

Shalini Singh, professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies, was interviewed for a Nov. 28 article in the *Times of India* entitled "Tourism hit but experts allay fears," in which she talked about the impact of terrorism on tourist destinations.

Heather Lee Kilty, professor, Department of Nursing, was interviewed for a Nov. 29 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Niagara put to the test," in which she described the results of her 200-page report "Living in Niagara 2008." The article also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and the *St. Catharines Standard*.

John Hay, professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for a Nov. 29 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Asthma misdiagnosis carries a high price," in which he talked about the implications of a misdiagnosis.

Zisimos Koustas, professor, Economics, was interviewed for a Nov. 29 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Feds' non-spending raises local doubts," in which he noted the current political climate makes it difficult to introduce any economic stimulus package.

Karen McAllister-Kenny, director, Recreation Services, was interviewed for a Dec. 2 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "District school board temporarily suspends swimming trips to Brock," in which she talked about the safety precautions and staffing in

place at the Brock pool.

Tim Heinmiller, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Dec. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Little-used power coming into play," in which he talked about the decision-making process faced earlier this month by the Governor General in relation to the federal government's request for proroguing Parliament.

Jack Lightstone, president, was quoted in a Dec. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "They were somebody's daughter, somebody's sister," in which he recalled the tragic events on Dec. 6, 1989, when 14 women were killed at L' École Polytechnique in Montreal. **Anna Lathrop**, dean, Applied Health Sciences, was also quoted, regarding violence against women in countries around the world.

Matthew Hennigar, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Dec. 3 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Harper will see prouder of House," in which he talked about Prime Minister Stephen Harper's aggressive style of governing in the past two and a half years.

Wesley Turner, professor, History, was interviewed for a Dec. 6 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "They're planning a War of 1812 party in Niagara-on-the-Lake," in which he talked about the plans for celebrating the bicentennial.

Michael J. Armstrong, associate professor, Business, talked about chocolate and chocolate tasting during a program on CHAM 820 AM radio in Hamilton on Oct. 29.

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

"To remember people and not just tasks"

"A motivation to look at making my work environment a healthy environment"

"Offered new insight and suggestions"

"A reminder of the importance of promoting team spirit and co-operation"

These are just a few of the comments received following the New Perspective on Managing Safety: A Supervisors' Safety Conference on Dec. 2 attended by more than 80 supervisors. Dr. John Yardley, President, Metrics@Work and Managing Director of Brock's Workplace Health Research Laboratory, kicked off the day with an inspiring and motivating presentation on Success Management: Getting "Leadership" Right! Creating and sustaining healthy work environments begins with understanding leadership as a group process and not a person or position. Reducing incivilities, improving work performance and

increasing engagement are the motivating payoffs for getting leadership right.

Sponsored by Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety, Yardley also led two workshops building on elements from his keynote address. Focusing on achieving higher levels of engagement and lower levels of incivility in teams and workplaces, participants brainstormed several solutions and ideas. Other workshops included prevention and control strategies aimed at minimizing risk and maximizing success in work units and the supervisor's role in health and disability management.

Attendance was exceptional, feedback has been positive and, most importantly, attendees walked away from the day informed, enthused and motivated in carrying out their supervisory roles. If you would like a copy of Yardley's presentation or if you have suggestions for other workshops that could further your leadership of success management, please contact Susan Mifsud at smifsud@brocku.ca

Winter Learning & Leisure Guide available

Keep your mind and body active through the cold winter months ahead by signing up for a continuing education course at Brock.

Most of our courses are held off campus at the Rodman Hall Arts Centre in downtown St. Catharines, where parking is free and easy. Imagine taking a course this winter that will help you improve your energy levels and overcome stress.

Have you ever wondered how to meditate, and where to begin? Perhaps

it's time to brush up on some of your computer skills and learn some new tricks in Excel or Word. Take this opportunity to browse through the Winter 2009 Learning & Leisure Guide. Winter guides were distributed on campus the second week of December, but information is also available online at www.brocku.ca/conted

Online registrations are now available. For more information, call ext. 4775.

Brock professor makes top 20 list for TVO's Best Lecturer competition

With a \$10,000 scholarship and bragging rights on the line, TVO has narrowed the field to 20 contenders in the 2009 Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition.

This year, 10 schools are represented among the top 20, including Brock, Canadore College, Carleton University, Ontario College of Art and Design, University of Guelph, all three University of Toronto campuses, University of Western Ontario and York University.

Brock's nominee is James Allard, a professor in the Department of English Language and Literature.

This year's competition began with a six-

week nomination period starting in September 2008, where students nominated a record 160 professors. From the list of nominated professors, the TVO Big Ideas production team viewed the many video submissions and narrowed the list down to 20 outstanding lecturers, who will move on to the next phase of the competition. These top 20 excelled in the judging criteria of confidence and authority; clarity and confidence; and energy and enthusiasm.

"Whether teaching the fundamentals of genetics, Milton's *Paradise Lost* or separation anxiety, this group shows that to be a great

lecturer it's important to love one's subject and be able to transmit it with an energy that does justice to it," noted Wodek Szemberg, Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition producer.

Last year, Christopher diCarlo took home the title of Ontario's Best Lecturer, garnering the \$10,000 TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Scholarship for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa.

For a complete list of the top 20, and to watch their video presentations, visit tvo.org/bestlecturer

From here, a three-member jury will determine the top 10, whose names will be

announced in February 2009. The top 10 will then deliver complete televised lectures on TVO's Big Ideas, beginning Saturday, Feb. 28 2009. Viewers' votes will help determine the eventual overall champion, to be announced April 11, 2009.

Big Ideas is TVO's popular televised lecture series, offering lectures on a variety of thought-provoking topics that range across politics, culture, economics, art history and science. The Best Lecturer Competition, now in its fourth year, galvanizes the post-secondary community and plays an important role in raising awareness about the province's great educators.

Sampling culture



Anna Olson, left, celebrity chef, author, television personality and Niagara resident, was at Brock on Thursday, Dec. 4 to sign copies of her latest cookbook, *In the Kitchen with Anna: New Ways with the Classics*. Pictured getting her personalized copy is fourth-year psychology student Samantha Boychuk.

Holiday Schedule 2009

The University observes the following Statutory and Non-Statutory holidays:

DATE	HOLIDAY	TYPE
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009	New Year's Day	Statutory Holiday
<i>(The University opens for regular business on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009)</i>		
Monday, Feb. 16, 2009	Family Day	Statutory Holiday
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009	President's Holiday	Non-Statutory University Holiday
Friday, April 10, 2009	Good Friday	Statutory Holiday
Monday, May 18, 2009	Victoria Day	Statutory Holiday
Wednesday, July 1, 2009	Canada Day*	Statutory Holiday
* Given that Canada Day falls on a Wednesday in 2009, the University will observe the Statutory Holiday on July 1, 2009. If eligible, the additional Non-Statutory Holiday, normally observed in conjunction with the Canada Day Statutory Holiday, shall be observed on any working day in 2009 that is mutually agreed upon between the employee and their supervisor(s).		
Monday, Aug. 3, 2009	Civic Holiday	Non-Statutory Holiday
Monday, Sept. 7, 2009	Labour Day	Statutory Holiday
Monday, Oct. 12, 2009	Thanksgiving Day	Statutory Holiday

Commencing Thursday, Dec. 24 at noon until regular opening on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at 8:30 a.m.: 3 Statutory Holidays (Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) and 3.5 Non-Statutory University Holidays

Please note that depending on the operational needs of a Department/Division, it may require that the area be open during the above-mentioned days. In these cases and/or if there are any other questions, please contact Margo Carter in Human Resources & Environment, Health and Safety: mcarter@brocku.ca or ext. 3279.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Barbra Zupan presented the posters "Bimodal Processing of Visual and Auditory Cues of Emotion in Children and Adults: The Effects of Valence and Modality Preferences," with Joan E. Sussmanat, and "A New Paradigm for the Elicitation of Natural Emotion," with Katie Thompson, at the annual convention of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association, in Chicago Ill., Nov. 20 to 22.

BUSINESS

Sharon Mason, Organizational Behaviour, along with M. Soekarjo, presented the refereed paper "Two to Tango: Reflections on a Reflective Practice" at the 24th European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS) conference held at Vrije Universiteit, Holland, in July.

COMMUNICATION, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Nick Baxter-Moore has been appointed Book Review Editor and a member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Popular Music and Society*, published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

GEOGRAPHY

Alun Hughes gave the address "Ghosts of Reynoldsville and DeCew Town - A History of Power Glen and Vicinity" as the guest speaker on Oct. 31 at a lunch hosted by Ontario Power Generation to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the DeCew Falls Generating Station.

JAMES A. GIBSON LIBRARY

Karen Bordonaro gave the talk "ESL Students in the Academic Library," at the Ontario College and University Library Association Fall 2008 Conference, at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., on Oct. 24.

MUSIC

Brock graduate **Matthew Tran-Adams** (BMus '99) has been named as an Associate Composer by an assessment jury of the Canadian Music Centre, which serves as a central repository of works by Canadian composers. Tran-Adams' choral works have been premiered locally by the Brock University Chamber Choir and Niagara Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Harris Loewen. Some of his other works have been performed in various parts of Canada and the United States.

PHILOSOPHY

Raj Singh delivered the following lectures during his recent visit to India:

- "Gandhi as an Original Philosopher," Gujrat Vidyaapeeth, Ahmedabad, India, Aug. 25.
- "Gandhi on Being and Well-being," B.D. Arts College, Ahmedabad, Aug. 26.
- "Schopenhauer, Will and Salvation," L.D. Institute of Indology, Ahmedabad, India, Aug. 27.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton spoke on "On Implementation Gaps in Institutional Responses to UN Instruments Relating to Management of Cultural Diversity" at the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Central Party School, in Beijing, on Nov. 25. **Burton** also spoke on "The Lai Changxing Case and Canada-China Relations" (in Chinese) at Hebei Normal University in Shijiazhuang, on Dec. 3. He was appointed to a three-year term as visiting professor to HBNU's Faculty of Politics and Law the same day.

Publications

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Events

Centre for the Arts

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season includes world-class music, dance, comedy, theatre and family performances. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. For tickets and more information, visit www.arts.brocku.ca or call the Box Office at ext. 3257.

December 2008

One Night in Havana, Dec. 17; Canadian Idol Top Three Tour, Dec. 18 and 19.

Rodman Hall Arts Centre

Exhibitions

- new! 2008 Niagara Biennial:** runs until Dec. 30 featuring work by both established and emerging artists from the Niagara Region, including Tobey C. Anderson, Jean Bridge, Sandy Fairbairn, John Gill, Matt Harley, Ernest Harris Jr., Melanie MacDonald, Tyler Manzon, Bill Ralph, Sheldon Rooney, John Venditti and Carolyn Wren.
- Blue Republic: Nostalgia for the Present:** curated by Carolyn Bell Farrell, originated and circulated by the Koffler Gallery until Feb. 15, 2009. As the multidisciplinary collective Blue Republic, Anna Passakas and Radoslaw Kudlinski create installations that combine humour, wit and metaphor to stimulate discourse on political ideas, power structures

and economic imbalances. Using discarded industrial materials and common debris from the urban environment (including empty paint cans, styrofoam packing forms, cardboard tubes and fashion magazines) they construct a miniature, sprawling urban environment in which refuse and containers are the building blocks of the future.

Catherine Heard: Theatrum Mundi, Niche Project 2008-09: runs until Nov. 1, 2009.

Known for her sculptural work depicting things both monstrous and wondrous, Heard's site-specific installation recalls the European tradition of the wunderkammer - a princely collection of rare and strange natural objects and works of art. Transforming the rear bay window wells of the historic mansion into her own cabinet of curiosities, Heard displays her personal collection of objects and oddities. Each month Heard will add to and rearrange her collection, displaying alongside these objects the new works of art they inspire.

Classifieds

For sale: Beautiful and cozy three-bedroom bungalow semi in Secord Woods. Close to Brock, transportation and shopping. Many recent updates; four- and three-piece baths, finished rec room and office space. C/A and private driveway. For information, call 905-246-7838.

For Sale: Two-storey house, custom-built by award-winning John Boldt Builders Co., in St. Catharines, north of QEW. 3,000+ sq. ft. (five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, two-car garage), walking distance from school, shopping, parks, and trail. Fifteen minutes from Brock and three minutes from QEW. Website <http://web.mac.com/alex2010> or call 716-697-1695.

For sale: wingback chair, good condition, \$20, you pick up. 905-685-3692.