

BrockNews

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

Our Country's Good on stage

The School of Fine and Performing Arts is pleased to present the Department of Dramatic Arts' main stage production of **Our Country's Good**, by British playwright Timberlake Wertenbaker, directed by David Fancy, set and costume design by David Vivian, and sound design by Trevor Hughes.

Our Country's Good chronicles the journey of the first British convicts transported from England to the continent that would become known as Australia. These unwilling pioneers find themselves trapped between slow starvation, the brutality of the soldiers guarding them, and the terror they feel in an unfamiliar landscape.

In an effort to raise flagging morale and create a more humane society in the makeshift penal colony, the governor decides to put on a play using the convicts as actors. This unusual and challenging undertaking results in transformations in prisoners and jailers alike.

This thought-provoking play challenges ideas and establishments, and raises issues concerning justice. A rich, funny, moving story in which art and humanity triumph over ignorance, **Our Country's Good** is a must-see for anyone who believes in the ability of theatre to move and change lives.

Our Country's Good will be performed in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, on Thursday, Nov. 17, Friday, Nov. 18, and Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, and can be ordered by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257, or online at www.arts.brocku.ca

Voluntary work reduction for ongoing support staff

Voluntary unpaid time off (up to the equivalent of 20 days for full-time staff) will again be offered in 2006 to ongoing support staff members. For permanent staff, the additional time off and corresponding salary reduction will occur over the 2006 calendar year and time off may not be carried over into subsequent years. Specific leave arrangements (similar to vacation) must be discussed and approved with supervisors in advance and taken at a mutually agreed-upon time. Interested staff members should initially submit their proposals to their immediate supervisor, providing details, if known, of when the time off will be taken. Approval of proposals must recognize the 2006 operational requirements of the Department/Division. Issues to be considered are the impact such arrangements will have on other staff, customer service, alternative staffing and so on. All service areas are to be maintained for your internal and external customers. Questions regarding this program should be directed to Margo Carter in Human Resources, at ext. 3279; e-mail: mcarter@brocku.ca. Approved proposals, signed by supervisor(s) and Dean/Division Head, should be sent to Human Resources by Friday, Dec. 9, with approval confirmed in January 2006.

Humanities student scholars recognized



The Faculty of Humanities recently honoured its top student scholars as part of the First Annual Faculty of Humanities Awards Assembly. The event recognized the Dean's Honour List: 381 students who have attained an average of 80 per cent or more, as well as the donors and student recipients of 49 individual academic awards. Pictured at the Assembly are, from left, student Jennifer Geense, English Language and Literature/Concurrent Education; Jacob and Katharine Hildebrand; and Dean Rosemary Hale.

Annual rankings measure Brock's performance

Brock students gave the University a score of A- for quality of education in the *Globe and Mail's* annual University Report Card published on Nov. 2.

And for the first time, Brock ranked as one of the top Leaders of Tomorrow in the primarily undergraduate category of the annual *Maclean's* magazine rating of Canadian universities. The report was published Nov. 7.

Overall in 2005, Brock was 14th in the primarily undergraduate rankings. Last year, the University was 13th overall.

With a student population of more than 17,000 full- and part-time students, Brock continued to perform well within the medium-sized universities classification (enrolment between 12,500 and 25,000), the *Globe and Mail's* largest category, which included other Canadian institutions such as McGill, Simon Fraser and Queen's.

Brock was one of only two schools among the 17 medium-sized universities to score consistent A-level grades in the quality of education category, which includes

criteria such as teaching quality, class sizes, faculty-student interaction and faculty availability outside classroom hours.

In the *Maclean's* report, Brock placed fifth in the Leaders of Tomorrow subcategory that falls within the important reputational category of the magazine's ranking. The category reflects the opinion of high school principals and guidance counsellors, university officials, heads of organizations, CEOs and recruiters at corporations across the country.

"We are pleased that leaders in education and business throughout the country identify Brock as being an institution that provides a quality university experience," said Michael Manley-Casimir, Acting Vice-President Academic and Provost at Brock University. "More importantly, they recognize that Brock is positioned to make important contributions and to set exciting new directions in post-secondary education."

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

2005 President's Community Luncheon Series

Chris Fullerton of the Department of Geography, will deliver the keynote address, entitled "The Garden City of Tomorrow: Considerations for Future Planning and Development in St. Catharines," at this year's President's Community Luncheon Series in St. Catharines. This year's luncheon will take place on Thursday, Nov. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with lunch served at 12 noon, at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, located at 327 Ontario St., in St. Catharines.

St. Catharines is in the early stages of an Official Plan Review process that will lead to the creation of a new framework for

accommodating the city's future physical growth and development. Fullerton will explain why the Official Plan Review represents an excellent opportunity for local residents to express their opinions about community planning matters, and propose some big picture issues that should not be forgotten as part of this process.

Tickets for this event are \$25 per person. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 22 to Julia Gottli at 905-688-5550, ext. 3245, or e-mail: jgottli@brocku.ca

We are looking forward to meeting with you.

Interruption of Normal Operations

With winter approaching, faculty, staff and students are urged to review the "Interruption of Normal Operations Policy" under "About Brock" on the University's website. The policy guides decisions to cancel classes and other activities due to inclement weather and otherwise. It also advises how to access information about the University's status in a timely way. Faculty members are reminded that if they should cancel a class while scheduled classes continue, they are responsible for the timely notification of students.

United Way Campaign update

As of Thursday, Nov. 10, Brock's United Way Campaign has raised 95 per cent or \$71,157 of our \$75,000 goal! The University is on track to reach our campaign goal by next week. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many who contributed to this year's campaign. Your donations will make a positive difference in the quality of life to many in our community during this coming year. Thanks, as well, to all the canvassers and event organizers for all your efforts.

— Your 2005 Campaign Co-chairs
Al Ross and Joe Engemann

Upcoming United Way events

United Way Annual Arts and Crafts Sale – Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre Gallery. Start your holiday shopping early to benefit a great cause. For more information, contact Linda Klop, Bookstore, at ext. 3096.

Robert Bateman Print Raffle – Tickets are on sale for the Bateman Print Raffle. To view this year's prizes, visit www.brocku.ca/unitedway. The draw will take place on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the Schmon Tower Lobby. For more information, contact Carol Penner, Child and Youth Studies, at ext. 3740.

Empty wine bottles for the United Way – Do you make your own wine? Need empty bottles? Plenty available in limited styles. Accepting donations in exchange. All proceeds go to the United Way. Call Joe Perrone at ext. 3535.

For more information on United Way events, please contact Kristen Smith, Community Services, at ext. 3845.

Brock News deadlines for December and January

Please be advised that the Wednesday, Dec. 14 issue of Brock News will be the last issue of the 2005 year and Friday, Dec. 2, will be the deadline to submit any content for publication.

The first issue of the new year will be published on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Submissions for this issue must be received by Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Grout, Editor, Brock News, at ext. 4690; e-mail: campusnews@brocku.ca

Brock Briefs

International Education Week

Brock is celebrating International Education Week this week along with educational institutions across Canada and in more than 85 countries. Brock International and the Office of International Services invite the Brock community to join in the various international events taking place around campus. For details of all of this week's events, please visit www.brocku.ca/brockinternational, or contact brockint1@brocku.ca

Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence Lecture Series

Dr. Anthony Bogaert from the Department of Community Health Sciences and Psychology will present a lecture, entitled "Sexual Orientation Development and Older Brothers: Past Research and Recent Findings," on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 3 to 4 p.m., at Alpie's Trough. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2005 Badgers Weekend

Join the third annual celebration of Brock Badgers Athletics at the Badger Weekend from Friday, Nov. 18 to Sunday, Nov. 20. Cheer on the Badgers at the many sporting events held both on and off campus.

Proceeds from the women's and men's afternoon double header on Saturday, Nov. 19 against Ryerson University, at 2 and 4 p.m., will be donated to Wellspring Niagara.

For more information on scheduled games, call 905-688-5550, ext 3384/4398, or visit www.brocku.ca/athletics/events.php

Philosophy Society lectures

The Brock University Philosophy Society presents the Very Reverend Father Thomas Hopko, Dean Emeritus of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, N.Y., who will be at Brock to deliver the following lectures on the following dates:

- "Orthodoxy, Ecumenism and Papacy," on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.;
- Scripture in Tradition," on Friday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon;
- "Gender and Sexuality," on Friday, Nov. 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All lectures will take place in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber

and free parking will be available in Zone One. For more information, please contact the Department of Philosophy at ext. 3315.

Women's Studies brown bag lecture series

The Department of Women's Studies is hosting a series of lunchtime lectures by Brock faculty on research relating to women. The talks are "bring your lunch" with dessert and drinks provided. Marilyn Rose, Department of English Language and Literature and Dean of Graduate Studies, will present a lecture, entitled "Canadian Women Poets and the Politics of Discovery and Dissemination: Archives, Anthologies and Databases," on Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 12 noon to 1 p.m., in TH 246.

TeleGrad open house

TeleGrad is hosting an open house on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Don't know what TeleGrad is, or what it does? Come see the newly renovated call centre, meet some of the student callers and enjoy some light snacks and refreshments. The TeleGrad offices are located in TH 150C/151. For more

information, please contact Susan Parsons at ext. 4345 or Shannon Gill at ext. 4348.

Bookstore events

The Bookstore's Holiday Sidewalk Sale: Stop by for our last sidewalk sale of 2005, taking place from Monday, Nov. 28 to Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Located in Thistle Corridor, just outside the Bookstore.

Community Care Tree: The Bookstore's Community Care Tree has now arrived. Please stop by and pick up the name of a child in need of some holiday cheer this season. We ask that all gifts be brought to the store, unwrapped, by Friday, Dec. 16.

MEd thesis defence

Kate Sullivan, graduate student in the Master of Education program, will present her thesis, "ESL Students' Perceptions of Web-Based Prewriting Activities," on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m., in WH147. Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Denise Paquette-Frenette; External Examiner: Dr. Rena Helms-Park; Committee Members: Dr. Michelle McGinn, Dr. Glen Irons. All are welcome to attend.

Faculty and Staff

EDUCATION

Lorenzo Cherubini presented a paper to the Professional Affairs Department of the Ontario College of Teachers, entitled "The leadership capacity of entry year teachers: Induction in a post-industrial context." A synopsis of the presentation appeared in the summer edition of *Professionally Speaking*, the official magazine of the College.

John Novak was an invited keynote speaker at the Council for Exceptional Children's 49th Annual Ontario Provincial Conference in Sudbury, Ont., on Oct. 21. The title of his address, was "Inviting Educational Leadership to Embrace Our Uniqueness."

Peter Vietgen was invited to speak as part of a guest panel, on the topic of "Teachable Moments: Place, Pedagogy and the Group of Seven," at the Group of Seven Roadshow Symposium held from Oct. 20 to 22, at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto, Ont. The symposium, hosted by the Ontario Association of Art Galleries, was held in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the first exhibition of the Group of Seven held in 1920.

MATHEMATICS

Howard E. Bell attended a meeting of the Mathematical Association of America at SUNY, in Geneseo, N.Y., from Oct. 28 to 29, where he delivered a talk, entitled "Some Ruminations on Wedderburn's Theorem."

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir for a variety benefit event sponsored by the West Toronto Rotary Club on Oct. 28 in Etobicoke, Ont. Loewen was also the baritone soloist for a performance of the Fauré Requiem presented at St. George's Anglican Church on Nov. 6 in St. Catharines. Brock graduate Jody Wieler was the soprano soloist and the conductor was former Brock music instructor John Butler.

PHILOSOPHY

Wing-Cheuk Chan presented the following papers at the following conferences: "On Parinama: From Sthiramati to Paramartha," at the 16th International Congress of Vedanta in Orlando, Fla., from Oct. 13 to 15; "On Mou Tsung-san's Idealist Confucianism," at the International Conference on Confucianism: Retrospect and Prospect in Toronto, Ont., from Sept. 1 to 2; "On Mou Tsung-san's Interpretation of Buddhism," at a Symposium on Mou Tsung-san and Contemporary Confucianism in Chung-li, Taiwan, from May 6 to 8.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

David Siegel gave an invited speech on "Innovation and Local Governments in Canada" at the International Conference on Public Management in North America organized by El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City, on Oct. 28.

Publications

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Events

Centre for the Arts 2005/2006 Professional Entertainment Season: Tickets for the following events, unless sold out, are available at the Box Office, ext. 3257.

Bruce Cockburn (Sold Out), November 23, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; **Red Sky: Sun Spirits** (family performance), November 27, 2:30 p.m., David S. Howes Theatre; **Bowser and Blue**, November 30, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Music@Noon: The Department of Music presents the following recitals: Tuesday, Nov. 22, Instrumental Students; and Tuesday, Nov. 29, Piano Students. Both recitals are from 12 noon to 12:50 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Admission is free and open to all.

The Department of Music's Choral Series begins on Friday, Nov. 25 with a Fall Concert at Concordia Seminary Chapel, featuring the Brock University Chamber Choir and Women's Chorus. Harris Loewen, conductor; Lesley Kingham, accompanist. Tickets available at the door, \$10 adults; \$8 students/seniors.

The Niagara Symphony presents Proclamations, Mendelssohn's "Reformation" Symphony, on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2:30 p.m., featuring Andrew McCandless on trumpet. This is a rare opportunity to hear the virtuoso first trumpet of the Toronto Symphony in the great Hummel trumpet concerto - a cornerstone of the orchestral repertoire. Tickets for this event range from \$25 to \$37. Tickets are \$10 for all students and there is a 10 per cent discount for Brock staff, faculty and alumni. To order, please go online at www.niagarasymphony.org or call the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

Brock University Film Society (BUFS): All films are shown Sunday evenings in the David S. Howes Theatre at 7 p.m. Memberships may be obtained at the door or from the Box Office, Centre for the Arts, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nov. 20 - Saint Ralph (Michael McGowan, Canada, 2004, 98 mins.) Nominated for Outstanding Achievement in Direction by the Directors Guild of Canada.

Nov. 27 - 2046 (Wong Kar Wai, China/France/Germany/Hong Kong, 2004, 126 mins.) A gorgeous, transcendent love story by the acclaimed filmmaker of In The Mood For Love.

2005 Biological Sciences Fall Seminar Series: Nov. 17: Dr. Keiko Yoshioka, Department of Botany, University of Toronto, will be speaking on "The cpr22 mediated pathogen resistance signaling pathway in Arabidopsis."

All lectures take place every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in MC H313. For more information, contact Dr. Adonis Skandalis at ext. 3399; e-mail: adonis.skandalis@brocku.ca

The Positive Space Campaign at Brock University will be offering a training session open to all faculty and staff at Brock on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register, please contact ext. 4019, e-mail positivespace@brocku.ca or go to www.brocku.ca/positivespace

The School of Fine and Performing Arts presents "The Moon in my Mouth," an exhibit of photographs by Visual Arts faculty member, Diane Borsato, in the lobby of the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. The exhibit runs from Tuesday, Nov. 29 to Thursday, Dec. 15. The lobby is open Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m., and during all performances. Members of the Brock community are invited to attend an informal gathering hosted by the artist before the exhibition's closing, on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m.