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

Distinguished Canadians and Faculty to be recognized at Spring Convocation

Three distinguished Canadians will receive honorary degrees from Brock University at its 2006 Spring Convocation ceremonies being held from Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9.

This year, Brock takes pride in awarding honorary degrees to **Bernard J. Shapiro**, Ethics Commissioner, Government of Canada; **June Callwood**, author, journalist and human rights activist; and **Peter Herrndorf**, President and CEO, National Arts Centre.

All ceremonies will be held in the Walker Complex at the west end of campus, in the 23,000-square-foot Ian D. Beddis gymnasium. An outdoor reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will be held after each ceremony.

At the other ceremonies, several members of the Brock community will extend congratulations to graduating students. The speakers will include **Professor Emeritus Sybil Wilson**, **Professors Zopito Marini** and **Anna Lathrop**, and Brock graduate and former Director of Finance, **John Zoccoli**.

The University will also honour six Faculty for their contributions to teaching as part of the Spring 2006 Convocation ceremonies.

Recipients of the annual Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching are chosen by a selection committee from each faculty that includes representation of faculty, staff and students. Nominees must have a reputation for superior teaching and be recognized for this quality by students and colleagues. Among other criteria, they must demonstrate creativity and excellence in the development of new course/program teaching materials, and they must set a high standard and successfully motivate students to attain such a standard.

This year's winners are: **Professor Ana Sanchez** of the Department of Community Health Sciences, in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences; **Professor Teresa Menzies** of the Department of Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship, and Ethics, in the Faculty of Business; **Professor Anne Elliott** of the Pre-Service Department, in the Faculty of Education; **Professor Derek Knight** of the Department of Visual Arts, in the Faculty of Humanities; **Professor Michael Bidochka** of the Department of Biological Sciences, in the Faculty of Mathematics and Science; and **Professor Zopito Marini** of the Department of Child and Youth Studies, in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

For more information about the 2006 Spring Convocation, please see page two.



Atkinson honoured at portrait unveiling

Former Brock University President and Vice-Chancellor David Atkinson's portrait was unveiled in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber at Brock on May 3. Pictured from left at the unveiling ceremony: Dr. Norris Walker, Acting President Terry Boak, Dr. David Atkinson, and Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama.

Former Brock University President and Vice-Chancellor David Atkinson returned to the University on May 3 for the unveiling of his portrait in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber.

About 60 guests attended a brief ceremony to honour Atkinson for his contributions as Brock's President from 1997 until the summer of 2005. Atkinson is currently President and Vice-Chancellor of Carleton University in Ottawa, Ont.

"This was a remarkable period in our lives, and we will always fondly look back on our time here," said Atkinson.

He was joined at the ceremony by his wife Terry, and son Jonathan. Also in attendance were Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, Dr. Norris Walker, Chair of Brock's Board of Trustees, and Terry Boak, Acting President and Vice-Chancellor.

"David never forgot to take into account the faculty, staff and students while often having greater goals in mind," said Moriyama. "As Chancellor, I saw his continual dedication and commitment to this University."

"In so many ways, David Atkinson provided the leadership and vision to move Brock University forward," said Boak.

Atkinson's portrait now hangs in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber beside Brock's previous three Presidents, Dr. James A. Gibson (1964-1973), Alan J. Earp (1974-1988) Terrence H. White (1988-1996).

The Board of Trustees commissioned artist Christan Nicholson to paint Atkinson's portrait. Nicholson has been awarded numerous official university, government and corporate portrait commissions, earning him the recognition as Canada's foremost portrait painter.

Putting "You first!"



Neil Howe

This year's Wellness Conference, "You First," will feature a plenary presentation by Neil Howe, entitled "Generationally Speaking: Who are You, Where did You come from and How do You fit in?" Howe, an entertaining international speaker and bestselling author, is a renowned authority on generations in North America. He accurately describes previous and current generations and offers powerful insights into today's youth, what motivates them, and how they will shape our international future.

Howe's broadly cyclical perspective is oriented around familiar generational life stories, which provide important new insights that help us as individuals and organizations to identify and shape initiatives and strategy.

Brock is an organization like many others where Boomers are lingering, X'rs are moving, and Millennials have arrived! As the conference title says, let's concentrate on "You First!" Come and be entertained, informed, and find out what all this means to you, your families, organizations, communities and society as a whole.

Also, catch Howe in his smaller and more focused session, "Millennials Go to University," at 10:30 a.m., in which he provides concrete ideas and tools for recognizing and adapting to generational change in our student body. A must-attend for anyone who deals directly with students or has children or grandchildren.

Registration for the Wellness Conference, "You First," began on May 15.

Register online at brocku.ca/youfirst, or call ext. 3023 for a paper registration form.

Campus store consultation

The University is consulting with faculty, staff, students and alumni on plans for the new Campus Store, to be located on the ground floor of the Plaza2006 building currently under construction.

The new 12,000-square-foot store is scheduled to open in February 2007.

Steven Pillar, Vice-President Finance and Administration, is chair of the Campus Store Program Review Consultation.

"The planning of the new store presents an ideal opportunity to review the kind of services and merchandise needs of our community," says Pillar. "We encourage everyone to be part of this consultative process and to share ideas with any representative of the review group."

The group met on April 26 and will meet again in the early fall to consider feedback from the campus.

The members of the review group are:

Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services
Trudy Lockyer, Bookstore Director
Todd Bundy, Bookstore
Linda Klop, Bookstore
Tom Arkell, Director, Ancillary and Community Services
Jamie Fleming, Director, Residences
Ron Dubien, Chief Information Officer
Lorne Adams, Director, Athletics
Richard Knabenschuh, President, Brock University Alumni Association
Heather Junke, Acting Director, University Communications
Anna Lathrop, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
Sharon Broderick, Faculty of Business
Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies
Joanne Smith, Faculty of Education
Linda Landry, Sociology
Janet Sackfie, English Language and Literature
Bryan Hicks/Kithio Mwanzia, BUSU President
Virginia Lighthart, Graduate Student/Welcome Desk

Staff nominations for Chancellor search committee

The Senate Governance Committee is in the process of forming a subcommittee to search for the next Chancellor of Brock University. Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama's term ends on March 31, 2007.

The composition of the subcommittee includes one staff member.

The Governance Committee is looking for nominations to the search committee and will carefully consider all names brought forward for this position. A staff person can be nominated by simply informing the University Secretariat of the name. The search committee will hold its first meeting this July or August.

The names of nominees should be sent, in confidence, by Wednesday, May 31, to Marlene Penner at: mpenner@brocku.ca or to the Office of the University Secretariat, ST1200.

2006 Spring Convocation timetable

Monday, June 5, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Education

• **Professor Emeritus Sybil Wilson**, Faculty of Education, will address Convocation.

Monday, June 5, 2 p.m. - Faculty of Education

• An honorary degree will be presented to **Bernard J. Shapiro**. Brock is recognizing Shapiro's distinguished career and contributions to government, public service and academia.

• **Professor Anne Elliott**, Pre-Service Department, Faculty of Education, will be presented with the 2006 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Tuesday, June 6, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Social Sciences

• **Professor Zopito Marini**, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, will be presented with the 2006 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, and he will address Convocation.

Tuesday, June 6, 2 p.m. - Faculty of Social Sciences

• An honorary degree will be presented to **June Callwood**. Brock is recognizing Callwood's remarkable leadership and support for the causes of the disenfranchised, the unheard, and the minority youth in our communities.

Wednesday, June 7, 2 p.m. - Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences

• An honorary degree will be presented to **Peter Herrndorf**. Brock will recognize Herrndorf for his outstanding contributions to journalism, broadcasting, education and the arts in Canada.

• **Professor Derek Knight**, Department of Visual Arts, Faculty of Humanities, and **Professor Michael Bidochka**, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, will be presented with the 2006 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

• **Professor Ana Sanchez**, Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will be presented with the 2006 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

• **Professor Anna Lathrop**, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, and Associate Dean in the Faculty of Community Health Sciences, will address Convocation.

Friday, June 9, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Business

• **Professor Teresa Menzies**, Department of Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship, and Ethics, Faculty of Business, will be presented with the 2006 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

• **John Zoccoli**, former Director of Finance at Brock and a graduate of the University, will address Convocation.



The Office of Graduate Studies held their Scholarship and Awards Winners Reception on May 2 in the Pond Inlet to recognize outstanding achievement by graduate students at Brock. Marilyn Rose, centre, Dean of Graduate Studies, is shown with four students who were among those recognized. From the left: Gabriel Balint, Biological Science; Cindy Lee Scott, Classics; Richard Patz, Education; and Mary Fogarty, Popular Culture.

Golfing for athletic student awards

One hundred and forty-four golfers will join Brock University Acting President Terry Boak at Legends-on-the-Niagara in Niagara Falls on Thursday, May 25, for the fourth annual President's Tournament in support of Brock Athletics.

Participants in the golf tournament will contribute to the University's proud tradition of athletic excellence, as proceeds from the tournament will provide bursaries and scholarships for Brock's outstanding student athletes. Funds will be awarded each fall to returning student athletes who have successfully completed their first year of study.

Last year's tournament netted \$75,000 for the athletic student awards program, and, as a result, 70 student athletes will receive financial awards. This year, organizers, led once again by David Howes, Chair of the President's Tournament and Chair-Elect of the Brock University Board of Trustees, expect to raise \$75,000.

With 30 men's and women's varsity teams in such sports as rowing, wrestling, hockey and basketball, Brock boasts the third-highest number of teams among Ontario's 18 universities. Many of the Brock athletes must use their own money to help cover their teams' costs of training camps, equipment and other expenses.

Brock's athletes have won 22 national and 43 provincial championships since 1967, and the student athletes are a vital part of the many successes Brock enjoys today. Many of them maintain overall academic averages of 80 per cent while juggling athletics, studies and part-time jobs.

"This is a special event that allows our local partners to help our student

athletes succeed at a greater level," said David Howes.

Legends-on-the-Niagara, located in Niagara Falls, is one of Canada's finest championship golf facilities. Participants in the President's Tournament will enjoy a challenging game of golf, an opportunity to renew acquaintances, a delicious meal and an entertaining evening.

The shot-gun start is at 12:30 p.m. Brock athletes and coaches will also assist golfers, and will be accompanied by Sir Isaac Brock. A hidden hole handicapping system will allow for a fair system of scoring, and individual players will play their own ball. Cocktails and dinner will follow the game, along with a small live auction.

Canadian Tire Financial Services has joined the tournament as a Presenting Sponsor for the next three years. Other major sponsors of this year's tournament are Algoma Central, CIBC World Markets, Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP, Ernst & Young, TR Hinan Contractors, Janet Wright & Associates, Lincoln Fabrics, Brock Plaza Corporation, Rankin Construction, Partridge Wealth Management - RBC Dominion Securities, Scotiabank, Sodexo, Silicon Knights, Tim Horton's - St. David's Road, and Whiting Inc.

"The support provided by companies and local citizens for the annual President's Golf Tournament is quite exceptional. Student athletes are most appreciative of the financial assistance they receive from the tournament revenues," said Terry Boak, Acting President and Vice-Chancellor. "The organizers of this event, chaired by David Howes, have done an outstanding job to, once again, bring together our community partners for this cause."

Employee parking permit registration

All employees wishing to register for a parking permit for the Fall of 2006 may do so online starting at 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 1. To access the online registration, go to www.brocku.ca/parking, and choose the online services link. As in past years, permits are available to employees on a first-come, first-served basis. Permit prices for the

06/07 year are also available on the parking website.

This year, a new permit choice is available to employees working in the East Academic buildings and wishing to park in lot EA located at 573 Glenridge. Please call Parking Services, at ext. 4309, for any parking permit inquires.

Care for Our Community Weekend!

What better way to kick off the summer than helping the community kick off theirs? Brock's Care for Our Community Weekend will take place on Saturday, May 27, and Sunday, May 28, and will be a fun-filled weekend that is sure not to disappoint. Three community volunteer events will take place over the course of the weekend, all of which will provide the opportunity to help charities in Niagara connect with other members of the Brock community.

The following is a list of events taking place:

- The Canadian Lung Association's Pull for Kids on Saturday, May 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Pen Centre's Zellers parking lot. This event involves teams of 12 competing against other teams in pulling a fire truck. An after-party event is to take place at Kelsey's Restaurant at the Pen Centre following the pull.
 - The Rankin Cancer Run will take place Saturday, May 27, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Grantham Lions Park. This event involves a 5 km run along the Welland Canal Parkway with refreshments and barbecue to follow.
 - The Niagara Region Walk to Cure Diabetes is taking place on Sunday, May 28, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Grantham Lions Park. Walk, run or rollerblade along the 5 km route and a barbecue lunch will be provided following the walk. Students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to sign up and represent Brock at any or all of these great events. To participate, please contact Michelle Manson, ext. 4000, or community@brocku.ca
- Brock University's Community Connections Team is a group of students working in collaboration with the Off-Campus Housing and Community Services departments to provide Brock and the Niagara region with a broad range of community programs and services.

Information sessions on freedom of information act

Effective June 10, 2006, all universities in Ontario will come under the purview of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). This legislation will replace the current Brock University Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Policy. A University Task Force has been working on the transition and will be holding one-hour information sessions for all faculty and staff in order to review the new legislation and to outline the implementation steps being taken. As the legislation will affect all areas of the University, everyone is invited to attend.

The sessions are open to all faculty and staff and will be held as follows:

- Wednesday, May 24, 10 to 11 a.m., Academic South 216
- Thursday, May 25, 2 to 3 p.m., Academic South 216
- Tuesday, May 30, 10 to 11 a.m., Academic South 216

To register for one of the sessions, please visit the Human Resources Department Training and Development web site at: www.brocku.ca/hr/training

Click on the Workshop Listing and Registration link under Focus on Learning.

Another successful event for Services for Students with disABILITIES!

Services for Students with disABILITIES and the Student Development Centre hosted the Sixth Annual Making a Difference Awards Luncheon earlier this spring. This luncheon provided the opportunity to recognize members of the Brock community who have made a significant contribution to the successful academic life of students with disABILITIES. The recipients were Philip Mackintosh, Geography, Angela Mills, English Language and Literature, and Gail Phillips, Pre-Service Education.

This year's guest speaker was Kaye

Leslie, Manager of Workforce Diversity at Scotiabank. Leslie has both personal and professional interest in the area of disability. Leslie engaged her audience with humorous and thought-provoking personal stories with her message of inclusion and access within both the work and academic environment.

The awards luncheon was well attended by the Brock community. Services for Students with disABILITIES is looking forward to another successful Making a Difference Awards Luncheon in 2007!



PHOTO: KEVIN GROUT

Scientifically Yours is a three-day program for Grade 11 girls where participants live on campus and experience the sciences hands on. From May 1 to 3, the program welcomed more than 100 high school students to Brock University. The program offers workshops designed to encourage young women to pursue studies in science and mathematics. Ellen Robb, right, a third-year student in Biochemistry and Teaching Assistant for the program this year, helped students understand the consistency of slime.

Brock Briefs

Annual Jimmy Rose honour presented

This year's winner of the Jimmy Rose Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award is Murray Mulligan of Welland, Ont. Murray, who has been involved in the sport of basketball for more than 40 years, is being recognized for his contribution not only as player, coach and official but as a volunteer for the sport.

The award is sponsored by the Brock University men's basketball team and is presented annually to the individual or individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport of basketball. Last year's award recipient was Brian Mulligan of Niagara Falls, Ont.

The award is named after Jimmy Rose, who accumulated 599 wins against 160 losses. During his coaching tenure at Niagara Falls Collegiate Vocational Institute, Jimmy won four Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) Junior Championships, five Senior All-Ontario titles and one Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association (SOSSA) Midget Championship. During that same time, he won seven university invitational tournaments and 28 district championships.

On the move!

On April 26, Facilities Management completed moving the following departments to 573 Glenridge Ave.:

- English, History, Philosophy, Centre for International Studies, Great Books and Liberal Studies, Canadian Studies and Visual Arts
- In the months of May/June, various groups will be moving to the following locations:
- Faculty of Education (various departments) – MacKenzie Chown Complex C and D Block
 - The Department of Tourism and Environment – Schmon Tower 11th floor
 - Faculty of Business (various departments) – MacKenzie Chown Complex A Block
 - Dramatic Arts – minor relocations in Thistle Complex
 - Music – minor relocations in Thistle Complex
 - Faculty of Applied Health Sciences – South Block

Brock Business recognized

Brock's chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma has been recognized as Exemplary and received honorable mention in the competition for outstanding chapter, placing Brock in the top five out of 457 chapters worldwide. Brock, whose chapter is only two years old, is the first Canadian chapter to receive honorable

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Mediatalk

People in the news

CORRECTION: A Mediatalk entry in the May 3 issue of Brock News erroneously misquoted Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair, **Cheryl McCormick**. The quotations attributed to McCormick were mistakenly quoted from a newspaper article in the *St. Catharines Standard* – “Stress and Women” – in which the reporter paraphrased information provided by her. The paraphrased information was mistakenly attributed to McCormick and may have erroneously implied that it was a direct quote provided by her. *Brock News* regrets the error.

Professor **Tony Bogaert**, Department of Community Health Sciences and Psychology, was recently interviewed by a CanWest News Service reporter for a feature story about his research into the issue of asexuality – “Asexuality could be the ‘new’ sexual orientation.” Bogaert was quoted as saying, “Finding out what causes asexuality is a major issue. I endorse, or at least leave open the possibility, that this could be a unique or different sexual orientation.” With respect to his research into the issue, he noted that “I’m doing what I can to figure out whether or not there’s truly a biological underpinning to people’s asexuality. I may, in the next year or so, end up bringing asexual people into a laboratory and assessing their physiological responses, their sexual responses, to different stimuli and compare them to sexual people’s responses.” The story was published in newspapers all across the country including the *National Post*, *Vancouver Sun*, *Edmonton Sun* and *Calgary Herald*.

Associate Professor **Kimberly Cote**, Department of Psychology, was recently interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a story about infants and sleeping, entitled “Sweet Dreams for both you and your baby.”

Cote was also recently interviewed on radio station CKTB 610’s “Niagara at Noon” program about Brock’s Sleep Research Laboratory and the search for qualified sleepers to participate in a study on the impact of sleep restriction on performance.

John Hodson, Research Officer with the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education, was recently interviewed on radio station CKTB 610’s “Drive at Five” program about the two-month aboriginal standoff at a construction site in Caledonia, Ont.

Gail Neff, Senior Demonstrator in the Department of Chemistry, was recently interviewed on radio station CKTB 610’s “Niagara at Noon” program about the 2006 Scientifically Yours conference, which took place at Brock University from May 1 to 3. The three-day program for Grade 11 girls offers workshops designed to

encourage young women to pursue studies in science and mathematics and to celebrate women in science, engineering and technology.

Associate Professors **Murray Kropf** and **Merijeau Morrissey**, Department of Visual Arts, were just a few of the local artists recently profiled along with their work in an article from the May/June issue of *Niagara Magazine*, entitled “Artists in Residence.” Kropf comments upon his work, which expresses his interest in Canadian identity, noting that “The War of 1812 was a defining point in the development of our national identity, when we began differentiating ourselves as Canadians.” Morrissey, who is best known for her Kimono Suite of etchings, her prints and floor-to-ceiling paintings or oriental carpets, as well as her current woodblock work, notes that “I absolutely love teaching art, especially here at Brock.”

Debra McLaughlan, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education, was recently interviewed for the May/June issue of *Niagara Magazine*, on the topic of creativity. In the interview, she discussed the creative potential that exists in everyone, and not exclusively artists.

Assistant Professor **Deborah M. Zinni**, Department of Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship and Ethics, in the Faculty of Business, was recently interviewed on radio station CKTB 610’s “Drive at Five” program about 35 being considered over the hill because Ericsson, a world-leading supplier of telecommunications in Sweden, is offering buyouts to employees between the ages of 35 and 50.

Professor **Lewis Soroka**, Department of Economics, was recently interviewed by the *Hamilton Spectator* as part of its coverage of the Conservative government’s federal 2006 Budget on May 2. The article, “Focused on productivity,” notes that Soroka says the budget cuts are skewed toward middle-income earners and that while the federal government’s fiscal policy is intended to stimulate spending, it’s a move that’s running counter to the Bank of Canada’s goal of controlling inflation through higher interest rates.

Professors **Felice Martinello** and **Lewis Soroka**, Department of Economics were both interviewed by the *Hamilton Spectator* for an article, entitled “Save a buck on \$100,” about the GST cut outlined in the Conservative government’s federal 2006 budget. Martinello was noted as saying that the working tax credit of \$1,000 a year for employees was a welcome innovation. Soroka was noted as saying the GST break won’t affect low-income earners because their main costs such as food and rent aren’t taxed. He was quoted as saying “(The government) is going where the votes are.”

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mention in the Outstanding Chapter Competition. This incredible achievement will be celebrated at the Faculty of Business's third annual induction ceremony to be held on Tuesday, July 11.

In 2004, Brock was named a Premier Chapter and was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship that was presented in 2005 to Mark Squire, a Beta Gamma Sigma member, Accounting graduate, Inter-Collegiate Business Competition (ICBC) winner and now in the MAcc program at Brock.

In 2005, Brock's chapter reached Exemplary Status and was awarded an additional \$1,000 scholarship that will be presented shortly after the induction ceremony this July.

In 2006, Brock received honorable mention in the Outstanding Chapter category and was provided with an additional \$500 scholarship that will be awarded sometime in 2006.

Brock hosts math meet

Keeping with a well-established tradition of involvement in Mathematics education, Brock University's Department of Mathematics hosted the OAME

(Ontario Association for Mathematics Education) Golden Section Annual Meeting on May 3. The event brought together some 100 mathematics high school teachers for plenary conferences and hands-on workshops organized around the theme "Manipulating through Math."

The Department oversaw the local arrangements for the meeting and Chantal Buteau, Professor of Mathematics, contributed a workshop, entitled "From Brain to Computer and Back," at which projects from first year mathematics (MATH 1P40) students from Brock were presented.

For more information, please visit www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/Golden/

Change of e-mail address for the Dean of Social Sciences office

The Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences has a new e-mail address. Effective immediately, e-mail messages for the Dean of Social Sciences Office should be directed to Dean.SocSci@brocku.ca. Messages which would usually be sent to Carol-Ann Farinacci's personal account should now be directed to the above e-mail address.

Faculty and Staff

COMMUNITY ADVENTURE TRAINING INITIATIVES (CATI)

Kate Cassidy was invited to present as a master practitioner at the Canadian Experiential Education Practitioners Symposium. Her topic, entitled "Untapped Potential: New Directions in Risk Management for Experiential Educators," detailed CATI's partnership with Princeton University forwarding the International Incident Database Initiative.

EARTH SCIENCES

Martin Head visited Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria, in March, as external examiner for a PhD thesis. While there, he gave an invited talk on "Marine Palynology and Evolution of the Baltic Sea during the Last Interglacial."

EDUCATION

Debra McLaughlan attended the National Drama Conference in Winchester England, from April 10 to 14, where she presented a workshop titled "Dr. Wizard's Crystal Ball."

Denise Paquette-Frenette has been awarded the Prix Gabrielle-Cantin from the Departement de psychopedagogie et andragogie at the Faculté des sciences de l'éducation, Université de Montreal. This award is given to a dissertation of exceptional quality on the topic of adult education. Paquette-Frenette will receive the award at a ceremony on Thursday, June 15.

Howard Slepov, Co-ordinator of Centre for Continuing Teacher Education, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on April 24. The title of his dissertation was "Teacher Professional Growth in an Authentic Learning Environment." His research advisor was Professor Jim Kerr from the Faculty of Education's Pre-Service Department and his external examiner was Dr. Ron Owston from York University.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Barbara K. Seeber presented "Women and Nature: Jane Austen's 'Catherine, or the Bower'" at Splendour in the Grass: The Annual Conference of the Victorian Studies Association of Ontario, University of Toronto, April 29, 2006.

MATHEMATICS

Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh presented an invited colloquium talk, entitled "Zeros for set-valued maps on non-convex domains," at the McMaster University School of Computational Engineering and Science, in Hamilton, Ont., on May 1.

NURSING

Thecla Damianakis and **Lynn McCleary** delivered a paper, entitled "Spirituality and self-transcendence in caregivers caring for persons with frontotemporal dementia," at the Ontario Gerontology Association's Annual Conference in Toronto, Ont., on April 27.

Lynn McCleary, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, highlights the following students from the Nursing program:

Third-year nursing students **Jeffery Biletski**, **Michael Roach** and **Angela Courneyea** have a book review published in the current edition of Perspectives, the Journal of the Gerontological Nursing Association.

- **Biletski, J., Roach, M., Courneyea, A.** (2006). Book review: "Looking for Mother." *Perspectives*, 30(1), pp. 16-17.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Leah Bradshaw presented a paper, entitled "Empire and the Eclipse of Politics," at the 60th Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, in New York City, on April 22.=

Hevina S. Dashwood presented a paper entitled "Canadian Mining Companies and the Dissemination of Global Norms of Corporate Social Responsibility" at the International Studies Association annual meeting in San Diego on March 22, 2006.



Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, celebrates the grand opening of Brain Freeze, a new full-service ice cream booth located in the Schmon Tower lobby for the summer, by getting behind the counter and serving up an ice cream cone for Dorothy Witte, Assistant to the Vice-President, Finance and Administration.

Patrick Robson presented at the 2nd Annual Summit on the Greater Golden Horseshoe on the topic, "The Urban/Rural Interface: How to Plan for Agriculture and Implement Strategies that Guarantee Economic Returns," on April 27.

Livianna Tossutti presented the paper, "Can Family and Religious Networks Revitalize Civic Engagement?: assessing patterns across cultural communities and generations," to the 48th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association, in Phoenix, Ariz., from April 19 to 22.

SOCIOLOGY

Denis Soron presented an invited paper, "Natural Disasters or Economic Violence?," as part of an alumni panel at Strategies of Critique XX: Disaster, at York University in Toronto, Ont., on April 15.

Publications

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Stevenson, Garth. *Parallel Paths: The Development of Nationalism in Ireland and Quebec* (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press 2006) pp. xiii, 437.

Events

Centre for Neuroscience Spring Seminar Series: Friday, May 19, at 11 a.m., in TA 405, Professor Uwe Juergens from the German Primate Centre in Goettingen, Germany, will be speaking on "The Neurobiology of Non-Verbal Vocal Communication."

Classified

House for rent: Walking distance from Brock. Five bedrooms with garage. All appliances and laundry. Available August 1. Contact: 905-682-0871.

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