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'New and grand commitment' to graduate studies

With the creation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Brock University sends a strong signal about its "new and grand commitment to graduate studies and research," says Professor Miriam Richards, Chair, Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

The University Senate unanimously endorsed the creation of Brock's seventh Faculty on March 21. Graduate Studies joins the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, Business, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social Sciences.

"I think this represents a major philosophical change, because in the past, graduate studies and to some extent research, have been 'add-on' to the primary enterprise of the University, which was undergraduate education," says Richards. "Now undergraduate and graduate education, and teaching and research can be integrated into a larger academic enterprise that really is about 'higher learning'."

"The creation of Brock's Faculty of Graduate Studies is a wonderful step forward for the University," says Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies. "The new Faculty will bring graduate faculty and graduate students together across the disciplines and will definitely enhance the profile of research and graduate studies at Brock University."

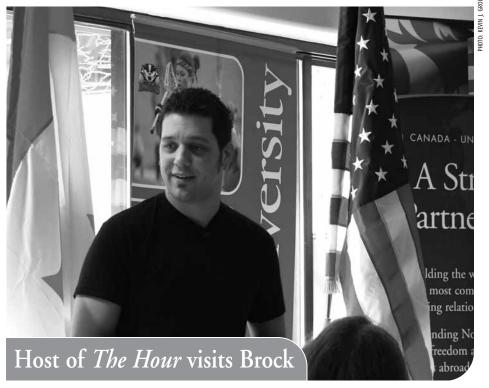
Brock offers 37 graduate programs, including six PhD programs. From 2000-06, there was a 106 per cent increase in graduate programs, a 92 per cent increase in graduate degrees awarded, a 55 per cent increase in graduate scholarship applications, and a 1,250 per cent increase in workshops offered to graduate students and faculty by Graduate Studies.

A report to the University Senate, presented by Richards, said "this commitment must be made clear both externally, to government, to other institutions, and to the Niagara community, and internally, to all sectors of the University, both academic and administrative."

In addition to promoting and supporting graduate education and research, a dedicated Faculty will also help to attract top national and international graduate students, formalize a collectivity of members who have a common voice, join other Ontario, North American and European universities that also have a Faculty of Graduate Studies or equivalent, and advocate for students.

Calling it a step in the right direction, Ashleigh Miatello, President, Graduate Students' Association, said that "by recognizing graduate students as a collective at Brock, we will be able to foster a sense of community and inclusion on campus.

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George Stroumboulopoulos, Host of CBC's *The Hour,* was at Brock on March 30 to deliver a keynote address for a binational conference. "Crossing Borders" is an undergraduate research conference focusing on Canada-U.S. issues, including popular culture, history, politics and language and literature. More than 80 students from Canadian and U.S. universities and colleges presented the outcomes of their research and scholarship. The event was presented jointly by Brock University, the Canadian Consulate in Buffalo, N.Y., and the U.S. Consulate in Toronto.

Awards handed out to top athletes

At the 2007 Brock Athletics Annual Awards Dinner held last month men's wrestler, Jamie Macari (St. Catharines) and women's soccer player Melanie Mol (St. Catharines) took home top honours as the 2006-07 Brock Male and Female Athletes of the Year.



Jamie Macari

Macari earns Brock Male Athlete of the Year honours for his second consecutive year. He ended his university career on a high, leading the men's wrestling dynasty to its ninth straight Canadian Intervarsity Sport (CIS) and 13th

straight Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Championship. At the 2007 CIS Wrestling Championships, Macari made history becoming the first wrestler in CIS history to capture five straight OUA and five straight CIS championships. In five OUA and CIS Championships, he posted a perfect 35-0 record. For his performance, he was named the CIS Outstanding Wrestler and was the recipient of the Bob Pugh Fair Play Award for sportsmanship.

Male Athlete of the Year finalists were men's basketball player Brad Rootes and men's rugby player Jarod Selby.



Melanie Mol

Melanie Mol becomes the first women's soccer player to receive Brock Female Athlete of the Year honours. She ended her university career as an OUA First Team All-Star for her fourth straight season as well as earning team

MVP honours for the third time. Mol's defensive presence helped goalkeeper Tiffany Scriver finish tied for third in the CIS

in shutouts (9) while the team as a whole allowed only eight goals during the 2006 regular season. In her career she was also a three-time team captain and a CIS Second Team All-Canadian. In five seasons, the Badgers posted a 28-14-12 overall record (.630 winning percentage), including four straight winning seasons and two OUA regular season division titles.

Female Athlete of the Year Finalists were women's wrestler Michelle Fazzari and figure skater Kaylyn Pecaric.

Other winners for 2006-07 were: **Brock Team of the Year:** men's curling and women's figure skating.

Director's Award: Stan Lapinski, Pat Doherty and Kithio Mwanzia; Winning at Life Coordinators Dallas Beaton and Becky Gallant; and IMPACT Program coordinators Heather Goemans, James Fielding and Brenden Cooper.

Coach of the Year, presented by Josten's: Brock men's lacrosse head coach Dan Pilon.

Men's soccer player William Gott received the **R. M. Davis Surgite Award**, which goes to the athlete that best combines academics and athletics

Marcy Hadgraft received the Tom Kearney
Award for the top student athletic therapist.
Paul Piscitelli was the recipient of the
Brock Athletics Professional Development
Award while Amanda Kennedy received the
Sports Information and Marketing Award.

Retiring coaches Bill Payne (cross country) and Jenn Howe (women's lacrosse) received gifts from the Department of Athletics for their hard work and dedication as coaches at Brock.

Brock University Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama and his wife Sachi received a special going-away gift from Brock University Director of Athletics Lorne Adams.

Serge Gigliotti, a Brock University employee, received a special award for his hard work behind the scenes within the Walker Complex and specifically for Brock Athletics.

Brock teams up with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara to create annual student award

A new partnership between Brock and Big Brothers Big Sisters Agencies of the Niagara Region to create a student award will benefit two students entering the University next Fall.

The Brock University Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Award will be presented to two high school students affiliated with Big Brothers Big Sisters attending post-secondary education at Brock next academic year. Each of the two awards is valued at \$8,000.

Applications for the annual award, which include components to be filled out by the student as well as his or her big brother or big sister and case worker will be available from the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office at Brock.

"Brock is pleased to partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters to support the work they do throughout Niagara," says Rico Natale, Director, Student Awards and Financial Aid. "The University recognizes the importance of working with community agencies to recognize the achievements of its members and to promote the value of a post-secondary education."

"We're excited and 'over the top' about the opportunities this award program will present for the young people of the Region that we serve. At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we know that mentorship works and has a positive life-long impact on a child," says Dale J. Davis, Executive Director on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters Agencies of the Niagara Region. "A grant of this kind enables the young people in our programs to continue their education, make their dreams come true and reach their full potential."

Brock commits in excess of \$5 million annually for undergraduate student awards and financial aid. In 2006-07, the University provided scholarships, bursaries and work study opportunities to more than 4,800 undergraduate students.

Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across Niagara work hard to ensure that every child who needs a mentor, has a mentor. There are currently 1,200 children across the Region involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters programs. There are more than 450 children waiting for an opportunity to welcome a mentor into their lives.

Complete information about the Brock University Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Award can be found on the Student Awards and Financial Aid website at: www.brocku.ca/studentawards

Research conference wraps up today

Today is the final day of the Mapping the New Knowledges conference, which showcases and celebrates leading-edge research by Brock's graduate students and faculty.

The conference is being held at Pond Inlet, although breakout sessions will be held in various rooms throughout the day.

Ninety-five presentations — 53 oral and 42 poster — explore areas as diverse as active living and public leisure services, the social implications of Alfred Tennyson's *Idylls of the King*, children's illustrated Bibles, workplace bullies, female risk-taking behaviours, new approaches in mortuary archaeology in the Bronze Age, a transdisciplinary approach to understanding dominant autism discourses, and the impact of childhood obesity on bone strength.

Of the submissions, 82 are from graduate students and 13 are from faculty members.

Brock President Jack Lightstone delivered the keynote address yesterday and Dr. Noreen Golfman, president of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, delivered the plenary address this morning.

The conference begins to wrap up at 5 p.m. with the presentation of awards and the draw for conference prizes.

Election of a staff representative to the Board of Trustees

The General Bylaws of the Board of Trustees specifies that three members from the permanent staff, elected by the permanent staff members of the University, serve staggered three-year terms on the Board. Permanent staff members who are managers reporting directly to the President or to a Vice-President are not eligible to serve.

Effective June 30, 2007, there will be one permanent staff vacancy on the Board. Therefore, an election of one representative from the permanent staff for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2007, will be held on Friday, May 18, 2007. The poll will close at 4:30 p.m. on that date.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretariat Office (ST 1107) and must be signed by at least three members of the permanent staff and the nominee, and submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2007.

If an election is required, ballots will be distributed to all members of the permanent staff on or before Wednesday, May 9, 2007. Completed ballots are to be returned to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, sealed in the envelope that will be provided. Ballots not returned in this manner and by the close of the poll at 4:30 p.m. on May 18 will not be counted.

The candidate leading the poll will be declared elected to the three-year

Please contact Mike Farrell, Secretary to the University, ext. 3335, if you have any questions.

Learning Commons: Looking forward

Planning for the Learning Commons has gained considerable momentum in recent months. With input from students, the Learning Commons partners and various advisory groups, a major feasibility study has been completed that provides an exciting design layout that incorporates and transforms the upper level of the former University Book Store and the main floor of the James A. Gibson Library. Floor plans and artist renderings are now on display in the Library. A series of profiles will appear in upcoming issues of Brock News explaining the benefits that the new Learning Commons will provide to various constituencies around the University.

Heather Hudson and Amy Gradwell provide vital services to students, even though they are students themselves.

For many, the transition to postsecondary studies or first jobs may seem ominous. Hudson and Gradwell help take out that fear of the unknown for many Brock students.

Hudson is a Studywrite Assistant for mathematics and science and Gradwell is a Learning Skills Assistant, both with the Student Development Office. Their job is to help students succeed. They provide help with grammar, time management, exam techniques, components of essay writing and the promotion of good study skills. They conduct writing clinics, workshops on procrastination avoidance, and "how to ace tests and exams" clinics.

In addition to completing their own studies, they see 15 to 40 students per day in their role as peer assistants. Some students cite the benefits of talking to a peer helper –

the peer helper is closer in age and has been through the same experience more recently or the student might not want to alert the professor that there is a problem.

Hudson and Gradwell hold workshops and do one-on-one consultations in various spaces across the University, moving from room to room. Due to space restrictions on campus, students requiring assistance may have to search to find out where they might find help on any given day.

Both students are looking forward to the completion of the new Learning Commons where there will be space dedicated to learning support. There will be space for collaborative and individual study. There will be information technology help and Career Services. There will be computers, wireless access and tables and comfortable chairs. There will be coffee. Students will have a convenient, comfortable, welcoming and inspiring space — a space that will help them succeed.



Every June, the Brock University Annual Employee Wellness Conference is a day for faculty and staff to pause, connect and focus on their personal and professional health and well-being. Be sure to mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 20, for this year's event entitled, "For You." Keep watching your mailbox and the conference website: www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference for details as they unfold. If you have any questions, please e-mail: oehs@brocku.ca

Library sponsoring contest for undergraduate students

The James A. Gibson Library is sponsoring a contest for a \$500 library research award for undergraduate students.

To qualify for this contest, a student must submit an application, a copy of a paper written for a Brock course, and a 500 to 750 word essay describing how he or she used library sources to write the paper. The selection criteria will include looking at what types of sources were consulted, how well the searching process was described, and what evidence of learning is present in

the essay. This contest is open to any undergraduate currently enrolled in either a half or full course at Brock University.

The application form and more information can be found at: www.brocku.ca/library/researchaw ard.htm

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 15. One winner will be chosen by Monday, April 30.

For further information or any questions, please contact Karen Bordonaro at kbordona@brocku.ca

Professor to receive professional recognition award

Frances Owen, Chair, Department of Child and Youth Studies, will be recognized tomorrow for her professional leadership and achievement by the Ontario Association for Developmental Disabilities (OADD).

Owen and Barbara Vyrostko, Executive Director of Community Living Welland Pelham, will share the Professional Recognition Award for 2007 at the annual conference of OADD for their work with Rights, Respect and Responsibility — Community University Research Alliance (3Rs – CURA), a program for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Ten years ago, Community Living Welland Pelham invited researchers from Brock University to assess its abuse prevention program. As a result of that invitation, 3Rs – CURA was formed. The community director of the program is Vyrostko and the University lead is Owen.

The two women have worked to ensure that there is a culture of rights that protects even the most vulnerable. The program is a multi-tiered approach to rights protection: training for individuals in rights and self-advocacy, training for staff, education of medical and legal professionals, an empowered planning approach and an arbitration procedure for rights restrictions. They have created a culture in which rights can be exercised with respect and responsibility.

Their efforts have also received provincial and federal recognition and funding to continue and extend this model throughout Niagara and beyond.

Persons with intellectual disabilities are twice as likely to experience abuse and 150 per cent more likely to be sexually abused. Abuse is the greatest mental health risk for persons with intellectual disabilities. It was discovered that persons with intellectual disabilities did not know they had the right to say "no", even to abuse. It was also found that abuse was a symptom of a larger issue — the denial of the rights.

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"I am excited about the new graduate culture that will inevitably develop on Brock's campus," she continued. "Working together, the Graduate Students' Association and the new Faculty of Graduate Studies will have the opportunity to enhance the graduate student experience at Brock University."

Another key component in the Faculty's formation is improved competitiveness in obtaining government funding, said the report.

"The creation of a Faculty of Graduate Studies is of paramount importance to the current climate of Ontario university funding," said the report. "Funding for both operations and capital expansion is now tied to increases in graduate enrolment."

Specifically, the report noted, the province has recently announced funding to add 12,000 graduate spaces to the Ontario university system by 2009-10. It will only fund graduate studies growth, and capital investment will only follow graduate enrolment growth.

"Universities have no choice but to attempt to meet these aggressive expansion targets," said the report to Senate. "To fail to do so will be to lose both operating and capital project funds — the only source of increased funding that will be available to the universities for the foreseeable future."



Brock plays host to high school students



Brock students Natalia Mioduszewska and James van den Brink present information on university life to students from Thorold Secondary School at a recent shadow day program.

Nine students from Thorold Secondary School (TSS) visited Brock on March 22 as part of a shadow day program where they were partnered with current Brock students.

The program was conceived through ongoing discussions between various Brock partners (including the Office of Recruitment, the Registrar's Office, SMART Start, Student Awards and Financial Aid, the Student Development Centre and the First Generation program) and representatives from Thorold Secondary earlier in the year.

What initially resulted was a question-and-answer period for Grade 12 students at the school informing them about university life.

On March 7, Jesse Barraza of the First Generation program, Kevin J. Kiss, Deputy Registrar, and five Brock students – Jordan Taylor, Susan Abou Fadel, Mary Gray, Santy Restrepo, and Kate Pettypiece – provided a 45minute informal discussion to students at TSS who planned to attend a university. The five students discussed academic life, social involvement, athletes, working on campus, balancing time, being successful at university, living away from home, living at home and going to school locally, services that are offered on campus, First Generation and enjoying the university experience.

"The biggest visible benefit is that the students hear about the experiences from their peers students who have faced the same challenges and the same scenarios," says Irene Gibbins, Head of Student Services at TSS.

"The impact of experiencing a lecture and taking in a class provides a real context for these students in advance of their full-time university studies."

The goal of the session was to make students aware that high school is very different than university and the expectations are much greater. The Brock contingent wanted to impress upon the high school students that they can be successful. Part of the university experience is to take advantage of all the services and events that a university has to offer. Much of the learning at university takes places outside the classroom.

At the question-and-answer period, the high school students were offered the opportunity to attend Brock for a day to spend on campus with Brock students.

"We want to give the students a chance to see their new university community, connect with students, take part in seminars and lectures, eat on campus, take a tour and get a feel for university life," said Kevin J. Kiss. "This type of program is an innovative way for us to get students thinking about university early enough to ensure their success."

Some other pilot projects that are ongoing with TSS include a question-and-answer session with Grade 11 students. Also a parent question-and-answer session is being planned for later this month.

"The more prepared we can make our incoming students, the more positive experience they will have," says Kiss.

Mediatalk People in the news

Larry Savage, Assistant Professor of Labour Studies and Political Science, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a March 16 story about his role in helping the St. Catharines and District Labour Council organize a protest outside Club Roma during a private appearance by Liberal leader Stephane Dion in St. Catharines on March 17. The Council is protesting the Liberals' plan to withdraw support for proposed anti-scab legislation in Bill C-257. The article, entitled "Pickets prepare for Dion's Niagara visit," also appeared in the *Niagara Falls Review*.

Garth Stevenson, Professor of Political Science, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article about the 2007 federal budget. In the March 17 article, entitled "Tories promise middle-income tax cuts," Stevenson commented on the Bloc Quebecois' proposal to vote against the budget if Quebec did not receive a massive increase in equalization payments. Stevenson was also interviewed by the *Niagara Falls Review* for a March 29 article about the Quebec provincial election, "Quebec election means no referendum: Local MPs."

Jean Bridge, Director of the Centre for Digital Humanities Studies in Arts and Culture and Professor of Visual Arts, and Barry Joe, Associate Professor of Digital Humanities, were recently interviewed by the Niagara Falls Review for a March 17 article about current cellphone trends, entitled "Teens use cells for more that just talk."

David Fancy, Assistant Professor of Dramatic Arts, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* about the creative arts therapy conference that took place at Brock at the end of March, organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Applied Health Sciences. The March 19 article, "Healing through art," was also reprinted in the *Niagara Falls Review* (March 19) and the *Brantford Expositor* (March 23).

Teresa Menzies, Professor of Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship and Ethics, was interviewed on AM 610 CKTB's "Drive at Five" program on March 21 about three fourth-year Business Administration students competing in the national Nicol Entrepreneurial Award competition, held in Ottawa on March 27.

Tanya Martini, Associate Professor of Psychology, was recently interviewed by *Niagara This Week* about her four-year

study examining the help, advice and support mothers and daughters give and receive from one another and how each feels about it. The March 21 article, entitled "Mother-daughter bond subject of Brock study" also notes that Martini is looking for between 30 and 40 mother-daughter pairs to complete her study. Mothers must be over 65 and living independently while daughters must live within a one-hour drive (about 100 kilometres).

Janet Westbury, Movement Specialist in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, was featured in a March 23 *St. Catharines Standard* news brief, "Brock University instructor will shave head to raise money for hungry children," about her pledge to shave her head if the community helps her raise \$2,000 for Children's Hunger Fund Canada. The head-shaving took place on March 28 at Issac's Pub on campus.

Dale Bradley, Assistant Professor of Communications, Popular Culture and Film, gave a interview on March 13 with the St. Catharines Standard on how to cope with e-mail overload -"You've got (too much) mail." It was recently reprinted in the following newspapers: Owen Sound Sun Times (Mar 21), Peace River Block Daily News (March 23), North Bay Nugget (March 24), The Kitchener Waterloo Record (March 27), Niagara Falls Review (March 29), The Fredericton Daily Gleaner (March 30), Sault Star (March 31), Sudbury Star (March 31).

David Fennell, Professor of Tourism and Environment, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a March 24 story about couch surfing, an online network of travellers from all corners of the world who help each other save money by offering a place to crash. The article, entitled "Couch Surfers," was also reprinted in the March 26 issue of the *Welland Tribune*.

Jane Koustas, Professor of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, was interviewed by AM 610 CKTB on March 30 about the "Crossing Borders" undergraduate research conference focusing on Canada–U.S. issues that took place at Brock on March 29 and 30.

Charles Burton, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, was recently interviewed by Diana Dai about the impact of Quebec election on Canadian politics broadcast on Omni-2 Mandarin TV on March 31 (re-broadcast April 1 and April 2). For more in-depth information of Burton's media appearances, including audio clips and links to online articles, please visit: http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~cburton

Brock Briefs

On-campus student and staff accommodation – May through August

Online applications are now being accepted for students and visiting faculty who will be requiring accommodation on campus during the period of April 29 to August 25. Rooms and unit rentals are available in Quarry View Residence for this purpose. For more information, visit our website at www.brocku.ca/summerres or contact Conference and Event Services at ext. 5303.

Art exhibit features work by Diane Eaton

Diane Eaton, Senior Lab Co-ordinator and an instructor in the Department of Biological Sciences, will present an exhibition of her artwork, entitled "The Art of Process – Recent work by Diane Eaton" in the lobby of the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre from April 16 to May 6. Eaton is an accomplished artist and has a BA in

Visual Arts at Brock. Her art combines the curiosity of the scientist with the vision of an artist. In this exhibition she treads the fine line between careful planning and then letting a process take over – often with serendipitous results! There will be an opening reception in The Gallery on Monday, April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome! This exhibit is supported by the Dean of Humanities.

Couples wanted for research on health, trauma and intimacy

Couples who have been together for at least six months and have access to the Internet are invited to participate in a study of health, trauma and intimacy. Each member of the couple will complete an online questionnaire (approximately 45 minutes). This research has been approved by the Research Ethics Board (File # 04-392). Anonymity and confidentiality are assured. Each couple will be paid \$50. For more information or to participate, please contact Stephanie at Brockcouples@hotmail.com

2007 Niagara Parenting Conference



Registration is now open for Brock's ninth annual Niagara Parenting Conference "It's not the Simpsons or the Cleavers," taking place Saturday, April 21, at Denis Morris High School in St. Catharines. Preregistration is strongly encouraged for this conference, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost: \$25 single, \$40 couple. For more information on conference registration and costs, please contact the Niagara Parenting Conference at ext. 4070,

npc@brocku.ca or visit the website: www.brocku.ca/niagaraparentingconference

Men with health problems wanted for online study

Earn \$15 for only 20 minutes of your time. If you are dealing with arthritis, asthma, diabetes, prostate problems or digestive problems, and would like more information, or to participate, please contact Stephanie at sw03sd@brocku.ca. This research has been approved by the Research Ethics Board (File # 04-392). Anonymity and confidentiality are assured.

Jack Layton appearance today

Jack Layton, leader of the federal New Democratic Party, will be at Brock later today to speak on educational issues and host an open forum with the Brock community. The event, hosted by the Brock University Students' Union, will take place at 2:30 p.m. in AS 216. For more information, visit www.busu.net

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Hedy McGarrell and Michael Fitze delivered a paper entitled "Teacher Talk in Two Prewriting Conference Conditions" at the 41st annual TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Convention, held in Seattle, Wash. from March 21 to 24. McGarrell also gave an invited presentation as part of a workshop entitled "Getting Started, Getting Published With TESOL Publications."

CHEMISTRY

Tomas Hudlicky recently visited several maritime universities, giving a lecture at Dalhousie University, St. Francis Xavier University, Mount Allison University, and St. Mary's University entitled: "Chemoenzymatic synthesis of morphine and ammaryllidaceae alkaloids: Progress report."

CLASSICS

Michael Carter delivered the keynote paper entitled "Undressed to Kill: Views of the Retiarius" at the first Annual Classics Conference at the University of New Brunswick on March 16.

EARTH SCIENCES

John Menzies gave an invited lecture on March 16 to the Niagara Peninsula Geological Society on the topic of Global Warming and the recent Al Gore Movie, *An Inconvenient Truth.* The lecture was entitled "An Inconvenient Truth or An Inconvenient Paradigm: Global Warming: Is it Too Hot to Handle?"

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Ann Howey delivered a paper entitled "Changing Self, Changing Other: Patricia McKillip's *The Changeling Sea* as Feminist Fairytale" at the 2007 International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on March 16.

ШІСТОВ

Behnaz Mirzai recently participated in the official opening of the Harriet Tubman Institute by Canada's Governor General Michaëlle Jean at York University. This event marked the 200th anniversary of the British abolition of the slave trade.

MATHEMATIC

H. Ben-El-Mechaiekh presented a talk on "Extensions of the Intermediate Value Theorem to Non Convex Set-valued Maps of Neighborhood Retracts in Infinite Dimensions" at the Department of Mathematics' Seminars Series at Ryerson University, on March 15.

YuanLin Li recently organized an algebra workshop held March 14 at Brock. The workshop dealt with several areas of algebra including non-commutative rings, group algebras, and combinatorial number theory, and featured four guest speakers, including two international professors.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Avanti Chamber Singers in a performance of Henry Purcell's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis* during a special evensong service at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, on April 15. The event marked the dedication of a new carillon (bell chimes) for the parish.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Barbara Kennedy recently co-choreographed a contemporary dance-drama composition entitled "Windmills Of Your Mind" with her daughter Adrienne (fourth-year, Dramatic Arts major). The presentation for Showcase 2007 in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre on March 22 united dancers from Physical Education and Kinesiology, Dramatic Arts, and Concurrent Education.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Leah Bradshaw delivered the 2007 Pacey Memorial Lectures on "Tyranny: Ancient and Modern" at the University of New Brunswick, on March 20 and 21. The Annual Pacey Lectures in the Humanities and Social Sciences were established in 1981 to honour the late Desmond Pacey, a scholar of Canadian literature.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Louis Volante presented a paper at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference, held in Anaheim, Calif. in March. The paper is entitled "Strategies for reducing bias in classroom assessment."

VISUAL ARTS

Arnold McBay recently exhibited his work at Thielsen Galleries in London, Ont. The exhibition was entitled "Minimal Marks" and also featured the work of Doug Dolman and Gerald Pedros.

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On March 23, President Jack Lightstone was introduced to the 170 employees at Canadian Tire Financial Services (CTFS) in Welland by company president Marcoe Marone. Lightstone spoke about the opportunities for the University and corporate Niagara to develop new models of engagement and partnership as part of a long-term vision to ensure their respective success and vitality.

Prior to the presentation, the two President congratulated the first student recipients of the CTFS Business Scholarships (Tammy Zhang and Brian Frid). Pictured at the event are, from left: Don Cyr, Associate Dean, Brock's Faculty of Business; Blair Pollard, VP Human Resources, CTFS; Marone; Frid, Zhang; Lightstone; and Mary Turner, VP Credit Risk Management and Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Tire Bank.

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Events

Department of Classics: Professor Martin Millett, Laurence Professor of Classical Archaeology, Cambridge University, UK, will be presenting a guest Kress Lecture entitled *"From Iron Age to Roman in Britain: A Regional Study of Romanization"* on Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. in AS 215. This event is sponsored by the Department of Classics at Brock University and the Niagara Peninsula Society of the Archaeological Institute of America. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

History Department Speaker Series: Dr. Wladimir Berelowitch, University of Geneva, will present a lecture, "Educating Elites in Eighteenth-Century Russia," on Friday, April 13, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at 573 Glenridge Ave., Room 212. All are welcome.

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

Upcoming performances include: Decidedly Jazz Danceworks: Magnetic Consequences featuring Jackie Richardson, Thursday, April 12; Jesse Cook, Saturday, April 14 (SOLD OUT), Sunday, April 15 (limited tickets still available); Rising Tide Theatre: No Man's Land, Wednesday, April 18; Nnenna Freelon featuring Fusion Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Blueprint of a Lady - Sketches of Billie Holiday, Thursday, April 26; The Celtic Tenors with the Niagara Symphony, part of *The Standard* OrchEXTRA! Series, Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28; Storytime with Robert Munsch (for ages 4+), Sunday, April 29 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (BOTH SHOWS SOLD OUT!).

The Niagara Symphony: Romantic Secret Garden: Bramns Violin Concerto featuring guest artist Jonathan Crow, violin, on Sunday April 22 at 2:30 p.m. (Pre-concert talk at 1:45 p.m.) at the Sean O'Sulllivan Theatre. Call the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257 or visit www.niagarasymphony.org

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