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2006 Orientation Week at Brock

This September, Brock University is again welcoming new and returning students back to campus for the beginning of the 2006-07 academic year.

Throughout Orientation Week, which began Sept. 4, and ends Saturday, Sept. 9, campus and community partners such as the Brock University Students' Union (BUSU), Brock Off-Campus (BOC), Community Connections and Student Services will be organizing several events and programs on campus and in various locations in St. Catharines.

For more information, please refer to the Brock University Orientation web page at:

www.brocku.ca/orientation

The following are some of the events planned for 2006 Orientation Week at Brock:

Academic Orientation

(Wednesday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2 to 3 p.m.)

An opportunity for students to meet professors and classmates in their respective Faculties and majors.

Concert

(Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7:30 to 11 p.m.)

A back to school show for Brock students!

Dessert Party

(Thursday, Sept. 7, 9 p.m. to 12 midnight)

Various delectable sweets and tasty treats as featured by a number of local pastry chefs and restaurants!

Barbeque at Port Dalhousie for International Students

(Friday, Sept. 8, 2 to 4 p.m.)

Sports, music, and great food – all in the splendour of scenic Port Dalhousie!

BUSU's Shinerama Shine Day

(Saturday, Sept. 9, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

A chance for students to volunteer around the Niagara Region to raise money to help fight Cystic Fibrosis through Shinerama. All volunteers will receive a free breakfast and lunch, and enjoy a day full of activities.

Opening of term



More than 250 faculty and staff attended the Opening of Term event, held Aug. 30 in the Lowenberger Residence Dining Hall. For more photos from the event, see page four.



Brock University is pleased to announce the launch of the Community Connections program. The initiative is designed to facilitate student, faculty and staff involvement in campus and community events.

Community Connections has developed an events calendar that provides students, faculty and staff with a one-stop shop of upcoming events around campus and in the community. Departments are encouraged to assist by submitting their events to the online calendar. Not only will this increase the event's awareness, but it will also provide students and staff with up-to-date information about events taking place on campus and in the community.

Another initiative that Community Connections has developed is the

Participation Passport, which tracks students' involvement in various events around campus and in the community. The passport can then be redeemed for incentive prizes. Departments can submit a signature event to be considered for this program.

Community Connections is also putting a Brock team together for the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Walk for Heart, which is taking place Sunday, Sept. 24. Anyone interested in participating can contact Kristen Smith at ext. 3845, or visit: www.brocku.ca/communityconnections to sign up.

If you have any questions about the events calendar, the new Participation Passport or getting involved, please call ext. 4000 or e-mail: community@brocku.ca

Brock Days 2006

Plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration from Friday, Sept. 29 to Sunday, Oct. 1. Enjoy the best Brock and Niagara have to offer as once again the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

Get an early start by attending CCOVI's lunch-and-learn wine sessions for faculty and staff. Taking place on Sept. 22, 25 and 28, and featuring various wine-related topics, tickets are \$10 each (including a light lunch) and available by calling CCOVI directly at ext. 4652. Get your tickets soon. These sessions are limited to 16 participants and are sure to be sold out!

On Thursday, Sept. 28, there are two great events to choose from: Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts! and Classic Albums Live. Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts! moves to Rodman Hall with five renowned area chefs and 12 local wineries pairing together to create a culinary and viticulture sensation. Tickets are \$85 each and available through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257. Combining everything that is inherently Queen, Classic Albums Live will recreate *A Night at the Opera*, one of the quintessential albums of the late '70s and early '80s. Note for Note. Cut for Cut. This event will be held at the Centre for the Arts and tickets are now available at ext. 3257.

Everyone is invited to the official Brock Days Kick Off beginning at noon on Friday, Sept. 29. Enjoy a free performance by Lock 8, a barbecue for \$3 and the annual grape stomp. Tickets for the barbecue are available through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

That evening, the Alumni Association will host its annual pub night with a pub crawl from Alphonse's to Isaac's and on Saturday, Sept. 30, Montebello Park in downtown St. Catharines is the place to be. The Brock tent will be set up for the day as part of the Niagara Wine Festival. Enjoy the wine seminars hosted by Brock and *Vine Magazine* or take a break at the Brock Café. There are lots of activities, giveaways and reunions planned for the afternoon.

For information on any of the events listed, please visit: www.brocku.ca/brockdays

Digital technology, diverse disciplines unite to form unique program

Brock University and Silicon Knights, the darling of the video gaming industry, have married the traditional arm's-length elements of gaming and academics, technology and humanities.

In September, the University introduced an interdisciplinary Interactive Arts and Science (IASC) program. It has been launched as a minor and possibly as a major next year. Brock, the first university in Canada to offer a degree in Film Studies, is now the first to offer a degree in Interactive Arts and Science.

In an examination of how text, image and media are transformed by interactivity, the courses are cross-listed with departments as diverse as English, Classics,

Computer Science, History, Geography, Music, Visual Arts and Communications, and Popular Culture and Film.

Professors John Mitterer (Psychology, Computer Science), Barry Grant (Communications, Popular Culture and Film), Barry Joe (Centre for Digital Humanities) and Jean Bridge (Department of Visual Arts and the Centre for Digital Humanities) were instrumental in starting up the program. Professors John Bonnet and Kevin Kee, (Faculty of Humanities), both Canada Research Chairs, were also extremely influential as part of a new collaboration of researchers in digital humanities. Brock graduate Denis Dyack (BPhEd/BSc, cosd, '90), president of Silicon Knights, the hugely

successful St. Catharines video gaming company, worked in close collaboration with Brock faculty.

"It was the perfect storm," said Bridge. "Once we began our discussions, we discovered in setting up the minor that there were a lot of existing resources for a major."

There is a natural link between humanities and technology, said Dyack. Technologically savvy employees, while important, only play one part in producing a thoughtful, compelling video game. Just as important, he said, are people with knowledge in storytelling, mythology, philosophy, film making and other artistic traditions.

Grant said of the IASC program: "This is

clearly an area of media, communications and entertainment that is of particular interest to students now, and there is no doubt that interactive computer environments will supplant other media forms such as cinema in the future."

Added Mitterer: "Denis has created a knowledge-age company where lifelong learning is paramount. Brock is also knowledge-driven. While technology is important, the humanities play a key role in game design."

The curriculum addresses five conceptual areas in the domain of computer-based interactivity: storytelling, digital culture, media production, digital methods for the analysis of information, and computing.

North-West University academic administrators visit Brock to further institutional collaboration

Two academic administrators from one of Brock's newest partner institution North-West University, South Africa, arrived on campus Aug. 1 for a busy four days of meetings and workshops. Dr. N. Takalo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of North-West University, and Dr. M. Mokena, Head of the Department of Professional Studies and Internship, Faculty of Education Sciences, met with members of Brock's Faculty of Education to discuss a joint project entitled "Indigenous Literacy and Language across the Curriculum" and to explore other areas for collaboration.

Brock University recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with North-West University to explore possible collaboration in the areas of faculty and professional staff visits and exchanges, as well as student exchange. Already the linkage between the two institutions has been very active. In November 2005, Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President Research and International Development, and Professor Dolana Mogadime, Faculty of Education, visited North-West to learn more about the university, including their faculty, curriculum and their three campuses. In early July 2006, Dr.

Kobuz Mentz, the Director at Faculty of Education Sciences at North-West University, visited Brock's campus and met with many faculty members in Brock's Faculty of Education, discussing areas of mutual, complementary and/or comparative research. The most recent visit by Dr. Takalo and Dr. Mokena included meetings with Brock President Jack Lightstone; Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic and Provost; and James Heap, Dean of the Faculty of Education; as well as members of the Faculty of Education, furthering the discussions and efforts to ensure the sustainability of the proposed joint project and research work.

This fall, Jennifer Holder, a second-year Master of Education student, will travel to North-West University to complete a three-month internship and conduct research work related to the joint institutional project. Dr. Mokena will be Holder's primary academic contact and supervisor. Her placement was made possible through the Canada Corps University Partnership Program (CCUPP), funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

For more information on the partnership, visit www.brocku.ca/brockinternational

Professor researches secondary students' views of their schools' rules

A Brock researcher has published a SSHRC-funded report that outlines her findings from focus groups with secondary school students from the Niagara Region on the topic of "school rules."

Throughout the summers of 2004 and 2005, Rebecca Raby, Associate Professor in the Department of Child and Youth Studies, and her research assistant, Julie Domitrek, conducted nine focus groups on the topic of secondary school rules, speaking with a total of 58 students from diverse backgrounds. Raby's research is unique because students' voices are at the centre of her research and there are no known comparable studies in Canada.

"While for the most part, students agree with their schools' rules, they are also very frustrated. They do not feel that they have any recourse for appeal if they are wrongly accused except to go to their parents, and they have almost no opportunity to contribute to the formation of their schools' rules, despite the significance of these rules in their lives," says Raby. "Ultimately, the only way they seem able to engage with the rules is to

follow or break them."

The findings from Raby's research, published in the report "Secondary Students' Views on Their School Rules," discovered the following:

Students generally accept and embrace 'major' rules, such as weapons bans.

Minor rules, such as no hats, no backpacks, eating only in the cafeteria, no cell phones, etc., are widely debated among students, with some quite accepting of most minor rules and others much more critical as these rules are seen to be impractical, vague, unenforceable and infringing on their rights.

Students were concerned with double standards between students and teachers, the unequal application of rules between favoured and marginalized students, and discipline that does not take the context of rule-breaking into account.

Students do not feel that they have a legitimate avenue for appeal.

Students have very little opportunity to contribute to the formation of their schools' rules, despite their investments in their school rules.

Brock University Film Society launches fall season



The Brock University Film Society (BUFS) is pleased to announce the beginning of its Fall 2006 Season, opening Sunday, Sept. 17 in the David S. Howes Theatre. All films are shown in 35 mm theatrical format on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for members and students (valid ID required) and \$8 for non-members.

Benefits of BUFS membership include lower ticket prices, reduced parking rates for screenings, and great deals at several premiere area businesses. Memberships for the 2006-2007 season are \$22 each or two for \$40. Seasonal memberships are also available for \$11. Memberships and advance tickets can be purchased through the Brock Centre for the Arts Box Office. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

The Fall season kicks off on Sept. 17 with *Who Killed the Electric Car?*, a timely documentary with an element of murder mystery and an edge of conspiracy thriller. Why did GM kill a car favoured by its quirky inventors, passionate sales team leaders, and celebrity lessees Tom Hanks, Mel Gibson, Martin Sheen, and Phyllis Diller? On Sept. 24, *WAH-WAH*, written and directed by Richard E. Grant, is presented. In the final days of the British Empire, a boy (Nicholas Hoult) grows up in Swaziland among military men with an appetite for gin and adultery. This big, crowd-pleasing film stars Gabriel Byrne, Miranda Richardson, Emily Watson, Julie Walters, and Zachary Fox.

The season continues with *Thank you for Smoking* (Oct. 1), *The Road to Guantanamo* (Oct. 15), *Scoop* (Oct. 22), and *The Proposition* (Oct. 29). For information on these films and on screenings for November and December, please visit: www.brocku.ca/cpcf/bufs/BUFSmain.html or contact Amanda Bishop at ext. 3553; e-mail: abishop@brocku.ca

In Memoriam



The James A. Gibson Library is deeply saddened by the death of Moira Russell, Government Information and Data Specialist, who passed away suddenly in her home on Aug. 23. A recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Service Award, Moira was an exceptional, highly respected employee of the Library for 35 years. Appreciated for her professional expertise, her commitment to providing outstanding research help, and her cheerful disposition, Moira will be dearly missed by her current and former colleagues at Brock University, and by members of the Canadian Association of Public Data Users (CAPDU), Statistics Canada's Data Liberation Initiative (DLI), and the Depository Services Program.

Members of the Brock community gathered for a memorial service on Aug. 29, in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Those wishing to contribute to a named student award in Moira's honour may pick up a donor card at the Reference-Information Desk at Gibson Library, or may contact Brock University's Office of Development and Donor Relations for more information.

Positive Space workshops for fall

The Positive Space Campaign at Brock University is an initiative intended to raise the visibility and number of respectful, supportive, educational and welcoming spaces for lesbian, gay, bi, trans, two-spirited, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) students, staff and faculty, to help create a campus that is free of discrimination on the basis of sexual and gender identities, and aims to foster a welcoming atmosphere on campus for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. This campaign is part of Brock University's commitment to promoting a respectful work and learning environment for all community members.

The Positive Space Campaign Committee is pleased to announce the following dates for workshops this fall:

- Monday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
- Thursday, Sept. 21, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 6, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This two-hour, interactive workshop will provide each participant with the knowledge and comfort to become a "positive space" on campus and earns a postcard and/or button to be designated as a Positive Space. The workshop is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. To register, e-mail positivespace@brocku.ca or contact Lynne Bubic, Human Rights and Equity Services, at ext. 4019. Please register early as space is limited.

The Positive Space Campaign Committee includes faculty, staff and students, who volunteer their time and energy to create and run the Campaign. If you are interested in joining the committee, or attending a workshop, please visit www.brocku.ca/positivespace or e-mail: positivespace@brocku.ca

Campus Recreation programs start soon

For complete details on the following programs, go to www.brocku.ca/recserve and follow the various links:

Starting the week of Sept. 11:
Children's Movement Program
Fall 5-Miler Run Clinic
Fencing for Adults, Youth, and Children
Fitness Class full schedule
Spin Class full schedule
Seniors Moves
Standard First Aid/Cpr

Starting the week of Sept. 18:
Emergency First Aid/Cpr
Hip Hop
Pilates, Yagalates
Yoga

Starting the week of Sept. 25:
Art and Science of Personal Training
Weight Training for Women (5 classes)

Courses available by appointment only:
Personal Training
Fitness Testing

The Arts at Brock – Engaging Culture!

The School of Fine and Performing Arts (SFPA) at Brock University announces its 2006-2007 Season, *The Arts at Brock University – Engaging Culture!*

The School of Fine and Performing Arts is committed to supporting the arts from classics to contemporary, as it brings you events in music, dramatic arts, visual arts, and dance. The School's 2006-2007 Season provides the Niagara community with creative vision from exhibits, performances and renowned guest speakers, in studios, galleries, theatres, classrooms, and surprising regional locales. For full details of upcoming events, visit www.brocku.ca/finearts

Innovative First Generation program eases students into Brock



Hillary Even and Santy Restrepo are two First Generation students at Brock.

Some students enrolled at Brock University are also academic pioneers — they are the first generation in their immediate families to attend university.

Santy Restrepo, originally from Medellin, Colombia, and Hillary Even of Welland, Ont., are two of about 250 students involved in First Generation, an innovative initiative developed by Student Services to ensure these students, some entering their first year and others in more senior years, experience a smooth transition into their academic careers.

Restrepo, a second-year Geography student, said that his family moved to Canada in 2002 seeking a better education “and I obviously feel a bit of pressure from that, but at the same time, it gives me the initiative to do well.”

He added that the First Generation program “has helped my parents by allowing them to be more interactive with Brock. It has also given them a sense of security because of the opportunities available to me as a student.”

Even, a second-year Human Geography student, said that university “can be quite overwhelming, and it helps to know that with First Generation, we students are not numbers but people with needs and opinions. It is very reassuring to know that there are services at Brock to guide and support us.”

Evens also noted the importance of the First Generation program to parents.

“I know that my mother wants to help me in any way she can, and by being able to attend the First Generation events, now she can,” said Evens. “She is also able to meet other parents in the same situation.”

Jesse Barraza, First Generation co-ordinator, said “the First Generation students are really enthusiastic but also somewhat understandably

hesitant. We are there to help ease their way into Brock and to create a community where the students feel comfortable and supported.”

Brock received pilot funding of \$85,000 for 2005-2006 from the provincial Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities for the initiative. The University also received additional funding to award 10 First Generation students with bursaries of \$2,500 each.

Three part-time peer mentors will be hired in the key areas of academics, social activities and sports. The academic peer mentor, for example, will organize workshops for students in specific disciplines, arrange for computers, work closely with academic departments, or find answers to questions about courses and classes. The social activities mentor will hook students up with Brock’s Community Connections program, assist in acquiring sponsors for charitable events, or arrange dances, and the sports mentor will promote and organize sports activities, or organize teams.

Barraza said his goal is to ensure a smooth transition into university life and to create a supportive and engaged community of First Generation students. Most of those students are from Ontario, he said, and about 25 per cent are new immigrants.

A send-off orientation event in Niagara Falls on Sept. 1 was organized for First Generation students and also their parents. Representatives from Brock University Students’ Union, academic advising, SMART Start, Community Connections, Student Awards/International Aid, Aboriginal Services, Residences, Information Technology Services and the James A. Gibson Library were available to answer questions from students and parents.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women’s Studies, **Ana Isla**, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* – “Studying the gift-givers of the Peruvian rainforest” – about her grant from the U.S. Gift Economy Institute, Rachael and Ben Vaughn Foundation, to conduct a two-month research project on the gift-based economy of an indigenous society virtually untouched by commercialism in the rainforests of Ocupe, Peru. In the article, Isla notes that “Most of this society is still living on gift-giving. With globalization, they have been really suffering many situations in which they feel challenged.”

Professor **Charles Burton** from the Department of Political Science was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* about his views on the Huseyincan Celil case in China for a story, entitled “A family’s fate hinges on Chinese justice,” which was published in the newspaper’s Aug. 29 issue on page A1 and A7.

Burton was also interviewed by Radio Canada International for its “Business Sense” program, on July 20, about the proposed Canadian-funded luxury train between Beijing and Lhasa.

For more information about any of these stories, please go to <http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~cburton/>

Voula Marinou, Assistant Professor in the Department of Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the *New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal* about an incident of vigilante justice in Eastern Canada in which members of the community took back power, in an article, entitled “RCMP did right in Grand Manan; Former RCMP commissioner praises officers’ decision to stand back.”

Professor **Sharon Abbey** from the Pre-Service Department in the Faculty of Education was recently interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article, “Grandmothers living, and dying, with AIDS.” The article profiles Zambian-native Margaret Njobvu who travelled to Canada along with 100 other African grandmothers to speak at the 2006 International AIDS Conference in Toronto, Ont. During their trip, Njobvu and several other “AIDS Grannies” stayed with supporters in St. Catharines, including

Abbey and Dianne Gibson. Abbey and Gibson, who have both travelled to Kenya to witness the AIDS crisis up close, are hoping to start a local chapter of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers group supported by the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Anyone interested in learning more about the group can contact Abbey at sabbey@brocku.ca

Assistant Professor **Richard Mitchell** from the Department of Child and Youth Studies was recently interviewed by the *Welland Tribune* for a story about International Youth Day 2006, entitled “Poverty can be beaten.” In the article, Mitchell noted that “I believe that our children and grandchildren can experience absolutely no poverty. We know who is poor. It is along racial, ethnic and cultural lines. It is newly arrived families and aboriginal, First Nations people that make up the majority. We just have to roll up our sleeves and work together on equity for all citizens.”

Mitchell was also a guest on radio station 610 CKTB’s “Niagara at Noon” program on Aug. 11, where he addressed the issue of global youth poverty.

Professor Emeritus **John Black** from the Department of Physics was recently interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article about Pluto being demoted to a “dwarf planet” – “Sentiment loses to science in Pluto’s loss of planetary status.” Black, who used to teach “Introduction to Astronomy” at Brock, noted that even astronomy textbooks dating back to 1982 questioned whether Pluto was just a moon floating around Neptune.

Antonia Kronlund, Assistant Professor in the Department of Marketing, International Business and Strategy in the Faculty of Business, was recently interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a story, entitled “Brock prof tries to solve puzzle of impulse buying,” that was also reprinted in the *Welland Tribune* and *Niagara Falls Review*.

Kronlund’s research, published in the journal of Applied Cognitive Psychology in collaboration with Daniel Bernstein at Kwantlen University College in B.C., found that consumer preferences for one brand can be increased over the competition through memory manipulation. Her research was also featured in the “Microscope” section of the July 23 issue of the *Toronto Star*, which highlights science news from the past week.

Brock seeks academic link with Vietnam, northern India

A two-week international trip starting at the end of September will explore the possibility of establishing academic partnerships between Brock and post-secondary institutions in Vietnam and northern India.

Ian Brindle, Dean of Mathematics and Science, and Glen Irons, Director of the Intensive English Language Program at Brock, will meet with representatives of schools in predominantly agrarian Vietnam to move forward discussions about collaborative opportunities in the field of biotechnology and ecology. One possibility is to arrange for Brock students to study in the southeast Asian country.

“Vietnam is working very hard to build its academic infrastructure,” said Brindle. “There are many opportunities to explore.”

Brindle will then proceed to Chandigarh in northern India to lecture at Panjab University and to participate in initial discussions about possible academic partnerships with the institution.

This excursion follows on the heels of an earlier mission to Vietnam by Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services. She was part of a delegation of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) that met with seven northern universities (six in Hanoi and one in Hai Phong) and three southern institutions (two in Ho Chi Minh City and one in Can Tho).

“We are encouraged by the potential to create collaborative opportunities and to establish a presence in Vietnam in post-secondary institutions,” she said. “Vietnam is poised and ready to develop ties with Canada.”

The mission is part of ongoing internationalization initiatives by the University. Last year, Brindle signed academic agreements with two academic institutions in China. Talks are underway to both initiate and finalize other agreements in China.

The University’s Senate must approve all academic program agreements prior to implementation.

Brock Briefs

PhD thesis defence

A PhD dissertation defence has been scheduled for psychology student Adote Anum for Friday, Sept. 29, at 10:30 a.m. in Welch Hall, Room 147. The title of the thesis is "Predicting Performance on Fluid Intelligence from Speed of Processing, Working Memory, and Controlled Attention." Faculty Advisor: Sid Segalowitz; External Examiner: Fredric Weizmann, York University, Department of Psychology. Everyone welcome to attend.

Acquire a choir!

Faculty and staff interested in singing a wide range of fine choral repertoire are invited to join a new community chamber choir forming under the direction of Harris Loewen, Department of Music. Rehearsals are Monday evenings, starting on Sept. 18. For more information, please e-mail: hloewen@brocku.ca

International speakers featured at conference

Brock recently hosted a mini-algebra conference, entitled "Noncommutative Ring Theory and Related Topics." Held from Aug. 8 to 9, the conference was organized by Professor Yuanlin Li from the Department of Mathematics. The

conference dealt with several areas of noncommutative ring theory, including structure theory, module theory and homological algebra, group rings, and combinatorial number theory. Professors Nanqing Ding and Weidong Gao, two leading experts in their research areas from China, were invited to Brock to deliver talks.

Graduate student orientation

The Office of Graduate Studies has scheduled a "Welcome and Orientation Event" for all new graduate students on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Pond Inlet. Representatives from various departments of the University will be presenting short information sessions of value to graduate students. Visit www.brocku.ca/gradstudies for more information.

Alumni Association golf tournament

There are still a few spots available for the Brock Alumni golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Links of Niagara at Willodell. Registration is \$340 per foursome and includes, golf, cart, dinner, use of practice facilities and a chance at \$10,000 in the hole-in-one contest. To register, contact Terry Cockerline at ext. 4921, or tcockerline@brocku.ca

Faculty and Staff

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Bohdan Y. Nebesio presented the paper "Narrative Rhythm in Film" at the 2006 Conference of the Society for Cognitive Studies of the Moving Image held at the Academy for Film and Television "Konrad Wolf" in Potsdam-Babelsberg, Germany, from July 20 to 23. This year's conference was titled "Narration and Spectatorship in Moving Images: Perception, Imagination, Emotion."

DRAMATIC ARTS

Glenys McQueen-Fuentes attended the Fourth Annual International Conference on Imagination in Education (IERG) held in Vancouver, B.C., from July 11 to 15. At the conference she presented a workshop, entitled "Making the Ordinary Extraordinary and the Complex Understandable: Weaving Movement and Sound Across the Curriculum." On her return, she presented two 2.5-hour extended workshops in Toronto for the OISE/UT Drama Specialist AQ courses; she also presented two 2.5-hour workshops for the Brock Faculty of Education AQ courses in Drama in Education.

ENGLISH

Adam Dickinson published three poems in the summer poetry issue of the literary journal *The Fiddlehead* (228): "Islands Hesitate at the Mouth of a Bay," "Eclipse," and "Contributions to Geometry: Lichen." In addition, his poem "Tristitia-Acedia" received honourable mention in the annual Banff Centre Bliss Carman Poetry Award contest and was published in the literary journal *Prairie Fire* (27.2). His poem "Interpellation" also recently appeared in the magazine *Beyond the City* (1:2).

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION

Debra McLaughlan presented a paper, entitled "Invisible chains of post-colonial drama/theatre in our schools: Issues of choice, censorship and constraint," at the International Drama in Education Research Institute on July 17 in Kingston, Jamaica.

RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Martha Barnes and **Erin Sharpe** presented a paper, entitled "Contesting and transforming municipal authority in the 'Big Backyard': A local park as a space of resistance" at the Leisure Studies Association Conference held at the University of West England, U.K. in July.

VISUAL ARTS

Amanda Burk is exhibiting her work in a group exhibition entitled, "Brave New World" at the Diaspora Vibe Gallery in the Miami Design District, Miami, Fla. Amanda will give an Artist Talk while at Diaspora Vibe Gallery. "Brave New World" runs from Aug. 10 thru Sept. 23, 2006. The exhibit will travel next to Anna Leonowens Gallery in Halifax, N.S. in October. **Burk** also recently participated in Square Foot IV at the AWOL Gallery in Toronto, Ont. from Aug. 4 to 27. Square Foot, a dynamic annual art exhibit that showcases the work of hundreds of artists from the professional to novice, has become one of the foremost community art events in Toronto. With each artist creating work in a 12x12 inch format, the show is hung in a grid forming an installation of overwhelming proportions.

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Events



All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise noted. For tickets and more information, please call the Box Office at ext. 3257, or visit www.arts.brocku.ca

Upcoming events for September and October: Classic Albums Live: Queen - *A Night at the Opera*, Sept. 28; Stuart McLean *Live from the Vinyl Café*, Oct. 4 and Oct. 5; Papa Duke, Oct. 11; Sarah Harmer, Oct. 18; Electric Company Theatre: *Brilliant! The Blinding Enlightenment of Nikola Tesla*, Oct. 19; jacksoul with DK Ibomeka, Oct. 21; Sho, Mo & the Monkey Bunch (for ages 4+), Oct. 22; Ballet Jörgen: *Cinderella* (David S. Howes Theatre), Oct. 28.

Classified

For Sale: Updated character home on Lowell Avenue in St. Catharines, \$149,900. Three bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, family room, formal living/dining room. Updates include some newer windows, steel exterior doors, insulation and more. Great family neighbourhood close to everything. Ten-minute drive to Brock. Call 905-988-7675 for more information.

For Sale: Condo at #808-215 Glenridge Ave, St. Catharines, \$139,900 (includes some appliances); 1,200 sq ft; totally renovated (2002); amenities include: sauna, outdoor pool, laundry, private storage locker; condo fees \$465.86 (heat, hydro, water, snow removal, etc.); taxes \$1,576 (2005); call 905-685-3605 for details.

For Rent: Spacious two-storey century home on Maple Street in St. Catharines. Wrap-around porch, high ceilings, large kitchen, main floor laundry, three bedrooms and finished attic. Yard work and four appliances included. \$1,100 plus utilities, available now. Non-smokers. Prefer no dogs but cats welcome. Phone John at 905-685-4758 for more details.

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The Opening of Term event was an opportunity for current and new faculty and staff to celebrate the beginning of a new academic year. Hosting the event were President Jack Lightstone (above, centre) and his wife, Dorothy Markiewicz (second from right).



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