

# BrockNews

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

## Hospital administrator to receive business graduate award



Debbie Sevenpifer

Debbie Sevenpifer, President and CEO of the Niagara Health System (NHS), will be the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Graduate Award from Brock University's Faculty of Business.

Sevenpifer, who graduated from Brock's Accounting Co-op program in 1987, will be honoured at a private reception on Thursday, Dec. 15.

"The Faculty of Business is indeed proud to name Debbie Sevenpifer as our 2005 Distinguished Graduate," said Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business. "Debbie has had an exceptional career. Her outstanding success brings great honour to both the Faculty and the University."

The award recognizes a graduate who has earned prominence as a result of his or her exceptional professional achievements and service to society.

For more information, visit [www.brocku.ca](http://www.brocku.ca) and click on "News."

## Symposium to feature Humanities research

On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Humanities Research Institute (HRI) will present a Humanities Research Symposium from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon, on the Mezzanine level of Pond Inlet.

The object of the presentations is to introduce listeners to the work of eight Humanities scholars, who will share insights into their work with colleagues in the humanities and with the Brock community as a whole.

Entitled *Bodies and Stories* and *The Story of Bodies*, panels will include presentations by Ann Howey, May Bletz, John Bonnett, Lynn Dempsey, Danielle Parks, Maureen Lux, James Allard and Jane Leavitt.

For further information, contact John Sainsbury, Director of the HRI, at [jsainsbu@brocku.ca](mailto:jsainsbu@brocku.ca) or Laura Smith at [lasmith@brocku.ca](mailto:lasmith@brocku.ca)

## Centre for the Arts presents Hawksley Workman

The Centre for the Arts is excited to announce its first added event in the 2005/2006 Professional Entertainment Season: Hawksley Workman, on Friday, March 31, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Hawksley Workman carries the musical grandiosity of David Bowie and the panache of Brit rockers Pulp. Winner of two Junos in 2002 for best new solo artist and best video, this quirky Canadian twentysomething singer/songwriter, musician, poet and professed eccentric is a one-in-a-million artist; somebody who knows how to play a simple tune and still catch your heart with it, a real magician of unforgettable and emotionally charged melodies.

Tickets are \$27.50 and go on sale to Front and Centre Members on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 11 a.m., and to the general public on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. Call the Box Office for more information, at ext. 3257.

## Brock tops in Thorold parade



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The Brock University float was awarded the Mayor's Award for Best Overall Entry in the 2005 Thorold Santa Claus Parade, held Saturday, Nov. 26. Students were presented with the award at the Thorold City Council meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

## Student wins prestigious scholarship

A fourth-year Bachelor of Business Administration student at Brock University was one of 10 students to recently receive a prestigious scholarship from Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year™ award program.

Brock student Jocelyn Chedore was recognized as one of the recipients of a \$5,000 Future Funds Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership at a Toronto gala.

Full-time graduate and undergraduate students in business degree programs are eligible for the scholarship, which is based on the students' achievements and demonstrated leadership initiatives in their academic and extracurricular activities.

Recipients are selected by the deans at their universities.

Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business at Brock, says Chedore was a natural candidate for the award.

"Jocelyn has made a very positive impact on the University, both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities," says Kusy. "She has done everything from selling toques to raise money for the homeless to developing a partnership with students at Shanghai University in China for an export initiative. Jocelyn is an excellent ambassador for Brock University."

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## Call for proposals for research conference

All currently registered Brock University graduate students (master's and doctoral) and Brock faculty members are invited to submit proposals for the University's first Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference.

The conference, "Mapping the New Knowledges," will be held on Friday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006.

Joint Faculty/Student presentations are encouraged. Presentations and posters may reflect work in progress rather than "final results" that have not yet been attained.

## United Way campaign wraps up

The success of this year's United Way campaign is once again a true marker that shows the caring and compassion of the employees at Brock. In total, more than \$82,000 in employee donations was raised.

On behalf the United Way campaign committee, we would like to thank all of you who supported the campaign this year, and we wish everyone a happy and restful holiday.

Your 2005 United Way Campaign Co-Chairs  
Al Ross and Joe Engemann

The deadline for proposals is Jan. 6, 2006. For more information on the guidelines for submissions, go to [www.brocku.ca/gradstudies/](http://www.brocku.ca/gradstudies/)

The conference is designed to showcase and celebrate the ongoing work of Brock graduate students and faculty researchers. This cross-disciplinary event will serve to create awareness of the many kinds of research and the dynamic research energy that animates the Brock community.

The conference is being organized by the Office of Graduate Studies and the Office of Research Services.

## Today's events:

- Recruitment and Liaison Services invites the Brock community to celebrate the season with them today at a Holiday Open House. The event takes place in TH261 from 2 to 4 p.m., with food, refreshments, and holiday cheer! For more information, please contact Melissa Coleman at ext. 4685.

- The Brock University Bookstore's annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Event takes place today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with treats, drinks, music and prizes! The Bookstore is also happy to offer 20 per cent off all regularly priced merchandise in thanks for continued support (further details in store).

## Brock University services over the holiday season

University offices will be closed at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 23 and will reopen at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006.

There will be limited services available in the James A. Gibson Library and the Registrar's Office on Dec. 28 and 29, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Walker Complex will be open Dec. 27 to 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Access to the Walker Complex will be limited to the west entrance opposite the tennis courts. Regular hours will commence (6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.) Jan. 2, 2006.

Dec. 25 to 31 (inclusive), as well as Jan. 1 and 2, (statutory holidays), Campus Security Services will unlock the Schmon Tower's main entrance, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2 p.m., for faculty and staff who do not possess an exterior door key and have a legitimate reason to enter the University. Faculty and staff do not need a pass to gain access providing they have their own keys for access and can produce an ID. Anyone else wishing access to the University must notify Campus Security Services, through e-mail from their Administrative Assistant, Dean or Department Head, of their impending visit. This e-mail notice must be received prior to Dec. 24 and indicate the times and dates of the visits. Those persons will still be required to produce Brock University ID on the day of their visit.

For safety and welfare reasons, anyone entering the University during this period should sign in and out at the Information Desk, located in the main floor lobby of the Schmon Tower.

In the event of a building or grounds-related emergency during the period of Dec. 24 to Jan. 2 (inclusive), please call Campus Security Services at ext. 3200 which, in turn, will call out the applicable Facilities Management staff that can best address the emergency. Basic custodial services will be provided in support to those organizations that will be providing services and at the times noted in this release.

There will be no food service other than vending machines during the holidays. There are a number of food outlets on the east side of Glenridge Avenue, immediately opposite the main campus.

Should a significant snowfall occur, D and P Lots will be the only parking lots cleared. There will be no charge to park in these lots over the holiday period. Major campus roads will also be cleared.

Heating setbacks in non-residence areas will be in effect during the weekend and on statutory holidays when the University is closed (in all areas except as noted in this release).

If you have further questions regarding this notice, please contact Campus Security Services at ext. 3200; e-mail: [security@brocku.ca](mailto:security@brocku.ca)

# Brock Briefs

## NEXUS applications available

The Office of International Services has received NEXUS application forms from Canada Border Services Agency. NEXUS is a Canada-U.S. joint venture to simplify border crossings for pre-approved low-risk travellers. The NEXUS card will allow you to:

- Use NEXUS-dedicated lanes in Canada and the U.S. as long as you meet the program requirements for both countries;
- Cross the border without routine customs and immigration questions.

If you cross the border frequently and would like to apply for the NEXUS program, please pick up a copy of the application form at International Services, DeCew Residence R209, or call ext. 4318.

## Brock representative visits Calgary-area grads

Charlotte Sheridan, Associate Director, Office of Graduate Studies, recently had the opportunity to meet with fellow Brock graduates from the Calgary area and share with them some of the exciting new developments and growth in Graduate Studies at the University.

Among those in attendance were Lorie Abernethy (BA, '82), Marion Woodcock (BA, '73; MEd, '76), Danielle Dyke (MA, '05), and Carol Drury (BSc, '72; MSc, '75).

Brock has grown to 26 graduate programs in place with another half dozen currently under development. This fall, 1,200 graduate students were registered and the current enrolment plans call for a doubling of graduate students by 2,010. The Office of Graduate Studies thanks Lorie Abernethy, the Brock University Calgary Network representative, for helping organize this event.

## Student assists with completion of book

The Faculty of Humanities congratulates Erin Julian, a second-year Great Books/Liberal Studies student, for her work on a new book called *St. Catharines: Our Built Heritage*. The book combines photos of St. Catharines heritage buildings with Julian's descriptions of their history and importance. Julian worked on the book while employed at the St. Catharines Museum last summer.

## Computer Science students place highly at programming competition

A team of Brock Computer Science students placed 18th overall out of 113 teams at the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Regional Intercollegiate Programming Contest, held Nov. 5 at Sheridan College in Oakville, Ont.

The competition included teams drawn from colleges and universities throughout eastern Ontario, western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana.

Both of Brock's teams, Team Acceleration, which finished 18th overall, and Team Ignition, which placed 28th overall, finished ahead of many teams from larger universities with graduate programs.

Team Acceleration was composed of third-year student Stephen Baker, second-year student Robert Flack, and fourth-year student Greg Roberts. Team Ignition was composed of second-year student Mark Elgersma, first-year student Jonathan Ross, and third-year student Neil Skrypuch.

Thanks goes to the team coaches Sheridan Houghten and Tony Abou-Assaleh for their efforts in training and organizing the teams for this event.

## Faculty and Staff

### CHEMISTRY

**Jeffrey Atkinson** presented an invited lecture at the 9th International Congress on Amino Acids and Proteins, in Vienna, Austria, entitled "Protein-Lipid Interactions: Membrane Structure, Lipid Composition, and the Effect of Oxidants and Tocopherols." The talk will be published as part of a special symposium volume.

**Art van der Est** recently gave a talk in the Department of Chemistry seminar series at McMaster University entitled "Studying Spin Chemistry Using Time Resolved ESR Spectroscopy."

### CLASSICS

**Danielle Parks** presented a paper entitled "Foreigners Living and Dying on Hellenistic and Roman Cyprus: the Mortuary Evidence" at the annual meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research held in Philadelphia, Penn., Nov. 17 to 19. Parks also co-chaired two sessions on Cypriot archaeology with Ann-Marie Knoblauch (Virginia Tech) at the meetings.

### COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

**Jennifer Good** presented a paper, entitled "Mainstreaming and Cognitive Moderation in Environmental Communication" and was Chair of the Human Communication and Technology Division panel, entitled "Exploring Theoretical Possibilities in Human Communication Technology," at the National Communication Association Conference in Boston, Mass., Nov. 17 to 18.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

**Ana Sanchez** was invited to deliver a presentation for the 5th Annual Day on Global Health Research (DOGHR), held on Nov. 6 in Ottawa. Her presentation, entitled "Of parasites and poverty: how to make a case to fight neglected diseases in neglected populations," was one of the two success stories featured during the event.

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

**Tony Abou-Assaleh** presented a poster at the Text REtrieval Conference (TREC) entitled, "DalTREC 2005 QA System Jellyfish: Mark and Match Approach to Question Answering." TREC was organized by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in Gaithersburg, Md., from Nov. 15 to 18.

### FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**Kenneth J. Klassen** and **Ernest N. Biktimirov** made a presentation entitled "The Impact of Web-based Lecture Slide Availability on Student Performance," at the 2005 Decision Sciences Institute Annual Conference, held Nov. 19 to 22 in San Francisco, Calif. The paper was also published in the conference proceedings.

### JAMES A. GIBSON LIBRARY

**Linda Lowry**, Business and Economics Librarian, recently graduated from the University of Alberta with a Master of Arts in Communications and Technology.

**Deb Kalvee**, Associate University Librarian, Services, has completed the 200-hour Certificate Program in University and College Administration, offered by the University of Manitoba's Centre for Higher Education, Research and Development.

### MUSIC

**Harris Loewen** conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir in two performances of a concert, entitled *Carols from the Old and New Worlds*, on Dec. 2 and 3 in Etobicoke. He and the ECC also led a community carol sing at the Etobicoke Civic Centre on Dec. 6. Loewen also conducted the Niagara Vocal Ensemble in two performances of a concert, entitled *Carol, Crèche and Christmas Pops*, in Fort Erie and St. Catharines on Dec. 7 and 11.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Paul Hamilton** presented a paper, entitled "Islam and the Public Sphere: How Do Liberal Democracies Accommodate Politicized Religion?" at the Northeast Political Science Association Meetings in Philadelphia, Penn., Nov. 17 to 19.

### PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION

**Ruth McQuirter Scott** was the invited keynote speaker at a day-long workshop sponsored jointly by the Manitoba Council of Reading Clinicians and the Manitoba Reading Association in Winnipeg on Nov. 14. The title of the presentation was "Spelling: Connecting the Pieces."

### RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

**Colleen Hood** recently made the following invited presentations:

"The Leisure and Well-Being Model: A Resource Development Framework for Therapeutic Recreation Practice," with Cynthia Carruthers, at the American Therapeutic Recreation Association Annual Conference, in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October.

"The Power of the Postive: Leisure and Well-being," at the Active Leisure for Citizens with Disabilities International Symposium, in Edmonton, Alta.

**Colleen Hood** was also the recipient of the 2005 Professional Research Award, presented for significant research to enhance the body of knowledge and practice of therapeutic recreation, by the National Therapeutic Recreation Society.

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## Events

### Chemistry Department Winter Seminar Series:

Friday, Jan. 6, 2006: Kathryn Hillier, University of Sydney, will be speaking on "Babies and Bacteria: Phage Typing, Bacteriology and the Birth of Infection Control." The presentation is jointly sponsored by the Institute for Biotechnology. The location is MC H313 at 12 noon.



### Brock University Film Society (BUFS):

All films are shown Sunday evenings in the David S. Howes Theatre at 7 p.m. BUFS half membership for January 2006 to April 2006 is \$11; two for \$20. Membership provides reduced admission of \$6 to each screening and a reduced parking fee of \$3. Members receive discounts from numerous local sponsors. Non-members admission for each screening is \$8. Non-members parking (pay lot D) is \$5. Membership may be obtained at the door or from the Box Office, Centre for the Arts, ext. 3257, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Jan. 8 - **C.R.A.Z.Y.** (Jean-Marc Vallée, Canada, 2005, 127 mins.) Best Feature Award, 2005 Toronto International Film Festival.

Jan. 15 - **Capote** (Bennett Miller, USA, 2005, 110 mins.) Starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman, as Truman Capote in this deeply engaging portrait of the great American writer.

## Classified

**For rent:** Executive, three-bedroom apartment in downtown St. Catharines. 2,500 square feet, appliances, heat included. \$1,400 per month, plus hydro. Call 905-682-6316 for more information.

**For rent:** Large, three-plus-one-bedroom side-split on private ravine setting just minutes from Brock. Completely renovated and updated, all appliances included, AC, large sunroom, patio and workshop. \$1,300 per month, plus utilities, first and last. Available early January 2006. Call 905-685-4936 for more information.