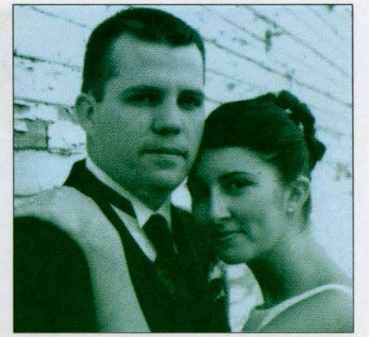
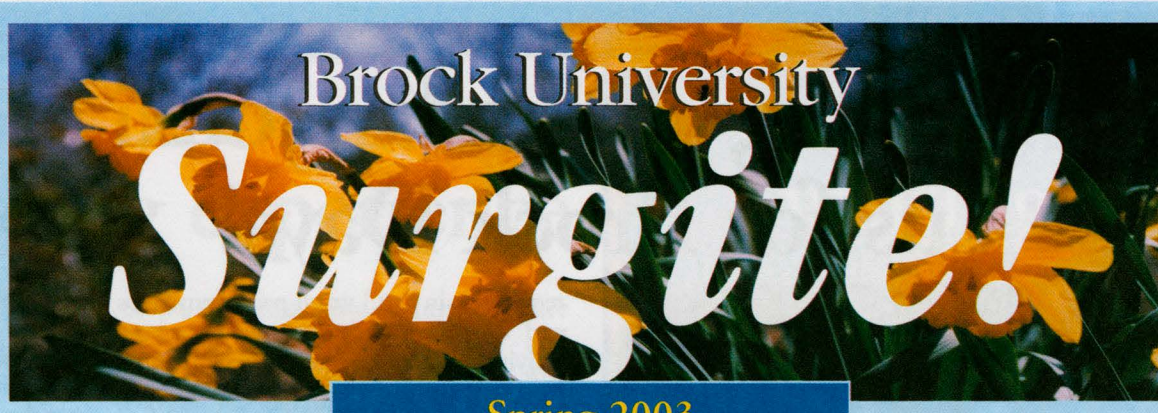




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A quarterly publication for graduates and friends of Brock University
Surgite! /sur-gi-tay/ Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

Sign on to brockpeople.ca today!

Now keeping in touch will be e-asy. On April 1, Brock officially launched brockpeople.ca — its new online community available to the more than 45,000 graduates of the University. "We are very excited to launch brockpeople.ca," says Christine Jones, Director, Development and Alumni Affairs. "The online community will bring many graduates together and provide an extraordinary opportunity for graduates to stay in touch with each other as they renew old friendships and meet new friends."

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 See page 5 for more details on accessing brockpeople.ca

To celebrate the new online community, grads who sign on will be eligible to win a trip for two to Provence, France, as part of a group tour organized by Brock's Continuing Education Edutravel program.

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Join us for Brock Days 2003

Mark your calendar for Brock Days 2003, to be held **September 26, 27 and 28**.

The third annual Community and Homecoming Celebration brings graduates, students, faculty, staff and the broader community together to showcase the best of Brock.

Once again, a variety of events are planned for people of all ages so be sure to bring the whole family.

Look for the summer issue of *Surgite!* for more information on the events.

In this issue of *Surgite!*, Brock grad Bill Rickers, the Chair of Brock Days, extends a personal invitation to grads to get involved in the celebration. **Read the Forum column on page 2.**

Badgers win CIS wrestling title

In front of a home crowd of over 1,000 in the Bob Davis Gymnasium, the Brock University Badgers men's wrestling team captured their Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) record-breaking eighth team title including their fifth straight.

The wrestling title was the eighth championship for Brock Athletics this season.

See story on page 8.

For more information on Brock athletics, go to www.brocku.ca/athletics/

Applications skyrocket – double cohort is on its way

Brock University is already experiencing the impact of the double cohort with its highest enrolment ever this year and an unprecedented number of applications for September.

With preparations in place to accommodate 4,100 first-year students in September, Brock experienced the second highest percentage increase among all Ontario universities in applications from secondary school students for the 2003-04 academic year.

Application figures show a 138.8 per cent increase in high school students applying to Brock for full-time studies beginning in September 2003, compared to an overall system average increase of 84.3 per cent. Brock has received a total of 27,557 applications for September 2003, compared to last year's 11,540.

"These figures demonstrate Brock's growing reputation as an institution that is committed to student success and to the highest standards of academic excellence," said University President David Atkinson.

"On a percentage basis, Brock is increasing its intake of secondary school students more than any other university in Ontario," Atkinson said. "We will continue to work with the provincial Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to ensure a place in an Ontario university for every qualified student."

Brock has been one of the leaders in the growth of applications for the past decade.

First-choice applications to Brock totalled 5,310, an increase of 86 per cent from the previous year's 2,854. The overall average increase of first-choice applications to all Ontario universities



The Computer Commons in Scotiabank Hall is part of Brock's \$100 million investment in new facilities.

for the upcoming academic year totalled 46.7 per cent.

Since 1998, Brock has planned for the double cohort — the final year of the five-year high school program and the first class of the new four-year curriculum. The University is recruiting new faculty members and has also expanded its academic and physical facilities. Brock has invested about \$100 million in new academic and classroom space, new technology, a food court, student residences and recreational facilities for students and the community.

Among the immediate plans for campus growth is a new 310-bed Arnie Lowenberger student residence that is currently under construction and is scheduled to open at the southwest corner of the campus for the 2003-04 academic year.

The University also has signed a 10-year lease agreement with Lupine Properties Limited, of London, to manage Quarry View Residence, a townhouse-style complex for 290 students, located across the street from the Brock campus. Quarry View Residence is scheduled to open for fall 2003. The University will manage the 80-unit complex of two-, three- and four-bedroom furnished units as part of its award-winning residence program.

Additional office and seminar space is being provided as part of a leasing agreement to utilize new buildings across from the Brock campus on Glenridge Avenue.

Brock has also submitted a project proposal for the new SuperBuild competition. The project involves the construction of a new bookstore, classrooms and office space.

This chart provides examples of the University's growth over the past several years.

	98/99	02/03
Part-time Students	3,944	4,659
Full-time Students	6,509	8,470
Total Students	10,453	13,129
Full-time Faculty	324	435
Permanent Staff	492	620
Residence Accommodation	1,620	2,413
Total Graduates	35,843	45,310
Total Degrees Awarded	40,221	49,939
Total Certificates Awarded	472	689
Total Square Feet of Campus Facilities	115,226	337,549
Total Lecture Seats	2,750	4,432

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Bill Rickers, centre, with Boomer the Badger and Sir Isaac Brock at the kickoff celebration for Brock Days! 2002.

By William Rickers (BA, indp, '77)

Over the past several years, I've had the opportunity to volunteer at the University.

The time that I have committed to Brock, since graduating in 1977, has been personally rewarding, particularly my most recent involvement as the Chair of the planning committee for the annual Brock Days Celebration.

Now in its third year, this Community and Homecoming event is quickly becoming an important tradition at Brock. Once again this September, we look forward to seeing graduates come back to campus and, along with faculty, staff, students and the broader community, enjoy activities and events for people of all ages.

It has been gratifying for me to be part of something that helps to enhance the affinity that grads have for Brock. My connection to the University has only gotten stronger since my student days.

My life as a student at Brock was not

remarkable in that I wasn't part of any clubs and I didn't participate in many school activities. I chose to attend Brock because it seemed the financially responsible thing to do. I lived in St. Catharines and I had no specific career plans. My parents insisted that I attend university.

My typical school day began on campus with a lecture at 9 a.m., and often I'd have another three-hour lecture scheduled from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. I managed to fill in the time by scheduling seminars, studying in the library, working out in the gym, and, there was always time for a social call to Alphonse's. Even though I lived in St. Catharines, I would stay at the University most days because the campus was a comfortable place for me to be.

After graduating with my BA, I had the opportunity to work full-time and take classes at Brock in the evening with the goal of becoming a chartered accountant. During the five years that I studied part time, I gained a much greater appreciation for Brock and the vision and determination of the founders of the University. Niagara is fortunate to have Brock as part of its community.

A few years ago I met Tom Arkell, Brock's Director of Community, Extension and Conference Services. We would often discuss ideas that would encourage the local community and graduates to interact more with the University.

Before long, the concept of Brock Days emerged — a bigger and better Brock Homecoming, with faculty, staff, students, graduates and the larger community participating in the celebration to be held

in September in conjunction with the annual Niagara Wine Festival.

This year, the Brock Days planning committee is asking grads for their input on the kind of events they would like to see as part of Brock Days.

The University also would like feedback on other opportunities to bring grads back to campus throughout the year. We hope you will take the time to answer a few questions that are posted on brockpeople.ca — the University's newly launched online community.

Brock Days and the online community serve as good examples of how the University is reaching out to graduates. But, it's also up to grads to take the initiative to get involved with the University. Whether attending a performance at the Centre for the Arts, working out at the Walker Athletic Complex, attending Brock Days, taking a course, using the library, or, simply walking around the campus, I hope that you can find a reason to visit the campus.

If you have the opportunity to volunteer at the University in some capacity, I would ask that you consider it. Volunteering has allowed me to see the excellence and commitment of the administration and faculty, and to be inspired by the enthusiasm and capabilities of our students, and our graduates.

It has made me even more proud to say that I am a graduate of Brock University.

brockpeople.ca
 Go to www.brockpeople.ca
 and tell us what events you'd like to see included in this year's Brock Days celebration!

U.S.-based professor to pursue research in youth and wellness at Brock

An Ohio-based health research professor will be relocating to Brock University to pursue research in youth and wellness as the University's third recipient of a Canada Research Chair.

The University will receive \$500,000 over five years in support of the Canada Research Chairs Program as well as an infrastructure grant worth \$54,000 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and a matching \$54,000 grant from the Ontario Innovation Trust. The University and private sector partners will also fund the research.

As Canada Research Chair in Youth and Wellness, Professor Terrance Wade, who is originally from Calgary, Alta., will examine whether risks experienced by children cascade to create youths who are less resilient or more



Terrance Wade

susceptible to a broad array of adverse outcomes related to health, delinquency, substance use and scholastic performance.

"Professor Wade's background, skills and ability will fit in nicely with the exceptional team of faculty members who make up Brock's Department of Community Health Sciences," said John Corlett, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences. "We are extremely pleased that Professor Wade is joining Brock and returning to Canada. His arrival will provide exciting opportunities for the University to further strengthen its position as a major research centre."

Wade, who comes to Brock from the

University of Cincinnati, will employ a multi-disciplinary perspective to investigate the social and structural determinants in the development of resiliency among children and the trajectories that lead to a variety of childhood and adolescent outcomes. He will examine children from infancy to adolescence with the intention of tracing the pathways on which children are placed at an early age, and identifying the contextual factors that alter these trajectories, resulting in either positive or negative outcomes. These factors may include the family, school, neighbourhood and peer networks.

Wade foresees that his research program will have both academic and social policy relevance. In addition to advancing the understanding of the complex

relationships between various social, structural and developmental processes, his research will assist policy makers in allocating financial resources to programs with demonstrable results.

Wade's work is widely published in leading health research journals. He has made more than 50 presentations at national and international scientific conferences, has reviewed numerous journals and was the recipient of the 1998 American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Mental Health Award for Best Dissertation. He has been the principal or co-investigator on several research grants on child health and behaviour.

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

Brock creates institute for youth research

Almost three dozen professors at Brock University have joined together to create a new research institute with a focus on youth studies that will serve the needs of Niagara and Canada.

The Brock Research Institute for Youth Studies (BRIYS), the only one of its kind in Ontario, brings together a combined total of more than \$4 million in research funding. The BRIYS involves multidisciplinary alliances among 34 professors from five academic faculties at Brock, including social sciences, business, humanities, applied health sciences and education. Niagara community members are also involved in the BRIYS.

The research targets youth from birth to late 20s and focuses on areas such as resilience, lifestyle choices, media, aggression, gambling, smoking and literacy. This research involves extensive partnerships with Niagara school boards, recreation associations, youth agencies,

public health and the police service.

"The Brock Research Institute for Youth Studies provides faculty with an exciting opportunity for multidisciplinary collaboration on issues related to youth while advancing scientific knowledge in this important field," said Dr. Jack Miller, Associate Vice-President of Research, and Dean of Graduate Studies, at Brock. "This initiative will serve as a vital link between the University and the community and will have a direct impact on shaping policy and program development for youth across the country."

The creation of the BRIYS follows several years of extensive research by Brock faculty on youth-related issues. Two research groups at the University were recently awarded additional provincial and national grants to continue research in resilience and youth lifestyle choices as well as in

youth gambling.

The Youth-Lifestyle Choices — Community University Research Alliance (YLC-CURA), a strategic partnership between 15 faculty at Brock and 34 youth-serving Niagara agencies that focus on better understanding resilience and youth lifestyle choices, was awarded an additional \$400,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). In total, YLC-CURA has received \$1.4 million in grant funding since it was formed only three years ago.

The Youth Gambling Research Group (YGRG) at Brock was awarded more than \$350,000 from the Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre for two new projects examining factors that predict youth gambling problems. This research group is a joint initiative of the Brock University Wellness Institute and

the Niagara Alcohol and Drug Assessment Service's Problem Gambling Program.

The BRIYS is located on Glenridge Avenue in St. Catharines, next to the Shaver Hospital and across the street from the Brock campus.

Correction:

Graduates are invited to take advantage of the Canadian Tire Auto Club special membership offer at specialoffers.brocku.ca. The link was incorrectly published in the winter issue of *Surgite!* The Brock University membership offer is available to graduates, students, faculty, staff and friends of the University. Memberships can also be arranged by calling toll free 1-800-893-2582. Ask for Operator #175.

Internship in Ukraine was rewarding experience

By **Bohdanna Diduch**
BA, *pols/hist*, '01; MA, *pols*, '02

I completed my MA in Political Science (International Relations) in August 2002, and a month afterwards I left for Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, for a six-and-a-half month internship at the Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies. The internship is organized by the Canadian Bureau for International Education and is sponsored by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

My experience on the internship in Ukraine has been both challenging and rewarding. By working at the Centre, which is Ukraine's leading non-governmental organization (NGO) think tank, I have gained primary knowledge about contemporary political, social and

economic issues in the country, and have had the opportunity to see and understand first hand how and why Ukraine has had difficulty in entrenching the values and principles of democracy within its state structure.

My experience in Ukraine has given me the opportunity to follow up on my MA research, which focused on the process of democratization in Ukraine. I have seen with my own eyes what once I only read about on paper — a new country, plagued with many remnants of the Soviet Union, struggling to establish sovereignty for the first time in centuries. Sadly, I have realized that the process is very slow and the country is in a dangerous state of stagnation, especially in terms of protecting basic human rights. However, this experience has also given me guidance in my future career plans, which will most likely include pursuing a PhD in International Relations focusing on the promotion of global human rights.

Continuing Education introduces new courses

Brock grad Judith Marquis (BEd, '94; BA, VISA, '95) is one of a number of graduates now teaching Continuing Education, non-credit courses.

"I have always been a believer in life-long learning and am so happy to be part of the Continuing Education program at Brock University," says Marquis, who is also a part-time teacher in the Department of Visual Arts (School of Fine and Performing Arts).

Marquis will be instructing a new course this spring, entitled Niagara in Paint: "Picturing" the Landscape. Designed for novice and experienced painters alike, participants will visit and paint scenes of picturesque areas in Niagara including Queenston Heights, Niagara-on-the-Lake

and DeCew Falls.

Other new courses to be offered in the spring/summer session include Creating English Gardens, Mountain Biking for Women and Dream Interpretation, just to name a few.

After last year's success, Continuing Education is bringing back Campus Adventures, a camp for grandparents and grandchildren, to be held in August. Once again, the week-long camp will feature a science-related theme.

For information on all Continuing Education spring/summer non-credit courses or camp programs, contact Wendy Laslo, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775, or go to www.brocku.ca/conted

Brock Accounting graduates on top of their profession

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 50 of its graduates successfully completed the 2002 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.

"The University is extremely proud of its graduates for achieving such a high standard of excellence," said Don Cyr, Associate Dean in the Faculty of Business. "We look forward to seeing 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."

Brock would like to congratulate the following graduates:

Rosario Almeyda, Hamilton; **Andrea Beaman**, St. Catharines; **Trevor Bender**, Tavistock; **Leo Borgatti**, Toronto; **Anthony Busija**, Stoney Creek; **Sarah Coulson**, Burlington; **James Dainard**, Kitchener; **Angelo Di Paolo**, Newmarket; **Melissa Durward**,

Little Britain; **Kelly Dykstra**, St. Catharines; **Jonathan Farrar**, Grimsby; **Anthony Ferko**, Hamilton; **Luigi Finelli**, Niagara Falls; **Ian Fitzpatrick**, Sudbury; **Jason Fortuna**, Toronto; **Lindsay Franklin**, Newmarket; **Jonathan Garec**, Welland; **Andrew Glavin**, Crediton; **Kelly Graybiel**, Niagara Falls; **Patrick Ho**, Oakville; **Rachel Hughes**, Oshawa; **Wasif Hussain**, Mississauga; **Carolyn Jeyaseelan**, Hamilton; **Hao-Chi Khuu**, Markham; **Joseph Krizmanic**, Grimsby; **Nadia Lafergola**, St. Catharines; **Samuel Lariccia**, Welland; **Christopher Lavell**, St. Catharines; **Christopher Lazarz**, Thorold; **Grace Lee**, Toronto; **David MacAlpine**, Niagara Falls; **Matthew Magill**, Oshawa; **Marcia Mastrangelo**, Oshawa; **Rosetta Matozzo**, Burlington; **Kelly Mireault**, Toronto; **Paulina Paplinski**, Mississauga; **Martin Perko**, Mississauga; **Corey Philp**, Toronto; **Stephen Sakes**, Grimsby; **Darren Salmond**, Stoney Creek; **Kelly Schwartz**, Welland; **Marcus Sconci**, Mississauga; **Shannon Stewart**, Collingwood; **Soheil Talebizadeh**, North York; **Shawn Taylor**, Alliston; **John Twiddy**, North York; **Domenico Umbrello**, Stoney Creek; **Jeffrey Van Kessel**, Manilla; **Marco Vetrone**, Niagara Falls; **Gerald Wilton**, St. Catharines.

A unique vacation is waiting for you!



Edutravellers enjoyed a tour of Tuscany last year.

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Here is an opportunity for Brock grads to enjoy a unique vacation experience.

As part of Brock's growing Continuing Education initiatives, the University has some exciting destinations planned for its Edutravel program. Following the success of last year's inaugural program to Tuscany, Edutravel has trips planned for Scotland, France, Newfoundland and Manitoulin Island.

"Edutravel is designed so that you can get the most out of your travels by learning about the people and places throughout the tour," says Wendy Laslo, Marketing Coordinator, Continuing Education. "We focus on smaller geographical areas so that Edutravellers can really get to know their destination. From tours of museums and art galleries, to cooking classes and tastings, we provide our travellers with a fascinating journey that is rich in culture and filled with new experiences."

All of the Edutravel programs involve three pre-trip lectures/presentations delivered by the Brock University expert who will accompany the group

on its travel adventure.

Along with the Tour Operator, your Brock expert will team up with local guides to provide authentic learning experiences.

Janet Devine, of Niagara Falls, Ont., enjoyed last year's trip to Tuscany so much that she has already signed up for the Edutravel program to France, scheduled for October and featuring a Provence walking tour.

"From the moment that you attend your first information session on Brock Edutravel, you know that you are in for something special," says Devine. "I have many wonderful memories of Tuscany. From looking at the Provence itinerary, this trip is going to be another fabulous learning experience."

Edutravel programs range in length from five to 10 days and include all hotel accommodations, most meals, tours, activities and lectures.

To find out more about upcoming Edutravel adventures, go to: www.brocku.ca/conted/edutavel or contact Wendy Laslo, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775, e-mail: wlaslo@brocku.ca

Be the lucky Brock graduate to win two tickets for the Edutravel group tour to beautiful Provence, France, in October. See contest details on Page 5.

Brock grad appointed Registrar



Barb Anderson

Brock University is pleased to announce the appointment of Barb Anderson as Brock's new Registrar, effective immediately.

Prior to this appointment, Anderson was Deputy Registrar and is also a former Director of Admissions at Brock. She is a Brock graduate who has an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration.

Among the areas the Registrar oversees are: admissions, student records and registration, academic advising, examination and classroom scheduling, and the undergraduate calendar and other publications.

The University also announced two other appointments, effective immediately, as part of a restructuring in the Office of the Registrar. Kevin J. Kiss, who was the Associate Registrar in charge of academic records, has been appointed Deputy Registrar. Michelle Lea, a former Assistant Director in the Department of Recruitment and Liaison, is the new

Director, Admissions and Recruitment. Both Kiss and Lea are Brock graduates.

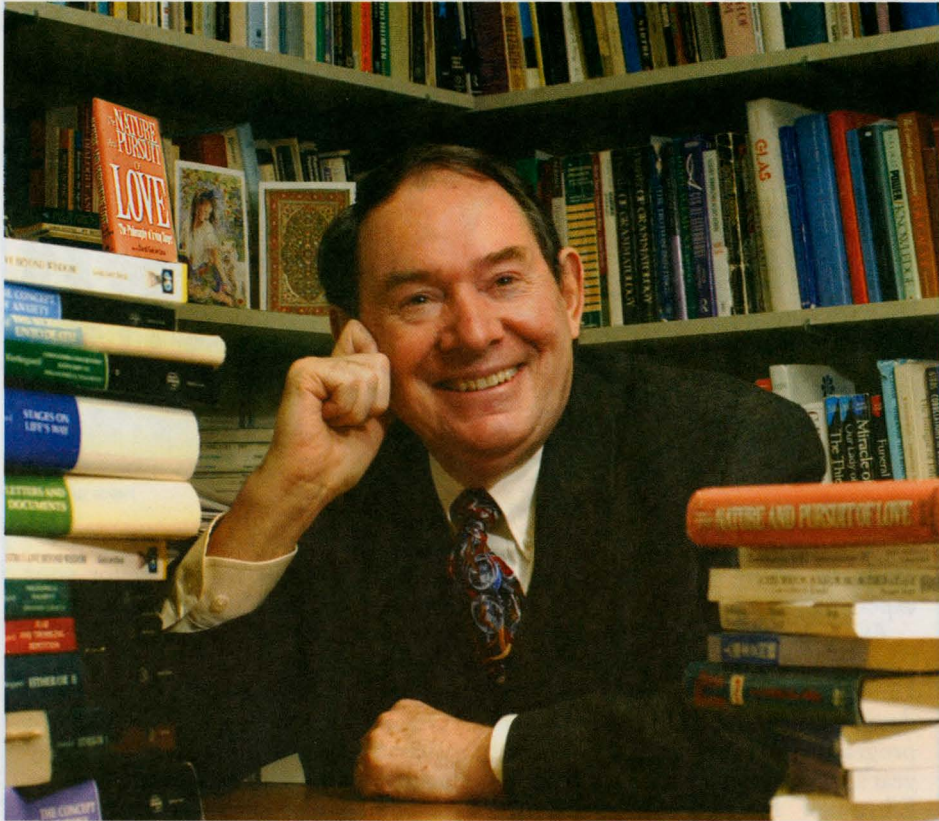
"The University is most fortunate to have such fine people continuing their professional careers at Brock," says Dr. Terry Boak, Vice-President Academic and Provost. "They will bring to their new roles a wealth of experience in working with students and faculty that will be of great service to the University."

Anderson began her career at Brock in 1983 as a Recruitment/Liaison Officer in the Office of External Relations. She joined the Registrar's Office in October 1995 as the Assistant Registrar, Student Academic Services. Since 1999, she has actively served on the Executive of the Ontario Universities Council on Admissions.

"This is an exciting time at Brock as we experience the highest enrolment in the history of the University," says Anderson. "As Registrar, I am committed to ensuring that the Registrar's Office provides excellent services to meet the growing needs of our students."

Anderson moves into this position following the departure of Rob Tiffin, Associate Vice-President, Student Services and Registrar, in January.

Conference will celebrate career of retiring Brock professor



Dr. David Goicoechea will retire after 35 years at Brock.

Brock philosophy students, past and present, and friends of philosophy at Brock are invited to be part of a special tribute to Philosophy Professor Dr. David Goicoechea as he retires after 35 years at the University.

The Brock Philosophical Society will celebrate his career with a Conference on Love and Personal Growth, to be held June 18 to 21, at the Brock campus and with a banquet to be held on Saturday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$35 per person.

The conference will focus on issues and questions of philosophy as they have been perceived and reflected upon over the years by Goicoechea. Former students and friends have been invited to participate in this conference from across Canada, the United States and Europe.

"I think the conference will be a

significant philosophical event and I look forward to bringing our philosophical community together," says Goicoechea who has helped organize as many as 50 conferences at Brock. "As we look back at the first 40 years of loving wisdom at Brock, we can reflect upon where we have been and where we need to go."

Goicoechea began teaching at Brock in September of 1967. He was introduced to a program that offered faculty and students the opportunity of studying philosophy together, both comparatively and historically.

"The existential nature of Brock's program, emphasizing the ethical and religious dimensions of philosophy, both East and West, has taken students into the spiritual exercises of living philosophically," he adds.

When asked, Goicoechea estimated that he has taught 10,000 students, and has

taught about 300 great texts. He has given about 100 papers and written three books. He describes his teaching career as being given "the gift and the task to work with students in terms of helping them to get further into the love of wisdom and the wisdom of love."

Goicoechea also has valued the interdisciplinary nature of the program which has attracted support and participation of faculty from across campus and from University administrators.

"All of my teaching is part of my research," he says. "I'm learning all the time with my students and my colleagues. Teaching at Brock has opened me to many new philosophies. Basically, I have been as much a student as a teacher."

He leaves Brock to pursue a major writing project — Millennial Meditations — a series of 15 books that will focus on 2,000 years of Christian love. It will include such themes as personhood, the law, and science, and work comparatively with other forms of love such as eros, amour, Karuna, Bhakti and Jen.

"I see my whole career as getting me ready for this big project," he says.

More details about the conference, including accommodation information, is available by contacting the Brock Philosophical Society, c/o Irene Cherrington, Department of Philosophy, 905-688-5550, ext. 3315 or by e-mail: kimber@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

As another tribute to Goicoechea, The Brock Philosophical Society has arranged for a student scholarship to be established by the University in his name. Anyone wishing to contribute to this scholarship fund can do so by writing a cheque payable to "Brock University" with reference to the Goicoechea Scholarship and mailing it to The Office of External Relations, c/o Christine Jones, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario L2S 3A1. For those wishing to use a credit card or other payment method, a pledge form can be downloaded at www.brocku.ca/extrel/develop/ and sent to the above address. Donations over \$10 will be tax receipted.

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Brockpeople.ca provides grads with access to an Alumni Directory, Business Directory, links to news and events at the University, and special offers to products and services made available through Brock's alumni partnerships. As well, Brockpeople.ca provides grads with a permanent e-mail forwarding address. A log-in and password is required from grads to access the site as part of the measures to ensure privacy and security.

Development of the site has taken more than a year and has involved the Office of External Relations, Brock's Web Development team of upper-year students, and Courtois & Mather Creative, a Niagara-area marketing firm.

"The marketing research was an exacting and arduous process," says Luc Courtois, President of Courtois & Mather Creative. "The University was focused on delivering a platform for graduates to use as their community and to foster interaction between and amongst graduates. What Brock has developed is head and shoulders above the rest. We know the graduates will get a lot of use out of brockpeople.ca."

The University would like to thank all those who participated in the successful test launch late last year. Of the 1,400 grads who were invited to be part of the test, 70 per cent signed on and are using the site to search for and contact old friends, post news and snapshots, update profiles and to keep in touch. This group also provided very helpful feedback on the kind of functions and features that were most important to them as part of an online community.

"The input from grads involved in the test launch has been very helpful to us in preparing an online community that will best serve Brock and its growing number of graduates," adds Jones. "We invite all of our grads to log on and find out how easy it is to be part of this growing community of friends."

News and Events from the Brock University Alumni Association

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BEERS OF THE WORLD

Enjoying Beers of the World, from left, Tom Hopkins, Chris Willsher, Greg Tait, Kiron Ghosh, Dave Ross, Kevin Cassibo, Neil Klages and Fraser Lemon; at front is Jeff Popple.



BROCK AT THE ROCK

Rooting for the Rock were, from left, Steve Kerry, Chris Lemieux, Julie Fay, Eric Augustini, Warren Dixon, Derrick Osborn, Cari Crichton, Chris "Tubby" O'Toole, and Brendan Carlin.



PARLIAMENT HILL RECEPTION

Laura Dazzle, Jessie Droeske, Michael Shuker, Suzannah Krack and Jevone Nicholas.

Beers of the World

Good friends, tasty food, great beer and a few door prizes were a successful combination as 60 graduates and friends enjoyed Beers of the World, held at Alphi's, on February 8. Dr. Mary Frances Richardson, a Professor of Chemistry at Brock, facilitated an informative tasting session. In addition to strong support by the current members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the evening attracted a significant number of "first-time" participants to alumni events, including many grads who had travelled for two to three hours to reconnect with old friends.

Cuvée Silent Auction

The Brock University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Ontario Wine Council and the Office of External Relations, coordinated this year's silent auction, during Cuvée, held February 28, in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Over 35 wineries contributed some of their finest products for this event which raised over \$4,300. Proceeds from the auction were donated by the Alumni Association to Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) for their scholarship program.

Network Events

Brock at the Rock!

Brock graduates invaded the Air Canada Centre, on January 24, to watch the Toronto Rock beat the Buffalo Bandits in exciting world lacrosse action. There were 59 guests at this Toronto Network event which included a pre-game gathering at the Loose Moose and the great social atmosphere of the gondola box high above the action. Special thanks to Brock grads Chris Lemieux and Derrick Osborn for coordinating the advertising and ticket sales.

Bromac Challenge

Brock grads John and Janice Klassen were at courtside on February 5, in Hamilton, for the annual Bromac Challenge between the Brock and McMaster varsity basketball teams. The Klassens have sponsored the annual event since the 1999/2000 athletic season. With this year's final match of the two-game challenge at McMaster, it was an opportunity to invite Hamilton-area grads to attend the game and a Hamilton Network reception, held between the men's and women's games.

Parliament Hill Reception

More than 40 Ottawa-area graduates recently enjoyed a reception and tour of Parliament Hill, hosted by the Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House, on February 17. Brock President David Atkinson also attended the event which was held in conjunction with the Flag Day celebrations in Ottawa. This is the fourth year that Brock has held an Ottawa Network reception on Parliament Hill. To view other photos from the event, go to www.scheltema.ca/alumnievent

Upcoming Alumni Events

Food and Wine pairings: Friday, April 25, 7 - 9 p.m., Pond Inlet

Wine and food matching isn't rocket science. Come and learn a simple but sure strategy that takes the mystery out of pairing and puts the pleasure in. Join Dr. Linda Bramble, of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), and learn while you sip and taste. Discover how you can drink any wine with any food and love the match. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

Alumni Reconnections: Wednesday, May 7, 4 - 8 p.m., Pond Inlet

This exciting business event will provide an opportunity for graduates to profile their business ventures and for those attending the event to network and reconnect with fellow Brock graduates, staff, and faculty. The event will begin with a presentation by Brock Professor Ann Marie Guilmette at 4 p.m., vendor displays from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a networking reception with refreshments and a cash bar. Vendors must be Brock graduates. Vendors interested in participating should contact Richard Knabenschuh, Event Chair, by phone at 905-682-7722 or by e-mail at rknabenschuh@cogeco.ca

Some of the early vendor registrants are:

- The Financial Alliance Group – Richard Knabenschuh, Rob Pennetta
- Jostens – Heather Cairnie
- Lakeside Landscape – Dave Heyink
- Mailboxes Etc. – Pat Gaetano
- Roulston Financial – Bradley Roulston
- Runner's Choice – Dave Picton
- Windcheaters Promotions – Jeff Dockeray
- Unrau Consulting – Resa Unrau
- Niagara Nature Tours – Carla Carlson
- Faculty of Business – MBA program

A detailed listing of vendors is posted on www.brockalumni.ca

Come and enjoy the evening while supporting fellow alumni! Admittance is free.

Summer Men's Golf League: Tuesday nights, April 15 to September 23

The Alumni Association will be organizing a weekly golf league at the Royal Niagara Golf Course on Tuesday nights. Both graduates and friends are invited to participate. Information is available through royalniagamensnight@hotmail.com

For more Alumni Association news, go to: www.brockalumni.ca



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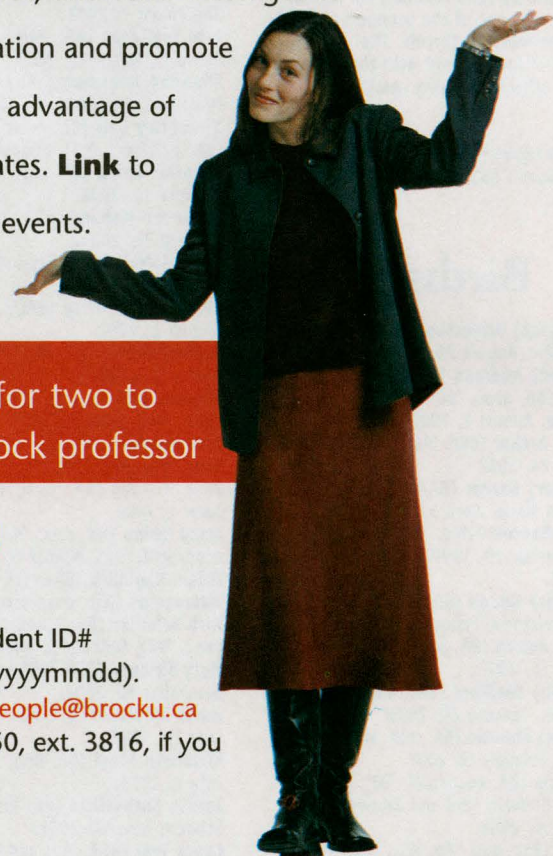
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1974

Ingrid (Buffi) Hearn (BA, dram/Engl; BEd, '75) is a published author who, after surveying hundreds of student teachers, decided to share a part of herself with others and give back. Over 20 chapters make up her book *My "Teacher" Life: Why make your own Mistakes when you can learn from Mine?* For more information or to preview the book please see www.myteacherlife.com

Mike McNiven (BA, geog/psyc) and wife Cathy recently became first-time grandparents to a beautiful granddaughter, Devyn Gabrielle. Mike retired in June 2002 and now has plenty of time to spoil his granddaughter and enjoy a lot of golf.

1975

Greg Blair (BSc, math), from May 1997 to August 1999, sailed from Toronto to Australia in a small 37 ft. sailboat. His route included stops at New York, Florida, Bahamas, Panama, Coco Island, Galapagos, French Polynesia, Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane Cairns. This April, Greg plans to sail the boat from Florida back to Toronto.

1978

Michael Somerville (BA, pol; MEd, '92) was recently appointed Executive Director of the Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre Foundation.

1981

Darren Cannell (BPhEd; BEd, '82) has created a Web site and he would like to share some of his expertise with the Brock communities. He speaks at many international, national and provincial conferences about our cyber school. Darren's Web site is <http://www.scs.sk.ca/cyber/darren/website/index.htm>

1991

James Rockwood (BSc, geop) moved to B.C. in March 1992, married in May 1995 and has three beautiful children, Emma, Cara and Cassius. He is a Forester with the Abitibi Consolidated Company of Canada, Mackenzie Division. James and his family will be moving back to Ontario in Spring 2003. He would love to hear from any of the nasty crew with whom he used to run. James may be contacted by e-mail: clej_steinholtz@hotmail.com.

1994

Bunny MacFarlane (BA, Fren/psyc) received the Chartered Mediator Designation in August 2002. **Jevone Nicholas** (BBA) graduated in June 2002 with a Masters of Business Administration at McGill University.

Mark Woodfield (BA, chld; BEd, '95) received the ETFO Waterloo Region Alexander Fleming Award and the Barnday Teacher of Excellence Award in 2001.

1995

Greg Brown (BRLS), and wife **Krysia (Matoga) Brown** (BA, poli/envp, '96) are expecting their second child in March 2003. A brother or sister for Connor, 20 months old. They would like to say hello to all past fellow students.

1999

Hugh Hasan (BBA) moved to a new position within Sears Canada Inc's Finance department as a Business Analyst. Currently assigned to the PSoft 8.4 Implementation team as the Lead for Application Security.

George Kodatsky (BA, Cana/poli) was presented the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for his significant contribution to his community, fellow citizens and Canada. The Golden Jubilee Medal is part of Canada's Honours System which was established in 1967. This medal was presented in Wainfleet, Ontario by John Maloney, MP for Erie-Lincoln. George was one of the youngest recipients of the medal in Canada. The citation listed his years of involvement with the Scouting movement and other community service.

2002

Ryan McCallum (BSM) is now managing the professional women's basketball team in Tennessee, USA.

Births

Denette (Moggach) Anderson (BA, adm/psyc, '94), a son, Keifer, August 25, 2001.

Shelly (Clelland) Andrews (BA/BEd, '94) and **Dale Andrews** (BA, geoh, '94; BEd, '95), a daughter, Emma, August 2, 2002.

Sandra (Lusk) Archer (BEd, '94), a son William David, October 24, 2002.

Jennifer (Parker) Barber (BA/BEd, '92), a daughter, Cailyn Marie, April 3, 2002.

Susan Bookey-Bassett (MEd, '98), a daughter, Elizabeth, November 19, 1999 and son Steven, March 30, 2002.

Kathleen (Ferris) Bough (BA/BEd, '92), a daughter, Kyra Victoria, February 19, 2001.

Laura (Thebe) Bound (BA, psyc, '91), a son, Dylan, October 11, 2002.

Josie (Cristiano) Bradford (BA, csmc, '98), a son, James Peter, January 20, 2003.

Lindsay (Watson) Brennan (BA, chld, '98; BEd, '99), a daughter, Paje, February 18, 2002.

Margaret Browne (BA, econ/poli, '88), triplets, Brady Michael, Brendan Paul and Jamieson Elizabeth, May 30, 2002.

Jens Coorsen (BSc, biol, '86; MSc, biol, '89), twins, Owen and Liam, October 19, 2001.

Jaclyn (Rice) English (BSc, biol, '02), a daughter, Caitlyn, May 19, 2002.

Laird Evans (BA, dram, '74), a son, Connor Devlin, October 24, 2002.

Tara (Parks) Fuchka (BA, Engl, '93), a son, Michael Thomas, October 13, 2001.

Christina (Castelli) Gadsby (BA, psyc, '96; BSc, math, '96), a daughter, Gabriella, April 30, 2002.

Tracy (Quinn) Gerber (BA, csbc, '96) and **Bryan Gerber** (BA, econ/uest, '94), a son, Nolan Quinn, November 15, 2001.

Kathryn (Richardson) Greczkowski (BA, soci, '93), a son, David John, October 2, 2002.

Carol (Krueger) Halford (BBA, '93), a daughter, Madison Emma, June 21, 2002.

Lee-Ann (Gerard) Hewitt (BA, chld, '96; BEd, '00), a son, Noah, July 9, 2002.

Sarah (Groom) Hodgkinson (BA/BEd, '96) and **Craig Hodgkinson** (BEd, '93), a son, Matthew, August 2, 2001.

Jane (Burgoyne) Ioannoni (BA, psyc, '83), twins, Sabrina and Violet, April 17, 2002.

Robert Jenkyn (BA, film, '88), a son, Luke, June 16, 2002.

Kimberly (Kuehni) Joiner (BA, chld, '93), a daughter, Haileigh, July 21, 2002.

Michelle Knapman-Ristine (BA, soci, '95), a son, Braeden, October 11, 2001.

Vasuki Manickavasagar (BSc, btec, '01), a daughter, Someya Ramesh, May 26, 2002.

Mike McNiven (BA, geog/psyc, '74), a granddaughter, Devyn Gabrielle, October 16, 2001.

Lucia Nigro-Stefanchuk (BSc, cosc, '96) and **Paul Stefanchuk** (BA, adm/econ, '85), a son, Kevin Paul, July 26, 2002.

Bryan O'Meara (BA, hist/poli, '98), a son, Noah James, October 1, 2002.

Sheila Pin (BA, Engl, '90), a daughter, Erica Shantz, August 18, 2001.

Karen (Pospiech) Pulla (BA, chld, '87), a son, Joshua, September 2001.

Barbara (Thompson) Rafuse (BBE, '90), a son, David, July 12, 2002.

Tammy (Gerrow) Schevers (BA, adm/econ, '95), a daughter, Emilee, November 11, 2001.

Christine Sevigny (BA, psyc, '93) and **Steven George** (BSc, btec, '94), a daughter, Gabrielle, April 15, 2001.

Francesca (Briglio) Spanier (BA, chld, '91) and **Paul Spanier** (BA, psyc, '90; BPhEd, '94), a son, Paul, March 20, 2002.

Jennifer (Keith) Taciuk (BPhEd, '90) and **Mark Taciuk** (BA, adm/poli, '93), a daughter, Ashley Michele Donna, December 26, 2001.

Nesar Uddin (BSc, cosd, '01), a daughter, Farah, July 19, 2002.

Doreen (Holmes) Wagenaar (BA, psyc/chld, '96), a son, Nathan, October 24, 2002.

Heather Whittington (BEd, '88), a daughter, Veronica, October 10, 2001.

Denise (Lewis) Ziegler (BA, soci, '97), a daughter, Mackenzie Ella, October 24, 2002.

Marriages

Diana Amati (BA, comm/Ital, '96) and **Anthony Notarianni**, December 22, 2001.

Jennifer (Parker) Barber (BA/BEd, '92) and **Colin Barber**, July 21, 2001.

Shannon Beaubien (BSc/BEd, '01) and **Chris Boutillier**, July 13, 2002.

Heidi Bichler (BA, poli, '95) and **Landon Harris**, July 20, 2002.

Michelle Brock (BA/BEd, '97) and **Todd Murray** (BSc, ener, '98), July 15, 2000.

Michelle Coulter (BA, chld, '86) and **Craig Witterick**, July 27, 2002.

Joanne Ennever (BA, Engl/hist, '97) and **Gary Bublick**, October 26, 2002.

Angela Fleming (BSc, math, '96) and **Jason Thomas**, June 1, 2002.

Mary Florio (BSc/BEd, '02) and **James Mitchell**, July 13, 2002.

Irene Friesen (BSc, chem, '98) and **John Lundrigan** (MSc, chem, '98), September 7, 2002.

Miranda Goodman (BA, psyc, '01; BEd, '02) and **Christopher Carter**, June 29, 2002.

Heather Gorham (BA, Fren/soci, '86) and **Robert Nowell**, July 27, 2002.

William Herriot (BA, adm/geog, '93) and **Brenda**, September 7, 2002.

Erin Jamieson (BSc, biol/geog, '99) and **Paul Dalmage**, March 25, 2002.

Shannon Jamieson (BA, pols, '00) and **Jeff McDonald**, September 8, 2001.

Kimberley Law (BA, geoh, '97) and **James McAninch** (BA, poli/soci, '97), August 8, 1998.

Jennifer Laing (BA, soci, '99) and **John Wedley**, October 19, 2002.

Jamieson Mahony (BBA, '97) and **Christine Disapio**, January 28, 2003.

Edna McMullan (BA, clas, '90) and **Gary Honig**, September 21, 2002.

Shannon McMurray (BACC, '99) and **Nick Stewart**, August 3, 2002.

Jeffrey Money (BA, hlst, '95) and **Michele Saari**, March 31, 2002.

Timothy Morrison Jr. (BBA, '95) and **Vanessa Rocca** (BBA, '96), July 8, 2002.

Tara Mosher (BA, chys, '99; BEd, '00) and **Robert Ring** (BA, visa, '99) July 27, 2002.

John Munday (BA, geog, '69) and **Kelly-Anne Dass**, June 1, 2002.

Tracy Quinn (BA, csbc, '96) and **Bryan Gerber** (BA, econ/uest, '94), August 8, 1998.

Tulsie Raghbir (BA, soci, '96) and **Sakellarios Mamuzelos** (BSc, cosc/econ, '92), July 26, 2002.

Kirk Schuller (BSc, geop, '97) and **Amy Hicks** (BA, geog, '98), October 5, 2002.

Mary Skinner (BEd, '99) and **Robert Arnett**, November 30, 2002.

Anita Spreitzer (BSc/BEd, '97) and **Arden Cheng**, July 20, 2002.

Elizabeth Steel (BA, ling, '98) and **Kevin Furtney**, July 4, 1998.

Judith Sutherland (BA, hist/geog, '92) and **Craig Schoen**, Nov. 12, 2002.

Laura Toal (BBA, '99) and **Brian Mino** (BACC, '00), September 7, 2002.

Heather Walls (BPhEd, '93) and **Allen Percival**, July 13, 2002.

Lesley Young (BA, hlst, '98) and **Jacob Kennedy**, April 27, 2002.

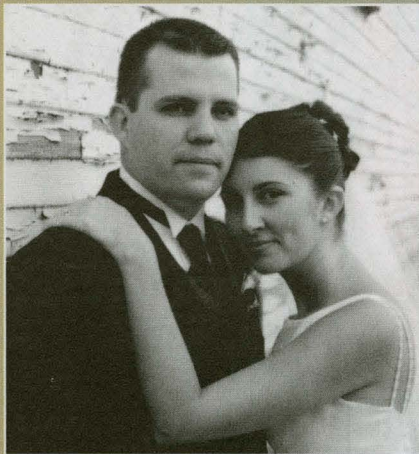
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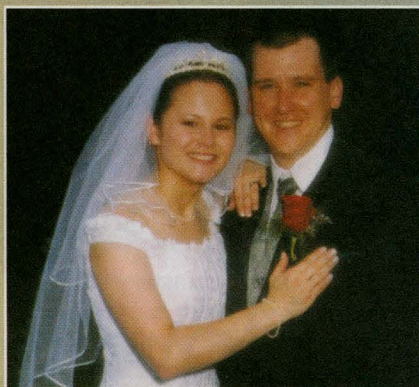
Robert George Beatty (BA, adm/poli, '83) passed away January 15, 2003 as a result of a car accident.



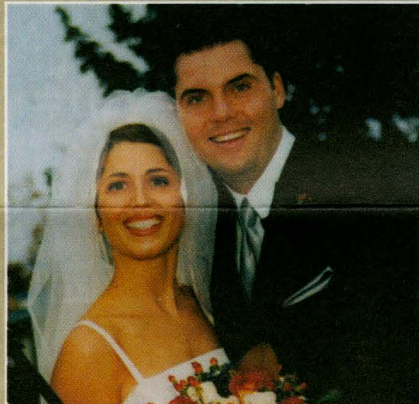
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Sandra Santos (BA, Fren, '95) and **Erick Boucher** (BPhEd, '95), October 13, 2001.



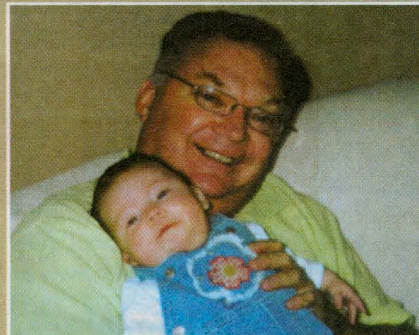
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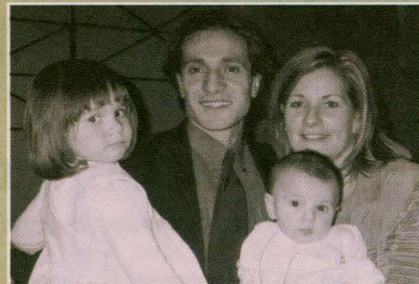
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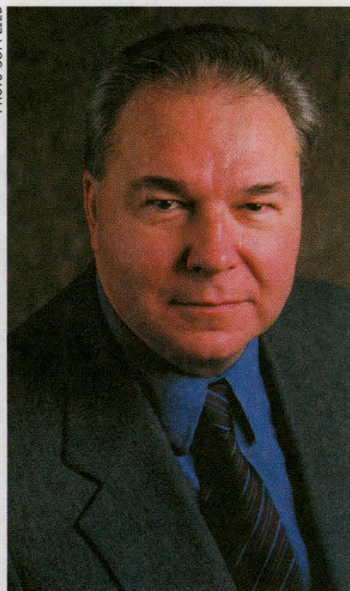
Mike McNiven (BA, geog/psyc, '74), with granddaughter, **Devyn Gabrielle** born October 16, 2001.



Karen (Pospiech) Pulla (BA, chld, '87), husband **Mike** with daughter **Alyssa** and son **Joshua**.

Snapshot

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Name:
Carl F. Dombek

Degree:
BA, politics, '71

Place of residence:
Toronto, Ontario

Career:
After a short time in private practice as a civil and criminal law litigator, I joined the Ontario Public Service as a Senior Manager in the legal services branches of a number of government departments including Correctional Services, Labour Agriculture and Food (where I learned all about Niagara wines) and Human Rights. Working with Cabinet Ministers from all three political parties has been fascinating. Probably could do a PhD thesis, if I was not bound by an Oath of Secrecy.

Most recent jobs:
Chair, Licence Appeal Tribunal and Chair, Environmental Appeal Tribunal. In both of these positions, I am (or was) the CEO and also responsible for the adjudication of hearings before the Tribunal. Both of these agencies required some "change management" and no, I do not mean downsizing, although a better use of our resources was the end result.

Favourite memory of Brock:
The entire time I was there! The quality of the teaching staff and the great social activities are great memories. I read in a recent *Surgite!* that Brock leads Ontario in graduates who have found employment so it looks as if things are even better.

Greatest source of pride:
Graduating from Dalhousie University Law School. At the time, Dal was one of the best law schools in North America.

Childhood career goal:
To be a lawyer.

Future goals:
Break 75 on my golf game (I'm at 80).

Source of inspiration:
All the profs of the politics department, but particularly Bill Matheson, Bill Hull and Ken Kernaghan.

ACE Brock students teach business skills to impoverished Argentines



ACE Brock members spent two weeks working with people from the local community of Empalme Graneros, in Rosario, Argentina.

ABOVE: ACE Brock's Danyell Boyd, second from left, and Israel Rodriguez, at right, sit with Margarita Olivario, the President of the community, and Sergio, a youngster of the community.

LEFT: At "La Feria," the weekly Saturday fair, from left, ACE's Israel Rodriguez, Professor Eduardo Spiaggi, of the University of Rosario, Margarita Olivario, the President of the community, ACE's Miranda Kus and Danyell Boyd.



Four members of ACE Brock, a student-run entrepreneurship organization at Brock University, recently travelled to Rosario, Argentina, where they taught the community's impoverished residents how to combine their farming skills with business skills to become self-sufficient.

In February, the ACE (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship) Brock students spent two weeks in Empalme Graneros, a community of 12,500 in Rosario. Using an educational program developed by ACE Brock, the students taught community members how to create a communal business by developing such essential skills as pricing, budgeting and marketing of their product.

"This initiative will enable the residents of Empalme Graneros to improve their economic situation by becoming self-sufficient and creating marketing opportunities with neighbouring communities," said Danyell Boyd, Vice-President Awareness for ACE Brock. "It's also an incredible opportunity for ACE Brock students to gain practical experience which they will be able to share with their peers back in Canada."

The group of students who participated

in the trip were Boyd, a third-year Business Communications students from Cleveland, Ohio; Matt Petre, a second-year Business Administration student from Whitby; Miranda Kus, a second-year Child and Youth Studies student from Etobicoke; and Israel Rodriguez, a second-year Business Communications student from Brampton.

The visit was also an opportunity for the students to assess the Argentines' current level of productivity as well as introduce the concepts of the free market system through the use of interactive lessons and activities. The students will gather resources and information to create an online interactive centre for the community members to use for further business ventures.

Through testing, the ACE Brock team can effectively evaluate the implementation of the educational program. The students will continue to maintain frequent communication with community members of Empalme Graneros and work towards further developing the business. They have also been asked to expand the program to 90 other villages.

Brock researchers develop revolutionary device that measures toxic trace elements

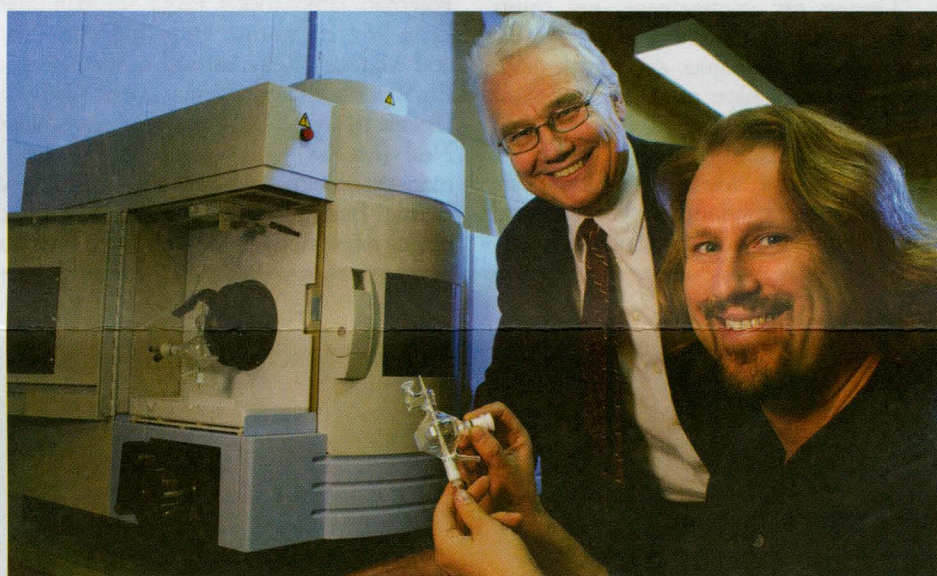
By Kimberley Lee
SPARK Writer

Two Brock University professors have developed a revolutionary device that will help scientists to more accurately measure minute traces of arsenic and other toxic metals in drinking water, environmental samples and ores. For example, with the device, researchers could measure the concentration of arsenic if a quarter teaspoon of the toxic element was dissolved in a body of water about the size of 100 Olympic-size swimming pools.

After four years of research and development, Chemistry Professors Ian Brindle and Roger McLaughlin are awaiting final patent approval for the Multimode Sample Introduction System (MSIS), a glass device about the size of a tennis ball which contains several components precisely engineered to deliver improved performance over existing technologies. The device was designed by Brindle and McLaughlin and built by Brock's glassblower, John Vandenhoff.

Brindle and McLaughlin are negotiating with PerkinElmer, a global technology leader which develops equipment for use in such fields as health sciences, semiconductor and aerospace, to sell the MSIS as a component of its analytical instrument, known as an inductively-coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometer. Brindle and McLaughlin predict that there are 10,000 instruments around the world that could potentially use the MSIS. The MSIS makes possible the measurement of very low trace concentrations of several elements, including arsenic, lead and mercury. What makes the MSIS revolutionary is that it combines vapour generation and nebulization into a single process.

Traditional instruments nebulize solutions into a high temperature plasma, a process which is very inefficient, since 98 per cent of the sample goes to waste. For some elements, this remains the only way to get the samples into the instrument. Brindle and McLaughlin combined their knowledge of transforming elements into volatile forms, where up to 100 per cent of the sample can be delivered to the instrument. With the MSIS, the testing requires only one machine, delivers faster



Chemistry Professors Ian Brindle and Roger McLaughlin are awaiting final patent approval for the Multimode Sample Introduction System (MSIS).

and more accurate results, and detects trace elements at levels as low as forty parts per trillion.

"What makes the MSIS so revolutionary is its ability to enable accurate, rapid and simultaneous determinations of extremely low concentrations of elements of concern," said Professor Ian Brindle, who is also Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences at Brock. "That means the MSIS can provide researchers with far more solid results. The MSIS will also provide significant economic benefits to the laboratories which monitor our drinking water, industries that use water in manufacturing, or laboratories that serve the mining and metal industries."

Brindle and McLaughlin report that the MSIS could facilitate the development of a portable water-testing device that could be taken into the field.

"Because communities do not have the tools to do water testing themselves, unsafe water often goes unchecked," said McLaughlin. "Our hope is that the MSIS will help make field testing more accessible and frequent. This improvement could then provide people with the information that would enable them to improve the quality of drinking water in countries with contaminated water."

The MSIS project was developed with funding support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), a key federal agency

investing in people, discovery and innovation. The Council supports both basic university research through research grants, and project research through partnerships among universities, governments and the private sector, as well as the advanced training of highly qualified people. In addition, PerkinElmer in Canada and the United States has supported the research of Brindle and McLaughlin by providing them with state-of-the-art equipment with which to pursue their research that has led to this important development.

Kimberley Lee is studying Communications Studies at Brock and is part of the NSERC 2002/03 SPARK (Students Promoting the Awareness of Research Knowledge) program.

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Championship team honoured



The 1982-83 Brock Women Badgers, front row from left, Lena Siuciak (Olszewski) Lori Neal (McKay), Carolyn Foreman, Janice Jockel, Peggy Sheahan (Stamps), and Lynn Norris (Storm); back row from left, Bernie Buschman, Assistant coach, Chris Critelli, Assistant coach, Patty DiPietro (Stamps), Maureen Kelly, Candi Jirik (Lohr), Debbie Power, Manager, and Pat Woodburn, Head Coach.

In February, Brock's Athletic Department marked the 20th anniversary of the Women Badgers' 1982-83 provincial basketball championship with a special tribute to team members. Returning to Brock for the special event were former players Lena Siuciak (Olszewski), Lori Neal (McKay), Carolyn Foreman, Janice Jockel, Peggy Sheahan (Stamps), Lynn Norris (Storm), Patty DiPietro (Stamps), and Maureen Kelly; as well as their head coach Pat Woodburn and assistant coach Chris Critelli. Unable to attend the event were teammates Lori Neal (McKay) and Candi Jirik (Lohr), team manager Debbie Power and assistant coach Bernie Buschman. The team was honoured during a ceremony in the Bob Davis Gymnasium

following the women's basketball game on February 8. After the ceremony, the team and their family members had a reunion reception in the Pond Inlet.

The '82-'83 Women Badgers defeated Laurentian University 58-51 for the Ontario title. They went on to national championships where they finished third.

Badgers end banner year with eight championships

The Brock University Department of Athletics ended a banner year in 2002-03 as they captured eight championships including three national championships and five Ontario championships.

To end the banner year in front of a crowd of over 1,000 fans at the Bob Davis Gymnasium, it was the men's wrestling team capturing the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship for their fifth straight year. In one of the most exciting men's finishes in CIS history, it came down to the final match of the day. The No. 1 seed Evan Macdonald (68kg) from Brock defeated Calgary's Damon Booth 10-0 in just over one minute into the first round to capture gold, edging out Calgary by one point and SFU by two. The top three men's standings were Brock (61), Calgary (60) and SFU (59).

Seven of the nine Brock wrestlers medalled including golds from Jamie Macari, Ryan Weicker and MacDonald.

At the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) wrestling championships, the Brock men's and women's teams captured gold.

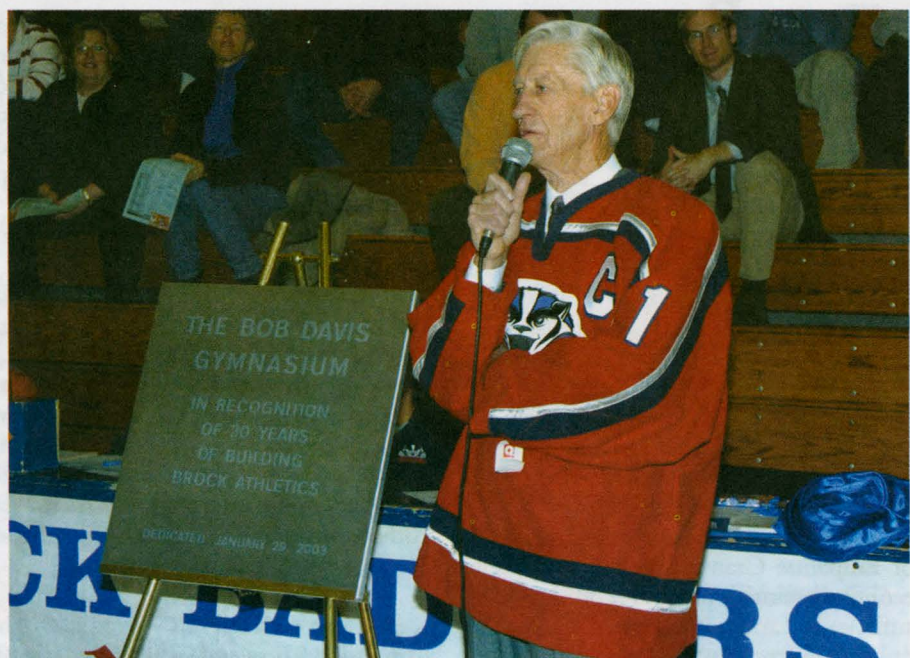
Also celebrating championship seasons were:

- Men's soccer captured their first ever CIS championship as the Badgers became the first ever No. 6 seed to capture gold. This game was broadcast live across the country on Sportsnet as rookie Andrew Norton scored the game winner in the 113th minute versus the host Carleton, defeating them 1-0.

- Men's rowing captured both the Ontario (OUA) and national (CURC) championships. This was their second national title in school history.

- Men's lacrosse went a perfect 11-0 in 2002 to capture the OUFLA championship, their 12th in school history. They defeated Bishops Gaiters in triple overtime in the championship game by the score of 9-8 with rookie Matt Marchildon adding the game winner.

- Men's baseball won their first OUA championship to add to their two national crowns (1998, 1999). They swept OUA rival McMaster in the best two-out-of-three series.



Gymnasium dedication

Bob Davis, former Director of Athletics and Recreation Services, addresses a crowd of more than 1,300 people who attended the dedication ceremony of the Bob Davis Gymnasium, held on January 29, between the women's and men's basketball games. The University recognized Davis for his 33 years of service by naming Gymnasium One in his honour. Participating in the dedication ceremony were Brock President David Atkinson, Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, and Athletics Director Lorne Adams. Davis made significant contributions to the development of Brock's interuniversity and intramural athletic programs.

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Herb de Bray, Manager, Facilities and Aquatics, and Head Coach of Brock Badgers Swim Team, would like to thank many Brock graduates who have sent him their best wishes and support as he recovers from a major accident last November.

De Bray suffered a broken wrist, pelvis and a lumbar vertebra as a result of falling from the roof of his house while cleaning the eavestroughs.

He was confined to eight weeks of bed rest. "During my confinement, my spirits were tremendously lifted and touched by the many friends, colleagues and Brock grads whose kindness have made an incredible difference to my spirit, speed of recovery and outlook towards my situation, which is ongoing," he says. "My family and myself are grateful for your continued support and send our heartfelt appreciation to all of you."



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