



The SMART Start program is under way for the summer. New students will be on campus each day until Friday, August 13, to get an in-depth look at university life through interactions with staff, faculty and current students before they officially begin their academic lives on campus in September. Pictured here are students registering for fall courses with help from SMART Start Assistants and Brock students Jill Greenslade and Daryl Paulin.

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Brock news

A newsletter for faculty and staff at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

Brock approves largest budget in its history

The Brock University Board of Trustees recently approved a record \$156-million operating budget, which contains significant spending increases for the 2004-05 fiscal year. The budget includes an \$11.5 million or eight per cent increase in spending over last year to accommodate continued growth in salary and benefit costs, programming and capital projects.

"Due to sound financial planning, the University is well positioned to meet its goals, as it continues to experience significant expansion," said Brock University President David Atkinson. "Although the budget is balanced, the University will be under financial pressure for the coming year. We are looking forward to the outcome of the Rae Commission on post-secondary education in response to chronic underfunding of Ontario universities."

The basic operating grant from the Government of Ontario is estimated to be \$55,346,454, an increase of \$3.1 million, with total grants at \$63,304,452. The consequences of the latest provincial budget have left little room for new initiatives. As a result, no new faculty or staff positions have been approved for 2004-05.

To meet the growing demand for a Brock education, the University is continuing with its capital expansion program. As part of the 2003 SuperBuild initiative, the Ontario government awarded Brock \$3.82 million. The funding is allocated for the Taro Hall Academic Expansion, a \$10-million project which includes the construction of a three-storey

building, also housing a new campus store. As well, plans are under way for the development of a Lifespan Development Research Centre. The Centre will provide a centralized location for 40 faculty members to study how development occurs across the human lifespan.

The University has already invested more than \$100 million in campus expansion over the last five years with the construction of academic buildings, the Walker Complex, which is Niagara's largest recreational facility, student residences and other facilities.

Brock continues to be one of the leaders in the growth of applications among Ontario universities as the demand for a Brock education continues to grow beyond the double cohort. Student enrolment is expected to reach 16,000 for September 2004.

In addition to the University's role as an educational and cultural centre for area residents, Brock has a significant and growing impact on the economy of the Niagara region. Brock's annual economic impact on the Niagara region increased to \$263 million for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Recently recruited faculty receive \$118,000 for new scientific equipment

Two recently recruited faculty members at Brock University have received grants totalling \$118,000 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and other funding partners in support of equipment and infrastructure costs associated with their research programs.

The two professors receiving New Opportunities CFI funding are Biological Sciences Professor Jean Richardson, and Chemistry Professor Costa Metallinos.

Richardson will receive \$59,990 to cover costs to research the larval traits of amphibians. This research will help determine the best habitats for frog breeding, will give greater understanding to the mechanisms affecting animal biodiversity, and will help address concerns over the declining population of amphibians.

Metallinos' grant of \$58,580 will help fund the Asymmetric Synthesis Laboratory, which will provide researchers with the means to invent and rapidly evaluate new synthetic organic reactions. The equipment will expand the capabilities to determine rationally designed reagents for selective

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Brock appoints Director/Curator of Rodman Hall Arts Centre

An art historian with extensive experience in a variety of capacities in the public art gallery field is the newly appointed Director/Curator of the Rodman Hall Arts Centre, Brock University.

Gordon Hatt comes to Brock from Cambridge Galleries where, as Curator, he oversaw an annual schedule of approximately 15 exhibitions at two locations. These exhibitions were a mix of work by developing regional artists and provincially and nationally significant mid-career artists. The exhibitions Hatt developed and curated have all emerged from the motivation to develop a larger audience for contemporary art.

"This appointment is an important next step for the Rodman Hall Arts Centre as the University continues to enhance programming and build community relationships," said University President David Atkinson. "Gordon Hatt brings an impressive range of experience to this position as both a curator and exhibition manager, and I look forward to his arrival in August."

Hatt served as Director/Curator at the Durham Art Gallery, Sessional Lecturer in Art History at the University of Toronto and Programme Coordinator at the Cambridge Galleries before becoming the Curator of Temporary Exhibitions in Cambridge in 1997.

He is currently a member of the Public Art Committee of the Region of Waterloo. Hatt served on the Cambridge Sculpture Garden Jury and acted as Juror for a number of exhibitions, including the Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery Juried Exhibition. Among his many other accomplishments, he was a board member of the Waterloo Regional Arts Council and a committee member of Art Works! Visual Art Festival in Kitchener.



Gordon Hatt

Hatt holds both a Master of Arts and an undergraduate degree in Art History from the University of Toronto, specializing in the

modern period.

At Brock, Hatt will be responsible for curating exhibitions, developing art education and programming-related arts events and activities at Rodman Hall. In addition, he will be teaching Approaches to Curatorial Practice for the Department of Visual Arts.

"I am looking forward to joining Brock University and becoming a part of the Niagara cultural community," said Hatt. "Brock's commitment to Rodman Hall not only has ensured the continuing presence of this institution in the city of St. Catharines, it has also provided a great opportunity to position Rodman Hall as an important and dynamic cultural centre in Canada."

Hatt joins Brock on Tuesday, August 3.

Celebrate Brock Days 2004!

Mark your calendar and plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration on September 24, 25 and 26. To add to the festivities, the University will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. There are also events scheduled as a warm-up to the Brock Days weekend.

Join the celebration and enjoy the best that Brock and Niagara have to offer as once again the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

There will be something for everyone during Brock Days with wine events, an afternoon of activities in Montebello Park, a concert with Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo fame, a Grape Stomp Extravaganza, an alumni pub night, live entertainment, the Alumni Association Golf Tournament, varsity athletic competitions and more...visit www.brocku.ca/brockdays for updates and details on all of the Brock Days events.

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chemical transformation.

"Brock's researchers continue to attract funding for leading edge research," said Dr. Michael Owen, Director of the Office of Research Services at Brock. "The CFI, by funding these researchers, is helping Brock to intensify its research activities and to attract the best students."

Total investments, recently approved by the CFI Board of Directors, will support 124 projects involving 140 researchers at 40 research institutions.

The CFI's New Opportunities Fund (NOF) enables eligible universities to provide research infrastructure for newly recruited faculty members, in their first full-time academic appointment in Canadian degree-granting institutions, so that these researchers can undertake leading-edge research. The fund also enables institutions to recruit new faculty members in the areas of research identified as priorities in their strategic research plans.

The CFI is an independent corporation created in 1997 by the Government of Canada to fund research infrastructure.

New editor for Brock News

Caroline Bourque Wiley has recently left her position as Media Relations Officer for a new opportunity outside the University.

All media-related inquiries or editorial questions for Brock News should now be directed to Kevin J. Grout, Communications Officer, in the Office of University Advancement.

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Opening of Term Dinner on Sept. 1

The Opening of Term Dinner will be hosted in the Residence Dining Hall on Wednesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

As in past years, tickets will be available from the Centre for the Arts Box Office, at ext. 3257. Tickets are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of eight. Individual tickets will be available with seating randomly assigned prior to the event.

Those wishing to reserve a table for eight should contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office and a table reservation form will be forwarded accordingly.

All reservations must be received by 4:30 p.m., on Friday, August 20.

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BUSU looking for SWAT members

The Brock University Students' Union is seeking help from the University's faculty and staff.

It is looking for enthusiastic students to be a part of the SWAT (Student Welcoming and Awareness Team) program. This team will help make Orientation Week a huge success this year.

SWAT members will be stationed at every event during the week to make sure that students have a good time and to answer any questions first-year students may have about Brock.

The SWAT members generate enthusiasm, lend a helping hand and make lasting friendships.

Each SWAT member takes part in a free training weekend and helps the team members get acquainted with each other. SWAT members are provided with a free T-shirt and water bottle as well as enjoying free access to most events during the week. SWAT members will also be provided with food while they are working during Orientation Week. The hours worked while being a part of SWAT will be tracked using Experience Plus, making it an excellent resume-building opportunity.

Faculty and staff can refer students to www.busu.net, where they can print out the application for SWAT and submit it to the BUSU office no later than Sunday, August 1.

Questions can be directed to Bryden McDonald, Volunteer and Events Coordinator for BUSU, at ext. 3143.

Brock Briefs...

Summer swim registration continues

Summer swim registration is ongoing for Session 3 (July 26 to August 6) and Session 4 (August 9 to 20).

Register by calling ext. 4060, with MasterCard or Visa number, or register at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex.

Call Debbie McCracken at ext. 4089, or e-mail her at dmccrack@arnie.pec.brocku.ca for details.

Electronic summer book sale

Two Brock faculty members are holding an ongoing "electronic" book sale in support of the CrimeFictionCanada Website Project

www.brocku.ca/crimefictioncanada.

Hard cover books are priced at \$2, while all other books are \$1. New stock is available weekly and includes fiction of all kinds, non-fiction, literature/literary studies, and miscellaneous titles.

To receive a list of books available for purchase, contact mrose@brocku.ca. Books ordered will be delivered to your Brock office upon request.

The book sale is organized by Professor Marilyn Rose of English Language and Literature and Professor Jeannette Sloniowski of Communications, Popular Culture and Film.

Further information is available by telephone at ext. 3884.

FACULTY AND STAFF

CHEMISTRY

The amount of research funding for Chemistry for 2003/04 was \$1,261,390 in addition to a \$5,372,094 grant to purchase major instrumentation, the latter in collaboration with members of the Biological Sciences Department.

DRAMATIC ARTS

Marlene Moser interviewed playwright Tomson Highway for the White/Hammond Event for the Council of Ontario University College and Theatre Programs on May 14. On May 30, she presented a paper on Djanet Sears for the Association for Canadian Theatre Research entitled, From Performing Wholeness to Providing Choices: Afrika Solo and Harlem Duet.

GEOGRAPHY

Alun Hughes presented the following papers at recent conferences: Merritt's Survey and the Tunnel to Nowhere - the Beginnings of the Welland Canal, at the World Canals Conference, Brock University; and Daniel Hazen, Surveyor of Grantham Township, at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Cartographic Association, Sir Sandford Fleming College.

MATHEMATICS

On a trip to Beijing/China in April, **Thomas Wolf** gave two talks at the DESC 2004 workshop (Differential Equations with Symbolic Computation) at Beihang University, and one talk at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Institute of Software Technology: Genetic Learning used to improve the solution of Life and Death problems in Goe.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Anna H. Lathrop presented the following invited panel presentations at conferences this spring:

- Making the Most of Our Institutional Resources, at Brock's Centre for Teaching and Learning and Educational Technologies 1st Annual Best Practices in Teaching and Learning Symposium, May 6.
- Teaching Strategies in Science, Engineering and Technology, for the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science and Technology, at Brock, June 11.
- The Challenge of Change: A Council of 3M Teaching Fellows Forum, for the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, University of Ottawa, June 17 to 19.

On June 19, **Barbara Kennedy's** choreography entitled Moulin Orange Ensemble was presented as the entertainment for the Ridley College Fundraising Ball. The dancers included several members of the Ridley College Dance Group and two Ridley alumni who are currently Brock students. The music utilized was a selection from Offenbach and over 350 international guests were in attendance at the gala event.

PSYCHOLOGY

Kathryn Belicki moderated a symposium entitled Forgiveness and Forgiveness Seeking at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association in St. John's, Newfoundland, June 9 to 12, at which the following three papers were presented:

- **DeCourville, N., & Belicki, K.** Subjective experiences of forgiveness and unforgiveness in a community sample.
- **Green, M., DeCourville, N., Sadava, S. & Belicki, K.** Dispositional forgiveness, social support, health-related behaviours, and physical health.
- **Rourke-Marcheterre, J., & Belicki, K.** Forgiveness seeking: Extraverts versus introverts.

Carolyn Hafer recently attended the 10th meeting of the International Society for Justice Research, held in Regina, Saskatchewan. She presented a paper entitled Extended Time Frame and Preservation of the Belief in a Just World.

SOCIOLOGY

Mary-Beth Raddon presented a keynote address at the international conference, Local Currencies in the Twenty-First Century, at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, June 26.

PUBLICATIONS

Amprimoz, Alexandre L. "Stilborn Twin I," "Stilborn Twin II," "Stilborn Twin III," *Three Candles*. (July 2004).
<<http://threecandles.org/poems/amprimoz.html>>

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For rent: Semi-detached house in north St. Catharines, available September 1. Four bedrooms, quiet neighbourhood. Sorry, no students. \$975 plus utilities. Please call 905-646-5599.

For rent: House located at 31 Briarfield Crescent, off Lockhart Drive, in St. Catharines. Four bedrooms, four bathrooms; central air and vac; finished sun-lit basement; backyard/deck; sprinkler; \$2,700/month; Available October 1.

Summer accommodation: Available, a nine-year-old townhouse, five minutes from Brock. One bedroom, upstairs, plus complete self-contained basement available. Rent by the day/week/month. Call 905-680-7895 for more information.