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

Brock prepares for possible pandemic

Brock University's newly formed Medical Emergency Planning Committee would like you to give it a hand. Better yet, two hands scrubbed with anti-bacterial soap.

The committee is developing policy and processes — public health education about handwashing among them — that will allow the University to respond effectively to a serious and widespread influenza outbreak or other potential medical challenges.

Valerie Wolfe, Manager, Environment, Health and Safety, Department of Human Resources, and Environment, Health and Safety, says Brock has ordered 100 hand sanitizers and initially will install 50 of them in supervised high-use areas such as computer labs and cafeterias. The use of alternative products is also being explored for corridors.

"Frequent and proper hand washing is an easy and effective way to reduce harmful bacteria and viruses transmitted from person to person," she says. "Public places and surfaces, such as the computer labs, public telephones, hand railings and door knobs, are all high-risk areas for germ transmission."

The campaign will be launched this

The "soap and water" education will also include posters and signage with instructions on how to properly wash hands.

Committee Chair John Corlett, Dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, said that "more than anything else we do, sound handwashing strategies have the greatest impact on the public health. It's not high tech. It's not expensive. But it is amazingly effective in infection control."

Corlett said the 21-member committee is dedicated to having a preliminary pandemic preparedness plan completed for submission to Niagara Regional Public Health by May 31. The plan will also serve as an annex to Brock's Emergency Management Protocol, recently approved by the Board of Trustees.

"Our task is to create a plan that will become a part of the University's overall emergency response protocol rather than to create a stand-alone plan," said Corlett. "That way, we will have common management strategies and lines of responsibility no matter what kind of emergency we have.

He said the "first and foremost priority" is to have in place an institutional response to protect the health of Brock's community.

"The second, of course, is to create a plan which does all it can to keep the University's operations intact as much as possible, even under conditions where our work force and our student population will be affected for certain periods by illness, as would be the case with pandemic flu."

The University, he said, needs to create an "adaptive, quick and nimble" stance that allows the institution to link efficiently to provincial government policy and regional public health initiatives.

Health Services will be creating website links that will provide information on colds and flu, pandemic influenza/avian flu and pandemic preparedness.

Melodie Shick-Porter, Director of Clinical Services, Health Services, says Health Services will launch a Stay Healthy campaign in September, focusing on topics such as healthy lifestyle choices, hand hygiene, covering your cough, flu shots and other health issues.



The President's End of Term Mixer was held on April 13 in the Pond Inlet. The mixer celebrated the culmination the 2005-06 Fall/Winter term, and allowed faculty and staff to revel in the success of another outstanding year. Pictured at the event are, from left, Rosamund Battye, Director of Concurrent Education Programs, Faculty of Education; Michael Manley-Casimir, Acting Vice-President, Academic and Provost; and Sandra Plavinskis, Co-ordinator, Bachelor of Education Degree/Certificate in Adult Education, Faculty of Education.

Scientifically Yours celebrates women in science, engineering and technology

This week, Scientifically Yours, a three-day program for Grade 11 girls where participants live on campus and

experience the sciences hands on, welcomed more than 100 high school students to Brock University from May 1 to 3. The program offers workshops designed to encourage young women to pursue studies in

science and mathematics.

Among the 20 workshops and projects offered, students had the opportunity to learn how to clarify drinking water, monitor brain activity during sleep and discover what coffee cups, DNA and slime all have in common. They also had the chance to follow an ant as it discovers a whole new world in the fourth dimension or investigate a heinous crime and identify the perpetrator as a member of C.S.I. Brock.

Over the years, the event has attracted a number of distinguished women as guest speakers. This year's kevnote address will be delivered by Dr. Susan Tighe, a registered

professional engineer, Canada Research Chair and Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the

University of Waterloo.

The program, now in its 17th year, first began with 50 students and has grown to accommodate double that number thanks to a three-year, \$15,000 grant from the Natural

Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and \$8,000 from the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology (CCWESTT) Conference held at Brock two years ago. Additional funding is provided in kind by local sponsors: Vincor International Inc., Walker Industries Holdings Ltd., Vine Floral, Zehrs Markets and Staples Business Depot.

Scientifically Yours is co-ordinated by the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences Scientifically Yours Committee.

For more information, please visit: www.brocku.ca/scientificallyyours

April showers bring May flowers... and then Spring Convocation

An estimated 3,200 students are expected to receive their degrees at this year's Spring Convocation, which will take place during seven ceremonies from Monday, June 5, to Friday, June 10.

The dates, times and Faculties of each Convocation ceremony will be as follows:

- Monday, June 5, 10 a.m. Faculty of Education
- Monday, June 5, 2 p.m. Faculty of Education
- Tuesday, June 6, 10 a.m. -Faculty of Social Sciences
- Tuesday, June 6, 2 p.m. Faculty of Social Sciences
- Wednesday, June 7, 2 p.m. Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences
- Thursday, June 8, 10 a.m. Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Friday, June 9, 10 a.m. Faculty of Business

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

Stay tuned to future issues of Brock News for more information about the recipients of this year's Honorary Degrees, Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching, Governor General's Gold and Silver medals and Dean's medals for academic excellence.

All are invited to check out the new summer addition to the Tower Lobby today at 11 a.m.





Summer Sizzler

Senate News

The 538th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held on April 12. During the meeting, Senate:

 received a Report from the Vice-President, Academic that included the following information:

- the University administration, in keeping with a recommendation approved by the Board of Trustees, has set a four per cent tuition increase for all of its provincially funded undergraduate, graduate and professional programs, which is below the maximum percentage permitted by the Ontario government;

- the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council in Sioux Lookout for a new undergraduate teacher education program;

the Faculty of Business was recognized and congratulated as Brock University recently received an Honorable Mention in the Beta Gamma Sigma 2006 Outstanding Chapter Awards;

 received a presentation from the Associate Vice-President, Research regarding the results of NSERC and SSHRC research grant applications; for 2006 there were 14 NSERC and 12 SSHRC grants awarded;

 approved a recommendation that the Centre for Digital Humanities be granted academic status;

 approved a recommendation that: confirmed the importance of the Core and Context requirement as it now stands (one credit each of Humanities, Science and Social Science); affirmed that the Deans of Humanities, Mathematics and Science, Social Sciences, and Applied Health Sciences encourage and provide resource support as possible for the offering of additional Context courses in the evening during the regular academic year, and during the Spring term. These offerings would be in addition to the courses in the day so that extra sections of some context courses be made available in the evening and Spring; and recommended that the Deans and Departments explore the potential for and resources necessary to have more Core and Context courses be offered as half-credit

 requested the Senate Teaching and Research Policy Committee to further examine the potential to expand the breadth of Core and Context requirements and to report back to Senate at a future

 received an update from the Governance Committee regarding the composition of the sub-committee that will conduct a search for a new Chancellor;

· received a report from Dr. Harald G. Tomesch, President, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Full details of Senate meetings are www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate

From concept to design

The Niagara Region Science Fair has a new trophy sponsored by the Department of Mathematics and conceptualized by Professor Thomas Wolf.

Wolf's design, which features three uniquely interlocking triangles, borrowing from the concept of Borromean Rings, was a challenge to bring to reality. He took that challenge to Brock's Machine Shop under the direction of Steve Crumb. The result is a stunning piece of artistry that is awarded annually to a student who showed proficiency in mathematics in his

Pictured from left to right are Machine Shop workers Matt Arnold, Art Reimer, Stephen Renda, Professor Thomas Wolf, Ryan Thiessen and Steve Crumb.

Brock Student Ambassadors have another "Outstanding" year

Once again the Brock Student Ambassadors (BSA) have brought home a coveted award. At this year's Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) conference, held at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, the Ambassadors received the prestigious Outstanding Newsletter Award. They competed against 18 schools from Canada and the United States.

This is only one of the many of the BSA's achievements in the past year.

- The Ambassadors created a bursary by donating \$10,000 through the Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS) program. Their donation was matched by the government and will realize a sum in excess of \$23,000 for student awards.
- Their "Trash to Cash" ink and laser printer cartridge recycling program is gaining strength and support from not only the Brock community but also from businesses and schools throughout the Niagara community. Their efforts generate funds for their

bursary, help to preserve the environment and for every 12 recycled cartridges, a tree is planted in Brock's name.

- The recent "apple juice war" challenge between the Ambassadors and staff members of the Offices of Alumni Relations, Development and Donor Relations and University Communications generated 131 large cans of apple juice that were donated to the Out of the Cold Program where the BSA volunteer weekly.
- The Touch of Home program continues to be the main fundraiser for the group. The latest addition to the program is the Plan of the Year. At the beginning of the school year, parents place an order for gift items that are delivered to their students each month throughout the school year.

For information on Brock Students Ambassadors programs and their volunteer activities, please contact Lynne Irion at ext. 3251; e-mail: lynirion@brocku.ca

Brock students give back to community at non-profit agencies

Several Brock students have been active in community activities before, during, and after National Volunteer Week, held from April 23 to 29.

Non-profit agencies in Niagara teamed up with almost a dozen Faculty of Business students in a volunteer collaboration in which everyone benefited.

Joanna Scaplehorn, a third-year Business Administration student, recently completed a six-week volunteer placement with the St. Catharines YWCA as part of her Human Resources course credit.

Scaplehorn, on a one-year international exchange from the University of Wales in Swansea, assisted the YWCA with the development of a volunteer manual.

"I gained a deeper insight into how Human Resources departments work and how important it is to ensure that organizations take into account human rights legislation when developing policies and procedures," said Scaplehorn. "This placement gave me practical experience that supplemented my classroom knowledge."

Wendy Gennings, fundraising and marketing co-ordinator of the St. Catharines YWCA, said the non-profit organization didn't have the capability or the time to undergo a thorough review of the volunteer manual, and appreciated the expertise that Scaplehorn provided.

"We certainly benefited from Joanna's placement as an organization, and I'd like to think Joanna benefited as well," said Gennings.

Brock students were also placed at the St. Catharines and Area Arts Council, the United Way of Niagara Falls, Start Me Up Niagara, and Information Niagara, among others.

Brock's Faculty of Business is piloting "service learning" and hopes to place more students in non-profit agencies next year as a way of giving back to the community as well as promoting student learning through experience.

New BUSU executive takes office



Kithio Mwanzia and Brad Humble are ready to get to work as part of the new Brock University Students' Union executive.

to an end, a new executive is now residing at the Brock University Students' Union (BUSU), having officially taken office on May 1.

While new President Kithio Mwanzia is excited about the coming year, he is not entering the political stage as a tepid newcomer.

A student in Political Science, Mwanzia has held various positions within BUSU since his arrival at Brock three years ago. Originally from Kenya, he has sat on numerous student committees, including the Governance Committee, the International Student Association, and the Political Science Student Association. He will be the first international student to hold the office of President in BUSU history.

Mwanzia served as Vice-President, University Affairs for BUSU for the 2005-06 year, and ran a successful campaign for President in the most

As the current academic year comes recent election. He is joined on the executive by Brad Humble, Vice-President, University Affairs; Lauren Souch, Vice-President, Student Services; Adam Smith, Vice-President, Finance; and two Directors at Large.

> Already planning for the coming year, Mwanzia has clear goals for BUSU. His tenure will see the implementation of a strategic plan that has been in the works for some time, and overseeing a corporation worth close to \$7 million.

"This executive will be working hard to provide initiatives for students through this new strategic plan," says Mwanzia. "As part of that plan, I think it is very important for BUSU to continue to play a role in the university community, and the community at large."

Fore more information on BUSU, visit www.busu.net

The Power of Play

The Association for the Study of Play (TASP) will host its 32nd Annual Meeting at Brock University, from Wednesday, May 17 to Saturday, May 20.

TASP is a multidisciplinary organization whose purpose is to promote the study of play, to support and co-operate with other organizations having similar purposes, and to organize meetings and publications that facilitate the sharing and dissemination of information related to the study of play. TASP publishes *Play and Culture Studies* and *Play Review*.

The theme of the 2006 conference is "The Power of Play." The program includes Dr. Olga Jarrett's presidential address, a proposal from the National Museum of Play, and a keynote and plenary by Dr. June Factor on Dorothy Howard's contributions to the Play and Folklore of Children in the U.S., Mexico, and Australia.

Scholars from Canada, the United States, Nigeria, Italy, Korea, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Australia, Russia, Taiwan, Turkey, and Portugal will be participating.

In particular, Dr. Fraser Brown will present on the effects of play with orphaned children institutionalized in Romania. Dr. Zopito Marini will lead a panel discussion on the impact of "bullying" and the erosion of recess in schools, and Dr. Peggy O'Neil-Wagner will offer current research on animal play.

For more information about the 2006 TASP conference, please visit www.csuchico.edu/kine/tasp or contact Professor Ann Marie Guilmette, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies and 2006 TASP Conference Chair, at ext. 3124; e-mail: aguilmette@brocku.ca

Information sessions on Freedom of Information Act

Effective Friday, 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.

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

Click on the FIPPA Information Sessions link under Focus on Learning.

Pop Culture to be explored at conference

On May 12 and 13, scholars from Canada and the United States will gather at Brock for a unique conference on the topic of Popular Culture and the Local.

Panels will be devoted to such topics as Local Music Scenes, Local Memory, Sport and Local Identity, Articulating Local History, Technology and Local Popular Culture, and the Global and the Local.

The conference will also include a multimedia keynote presentation by artist and musician John Boyle (the Nihilist Spasm Band), whose career is long associated with the Niagara region. As well, a group of local musicians from Niagara's contemporary music scene will perform works by local players of the region's past at a special concert.

The conference is sponsored by Popular Culture Niagara (PCN), a group of faculty at Brock who are documenting and studying several aspects of the rich and diverse popular culture of the Niagara region.

Conference registration is \$25 for the two days, which includes all panels and the keynote presentation. Separate \$50 tickets are available for the Friday evening concert, which will take place in Pond Inlet, and includes a buffet dinner. Registration and/or concert tickets are available at the Box Office, Brock Centre for the Arts, at ext. 3257.

For more information, please visit pcn.brocku.ca/PCNConference/Conferencepage1.htm or contact ext. 5053; e-mail: pcn@brocku.ca; or Professor Barry Keith Grant, at ext. 3215; e-mail: bgrant@brocku.ca

This year's Wellness Conference puts "You First!"

Come one, come all on Thursday, June 15. After seven years, the annual Brock Employee Wellness Conference has grown so large that the venue has been changed to the Bob Davis Gymnasium. Mark your calendars now for this opportunity to learn, reflect, laugh, enjoy, be challenged and grow as a person, as an employee and as a member of your family and the broader community.

The theme for this year's event is "You First!" The conference will be a stimulating day with seminar and activity topics of interest to all members of the Brock community; food, fellowship and music at lunch; a new spin on the ever-popular prize draw (now a penny sale to raise money for Community Care), and a closing gathering to conclude the day. Watch for more details in interoffice mail, and in coming issues of *Brock News*, or visit www.brocku.ca/healthandwellbeing in

the next few days.

Mediatalk

People in the news



Cheryl
McCormick,
Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology and Canada Research Chair in
Neuroscience, was recently interviewed for a feature story in the

St. Catharines Standard, entitled "Stress and women." McCormick addressed the effects of stress on the body, noting: "Since time began, our body's response to stress has evolved. Way back when, the biggest stress in primitive man's life was being preyed on by some ravenous beast. These days, although the chance of being dinosaur breakfast isn't as likely, our body still reacts the same way, by producing more adrenaline. It makes us more alert. Sharper. And like our prehistoric cousins, we are thrust into a sort of fight-or-flight mode where stored energy is released so we can either run or do battle. Our blood flow increases, our heart pumps faster and our blood sugar levels rise." McCormick goes on to say that we have more control over our own stress than we think, noting that "stress is a product of your own mind."

Dean Rosemary Hale of the Faculty of Humanities was recently interviewed for an Easter holiday feature in the Welland Tribune, entitled "What draws people to church at Easter." Hale noted the following about the role of Easter in Christianity: "As early as in the fourth century, when Christianity moved out of a period of persecution, the Empress Helena found what she regarded to be the true cross. Churches were built on that site and splinters of it have found their way throughout Europe. Certainly that's very compelling. It's a very compelling piece for believers as much as for people who see the face of Mary or the face of Jesus in a pancake." She also had the following to say about the holiday coinciding with the emergence of spring: "It's a time for rebirth and regeneration. People feel that. That's another reason people think, 'I'm going to go to church."

Vice-President Academic, Michael Manley-Casimir, w recently interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard and the Niagara Falls Review about the University's April 17 announcement that it will increase tuition four per cent for the 2006-07 academic year, effective May 1, 2006. Manley-Casimir had the following to say about the announcement: "We were very concerned about two things. First, there was the burden of cost. We didn't want the cost of a university education to be unattainable for students, and we wanted to keep Brock as a very attractive place for students to want to study. While we certainly had budgetary concerns, we didn't want to burden our students more than necessary." He added that the

additional revenue will be used to hire new faculty at the University, noting that "We're currently looking for 44 positions to increase Brock's faculty complement for those students."

Tim Conley, Associate Professor form the Department of English Language and Literature was recently a guest speaker on the radio program "Open Source with Christopher Lydon" on Thursday, April 20. The program is a joint production of Open Source Media Inc. and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, presented by WGBH Radio Boston and distributed by Public Radio International (PRI). The program was entitled "Samuel Beckett: Nothing Funnier Than Unhappiness" and it examined the work of playwright and novelist on the occasion of his 100th birthday this spring. An MP3 file of the entire program is available online at: www.radioopensource.org/samu el-beckett-nothing-funnier-thanunhappiness

Charles Burton Associate
Professor from the Department of
Political Science conducted a short
interview on Omni TV "Mandarin
News" on Friday, April 21, and a
longer interview on the same
station's "Mandarin Weekend"
program on Saturday, April 22.
Both interviews were about China's
President Hu Jintao's visit to the
United States. Audio files of both
interviews are available on Burton's
web page for Brock students
located at
http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~cburton/

Tony Shaw,
Associate
Professor and
Chair of the
Department of
Geography was
recently
interviewed on
radio station
CKTB 610
AM's morning

program, "Tim and Bonnie in the Morning" on Wednesday, April 19. Shaw addressed the issue of climate change and its effects and his appearance on the program coincided with the observation of Earth Day.

Shaw also conducted an interview on the same topic with CHSC 1220 AM on the station's "Nancy Mac Talk Show" on Wednesday, April 26.

Shaw's research on climate and winegrape production was also featured in the April issue of Vines Magazine, in an article, entitled "In Niagara, the land is increasing the brand." The story highlights 10 new sub-appellations in the Niagara Peninsula Viticultural Area sanctioned by the Vintner's Quality Alliance (VQA) Ontario, the provincial wine standards authority. The 10 new regions were identified on the basis of geology, soils, topography and climate data assembled by Shaw. For more information about the VQA's new sub-appellations in the Niagara Region, please visit: www.vqaontario.com/sub_appellati on_proposal/index.html

Brock Briefs

Undergraduate Students Workshop

The Office of Graduate Studies hosted a successful two hour Undergraduate Students Workshop on April 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Pond Inlet. This workshop provided Brock University undergraduate students with information about pursuing graduate studies.

Charlotte Sheridan, Associate Director of the Office of Graduate Studies, and Michael Plyley, Associate Dean of Applied Health Sciences, presented information on the application process, scholarship possibilities, and online resources for searching for graduate schools and programs. The last part of the workshop involved a panel of students representing various faculties. Brian Allen, Jennifer Dmetrichuk, Matt Mulligan and Christina Skorobohacz spoke of their experience with graduate studies at Brock and why they chose their graduate program. They also answered students' questions about their own particular program and graduate studies in general.

Two Brock students take classroom experience to New York

Bob Murray, a Political Science master's candidate in international relations, represented Brock at an international symposium at the United Nations (UN) in New York City, from April 25 to 27. The symposium, hosted by the Alliance Toward Harnessing Global Opportunities (ATHGO), was entitled "The Architects of the Future: Reforming the UN to Meet the Millennium Development Goals."

The symposium involved 400 young professionals, diplomats, and students from 159 academic institutions around the world. The three-day event featured round-table discussions on the proposed UN reform and its importance for meeting the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

For more information about the conference, please visit www.athgo.org

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Friday, May 5: Dr. Robert P Lemieux, Queens University, will be speaking on "The effect of

Take your seat on the luxury car as we travel through Europe, following the routes of the famous Orient Express. Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 14, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets

are \$37 / \$33/ \$25 / \$10 student. For tickets, contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office at

Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW): The Canadian Federation of University

Women, St. Catharines, announces their 32nd Annual House Tour, which is a fundraiser to provide scholarships at the high school, college and university levels on Sunday, May 7, from

The CFUW house tour opens the doors to seven unique homes in Niagara. Tickets are \$15 in

advance or \$20 at the door. Funds also support charitable organizations with a mandate for

Come out and discover new decorating ideas or just admire the architecture and settings. For

For Sale: \$200, new LG 7" Wide LCD portable DVD player, model # LGDVP7772. Used twice.

For Sale: Four-bedroom house on quiet circle in north end St. Catharines. Two bathrooms,

jacuzzi, fireplace, attached garage, hardwood floors, in-ground pool and close to QEW. Please

For Sale: Near Brock, executive Riverview Blvd. home, with in-law suite, 4+1 bedrooms, 3+1

On April 5, 41 staff students graduated from the Professional Management Certification Program. Specially designed for Brock University staff, this series of seven professional seminars provided participants with insights, ideas and skills related to the complex field of

management and leadership in a university environment. This was the first of many exciting

collaborations between Human Resources and the Faculty of Business. The next session of the

baths, rent \$2,000 plus utilities. In-ground pool, ravine view. Contact: Doreen Ferguson at

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more information, please contact niaghouses@yahoo.ca, or call 905-934-5002.

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Rosanne Waters, a third-year History student at Brock, has been selected to participate in the Gilder

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Events

Lehrman History Scholars Program, a highly competitive program in U.S. History for outstanding second- and third-year university students. This year's program runs from June 18 to July 29.

Each year, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History selects 15 students to take part in a six-week, all-expenses-paid, scholarly research program in New York City, which includes a stipend of \$2,400 (US). Scholars will study in New York City for six weeks in a program that combines historical research, seminars with eminent historians, and behind-the-scenes tours of rare archives in New York City.

For more information about this program, please visit www.gilderlehrman.org

Faculty and Staff

CHEMISTRY

Hongbin (Tony) Yan received the "Ichikizaki Fund for Young Chemists," an award that provides financial assistance to young chemists who are producing unique achievements in basic research by facilitating their participation in international conferences and symposia.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Dan Malleck was an invited speaker at a special panel commemorating the 100th anniversary of the US Food and Drug Act (1906) at the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy at the American Pharmacists Association Annual Convention in San Francisco, Calif., on March 20. His paper was entitled "Poison laws, patent medicine and the profession of pharmacy in Canada: 1875-1908."

Dan Malleck was an invited speaker at the History of Health and Medicine Lunchtime Research Seminar Series at McMaster University in Hamilton on April 12, where he presented a paper entitled "The dishwater menace and the chlorine solution: The LCBO and the bureaucratic implementation of health ideas."

C. Martin Tammemagi was an invited speaker at the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research on April 4, in Washington, DC. He participated in the symposium: Determinants of Cancer Disparities in Relation to Diagnosis, Treatment and Outcome, and the title of his presentation was "Comorbidity as a Factor in Genesis of Disparities."

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Robert Alexander presented a paper, entitled "Aggressive Incongruity: Exorbitant Bodies and Linguistic Monstrosity in the Scriblerian's ŒDouble Mistress," at the annual meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, held at Princeton University in March.

Mathew R. Martin presented two conference papers during the month of March:

- "The Name of the Father in 'On My First Sonne': Ben Jonson and the Work of Mourning" at the Renaissance Society of America's Annual Conference in San Francisco, Calif., from March 23-25.
- "Modelling Tragic Affect in King Lear" at the Shakespeare Association of America's Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from April 13-15.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN POPULAR CULTURE

Nick Baxter-Moore, Director of the Graduate Program in Popular Culture, highlights the following students from the Interdisciplinary MA Program in Popular Culture who presented papers at the 36th Annual Conference of the Popular Culture Association, at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel, in Atlanta, Ga., from April 12 to 15. Presenters and paper titles as follows:

- Jillian Osier, "Auteurism Askew: Kevin Smith as Modern Auteur"
- Ana Petrovic, "Slashing the Teen Slasher: Sexuality and Gender in 1950s Teen Horror Films"
- Laura Wiebe Taylor, "Metal Gone Science Fiction: Technotranscendence and Human Obsolescence in Fear Factory's Demanufacture, Remanufacture and Obsolete"
- Zorianna Zurba, "The Revolution Is Not Blog: Navigating the Zeitgeist of the Blog"

VISUAL ARTS

Amanda Burk, Visiting Artist in the Department of Visual Arts, is the recipient of the 2005 Harpweaver's Prize for the Visual Arts. Her winning work is featured on the cover of volume 13. *Harpweaver* is Brock University's magazine of literature and the arts.

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