

Marilyn Walker receives honorary degree

Brock's annual Fall Convocation ceremony featured honours for students, faculty members and one exemplary community member.

More than 800 students received their degrees during two ceremonies this past Saturday in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium in the Walker Complex.

Marilyn Walker, an artist, teacher, mentor and award-winning author, received an honorary degree during the morning ceremony.

Two faculty members, Professor John McNamara and Professor Maurice Feldman, were honoured for their commitment to creating a forward-thinking, student-centred learning environment at the University.

Brock is recognizing Walker for her extraordinary contributions, advocacy and support of the arts, and in recognition of her meritorious service to the Niagara and Brock communities.

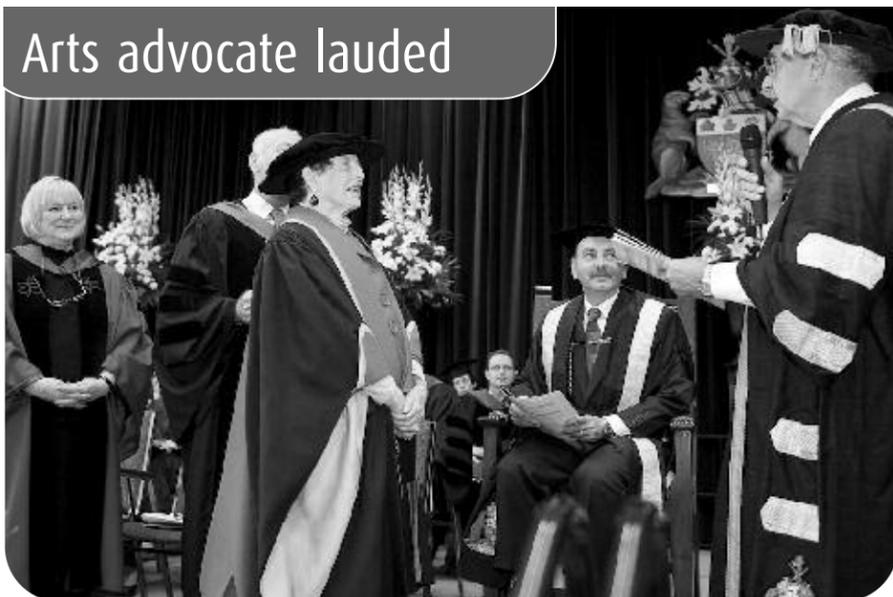
As a fibre artist, she is a pioneer, both in terms of technique and in teaching others about the history of quilts and how they have emerged as an important consideration in the art world.

Throughout the 1980s and '90s, Walker lectured and taught at guilds across Canada and the U.S., and was instrumental in promoting and garnering national attention for fibre arts. She curated the first Canadian Contemporary Quilt competition, which took place in St. Catharines in 1988 and received entries from almost every Canadian province.

Walker is also a community leader and committed arts advocate whose thoughtful leadership and heartfelt dedication has created positive change in Niagara.

Walker has worked tirelessly for many years on behalf of the St. Catharines chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women, and has been enormously important in

Arts advocate lauded



Marilyn Walker, centre, accomplished artist, teacher and award-winning author, receives her honorary degree from Chancellor Ned Goodman, right, during the University's Fall Convocation Saturday. Watching the proceedings are, from left, Rosemary Hale, Dean of Humanities; Norris Walker, Marilyn's husband; and President Jack Lightstone.

sustaining the St. Catharines Area Arts Council, Bethlehem Place and Women's Place. She also played an instrumental role in the revitalization of the Rodman Hall Arts Centre.

During her morning address, she spoke of the challenges she faced in helping change the perception of fibre arts from craft item to work of art, and being heard in a male-dominated world.

She encouraged the graduates to follow their dreams, by combining healthy doses of imagination and knowledge.

"Life dreams have much in common with the research papers you've all written in the past few years. You get the germ of an idea and you explore it; you get the basic premise on to a firm foundation, and then you begin to weave it all together.

"Maybe you won't like the idea that your life is one big research paper, but you will have some fine experiences to bring to the task."

The teaching awards were handed out during the afternoon ceremony.

McNamara, from the Department of Child and Youth Studies, received the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching, the second major award for teaching excellence he has received from Brock this year. He also received the Brock University Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching at Spring Convocation 2008. The Award recognizes a faculty member who has made a significant commitment to providing and developing quality learning experiences for students, in addition to making valuable contributions in curriculum development and the mentoring of colleagues.

Feldman, from the Centre for Applied Disability Studies, received the Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity. This award recognizes faculty

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United Way campaign leaps to life

The Brock community kicked off its 2008 United Way campaign last week with the unveiling of an ambitious target goal of \$96,000.

Jack Lightstone, president, and Dr. Robin Williams, St. Catharines and District United Way campaign chair, joined Brock's co-chairs, Kevin Lawr and Deborah Zinni, to talk about the far-reaching effects of the funds raised for those less fortunate, and to announce some of the plans for Brock's efforts.

The bulk of the money raised will come from pledge cards distributed late last week through internal mailing, but the committee has also organized several events, along with a raffle. The events include an office decorating challenge Friday, Oct. 31, with a theme of nursery rhymes; and two special lunches set for Thursday, Nov. 6 and Wednesday, Nov. 19. Raffle tickets are available from campaign volunteers for \$5 each, and entitle the ticket holder to a chance at several prizes, including an Urban bike, Trisha Romance print, iPod Nano, an overnight stay at Keefer Mansion, or brunch at either the Pillar and Post of Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Details will be printed on United Way bulletins or they can be found on the campaign website at www.brocku.ca/unitedway

A message from the co-chairs: Brock's United Way executive committee has been meeting since February, preparing for this year's Faculty and Staff campaign. We have set a very ambitious campaign goal of \$96,000. This is the highest goal ever set by Brock, but we are confident that with your generous support and the hard work of our many dedicated volunteers and your financial contributions, we will achieve this goal.

The United Way funds many programs and charitable organizations that benefit our community. It helps to fill the gaps left between government programs and the available funds of low-income families. It is a staggering reality that one in six families in the Niagara Region lives in poverty. The youth of these low income families are particularly vulnerable.

Please help us to achieve our campaign goal by supporting the United Way through your Brock pledge card. You will feel good about knowing that your donation is really helping to strengthen our community.

Deborah Zinni, faculty representative
Kevin Lawr, staff representative
2008 United Way Campaign Co-Chairs

Matheson Learning Commons holds official opening

The Matheson Learning Commons will officially open on Sunday, Oct. 26 with a special celebratory event.

The event runs from 3 to 4 p.m. and will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and a special recognition of retired professor Bill Matheson. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to attend.

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University's namesake remembered

The Brock community gathered on the lawn in front of the Schmon Tower Friday, Oct. 17 for the second annual General Brock Commemoration Day, organized by the Brock 1812 Bicentenary Committee, and featuring re-enactors from Fort George and Fort Erie, a flag-lowering and several speeches.



Brock Briefs

Thesis defence

Jason Legge, candidate for the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture, will defend his thesis, entitled "Two War Scandals: News in the Age of Empire," on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room, 13th Floor, Schmon Tower. External examiner: Herbert Pimlott (Wilfrid Laurier University); supervisor: Hans Skott-Myhre; committee members: Derek Foster, Jim Leach; chair: Murray Smith. All are welcome.

Fall Preview Day 2008

Brock's annual Fall Preview Day will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. This event is held for prospective students, parents and the general public. Fall Preview Day is a critical part of the recruitment process, as it occurs just before prospective students are determining to which universities they will apply.

If you have any questions about your role in Fall Preview Day, or how you can become involved, contact Melissa Coleman in Recruitment and Liaison Services at ext. 4685 or via e-mail at mcoleman@brocku.ca

Registration is recommended. For details, visit <https://experience.brocku.ca> and click on the "Fall Preview Day" button.

Brock welcomes Grade 9 students Nov. 5

Brock will once be one of thousands of workplaces across the country welcoming special guests Wednesday, Nov. 5 as part of the annual national Take Our Kids to Work Day. Grade 9 students will spend a day at work job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host to assist in their understanding importance of staying in school, gaining an appreciation for making a living and supporting a family, and encouraging them to make links between education and their future.

Brock's involvement in the program is a great way to highlight the diversity of roles at our University, and to develop connections with these future Brock students. Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety is currently planning an interesting and informative day of programming that includes mandatory health and safety training, a morning of campus tours and planned activities, followed by an afternoon of job shadowing with a Brock parent or sponsor.

If you know a Grade 9 student and you would like to be a host, please contact Lori Sather at lsather@brocku.ca, or call ext. 3023, to register. For more information and a full schedule of events, go to www.brocku.ca/oehs

Climate-change study team has Brock link

A Brock University economics professor has been awarded a Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences (CFCAS) grant to study the impacts of climate change on water resources in Greater Victoria, B.C., including effects on temperature and precipitation.

Mohammed Dore, an environmental economist, was a joint applicant on the research proposal with Thian Gan of the University of Alberta. The CFCAS is a foundation set up by the Government of Canada to support university research focused solely on the study of climate and climate change.

According to CFCAS, this is the first time it has funded a research project where one of the applicants was an environmental economist.

Dore's research will be carried out in his Climate Change Lab at Brock; the emphasis of his work will be on extreme weather events and how Victoria might carry out plans to adapt to the future scenarios of climate change.

International Education Week 2008

International Education Week 2008 happens the week of Nov. 17 to 21 to raise awareness and celebrate the benefits of international education, as well as to promote the international programs and events managed by Brock International.

A complete list of events will be in the next issue.

Honouring Sir Isaac



Top: students from the School of Fine and Performing Arts helped entertain during the first annual General Brock's October Soiree held Saturday, Oct. 18 at Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Bottom left: Guy Bannerman as Brock; bottom right: graduate Heather Thomas.

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members who demonstrate outstanding research achievements, contributions toward the training of future researchers, and consistency in scholarly or creative performance.

Honours for graduates included the following:

- Governor-General's Silver Medals, awarded to the students who achieve the highest academic standing at the undergraduate level, were given to Robert Flack of Thorold, Computer Science; and Colleen Cottrill of St. Catharines, Business Administration (Co-op) with a concentration in Human Resources Management

- Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medals are given to graduates who best embody the spirit of Sir Isaac Brock – leadership, courage, innovation, inspiration and community involvement – while representing the ideals that characterize the recipients of the Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal. The medals are presented to a graduate and undergraduate student. The graduate medal was given to Kimberly Costello of St. Catharines, MA Social Psychology, while the undergraduate medal was given to Jacelyn Holmes of St. Catharines, Honors in Dramatic Arts (performance concentration).



Delegates from Port-of-Spain and the City of St. Catharines twinning groups join Brock representatives earlier this month to commemorate the 40th anniversary of their partnership.

Twinning group celebrates 40th with scholarship

Almost 40 years to the day of a special twinning ceremony to unite St. Catharines and the Port-of-Spain, Brock welcomed a special delegation honouring that anniversary.

On Oct. 4, 1968, then-Mayor of St. Catharines, Mayor Mackenzie A. Chown and the then-Mayor of Port-of-Spain, Mayor J. Hamilton Holder, declared the Mundialization of St. Catharines and the Twinning of the two cities, to share a mutual respect for the principles of the United Nations, and to further the cause of "goodwill among nations of the world."

To celebrate its participation in the ongoing relationship, Brock created the 40th Anniversary Twinning Scholarship, which has been awarded to first-year student Stella-Marie Chong Sing, a native of Trinidad-Tobago.

Chong Sing was chosen by a selection committee and Brock for her high level of academic accomplishment, and a genuine interest and enthusiasm to participate in student life at the University, and because she has already shown herself to be a wonderful cultural ambassador for her home country, according to Sheila Young, Director, Brock International.

During Twinning Week, a delegation of 16 representatives from Port-of-Spain, including one of Chong Sing's former teachers, toured the campus and met several University representatives, including President Jack Lightstone, and Chong Sing. Representatives from the St. Catharines Twinning Association, including founding member Philip Atteck, were also in attendance.

President's Forum coming

Brock University, in association with Canadian Tire Financial Services, is taking an active role in defining the economic future of Niagara through "Growing Niagara: Future Talent Strategies."

Leaders of the community will be discussing views, concepts, and ideas intended to build a common understanding of what talent is needed to recreate and sustain a diverse economy for Niagara and what strategies will be required to attract and retain this talent.

The forum takes place Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Featured panel speakers include: Jack Lightstone, president, Brock; Marco Marrone, president, Canadian Tire Financial Services; Lisa Neville, president, Brock University Graduate Students' Association; Dennis Parass, chair, Niagara Economic Development Corporation; Peter Partington, chair, Region of Niagara; and Jody Thomas, president, Brock University Students' Union.

Following the discussions, the speakers will attend a meet-and-greet session.

Those in attendance will have their name entered in a draw to win prizes, including: an iPod; half-credit tuition for students; gift certificate towards continuing education for employees; parking pass upgrade for students; Brock University Alumni wine and cooler bag; Brock University book store gift certificate(s); or pre-loaded Canadian Tire MasterCard (\$100).

Tickets are free, but seating is limited, so those interested must make reservations through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

Researchers hope to wake the dragon

When one reviews the various fundraising events and promotions around October – Breast Cancer Awareness month – talking about a dragon boat challenge isn't usually on the list.

Brock researchers from the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies and various partners are trying to change that with a new project called "Waking the Sleeping Dragon." The community-based initiative also involves Joy Leonard of Niagara Dragon Boat Club and Karin Perry from the Niagara Breast Cancer Research and Education Fund. Recent funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation helped create the partnership, which was formally launched this month.

Mary Breunig and Tim O'Connell, professors from the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies (RECL), and Perry, a RECL graduate student, will be conducting research on the numerous physical and mental health benefits of dragon boat participation.

The \$20,000 Trillium grant will go towards the purchase of a dragon boat and creation of a dragon boat team for women living with and beyond breast cancer.

Eager to champion the role of dragon boating as a support-based activity for women living beyond breast cancer, dragon boat champion and St. Catharines resident, Marsha Bukata, and Leonard, president of the Niagara Dragon Boat Club, are contributing momentum to move this club forward and create a breast cancer team.

Bukata is one of the founding members of Knot-a-Breast, a competitive and fun-loving group of breast cancer survivors taking the dragon boat racing circuit by storm.

For information or a community presentation, contact the project co-ordinator Jen Murray at 905-687-3333 or e-mail wakingthesleepingdragon@gmail.com



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Brock students care

On Saturday, Oct. 4, 85 Brock students volunteered their time, talents and energy as part of a "Brock Cares" Day of Service. The event was organized by Brock's Community Connections program in co-operation with the St. Catharines and District United Way. Volunteers spent the day cleaning, painting and organizing on behalf of seven local community and not-for-profit organizations, including the Southridge Community Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Gillian's Place, Hospice Niagara, Adopt-a-Road, the Clean City Committee (graffiti removal) and the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. Visit www.brocku.ca/communityconnections for additional information about this event and other upcoming community service opportunities.

Staff member becomes campaign's face

Susan Mifsud, Assistant Director, Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety, was recently selected for the Faces campaign of the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health.

Mifsud is a member of the University Accessibility Steering Committee, made up of senior administrators, overseeing university-wide compliance of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontarians with Disabilities Act. Earlier this year, through Human Resources, she brought to campus the Canadian Mental Health Association's "mental health works" program for managerial and supervisory staff to better address issues of managing employees with mental health issues in the workplace.

Besides this work, Mifsud has also

participated in other accessibility awareness sessions ("Moving to Inclusion") in conjunction with the office of the Accessibility Co-ordinator.

Nearly one in five Canadians is affected by mental illness, yet a persistent stigma prevents millions from getting the help they need. The continuing theme of Mental Illness Awareness Week – Face Mental Illness – was designed to change that.

By sharing their stories, the "faces" of the campaign are helping bring mental illness out from the shadows. Their experiences are proof that through proper diagnosis, treatment and awareness, people with mental illnesses can live productive and fulfilling lives.

For more information on the campaign, visit miaw.ca and follow the links for the Faces campaign.

Health fair offers vaccination clinics

Student Health Services is once again hosting the annual health fair Monday, Nov. 3 in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium.

Health Fair 2008 is a free event open to all members of the community and will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to evaluate their level of health, assess their stress management skills, learn about the positive impact of physical activity and test their knowledge of nutrition.

Close to 100 interactive displays presented by medical staff from Student Health Services, faculty, staff and students from the University, and professionals and representatives from area organizations will include featured topics such as general medical issues, travel safety, smoking

cessation, hand hygiene, sports injuries, physical activity, personal safety, substance abuse, relaxation techniques and more.

Also this year, Brock, in partnership with Niagara Region Public Health, will be holding a measles, mumps and rubella vaccination clinic for students, and a flu vaccination clinic for students, faculty and staff.

Students should bring either their driver's licence or Health Card to the clinic for more efficient service.

The vaccination clinics run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Walker Complex.

For more information, visit www.brocku.ca/healthservices/healthfair.php or contact Melodie Shick-Porter at ext. 4136 or by e-mail at mshick@brocku.ca

Graduates take next step with career expo

Career Services will be hosting the fourth annual Career & Post-Graduate Expo on Tuesday, Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium.

The Career & Post-Graduate Expo encompasses four distinct areas of opportunities for Brock students and graduates including: full- and part-time job opportunities, post-graduate educational information, volunteer opportunities and professional development.

Students and graduates are required to register for the event online at www.mycareerexpo.com for their chance to win various prizes (such as gift cards from

the Campus Store) and to receive a list of exhibitors attending this event. There are more than 130 exhibitors this year from the Niagara region and beyond.

To ensure the success of the Career & Post-Graduate Expo 2008, we request your assistance in our promotions effort by informing the students and alumni within your department of this exciting event.

For more information on the Career & Post-Graduate Expo, visit the venue website at www.mycareerexpo.com or contact Lisa Kuiper, employer development/events & marketing co-ordinator at lkuiper@brocku.ca

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People in the news

Kimberly Cote, associate professor, Psychology, was mentioned in a Sept. 26 article in the *Port Colborne Leader* entitled "Forum will discuss health impact of sleep loss" as she hosted the Café Scientifique on impact of sleep loss on health. The article also ran in *Niagara This Week* on the same date.

Paul Hamilton, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Sept. 26 article in the *Port Colborne Leader* entitled "Bartolomeo throws in his hat," in which he talked about the challenges of an political candidate running as an independent.

James Mandigo, associate professor, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* for a Sept. 30 article entitled "In the name of physical literacy, pass the beer cup" in which he spoke about the importance of teaching children a wide variety of activities in physical education classrooms rather than just calorie-burning exercises.

Bill Ralph, professor, Mathematics, and **John Gill**, student, were interviewed in an Oct. 10 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Art with a twist," in which they discussed their works in the new! 2008 Niagara Biennial exhibition at Rodman Hall.

Sid Segalowitz, professor, Psychology, was interviewed for an Oct. 10 online article in *ScienceNews* entitled "Bad air for growing brains and minds," in which he talked about a study linking brain deficits in youth with pollution in Mexico City.

Brent Faught, professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for an Oct. 11 online news piece for CTV.ca entitled "Canadian researchers probe

'clumsy child' syndrome," in which he talked about the research on developmental co-ordination disorder.

Debra Inglis, Director, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), was interviewed for an Oct. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Plans afoot to expand grape and wine institute," in which she talked about the expansion of focus and research at CCOVI.

Mary Breunig, professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies, was interviewed for an Oct. 3 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "Group hopes new boat helps 'wake the dragon,'" in which she talked about a partnership project aimed at breast cancer survivors and run jointly by Brock researchers, the Canadian Breast Cancer Research and Education Fund and the Niagara Dragon Boat Club.

Ingrid Makus, Chair, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 6 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Getting the female vote," in which she talked about researching any difference between the way males and females vote.

Beverley Boudreau, Communications Officer, and **John Corlett**, Dean, Applied Health Sciences, were interviewed for a Sept. 15 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Read her lips," in which the couple talked of Boudreau's education and life journey and her recent appointment as president of the Canadian Federation of University Women's St. Catharines branch.

Chris Roberts, Director of Food Services, appeared Oct. 11 on a CHCH *Niagara Express* segment. Roberts was interviewed in *Alphie's* discussing local purchasing initiatives, while *Alphie's* chef made a dish from the new menu.

Charles Burton, professor, Political Science, had his letter to the editor entitled "On the road to civility" published in the Oct. 7 edition of the *Globe and Mail*.

Health and Safety Matters...

Whether it is health and safety training or professional development opportunities that interest you, now is the time to brush up on valuable skills that will benefit you at work, home and just about any other aspect of your life. For further details and registration for any of these workshops, visit Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

• Wellness Wednesday: Easy Effort Enhancement: October 22 (today!)

Brian Ker from Recreation Services will discuss and demonstrate adding quality without quantity to physical activities.

• Intro to Outlook: Oct. 24, 31

Learn how to use Brock's new feature-rich e-mail, calendar, and contact management systems.

• RESPECT: How to GIVE it and GET it: Oct. 28; Nov. 4, 12, 28

This interactive workshop will introduce Brock's Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy and what it means to you.

• Productivity Training for Outlook 2003: Oct. 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26:

Recommended for users already familiar with Microsoft Outlook 2003 who want to maximize proficiency.

• Safe Lifting and Material Handling: Oct. 29: A "back" to basics course of benefit to all on preventing injuries from moving and lifting.

• "Excel"ent Workshop - Level 1: Oct. 30, Nov. 11, 18 or 20: For the beginner or someone who is looking for tips and tricks for more efficiently

and effectively using Microsoft Office Excel.

• Health Fair: Nov. 3: Join HR/EHS at the annual Health Fair for giveaways, prizes, demonstrations and interactive exhibits, plus the annual Flu Clinic. Ian D. Beddis Gym, Walker Complex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• "Need to Know" Orientation: Nov. 12: Get important and useful information about Health and Safety at Brock and how it affects you as an employee. Ideal for new hires, CUPE 4207 members or as a refresher for all employees.

• WHMIS and Hazardous Waste Management: Nov. 19: An important workshop if you work with or near hazardous materials.

• Wellness Wednesday: Nov. 26: Details to follow. Watch www.brocku.ca/oehs

• Standard First Aid/CPR and Defibrillator Training: Nov. 10, 11 and 13: This course covers a variety of topics from basic to in-depth. The half-day AED portion of the course (Nov. 13) helps to familiarize individuals with the units located around campus.

• Positive Space: Nov. 10, 24, 27

Learn about the Positive Space Campaign at Brock and your role in this important initiative intended to help create a campus that is free of discrimination.

• Don't forget: "New Perspectives on Managing Safety" – A Conference for Supervisors is on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Program details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

BROCK NEWS READERS:

Congratulations to Jo Smith for winning the top prize from our READERSHIP SURVEY draw! Thanks to the Campus Store and Sodexo Food Services

Rodman Hall offers creative outlet for P.D. day fun

Faculty and Staff

BROCK INTERNATIONAL

Sheila Young, Director, Brock International, presented the paper "Creativity and Commitment: Internationalization of the University While Strengthening Local Connections and Relevance in the Region" at the 12th North American Higher Education Conference held in Monterrey, Mexico, Oct. 8 to 10.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Barry Keith Grant delivered the opening keynote address "Crisis? What Crisis?: Masculinity, Genre, and the American Cinema" at the XIII SERCIA (Société d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Cinéma Anglophone) and Culture and Power Conference on Genre, Ideology and Culture in the Cinema, University of Zaragoza, held at the Palacio de Congresos, Jaca, Spain, Sept. 18 to 20.

Nick Baxter-Moore presented the paper "Understanding the Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Taste, Aesthetics and Commercial Success" and was a panel member in a professional development workshop entitled "So You Wanna Be a Rock 'n' Roll Teacher? Explorations of Pedagogy and Technology" at the annual conference of the Midwest Popular and American Culture Associations in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 3 to 5.

COOL CLIMATE OENOLOGY AND VITICULTURE INSTITUTE

M. R. Bajec and **Gary Pickering** presented "Channels into perception: the perceptual properties of thermal taste and its molecular basis," at Proceedings of the XVIIIth Congress of European Chemoreception Research Organization, Portoroz, Slovenia, Sept. 3 to 7. Bajec and **Pickering** also presented "Oral phantasies: the perceptual world of thermal tasters" at the XV International Symposium on Olfaction and Taste, Association for Chemoreception Sciences, in San Francisco, Calif., July 21 to 26, while **Pickering** also gave the oral presentation "Oenological options for mediating ladybug taint" at the Uncorked Grape and Wine Industry Conference, Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, May 27 and 28.

ECONOMICS

Mohammed Dore has received a research grant from the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences (CFCAS). The research will be carried out in his Climate Change Lab. According to CFCAS, this is the first time that it has funded an environmental economist.

HISTORY

R. Andrew McDonald presented a paper on "The late Norse Isle of Man in its North Atlantic context: contacts and communication 1079-1265" at the Hvalsey Conference 2008, in Qaqortoq, South Greenland, Sept. 12 to 19.

John Sainsbury presented a paper on "Lord Rochester's Confession, Reverend Burnet's Profession" at the North American Conference on British Studies held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 3 to 5.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Cristina Santos presented her paper "Vampire or Megalomaniac Serial Killer? The Bloody Countess Erzsebet Bathory" at the sixth global

Rodman Hall has a solution for parents who need a Professional Development day plan with two arts camps that offer a creative outlet for them, and no mess for you.

Two programs are offered each day:

Friday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Autumn Artfest (ages six to nine): Children will dabble in paint, pastels and more, explore the outdoors and gather objects to transform into

conference on "Monsters and the Monstrous: Myths and Metaphors of Enduring Evil" held at Oxford University, England, Sept. 22 to 25.

PHILOSOPHY

Rajiv Kaushik presented the paper "Affectivity and Religious Experience: Husserl's 'God' in the Unpublished Manuscripts" as part of a session at Regents Park College on the 'theological turn' in phenomenology, at Oxford University in the United Kingdom Sept. 22. Kaushik's paper "Re-appropriating the Tragic into Thinking" was read (in his absences) at the ISSEI Conference in Helsinki, Finland, on July 30.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton presented the paper "Cultural, Social, Historical and Developmental Issues in Implementation of International Human Rights Law" at the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development and Communist Party of China Central Committee Central Party School Joint Seminar held at Rights and Democracy in Montreal, Sept. 20.

David Siegel spoke to the Annual Conference of the Ontario Municipal Administrators' Association on the topic of "Challenges Facing Local Government in the Next 50 Years" in Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Oct. 2.

Publications

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Schimmelpenninck van der Oye, David. (2008). "Russia's Relations with Japan before and after the War: An Episode in the Diplomacy of Imperialism," in Steven Ericson and Allen Hockley, eds., *The Treaty of Portsmouth and its Legacies*. Hanover, NH: Dartmouth College Press, 208, 11-23.

artworks. Instructor: Wendy Bering.

• Intensive Drawing Workshop (ages 10 to 14): Using a variety of media, will fine-tune drawing skills from portraiture to perspective and things in between, learning about composition, colour, and the rest of the tricks of the trade. Instructor: Laurie Boese.

Friday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Winter Wonderland Workshop (ages six to nine): Winter and holiday

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Yu, P., and **Pickering, G. J.** (2008). "Ethanol difference thresholds in wine and the influence of mode of evaluation and wine style," *Am. J. Enol. Vitic.*, 59 (2), pp. 146-152.

Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Fall seminar series.

All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.

• Friday, Oct. 24: Dr. Mattheos Koffas, University of Buffalo, the State University of New York, "Engineering plant secondary metabolite biosynthesis in microorganisms." Host: Vincenzo De Luca.

• Friday, Oct. 31: no seminar.

Department of Classics: in association with the Archaeology Institute of America Niagara Peninsula Society, presents a public lecture series on archaeology. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place Sundays at 3 p.m. in Academic South 215. Free admission.

• Sunday, Nov. 9: Professor Jodi Magness, Kenan distinguished professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak on "The Archeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls."

Department of Classics: in association with the Classical Association of Canada present Mark Golden, Professor of Classics, University of Winnipeg, in a public lecture entitled "Oedipal Complexities: Growing up Fatherless in Greece and Rome" on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Academic South 202.

SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Dramatic Arts

• Thurs., Oct. 23, at 5 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, T.A.P. (Turn Around Project) presents "T.A.P. Japan - Sharing Cultures, Art, and People." This documentary will show how Brock students, led by Professor Jane Leavitt, ran an integrated arts program for children at Jelly Bean English Pre-School in Kumamoto, Japan. Working with children from elementary, high school, and an orphanage, Brock students had the opportunity to interface with Japanese culture by homestay with families of the children they taught, thus creating an integral life experience for both Brock and Japanese students. A free community event.

• Nov. 13, 14, 15: *The Medea of Euripides*, the controversial playwright of the Classical Age of Athens, known for his sensationalism, his mixing of tragic and comic genres, and his portrayal of the gods as fallible, everyday people, receives a suitably investigational staging that re-imagines the play in a modern milieu. Directed by Natalie Alvarez, designed by David Vivian, and featuring stunning performances by the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts, this production situates the play in a multimedia, television studio recording of a daytime talk show. Held in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, 7:30 p.m. For tickets contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257, or e-mail: boxoffice@brocku.ca

arts and crafts, including designing wrapping paper and creating a card or two. Instructor: Wendy Bering.

• Holiday Wrap! (ages 10 to 14): Embossing cards, creating one-of-a-kind hand printed wrapping paper, and more in this preparation of the holiday season. Instructor: Laurie Boese.

Register at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

Department of Music

Music@Noon

• Tuesday, Oct. 28: Recital: Performance students, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University. Free community event.

• Tuesday, Nov. 4: Faculty recital: Patricia Dydansky, flute; Dr. Erika Reiman, piano, held at the Concordia Seminary Chapel.

Department of Visual Arts

• Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.: Opening reception for David Wright, "Selected Paintings": A selection of large scale oil paintings: Landscapes from the Niagara Escarpment and the Mexican Highlands, still life paintings, and fish ponds. Free community event. The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Show runs until Oct. 31.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season includes world-class music, dance, comedy, theatre and family performances. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. For tickets and more information visit www.arts.brocku.ca or call the Box Office at ext. 3257.

October 2008

Arlo Guthrie - Lost World Tour 2008, Oct. 22; Ballet Jorgen: Anastasia (DSH Theatre), Oct. 25; Joe Bonamassa, Oct. 30; William Joseph with special guest Lily Frost, Oct. 31.

November 2008

In Good Company's Production of God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jolly Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

December 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

RODMAN HALL ARTS CENTRE Exhibitions

• **new! 2008 Niagara Biennial:** runs until Dec. 30 featuring work by both established and emerging artists from the Niagara Region, including Tobey C. Anderson, Jean Bridge, Sandy Fairbairn, John Gill, Matt Harley, Ernest Harris Jr., Melanie MacDonald, Tyler Manzon, Bill Ralph, Sheldon Rooney, John Venditti and Carolyn Wren.

• **Blue Republic: Nostalgia for the Present:** curated by Carolyn Bell Farrell, originated and circulated by the Koffler Gallery until Feb. 15, 2009. Opening reception Saturday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. As the multidisciplinary collective Blue Republic, Anna Passakas and Radoslaw Kudlinski create installations that combine humour, wit and metaphor to stimulate discourse on political ideas, power structures and economic imbalances. Using discarded industrial materials and debris from the urban environment (empty paint cans, styrofoam packing forms, cardboard tubes and fashion magazines) they construct a miniature, sprawling urban environment in which refuse provides the building blocks of the future.

Cultural, educational exchange offers insight into South African experience

Brock University and North-West University in South Africa have both benefitted from an institutional partnership allowing students to trade places since November 2005.

The universities have enjoyed an active partnership that has included multiple graduate student research internships and exchanges funded by both Canadian International Development Agency and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada through the Students For Development Program (SFD) and the Graduate Students' Exchange Program (GSEP) respectively.

Linda Thomas of Brock and Joany Fransman of North-West are two graduate students essentially "trading places" for a term - Thomas with the support of the SFD program and Fransman supported by GSEP funding. Both are visiting the other's institution to further their graduate studies in education.

During her term in South Africa, Thomas is working on research related to health literacy, including issues such as lifestyle choices and AIDS literacy. Meanwhile, this term at Brock, Fransman is furthering her graduate research on comparative math education and math literacy for pre-service as well as in-service teachers. Joyce Mgombelo, assistant professor in the

Department of Pre-Service Education in the Faculty of Education, will be supervising and working closely with Fransman to conduct her research in Mathematical Literacy.

The Students for Development program mobilizes Canadian university students to work alongside developing country partner organizations active in the promotion of good governance. Graduate Students' Exchange Program is funded by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada and managed by the Canadian Bureau for International Education. Its focus is to encourage Canadian universities to expand their exchange programs with eligible countries.

Dolana Mogadime, Faculty of Education professor, has been the Brock champion and driving force for the ongoing collaboration with North-West University for the past few years. In close collaboration with Brock International, many students and faculty have been actively involved in the Brock/North-West partnership.

Applications and information about either the SFD program or the GSEP may be found on the Brock International website: www.brocku.ca/brockinternational under Student International Funding Opportunities. Or, contact Sheila Young in Brock International at syoung@brocku.ca

Brock to host 10,000 Villages craft sale next month

International Services hosts the 10,000 Villages Craft Sale at Brock Nov. 3 to 7. Proceeds go to craftspeople in developing countries and Mennonite Central Committee to help with programming overseas. International Services also receives a contribution for

international development programming - the Solidarity Experiences Abroad Program in Namibia.

The sale will be in Sean O' Sullivan Theatre's Gallery Nov. 3, 12 noon to 7 p.m.; Nov. 4 to 6, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A well-heeled win

Four Brock business students recently earned the Highest Pledged School Award for their participation in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes fundraising and awareness event at the Pen Centre in support of Gillian's Place. The students include, from left: Noor Mufti (BBA '08); and MBA students Matt Miciula; Ted Soepboer; and Bryceson Dodge.

Students benefit from arts funding

Niagara region students will enjoy greater access to Centre for the Arts Theatre in Education series this season thanks to a \$15,000 contribution on behalf of Freedom 55 Financial, the financial security planning division of London Life.

The contribution, made through The Key to Giving™, the national corporate citizenship program of Great-West Life, London Life and Canada Life, will provide discounts on student tickets and a full-ticket subsidy application program for disadvantaged areas, students in senior kindergarten

through Grade 12 and schools for the October 2008 to April 2009 series.

The Theatre in Education series has presented 16 national and international companies and 32 performances since its inaugural 2004-05 season. While attendance has steadily grown, ticket prices can be a financial barrier for many students, so the contribution allows more students access to these performances.

For a complete listing of the Theatre in Education series, visit <http://www.arts.brocku.ca/performance/s/schoolperformances.php>

Rhetoric class to stage mock U.S. presidential debate

William Mathie's rhetoric and democracy students will put theory to the test early next month when they stage a simulated presidential debate on the same day as the United States goes to the polls to choose new national leadership.

The students, who have been closely following the current election events, have also been studying the traditional case for and against democracy by looking as far back as the Abraham Lincoln-Stephen Douglas debates of the 1850s. Therefore, when they meet Nov. 4 to stage the mock debate, they will stage a simulated version of a presidential debate with students representing Barack Obama and John McCain. They will also have a debate with students representing Lincoln and Douglas.

The format will be the same as that used in the first and third 2008 presidential debates and it will be open to the public to attend.

The presidential debate has been scheduled for 4 p.m. in AS 203.

Special Collections exhibit examines images of University's namesake

What did the 'Hero of Upper Canada' look like?

Nobody knows for sure what Sir Isaac Brock looked like, but his image has appeared in paintings, stamps, coins, toys, and logos for more than 200 years.

The staff of Brock's Archives and Special Collections invite you to explore a new exhibit on this theme: Isaac is Everywhere.

The exhibit features some unique items from the Brockiana Collection

and showcases the various incarnations of Sir Isaac Brock's image throughout the years.

Archives and Special Collections is located on the 10th floor of the Library and is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. All are welcome to visit and see this exciting exhibit.

For more information, contact David Sharron, University Archivist and Head, Special Collections at ext. 3264.

Arts winners have Brock connection

Three of the four major awards recently handed out for the St. Catharines Annual Trillium Arts Awards went to artists with a Brock connection.

They include:

- Excellence in the Arts Award: Emerging Artist: Joe Lapinski (Brock graduate, Philosophy)

Awarded to an emerging artist who is still in the early stages of his or her career, who has already shown serious dedication, earned significant recognition, and had an impact within St. Catharines' arts community.

- Excellence in the Arts Award: Established Artist: Stephen Remus (Brock graduate, Visual Arts)

Awarded to an artist who has received critical recognition of his or her craft and demonstrated leadership in the field, helping to increase the profile of the city nationally and internationally.

- Innovation in the Arts Award: Suitcase in Point Theatre Company: Alexandra

Hlinyanszky, Annie Wilson, Deanna Lynn Jones, Cole Lewis, Tyler Sainsbury, Miles Coverdale, Natasha Pedros (Brock graduates, Dramatic Arts)

This award acknowledges an individual or arts organization whose enterprising efforts in the past two years have provided the community with an event or program which has been both inclusive and inspirational.

The St. Catharines Culture Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the Trillium Arts Awards as part of the 24th annual Trillium Awards for Excellence in Landscapes, Heritage Preservation and the Arts, recognizing outstanding achievements in the community.

Each year, four awards are presented to artists and/or organizations in our community that have demonstrated excellence and innovation in their fields, raised the profile of the arts, and generated significant contributions and partnerships in support of the arts.

Ontario Universities' Fair great venue

Thank you to all students, staff and faculty who represented Brock at the Ontario Universities' Fair, Sept. 26 to 28.

There were approximately 108,000 people through the doors of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre over three days - a record for this event.

Brock had an outstanding showing, with more than 160 volunteers present. More than 20,000 Brock viewbooks were distributed, 1,600 prospective student names were collected at the laptop stations, and almost 1,000 people attended Brock presentations.

All volunteers are reminded to submit their expense forms to Linda Steele in TH261. If you haven't yet completed an evaluation, we'd appreciate hearing from you.

Thanks so much for your participation.

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