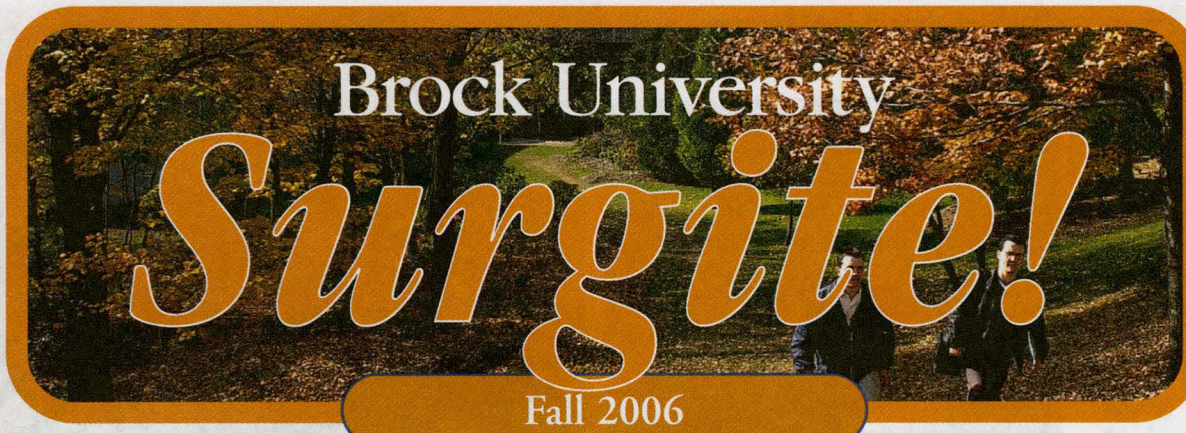




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A quarterly publication for graduates and friends of Brock University  
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## Celebrate BrockDays 2006! A community and homecoming celebration

Plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration. Enjoy the best Brock and Niagara have to offer as once again the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

Get an early start on Brock Days! Enjoy a number of exciting events taking place both on and off campus beginning on Sept. 16 with the Alumni Association's 11th annual golf tournament. The Cool Climate

Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) will host a lunch-and-learn wine series featuring a number of wine related topics; the Centre for the Arts will present Classic Albums Live...Queen: A Night at the Opera; and Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts provides an extraordinary taste experience of some of the region's finest cuisine and wines. On Sept. 29, come to campus to celebrate at our kickoff BBQ with a performance by Lock 8 or attend the Alumni Association's pub

crawl, the official site of a '70s decade reunion.

Montebello Park will once again be the venue for a number of activities for Brock graduates and friends to reconnect. Browse our bookstore, take a seat in our café or participate in "Meet the Winemaker" seminars featuring graduates of the Oenology and Viticulture program and presented by Brock University and *Vines Magazine*. There's something for everyone!



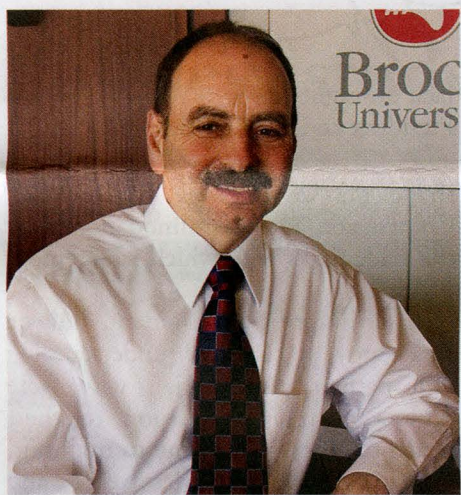
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## Voice of alumni holds great value: new president



Jack N. Lightstone  
President and Vice-Chancellor

It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to introduce myself and to share with you my enthusiasm for being part of this outstanding institution.

I have spent the past 30 years at Concordia University in Montreal as a Professor of Religion and as a senior administrator, including nine years as the Provost and Vice-Rector (Vice-President).

My wife, Dorothy, and I are excited about becoming part of the Brock community, and we look forward to making Niagara our new home.

My arrival at Brock comes at a significant time in the University's history. The institution, with a firmly established reputation for being student-centred and being committed to offering a high-quality and "engaged" education, has set as its goal a significant, all-encompassing transformation. It is in the process of becoming a "comprehensive" university. This implies becoming significantly more competitive on a broad front of

disciplines as a centre of undergraduate and graduate teaching and learning, and as a centre of research at national and international levels.

Brock has made remarkable progress, thanks to a dedicated team — administrators, Trustees, faculty, staff and students, as well as alumni who continue to participate on many levels in the affairs of the institution.

I am learning more about Brock weekly and I have a fair distance to go in this regard.

As I have said on many occasions, I have a lot of listening to do in these early stages as President. In recent months, I have had several opportunities to speak with current students. Consistently, they share with me their regard for Brock's student-focused character in which they feel a closeness with faculty and staff and

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## Namibian school children benefit from graduate's skills

When the organization fighting for the liberation of Namibia offered Alfred Ilukena a scholarship to study Education at Brock University, the international student took his first steps on a path that has led him to a powerful career in his country of birth.

The South West African People's Organization offered the scholarship to Ilukena (BA, 2Lan/soci, '88 and BEdTSL, '89) through the Commonwealth Secretariat, and today the Brock graduate is the third-highest ranking officer in Namibia's Ministry of Education, holding the position of

Undersecretary for Formal Education. He is responsible for the African nation's school programs from early childhood to senior secondary education.

**"I knew I had a mission to complete even as I was studying in Canada."**

"It was my plan to return to Africa, specifically Namibia, after my studies," he said. "At the time, Namibia was still

illegally occupied by South Africa and thousands of Namibians had gone into exile to fight for the liberation of the motherland. I knew that I had a mission to complete even as I was studying in Canada."

He returned to Namibia, which borders the South Atlantic Ocean in the west, Angola in the north, South Africa in the south, Botswana in the east and Zambia in the northeast, after he graduated from Brock in June 1989, ending 15 years in exile. He participated in the UN-organized elections in which

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**Voice of alumni holds great value...continues from page 1**

a sense of community. The voice of alumni holds great value. I will look forward to meeting with graduates — to listen and to learn — throughout the year, beginning with the upcoming Brock Days homecoming on September 29, 30 and October 1. I will join the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni network events planned for Ottawa (my hometown), Toronto and our newest networks in London, Hamilton and Waterloo. As well, plans are underway for a Western tour to visit graduates in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

My message to graduates and other stakeholders is one of opportunity. The strategic goals that Brock has set for itself present the institution with the opportunity to take a lead role among Canadian universities to collectively address the emerging challenges facing our society.

Given the complexity of the world in which we Canadians must operate, society requires a much higher proportion of its citizenry than ever before to have a university-level education, with an increasing need for post-graduate level degrees, including many PhDs in a broad spectrum of areas.

Our universities must increasingly internationalize their curriculum, exchange programs, their student recruitment, research endeavors, and many of their core activities. Canada's universities must become the test-bed and practice-field for Canada and Canadian students who will live and work in a highly socially and culturally diverse, and internationalized, environment.

Canada's universities must



Jack Lightstone, Brock President and Vice-Chancellor, enjoys a light moment with students.

strengthen their ties on many fronts with the concentric circles of communities of which they are a part, beginning with, but not limited to, their regional communities. They should act as windows for their regions and encompassing communities into the emerging world beyond the immediate environs — provincially, nationally, internationally — a world in which these local regions must place themselves (again, with the universities' active participation) strategically, economically, socially and culturally.

Institutions of higher learning must be proactive in exploring the potential of new technologies in education, research, knowledge dissemination, social and cultural formation, commerce, and many other spheres.

It is apparent to me that Brock has

already chosen to become a university that will play an important role on many of the aforementioned fronts. Indeed, Brock has the opportunity to become a model in many respects of a new type of university engagement in society as it continues to redefine and strengthen its roles in undergraduate and graduate education and in research.

I am confident that Brock will realize its full potential and fulfil its mandate to better the lives of our students and graduates, and to better society.

Sincerely,

Jack N. Lightstone  
President and Vice-Chancellor

**\$78,000 raised for Brock athletes**

The fourth annual President's Golf Tournament in support of Brock athletics was held at Legends-on-the-Niagara on May 25, raising \$78,000.

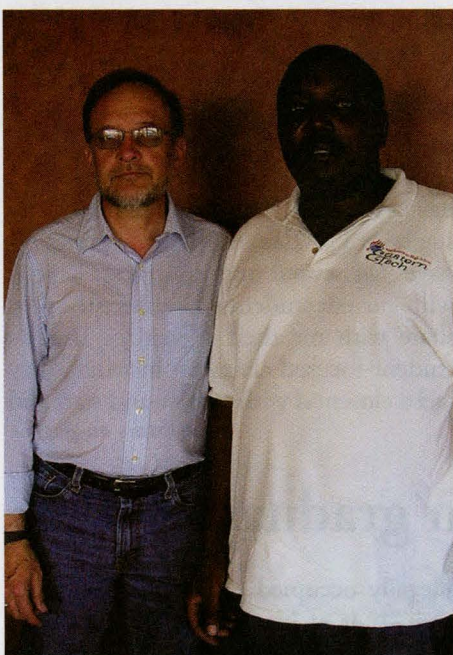
Almost 150 golfers, including many Brock graduates, contributed to the financial success of the tournament by purchasing foursomes and sponsorship packages. The funds will be used to support more than 60 university athletes with either a scholarship or bursary.

This tournament was made possible by the tremendous amount of sponsorship support.

Canadian Tire Financial Services was a Presenting Sponsor for the Tournament. Other major sponsors of this year's tournament were Algoma Central, Brock Plaza Corporation, CIBC World Markets, Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP, Ernst & Young, TR Hinan Contractors, Janet Wright and Associates, Lincoln Fabrics, Partridge Wealth Management, RBC Dominion Securities, Rankin Construction, Scotiabank, Silicon Knights, Sodexho, Tim Horton's - St. David's Road, and Whiting Inc.

Thanks are also extended to The Pen Centre, Imagistics, Urban Strategies, Performance Cars, Day Ford Lincoln Sales and Hub International for their sponsorship contributions.

**Namibian school children benefit...continues from page 1**



John Kaethler, Director, Office of International Services, and Brock graduate Alfred Ilukena.

Namibia won its independence in March 1990.

Ilukena maintains a link with Brock. He was recently visited in Namibia by John Kaethler (BA, poli,'74), Director, Office of International Services.

Since 1990, Ilukena has held various positions, from curriculum development to Chief Inspector of Schools to currently chairing a task force examining the role that information technology will play in the transformation of Namibia's education system in a global competitive environment.

"The IT task force I am heading is being heralded as one of the best examples of private-public partnerships and is to be used by the UN as a model for developing countries," he said.

Ilukena credits his years at Brock as "my cradle for civilization. The professors, the administration, the students and the community of St. Catharines all helped to inspire and

shape me to be who I am today. Compassion and accommodation were the trademarks with which I remember Brock."

As an international student, Ilukena was happy "to find such understanding and patient professionals who were selfless in their dedication to their students. They pushed me to my limit, gave me credit when I deserved it, and taught me that hard work is its final reward."

He also remembers his classmates with fondness "and the love, laughter and support they gave me will always influence my dealing with others."

Organizational skills, public speaking skills and thinking on his feet were all talents he learned at Brock.

"It does not matter how hard you studied, the question is whether you understand the material and can apply the principles to any situation. That has been the strength and secret of my success story."

**Brock scholarship named for public relations pioneer**

Dr. Lou Cahill, the recipient of an honorary degree from Brock University and a pioneer in public relations development and practice in Canada, has been recognized through the establishment of the Lou Cahill Scholarship in Communications.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating-year student from the Brock Communications program. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, community involvement and/or participation in charitable activities.

Dr. Cahill, founder of OEB International, Canada's longest-

operating public relations firm and a subsidiary of The Enterprise Canada Group, received an honorary doctorate from the University in 1991.

The scholarship has been jointly established by The Enterprise Canada group and the Communications and Public Relations Foundation, a not-for-profit charitable organization committed to increasing public knowledge and awareness of the role of communications and public relations through support to educational initiatives.

The award, to be given annually, is valued at \$1,250. The Enterprise Group

has agreed to donate \$6,250 to the Foundation over five years to fund the scholarship, and both organizations will build a capital fund to ensure the scholarship is awarded in perpetuity.

Dr. Cahill received the Canadian Public Relations Society's (CPRS) Philip A. Novikoff Award for advancing the public relations profession in 1989 and became a member of the CPRS College of Fellows in 2000. His career achievements were recently recognized by CPRS at its national conference in Niagara Falls, Ont., in June 2006.

## In Memoriam

Brock University recently lost two members of its community.

Gabriel Temkin, a retired Professor in the Economics Department, died at the age of 85 in Sarasota, Fla., on July 15.

Temkin was a specialist in economic theory and the history of economic thought. He was widely published in Poland before he came to Brock, and he continued to publish after his retirement. Among other retirement projects, he wrote *My Just War: The Memoir of a Jewish Red Army Soldier in World War II*. It was published in 1998, and recounts harrowing personal tales of wartime battles, captures and escapes. He received three medals of valour for his wartime service.

Temkin came to Brock in 1970 from Poland, where he was Professor of Economics at the University of Warsaw. He taught at Brock until his retirement in 1986. Gabriel is survived by his wife, Hanna, whom he married in 1946 while they were students at the University of Leningrad, his daughter, Helena, his son, Henryk, and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Suncoast Chapter, 13907 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 101, Tampa, Fla., 33618.

Paulette Hallich, former instructor in the Department of Dramatic Arts, died of lung cancer in Victoria, B.C. at the end of June. Hallich made an indelible impression on audiences when she created the role of Nancy Potato in "The Potato People" for Brock's resident theatre company, Theatre Beyond Words, and toured around the world with the company.

In later years, she taught and directed at a number of colleges and universities, including Sheridan College and Brock.

She is survived by her husband, Michael (M. J.) Turner, who is a former Graphic Designer in Brock's Office of University Communications.

## Are you connected?

Now keeping in touch is e-easy. [brockpeople.ca](http://brockpeople.ca) is your electronic connection to Brock.

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- Update your **Alumni Profile**
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- Create a **Snapshot!**
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## Brock nurturing connection to surrounding communities

By Erin Meyer (BA, csbc, '06)  
Community Connections Assistant

Brock University is pleased to announce the launch of the Community Connections program. This new initiative was established to further encourage and strengthen opportunities for purposeful student, faculty, staff and alumni engagement in the Niagara Region. During Orientation Week in September, the student involvement segment of the program will be launched, followed by a campaign to inform municipalities and community agencies that students are seeking volunteer opportunities.

Brock has always played an active role in the Niagara Community. The University's commitment is demonstrated by our involvement in a broad range of community events and

initiatives throughout the region. This spring, we partnered with three charities during our Care for Our Community Weekend. Brock students, staff, faculty and alumni were represented at The Lung Association's Pull for Kids, the Rankin Cancer Run and Niagara's Walk to Cure Diabetes. The weekend was rewarding for all involved, including the charities and volunteers.

In June, Brock welcomed more than 2,000 community members to campus as part of the Canadian Cancer Society's 12-hour Relay for Life. The event was a great success and supported many individuals within the greater community, including young Brock Taraba (see accompanying article).

September's initiatives include

encouraging participation in Shinerama to benefit Cystic Fibrosis research and spirit building at Brock Days and the Annual Wine Festival Parade. Our goals at these events are to increase student engagement in the community and to provide opportunities for graduates to connect with current students.

If you are interested in learning more about the Community Connections program, would like to be involved or have thoughts about how the University can further build partnerships and make connections with our community, we would love to hear from you. We can be contacted at 905-688-5550, ext. 4000, or by e-mail at [community@brocku.ca](mailto:community@brocku.ca)

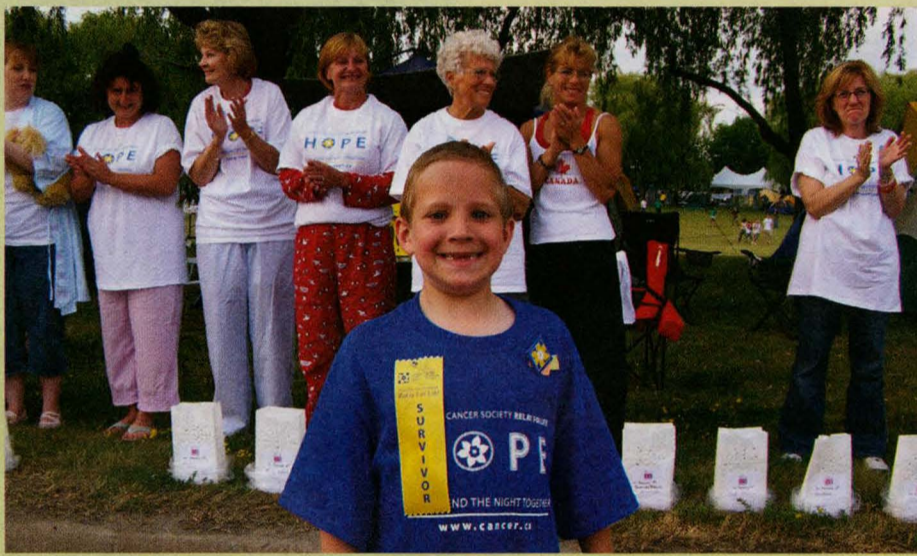
## Little cancer survivor completes victory lap at Relay for Life

Brock Taraba walked his first Survivor Lap at the Canadian Cancer Society's 12-hour 2006 Relay for Life that took place at Brock University, from 7 p.m. June 23 until 7 a.m., June 24.

Brock Taraba, who was given only 20 days to live when he was first diagnosed with cancer (high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia) at 10 months of age, is now eight years old. He completed two and a half years of chemotherapy that included head radiation. He will mark the completion his first Survivor Lap with the support of his twin brother Conner; his five-year-old sister Taya; his father Steve Taraba (BA, adm/soci, '96) and his mother Lori Synes-Taraba, a mature student at the University who also recently made the Dean's List in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

The couple named their son Brock because they met in a first-year Sociology class at the University 20 years ago.

Lori Synes-Taraba, who took time off from completing her Brock degree to help her son through his cancer treatment, was also a member of the



Supporters applaud cancer survivor Brock Taraba at the 2006 Relay for Life.

2006 Relay for Life organizing committee and emceed the event from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

"It is the monies raised from this event that go toward patient services and research money - it paid for gas money to take Brock to the hospital for seven years," said Lori Synes-Taraba. "If it wasn't for the community providing support for cancer research, many families would be without their loved ones. After volunteering for the past four

years, I agreed to be on this year's organizing committee because I needed to give back to those who were so generous to my son."

During the relay, teams took turns walking or running around Isaac Brock Circle in support of the Cancer Society. There were volleyball tournaments, cooking demonstrations and live entertainment throughout the evening to keep everyone motivated.

## Institute for International Issues in Accounting is created

Brock University and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario are pleased to announce the creation of the Institute for International Issues in Accounting. The Institute fosters continuous improvement in education, financial reporting, assurance and worldwide accounting standards through grants and collaborative activities with a view towards raising the profile of the accounting profession internationally.

Following the accreditation of the accounting program at Brock University in September 2005, annual funding to the Institute will be provided by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario on the basis of \$1,000 for each first-time Uniform Final Evaluation (UFE) writer who graduates from the program, up to a ceiling of \$100,000.

The Institute hopes to improve the practice of accounting through teaching, learning and research by stimulating, encouraging and supporting the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the accounting field as it relates to international issues. It also seeks to provide for the interchange of professional ideas, research and other

information relating to international issues in accounting, especially between practitioners and academics by supporting and sponsoring lectures, workshops, business meetings and social gatherings.

Pascale Lapointe-Antunes, PhD, CA, Assistant Professor of Accounting in the Faculty of Business, is the co-ordinator of the Institute.

An Advisory Board has been formed and includes Brian Leader, Vice-President of Learning, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario; Susan Maynard (BAdmin, '86), Partner, Smith-Nixon LLP; Debbie Sevenpifer (BAdmin, '87), President and CEO, Niagara Health System; Professor Ian Adamson, Professor Darlene Bay and Professor Raafat Roubi. A first round of research proposals will be solicited shortly.

The Institute also hopes to launch a biannual speaker series, organized with the Niagara District CA Association, which would qualify as a structured professional development activity. If you would like to collaborate with the Institute, please do not hesitate to contact Pascale at 905-688-5550, ext. 5251 or [pascale.lapointe@brocku.ca](mailto:pascale.lapointe@brocku.ca)

## Faculty of Business takes to the links

Don't miss out on your opportunity to participate in the 2nd Annual Faculty of Business Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will take place Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Angus Glen in Markham. Foursomes are \$1,000 and include golf, cart, breakfast, lunch, dinner and prizes. Spaces are filling up quickly.

Many thanks to this year's sponsors: Performance Mercedes Benz, Château des Charmes, Credit Bureau Services Canada, Hbc and Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

The registration form may be downloaded at [www.bus.brocku.ca](http://www.bus.brocku.ca) or is available by contacting Susan LeBlanc, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4688; e-mail [sleblanc@brocku.ca](mailto:sleblanc@brocku.ca)

# Mark your calendar **BrockDays 2006** www.brocku.ca/brockdays

## Saturday, Sept. 16

### BUAA Golf Tournament

The Alumni Golf Tournament is an ideal venue to reunite with your former classmates and friends from your Brock days, no matter what your level of play. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, prizes and a chance to win \$10,000 in the hole-in-one contest.

1 p.m. shotgun start, Links of Niagara at Willodell

Tickets are \$85 per golfer (\$340 per foursome) and are available by calling the Brock University Alumni Association at 905-688-5550, ext. 4502.

## Friday, Sept. 22

### Lunch & Learn CCOVI Wine Series

"Award-Winning Wines by Award-Winning Graduates"

12 noon to 1 p.m., IH104, Cellar Tasting Room

Ticket prices and/or registration information: \$10 per person available through CCOVI - IH206. First come, first served - limit of 16 registrants.

## Monday, Sept. 25

### Lunch & Learn CCOVI Wine Series

"To Cellar or Not To Cellar - That is the Question"

12 noon to 1 p.m., IH104, Cellar Tasting Room

Ticket prices and/or registration information: \$10 per person available through CCOVI - IH206. First come, first served - limit of 16 registrants.

## Thursday, Sept. 28

### Lunch & Learn CCOVI Wine Series

"Everything you ever wanted to know about wine but were afraid to ask!"

12 noon to 1 p.m., IH104, Cellar Tasting Room

Ticket prices and/or registration information: \$10 per person available through CCOVI - IH206. First come, first served - limit of 16 registrants.

### Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts

An extraordinary taste experience featuring Niagara's finest chefs and wineries. An experience for both foodies and oenophiles, we pair extensive offerings of taster portions from the Niagara region's finest chefs with complementary selections of wines from the area. Be part of this extraordinary taste experience.

7 p.m., Rodman Hall

Tickets are \$85 per person and can be purchased by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

### Centre for the Arts presents...

#### Note for Note. Cut for Cut. Classic Albums Live...Queen: A Night at the Opera

Combining everything that is inherently Queen, Classic Albums Live will recreate A Night at the Opera, one of the quintessential albums of the late '70s and early '80s.

7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University

Discounted tickets will be available to alumni from Monday, Aug. 21, until Friday, Sept. 1. Tickets will go on sale to the general public Tuesday, Sept. 5. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Centre for the Arts box office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

## Friday, Sept. 29

### Brock Days BBQ and Grape Stomp

Celebrate with staff, students and faculty as we kick off Brock Days with a barbecue and our Grape Stomp Extravaganza.

12 noon, Jubilee Court, Brock University  
Tickets are \$3 and are available through the Centre for the Arts box office by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

### Alumni Association 30th Anniversary Pub Crawl

Reunite with friends at the old stomping grounds of Alphonse's Trough and later in the evening at Isaac's.

7 p.m. Alphonse's, 11 p.m. Isaac's

Tickets are \$10 and available through the Centre for the Arts box office by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

## Saturday, Sept. 30

### Grape and Wine Parade

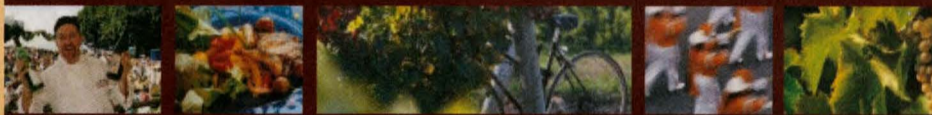
Join Brock University as it participates in the 55th Annual Niagara Grape and Wine Grande Parade, themed "A Tradition of Excellence."

Brock students, staff, faculty and graduates are invited to join us along the route. For more information, contact Community Connections at 905-688-5550, ext. 4000 or



## NIAGARA WINE festival

SEPTEMBER 17 TO 26, 2004



community@brocku.ca  
11 a.m., downtown St. Catharines

### Brock Days at Montebello Park

Reconnect with fellow graduates, your favourite professors and the Brock community at Montebello Park. Enjoy the wine seminars hosted by Brock or take a break at the Brock Café. There are lots of activities, giveaways and reunions planned for the afternoon. Feel nostalgic? Take a tour of the outdoor Brock Bookstore for your favourite Brock paraphernalia. For more information about any of the reunions, see www.brockpeople.ca or contact Lynne Irion at: lynirion@brocku.ca

12 noon to 5 p.m., Brock's tent, Montebello Park (corner of Ontario and Lake streets)

### Wine Seminars - a Salute to Brock

University's Alumni Winemakers Vines Magazine and Brock University present "Meet the Winemaker" with host Chris Waters. From spectacular whites to big, bold reds - this is a great opportunity to taste some of the best wines Niagara has to offer with their makers, graduates of the Oenology and Viticulture Program at Brock. Each participant will receive a Wine Festival tasting glass.

Montebello Park, 1:30/2:30/3:30 p.m.  
Ticket are \$5 per person and available at Montebello Park.

### Sunday, Oct. 1

#### Brock University Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

Celebrate another successful year with the BUAA. All alumni are invited to a complimentary brunch to meet the BUAA Board of Directors and hear what the organization is doing on your behalf. Keep informed and stay connected!

11 a.m., Keefer Mansion Inn  
RSVP by Sept. 15 at alumniassociation@brocku.ca

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Ticket are \$5 per person and available on the day at Montebello Park.

### Join us for the Niagara Wine Festival.

Friday, Sept. 22 to Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006  
Daily 11a.m. to 10 p.m.

There truly is no better time to explore the Niagara region than during the 55th Niagara Wine Festival, celebrating our internationally acclaimed grape and wine industry each September. More than 30 participating wineries open their doors to the world along Niagara's famous wine route. Or, have the best of Niagara gather for you at the Wine, Cheese and Food Experience in Montebello Park, with dozens of Ontario's top restaurants, wineries and world-class entertainment. Tours and tastings, concerts, Niagara cuisine, artisan shows, wine seminars, family entertainment and one of Canada's largest street parades, the Niagara Wine Festival offers something for every taste. Selected as Ontario's Cultural Event of the Year for three years in a row and as one of North America's Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association for the second year in a row in 2005. For more information, please call the Festival Office at 905-688-0212; e-mail [vidal@niagarawinefestival.com](mailto:vidal@niagarawinefestival.com) or visit [www.niagarawinefestival.com](http://www.niagarawinefestival.com)



Brock Days is held in partnership with the Niagara Wine Festival

## '70s Blast from the Past

Help make Brock's first "Decade Reunion" the largest alumni reunion in Brock's history. If you graduated from 1970 to 1979, dust off your Brock memorabilia and mark Friday, Sept. 29, and Saturday, Sept. 30 on your calendar.

The celebration will begin on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. at Brock University Alumni Association's Pub Night in Alphonse's Trough with live entertainment and surprise guests.

On Saturday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m. '70s graduates are invited to reconnect, reminisce, chat, laugh, share photographs and have a good time at an informal get together in Alphonse's.

Several groups are already organizing their former classmates to come to this year's reunion. The following people are assisting the Office of Alumni Relations to connect with classmates: Doug Wighton (BA, geog/hist, '74), [iwndry@hotmail.com](mailto:iwndry@hotmail.com); Greg Grainger (BA, dram, '76), [grainger@vex.net](mailto:grainger@vex.net); David Cotterell (BA, geog, '75, BEd, '76), [david.cotterell@tel.tdsb.on.ca](mailto:david.cotterell@tel.tdsb.on.ca); Marilyn Cottrell (BA, econ, '72), [mcottrell@brocku.ca](mailto:mcottrell@brocku.ca); Ian Lowden (BA, psyc, '75), [ian.lowden@shaw.ca](mailto:ian.lowden@shaw.ca); Helen (Kukusch) Gillespie (BA, hist/Germ, '71), [helen.gillespie@lac-bac.gc.ca](mailto:helen.gillespie@lac-bac.gc.ca). If you wish to contact old friends or faculty members with whom you've lost touch, or for more information on the '70s reunion, please contact Lynne Irion in the Office of Alumni Relations at [lynirion@brocku.ca](mailto:lynirion@brocku.ca) or by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3251.

Tickets for the BUAA Pub Night are \$10 and include admission to both Alphonse's and Isaac's (before 11 p.m.), and a commemorative Alphonse's to Isaac's souvenir mug. Call the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext 3257 for tickets.



# Digital technology, diverse disciplines unite to form unique program

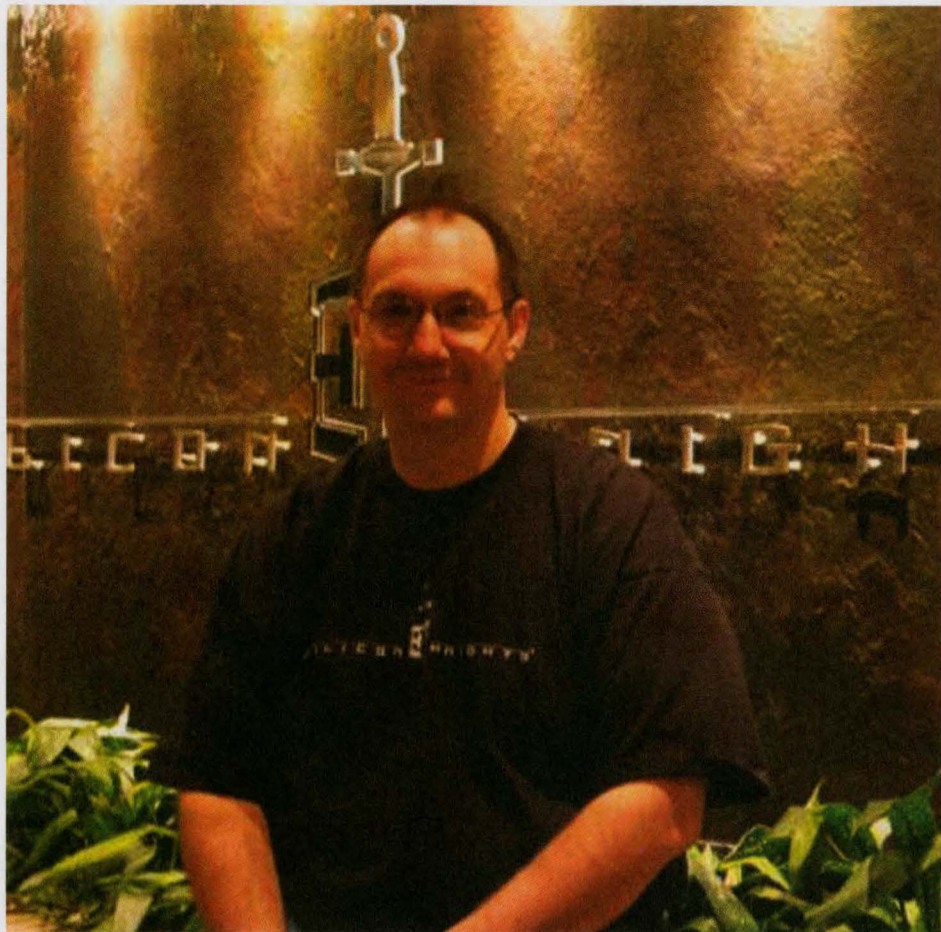
These knights wield digital technology, not lances, and their trusty steeds are computer chips. Their quest: to create new scholastic paradigms at Brock University.

Silicon Knights, the darling of the video gaming industry, and Brock are about to marry the traditional arm's-length elements of gaming and academics, technology and humanities.

In September, the University will introduce an interdisciplinary Interactive Arts and Science (IASC) program. It will be launched as a minor this September and possibly as a major next year. Brock, the first university in Canada to offer a degree in Film Studies, will be the first to offer a degree in Interactive Arts and Science.

In an examination of how text, image and media are transformed by interactivity, the courses will be cross-listed with departments as diverse as English, Classics, Computer Science, History, Geography, Music, Visual Arts and Communications, and Popular Culture and Film.

Brock graduate Denis Dyack (BPhEd/BSc, cosd, '90), president of the hugely successful St. Catharines video gaming company, has been in close collaboration with, among others, professors John Mitterer (Psychology, Computer Science), Barry Grant (Communications, Popular Culture and Film), Barry Joe (Centre for Digital Humanities) and Jean Bridge (Department of Visual Arts and the Centre for Digital Humanities). Professors John Bonnet and Kevin Kee, (Faculty of Humanities), both Canada Research Chairs, have also been extremely influential as part of a new



Denis Dyack at Silicon Knights

collaboration of researchers in digital humanities.

"It was the perfect storm," said Bridge. "Once we began our discussions, we discovered in setting up the minor that there were a lot of existing resources for a major."

Dyack, who made his first video game as a Brock undergrad, said the Silicon Knights "are the Camelot knights of the video gaming industry. We are trying to set new standards of quality and

intelligence in our games that simply have not been seen in the past."

Silicon Knights is currently partnered with Microsoft for an Xbox 360 trilogy called *Too Human*. The project has generated a loud buzz in the entertainment industry.

There is a natural link between humanities and technology, said Dyack, whose varsity wrestling career provided a good life lesson. ("It's a tough sport. I learned that when you lose, you get beat

up.") Technologically savvy employees, while important, only play one part in producing a thoughtful, compelling video game. Just as important, he said, are people with knowledge in storytelling, mythology, philosophy, film making and other artistic traditions.

Grant said of the IASC program: "This is clearly an area of media, communications and entertainment that is of particular interest to students now, and there is no doubt that interactive computer environments will supplant other media forms such as cinema in the future."

Added Mitterer: "Denis has created a knowledge-age company where lifelong learning is paramount. Brock is also knowledge-driven. While technology is important, the humanities play a key role in game design."

The curriculum addresses five conceptual areas in the domain of computer-based interactivity: storytelling, digital culture, media production, digital methods for the analysis of information, and computing.

The success of Silicon Knights has had a secondary impact on Brock — some of the University's graduates have been hired by the company. Dyack estimates 95 per cent of his employees, whose average age is about 25, are from Ontario. In keeping with the medieval theme, employees consider themselves to be members of a guild, not employees of a company.

"I'm always looking for people who have a long-term interest in staying in the Niagara area," said the St. Catharines native. "I plan to remain here because of all it has to offer."

## Brock grads veer left and right into politics

It's world of public service, election campaigns, back-room handlers, and endless meetings. The Brock graduates who inhabit this environment are career politicians and they often reside at opposite ends of the political spectrum.

Earlier this year, Rick Dykstra (BA, poli, '97) was elected to the House of Commons. The Conservative MP, who represents the riding of St. Catharines, defeated 13-year Liberal incumbent Walt Lastewka in a nail-biting vote count on election night.

Dykstra, who describes himself as a 'small c' Conservative, is no stranger to politics. He was a St. Catharines councillor from 1991 to 1997 and chaired the city's budget committee and library board. From 1997 to 2002, he spent one year as Management Board Secretariat, two years as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Community and Social Services, and two years as Director of Caucus and Public Relations for Ontario premiers Mike Harris and Ernie Eves.

Dykstra, who also holds a master's certificate in project management from the Schulich School of Business at York University, built Dykstra Owen Public Affairs from 2000 to 2004, a company focused on communications, strategic planning and public affairs.

He lists as his political achievements the successful shutting down of a strip bar in a residential neighbourhood and helping to

implement the Ontario Works Community Placement Program across the province.

Dykstra says the seminar system at Brock prepared him to defend his position on issues publicly and taught him how to listen to stronger and better arguments than he presented.

"Brock also gave me the research ability I have today and the confirmation that hard work will be rewarded," he adds.

Dykstra says many people had an influential impact on his life, including fellow student Paul Hamilton (BA, poli, '90), now a Political Science professor at Brock) and professors William Mathie, Bill Matheson, Leah Bradshaw and Dusan Kolundzic (BA, poli, '86; MA, poli, '89).

To the left of centre sits Kyle Rae (BA, hist, '76), first elected in 1991 as a Toronto city councillor. He has been elected or acclaimed in each subsequent election.

Rae entered Brock in July 1972 as part of the Grade 12 program. His political sense was honed at Brock when, in 1973, students occupied the President's Office over governance issues and tuition fees.

He has worked with many groups to maintain and enhance downtown Toronto communities and he is a staunch defender of established neighbourhoods. He has also helped to establish Business Improvement Areas and Heritage Conservation Districts.

Rae, who also holds master's degrees in history from the University of Birmingham and library sciences from

the University of Toronto, is openly gay, and prior to his involvement in municipal politics, he advocated on behalf of the gay and lesbian community and helped to found the annual Toronto Pride festival, one of the largest in the world. He also worked to have Toronto host the 16th World AIDS Conference in August this year.

The political advocate credits the small classes at Brock as offering a great opportunity for discourse and the exchange of opinion.

"Faculty conducted lectures and seminars, which gave us a greater degree of access to learned opinion," Rae says. "Challenging debate in class has served me well - 30 years after leaving Brock."

Two years working as a reference assistant in the James A. Gibson Library "was a great learning experience" and he says librarians Sylvia Osterbind and Janette Auer (BA, Fren/Span, '72; BA, clas, '99) and professors Bill Matheson, Carl Wolff and Alan Arthur, and Arthur's wife Virginia, were influential in his life.

One of his fondest memories of Brock has nothing to do with classes or politics but was an illuminating experience nonetheless.

"I'll never forget the fireflies that swarmed about the wooded pathway between the DeCew Residence and the lower campus on Glenridge Avenue."



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## 1982

**Ted Fransen** (BEd), assistant superintendent in Pembina Trails School Division, Winnipeg, Man., was elected by his peers to the position of President of the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) for the 2006-07 school year. He was also appointed by the provincial Minister of Health to his third term of service (concluding in 2009) on the Board of Directors of the Central Manitoba Regional Health Authority. Ted and wife Esther celebrated the arrival of their second granddaughter, Jayda Renae, on April 25, 2006.

## 1987

**John Ferguson** (BBE) is the first Canadian manager of Schneider National's Canadian operation.

## 1988

**Sandra Haynes-Paterson** (BA, adm/poli) has joined the human resources team at the University of Western Ontario in London as a Human Resources Consultant (Compensation).

## 1992

**Chris Jason** (BPhEd) and Colleen Taylor are owners of the new massage therapy clinic Lincoln InTouch on King Street in Vineland. Chris is a certified active release techniques provider. Active release techniques are soft tissue systems that treat problems with muscles, tendons, ligaments and nerves.

## 1998

**Cheryl Edwards** (BA, Engl) became this year's Niagara College recipient of the Governor General's Academic Medal with an average of 96.4 per cent. Cheryl is currently working as a personal support worker for Community Living of Lincoln and Grimsby.

## 2002

**Julia Gurr** (BA, chys) has joined the partners of Smith Neufeld Jodoin LLP as an articling student-at-law. She resides in Mitchell and is hoping to continue her community involvement in the Steinbach area.

## 2005

**Mark Squire** (BAcc) has successfully completed the Uniform Evaluation (UFE), a requirement for the Chartered Accountant designation.

## Births

**Cheryl (Mushynski) Andrews** (BA, Engl, '95), a daughter, Kennedy Eleanor, July 28, 2005.

**Katherine (McCaul) Ballantyne** (BA, hlst, '98), a son, Joshua, Feb. 14, 2006.

**Anthony Basson** (BA, geog/uest, '92), a son, Diego Andrew, May 23, 2006.

**Tiffany (Humphries) Boe** (BA, Engl, '06), a daughter, Amanda, May 5, 2006.

**Amanda Bradford-Janke** (BSc, neur, '00; MSc, biol, '03), a son, Nathan, Jan. 1, 2005.

**Jeffrey Cronkwright** (BA, soci, '97; BRLS, '00), a son, Benjamin Kenneth, Aug. 25, 2005.

**Adriana De Jong** (BKIN, '03), a daughter, Julia, Aug. 4, 2005.

**Angela (Pitman) Doan** (BA, chld, '94), a daughter, Carissa Lynn, Dec. 10, 2004.

**Christine Fiorini** (BA, poli, '95; BBA, '98), a daughter, Katherine, Oct. 30, 2005.

**Amanda (Betts) Fretz** (BA, chys, '06), a daughter, Samantha, April 4, 2006.

**Pierre Groenenboom** (BSc, biol, '99), a daughter, Jemima, May 2, 2005.

**Brian Guerriero** (BSc, biol/envp, '97) and **Christine (Collins) Guerriero** (BPhEd, '01), a son, Benjamin, Aug. 5, 2005.

**Tanja (Climenhaga) Henning** (BA, Fren/Span, '93), a daughter, Carolina-Silja, March 4, 2006.

**Michelle Janssens Ferreira** (BA, ling, '97) and **Sergio Ferreira** (BA, adm/econ, '97), a daughter, Olivia Anne, Nov. 30, 2005.

**Robyn (Jeanes) Kindle** (BRLS, '02), a son, Ian, Nov. 7, 2005.

**Andrea (Birdsey) Lawton** (BBA, '96), a daughter, Megan, Feb. 28, 2006.

**Joey Lee** (BA, econ/admi, '94), a son, Matthew Thomas, Nov. 8, 2005.

**Amanda (Coles) Leeming** (BA/BEd, '99) and **Craig Leeming** (BA, chys, '00), a daughter, Chelsea Elizabeth, May 9, 2006.

**Chantal (Banks) Leger** (BAcc, '98), a daughter, Olivia Noelle, Dec. 20, 2005.

**David Lighthouse** (BA, econ, '98), a son, Hugh, April 23, 2005.

**Paul Lyons** (BSc, 'aest, '06), a son, Julian, Aug. 18, 2005.

**Krista Mackechuk** (BAcc, '97), a son, Brady, April 6, 2006.

**Kristin (Heximer) Pisaric** (BSc/BEd, '96) and **Michael Pisaric** (BSc, geop, '94), a son, Brennan, Dec. 5, 2005.

**Sarah (Cuff) Pittman** (BPhEd, '00; BEd, '02) and **Ryan Pittman** (BPhEd, '00; BEd, '02), a son, Nolan, Nov. 30, 2005.

**Tanya (Czyzewski) Scheffrin** (BA, psyc, '97), a daughter, Lauren Rose, Feb. 10, 2006.

**Kari-Jane Simpson-Anderson** (BPhEd, '94; MEd, '99), a daughter, Maisey Elizabeth, Jan. 16, 2006.

**Kimberly Steenson Pankratz** (BA, adm/poli, '90), a son, Christopher Andrew, May 16, 2006.

**Judith Sutherland** (BA, hist/geog, '92), a son, Nathaniel Charles, June 8, 2006.

**Therese Thorne** (BA, csmc, '99), a daughter, Ingrid Andrea, Jan. 17, 2005.

**Christina Turner** (BA, wise/soci, '95) and **Mark Woodfield** (BA, chld, '94; BEd, '95), twin boys, Liam and Mick, April 5, 2006.

**Christopher Veillon** (BRLS, '97), a daughter, Layla, June 5, 2006.

**Ryan Villers** (BSc, cosc, '03), a son, Nolan Joseph, Aug. 31, 2005.

**Leanne (Bishop) Walker** (BA, psyc, '97), a daughter, Alexa Grace, March 30, 2006.

**Lee Warrell** (BSc, ersc, '99), a son, Dillon, March 30, 2006.

**Kenneth White** (BA, adm/geog, '91), granddaughter, Kaitlyn Rose Bennett, May 17, 2002 and grandson Matthew James Bennett, May 13, 2004.

**Thomas Wylie** (BACC, '98), a daughter, Emma, May 6, 2005.

## Marriages

**Karen Kerr** (BKIN, '03) and **Steve Babcock** (BA, chsc, '01), Jan. 4, 2005. Some of the Brock graduates who attended the wedding were: **Neil Sparrow** (BA, csbc, '00), **Liz Jordan** (BA, soci, '03), **Leslie Wells** (BA, chsc, '01), and **Jacqueline Elston** (BBA, '05).

**Adam Richardson** (BSc, btech, '99) and **Christy Ellert** (BA, hist, '98; BEd, '99), July 26, 2003.

## In Memoriam

**Charles Clarke Conroy** (BA, poli, '87), June 11, 2006.

**Vivian (Spallacci) Porto** (BEd, '85), December 2005.

**Michael Spironello** (BSc, biol, '00; MSc, '03), May 24, 2006.

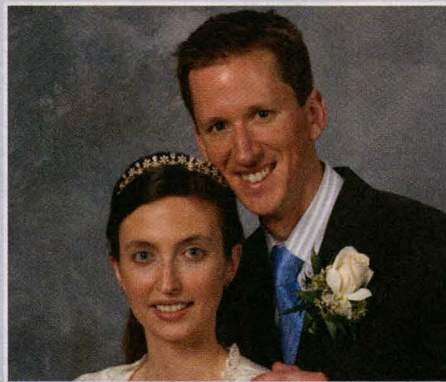
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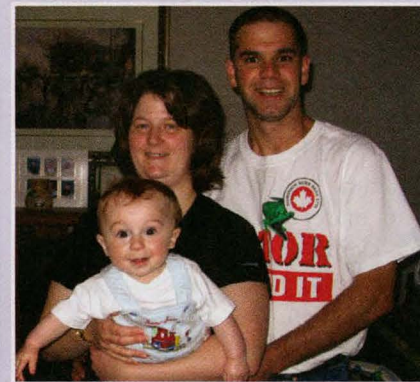
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Brett Bergie (BA, hist/poli, '01) and Beatrice Aucoin married May 2, 2006. Visit [www.brockpeople.ca](http://www.brockpeople.ca) for more details.



Bianca (Smith) Mueller (BA/BEd, '00) with husband Robert and son Benjamin Robert William who was born on October 8, 2005.



Chris Denholm (BAcc, '02) and Jennifer Mills (BAcc, '03), married June 4, 2005.



Jennifer (Lockyer) Frentz (BA, ling/pols, '03) and Steve Frentz, married Oct. 10, 2005.



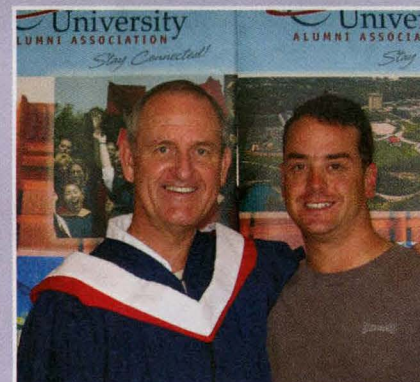
John Datsaris (BA, thea, '00) and Shelly Chagnon (BA, thea, '96), married June 5, 2005.



Leanne Bishop (BA, psyc, '97) and Dwayne Walker, married September 11, 2004.



Kyle Sadowsky (BBA, '99; BSM, '01) and Kelly Renton (BA/BEd, '98) married July 27, 2002.



Paul Brown (BA, poli, '69) with son Matthew Brown (BA, licd, '06). Paul graduated from the University of Waterloo with a MMSc in Management of Technology, Faculty of Engineering.



Fred Losani (BAdmin, '87) and team member Steve Stipsits, and other businessmen of the Hamilton and Burlington area, skied to their destination, the North Pole. The team's intentions are to raise \$500,000 for local charities that support programs for needy children, such as inner-city breakfast and music programs. For more information on the expedition and to make a contribution to the Top of the World for Kids, visit [www.topoftheworldforcharity.ca](http://www.topoftheworldforcharity.ca)



Sarah Cuff (BPhEd, '00; BEd, '02) and Ryan Pittman (BPhEd, '00; BEd, '02) were married on August 14, 2004. Brock Graduates in the wedding party are, left to right: Erin MacNeil (BSc, '00), Kevin MacKinnon (BRLS, '00), Katie Cuff (BPhEd, '01), Chris Rivait (BA, pcul, '02; BBA, '01), the bride Sarah Cuff (BPhEd, '00; BEd, '02), the groom Ryan Pittman (BPhEd, '00; BEd, '02), Lindsay (Lepp) Williams (BA, chys, '99; BEd, '00), Brent Pittman and Sarah Pittman, brother and sister of the groom.



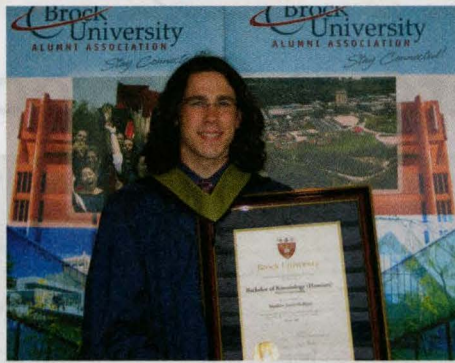
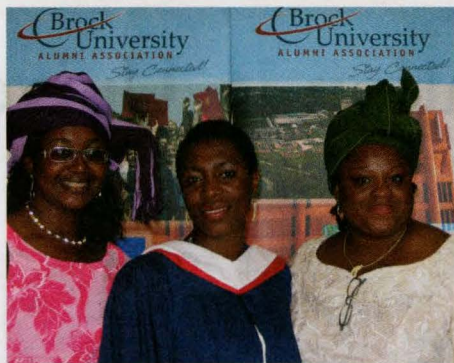
## Swing into action on Saturday, Sept. 16

Reserve your place now! The Annual Alumni Golf tournament is back by popular demand and is almost full. The tournament will return to the Links of Niagara at Willodell and once again will feature 18-holes of golf with cart, hot dog at the turn, dinner, prizes, and contest holes, including a chance to win \$10,000 in the hole-in-one contest.

The cost is \$340 per foursome (\$85 per golfer). Reserve your foursome by contacting the Brock University Alumni Association (BUAA) at the information below. Registration and sponsorship information is also available on the BUAA website at [brockalumni.ca](http://brockalumni.ca)

## Crawl through the '70s on Friday, Sept. 29

Celebrate the BUAA's 30th Anniversary by attending the inaugural Alumni Pub Crawl. The evening begins at 7 p.m. at Alphonse's Trough, the official venue for Brock's '70s decade reunion. Experience the glory days of Alphonse's with live music and '70s ambience. At 11 p.m., the party moves across campus to Isaac's, where alumni will be joined by current Brock students for a pub



Happy graduates and their families pose to have their photos taken at Spring Convocation in June by members of the Brock University Alumni Association. More than 200 photos were taken throughout the week. The pictures were free and were available to download online at [brockpeople.ca](http://brockpeople.ca)

night featuring live entertainment. Tickets are \$10 and include admission to both Alphonse's and Isaac's (before 11 p.m.), and a commemorative Alphonse's to Isaac's souvenir mug. Call the Centre for the Arts Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext 3257, for tickets.

## Annual General Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.

Join the BUAA Board of Directors for

brunch at the historic Keefer Mansion Inn in Thorold. Hear what your Alumni Association is doing for you as we recount the past year, present the year ahead, welcome new directors to the board and most importantly, thank all of our volunteers from the past year.

The event is free of charge, but RSVPs are requested to help with catering arrangements. To RSVP, contact BUAA.

## Call for Directors

The BUAA is now accepting nominations for members of the Board of Directors. Directors serve for three-year terms and are directly involved in all Alumni Association initiatives.

If you want to have an influence on alumni programming at Brock and help your fellow graduates stay connected to Brock, then this is your opportunity. Apply today by visiting [brockalumni.ca](http://brockalumni.ca).

## 30 From the Past 30 Award nominations

Do you know of an outstanding graduate? Why not nominate him or her for the BUAA's 30 From the Past 30 Awards? In 2006-2007, the BUAA will mark its 30th anniversary and as a special tribute, it will honour 30 graduates who best exemplify the Brock spirit through their scholarly, creative, humanitarian or professional achievements. Nomination forms can be found at [brockalumni.ca](http://brockalumni.ca) or by contacting the Alumni Association.

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## Business students recognized

In July, 74 Brock University students, graduates, faculty and honourees were inducted into a distinguished honours society that recognizes the top business students in the world.

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS), with more than 415 chapters and 520,000 members worldwide, acknowledges academic achievement in the study of business and fosters personal and professional excellence in the practice of business. In addition to the student inductions, two Chapter honourees were also recognized. Robert L. Neill (BSc, math, '75) and Archie Katzman were honoured for their achievements and their commitment to the Faculty of Business.

Neill became a Partner with Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants in 1982 and is currently Managing Partner of the Welland and Fort Erie offices and Chair of the Firm's Management Committee. He received the Distinguished

Alumni Award in 2003.

Katzman has been General Manager of the St. Catharines Club since 1996 and has achieved the distinction of making it the fastest-growing private club in Ontario for the past two years. He is also Vice-Chairman of the Niagara Parks Commission.

Membership in this honours society is offered only to the best business students: undergraduates completing third year in the top seven per cent of their class, and graduates ranking in the top 10 per cent of their undergraduate programs or top 20 per cent of their master's programs.

This year, Brock's Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter achieved a Canadian first. In March, the BGS Board of Governors selected Brock for Honorable Mention in the competition for Outstanding Chapter for 2006. This recognition places Brock within the top five out of 435 BGS chapters worldwide.

## Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre celebrates 25 years

Former and current lifeguards, instructors, students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to celebrate 25 years of Brock University's Aquatic Centre!

Free swimming will be available on Friday, Sept. 29, 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 30, 2 to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 1, 1 to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m., there will be a barbecue in the Walker Complex courtyard (minimal charge). Enjoy a social time with friends, family, faculty, staff and special guests, share memories, have something to eat, and help us celebrate with the cutting of a 25th anniversary cake.

For details, please contact Herb DeBray at [hdebray@brocku.ca](mailto:hdebray@brocku.ca)

## Did you attend Brock's Grade 12 program?

If so, we would like to hear from you. Several graduates have shown an interest in contacting their old friends and getting together at Brock Days. During the '60s and '70s, Brock did not have the technical ability to keep track of individual program cohorts. If you are interested in getting in touch with fellow

program participants and would like to be kept informed of future plans, contact Lynne Irion at [lynirion@brocku.ca](mailto:lynirion@brocku.ca) or call 905-688-5550, ext. 3251 or Ian Lowden (BA, psyc, '75), a Grade 12 participant in 1969, at [ian.lowden@shaw.ca](mailto:ian.lowden@shaw.ca)

## SPMA reunion set for October

Graduates from the department of Sport Management have expressed considerable interest in attending the 10th anniversary gala scheduled for mid-October.

Invitations were mailed out to 600 SPMA alumni in mid-July and event tickets went on sale at the Brock Centre for the Arts Box Office on July 4.

On Friday, Oct. 13, the annual Sport Management Symposium will be held, and several graduates have already committed to participating in the industry event, including Lindsay Crosby (BSM '99) of CIBC Run for the Cure; Steve Parish (BSM, '99) of Nike Canada; and Pat Gray (BSM, '01) of the Toronto Blue Jays.

This event is targeted to all current SPMA majors. Alumni who wish to participate are most welcome, and encouraged to contact Professor Cheri Bradish for more information at

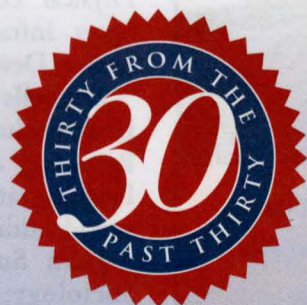
[cbradish@brocku.ca](mailto:cbradish@brocku.ca) or call 905-688-5550, ext. 4119.

A post-symposium social is also planned for the London Arms restaurant at the Pen Centre shopping mall.

Other events planned for the weekend include an SPMA Alumni Golf Tournament for Saturday, Oct. 14. Please contact Jess Dixon (BSM, '99) at [jdixon@sportmgt.umass.edu](mailto:jdixon@sportmgt.umass.edu) for more information and registration details.

The main event is a gala reception and dinner, planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Four Points Sheraton on the Schmon Parkway near Brock. For gala ticket purchase information, go to Brock's Box Office online at [www.arts.brocku.ca/buyonline.php](http://www.arts.brocku.ca/buyonline.php)

For general information, please contact Stephanie Brooks at [sbrooks@brocku.ca](mailto:sbrooks@brocku.ca) or Cheri Bradish at [cbradish@brocku.ca](mailto:cbradish@brocku.ca)



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# Brock holds largest Convocation in University's history

The most degrees ever conferred in Brock University's 42-year history took place at this year's Spring Convocation. An estimated 3,135 students received their degrees during the seven ceremonies, from June 5 to June 9.

Receiving the Governor General's Gold Medal for highest academic standing for a graduate degree was Rob Hawes (BA, chsc, '00; MSc, '05), an Applied Health Sciences master's graduate who will be pursuing a career in global health.

At three of the ceremonies, Brock awarded honorary degrees to Bernard J. Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner, Government of Canada; June Callwood, author, journalist and human rights activist; and Peter Herrndorf, President and CEO, National Arts Centre.

At the remaining four ceremonies, members of the Brock community extended congratulations and addressed graduating students. The speakers included Professor Emeritus Sybil Wilson (ENPC, '02), Professors Zopito Marini and Anna Lathrop (BPhEd, '78), and the University's former Director of Finance, John Zoccoli (BAdmin, '86).

The students receiving Dean's Medals were:

#### Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

- Honours Degree: Don-Paul D'Elia (BSM, '06) of Guelph, Ont. (Sports Management)
- Pass Degree: Katie Ego (BSM, '06) of Morriston, Ont. (Sports Management)



#### Faculty of Business

- Honours Degree: Iris Chan (BAcc, '06) of Toronto, Ont. (Accounting)

#### Faculty of Education

- Annette Schindler (BEd, '06) of Brantford, Ont. (Pre-service)

#### Faculty of Humanities

- Honours Degree: Julianne Tenhaaf (BA, spls, '06) of St. Catharines, Ont. (Applied Language Studies, Speech and Language Sciences)

- Pass Degree: Brianne DiAngelo (BA, Engl, '06) of St. Catharines, Ont. (English Language and Literature)

#### Faculty of Mathematics and Science

- Honours Degree: Thomas Farrar (BSc, mica, '06) of Grimsby, Ont. (MICA - Mathematics Integrated with Computing and Applications)

- Pass Degree: Melanie Zadorozny (BSc/BEd, '06) of St. Catharines, Ont. (Integrated Studies with a concentration in Biological Sciences, Concurrent Education)

#### Faculty of Social Sciences

- Honours Degree: Amar Shanghavi (BBE, '06) of Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania (Business Economics)
- Pass Degree: Stacey Ann Neil

(BA/BEd, '06) of St. Thomas, Ont. (Child and Youth Studies, Concurrent Education)

In addition, 46 students received Distinguished Graduating Student Awards for obtaining the highest average in their major.

## Brock researchers receive more than \$800,000

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) announced today funding totalling \$835,389 for 12 research projects at Brock, in areas that range from history and sociology to business and physical education.

"Brock's faculty continue to be innovators in their research and areas of scholarly activity," says Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President, Research and International Development. "These awards are a testament to their dedication to the teaching and learning environment of the University."

The following Brock researchers received funding:

**Sandra Bosacki**, Graduate and Undergraduate Studies in Education: The socio-emotional worlds of grade schoolers: Psychological understanding, self-conceptions, and peer relations: \$88,148

**Elspeth Cameron**, Department of English: Biography of Frances Loring and Florence Wyle: \$49,945

**David Fancy**, Department of Dramatic Arts: Theatre and the "Minoritarian": Immanence and Radical Democratic Performance: \$38,511

**Ellen Faulkner**, Department of Sociology: Making Hate Crime: A Study of Police Work: \$47,498

**Carolyn Hafer**, Department of Psychology: Conscious and Unconscious Basic World Beliefs: \$88,510

**Sahn-Wook Huh**, Department of Finance, Operations and Information: Systems Trading Activity, Liquidity, and Returns in the Stock Market: \$28,194

**Bonny Ibhawoh**, Department of History: Native Palavers, Imperial Justice: African Appeals before the British Privy Council 1860-1960: \$94,520

**Kelly Lockwood**, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, Sport Infrastructure and Long-Term Athlete Development: \$89,470

**Michelle McGinn**, Graduate and Undergraduate Studies in Education: Becoming social science researchers: Learning and enacting new practices and identities: \$95,465

**John Sorenson**, Department of Sociology: Representing Animals: Images, Advocacy and Exploitation in a Global Context: \$70,479

**Mark Spencer**, Department of History: David Hume: Historian: \$58,011

**Susan Tilley**, Graduate and Undergraduate Studies in Education: Research Ethics Boards and School District Research Review Procedures: Exploring the ethics review of school-based research: \$86,368

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