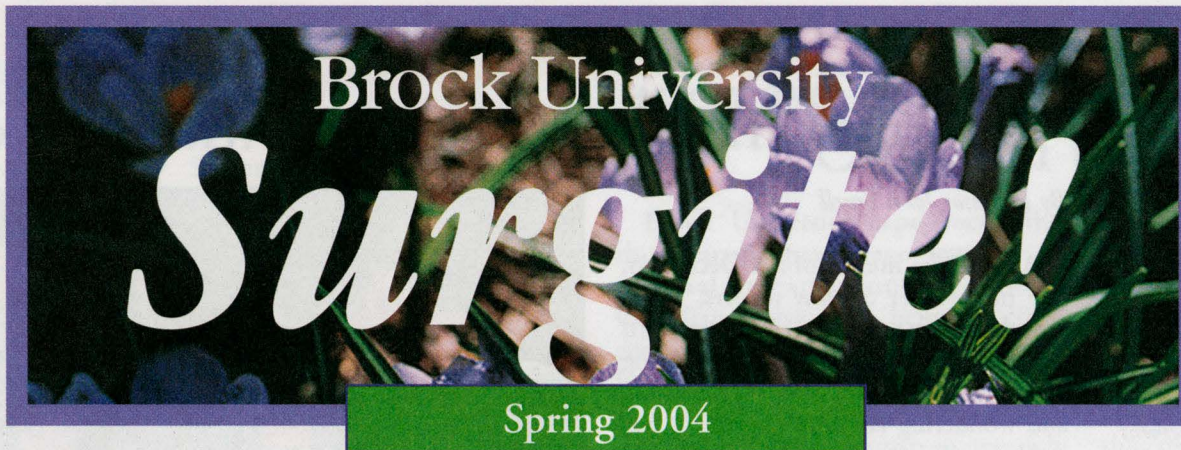


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A quarterly publication for graduates and friends of Brock University
Surgite! /sur-gi-tay/ Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

Brock officially dedicates its sixth residence to Dr. Arnie Lowenberger

More than 200 members of the Brock community spanning four decades of the University's history gathered on the campus recently to mark the official dedication of the Arnie Lowenberger Residence.

Brock's sixth residence is named after Dr. Arnie Lowenberger, a Queenston resident and former Brock faculty member who retired in 1992. Lowenberger was the first Dean of Students and the first Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. When the School became the Faculty of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics, Lowenberger was appointed its first Dean.

"Having a residence named after me is an immense honour," Lowenberger said. "I was very fortunate in arriving at Brock when I did. The University gave me a marvelous opportunity of making

a contribution to both its physical appearance and its curriculum and that is something for which I will always be grateful."

Lowenberger's many significant contributions to the early building of the University include the introduction of varsity sports (men's and women's basketball and men's hockey), management of the first residence system, implementation of the first health and counselling services for students, planning the design of the original Physical Education Building, and drafting of a unique Physical Education Degree Program that focused on the movement education approach to physical education. Brock has since gained a reputation for training some of the most competent teachers of physical education in Ontario.



Celebrating the official opening of the Arnie Lowenberger Residence, from left: student Jeff Capel, a don in the Village Residence; Brock President David Atkinson; Arnie Lowenberger; Jamie Fleming, Director of Residences; student Jen Law, a don in Arnie Lowenberger Residence; and student Adam Verheyen, a don in Quarry View Residence. In the front row, from left, are student Jenn Taylor, Head Resident in Village Residence, and student Nadine Power, a don in Arnie Lowenberger Residence.

President's Golf Tournament May 27

The 2nd Annual President's Golf Tournament in support of Badger Athletics will return to the prestigious Legends-on-the-Niagara on Thursday, May 27.

The University thanks the sponsors and participants of last year's inaugural tournament for their outstanding support. The tournament raised over \$60,000 that provided 59 student athletes with financial awards.

With 30 men's and women's varsity teams in such sports as wrestling, rowing, baseball, hockey, soccer and basketball, Brock boasts the third highest number of varsity athletic teams among Ontario's universities.

The 2004 sponsors for the tournament are: Algoma Central; Canadian Tire Financial Services; Durward, Jones and Barkwell; Heart of Niagara; Kenmore Construction; Lakeshore Inc.; The Landmark Consulting Group; Lincoln Fabrics; Lupine Properties; Moriyama and Teshima Architects; Rankin Construction; RBC Investments; Rose, Horne and Stevenson Group; Scotiabank; Sodexo; Sullivan Mahoney; Whiting Inc.

Organizers of this year's events are expecting another sold-out tournament. For information, please contact Julia Gottli, Office of University Advancement, ext. 3245 or e-mail: jgottli@brocku.ca

Expansion continues at Brock

Brock's Board of Trustees approved two capital projects for the campus that will see an expansion in academic space and faculty offices over the next year. The \$12.8-million investment also includes a new and expanded campus bookstore.

A 45,000-square foot, \$10.3-million addition to Taro Hall, near the centre of campus, will contain three floors of classrooms and academic space. The building will also house a new 12,000-square-foot campus bookstore, which will be relocated from the Thistle Complex. The project will create a finished plaza between the existing Taro building and

the Alumni Student Centre. The Ontario government is contributing \$3.82 million to the Taro Hall project as part of the 2003 SuperBuild initiative.

An 11,000-square foot, \$2.5-million addition to the MacKenzie Chown Complex at the east end of the campus will house faculty offices. The original building was constructed in 1971 by Moriyama and Teshima Architects and is noted for its architectural uniqueness. It is a large multi-use building containing faculty offices, laboratories, classrooms, and support space for a variety of departments.

Brock graduates lead in employment rate

Results from a provincially sponsored survey show that graduates from Brock University boast the highest employment rate among Ontario universities.

The latest provincial performance indicators show that 98.2 per cent of Brock graduates are employed six months after graduation. Employment rates two years after graduation are also high for Brock University graduates, at 97.5 per cent. Both figures are well above the provincial average.

"These employment rates once again show the outstanding success of our graduates in the workforce, and the quality of our growing academic

programs" said Brock President David Atkinson. "Our outstanding faculty and staff continue to excel in preparing students for life and work. Students are clearly making the right choice when they choose Brock as their university."

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and the Council of Ontario Universities co-sponsored the survey, which was conducted by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC). The survey examined the employment experiences of graduates of undergraduate degree programs in Ontario in 2000, six months and two years after graduation.

Join us for Brock Days 2004

Mark your calendar for Brock Days 2004, to be held September 24, 25 and 26.

The fourth annual Community and Homecoming Celebration takes on a special significance as the University marks its 40th anniversary.

Graduates, students, faculty, staff and the broader community are invited to be part of the growing tradition of our Brock Days celebration. Once again, Brock Days will be held in partnership with the Niagara Wine Festival.

A number of popular events will be back again this year. As well, there will be new events and activities for people of all ages. Bring the entire family and celebrate the best of Brock and Niagara.

Watch for details in the next issue of *Surgite!*

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Return to Iran links memories with new opportunities

By Professor John Sivell

Around the middle of last December, like most other *Surgite!* readers, I was watching for signs of snow and wondering if Christmas was ever going to arrive. But I was doing my watching and wondering far from Canada. I was in Urmia, a city in the northwest of Iran.

Brock has a number of international connections around the world. Urmia University is among the newer ones. About a year ago Brock began a collaborative agreement for a non-credit English Language Program there. I was invited to Urmia to conduct workshops for teachers in that program.

I had last been in Iran a quarter-century before that trip. For some years I was a university teacher in the southern city of Ahwaz, not far from the Gulf. I worked there until just before the Islamic Revolution. My original experience in Iran was wonderful and I had always hoped to return. Walking across the tarmac from the airplane at Tehran International Airport was a very emotional experience!

But the steps along the way were more rational than sentimental. In order to flourish, international agreements between universities need a solid foundation. Above all, a strong academic context is required. Initial contacts are typically made at international conferences, where professors have a chance to meet others in their field with similar scholarly interests. That's what occurred in this case.

A few years ago I met Professor Ebrahim Khodadady at the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics. He gave a fascinating paper on aspects of the reading process and, into the bargain, he was from Iran! So, I made a point of speaking with him. One thing led to another. We met at further conferences and he also came to Brock. After meeting with the appropriate administrators here, Professor Khodadady was able to serve as an intermediary in facilitating a collaborative agreement between the



Professor John Sivell (bearded, right) with English Majors at Urmia University.

two universities.

As with this project, successful international cooperation very often begins small, based on some specific person-to-person contact. That way, there are people with hands-on involvement from the outset. This is frequently much more effective than a big, high-level plan with few people directly involved on the ground.

And sometimes those modest beginnings grow mightily. With time, the Brock-Urmia connection may perhaps grow through the gradual addition of other collaborative ventures where these seem suitable. Of course, the future remains to be seen. In the meantime, the collaborative English Language program is very worthwhile in itself.

For Urmia, it provides an excellent opportunity to improve and promote a high-quality English program that is part of that university's overall plan. And for Brock, it offers a valuable setting for research and professional experience that can contribute to the quality of education for future teachers of English as a Foreign Language at our University.

So, there are benefits on both sides.

But as important as these practical concerns truly are, there is also a more personal dimension to international academic co-operation. In Urmia I met a former student who had been in class in 1974! Now he is a leader in the provincial association of high school English teachers based in that city. After all those years, it was remarkable to sit down with him over a traditional Iranian breakfast and reminisce about old times: the students he still knew, about whom he could tell me; the teachers whose subsequent careers I was able to recount to him.

Years and kilometres are powerful dividers, and each of us has an individual destiny to fulfill in our own time and place. Yet friendship, mutual respect and shared ideals can unite even those whose paths might seem at first glance to be inevitably divergent. Building and maintaining international links among universities, teachers and students is one important way to remind us of our common challenges, values and aspirations.

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Brock applications continue to grow

Brock continues to be one of the leaders in the growth of applications among Ontario universities, with 18,843 applications from secondary school students wishing to attend the University for the 2004-05 academic year.

Initial figures show that overall applications to Brock rose from 10,095 in 2001 to the current 18,843, up 86.7 per cent. The system-wide average increase for the same period is 49.6 per cent. As application volumes were inflated in 2002 and 2003 in part due to the double cohort phenomenon, the Ontario Universities' Application Centre is using 2001 as the base year for comparison because it pre-dates the double cohort effect.

First-choice applications to Brock totalled 3,623 for 2004-05, an increase of 34.5 per cent from 2001's 2,694 and 2002's 2,854 (26.9 per cent). The overall average increase of first-choice applications to all Ontario universities for the upcoming academic year, compared with 2001, totalled 19 per cent.

Brock Board of Trustees approves record \$125-million budget

Brock University's Board of Trustees approved a record \$125-million operating budget, which contains significant spending increases due to preparations by the University for the effects of the double cohort.

Trustees approved the balanced budget, the largest in the University's history, for the 2003-2004 fiscal year following a revamped, more-consultative budget process. Significant in the budget is an additional \$24 million in spending over last year — at that time the University's largest budget

— to accommodate additional faculty and staff hiring as well as programming and physical changes to the campus, in preparation for the double cohort.

"While facing the most significant expansion in its history, Brock has been able to maintain a balanced budget by way of sound financial planning," said Steven Pillar, Vice President, Finance and Administration, at Brock.

"We are unwavering in our commitment to providing our students with the highest quality education, and we are well positioned to meet

our goals for the future."

Brock received better than expected performance funding from the province. The University received funding totalling \$894,589 based on criteria such as employment rates for recent graduates. Brock University graduates boast the highest employment rate among Ontario universities six months after graduation, at 98.2 per cent.

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



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Brianna Rachel Skrok, at left, has discerning taste when it comes to her reading interests. The toddler, who is the daughter of Brock graduates Laurie (Arcuri) Skrok (BA, soci, '98; BEd, '98), and Lieut. Chuck Skrok (BA, soci, '98), looks over a recent copy of *Surgite!*, which was recently awarded a national award.

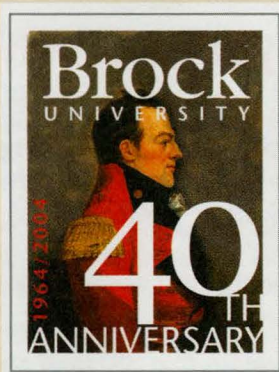
Different name, same office

The Office of External Relations is now the Office of University Advancement. The name change reflects the role of the office in advancing Brock University through communication, marketing, alumni affairs and development.

Recently, the Office of University Advancement was recognized with three distinguished awards for its communications and publication work.

The uncommon creativity of colleagues in the Office of University Advancement and the Faculty of Business received a CASE District 11 Accolades Award for a print advertisement celebrating Brock's accreditation by the AACSB International - Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The accolades continue with two national awards from the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE). *Surgite!* received a national Award of Excellence while the 2002-2003 Annual Report was honoured with an Award of Distinction.

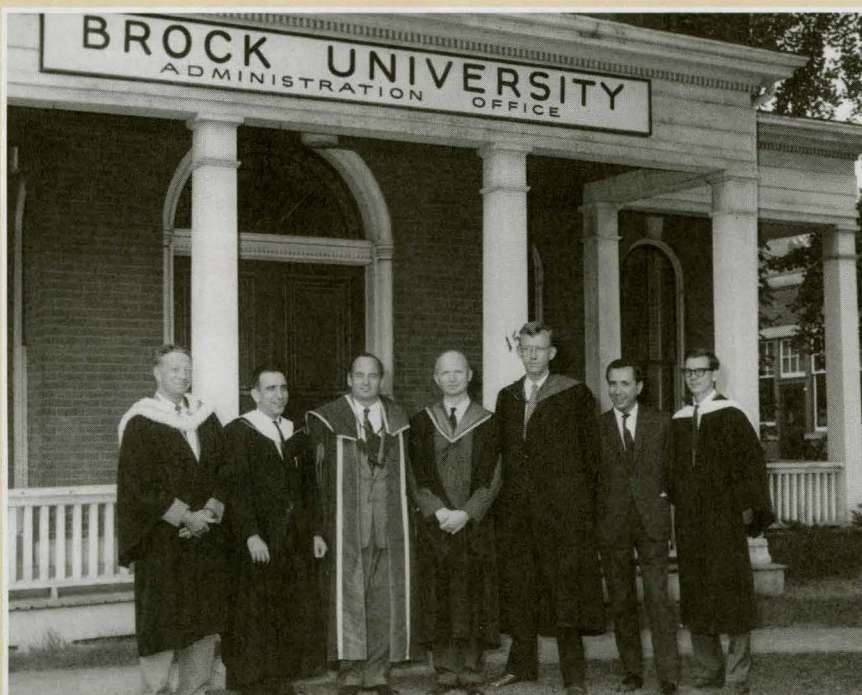


Happy anniversary

Brock University proudly celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

To mark the occasion, *Surgite!* presents a retrospective of the University's history with a series of photo features beginning with "Firsts at Brock."

More photos from the past four decades at Brock will be posted on the University's Web site in May.



Founding faculty at 15 Welland Ave., September 1964. Left to right: Ernest Goldsmith, Registrar; Professor William Ormsby, History; Professor John Hart, Science Studies; Dr. J.A. Gibson, President; Professor Michael Hornyansky, English; Professor Juan Fernandez, Spanish; Professor Guy Gauthier, French.



Some students from Brock's first class, who graduated as "The Silver Badgers," decorate for Christmas, 1964.



Rowing coach Tony Biernacki, right, with Brock's first eight on the Henley course in 1966.



Bernard Harrison

Brock receives largest gift

A recent \$1.6 million gift from the estate of the late Bernard Harrison is the largest gift ever received by Brock University. Mr. Harrison, who passed away last January at the age of 95, was a long time supporter of Brock.

Over a period of nearly 40 years, Mr. Harrison made significant contributions to the University and to its students. In total, his gifts and pledges now exceed \$2.4 million, and his scholarships have provided valuable

Fred Casler 'changed my life forever'

By Brad Inwood (BA, clas, '74)

In September of 1971 I began my study of ancient Greek with Fred Casler, here in St. Catharines, at Brock University when it was less than a decade old. My reasons for learning Greek don't matter much; what matters is that Fred taught me. That it was Fred who taught me turned a simple matter of course selection into the event that changed my life. I have gone on to devote my life to Classics, as Fred did his. But even if I had not, I can look back over more than 30 years and know that studying Greek with Fred would have changed my life forever anyway.

Fred taught Greek with an intelligence and rigour that I strive in my own work to emulate even today, for he refused merely to teach Greek. He taught language. He showed me not just the ineffable beauty of the Greek verb system, the incomparable riches of the participle, and the subtle structure of ancient Greek phonetics. He taught language. He gave his students the tools to understand the inner logic of any language and shared his own deep comprehension of its history. He taught us a great deal about the beauty and order of the human mind; he taught us that some things about our species transcend the mere details of a time and a place. And he did it in the most astonishing way possible, by exploring the mechanics and history of a long dead language. To be fair, the language he did it with is a very fine language. But he could have done it just as gracefully with any of the many other languages that he knew then or went on to learn later. Humans are language users by their nature, and Fred knew the essentials of this part of human nature more sensitively than anyone I have ever known.

Learning Greek is hard work. Fred never relaxed his demands. It is complex, and Fred had the gift of making the complexities of the system lucid. Fred, more than anyone I have ever known, taught me how much fun it can be to do something really difficult. He didn't just show me how to teach Greek; he gave me and many other students a proud paradigm of what is best in the life of the mind: tough-minded intellectual joy. To this day, because of his example, I work to give my students, no matter what the subject,

some sense of the same joy.

Fred's generosity was boundless. He taught anyone who wanted to learn

Professor Frederick H. Casler of the Department of Classics passed away on January 5. Professor Casler first came to Brock in July 1968 as a lecturer. He was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1971 and Associate Professor in 1974. In January 2001, Professor Casler took the opportunity of faculty renewal. A memorial fund to establish the Frederick H. Casler Memorial Book Prize in Greek and Latin is in place for anyone wishing to make donations. Donations payable to Brock University can be sent to the Office of University Advancement, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1.

from him and spared no efforts or labours to do it, whether it was translating for his students an obscure German textbook in Indo-European linguistics, adapting a book on Latin verse composition, or devoting endless hours of laborious fun to the mounting of entire plays performed in Greek or Latin. In my later years at Brock he transformed my life yet again by getting me to perform in a Plautine comedy, learning not just a thousand lines of Latin for oral delivery but (even better) learning how to be a stand-up comic in front of strangers. Fred got us all to extend ourselves and showed us again and again that hard intellectual work could and should be surrounded by humour, fun, and wit.

Any Classicist can tell you a story about the person who somehow ignited their love of the subject. I have been very lucky, for I can think of several inspiring teachers who made it not just possible but irresistible. But none of them gave me more than Fred Casler; more than anyone else he showed me what it can mean to be a teacher. If I could dedicate something to him — though now it is tragically too late — I would know how to inscribe it: didaskalos didaskalōi.

Brad Inwood, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
Canada Research Chair in Ancient Philosophy
Chair, Department of Classics
University of Toronto

In Memoriam

Shao-Chien Chang

It is with regret that the Department of Mathematics announces the recent passing of Professor Emeritus Shao-Chien Chang. Chang, as he was lovingly known within the Brock community, was appointed to the Department of Mathematics in 1965. He retired in 1995 and, for his many contributions to mathematics, the Department and the University, was appointed Professor Emeritus.

Chang was a real ambassador for Brock. It is not unusual to go to a conference in North America or overseas and find that individuals

know about Brock because they had met Chang.

He was a tremendous ambassador for mathematics. Many graduates remember his passion for the subject and his real care for their learning.

Chang leaves his wife, Pik-Yuk, and two sons, Edwin (BSc, biol/chem, '84) and Wayne (BSc, biol, '86).

A memorial fund has been set up to generate a Brock student award bearing Chang's name. Contributions payable to Brock University should be sent to the Office of University Advancement, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1.

High quality

Brock University has become one of only three universities in Canada to meet national accreditation standards for both its Physical Education and Kinesiology programs. With the accreditation, Brock's programs have reached a new level of excellence and offer the highest quality of education available to students studying Physical Education and Kinesiology in Canada.

Brock student goes north.... way north... for co-op placement



Brock Co-op student Annalisa Streicher and Brock grad Andrew Plunkett outside the office of MacKay Landau Chartered Accountants in Iqaluit.

In early January, Brock University Co-op student Annalisa Streicher travelled over 1,500 kilometres to Iqaluit, Nunavut, to begin a work term. The placement represents the farthest that any co-op student has travelled for Brock's Co-op Accounting program.

Streicher is a second-year student in the Bachelor of Accounting Co-op program (BACC). She accepted a co-op placement with MacKay Landau Chartered Accountants in the city of Iqaluit.

Her contact at MacKay Landau is a Brock graduate. Andrew Plunkett, (BBA, '93), is a partner at the firm, and helped arrange the placement with the Accounting Co-op office. The company has four resident partners and six full-time staff. During its peak workload season, it employs up to seven additional Chartered Accountants.

"I've always enjoyed new places, so to get schooling and work experience in such a unique location is a great opportunity for me," said Streicher, a resident of Millbank, Ontario. "I grew up near New Liskeard, Ontario, so hopefully the climate in Iqaluit won't be too much of a shock."

Iqaluit is the capital of Nunavut, with a population of approximately 5,000. It is also the most northerly capital city in all of Canada, located on the southeast corner of Baffin Island.

Streicher will face unique conditions. During the winter season, the area only receives six to seven hours of daylight. The average temperature for the area in January is -30 degrees C, before the wind chill. By April, when her placement is scheduled to end, the daylight will last up to 20 hours.

"We place hundreds of students in co-op positions each year," said Jennifer

Cockell, Coordinator of Accounting Co-op Programs at Brock. "This placement was definitely our most exotic locale yet. We continually strive to find challenging and exciting opportunities for our students that will enhance their overall educational experience."

Brock's Co-op Accounting option is the second largest program of its kind in Ontario, with a near 100 per cent employment rate for students. With 32 co-op options, Brock has the second largest selection of co-op offerings among universities in Ontario.

The University is grateful for the support of graduates who assist in the facilitating of new co-op placements with their employers. For information on how you can assist the University's efforts to support current students in their transition from school to work, please contact Cindy Dunne, Director, Co-op Programs, at: cdunne@brocku.ca

Graduates networking

Ottawa graduates are invited to join Andrew Waitman, Managing Partner, Celtic House Venture Partners and Debi Rosati, Brock's recipient of the 2003 Faculty of Business Distinguished Graduate Award, at the Brookstreet Hotel, Legget Drive, Kanata, on Wednesday, April 14. Waitman will share his outlook for 2004 and key strategies for early stage technology companies to compete and profit in a global marketplace.

In May, Toronto graduates are invited to join fellow graduates David Betzner, Peter Goulos, and Bradley Roulston for a social and networking event.

For more information on these network events see brockpeople.ca or contact Lynne Irion at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251, or lynirion@brocku.ca.

Alumni Association news and events

Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination Deadline - April 22

Graduates are invited to submit nominations for the prestigious Brock University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award for 2003-2004. The deadline for nominations is April 22. The award recognizes a graduate who has earned prominence as a result of their exceptional professional achievements and community service. Criteria and the nomination package is available online at: www.brockalumni.ca

Basketball Showcase 2004

The Brock University Alumni Association hosted two Basketball Showcase events in the Walker Complex in January. Over 600 players and spectators from 30 Niagara-based elementary school teams participated in this exciting event that featured an opportunity for teams to play three consecutive games in a controlled competitive situation. One of the highlights of the event was the visit of Boomer the Badger for team pictures. Proceeds of the tournament were used to fund a new entry-level scholarship program for the University. A picture gallery of all participating teams is available at www.brockalumni.ca under the heading of Basketball Showcase 2004. Of special note was the fact that over 70 per cent of the coaches in attendance were Brock graduates.

Cuvee Silent Auction - March 5, 2004

The Brock University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Office of University Advancement,

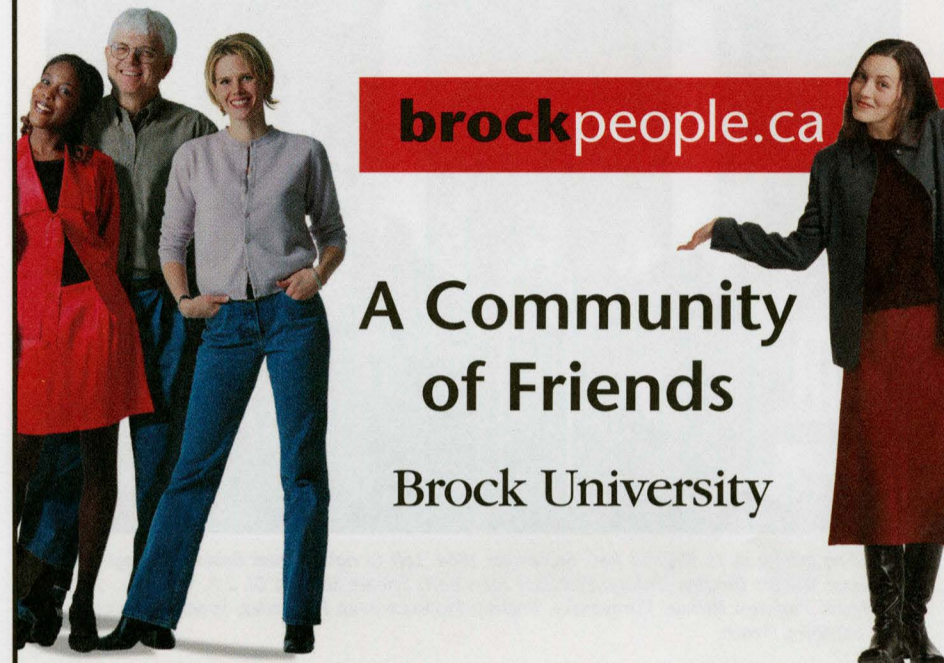
brockpeopleforum - now you're talking

Don't be shy. Brock's on-line community of friends are waiting to hear from you on the brockpeopleforum. This new feature of brockpeople.ca allows you to connect with other graduates and:

- discuss topics of interest
- provide feedback
- debate issues
- share information

Begin a discussion or join one already underway. Create your own forum topics. Return often to see who has visited the forum.

The Help forum will get you started



A Community of Friends
Brock University

It's e-as-y to find brockpeopleforum.

Visit www.brockpeople.ca. Enter your former student ID# (your login) and your birth date (your password yyyymmdd). If you are a new user, complete the registration steps and return to the Home Page.

Click on the brockpeople forum graphic under Site News.

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

www.brockalumni.ca

hosted the annual silent auction at Cuvee. This year, \$5,000 was raised from the generosity of local wineries and attendees. Proceeds from this auction will be used to implement a new CCOVI scholarship program for the upcoming year.

Get Connected - Stay connected - March 10, 2004

The Brock University Alumni Association coordinated a one-day business event featuring Donna Messer, founder of ConnectUs Canada, along with presentations on financial issues facing graduating students, setting up a business, and marketing oneself to improve employability. The event, held in the Pond Inlet, provided an opportunity for senior students to gain valuable insight into critical topics related to their personal transition to the workplace, access specific resources to assist them in this transition and network with fellow students and alumni in related fields. This was an excellent example of collaborative efforts between the Alumni Association, Career Services, the Office of University Advancement and the Brock Student Ambassadors to provide value-added programming for the student community.

Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament 2004

The Brock University Alumni Association held its annual Volleyball tournament on Saturday, April 3 in the Walker Complex. The teams were involved in some intense yet affable competition and capped off the event

with a visit to Isaacs for award ceremonies, free pizza, munchies, cash bar and sharing war stories about the day's exploits.

Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament - Saturday, September 18, 2004

Mark down this date and register a foursome for our annual golf tournament. This is a great Brock community event involving students, graduates, faculty and staff. Specific details and registration guidelines are available on www.brockalumni.ca

Renaissance at Rodman

The Brock University Alumni Association will be hosting a series of lectures each Thursday morning from April 22 to May 20 at Rodman Hall, in St. Catharines. Each day will feature light refreshments at 9:30 a.m. followed by a lecture from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with questions to follow. Various topics will be covered from philosophy to literature and will feature notable Brock faculty members and community presenters. A full description of the program is available at www.brockalumni.ca under the Renaissance at Rodman heading. Cost of the program is \$35. Register for the program by contacting Wendy Laslo, Continuing Education Coordinator, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775 or by e-mail at wlaslo@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

Constitutional Revisions

Recommendations for constitutional revisions for the upcoming year are available on our Web site for your input and suggestions.

1971

Frank Pascuzzi (BA, clas; BEdRT2, '84) has retired from teaching after 31 years in the profession. He began his career at Georges P. Vanier Senior Elementary School in 1972 and brought his career to a close on June 30, 2003 while teaching at Saint Paul High School in Niagara Falls.

1975

Alan Wyatt (MA, poli) still has memories of Professor Hull who was his thesis advisor, a very nice man indeed. From 1997 to 1999, Alan served as a National Director of the Naval Officers Association of Canada (NOAC) and President of the Vancouver Island Branch with 350 members. Since 1999, Alan was National Treasurer of the NOAC Endowment Fund, the income from which is used to support Naval Museums, Heritage Ships, Bursaries and research and publications on maritime matters. An interesting challenge, in today's stock market turmoil, as the goal is to maximize income while preserving capital.

1984

April (McGinnis) Cullen (BA, poli) was elected Regional Councillor, Ward 6, Oshawa, Ontario on November 10, 2003.

1985

Vince Anania (BA, hist; MEd, '86), has been teaching junior kindergarten elementary students at St. Charles School in Thorold for 17 years. He is married to Maria Grace Paola of Niagara Falls and has two beautiful children, Kristiana, 3 1/2 years old and John 14 months old. He enjoys teaching and would like to be head basketball manager for the National Team in the near future. Vince says hello to former Brock Badger Basketball players from '82 - '86.

1986

Paul Grenier (BA, econ), on November 10, 2003 was elected to city council in Welland, Ontario. He is looking forward to the challenge of serving on council for the next three years.

1991

Mary-Louise (Skornyak) Heideman (BA, cssp) has accepted a position with the Waterloo Region District School Board and is currently teaching a Grade 4 class in Kitchener.

1993

John F. Gardner (BBA) was appointed manager of the Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP in the Grimsby office. He provides assurance, accounting, tax and consulting services to owner-managed businesses in the Niagara region.

Dixon Koon (BSc, cosc, '93), wife Elaine Ma would like to say thank you to all their friends for the wishes and for making their wedding a happy one.

1994

Karen Raittinen-DeSario (BA, Fren; BEdTSL, '95) would love to hear from Brock friends. Her e-mail address is karenraittinen@hotmail.com

1996

Scott Hayter (MEd) is the Assistant Vice-President of Development, in charge of boosting fundraising and development at Wilfrid Laurier University.

1997

Pierre Philippon (BBA) has been named Marketing Manager, Category Development with McCain Foods (Canada). He is responsible for the category development of all McCain retail brands.

1998

Clark Bernat (BA, hist), Managing Director of the Niagara Historical Society and Museum, along with official Town Historian and well-known historical writer, Joy Ormsby, have published a book called Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Stunning historical views of Queen Street are captured, along with the forts, local sports, royal visits, and the incredible architectural heritage of the town.

Jonathan Watkins (BA, genl) and **Amy (Blackie) Watkins** (BA, csmc, '99) were joined by several Brock graduates on their wedding day. The gathering included best man **Sean Richards** (BA, genl, '98), groomsmen **Jeff McAuslan** (BPhEd/BEEd,

'00), bridesmaid **Molly Doyle** (BA, thea, '98), bridesmaid **Alysia Trider** (BA, thea, '99), guests **Sara Reid** (BA, psyc/wise, '99), **Lynda Keast** (BPhEd, '98) and from London, England, **Therese Thorne** (BA, csmc, '99).

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Sherin Donovan (BSc, biol/geol) is a divemaster at the Oak Bay Resort, Honduras. She is completing her masters project on the coral reef and continues to work with SOS (Save Ontario Shipwrecks) surveying and helping to preserve shipwrecks.

Michael Fabris (BACC) was awarded his Canadian Investment Manager Designation. He is currently working in the Life Insurance Industry as a Treasury Accountant.

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Kristi (Plett) Collins (BA, pols) and **Patrick Collins** (BA, gbls/hist, '01; MA, popt, '02) reside in California where Patrick is pursuing his PhD at Claremont Graduate University. Kristi is presently on leave from Queen's Law School.

Rebecca (McHugh) Eusey (BA, csbc) and husband Matt welcome everyone to send e-mail to japanrebecca@hotmail.com to keep in touch. To discover more about their travels in Japan, Thailand and Iceland, visit brockpeopleforum.

Births

Julie (MacCauley) Armstrong (BA, psyc, '97), a daughter, Elyssa, August 19, 2003, and a son, Liam, January 11, 2001.

Nancy (Wells) Atrill (BA, Fren, '95), a son, Benjamin Ryan, January 4, 2004.

Corrine (Burnett) Baiden (BA, soci, '96), a son, Riley, April 7, 2003.

Janet (Spriggs) Beatty (BRLS, '95), a daughter, Madelyn Kathleen, April 16, 2003.

Kelly (Hunter) Benoit (BA, chld, '95), a son, Max Phillip, December 2, 2003. For more information visit www.brockpeople.ca

Crystal (Baldwin) Bhatia (BACC, '97) and **Arun Bhatia** (BACC, '96), a son, Akash, September 4, 2003.

Maria (Magnotta) Brgan (BA/BEEd, '95) and **Mario Brgan** (BSc, biol/envp, '95; BEEd, '99), a son, Matthew David, October 15, 2003.

Carey (Wimmer) Brooks (BPhEd, '97; BA, psyc, '98; MEd, '01) and **Stephen Brooks** (BRLS, '97), a daughter, Jady Anna, September 12, 2003. For more information visit www.brockpeople.ca

Sandra (Heaslip) Davis (BRLS, '89) and **Wade Davis** (BA, adm/pol, '90), a son, Owen Noah, July 29, 2003.

John Gardner (BBA, '93), daughters, Kendra Leigh, February 4, 2002 and Abigail Elizabeth, September 8, 2003.

Nancy Grunstein-Reid (BA, chld, '96) and **Christopher Reid** (BA, geog, '98), a son, Graeme Daniel, October 5, 2003.

Yvonne (Bucknall) Horton (BA, psyc, '97), a daughter, Hannah Joan, August 12, 2003.

Julie (MacIntyre) Hunt (BA, psyc, '93), a son, Emerson James, September 17, 2003. For more information visit www.brockpeople.ca

Bryan Lillycrop (BACC, '97) and **Norine (Reynolds) Lillycrop** (BBA, '96), a daughter, Kristen Amy, June 21, 2002.

Sheri (Nichol) Mainprize (BA, chld, '90), a son, Drew, January 22, 2000 and a daughter, Lily, September 12, 2002.

Cherie Maracle (BA, psyc/soci, '95), a daughter, Serena, December 19, 2003. For more information visit www.brockpeople.ca

Sharon (Stevenson) McLeish (BA, chld, '92), a son, Benjamin Robert, July 20, 2003.

Patty (Heckman) O'Rourke (BA/BEEd, '97) and **Brian O'Rourke** (BA, hist, '98), a son, Reilly Brian, August 8, 2003.

Mike Pryzmant (BA, adm/cosc, '95) and **Jennifer (Howitt) Pryzmant** (BA/BEEd, '98), a

son, Matthew Thomas, August 6, 2003.

Tracey Quennell (BA, csbc, '93) and **Jason Pehora** (BA, csbc, '93), a son Benjamin Bruce, June 6, 2003.

Tracy (Rehberg) Rawlingson (BSc/BEEd, '96) and **David Rawlingson** (BBA, '93), a daughter, Michaela, April 29, 2003.

Geraldine (Duffy) Roy (BA, phed/hist, '94), a daughter, Emily, April 9, 2003.

Tracy (Panagapko) Sali (BA, chld, '98; BEEd, '99), a son, Jacob Nicholas James, December 14, 2003.

Laurie (Arcuri) Skrok (BA, soci, '98; BEEd, '98) and **Chuck Skrok** (BA, soci, '98), a daughter, Brianna Rachel, March 29, 2002 and a son Jacob Stanley, November 10, 2003.

Heather (Mitchell) Smith (BA, soci, '99; BEEd, '02), a son, Owen James, August 4, 2003.

Claudia (Seca) Spiteri (BA, psyc, '91), twin boys, Dario and Christiano, May 30, 2003.

Maria (Giesen) Tremeer (BA/BEEd, '99) and **Greg Tremeer** (BACC, '00), a daughter, Emily Anne, September 6, 2003.

Resa-Marie Unrau (BA, psyc, '97), twin girls, Juvea Marie and Nieva Elisabeth, October 9, 2003.

Kathryn (Hamill) Weber (BA, soci, '98) and **Jeffrey Weber** (BBA, '02), a son, Andrew Jacob, July 5, 2003. To view picture, see www.brockpeople.ca

Lee-Anne (Cooper) Whittaker (BBA, '97), a daughter, Sydney, March 17, 2003.

Natalie (Cook) Zywicki (BA, cssp, '91) and **Michael Zywicki** (BSc, phys/math, '95), a son, Elliott, October 12, 2003.

Marriages

Amy Blackie (BA, csmc, '99) and **Jonathan Watkins** (BA, genl, '98), October 12, 2002.

Tiffany Bourret (BA, comm/Engl, '99) and **Joseph Meisner**, July 19, 2003.

Sandra Candler (BA, soci, '99) and **James Sean Beaves**, October 2, 1999.

Erin Caton (BPhEd, '00) and **Jason Cassan**, December 20, 2003.

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

Clare Mary Hughes (BACC, '96) and **Hicham Najjar**, October 12, 2003.

Dixon Koon (BSc, cosc, '93) and **Elaine Ma**, November 23, 2002.

Shari Martin (BA, Fren/hist, '00) and **Darryl Paul** (BA, csbc, '01), August 16, 2003.

Rebecca McHugh (BA, csbc, '02) and **Matthew Eusey**, August 22, 2003. View www.brockpeople.ca for picture and details.

Lori Oakes (BA, poli/uest, '98) and **Robert Caister**, July 19, 2003.

Jennifer Pitts (BA, econ, '01) and **Craig Watson**, June 28, 2003.

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

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

Michael Reid (BBA, '96) and **Lori Darling**, August 20, 2003, on Santorini Island, Greece.

Fiona So (BA/BEEd, '98) and **Heny Kwong** (BBA, '98), August 24, 2003.

Sarah Thompson (BA, chld, '96) and **Trevor Frampton** (BBA, '98), August 10, 2003.

In Memoriam

Donald Babirad (BA, hist, '73), July 20, 2003.

Janet Barbara Corey (BACC, '95), March 2002.

Robert Cummings (BA, econ, '73), July 27, 2003.

Ronald Gardiner (BSc, geol/soci, '78), Feb. 13, 2003.

Mary (Murphy) O'Brien (BA, Engl 2lan, '85), March 17, 2003.

Patricia (Clark) Riddle (MEd, '92), October 11, 2003.

Edward Swierenga (BA, geog, '71), October 4, 2003 in Peterborough, Ontario after attending a regatta in which his son rowed for Trent University.

Roger Tottman (BA, poli, '94), in his 68th year, January 8, 2004.

Lester Wilker (BA, educ/psyc, '78), after a battle with cancer, March 11, 2003.

Richard Yacyshyn (BAdmin, '81), October 12, 2003.



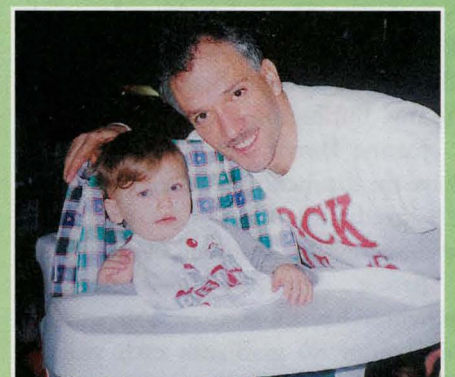
Dixon Koon (BSc, cosc, '93) and Elaine Ma, married November 23, 2002 in traditional police ceremony in Hong Kong.



Sharon McLeish (BA, chld, '92) and husband Craig with son Benjamin Robert, born July 20, 2003.



Jennifer Pitts (BA, econ, '01) and Craig Watson, June 28, 2003.



Vince Anania (BA, hist, '85; MEd, '86) with son John, 14 months old.

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Accounting graduates qualify for CA designation

Brock University's Accounting graduates are once again at the top of their profession as they meet the challenges of today's demanding business environment.

The Faculty of Business is proud to announce that 43 of its graduates successfully completed the 2003 Canada-wide Uniform Final Examinations to qualify for the Chartered Accountant (CA) Designation. Each year hundreds of Canada's best and brightest university graduates write the examination.

"Student success is at the core of Brock's mission," said Don Cyr, Acting Dean in the Faculty of Business. "Our students are constantly being recognized for their accomplishments. We look forward to seeing how their careers progress with the new and exciting opportunities the CA designation offers as they further contribute to business development and the economy across the country."

To write the examination, graduates must be employed in public accounting. Completion of the examination is the final step in a unique and demanding process that is required for becoming a Chartered Accountant.

Brock would like to congratulate the following graduates:

Kevin Barrett, Etobicoke; Amy Bridge, Simcoe; Christopher Brown, Milton; David Bunn, Kemptville; Mark Cameron, Loretto; Christine Chapman, Mississauga; Sara Daly, St. Catharines; Cynthia Dawson, Beamsville; Christopher Denholm, Mount Hope; Melinda Diebel, Uxbridge; Alexander Edwards, Oakville; Michael Fennema, Grassie; Ronald Epp, Niagara-on-the-Lake; Christina Gilbert, Grimsby; John Griffioen, Burlington; Melissa Hannon, Newcastle; Rebecca Iudiciani, Welland; Victoria Junkin, Port Perry; Lindsay Ladd, Oshawa; Jason Landerkin, Windsor; Jennifer Li, Toronto; James Little, St. Catharines; Beth Livingstone, St. Catharines; Kevin McClure, Simcoe; Wendy McDonald, St. Andrews West; Courtney McGuire, Pembroke; R. Quinn McLean, North York; Jennifer Mills, Barrie; Joanne Parent, Stoney Creek; Debbie Roque, Burlington; Thomas Sawchuk, Grimsby; Sara Scott, St. Catharines; Norma Sierra Vasquez, Welland; Sivrajah Sinnathamby, Mississauga; Andrea Smith, Etobicoke; Robert Steven, St. Catharines; Andrew Troiano, St. Catharines; Tiffany Turner, St. Catharines; Michelle Unruh, Jordan Station; Dwight Vanderwyk, Beamsville; Melissa Vinden, Erin; Belinda Wiersma, Beamsville; Steven Young, Burlington

Joanne Parent and Andrew Troiano have the distinction of being two of only 10 graduates from Ontario to be included on the National Honour Role.

Brock's Bachelor of Accounting program has more than 550 students and about 80 graduates each year. Its Accounting Co-op program, which marks its 25th Anniversary next year, is the second largest in Ontario. The program is fully accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

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Author, Author!



Clark Bernat (BA, hist, '98) is the co-author of *Niagara-on-the-Lake*, Ontario published by Looking Back Press, an Imprint of Vanwell Publishing Limited. *Niagara-on-the-Lake* is an exceptional collection of photographs which invite readers into the lives of some of the people who helped shape the history of the town and brings to life their stories. Clark Bernat is the Managing Director of the Niagara Historical Society and Museum and has a Master of Arts degree in Museum Studies.

The book was co-written with Joy Ormsby who is the official Town Historian and a well known historical writer.

Graduates support campus advances in wireless technology

Thanks to the support of Brock graduates, the University is one of the most technologically advanced universities in Canada with the activation this fall of a new high-speed wireless network. The new wireless technology allows students to move around campus with their laptop and PDA computers while remaining connected to the Internet.

The \$100,000 investment in computing and telecommunications infrastructure includes \$30,000 in donations from graduates and parents of students through the University's TeleGrad fundraising program. The balance of the cost was covered by the University.

"Bringing the latest technology to the campus is a key priority for the University, but it is a costly investment," said Christine Jones, Director of Alumni Advancement. "We are truly appreciative of the generous support we have received for this initiative from graduates and parents of Brock students."

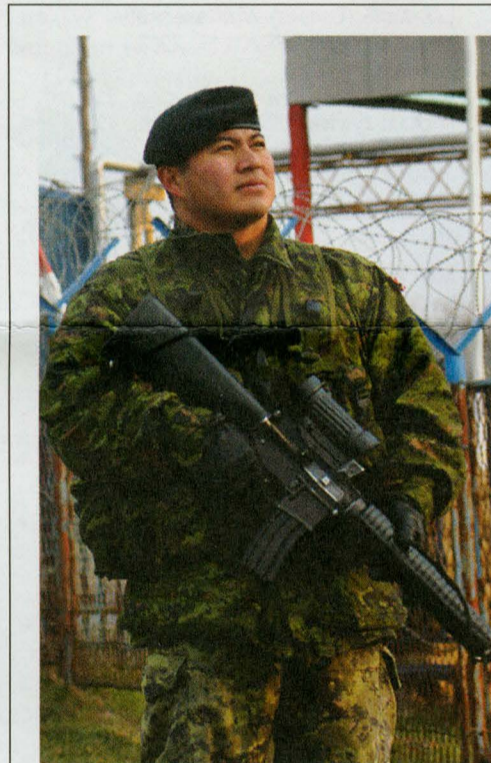
This technology enhances learning and research opportunities for students by providing them with increased computer access. Students with a laptop computer and a wireless network card

(sold as a standard item with many laptops) will have full Internet access to online library resources and e-mail accounts, and they can retrieve course information and submit assignments from their computers. Faculty and staff can also take advantage of the seamless, portable opportunities offered by a wireless campus.

"As a technology-based university, Brock is committed to ensuring that the latest information technologies are readily available to students in order to enhance their learning and research opportunities to the fullest," said Dr. Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic, and Provost at Brock. "This new network will help to address the pressures of the double cohort year by lessening demand for computer labs and by opening up more public areas for students to study and to do research."

The network currently covers 60 per cent of the main campus, with plans to reach 100 per cent coverage late next year. Current coverage includes many of the large classrooms, small seminar/teaching rooms not previously hard wired, corridors and large student gathering areas.

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



Corporal Rhean Ongcango and Corporal Amber McInerney have taken time out of their studies at Brock University to serve as part of Canada's international peacekeeping force in Bosnia. Both are members of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment and are in Bosnia for a six-month tour of duty. Corporal Ongcango is stationed at the Multinational Brigade Headquarters in Bania Luka, Bosnia. Corporal McInerney is shown during guard duty at Velika Kladusa, Bosnia.

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Continuing Education welcomes grad instructors

Continuing Education will again be offering over 40 distinctive non-credit courses from May to July. A number of the new, distinctive courses are being taught by Brock graduates. Andrea Braithwaite (MA, pcul, '03), the first graduate of Brock's Masters in Popular Culture, will lead a new course this June, "We Saved the World, I Say We Party!" which explores various aspects of the very popular television show, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

Also instructing this spring are grads Linda Hankin (BA, visa, '91), Drawing and Painting Basics, John McNamara, (BA, psc, '92), Promoting Healthy Reading in the Early Years, Barbara Goodwin, (BA, visa, '03) Empowerment for Today's Woman and Jenny Brown who continues to offer very popular Mountain Biking for Women series.

For more information on these and many other non-credit courses available this spring, visit us on the Web at www.brocku.ca/conted or call

Continuing Education, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775, for your free copy of the Brock University Community Education & Activities guide.

Looking for an adventure

Avoyageur canoe ecotour on the South Saskatchewan River is just one of the dynamic Brock Edutravel vacations planned for July 2004. This adventure is being offered for the first time and it may be of particular interest to Brock grads and friends who share a keen interest in all aspects of nature and history.

During this spectacular three-day prairie discovery in voyageur canoes, you will paddle over 100 kilometres downstream and experience wildlife including eagles, falcons, rattlesnakes, coyotes, elk and more.

Other Edutravel adventures offered in 2004 include Japan, Costa Rica, Sicily, and a Railroads West trip. For more information on these unique vacations, contact Continuing Education at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775 or visit www.brocku.ca/conted/edutavel.

STUDENT *Highlights*

For more information on the accomplishments of Brock students, go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

- For the third time in four years, the Brock Student Ambassadors have won the 2004 CASE-ASAP District II Spirit Award. Twenty universities and colleges from Ontario and the United States were considered for the award at the recent CASE-ASAP District II annual conference in Buffalo, N.Y. The award recognizes a student group which shows the greatest spirit and pride in their own school and which inspires and encourages other universities and colleges. Locally, Brock's 30 ambassadors are student volunteers who represent the University at school and community events.

- A team of Brock University computer science students placed ninth out of 128 teams in the regional Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Collegiate Programming Competition at Sheridan College in early November. Brock's placing in the competition is significant as the majority of competing teams were from departments with graduate programs, while all of Brock's competitors are undergraduate students.

Brock's "Team Output" finished ahead of schools including the University of Ottawa, Ohio State, Carnegie Mellon, Concordia University, Case Western and Penn State. The team was comprised of Brock students Chip Hogg, Rob Barwell, and Chris Riley. Brock's second team, "Team Input", placed in the top third of teams in 43rd place overall. Team Input was comprised of Brock students John Martin, Wolfgang Haas, and Oleksiy Nikiforov.

- Students at Brock University turned a kitchen staple for generations of university students into a modern-day engineering feat by designing a domino course, complete with a bridge and two separate spirals, with 1,535 boxes of macaroni and cheese.

Students with the Brock Off-Campus Society and Residence Action Council (RAC) donated the pasta boxes over a two-week period last December. The collection was held in support of the local United Way. Organizing the food drive was Jackie van Egmond, a second-year Recreation and Leisure Studies student and co-ordinator with the Brock Off-Campus Society, and Tara Nichols, a third-year Child and Youth Studies/Concurrent Education student, who is co-ordinator of the Community Recognition Committee for RAC.

The domino course was so long and elaborate that it covered the floor of Gym 1 in the Walker Complex.

- A group of Brock students worked tirelessly last December to gather over 24,000 pounds of food donations, valued at \$65,000, as part of ACE (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship) Brock's 7th Annual Food Drive for the holidays. Over 60 students assisted with the drive, collecting donations at grocery stores in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland. In addition, Brock volunteers visited a number of St. Catharines elementary schools, educating over 1,000 students about social responsibility and the importance of donating to local food drives.

The donations were distributed to several different agencies, including Community Care St. Catharines & Thorold, Project S.H.A.R.E. in Niagara Falls, and the Community Resource & Action Centre (C.R.A.C.) of Welland.

Brock experiences third-largest increase in research funding among Canadian universities

Brock University experienced the third largest percentage increase in external research funding among Canadian universities between 2001 and 2002, according to a recent report by Research Infosource entitled Canada's Top 50 Research Universities. The 68 per cent increase in research grants and contracts awarded and dollars obtained is the direct result of the University's commitment to becoming a comprehensive university and the high quality of research programs of faculty members in all disciplines.

One of the greatest impacts on the amount of funding at Brock has been the addition of new faculty who are

leaders in their field, including several Canada Research Chairs, over the past year. This increase in research funding will help to attract even more top researchers to Brock, which will then in turn attract more top students to the school. This process ultimately leads to the creation of spin-off companies, and increased business activity in the local economy.

Research Infosource also ranked the universities by the amount of research sponsorship money they had. Brock placed 36th overall, up from a 42nd place finish last year. Brock's research funding rose to more than \$8 million in 2002, up from just over \$5 million in 2001.

University awarded almost \$1 million to fund indirect costs of research



Niagara Centre MP Anthony Tirabassi, second from right, spoke with Brock University students and administrators recently in the research laboratory of Dr. Andy Reynolds, a faculty member with the Department of Biological Sciences and with the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute. Tirabassi announced that Brock will receive \$961,886 this year from the federal government to help cover indirect costs associated with federally sponsored research.

Brock professor receives \$250,000 to fund research in vascular diseases

Brock University Professor Hui Di Wang is the recipient of more than \$250,000 in funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to continue her study of vascular diseases such as hypertension that affect thousands of Canadians.

Wang's innovative research looks at the outer layer of blood vessels, called the adventitia, in connection with hypertension. Traditionally, research in vascular diseases, such as hypertension, has concentrated on the role of the cells found in the inner and middle layers of the vessels. The adventitia has long been

considered a silent bystander in vascular function.

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, 50 per cent of Canadians over age 55 have hypertension, and 87 per cent of those cases go under-treated or untreated.

This funding announcement for Brock came on the heels of a recent report that showed Brock University had experienced the third largest percentage increase (68 per cent) in external research funding among Canadian universities between 2001 and 2002.

New partnership with Owl Children's Trust

Brock University has entered into a new partnership with the Owl Children's Trust to establish important new initiatives in child and youth research.

The partnership will see several projects initiated, including an annual conference on the study of children, youth and media; the establishment of seed funding for research projects and a department chair; and the creation of an endowment and fund-raising activities

to provide stable and on-going funding for additional initiatives.

As part of the agreement, Owl Children's Trust will donate an initial \$110,000 to the University to fund the initiatives in the Brock Research Institute for Youth Studies (BRIYS) and the Faculty of Education.

The Owl Children's Trust is a not-for-profit charitable foundation that creates and promotes quality media for children.

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Athletics highlights

• Brock University men's wrestling team made it six straight CIS National titles in front of 1,100 fans at the Bob Davis Gymnasium. The Brock men made CIS wrestling history as they captured a new CIS record six golds out of 10 weight classes. The men's and women's wrestling teams both captured the 2004 OUA Wrestling Championship individual team titles. This was the men's 10th straight conference title dating back to 1995 and the women's fourth straight.

• The women's curling team captured the 2004 OUA Championship as they posted a 4-1 record, ending the season with a 9-3 overall record. Skip Margie Darnley led the squad of Abbie Darnley, Amy MacKay, and Stephanie Lingard.

• Stacey Farr, a fifth-year forward on the women's basketball team, set a record for all-time career points in OUA scoring history. Farr has surpassed the 1,171 career-point mark held by Michelle Vesprini of the University of Western Ontario.

• Jennifer Marsh, a member of the

Badgers rowing team, was one of 18 female scholar-athletes honoured by the Ontario University Athletics (OUA), last November, at the Chatelaine Women of Influence Luncheon, held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

• Men's wrestler Evan MacDonald won a gold medal at the Olympic Trials, held in December, to become the fifth Brock wrestler in school history to make the Olympics. He will be a member of Team Canada at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. The other four former Brock Olympians were Marty Calder (1992 Barcelona, 1996 Atlanta), Paul Ragusa (1996 Atlanta), David Hohl (1992 Barcelona, 1996 Atlanta) and Colin Daynes (1996 Atlanta).

• Chris Critelli, head coach of the women's basketball team, recorded her 300th career victory in January, while Ken Murray, head coach of the men's basketball team, recorded his 400th career coaching victory in February.

• Men's hockey coach Murray Nystrom was honoured by the OUA as one of two recipients of the Coach of the Year award.



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Brock graduate Tanya Mahy (BA, licd, '97), Assistant to the Consul General of Japan, congratulates Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama during a Jan. 30 reception in Toronto. The reception followed a ceremony in which the Order of the Rising Sun was conferred upon Dr. Moriyama. This decoration was conferred in recognition of Dr. Moriyama's outstanding contribution toward promoting mutual understanding between Japan and Canada.

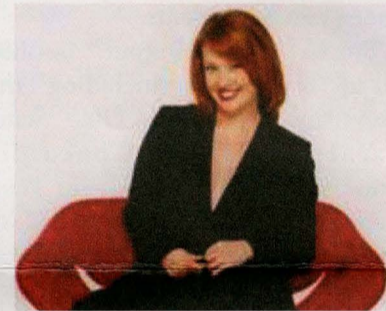
Grad in Hall of Fame

Brock graduate David Shemilt (BSc, math/phs, '87) will be inducted into the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame on May 1, 2004. Shemilt, a Canadian record holder and champion in the 800m and 1500m freestyle events, swam for Brock

from 1982 to 1987. He was a member of Canadian teams that competed at Commonwealth Games, Pan Am Games and tours to Europe. At the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, Shemilt was a finalist in the 1500m freestyle. He

is the second Brock Badger to be inducted into the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame. Brock graduate Kathy Richardson (BPhEd, '84), a 1980 Olympian, was honoured three years ago.

SNAPSHOT



Name: Meredith Heron
Degree: BA/BEEd, '95
Place of residence: Toronto, Ontario

Career: Former elementary school teacher. Studied interior design for three years at night school. Own Red Heron Essentials Interior Design Consultants. Opening a Design Studio at the Historic Distillery in Toronto. Also one of the Regular Designers on HGTV's Love By Design.

Most memorable Brock memory: Barry & the Boys attempting to jump off my roof in Dittrick Court onto a baby mattress, while Kim, Kelly, Jackie and I played Human Jeopardy with the furniture.

Greatest Source of Pride: Making a career change and reaping the success of owning my own business

Childhood career goal: To be Nurse Dixie McCall from Emergency (I'm so dating myself with that response).

Future goals: To continue to expand into the TV Design World. To see my Design Studio continue to grow and expand. Writing a series of design books.

Source of Inspiration: I am inundated on a daily basis with sources of inspiration - especially while driving my car! I have a passion for colour and texture. However, it is my partner Asa who truly inspires me to be whoever I want to be and seek my dreams.

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