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

Making Community Connections on the water



Brock's Community Connections fielded a team in the recent St. Catharines dragon boat races in support of the St. Catharines Museum and Wellspring Niagara, a cancer support network. The 26 members of the Brock Paddleheads, made up of students, staff and graduates, raised more than \$900 at the event, braved windy and rainy conditions, and came in second place in the J division of the races. For more information on Community Connections, 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. Check out the Brock Days website at www.brocku.ca/brockdays for information on all the Brock Days events. The official Kickoff BBQ in Jubilee Court will take place on Friday, Sept. 29 with a \$3 barbecue and a free performance by Lock 8. This year, Brock Days is pleased to welcome the Lunch & Learn CCOVI Wine Series with three great sessions planned for Sept. 22, 25 and 28. Centre for the Arts will present Classic Albums Live...Queen: A Night at the Opera and Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts will welcome five renowned chefs from the Niagara region paired with 12 local wineries. The Alumni Association will host a pub crawl from Alphie's to Isaac's and plenty of reunion activities have been planned, not to mention Brock Days in Montebello Park, and lunch time entertainment scheduled for around campus. There's something for everyone!

Mark your Calendars

This year's Opening Term event will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Start the academic year off by celebrating with colleagues and friends. Tickets are \$20 and on sale through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257.

Faculty members recognized for research excellence



Professor Teena



Professor Diane Dupont

The 2006 recipients of the **Brock University** Chancellor's Chairs for Research Excellence are Professor Diane Dupont from the Department of Economics, and Professor Teena Willoughby from the Departments of Child and Youth Studies and Psychology.

The award, first introduced in 2001, recognizes individuals who demonstrate

excellence in their scholarly research and creative abilities, and are dedicated to making exceptional contributions to the advancement of their field. Successful nominees received a three-year grant to undertake a specific program of research leading to a significant development in their scholarship. Recipients of the award will also present a lecture on their research to the Brock community during the upcoming academic year.

Professor Diane Dupont joined Brock in 1990. Her areas of expertise include non-market valuation - how to measure natural environment improvements that have no market price; fisheries regulation; and economic policies to promote efficient water usage. In 2005, she received funding from the National Centres of Excellence's Canadian Water Network for her work as principal investigator

on the project, "Tapping into Consumers' Perceptions of Health Risks in Municipal Water Supplies."

Dupont's research program for the 2006 Chancellor's Chair research award will examine the impact of tap water supply (performance and efficiency of water utility operations) versus tap water demand (amount paid for better water quality). The aim of her research will be to assess water utility performance and promote changes in decision making for water supply utilities.

Professor Teena Willoughby is a developmental psychologist who joined Brock in 1995. Her research interests include youth resilience, particularly with regard to academic underachievement, optimal experiences, and media/technology influences on lifestyle choices; and the impact of technology-based environments on learning. Current projects include examining the search strategies that students use when gathering information on the Internet, and how the quality of search strategies is related to learning outcomes.

She is also founder and Director of Brock Research Institute for Youth Studies (BRIYS) and co-principal applicant of the Lifespan Development Research Centre construction grant from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

Willoughby's Chancellor's Chair research program will examine the predictors and processes of risk behaviour in adolescents in order to enhance prevention and intervention programs for targeting adolescent risk behaviours.

Sir Isaac's descendants visit University



Representatives of two families, separated by half a world but linked by one of Canada's most famous historical figures, connected at Brock University on July 31. Sally Greenaway,

great-great-greatgreat niece of Major General Sir Isaac Brock, after whom the University is named, met Rev. George Addison, whose great-great-great-great uncle, Rev. Robert Addison, performed the funeral services for the military leader who was felled by a musket ball on Oct. 13, 1812, during the Battle of Queenston Heights in the War of 1812.

Greenaway and her husband, Alan, who are from New Zealand, arranged to visit the University while on the Canadian leg of a lengthy expedition. Addison is one of the chaplains at Brock's Campus Ministries.

During the visit, the Greenaways also met with Jack N. Lightstone, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University, and shared with him a copy of the family tree, land deeds and a copy of a miniature portrait of Brock. The visitors were amazed to discover the original portrait in Special Collections and Archives in the James A. Gibson Library.

Lightstone commented that Niagara is steeped in War of 1812 history and added that Brock was the "first true blue war hero in Canada."

Sally Greenaway is the direct descendant of Savery Brock, younger brother of the never-married Isaac.

"Ever since I was a little girl, I have dreamed of coming to Canada and exploring the connections with Sir Isaac Brock," said Sally Greenaway.
"He put enormous energy into convincing people that Canada could be a country in its own right. "Of all of the tributes to Isaac, I

believe he would have been most honoured by having a university named after him. He placed a very high value on education."

Rev. Robert Addison, who was Isaac Brock's chaplain and the only (and first) Anglican minister in Niagara, performed the funeral service for Brock and his aide-de-camp, also killed in battle.

"I am directly descended from Robert Addison's brother, William," said Rev. George Addison. "So my position as chaplain at the University is ironically fitting.

An eyewitness account by Lieut G. Ridout remembered the funeral ceremony: "The burial was the grandest and most solemn I ever witnessed or that has been seen in Upper Canada. ... Mr. Addison read the service in a very impressive manner."

Robert Addison died in Niagara in 1829 and his bones were later interred in the wall of St. Mark's Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Child and youth rights conference a success



A youth delegation from Queen Elizabeth District High School in Sioux Lookout is shown with John Hodson from Brock's Tecumseh Centre at the opening ceremonies of the recent "Investment and Citizenship: Towards a Transdisciplinary Dialogue on Child and Youth Rights"

Brock recently hosted an international conference, entitled "Investment and Citizenship: Towards a Transdisciplinary Dialogue on Child and Youth Rights." Held July 18-21, the conference included opening ceremonies that honoured the Aboriginal land on which Brock is located. Organized by Dawn Zinga, Richard Mitchell and Tom O'Neill, all of the Department of Child and Youth Studies, the conference featured keynote addresses by Jaap Doek (Chairperson, Convention on the Rights of the Child Committee) and Landon Pearson (retired Canadian Senator). International speakers included several children's rights experts such as Michael Freeman (editor of the International Journal of Children's Rights), John Davis, Erica Burman, and Cindy Blackstock.

In addition to having a full academic program, the event featured a large number of youth delegates from various locales. International youth delegations were represented from Brazil, Ghana and Mexico. Canadian youth delegations were from Nunavut, Sioux Lookout (Ontario), Niagara Region, and Southern Ontario, some of them associated with the Ontario Youth Advocate's Office and the Students' Commission. More than 50 youth delegates in total attended the conference.

One of the highlights of the onference was a dinner address Stephen Lewis, former Deputy-Executive Director of UNICEF, attended by 255 guests. Attendees included conference delegates, youth delegates, and members of the Niagara community. Lewis praised the conference for including young people and claimed that the breadth of the conference presentations gave him

hope that things could change. He also took time to speak with many of the youth.

Presentations were also made by several of the youth delegates. At one point, the young people insisted that they did not suffer from a "lack of voice" but that adults suffered from an "inability to listen." The youth moved freely between youth sessions and the other conference sessions. Conference delegates of all ages were united in their determination to bring more attention to the issue of children's rights and to work together to uphold the rights of children and youth around the globe. Jaap Doek's address to the youth challenged them not to take "no" for an answer and to persist until their countries recognized and upheld their rights. Landon Pearson motivated the young people to take action at the municipal and regional level to affect change.

Many of the conference delegates were challenged to go beyond research and words to positive action. Both Doek and Pearson called for less rhetoric and more action and they reported being inspired by the young people in attendance.

The conference has been praised by international rights experts for its inclusion of young people and the breadth of the conference program. This conference received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Human Rights Program of the Department of Canadian Heritage, Brock University, Health Canada, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, the Ontario Teachers Federation, and the Laidlaw Foundation which supported the youth engagement component.

New website offers one-stop-shop for grape and wine industry

A new web resource provided by Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) is serving as a hub for all news associated with the grape and wine industry. The First Click Resource Centre (FCRC) was created in response to the needs expressed by grape and wine industry stakeholders, research colleagues, and other wine enthusiasts interested in learning more about research at CCOVI and other cool climate regions in the world.

The FCRC website (www.brocku.ca/fcrc) is an interactive, membership-driven, webbased portal dedicated to bringing the global cool climate grape and wine industry community closer through enhanced communication channels. The FCRC is interdisciplinary and includes cool climate viticulture, oenology, wine business, wine tourism, wine history and culture. The FCRC is an information and communication funnel that will connect colleagues in addition to connecting people with problems with world experts. The FCRC is based on four personal service pillars that include the Virtual Hotline, News Forum, Wine Events Clearing House, and a Research Search Engine: 1. Virtual Hotline (ask a question and we'll

connect you with a world expert) This service is meant to allow FCRC members to access world experts in the cool climate viticulture and oenology, wine business, wine tourism, wine history and culture fields.

2. News Forum Discussion Platform (get the news of the day and participate in discussion panels)

In this section FCRC presents current grape and wine news and we encourage our members to discuss these articles within the easy to use format.

3. Wine Events Clearing House for Ontario (but will expand its scope as the FCRC develops) (find out what is going on and

In this section we will endeavour to list all wine-related events in Ontario to allow an individual to view general scheduling of events at a glance. The broader community may add events (juried before posting) at no charge.

4. Cool Climate Viticulture and Oenology, Wine Business, Wine Tourism, Wine History and Culture Research Search Engine (find past and present research easily)

This section allows anyone to easily access all current and historical research in cool climate viticulture and oenology, wine business, wine tourism and wine history and

We welcome you to the FCRC and we also welcome any and all comments on how we may improve our site and our service to you.

Brock Works training now open to all

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, there will be several skill-sharpening courses offered by Human Resources/Environment, Health and Safety. Learn to focus your creativity, handle yourself around a fire or master the finer points of ergonomics. These special courses, which are listed below, are part of the New Faculty and Staff Orientation Event, so you may even meet some new colleagues!

Visit the Focus on Learning Website at www.brocku.ca/hr/training/focus to register. For more information, please call ext. 3994.

Enjoy summer at Brock!

All Brock faculty, staff, retirees and their families are invited to a summer social picnic to meet, reconnect or to just have fun! Your ticket includes a delicious lunch, live music, entertainment, and a chance to win some wonderful prizes.

The event takes place Thursday, Aug. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Jubilee Courtyard (weather permitting).

Tickets are: \$5/adult, \$15/family,

\$3/child (6 and under free).
The menu includes hamburgers, veggie

burgers, tossed salad, fruit and a cold drink. Entertainment will feature "Kobbler Jay: The Eccentric Juggler" and live music featuring

Prizes for the picnic have been donated by White Oaks Conference Resort & Spa, Riverbend Inn & Vineyard Restaurant, and Sentineal Carriages.

Get your ticket today from the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257.

Just for Kids: Show your ticket stub and swim in the pool from 2 to 4 p.m. for free! (Kids under 10 require adult supervision.)

Hosted by the Brock University Health and Well-being Advisory Committee (www.brocku.ca/oehs/health_wellbeing). The event is sponsored by Human Resources/Environment, Health and Safety.

Continuing Education Fall Guide now available

The Fall 2006 Learning & Leisure Guide will be distributed on campus the week of August 8 to all of Brock's Faculty and Staff. Local newspapers distributed the guide on Saturday, Aug. 5.
If you miss your copy, visit:

www.brocku.ca/conted

Take advantage of early registration by Aug. 28 and save. For more information call, ext. 4775.



President and Vice-Chancellor Jack Lighstone visited with Dr. Charles A. Sankey in his home on July 31 to celebrate Sankey's 101st birthday. Sankey was Brock's second Chancellor, serving in that capacity for two terms, from 1969-1974.



In celebration of our 30th anniversary, the Brock University Alumni Association will honour 30 graduates who best exemplify the Brock spirit. Whether it's through professional accomplishment, community involvement or artistic contributions, Brock graduates are leaving their mark and making a difference.

If you or someone you know is an outstanding Brock graduate, we want to hear your story.

Nomination forms can be found online at brockalumni.ca or by

contacting the Brock University Alumni Association at 905-688-5550, ext. 4502, or alumniassociation@brocku.ca



Physics student reaches for the stars



Stuart Bell

Stuart Bell has boldly gone where no Brock co-op student has gone before — to the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

The third-year Physics student, whose hometown is Desboro near Owen Sound, Ont., recently completed two

consecutive four-month co-op placements at the John H. Chapman Space Centre, the agency's headquarters in Longueuil, Que.

During his internship with the Space Medicine Group of the CSA, Bell's tasks involved projects related to space radiation and efforts to protect the astronauts working aboard the International Space Station (ISS) against the harmful effects of space radiation.

Specifically, his tasks included preparing a research report for measuring non-ionizing radiation levels aboard the ISS; preparing a plan for collecting samples for biodosimetry evaluations; analyzing and summarizing information from scientific research articles on non-ionizing radiation; assisting with a ionizing radiation research project (Matroshka-R) being done in collaboration with the Russian Space Agency; and participating in national and international space radiation meetings that, besides Canadians, had participants from NASA, Russia, Japan, and Europe.

"This was the first time our office hired a student from Brock University," said Leena Tomi, Project Manager, Operational Space Medicine, CSA, and Bell's supervisor.

"We were very pleased with Stuart's performance. He performed all of his tasks extremely well, with skill, patience and dedication. I would not hesitate to hire another student from Brock."

Bell's CSA internship was a natural evolution from his boyhood fascination with

airplanes, rockets, Apollo missions and space shuttles. His early reading on those subjects was placed on the back burner when the drive to do well academically became a

"But when I heard there was a placement at the CSA, I became really excited. So I applied for the position out of the usual co-op workplace sequence and ended up working at the space agency for two terms of four months each."

Bell said that his first-year physics and optics classes provided a solid basis of information on the propagation of electromagnetic waves, the foundation of non-ionizing radiation.

His placement is another example of the broad diversity of co-op partnerships that Brock has established with agencies and businesses at local, national and international levels.

Co-op Education at Brock has expanded from its flagship program in Accounting to 35 programs across all faculties at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The University now boasts one of the largest co-op programs in Ontario. This phenomenal growth was fuelled by an increased demand for experiential learning programs from students and employers, and by the University's goal to expand Co-op program offerings.

Professor Shyamal Bose, Chair,
Department of Physics, Faculty of
Mathematics and Science, said "we know
Stuart as a talented sincere student and look
forward to having him back at Brock. We are
proud of his achievements.

"With Stuart's apprenticeship and a recent appointment of one of our research associates, Dr. Sudhakar Gunuganti, to work on a contract for the CSA through a research and development company in Alberta, we hope this is the start of a long-standing association between the CSA and Brock University.

Grant will encourage physical activity

Brock University's Physical Education and Kinesiology Department is receiving a \$29,400 grant from the McGuinty government to increase physical activity and sport participation rates in Niagara, St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley announced recently on behalf of Minister of Health Promotion Jim Watson.

The grant is designed to help increase the levels of physical activity and improve the health-related choices of individuals within various high-risk populations in Niagara as well as in two elementary schools within the Six Nations aboriginal community. Students will be trained to provide workshops on how to increase physical activity in schools, playgrounds and at home.

"This Communities in Action Fund grant will create more opportunities for St. Catharines to get active," said Bradley. "Providing enhanced opportunities for physical activity and community sport and recreation will remove barriers that have

prevented people in our community from being more active and becoming healthier."

Now in its third year, the Communities In Action Fund (CIAF) helps local and provincial not-for-profit organizations provide more community sport and recreation projects. Priority is given to projects that benefit underserved groups like older adults, children and youth, girls and women, persons with disabilities, Aboriginal people, low-income individuals and visible and ethnic minorities. In the three years of the program, the McGuinty government has awarded more than \$15.8 million to more than 400 not-for-profit organizations across the province.

"Through CIAF, we partner with organizations that are helping Ontario families develop more healthy and active lifestyles," said Watson. "By increasing physical activity, we are building a healthier Ontario for healthy Ontarians."

Summer art camps at Rodman Hall

Looking for a fun and creative way for your children to enjoy summer holidays? Only three more weeks of Summer Art Camp at Rodman Hall remain. Led by a talented team of instructors who are recent graduates of Brock's Visual Arts program, young artists embark on an art adventure like no other. Combining a variety of traditional and non-traditional materials and techniques with lots of imagination, children create extraordinary projects in the studios and on the grounds of Rodman Hall. Programs include a Space and Art Exploration, Fairy Tales and Fantasy, Cartooning, Sculpture and Printmaking, Muddy Hands and Magnificent Messes, and

If your young ones are drawn to computer design, then the Digital Art Lab is for them. Exploring the basics of Photoshop,

Illustrator, Flash, and Dreamweaver on Macintosh computers, students in the Digital Art Lab learn to draw with the computer, edit and manipulate photographs, create short animations, and build their own website.

Sessions run Aug. 14 to 18, Aug. 21 to 25, and Aug. 28 to Sept. 1, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., and 3 to 5 p.m. (Digital Art Lab). Supervised nutrition breaks are provided from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:30 to 3 p.m. for those staying for afternoon programs. Cost: \$89 (including GST) per session. Digital Art Lab: \$75 (including GST) per session.

For course descriptions and more information, please visit www.brocku.ca/rodmanhall/education, or phone ext. 4775. Space is limited, so register early.

In Memoriam

René Eugene Victor Bismuth

Professor René Eugene Victor Bismuth (1918-2006), son of Victor and Camille Bismuth, passed away on July 23 at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, B.C. René had collapsed in May while visiting Seattle, subsequently surviving very difficult emergency surgery at the University of Washington Medical Center. Once stable enough, he was transferred to Vancouver, where ultimately he succumbed to pneumonia. He is survived by his son Robert, daughterin-law Cathi, granddaughter Esme and great-grandsons Casey and Dakota.

René left his native French Tunisia at the start of the Second World War to become a pilot in the Free French Forces. He was subsequently decorated several times and made an Officier de la Légion d'honneur for his bravery and unfailing heroism as a Halifax heavy bomber pilot while flying in the RAF. His last posting was to an airdrome in Wales where he met his beloved future wife Doris, his unfailing companion for the rest of his life.

As a university professor, René was widely recognized for his knowledge of languages and linguistics. Having lived all over the world, in 1965 he settled with his family in St. Catharines and became one of the founding faculty members of Brock University. Fluent in six languages, René was also an accomplished musician and a published poet. Over his lifetime he educated thousands of language students, published several books, served for many years as the President of the International Federation of French Professors and was made a commander of l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques by the French government - the highest possible recognition of his academic accomplishments. At the age of 87, René was still active in his research and continued to receive invitations to speak at various academic events.

As per his request, René will be reunited with Doris when he is laid to rest in Wales at the beginning of September. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those so motivated make a donation to the Doris and René Bismuth Scholarship Fund for Modern Language Studies at Brock University. Donations can be directed to Brock University, The Office of Development and Donor Relations.

Gabriel Temkin

Gabriel Temkin, a retired Professor in the Economics Department, died at the age of 85 in Sarasota, Fla, on Saturday, July 15.

Gabriel was a specialist in economic theory and the history of economic thought. He was widely published in Poland before he came to Brock, and he continued to publish after his retirement. Among other retirement projects, he wrote My Just War: The Memoir of a Jewish Red Army Soldier in World War II. It was published in 1998, and recounts harrowing personal tales of wartime battles, captures and escapes. He received three medals of valour for his wartime service.

Gabriel came to Brock in 1970 from Poland, where he was Professor of Economics at the University of Warsaw. He taught at Brock until his retirement in 1986. Gabriel is survived by his wife Hanna, who he married in 1946 while they were students at the University of Leningrad, his daughter Helena, his son Henryk, and four grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Suncoast Chapter, 13907 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 101, Tampa, Fla. 33618.

Brock Briefs

The Children's Movement Program

Does your child like to jump, climb, explore, dance and play games? This Saturday morning program is based on Brock's Movement Education program, incorporating problem-solving and decision-making skills for children one to 12. Educational gymnastics, creative dance and developmental games are used to challenge children to be active and try new skills. The Children's Movement Program is an inclusive program. University student volunteers are available to assist children with a special need if required.

Doctoral defence

Nancy Fenton, PhD candidate in Educational Studies, will present her doctoral defence, "From the Ground Up: Understanding How Teachers and Administrators Make Sense of Tension," on Wednesday, Aug. 16, in Taro Hall 307, at 10 a.m.

MA thesis defences

Applied Health Sciences student Yixing Jiang will present her thesis defence, entitled "The Effectiveness of Interpretive Methods in Informal Educational Facilities: An Experimental Study with Reference to Marine Parks," on Friday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m. in WH147.

Applied Health Sciences student Chera Francoeur will present her thesis defence, entitled "A Physical Activity Intervention in a Workplace Setting," on Monday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m. in WH147.

Applied Health Sciences student Ruma Goswami will present her thesis defence, entitled "Does Altering Brachial Artery Tone with Lower-Body Negative Pressure and Flow-Mediated Dilation Affect Arterial Stiffness?" on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 9 a.m. in WH147.

Applied Health Sciences student Alayna Banach will present her thesis defence, entitled "The Effects of Body Composition on Arterial Stiffness," on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m. in WH147.

Applied Health Sciences student Emma Davies will present her thesis defence, entitled "The Influence of Physical Attractiveness and Gender as Perceived Competence of Sportscasters," on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m. in WH147.

Psychology student PJ Sangalang will present an MA thesis defence, entitled "I Like My Beer Cold, My TV Loud, and My Homosexuals Flaming!: Preference for Stereotype Congruency as a Function of a Situation by Person Interaction," on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m. in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber.

Applied Health Sciences student Julie Wilson will present her thesis defence, entitled "Six-Month Outcomes of a Multi-Campus Smoking Cessation Contest," on Friday, Aug. 18, at 9 a.m. in WH147.

Applied Health Sciences student Lindsay Waddell will present her thesis defence, entitled "Social Physique Anxiety across Physical Activity Settings: A Meta-Analytic Review," on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 9 a.m. in WC284.

Psychology student Julie Dempsey will present her thesis defence, entitled "An Investigation of the Emotion Assumptions of Just-World Theory," on Monday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. in WH147.

MEd thesis defences

Education student W. Tim Richardson will present his thesis defence, entitled "Webbased Content and Hybrid Teaching: The Effectiveness of Using Web-based Content and Hyper-Linked Teaching Units in Teaching Hybrid Business and Marketing Post-secondary Classes," on Monday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. in Taro Hall 307.

Education student Jane Cameron will present her thesis defence, entitled "Continuing Education Learning Preferences and Styles of Legal Clinical Lawyers," on Monday, Aug. 14, at 10 a.m. in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber.

Education student, Amanda Varnish, will present her thesis defence, entitled "Exploring an Emotion Intervention for Preschoolers With Autism Spectrum Disorders?" on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 2 p.m. in WH 147.

Faculty and Staff

Brian Ross presented a paper, "Evolutionary Image Synthesis Using a Model of Aesthetics," at the Conference on Evolutionary Computation (CEC 2006), in Vancouver, B.C., from July 16 to 21. The paper was co-authored by **Bill Ralph** (Mathematics) and Hai Zong.

EARTH SCIENCES

Martin Head was one of five instructors on the Advanced Course in Jurassic-Cretaceous-Cenozoic Organic-Walled Dinoflagellate Cysts, held in Urbino, Italy, during July 13-17; and co-organized a one-day workshop that followed at the same venue.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies, recently presented a paper, "Ecolyricism: Power and Politics in the Nature Poetry of Lorna Crozier," at the Poetry and Politics conference held at the University of Stirling, Scotland in July. She also chaired three sessions during this five-day international conference, which included presentations by poets and academics representing 33 different countries.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION

Jeanne Kentel and **Douglas Karrow** presented the paper, "Mystery and the Body: Enlivening the Imagination through the Situated Bodies of Teacher Candidates," at the 4th International Conference on Imagination and Education, held in Vancouver, B.C. from July 12 to 16. At the same conference, Karrow also presented the workshop, "The Story of the York Boat: The Settlement of the West and Archimedes' Principle," and Kentel presented the paper, "Ludology and Recovery of the Body."

PSYCHOLOGY

Carolyn Hafer and her graduate students — Julie Dempsey and Becky Choma — recently attended the Canadian Psychological Association conference in Calgary, Alta. At the conference they presented the following two talks:

Hafer gave an invited talk at the social/personality psychology preconference

• Hafer, Choma and Dempsey presented a paper, entitled "Belief in a just world and psychopathic personality.

Publications

Conley, Tim and Cain, Stephen. (2006). The Encyclopedia of Fictional and Fantastic Languages. Foreword by Ursula K. Le Guin. Westport, Conn. Greenwood P.

Hyatt, C.G., and Andrijiw, A. (2006). "'You're alone but it's not lonely': Understanding fandom from afar through the lens of personal and social identity theories." Poster presented at the 2006 North American Society for Sport Management Conference, Kansas City, Mo., June 2006.

Kulczycki, C., and Hyatt, C.G. (2005). "Expanding the conceptualization of nostalgia sport tourism: Lessons learned from fans left behind after sport franchise relocation." Journal of *Sport Tourism,* 10(4), pp. 273-293.

Li, Y. and Herman, A. (2006). "Trivial units for group rings over rings of algebraic integers," Proceedings of American Mathematical Society, 134, no. 3, pp. 631-635.

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Li, Y. Chen, J. and Zhou, Y. (2005). "Constructing morphic rings." Advances in Ring Theory, World Scientific Publishing Co., pp. 26-32.

Events

Niagara Symphony: Courtyard Concerts at the Forts:

• Friday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m. - Old Fort Erie

Sponsored by the Fort Erie Arts Council (a free event) and presented by the Niagara Parks Commission. Also the start of the Living History Weekend. For information, call 905-871-0540. • Saturday, Aug. 12, 2 p.m. – City of Welland

Along Welland's Recreational Canal, in the heart of downtown, this concert celebrates the canal city in both official languages. This is a free event sponsored by Convergys and supported by several community partners. For information, call Venture Niagara, 905-735-8085.

• Saturday, Aug. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Historic Fort George Part of the Niagara International Chamber Music Festival, with thanks to Parks Canada. Tickets are \$25 and \$5 (students). For tickets, call the Shaw Festival: 1-800-511-7429. Tickets also available at the concert.

Office of Research Services: The following workshops that relate to research will be held for faculty members in coming months. Call the Office of Research Services, ext. 5332, to register

- SSHRC Site Visit, Aug. 16 SSHRC Program Officers will meet with individual researchers for
- SSHRC Workshops, Aug. 17 How to prepare a winning Standard Research Grant Proposal.
- Human Ethics Workshop, Aug. 22 An Introduction to the REB Review Process.
- NSERC Site Visit, Aug. 29 Preparing a winning NSERC grant.
- Ministry of Research and Innovation, Aug. 31 Information on the Youth Science and

Classified

For rent: Mature tenant(s) wanted for fully-furnished, comfortable condo. One large sittingroom; bedroom; sunroom; study; kitchen, four appliances, laundry room; 1 & 1/2 bathrooms; ceiling fans, a/c. Utilities all inclusive, except phone, cable digital TV; Internet connection; covered parking. Pleasant and helpful superintendents. On bus route, near to bus depot downtown, and close to all conveniences. Exceptionally quiet, adult building. Available Aug. 22, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (negotiable). \$750/month. 905-684-5838.

For rent: Newly renovated, three-bedroom home on bus route in St. Catharines, large fenced yard with patio, detached garage, lots of parking and central air. Furnished: \$1,100, unfurnished: \$990, plus utilities. Flexible availability. For more information, call 905-934-2565 or 905-932-2993 (cell).

For rent: Three-bedroom bungalow on desirable Wolseley Ave. in St. Catharines, \$1,100/month including everything but phone. Available Jan. 1 to July 1, 2007. Dates flexible. Call 905-685-8654 for more information.

For sale: A full-size upright piano, Mason & Risch, made circa 1959, mahogany finish, wellkept, in good condition musically and cosmetically, with a matching bench, \$700. Call Ed at 905-641-3417.

Housing wanted: Young (female) professor seeking a large, bright, clean, quiet and, preferably, furnished room (or small furnished apartment) in Thorold (or downtown St.Catharines) near grocery store and Brock. No basement apartments; eight-month lease preferred, ready to pay from \$450 to \$600/month. E-mail: aristeia9@hotmail.com or call (819) 847-0192.

Mediatalk People in the news

The June 24 issue of the Globe and Mail featured a book review of Amartaya Sen's Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny on page D9 written by Associate Professor Pierre Lizée from the Department of Political Science.

The June 27 issue of the Globe and Mail featured a special supplement, "Perspective Niagara 2006," which featured an article, entitled "What's in a Name? A look at how Niagara Region's municipalities got their names." The article, which briefly explains the history behind the names of all of the Region's municipalities, was partly based on research conducted by Associate Professor **Alun Hughes** from the Department of Geography.

Assistant Professor Mary-Louise Vanderlee from the Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Department in the Faculty of Education was recently interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for a story on class sizes, entitled "Parents can check class sizes online." In the June 29 article, Vanderlee comments on research that suggests smaller classes in early education lead to improved reading, writing and math skills later in life.

Assistant Professor of Nursing and director of the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE) Lynn McCleary was interviewed by the Toronto Star for a story — "New law hits residents of care facilities" — which examines the impact of the Ontario government's Smoke-Free Ontario Act on seniors living in long-termcare institutions. In the article, McCLeary notes that "Nursing homes are institutions but they are also people's homes. . . . It will be really challenging for nurses to have to be enforcers (of the new law)." The article appeared in the July 8 edition of the newspaper.

Associate Professor Charles Burton from the Department of Political Science conducted eight interviews with the CBC on the topic of the North Korean missile launch on the morning of July 5 with stations in Toronto, Quebec City, Ottawa, St. John's, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Regina and Vancouver. He also conducted several radio interviews, one in English on Radio Canada International, broadcast on snortwave, satellite and internet on July 6, and one in Mandarin with the Radio Canada International Chinese service on July 7.

Burton was interviewed by the Globe and Mail for an article, "China mum on fate of detained Canadian," about his views on the Huseyincan Celil case, which appeared in the newspaper's July 18 issue. He was also interviewed for a follow up piece on the Celil case in the Globe and Mail's July 21 issue, "Canadian's detention in China sparks furor: critics rally outside consulate in Toronto, as secrecy envelops Huseyin Celil."

To access any of the above interviews, please visit: http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~cburton

The July 15 issue of the Toronto Star featured an article on wine education in Niagara, "Called to the barrel," that included Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI). The article included in-depth information about CCOVI's undergraduate and graduate programs, and included interviews with the Institute's Coordinator of Experiential Learning/Co-op, Brian Grant, PhD student Amy Bowen, and master's student Amy Blake. The feature also included a sidebar story about the Canadian Wine Library at Brock, located in the basement of Inniskillin Hall, entitled "New titles and Canadian classics."

Colleen Beard, Map Librarian at Brock University, was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard about city council's decision to add \$8,500 to next year's budget to do an archeological assessment of the original Lock 1 of the First Welland Canal — buried since the 1800s in the northwest corner of Lakeside Park. Beard was quoted saying, "I think it's very exciting. Any part of canal preservation is exciting because this is a major part of our history and why St. Catharines developed in the first place." An air photo image provided by the Map Library collection accompanied the article showing significant underwater evidence of the piers of Lock 1.

Morris Goldner, visiting professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences and President of the Stanier Institute, a non-profit Canadian education and research organization that focuses on progress in the public health sciences, was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for a story about his involvement in planning and developing a master's degree in hygiene science at Brock, "Professor wants good hygiene practised, and studied, at Brock University.'

Ken Lodewyk, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed by *Niagara* This Week for a July 26 article about a \$29,400 grant from the province's Communities in Action Fund (CIAF) -"Brock receives financial boost from province" — to establish a co-ordinated program for delivering training and opportunities for participation in several movement streams. The funding will be used by the Department to establish a new program entitled Co-ordinated Approach to Enhancing Physical Activity. The co-leaders of this initiative are Lodewyk and Associate Professors Nancy Francis and Jamie Mandigo from the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology.

Assistant Professor **Cheri Bradish** was interviewed by the Hamilton Spectator for a July 28 article about the doping scandal at this year's Tour de France, entitled "Major blow to cycling's image." In the article, Bradish is quoted saying "The marketplace would be very wary of the sport. This kind of story is tiresome." She also adds that cycling isn't positioned like pro team sport in North America to take credibility hits, noting that "There tends to be longer and more loyal relationships between pro sport teams and sponsors and advertisers."

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