

Gift to honour professor creates Commons' name

When Arthur Peltomaa decided to give back to the institution that laid the groundwork for his successful career in law, he felt a monetary gift would be just the beginning.

So, when he heard of Brock's plan to open a Learning Commons within the James A. Gibson Library, the Niagara native knew he had found an appropriate focus for his gift — but he presented it with a special request.

With the Brock graduate's significant gift, the newly renovated space within the Library will open this fall as the Matheson Learning Commons.

"The Learning Commons is about students. It is about students being enabled and encouraged to savour the full university learning and living experience," Peltomaa (BA, econ/poli, '74) noted. "To me, (Professor) Bill Matheson epitomizes all that was and is good about Brock as an outstanding academic institution where the focus and priority is on the teaching of students."

Matheson taught at Brock for more than 30 years in the Political Science Department, while holding various administration titles, including the University's first Vice-President, Academic, and its first Dean of Social Sciences.

"More than being an exceptionally talented lecturer, with a razor-sharp mind and nimble wit laced with a healthy measure of irreverence, Bill Matheson was to me and others a mentor and source of inspiration and encouragement," added Peltomaa, now a highly regarded lawyer with the Toronto firm Bennett Jones.

While Matheson admitted to being "astonished" by the gift, he echoed the notion that his approach to teaching was to work tirelessly for the students, to give them the best possible University experience. He feels he is rewarded every time he meets former students.

"It's always a pleasure to meet students years later and find out that they've done well and that they still remember me and Brock," he said, adding "I made myself accessible, so they never were nervous about coming to see me."

In 1980, Matheson was awarded the inaugural Brock Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, followed, in 1994, with the initial Brock University Student Union Recognition of Teaching Excellence Award. He is also a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Gold Jubilee Medal awarded to Canadians who have made outstanding and exemplary contributions to their communities.

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83rd Convocation

The smiles were everywhere in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium last week as 3,500 students received degrees and certificates as part of the 83rd annual Convocation.

Graduates, teachers, guests lauded during Convocation

The 83rd annual Brock University Convocation took place during nine ceremonies in five days at the beginning of the month.

Family and friends joined faculty and staff each day from June 10 to 14 to celebrate the accomplishments of approximately 3,500 students from all faculties.

Three honorary degrees were awarded, while other special guests provided Convocation addresses. Jack Lightstone, President, and Ned Goodman, Chancellor, opened the ceremonies with their insights into the significance of Convocation. Here are a few of the highlights:

• **Lightstone** invited the graduates to celebrate the transformation of their lives as a result of their years at Brock, and he challenged them to effect positive change in the world by putting to work their "expanded intellectual capacity."

• **Goodman** told the assembly that in an increasing world of globalization, the graduates have a responsibility to become part of the solutions to the world's problems, because they cannot be avoided. He summed up his remarks with a challenge: "Be healthy. Be kind. Respect the environment."

• After receiving her honorary degree, **Dr. Robin Williams**, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Health, presented 10 lessons drawn from her experiences as a pediatrician, mother and grandmother. She challenged graduates to: take care of the environment better than her generation has; to rely on extended family and friends; follow common sense rules for health and well-being; give back to the community; be active; don't give up on things that are difficult the first time around; and to help break the cycle of

poverty, especially for the sake of today's children.

• In addressing the graduates of Applied Health Sciences, **Nancy Francis**, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology, painted a picture of accomplishment by speaking of the types of photos we all have in our personal albums. She spoke of the accomplishments of Arnie Lowenberger, Brock's first Dean of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics, in terms of photographic moments in his life, from his high school days in rural Saskatchewan, to his days at Brock helping plan its recreation facilities.

The last "photo" she spoke of was an elder Lowenberger celebrating with open laughter on the day the residence bearing his name was opened at Brock.

"Look ahead to the year 2030 and think of you and your photos. What images will you see? I hope they are photos of strength, determination insight, kindness and generosity. I hope in your last photo you are laughing."

• **Lorna Earl**, Director, Aporia Consulting Ltd., and retired Associate Professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto, spoke to graduates from the Faculty of Education. The longtime educator told the newly conferred teachers that while assessment is a significant part of the learning process, it has evolved greatly over the years to address the needs of today's children. She told the graduates that modern students need an approach where assessment is done with learning in mind, not just testing.

• **Brian McGowan**, Deputy Registrar, Ontario College of Teachers,

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Brock celebrates graduates

During his convocation speech, Jack Lightstone, President, noted the accomplishments of the 3,500 graduates also means a successful outcome for their families, friends, and for their various instructors along the way.

Graduates of note include:

• **Curtis Brandon Russell**, who received his Doctor of Philosophy for his research work into mosquitoes and West Nile Virus, was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal for having the highest standing in a graduate degree.

The recipients of the 2008 Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medals are:

Undergraduate students:

• Peter Simons, Physical Education and Kinesiology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
• Ray van der Meer, Pre-service Education, Faculty of Education
• Maria M. Majerski, Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences
• Nicole Daniel, Classics, Faculty of Humanities
• Brian Penfound, Mathematics Integrated with Computers and Applications, Faculty of Mathematics and Science
• Bryceson Dodge, Business Administration, Faculty of Business

Graduate students:

• Darren Brenner, Master of Applied Health Science, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
• Catherine Longboat, Master of Education, Faculty of Education
• Anna Lise Domanski, Master of Arts in Social Justice and Equity Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences
• Kevin McGuinness, Master of Arts Studies in Comparative Literature and Arts, Faculty of Humanities
• Susan Marie Lehman, PhD in Biological Sciences Ecology and Evolution, Faculty of Mathematics and Science
• Laura Ricciuto, Master of Business Administration, Faculty of Business

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Matheson Learning Commons



Sarita Peltomaa, left, Bill Matheson, retired Brock professor, centre, and Arthur Peltomaa take a tour of the Learning Commons recently. The Peltomaas have made a significant contribution to the project, which has resulted in the space being named the Matheson Learning Commons.

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“The Learning Commons was created to enrich the student learning experience by offering an environment that fosters informal learning and promotes student engagement,” said Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services. “Brock has a strong reputation for dynamic, student-faculty interaction and this gift exemplifies that spirit.”

Collaboration is a key feature in the planning and development of the Learning Commons. The design focuses on promoting and facilitating the shared, informal learning that takes place outside the classroom. Among other services, students will be able to receive assistance with research, study skills and essay writing, while graduate students will be able to serve as mentors to undergraduate students.

“Mr. Peltomaa’s gift to the Brock Learning Commons is a fitting tribute to an outstanding academic who inspired countless students and instilled in them a love of learning,” said Margaret Grove, University Librarian. “His generosity sends a powerful message to current and future students about the profound influence and lasting value of the educational experience. We are very grateful to Mr. Peltomaa and delighted that the

Learning Commons will bear Professor Matheson’s name.”

“We are seeing the gratitude of our alumni reflected in many forms,” noted Christine Jones, Director of Alumni Relations. “This graduate has chosen to pay tribute to his student experience by recognizing the teaching excellence and educational leadership of one professor who had a positive influence on his life. His generous gift to the Learning Commons enables the University to support the needs of today’s students — the hallmark of the Brock experience.”

After graduating from Brock, Peltomaa earned his Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall in 1977, and then his Master of Laws in 1981 from the same institution. At Bennett Jones, he is the firm’s Opinions Counsel, providing advice and assistance to lawyers and clients of the firm and to members of the profession generally, including corporate general counsel and their staff. He is the author of *Annual Review of Corporate Law* (Carswell, 1996), a book on developments in Canadian corporate law, and has written papers and articles on a broad range of legal topics. He is recognized in *Lexpert’s Guide to the 100 Most Creative Lawyers in Canada*.

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Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Erik Khilji**, Master of Education student, will present his thesis defence on Thursday, July 3, at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of his thesis is “A District School Board’s Induction Program for New Administrators: A Study of the Effectiveness of the Mentoring Component.” External Examiner: Robert Macmillan, University of Western Ontario; Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Xiaobin Li and Lorenzo Cherubini; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Michael Pereira**, Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend his thesis, entitled “The Backwoods to Our Backyards: Ontarian Pioneers and the Crisis of Ecology,” on Tuesday, July 8 at 2 p.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Debora Van Nijnatten (Wilfrid Laurier University); Supervisor: Jennifer Good; Committee Members: Adam Dickinson, Jim Leach; Chair: Cheryl McCormick. All are welcome to attend.

Former Brock athlete sinks hole in one at President’s tourney

Bob Dunton, a St. Catharines businessman and former Brock basketball player, scored a hole-in-one worth \$10,000 in the annual Brock University President’s Tournament at

the end of May.

Dunton, who had never scored a hole in one during regular or tournament play, used a six iron to complete the feat on the 13th hole of Legends on the Niagara Usshers Creek.

Parking permit registration goes online for employees

Online parking permit registration for Brock employees begins Thursday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Choose the employee permit registration link in the online services section of the Parking Services website at www.brocku.ca/parking

Once again this year, employees eligible for payroll deduction will now see that as a payment choice during online registration, and will no longer have to download or fill out a form. Employees who prepay online will receive their permits by internal mail in August. Please note that employee permits are not automatically renewed, and each employee must register annually to receive a new permit. Student permit registration will occur later in July. For inquiries, contact Parking Services at ext. 4309 or by e-mail parking@brocku.ca.

Young athletes offered conditioning camp

The Zone Fitness Centre is proud to offer for the first time a conditioning camp for young, competitive athletes ages 11 to 14.

Ian Young is an NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist with a diverse athletic background. The former All-Canadian

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told the assembly that the teaching profession has an influence on all other areas unlike any other, meaning these newly graduated teachers have a moral duty to make the next generation caring and capable contributors.

“Ask yourselves what you can do for the one who is hungry or impoverished, who cannot read because there are no books at home, or who grows up in a climate of fear. ... There is no work more noble than this.”

• **John McNamara**, Professor of Child and Youth Studies and the recipient of the 2008 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, used his early university failures as a way of showing graduates there is always a chance to do better and succeed. He elicited laughter when he admitted his first-year average as an undergraduate psychology major at Brock was a mere 22 per cent. Through a series of uphill struggles, he earned a teaching degree and made his way back to Brock as a professor.

“I approach things now as I did then — with zest — and with the same vitality, integrity and positivity to be successful. And when I say successful, I really mean happy, because every day I get to do something that I enjoy.”

He also noted the graduates of today will face many obstacles, including the state of the environment and global food shortages, but that he has confidence they will succeed, since progress is always moving towards something better. “I look forward to seeing what solutions you will offer.”

• **Roberta Jamieson**, CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation and First Nations Leader, and recipient of an honorary degree, praised Brock for its ongoing advancement of study regarding Aboriginal issues, and the development of the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education.

“I believe that the Tecumseh sash is an important symbol for ... reconciliation and healing, particularly at this time. I urge Brock to demonstrate leadership in ensuring that all Canadians know of it, embrace it, and take it on as their own symbol for the kind of Canada that includes its Original Peoples.”

• Because of illness, Marilyn Walker

was unable to receive her honorary degree or address the graduates. **John Lye**, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of English Language and Literature, delivered a Convocation address that included three key points for the graduates of the Faculty of Humanities. Wearing the gown his mother wore when she received a university degree in the 1930s, Lye told the assembly that they “get to make the world; (not just that they are the future); that it only takes one person to make a difference in the life of another; and that the wind doesn’t always blow hard on Buzzard’s Bay. The last reference was an anecdote relating to taking a chance on something when being told the odds of success are next to nothing.

• **Doug Bruce**, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, spent most of his address talking about the significant achievements of fellow Brock alumni. Bruce noted that while some had undergraduate degrees in math or science fields, “thank goodness biology wasn’t for them.” Some have gone into finance, while others are successful physicians and medical researchers, or have gone into teaching.

But he also spoke about how the graduates have already begun making their mark on a problematic world, through their volunteerism, athleticism and their research. “You can do anything. ... And you are about to face a most challenging future,” he noted, mentioning global warming, food and genetic manipulation, and the end of the “easy energy” in our world.

• After receiving his honorary degree, **Paul House**, Executive Chairman, TDL Group Corporation (Tim Hortons), told the assembly that many factors can influence one’s path in life, but that common sense should rule above all else: “Your goal should be to make things simple for the rest of us. Always remember all the rules in life should be subordinate to the rule of common sense.”

House also told the graduates they should pursue a career that makes them happy, and that having a partner in life adds value while providing someone to help shoulder burdens.

swimmer turned Ironman triathlete will guide athletes through a variety of speed, strength and agility exercises to ensure they are fit and fast for the 2008 season.

Mental training and performance nutrition sessions will be included to develop the “whole athlete.” Participants are sure to leave camp with a new level of confidence in their approach to sport.

Each session of this fully integrated and professionally supervised camp runs Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Instructional materials are included. Session I runs July 7 to 11, while Session II runs July 28 to Aug. 1. The fee is \$125/session (limited to 12 athletes per session). For information, call Young at ext. 3093 or e-mail iyoung@brocku.ca

United Way campaign needs volunteers

The Brock University Employee United Way Campaign Committee is now planning for this year’s campaign. We are looking for caring and dedicated people who can contribute some of their time to help. All help would be appreciated. If you would like to join Brock’s United Way team and help with the campaign, contact Kevin Lawr at ext. 3511 or e-mail unitedway@brocku.ca. Volunteer sign up will also be available at the Employee Wellness day.

Junior youth orchestra bids Thomas farewell

Laura Thomas conducted her final concert with the Junior Niagara Youth Orchestra on

May 31 at the Sean O’ Sullivan Theatre.

The concert was entitled “Mother Russia’s Day.”

Thomas has been conducting the junior orchestra since the inception of the junior program 15 years ago, but she will shift her focus to be the new conductor for the Senior Niagara Youth Orchestra, beginning this fall. A conductor search for the junior program is underway by the Niagara Youth Orchestra Association.

Woodbine alumni event open to all race fans

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Brock University GTA Alumni Network will offer “A Day At The Races” at Woodbine Racetrack on Sunday, Aug. 17. The fun (and food) begins at 12 noon.

The Brock community is invited to join graduates for an exciting day close to the action in the Trackside Tent, exclusively set up for Brock graduates and guests.

For those new to the sport of racing, there will be a customer service representative available prior to the race to explain how to bet and how to read the program. Woodbine will offer to Brock guests a free betting voucher to get the action rolling.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by signing on to brockpeople.ca (for graduates) or by calling Lynne Irion in the Office of Alumni Relations, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251.



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Students from the Advanced Outdoor Leadership Theory and Practices program lead high school students through canoe instruction at Charles Daley Park on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Students test outdoor leadership skills by teaching teens to canoe

Students in the Advanced Outdoor Leadership Theory and Practices class followed the lead of their course name recently when they put into practice the skills learned in the program.

The course is designed as an examination of advanced outdoor leadership theories and pedagogy, with an engagement in an extended outdoor field experience, leadership skill development and co-instructional opportunities.

After two days of on-campus learning, led by instructors Tim O'Connell, Associate Professor, and Mike Richardson, Field Experience Facilitator, both of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, the students embarked on a seven-day

canoe trip in Algonquin Provincial Park.

Canoe skills, advanced outdoor leadership practices, risk management and group dynamics were all put to the test by students Steve Ireland, Jon Woolley, Pat Doering, Miranda MacLeod, Shirly Laserson, Heather Hanlon and Kelly Gray.

After their trip, the group spent another day on campus planning another canoe outing, but this time the intended destination was Charles Daley Park in north St. Catharines. The students delivered a one-day canoe program to students from West Park Secondary School in St. Catharines, under the supervision of Randy Chrysler. The day culminated with a short paddle on Lake Ontario.

Award winner earns honour by using strong research skills

Charity Friesen is taking home much more than an undergraduate degree in psychology from Brock. The 22-year-old St. Catharines resident is the winner of the second annual Library Undergraduate Research Award.

Friesen clearly demonstrated advanced research techniques in both the essay she wrote to describe her research process and her final product, an empirical research thesis and literature review entitled "The Directed-versus-Diffuse Attention Scale and its Correlates."

"It is the variety of resources offered by the Library that allows me to do my research both effectively and conveniently," noted Friesen, who will continue her studies in graduate work at Wilfrid Laurier University.

The Library Research Award was developed in 2007 to recognize student achievement in library research skills. In addition to recognition for her research, Friesen will receive a \$500 prize.

"Undergraduate students who can effectively and efficiently find and use

information are in an excellent position to further their own education in both graduate school and in the workplace," said Karen Bordonaro, Library Instruction Co-ordinator, adding the strongest essays for this award came from students who had attended Library workshops or had librarians visit their class.



Charity Friesen

Honourable mention goes to Aditi Kantipuly for the library essay accompanying her paper, "Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Genetics, Pathophysiology, Clinical Manifestations, Treatment and Clinical Interpretations," and Hollis McPhee for the library essay accompanying her paper, "Print Culture and the English Reformation: An Examination of the Infamous Tyndale/Joyce Debate."

The Library is committed to developing research skills of students across campus. Faculty members who may be interested in integrating library research skills into their courses are encouraged to contact their Liaison Librarian. For more information, visit the Library's website at www.library.brocku.ca

Relay for Life comes to Brock this weekend

This Friday and Saturday, Brock will host the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life, a 12-hour relay beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, and lasting until 7 a.m. Saturday.

Students, faculty, staff, friends and family may join the Brock team in the fight against cancer by signing up online at www.canadiancancersociety.ca, or visiting the welcome desk in the Tower lobby. Each team member is asked to raise a minimum of \$100

in pledges, in addition to the \$10 registration fee. Those who participate will receive dinner, a midnight snack, and breakfast. Luminaries may be purchased online for \$5, or at the Welcome Desk.

Those do not want to participate in the relay, but would still like to be involved, can volunteer. For more information, visit brocku.ca/communityconnections, or call Community Connections, at ext. 4000.

Mediatalk People in the news

Anthony Volk, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for a May 31 article in the *Sault Star* entitled "Parents key to putting a stop to bullying," in which he talked about research that shows girls with good sportsmanship tend to be bullies or victims less often. The article also appeared in the *St. Catharines Standard* May 30, and a similar article entitled "Sports are rife with bullying" appeared on CBC online May 29.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, penned an article published in the *Globe and Mail* May 31 entitled "Loved China. Maybe too much. Also loved women," in which he discusses the research and passions of scientist and author Joseph Needham. Burton was interviewed June 2 for Radio Canada International as part of a segment entitled "Cleared Guantanamo Prisoners Could Find Refuge in Canada."

Stephanie Soccio-Marandola, International Orientation Co-ordinator, Intensive English Language Program, was interviewed for a May 30 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Great response given to earthquake fundraiser," in which she noted volunteers raised \$14,324 in three days to aid victims of China's recent earthquake. The article and a similar one also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and *Niagara This Week*.

John Hodson, Research Officer, Tecumseh Centre of Aboriginal Research and Education, was interviewed for a May 30 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Native education gets failing grade from Brock researcher," in which he talks about the emotional and physical challenges of helping Aboriginal students to succeed in their education.

Jamie Fleming, Director of Residences, was interviewed for a May 24 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Thorold taking students under its wing," in which he noted all first-year students are offered a residence spot when coming directly from high school. **Brad Clarke**, Off-Campus Housing Officer, was also interviewed,

noting the number of housing units available at the time.

Dennis Soron, and **Mary Beth Raddon**, Professors, Sociology, were interviewed for a May 28 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Cyclists organize to get lanes," in which they discussed the negative impact of rebuilding downtown streets without lanes for cyclists.

Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business, was interviewed for a May 29 article in the *Hamilton Spectator* entitled "Brock loses a dean, gains a teacher," in which he talked about his 10 years as Dean, and his love of teaching. Kusy was also interviewed for a June 5 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock dean stepping down, looks forward to teaching."

John Corlett, Dean, Applied Health Sciences, was interviewed for a June 5 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "The campus on the canal," in which he talked about Brock's potential role in Welland's development of a health-care industry centre of excellence in the downtown area.

Jack Lightstone, President, was interviewed for the June issue of *Business Niagara* magazine, in an article entitled "Diagnosis Niagara," in which he talked about the employment opportunities in Niagara for Brock graduates.

Ellen Faulkner, Assistant Professor, Sociology, was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Ottawa Citizen* entitled "Ottawa's high rate of hate crime reflects strong police efforts: Officers reach out to communities most likely to be targeted," in which she explained the role of proactive policing measures in ensuring increased hate crime reporting. Faulkner was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Kingston Whig Standard* entitled "Hate crime stats misleading: police. Sergeant says calling Kingston 'racist' is 'unfortunate,'" in which she explained why gay and lesbian victims of violence seldom report hate crimes to police. She was also interviewed by CBC Radio Regina, Sask. June 9 for a segment of CBC Radio Regina regarding the findings in the Statistics Canada Report, "Hate Crime in Canada," which was released the same day.

Canada's Wonderland, Zooz tickets offered at discount

Specially priced tickets to Canada's Wonderland are now available online to all Brock faculty, staff and alumni. Tickets can be purchased directly by going to www.canadaswonderland.com; click the "Tickets" tab and enter the Corporate ID "BrockU." From here, you may select the tickets for the appropriate ages, purchase and print

them off from your computer.

Discount coupons for Zooz and Zooz concerts are available at the Conference Front Desk, DeCew Residence, which is open 24 hours every day until Aug. 24.

Coupons can be redeemed at Zooz for discounted tickets purchased on arrival at the park.



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Celebrating Graduate Studies

Gathering at the recent Graduate Student Awards and Donor Recognition reception in Pond Inlet are, from left, Jim Leach, Professor, Communications, Popular Culture and Film; Chris Richardson; Kamalpreet Sihra; Christine Arnold; James Heap, Dean of the Faculty of Education; Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies; Martin Head, Professor, Earth Sciences; Lesley Stefanyk and Paul LeBlanc.

Second-year student earns prestigious Vincor scholarship

Ryan Corrigan, second-year Oenology and Viticulture (OEVI) student, was one of two recipients of Vincor's new Grow Your Own scholarships.

Corrigan received his honour earlier this month at a reception at Jackson-Triggs Estate Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"As a leader in the wine industry, Vincor is proud to give back to our community and invest in the development of students' talent," said Jay Wright, President, CEO, Vincor Canada, during the event.

Along with \$1,500 per year in scholarship funds, the Grow Our Own program puts student recipients in paid co-op placements at

Vincor's vineyards and wineries in the Niagara region, British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, and Australia or New Zealand.

After catching the "wine bug" through his work at one of Vincor's Wine Rack stores, Corrigan decided to transfer from the University of Ottawa, where he was studying biomedical sciences, to Brock's OEVI program.

"I'm extremely pleased to be part of the Grow Your Own program, and I thank Vincor and Brock University for the opportunities they have given me," said the Campbellville, Ont. native who has also worked as a field technician, scouting Niagara-area vineyards and collecting grape samples.

"There's no substitute for applying knowledge in the real world," noted Brian Grant, Co-ordinator of Experiential Learning/Co-op for OEVI, and Brock's point person in co-ordinating the scholarship with Vincor.

"The co-op experience represents the most valuable part of a future winemaker's or viticulturist's preparation."

Anne-Marie Bitton, a student in Niagara College's Grape and Winery Technician certificate program, also received a Grow Your Own scholarship.

Vincor Canada is a division of the world's largest wine company Constellation Brands.



Jay Wright, left, and Ryan Corrigan.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

• **Thomas S. C. Farrell** gave the opening keynote address at the "Refresh, Reflect, Renew: Connecting Through Reflective Practice Across Disciplines" conference at Centennial College, Toronto, May 28 to 30.

• **David Hayes** presented a paper entitled "Teaching in times of conflict in Sri Lanka: The life and career of a Tamil teacher of English" at the interdisciplinary conference Narrative Matters: Storying Our World, in Toronto, May 7 to 10.

CLASSICS

Fanny Dolansky presented the paper "Playing with Gender Roles: Children's Dolls and Femininity in the Roman World" at the Feminism and Classics V conference held in Ann Arbor, Mich., on May 10.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

• **Neta Gordon** presented the paper " 'of inkling, of implication': John Gould's Kilter: 55 fictions as a short story cycle" for the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English in Vancouver, B.C., on June 2.

• **Ann Howey** presented a paper, "Desire and Death: Illustrating Elaine," for the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English in Vancouver, B.C., on May 31.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

• **John Hodson** and E. K. Niemczyk had their paper, entitled "Beyond the horizon: Internet technology as a new knowledge system for Aboriginal education in Canada," accepted to the 2008 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, Melbourne, Australia.

• **Louis Volante, Susan Drake, Lorenzo Cherubini, and Michelle Smythe** presented the paper "A comparative analysis of elementary versus secondary teachers' assessment literacy" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education, in Vancouver, B.C., in May.

• **Nancy Taber, Sharon Abbey, L. Howard, and Georgann Watson** presented the papers "Lived experiences of adult educators: Paradoxes, ambiguities, and intersections" at the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE) conference at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. Abbey, Howard, Taber and Watson presented the paper "Border-Crossings: Interactive Conversations in a Feminist Work-space" at the Canadian Association for the Study of Women and Education (CASWE) 2008 conference in the same location. Watson, Abbey, Howard and Taber also presented "Border Crossings: Creating a Feminist Work Space in the Academy" at the Canadian Women's Studies Association (CWSA) 2008 conference in the same location.

GEOGRAPHY

• Four members of the faculty presented papers at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, May 20 to 24, in Quebec City, including **Jeff Boggs**: "Constraints on the evolution of Canada's anglophone book trade" and "Contemporary scholarship on the cultural economy;" **David Butz** (with **Nancy Cook**, Sociology): "Living with a road in Shimshal, Pakistan;" **Daniel Olson**: "Moving beyond as 'sense of place': Managing salvation at sacred sites;" and **Dragos Simandan**: "Omitted variables in the geographical treatment of human inequality" and "The epistemological status of ex post facto analysis in Geography." Graduate student Katie Hemsworth presented a paper entitled "Identities in transit: Headphones and the construction of personal soundscapes in public space."

• **Hugh Gayler** presented an invited paper entitled "Ontario's Greenbelt and Places to Grow legislation and the future for the countryside and the rural economy" at the Space to Place: the Next Rural Economies Workshop, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, B.C., May 15 and 16.

LIBRARY

Doug Suarez co-presented a poster entitled "Nursing and medicine: their professional cultures and implications for training in evidence-based practice" at the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA) annual conference in Halifax, N.S.,

May 26 to 29.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir and soloists in his farewell concert, entitled "Choral Pleasures: From Madrigals to Mancini," on May 31 in Etobicoke. The eclectic program included two of his arrangements of German folk songs, Heidenröslein and Du liegst mir im Herzen, written especially for the choir, the latter receiving its premiere performance that evening. At the conclusion of the concert, an Arts Etobicoke representative presented him with an Artist Appreciation Award.

NURSING

• **Lynn McCleary** made the presentation "Waiting for Geriatric Clinical Experiences: Challenge & Success" as part of a panel "Getting Geriatrics/Gerontology into Curricula" at the Annual National Initiative for Care of the Elderly Knowledge Exchange, in Toronto on June 6.

• **Lynn Rempel** and Katrina Moore presented a poster "Comparison of Peer-Led and Nurse-Led Prenatal Breastfeeding Education" at the National Community Health Nurses Conference, hosted by the Community Health Nurses Association of Canada and the Community Health Nurses' Initiatives Group, in Toronto, May 29 to 31. **Lynn McCleary, Rempel, Gloria Morris, Colleen Flynn, Mary Lou DeCou and Catharine Lowes** presented a poster "Public Health Nurses Breastfeeding Best Practice Guidelines Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviour" and a paper "Focused Implementation of RNAO's Breastfeeding Best Practice Guidelines Based on Mothers' Breastfeeding Experiences" at the same conference.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

• **William Mathie** gave the lectures "Our Best and Greatest Men? Lincoln and the Founders," and "Till Sovereigns be Philosophers: Hobbes's Political Philosophy and the Invention of Modernity" to faculty and students at Baylor University, Texas, on April 18.

• **Tossutti, Liviana**. (2007). *The Electoral Participation of Ethnocultural Communities*. Working Paper Series on Electoral Participation and Outreach Practices. Ottawa: Elections Canada. Now available at: www.elections.ca/loi/res/paper/ethnocultural/ethnocultural_e.pdf

PRE-SERVICE, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Julian Kitchen and **Lorenzo Cherubini** delivered two papers at the Canadian Society for the Study of Education conference in Vancouver, May 31 to June 3: "A web of partnerships: Collaboration between a university and a self-regulatory body" and "Building teacher leadership through a teacher induction institute." Along with **Joe Engemann**, they also delivered a paper titled "Listening to the voices of new aboriginal teachers: Transcending conceptual borders and strengthening connections."

PSYCHOLOGY

Jane Dywan and **Sid Segalowitz** gave presentations on "Self-regulation and the Medial Prefrontal Cortex: from Normal Development to Psychopathy" and "Electrocortical and Autonomic Measures of Performance Monitoring in Aging" at the University of Tübingen's Institute for Medical Psychology and Behavioural Neurobiology and at the Department of Psychology of the University of Padua, May 19 to 27.

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Hilary Findlay and **Craig Hyatt** presented "Procedural justice as a critical element in managing disputes," at the North American Society for Sport Management Conference, in Toronto, on May 31.

YOUTH UNIVERSITY/CATI

Kate Cassidy presented the paper entitled, "Youth on Campus: The Scholarship of Engagement and Increasing Access to Post-Secondary Attainment" at the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education Conference during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Vancouver, June 1 to 3.

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HOUSE OR APARTMENT WANTED: New Brock faculty member and husband looking for housing within walking distance from campus, from Aug. 1 to May 2009, though exact dates negotiable. We are quiet non-smokers with no pets. House/petsitting OK too. E-mail barbara.burrell@classics.uc.edu or call 513-556-3180 (day), 513-861-0809 (evening).

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Brock, Niagara College, NRPS renew collaborative program

The ongoing success of a collaboration between Brock, Niagara College and the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) resulted in the official renewal recently of the articulation agreement for the Collaborative Study in Policing in Criminal Justice (CSPCJ) program.

The program – the only one of its kind in Canada – responds to the need for police professionals with a solid academic background and applied skills and knowledge in areas of policing and criminal justice by facilitating students' transition between both post-secondary institutions, and providing valuable real-world learning opportunities with the NRPS.

Since it was established six years ago, more than 40 students have successfully graduated from the program and joined various police services, in Niagara and throughout Ontario. The program, administered by Brock and Niagara College, receives full support and assistance from the NRPS.

"As a result of this program, students are provided a unique opportunity to concurrently obtain a four-year university degree and a college diploma in police foundations," noted Wendy Southall, Chief of Police, NRPS. "Once students complete the program, the NRPS considers graduates well prepared to compete for a career opportunity as a police officer.



The Collaborative Study in Policing in Criminal Justice program articulation agreement was recently renewed with the signatures of the involved parties. Representatives included, from left, Terry Boak, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, Brock University; Joyce Engel, Vice-President Academic, Niagara College; and Gary Beaulieu, Deputy Chief, Niagara Regional Police Service.

"The program also allows our organization to gain an in-depth perspective into the qualifications and readiness of potential candidates."

"This initiative recognizes the value of working together to provide relevant

education and training experiences for students," said Terry Boak, Brock's Provost and Vice-President, Academic. "The program exemplifies partnership and community engagement. It also gives back to the community, in that graduates of the program go on to pursue careers in policing in the Niagara Region and beyond."

During the signing ceremony, Officer David Sinclair, one of the first CSPCJ program graduates, told those assembled the program "helped immensely" the advancement of his career within the NRPS.

Although the CSPCJ program is designed primarily to prepare graduates to enter the policing profession, the broad-based liberal education that students receive also opens doors to other professions, including corrections officer, parole officer, and private security consultant.

Students may also go on to further their education by attending graduate school in their chosen discipline or by attending law school.

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

For information about the CSPCJ program, visit: www.brocku.ca/policing

Sakai-based LMS to be phased in

The University will spend the next year phasing in a new Learning Management System (LMS).

Terry Boak, Brock's Vice-President Academic and Provost, announced the move to an open-source, Sakai-based LMS during a May senate meeting.

Brock has an opportunity to build a new LMS that is in tune with the University's needs and built upon a stable hardware infrastructure, representing a significant investment by the University.

The new Sakai-based system will be built upon a cluster that has all the features of a system that is redundant, reliable, scalable, and with sufficient capacity.

Spring 2008 marks the beginning of a phased transition at Brock to using exclusively a Sakai-based LMS for the 2009-10 academic year. Instructors have the option of using Sakai right now and students may already be taking courses that make use of Sakai.

As of July 31, 2009, WebCT will no longer be available at Brock. An implementation plan has been drafted to assure the transition from WebCT to Sakai can be accomplished without incident and with minimal discontinuities.

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) and others have begun the process of documenting Sakai and training faculty. Updates will be posted soon.

A contest to name the new Sakai-based system has been announced and can be found at www.brocku.ca/ctlet/sakai/contest.php



Computer Science hosts programming contest for teens

The Computer Science Department at Brock recently hosted a computer programming contest for high school students from the District School Board of Niagara.

Fifty-five students from Grades 10, 11 and 12 were given a series of problems to solve during the May 23 competition.

Winner of the Brock Book Store Awards included:

- Grade 10: Aaron Neufeld, Eden High School
- Grade 11: Eric Sones, Thorold High School
- Grade 12: Jason Zhao, Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School

The Deans Scholarship Award for a Graduating Grade 12 student went to Michael Richards of Laura Secord Secondary School.

Brock departments contributing to this successful annual event include Information Technology Services, Co-op Programs, Recruitment and Liaison, Student Services and the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

The computer Science Department would like to thank Tracey Morin and Matthew O'Beirn from ITS for their exceptional efforts in setting up the computer labs for the contest.

Earthquake relief



Students and graduates from the MEd ISP program in the Faculty of Education held a bake sale and solicited funds at both the St. Catharines and Hamilton campuses recently to raise money for China earthquake relief. A moving PowerPoint presentation accompanied their efforts, which raised more than \$1,000 for the Red Cross. Ling Peng and Lingzhi Liu were volunteers.

Summer swimming opportunities offered

The Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre and Walker Complex have several ways to keep children active and fit this summer season.

• Summer swim lesson registration begins Monday, June 23 at 5 p.m. in person at the Walker Complex Welcome Desk, or by phone at ext. 4060, and continues through the summer. Lessons run in two-week sessions, beginning June 30. Information can be found at www.brocku.ca/aquatics

• Looking for a summer aquatics experience for your child? Junior Lifeguard Camps run weekly beginning June 30 and stress fun and aquatic skill development based on personal-best achievement. Building on skills they already have, Junior Lifeguard Club members work to develop and

improve swimming and other aquatic skills with emphasis on swimming skills, lifesaving skills, lifesaving knowledge, leadership and teamwork, community education, competition and personal fitness. Members apprentice with working instructors and lifeguards. Register at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex. More information is available online at www.brocku.ca/aquatics/programs/camps.php

• Summer Youth Memberships for the Walker Complex are available for high school students ages 15 to 17. Adult members of the Walker Complex who would like to bring their children 13 years and older may also purchase a summer membership for them (child must be directly supervised by the parent).

German professor joins Physics staff

Reinhard Kremer, an internationally renowned senior scientist from Max Planck Institute of Solid State Research in Stuttgart, Germany, has joined the Physics Department as an adjunct professor.

Kremer is the author/co-author of more than 300 papers, monographs, and review articles in the field of solid state physics and chemistry and holds several patents to his name. As an adjunct faculty member, he will supervise/co-supervise the research of both undergraduate and graduate students in the Physics Department, teach occasional graduate courses during his summer visits to Brock and continue his collaboration with Feri Razavi, Professor, Physics. Two members of the Physics Department, Razavi and S. K. Bose, have had long-standing collaboration with scientists from this institute in Germany.

Kremer's appointment will further strengthen Brock's ties with this research institute, which is considered a world leader in the field of condensed matter physics.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the recent election for staff representation to the Board of Trustees. It is much appreciated.

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