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Layton visits Brock to speak on education issues



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The Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) and the Brock New Democratic Party welcomed federal NDP leader Jack Layton to the University on April 11 to speak about education issues with more than 100 students, faculty, staff, local labour leaders and members of the public.

Layton, who was introduced by BUSU President Kithio Mwanza, showed up for his speaking engagement 20 minutes late and thanked the crowd for waiting, noting that he "got tied up in the Tim's [Hortons], which is where politics is done in this country, when it's not being done in the pub or elsewhere."

Layton, who studied political science at McGill and York Universities and was a professor at Ryerson University, has been leader of the federal NDP party since 2003. His 45-minute presentation addressed two specific topics: post-secondary education and the environment.

With respect to education, Layton spoke about reductions in student access and the quality of education on university campuses across the country as a result of larger classes and increasing student-teacher ratios. He also addressed the issue of the rising cost of post-secondary education, noting that "students used to carry about 20 per cent of the cost of post-secondary education. Well it's now over 40 per cent."

Layton elaborated on the consequences of these trends, noting that students now have to work more while pursuing their studies and have to incur greater financial debts than ever before. He noted that "we need to make this basic principle of fairness of access to education a fundamental in Canadian society and that means a proactive role for a national government, especially when its got a great big surplus."

Layton stated that the NDP has proposed a Canada Post-Secondary Education Act to help reduce tuition, enhance quality and protect Canada's public post-secondary education system.

On the subject of the environment, Layton noted that Canadians are fed up after years of inaction on climate change. He pointed out that the NDP's comprehensive changes to the Conservative's Clean Air Act with Bill C-30, which will re-commit Canada to its Kyoto Protocol obligations, is the "best environmental bill in Canadian history."

After his initial discussion in which he remarked, "I'm here as much to listen as I am to speak to you," Layton opened up the floor and responded to questions from the audience.

\$6.6 million from province will aid infrastructure upgrades



President Jack Lightstone shakes hands with Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities as Jim Bradley, MPP St. Catharines, looks on.

A recently announced multi-million dollar investment in Brock University from the provincial government will support quality improvements at the University.

On April 10, Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Jim Bradley, MPP St. Catharines, were on campus to announce that the institution would receive \$6.6 million in one-time year-end provincial funding.

Speaking to 50 invited guests and media, Bentley highlighted the importance of investing in post-secondary education and its impact on regional and provincial prosperity.

"Record numbers of students have found opportunity in our colleges and universities – 86,000 more than when we started," added Bentley. "Ontario's new economic strength depends upon access to quality postsecondary education and training – which is why we're helping students gain skills that will last a lifetime."

"Now students at Brock University will benefit from even higher quality education," added Bradley. "This investment will also deliver economic benefits to St. Catharines by supporting projects at Brock."

As announced in the 2007 budget, the McGuinty government is providing an additional \$365 million to create a better learning environment for students in college

and university, including support for new classrooms, modernized lab equipment and greater energy efficiency. This builds upon the government's \$4.2-billion investment in new faculty, library acquisitions and student services at colleges and universities this coming year. Under the \$6.2-billion Reaching Higher plan, funding to colleges and universities is increasing by 35 per cent over five years.

Brock President Jack Lightstone expressed his thanks to Bentley and Bradley for their commitment to post-secondary education at Brock.

"It goes without saying that we are pleased and grateful to receive these additional funds to support our core infrastructure as we strive to develop further along our chosen path," said Lightstone. "We are grateful to the Ontario government for their investment these last several years in Ontario's colleges and universities. It is among the wisest investments any government can make in the future welfare and development of the population it serves."

The funding to Brock will be put towards infrastructure needs such as the replacement of the 40-year-old fire alarm system for Schmon Tower and Thistle corridor as well as classroom modernization projects, including upgrading audio-visual equipment.

Ned Goodman elected as new Chancellor



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Ned Goodman, one of the country's most significant investment industry leaders and Canadian business builders, has been named Chancellor of

Ned Goodman

Brock University. The announcement was made recently following Mr. Goodman's election by the University Senate, acting on the advice of the select Advisory Committee and with the full support of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Goodman will succeed Dr. Raymond Moriyama who completed his term at Brock on March 31, 2007. Dr. Moriyama served as Chancellor since 2001.

As Chancellor, Mr. Goodman will assume a leadership role in advancing the University, and will play a vital role in the educational welfare of Brock students. The Chancellor confers all degrees and diplomas.

Through a career that started as a geologist and reaches back for more than 40 years, Mr. Goodman is today widely regarded as a key influence in Canada's investment management industry. His role as a securities analyst and portfolio manager has underpinned his success and delivered consistent performance to investors over many years. Goodman's Dynamic Funds, the fund family that traces its origins back to a small investment club begun 50 years ago and is now managed by his son, David, was a multi-award winner in the "fund of the year" category at last month's prestigious Lipper Awards.

As founder and chief executive officer of both Dundee Corporation and Dundee Wealth and as chairman of Goodman and Company, Ned Goodman continues to shape an impressive offering of financial services and investment opportunities into a widely diversified enterprise committed to shareholder value and investor success. Brock's ambition to remain at the forefront of business and other education connects easily with the lifelong interests of the man who today oversees such a broad range of investment activities. So do the University's ambitious plans for expansion.

"In welcoming Ned Goodman as Chancellor of Brock University, the institution will be continuing its legacy of growth by inviting an individual with incredible professional achievement and community involvement to help lead it into the future," says Brock University President Jack Lightstone. "Mr. Goodman brings experience, knowledge and an established presence that will assist Brock in providing a student-centred environment that focuses on exceptional teaching, research and scholarly activities."

Mr. Goodman will serve as Chancellor-Elect until his formal installation as Brock University's seventh Chancellor during Fall Convocation ceremonies to be held October 13, 2007. The appointment is for a three-year term.

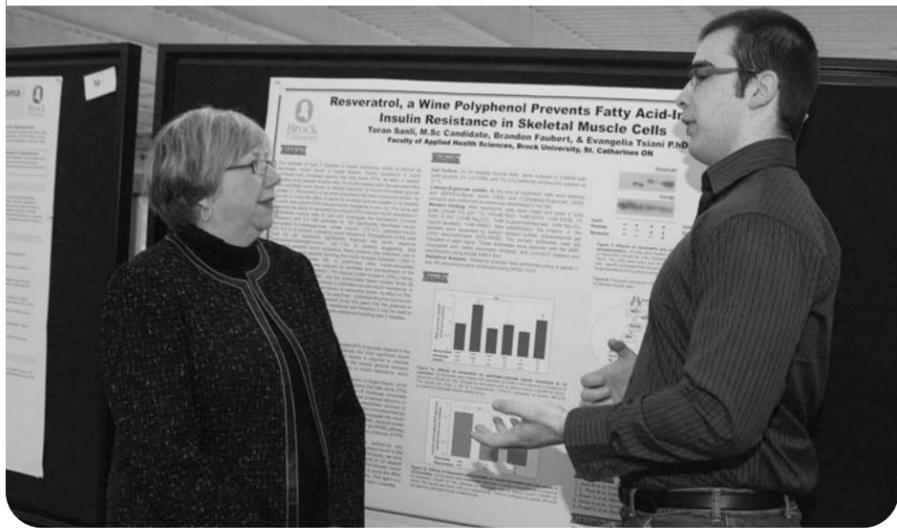
For more information please visit www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

**What's next?
Watch for it
next month**

Brock Campus Store has moved

The Brock Campus Store has now officially moved to its new location on the ground floor of Plaza2006 next to the Student Centre. For more information please visit www.brockstore.brocku.ca

Conference celebrates multidisciplinary research



Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies, and graduate student Toran Sanli took in the activities at the recent Mapping the New Knowledges conference.

Graduate student Toran Sanli said he learned at the Mapping the New Knowledges conference that research at Brock has taken on a robust life of its own.

"My eyes were opened to the magnitude and diversity of research at Brock," said Sanli, who has completed his first year of a two-year Master of Science program in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences. "Even in my own research, I have been guided by faculty to look outside the boundaries and to take a multidisciplinary approach."

Sanli was showcasing his research — "Resveratrol, a Red Wine Polyphenol Reverses Fatty Acid-Induced Insulin Resistance in Rat L6 Skeletal Muscle Cells" — at the second annual conference held April 10 and 11 in Pond Inlet and other campus sites.

Ninety-five presentations — 53 oral and 42 poster — explored 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.

The winners for the poster session were Kendra Thompson (Social Sciences) for "Why are 4-Year-Olds Poor Eyewitnesses?" and Katarzyna Zygmunt (Applied Health Sciences) for "Naringenin, a Grapefruit Flavonoid, Stimulates Glucose Uptake in L6 Muscle Cells."

The winners for the adjudicated papers were Cindy Lee Scott (Classics, Humanities) for "Life, Death and the Late Bronze Age: New Approaches in Mortuary Archaeology at Ayia Sotira, Nemea, Greece" and Angela Duarte (Applied Health Sciences) for "Waiting Patiently: The Strategy of Latent Tuberculosis."

Brock President Jack Lightstone officially opened the conference. He said that working with graduate students and supervising their research greatly enhances any faculty member's own research endeavours, and that graduate students and faculty are true partners in the research enterprise. He also explored the importance of

multidisciplinarity, which helps researchers to think beyond disciplinary categories and constraints. These new perspectives "twist the kaleidoscope" and often lead scholars into new and productive ways of thinking. He added that this multidisciplinary approach had broadened and deepened his own understanding as a historian of religion, and that it is one of the great advantages of an interdisciplinary conference such as Mapping the New Knowledges.

Noreen Golfman, president of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences and Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland, re-titled her plenary presentation (with apologies to the Dixie Chicks, she added) to "Shut up and teach: the perils of the public intellectual."

She described the firestorm that resulted when, as an academic, she critiqued in the St. John's newspaper *The Independent* the "relentless sympathetic reporting" of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan, including the soft coverage by Newfoundland native and entertainer Rick Mercer.

Mercer's rebuttal letter, which she described as a hard-core assault, was posted on the Internet, and for the next three weeks, said Golfman, she was assailed "24 hours a day with a steady torrent of hate mail." When the written attacks escalated to phone calls, she arranged for security.

"I was demoralized by the anti-intellectualism and the misogyny," she said. "It became an opportunity to dump on university research and culture."

Debate must be encouraged by universities, concluded Golfman, although in the age of the Internet and post-9/11, speaking out is not without risks.

She said universities must make research accessible beyond campus borders, to create a world where people are educated in language and thought as they strive for tolerance, diversity and respect for human rights. She also urged faculty to participate in public debates as "public intellectuals" who can raise the kinds of questions that may otherwise remain unspoken.

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.

Many staff members at Brock University take advantage of the tuition benefit to further their own education and some have children enrolled at Brock. Julia Gottli (Child and Youth Studies) and Al Ross (Parking Services) each have children attending Brock. Gottli is also pursuing her degree in sociology.

In discussing the value of the new Learning Commons, Gottli and Ross felt that one of Brock's continuing strengths is the seminar system, where students learn in small group settings. Currently, beyond the seminar system, it's difficult to find space on campus for groups to meet and many end up at off-campus coffee shops. Building on Brock's reputation for group learning, the Learning Commons' variety of group discussion and

study areas and coffee bar will increase the opportunities for small group discussions and learning for all students, Teaching Assistants and faculty. The Learning Commons will also have an increased number of computer stations and laptop loans to help students who do not have daytime access to their computers.

Gottli noted that many mature students take evening classes and have difficulty locating services they require. With service areas in the Learning Commons including Career Services, the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, the James A. Gibson Library and the Student Development Centre, resources will be available throughout the evening with staff and peer helpers on hand to serve all Brock students.



Distinguished service awards

On April 9, Brock recognized three employees with the Distinguished Service Award at the End of Term Mixer held in Pond Inlet. The awards are presented to staff who go beyond the call of duty in their workplace, performing at a high level and contributing to the overall culture at Brock. This year's recipients, pictured with Susan Mifsud, Assistant Director for Human Resources, left and President Jack Lightstone, right, are: Sergio (Serge) Gigliotti, Custodial Services; Colleen Catling, Assistant to the Dean of Applied Health Sciences; and Patti Froese, Telecommunications and Networking Services. Also recognized at the event were faculty and staff who have provided 25 years of service to the University: Mohammed Dore, Economics; Eunice Douglas, Library; Juris Dreifelds, Political Science; Joe Kenny, Athletics; Candace Kramer, Earth Sciences; Barb Lemieux, Information Technology Services; Bill Liddell, OBHREE, Faculty of Business; Shelley Martin, Campus Bookstore; George Melvin, Biological Sciences; Brian Metcalfe, MIBS, Faculty of Business; John Mitterer, Psychology; Fran Nickel, Financial Services; Linda Rose-Krasnor, Psychology.

Athletics set to welcome 2007 Hall of Fame inductees

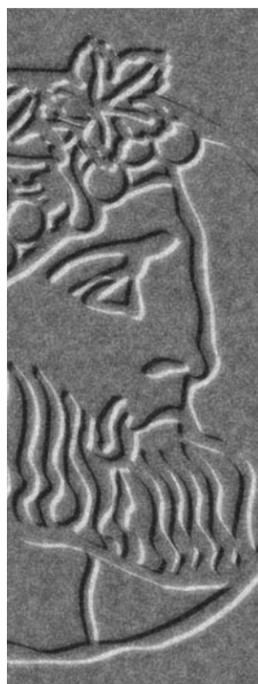
Lorne Adams, Director of Athletics, is pleased to announce the Brock Badgers 2007 Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame dinner will take place on Saturday, June 9 at the Lowenberger Residence Dining Hall.

The 2007 inductees include builders Mike Pelino and Al Pedler, women's basketball player Wendie (Nutt) Praakel, men's wrestler Aaron Pomeroy and men's track/basketball athlete Terry Rigg. The three championship teams being honoured are Men's Rowing (1967-68), Men's Curling (1971-72) and Women's Fencing (1984-85).

"This year's induction ceremony is the culminating event celebrating 40 years of excellence in Badger athletics," said Lorne

Adams. "It is fitting that we conclude the celebrations by honouring those exceptional athletes, builders and teams that formed the foundation for the pursuit of excellence that characterizes the athletic program here at Brock. We are grateful for their contribution and pleased to welcome them as the newest members of the Hall of Fame."

Ticket prices for the 2007 Hall of Fame Dinner are as follows: Adults \$50, children 12 and under \$20 per person. Tickets are available at the Brock University Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257 or online at www.arts.brocku.ca. For more information, visit the Brock Athletics website at www.brocku.ca/athletics



BACCHUS AT BROCK

Bacchus at Brock, an international/interdisciplinary conference on wine, will be held on campus on June 7, 8 and 9.

Highlights of the 2007 Bacchus at Brock include three disciplinary tracks of Science and Technology, Business and Culture featuring distinguished speakers such as:

- Hildegard Heymann, Professor of Enology and Sensory Science, University of California at Davis
- David Howes, Department of Anthropology, Concordia University, Montreal
- Isak (Sakkie) Pretorius, Managing Director of The Australian Wine Research Institute
- Antonio Rocha-Graca, Director of ADVID, Enologist, Research and Development, SOGRAPE Vinhos, S.A. Portugal
- Dominique Valentin, Centre Européen des Sciences du Gout and University of Burgundy, France
- Afternoon integrative sessions on Wine and Food, Regional Exploration (Niagara and Napa), and the Language of Wine will also be offered.

Early-bird registrations are available up until Tuesday, May 1. To take advantage of the special rates, or for more information, please visit: www.brocku.ca/bacchus

Aboriginal students recognized

This year's Aboriginal Achievement Award Luncheon was held on April 4 in Pond Inlet. Brock University and Aboriginal Student Services honoured one graduate Aboriginal student, Tanja Steinbach, and undergraduate Aboriginal student, Joslyn Jamieson, who showed high levels of achievement in their academic studies, community leadership, and campus involvement.

The goal within each of these areas of achievement is not to simply become a leader or a successful individual, but rather to become a student, engaged in an enriching personal educational experience.

Brock offers youth an opportunity to go to university this summer

Youngsters from Niagara and beyond will have the chance to go to university once again this summer with Summer Enrichment Camps for Kids run by Youth University at Brock.

Youth University offers more than 40 different programs in two age groups for youth finishing Grades 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Programs provide students with opportunities to dissect owl pellets, study projectile vomiting, build and program a moving robot and much more. There is something for everyone at Youth University with topics ranging from robotics and science to media and business.

"We strive to get youth excited about learning, build their self-confidence, help them develop social skills and provide a safe, inclusive and comfortable educational environment," says Susan McGlynn, Youth University's Enrichment Programs Manager. "Our adventurous recreational activities also encourage all camp participants to be healthy and active."

A typical day at camp combines activities such as swimming, high ropes climbing and team-building games with hands-on educational sessions. All learning takes place in Brock's state-of-the-art classrooms and labs.

"Our programs give Brock an opportunity to extend facilities and resources into the community by providing young students a chance to experience university life first hand," says Kate Cassidy, Youth University Director. "Youth University has an enormous impact on students and encourages them to consider how their interests and abilities might connect with post-secondary education."

Youth University also offers a volunteer development program for high school students to develop their employability skills. Teens participate in an interview and training workshop and practise their leadership and team skills in a supportive environment. Personal mentors guide students through the curriculum and all participants leave the program with a well-developed portfolio.

Summer Day Camps for Kids run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily every week from July 3 to Aug. 24. The cost is approximately \$150 weekly per child.

Complimentary extended hours are also available from 8:10 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.

To register for the camps and to find out more information, please call ext. 3120; or visit the website at www.brocku.ca/youthuniversity



The 548th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held on April 11, 2007. During the meeting, Senate:

- approved that the Aboriginal Adult Education and Bachelor of Education program be removed from the Undergraduate Calendar and that the new program proposal Bachelor of Education be accepted in the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education;
- approved changes to the course bank for the Philosophy graduate program; approved the first calendar entry for the new MA in History graduate program; and approved proposed changes to the Graduate Studies section of Faculty Handbook III: 14.5, as amended;
- approved an amendment to Faculty Handbook III: 19 Awards;
- received an oral report from the President and Vice-Chancellor during which Dr. Lightstone expanded on the recent announcement by the provincial government of an additional \$6.6 million in funding to Brock through an infrastructure grant;
- received an oral report from the Vice-President, Academic and Provost during which Dr. Boak recognized two exceptional events recently held on campus: The Curriculum Planning Workshop organized by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, and the Mapping the New Knowledges 2007 second annual Graduate Students and Faculty Research Conference organized by Graduate Studies and Research Services; and,
- received a report from the Committee on University Infrastructure, during which it was noted that the University will be formally recognized by The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada for its efforts in creating an architecture policy "Shaping Our Future - A Guide to the Planning, Design and Architecture of the Natural and Built-Environments" to direct future development and buildings at Brock during the 2007 Festival of Architecture in May.

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

Sixteen faculty elected to Senate terms

Congratulations to the following faculty who were elected to Senate for the terms indicated. Sixteen nominations were received for the 13 positions available. Their term of service as members of the 2007-08 Senate begins on the day after Spring Convocation 2007. For a complete listing of the 2007-08 Senate go to: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate/SENATE-ELECT.pdf

For a three-year term (ending Spring Convocation, 2010)

Shyamal Bose (Physics)
Maureen Connolly (Physical Education and Kinesiology)
Christine Daigle (Philosophy)

Murray Kropf (School of Fine and Performing Arts – Visual Arts)
Dan Malleck (Community Health Sciences)
Carol Merriam (Classics)
Tom O'Neill (Child and Youth Studies)
John Sivell (Applied Linguistics)
Garth Stevenson (Political Science)
Michelle Webber (Sociology)

For a one-year term (ending Spring Convocation, 2008)

Tansu Barker (Marketing, International Business and Strategy)
Brian Roy (Physical Education and Kinesiology)
R. Angus Smith (Classics)

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People in the news

Ana Sanchez, Associate Professor of Community Health Sciences, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a March 30 article about receiving a \$1.5-million Global Health Research Initiative grant to work with stakeholders in Honduras to help combat infectious diseases within the country. In the article, entitled "Brock researcher gets grant to fight diseases in Honduras," Sanchez notes that the grant will be used to study why infectious disease is so prevalent in Honduras and then work with people there to develop local solutions. She notes: "You identify problems, you work locally with the community or populations that are affected, and then you come up with feasible, reasonable strategies."

Mary Jane Miller, Professor Emerita, Department of Dramatic Arts, was interviewed by e-mail with online magazine *Generique[s] : Revue mensuelle des series TV* about Canadian television drama and other aspects of Canadian television. The article, entitled "Canada: Exister Malgre Tout," appears in the latest edition of the magazine, which includes reviews of various drama specials and series from several countries. www.nxtbook.fr/newpress/generiques_magazine/gm0702_01/index.php

David DiBattista, Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for its "15 minutes with" column about receiving a 2007 3M Teaching Fellowship from 3M Canada and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. In the article – "He can actually make statistical analysis enjoyable" – DiBattista notes, "I think it's important that teaching is recognized in Canada. Research is an important part of what any university is about, but it's easy to forget excellent teaching makes an incredibly important contribution to society."

Sheng Deng, Professor of International Business and Marketing, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* at a St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Speaker Series luncheon for an April 4 article, "China has untapped potential for Niagara." In the article Deng explained how the astounding growth in the world's most populous nation is opening up doors for Niagara businesspeople.

Ken Murray, Brock Badgers Men's Basketball Coach, was interviewed by the *Hamilton Spectator* about the Florida Gators winning the 2007 NCAA men's basketball championship – "Gators' season started here." The Gators opened their 2006-07 season on Labour Day weekend

against the Badgers in an exhibition game at the University.

David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an April 5 story about how much money mayoral candidates spent on their campaigns in the last municipal election, entitled "McMullan top spender in campaign." In the article, Siegel notes that "there aren't too many people who can afford to spend \$30,000 or \$40,000 for a job that pays about \$70,000. Most of us couldn't spend it, we don't have that, and that is going to limit the people who are going to run for office."

Aaron House, Manager, Student Awards, was interviewed on radio station 91.7 Giant FM about the newly created Brock University Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara Award, which will be presented to two high school students affiliated with Big Brothers Big Sisters attending post-secondary education at Brock. The taped interview was broadcast as part of the station's regular news cycle for the week of April 9 to 13.

Stories about the award, featuring comments by **Rico Natale**, Director, Student Awards and Financial Aid, were featured in the April 6 issue of the *Welland Tribune* – "Brock partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters" – and April 3 issue of the *St. Catharines Standard* – "Award targets students in need".

Gregory Betts, Assistant Professor of English Language and Literature, was featured on Toronto website www.torontoist.com on April 10 about winning the site's Toronto poetry contest – "Torontoist Poetry Contest Winner: Betts is Best." He was presented with the award for his poem, "Eatons Effluviad". The article is available online at: www.torontoist.com/archives/2007/04/_how_is_nationa.php

Charles Burton, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, recently participated in the following media interviews and appearances:

His views were quoted in an April 9 CBC article entitled "China hoped to thwart CRTC bid, defector alleges: Embassy allegedly wanted to enlist help of Chinese students."

He conducted an April 9 radio interview with Bill Gillespie on CBC Radio 1 and Radio 2 about allegations that the Chinese Embassy to Canada encouraged Canadians of Chinese origin to lobby the CRTC over the application of New Tang Dynasty TV for a licence to broadcast over Canadian cable networks. The interview was also broadcast as an item on the morning news program World Report.

For more in-depth information of Burton's media appearances, including audio clips, transcripts and links to online articles, please visit: <http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~cburton>

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. 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.

If an election is required, ballots will be distributed to all members of the permanent staff on or before Wednesday, May 9. 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 term.

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

Dini Petty scheduled to speak at the June Wellness Conference



Dini Petty

Canadian media personality Dini Petty will be among the workshop presenters at this year's Annual Employee Wellness Conference on June 20. Petty is

best remembered for her talk shows CityLine and The Dini Petty Show, where she became widely known as Canada's answer to Oprah.

Petty has been praised for openly

discussing her challenges with depression and menopause. In her workshop, "Menopause Makeover," participants will hear her light-hearted stories on her struggles with menopause and how she overcame them.

Many other excellent workshop offerings are in the works, including some old favourites and some exciting new additions. For planning updates, be sure to check out the Wellness Conference website at www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference. If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to oehs@brocku.ca

President of SSHRC visits Brock

Chad Gaffield, President of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), visited Brock April 12 to meet with faculty and students involved in various disciplines of research. In the morning, he met with students during an informal forum to discuss the benefits of SSHRC funding, and also to discuss some of the challenges of the program. Last year, Brock researchers received more than \$2 million in SSHRC funding.



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Faculty and Staff

ECONOMICS

Robert Dimand recently carried out the following activities:

He spoke on the history of game theory at Laurentian University, Sudbury, on Jan. 31; presented a paper "Tobin's Keynesianism" at the University of Toronto, March 2, and at a conference on Keynes at Sophia University, Tokyo, March 15; was a discussant at a conference on "Marshall, Schumpeter, and Social Science" at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, March 17; and presented a paper "What Keynesian Revolution?" at Waseda University, Tokyo, March 22, and at Buffalo State College, April 12.

FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Mohamed Ayadi was invited to present a paper entitled "Performance of Canadian Fixed-Income Mutual Funds" at the one-day conference on professional asset management at Erasmus University in Rotterdam (The Netherlands) on March 9.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Professor Emeritus Leonard Rosmarin was invited by the Département de langues anciennes et modernes de la Université de Perpignan, France, to present a lecture on March 1 on the following topic: "L'Esprit fin de siècle dans les oeuvres d'Anatole France et Jules Massenet." On March 30, he accepted an invitation from the Département d'études pluridisciplinaires at the Glendon Campus of York University to give a lecture titled "Les rapports ambivalents entre barytons et sopranos dans l'opéra du 19e siècle." These two lectures came after a 12-day opera excursion that he led in Northern Italy under the auspices of Brock's Edutravel program. Opera houses visited included Milan's Teatro alla Scala and Venice's Teatro della Fenice.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Avanti Chamber Singers, accompanied by Lesley Kingham, in a performance of music by Henry Purcell, Keith Bissell and St. Catharines composer John Butler, 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 18-bell carillon recently completed for and installed by the parish.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Paulette Côte was invited as Visiting Professor at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Feb. 5 to 9. She instructed the course Dance Teaching and Learning, part of the Academy's new Master of Fine Arts in Dance Program.

Last November, at the 2006 combined annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology and the Canadian Society for Psychomotor Learning and Sport Psychology in Halifax, N.S., Brock's Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology (PEKN) had the largest delegation among all kinesiology departments across Canada. With 25 delegates, PEKN faculty (**Allan Adkin, Bareket Falk, Kim Gammage, Carla Geurts-Cole, Nota Klentrou, Diane Mack, Michael Plyley, Jae Patterson, Sandra Peters, Brian Roy, Rene Vandenboom, Philip Wilson**) and graduate students, together with colleagues from the Department of Community Health Sciences (**Brent Faught, Paul LeBlanc, Debbie O'Leary**) presented 20 scientific papers, ensuring Brock was well represented.

VISUAL ARTS

Visiting Artist **Amanda Burk** is participating in "The Drawing Exhibition," curated by Barry Lorne for Arthouse Gallery in Calgary, Alta. The exhibition of contemporary work runs until May 4.

Duncan MacDonald has recently taken part in the following activities:

- A recent video artwork by Duncan, *Several attempts at crying on demand* (2005), was recently selected and nominated for an award by the All Canadian Film Festival in North Bay.
- he has been invited to present a new audio artwork as part of a contemporary art conference and exhibition during the week of June 11 in Paris, France, entitled *Relations entre arts plastiques et cinema: la question de la narration*.
- Recent video artworks by Duncan will be exhibited in the international contemporary art fair, *MACO*, in Mexico City from April 25 to 29. As well, Duncan will be exhibiting at *pm Gallery* in Toronto this May to July. Visit www.pmgallery.ca for details.
- He will be exhibiting new drawings and one public sound sculpture, *White Picket Sound Fence*, throughout the month of August at the Andrew and Laura McCain Gallery in Florenceville, N.B.

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Correction

In the April 11 issue of Brock News, Canadian Tire Financial Services President Marco Marrone was incorrectly identified.