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Niagara Interactive New Media Incubator

The recent announcement of the Ontario government's \$1.8-million investment in support of Ontario's creative industries is good news for the proposed Niagara Interactive New Media Incubator (NINMI), Brock University and its community partners, which include Niagara College, the City of St. Catharines Economic and Development Department and the New Media Business Alliance.

Brock and its partners received \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study for an incubator portal in Niagara that will provide access for new and existing digital media entrepreneurs to a network of expertise and media technologies. The incubator will be virtual and physical, providing services and programs for digital entrepreneurs at various stages of development.

"I am especially excited about this award. It's a first step in creating an incubator in the area of new media, an industry that has enormous potential for future economic development in the region," says Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities. "And, with our program in Interactive Arts we will be providing, along with our partners, an outstanding talent pool for the success of those participating in the incubator project."

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

Brock Niagara Penguins receives funding

Brock Niagara Penguins, administered through the Centre for Healthy Development through Sport and Physical Activity at Brock University, was recently presented with \$30,500 from the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Grant Program.

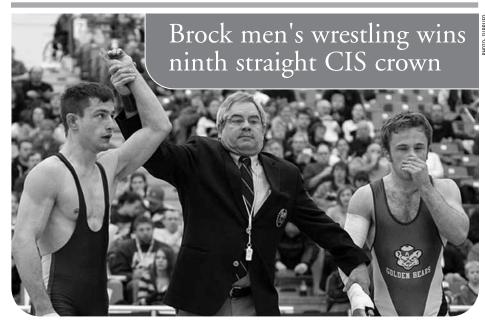
Brock Niagara Penguins is Niagara's premier competitive swim and gym program for athletes with physical disabilities. Brock Niagara Penguins is one of the programs offered through Recreational Services at Brock University.

"Through the generous support of Ronald McDonald House Charities, these funds will be used to purchase an accessible pool lift, indoor sport wheelchairs, and indoor sledges," says Dr. James Mandigo, Co-Director of the Centre. "This equipment will provide Niagara residents with disabilities to take part in recreational programs that promote a healthy and active lifestyle."

The mandate of RMHC is to assist registered charities whose programs are community-oriented, and focus on improving the quality of life for children and families of children with serious and/or life-threatening illnesses or disabilities.

Registration is now open for the Spring session scheduled to take place from April 3 to June 9. Brock Niagara Penguins will host a special event on Monday, April 2, at Stonechurch Vineyards in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. World-record marathon swimmer Vicki Keith will join 15-year-old Jenna Lambert as the keynote speakers. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance by calling 905-359-6283.

For more information about the Brock Niagara Penguins and to register, please contact www.niagarapenguins.org



Brock wrestler Jamie Macari with his hand raised in victory after defeating the University of Alberta's Anthony Kulak by technical superiority in the 54 kg final at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Wrestling Championship on March 3 in Saskatoon, Sask.

The Brock University men's wrestling team captured their ninth straight Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Wrestling Championship on March 3 at the University of Saskatchewan. Brock and Simon Fraser University (SFU) tied with 53 points each, but the tiebreaker was determined by total gold medals; Brock had two golds to SFU's one. The host Huskies placed third with 51 points.

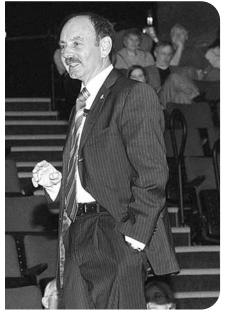
Fifth-year student Jamie Macari (St. Catharines) made history, becoming the first wrestler to finish his varsity career with five straight OUA and CIS individual titles. He

ended his University career with a perfect 35-0 record at OUA and CIS championships. In the championship final at 54 kg, Macari won by technical superiority over University of Alberta's Anthony Kulak. Macari also was named the CIS Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Year and was the recipient of the R. W. Pugh Award for Fair Play. Macari was the original CIS Male Rookie of the Year in 2002-03.

The highlight match came in the 90 kg category where Brock rookie standout Alex Brown-Theriault (Ottawa) defeated top

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Brock will help Niagara to move forward: Lightstone



Dr. Jack N. Lightstone

Gone are the days when Niagara thrives largely on a manufacturing-based economy: the region's future success lies in knowledge and knowledge-based activities.

This was one of the messages delivered by Brock President Jack Lightstone at a Town Hall Meeting to the Brock community on March 7.

No institution is in a better position than Brock to help move Niagara forward economically, culturally and socially, Lightstone told the audience gathered in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. With its cuttingedge research initiatives and its rapid and diverse growth in graduate education, the University will be able to provide the

knowledge critical to the region's growth. Niagara and Brock are both at crossroads,

Niagara and Brock are both at crossroads, said Lightstone. The region, as it overcomes its over-reliance on traditional industrial manufacturing, will look to Brock as an important partner in its efforts to compete in an increasingly global economy. While there is a limit to how quickly or how hard people can work, there is no limit to new and bright ideas.

Brock is poised to work with the region to become an incubator for these creative solutions and innovations, he said, "to ensure that students' ideas fly here rather than somewhere else."

The University is also at a crossroads, he added. Student enrolment has reached a plateau, faculty has greatly increased and research is pervasive throughout the campus. And now is the time, he said, to discard the aloofness associated with an "ivory tower" image by taking knowledge to the region, to Canada and to the world.

Hindering Brock's progress at present, said Lightstone, is an insufficient operating budget and the fact that the University has the most under-spaced campus in Ontario.

Lightstone also fielded audience questions on issues ranging from the importance of information technology on campus, morale, building maintenance and student involvement.

He said he has experienced a deep sense of family and community at Brock.

"Families hang together, they see themselves through the tough times and the good times, and they really gather strength from one another," he said. "And that's what we'll do."

Review of weather criteria underway

Over the next several weeks, the University will conduct an evaluation of the criteria for basing decisions on the cancellation of classes during weather-related conditions.

This evaluation comes in the aftermath of the Feb. 14 snow conditions and the Brock community's reaction to the University's decision to hold morning classes.

Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, says as part of a review of criteria, the University will be proposing a shift in its approach toward winter class cancellations.

"In the past there has been a reluctance to cancel classes unless absolutely necessary and the inclination from the community, based on recent experience, is for us to be less rigid in this regard," he says. "If the University is to become more inclined to cancel because of weather, then Brock will need to offset the lost class time by increasing the number of snow days at the end of semester. There is somewhat of a balancing act to this and we want to be sure people understand that before we proceed.

"Overall, it is important that we take this opportunity to establish effective criteria that we can implement consistently in order to address the concerns of our community and, at the same time, accommodate the requirements of the academic program."

Pillar says the review will involve collecting information and feedback in a number of ways. The University will look at the processes and criteria in place at other institutions. A memo will be sent out to Faculties, administrative departments, union representatives, the Brock University Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association to ask for input. The Brock community is invited to provide feedback in writing. Comments can be e-mailed to universitycom@brocku.ca by March 30.

The assessment of weatherrelated criteria and guidelines will be applied in accordance with policy and procedures currently in place for the interruption of normal operations.

"Once the input stage is completed, we will share with the Brock community a proposal for new criteria to be considered as we work toward finalizing our position," says Pillar. Brock men's wrestling...continues from page 1.

seeded Ali Al-Rekabi from SFU. After losing 6-0 in the first round, Brown regrouped and won the next two rounds by scores of 2-1 and 3-2 for his first CIS individual title.

The Brock men's wrestling dynasty has won 12 national championships in total, including a CIS record nine straight.

For more information on how the women's and rest of the men's wrestling teams performed at the 2006-07 CIS Wrestling Championship, please visit: www.brocku.ca/athletics

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. The keynote speaker for this year's conference will be Dr. Jean Clinton, a child and adolescent psychiatrist and an Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neuroscience at McMaster University.

Clinton is an inspiring speaker with an interest in early child development, parenting and asset building. She is an advocate for children's issues and her community involvement includes serving as the Ontario Director of the Council for Early Child Development and Chair of the Hamilton Early Learning Partnership – Best Practice Evaluation Committee.

Afternoon workshops include:

- Where is Nanny 911? Setting Limits without Losing It!
- Off Balance? Feeling Busy but Not Productive?
- Let's Talk World!
- Fostering Positive Body Image and Preventing Disordered Eating in Our Children
- Promoting Self-Esteem in Children and Teens: What Parents and Families Can Do
- Parents and Families Can DoPreventing Bullying Involvement: How Parents Can Help

The conference will also host an extensive marketplace of commercial and non-profit organizations providing books, toys, crafts and unique parenting services. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for this conference, and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost: \$25 single, \$40 couple. Some bursaries are available.

For more information on conference registration and costs, please contact the Niagara Parenting Conference at 905-688-5550, ext. 4070, npc@brocku.ca or visit the website:

www.brocku.ca/niagaraparentingc onference



The Brock University Alumni Association honoured recipients of its "Thirty From the Past Thirty" Awards on March 3 at a gala held at the Quality Inn in St. Catharines. Those honoured were recognized for their scholarly, creative, humanitarian and professional contributions to Canada and abroad. Pictured are 25 of the 30 award recipients. For a list of those honoured and photos from the celebration, please visit the Alumni Association's website at www.brocku.ca/alumniassoc

Students resoundingly support Learning Commons – BUSU

The Brock Learning Commons is a fantastic opportunity to provide the community and academic space that students have wanted and needed for so long. It will provide a combination of quiet and comfortable lounge and study space, long overdue for Brock students.

In what has been described as a major turning point for the level of service provision offered at the University, students resoundingly supported a BUSU referendum to contribute \$1 million to establish a Learning Commons on campus. The creation of the strategic expansion fund in the 2005/2006 academic school year allowed the Students' Union to make this investment in space and new facilities without additional fees to students. BUSU is hopeful that their contribution to the Learning Commons has put them one step closer to having their academic and service-based needs met at Brock.

Students indicated that the Learning Commons would have a direct correlation on increasing the quality of student life and level of service at the University. The proposed Learning Commons will provide students with comfortable lounge and study space, support an increased laptop loan program, provide writing and multimedia support as well as career development. Additional learning resources will include a writing centre to assist students with essays and reports, multimedia resource rooms where students will be able to practise multimedia presentations and get assistance and more group study space where students can discuss group projects and assignments without distractions. All of these are valuable assets for Brock students.

While students fully recognize that their contribution is a valuable one, they are cognizant of the fact that there is further fundraising needed before the Brock Learning Commons dream can be realized. They are committed to being leaders in demonstrating the need for this very important space on our campus.

- Kithio Mwanzia, President, BUSU

New Brock course will focus on public health and the HIV/AIDS pandemic

A new course offered by the Department of Community Health Sciences – CHSC 4V51, "Current Public Health Issues of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic" – will be offered this Spring term, taught by Dr. Eduardo Fernandez, Visiting International Professor from a partner institution in Honduras. This topic is of pressing concern to health scientists and population health professionals and should be of particular interest to students who hope to pursue careers in international health.

Department Chair Dr. John Hay emphasized "we strive to view health in a global context and this topic is of particular importance – certainly a major health concern in Canada and an even greater one in the developing world. This course will significantly expand our present course offerings in the area of infectious diseases and global issues... it will address the single most pressing health concern today facing the global community."

CHSC 4V51 will examine the multifactorial causality of HIV/AIDS with the ultimate goal of increasing understanding and awareness of the ongoing pandemic. A transdisciplinary model will be used to analyze the biological, physiological, environmental, and behavioural factors involved in transmission and persistence, as well as to study the epidemiological patterns and individual and societal factors that determine the occurrence and impact of HIV/AIDS in different populations.

The International Course Support Fund (ICSF) and Department of Community Health Sciences and Faculty of Applied Health Science made this new course possible. For more information on applying for funding from the ICSF, please visit the Brock International website www.brocku.ca/brockinternational or e-mail Sheila Young, Associate Director and International Liaison Officer, Brock International, at syoung@brocku.ca

Bacchus website ready to receive online registrations

The time for the third bi-annual and international interdisciplinary Bacchus at Brock Conference is growing near and the Bacchus website is now ready to receive online registrations. As this is the wine conference not to be missed, mark your calendar for June 7, 8 and 9, go online at

www.brocku.ca/bacchus and click "Register Now" in the upper right of the headline banner.

Highlights of the 2007 Bacchus at Brock include:

- Three disciplinary tracks of Science and Technology, Business and Culture featuring distinguished speakers such as:
- Dr. Hildegarde Heymann, Professor of Enology and Sensory Science, University of California at Davis
- **Dr. David Howes**, Department of Anthropology, Concordia University, Montreal
- Dr. 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

- **Dr. Dominique Valentin**, Centre
Européen des Sciences du Gôut

uropéen des Sciences du Gôut and University of Burgundy, France

- Afternoon integrative sessions on wine and food, regional exploration (Niagara and Napa), and the language of wine
- Experience Niagara East and West Dinners

two evenings of magnificent food and wine events at eight spectacular sites in Niagara (optional)
 Closing the conference will be the most talked about event of the year. "Party the stalked about event of the year."

 Closing the conference will be the most talked-about event of the year: "Party the Night Away" dinner and dance in the vineyard and under the stars – featuring both live music and food with memorable "local flavours." This will be a true Bacchanalia!

The online registration is easy to navigate and there are two payment options (cheque or online credit card) available. Credit card transactions are processed through Moneris Secure Online Payments. For more information, please visit: www.brocku.ca/bacchus





The 546th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held on Feb. 28, 2007. During the meeting, Senate:

- received a Report from the President and Vice-Chancellor during which Dr. Lightstone related
 that, in light of experiences gained during the recent snowstorm, the University would be
 assessing the basis on which future decisions would be made regarding holding or
 cancelling of classes:
- approved the first calendar entry for the newly approved MA in Geography graduate program, the first calendar entry for the recently approved MSc in Management graduate program, and changes to degree requirements and course bank for the Popular Culture graduate program;
- received the Undergraduate Retention Strategy dated Feb. 13, 2007;
- was notified that, following its investigation, the Room Modernization Committee (a campus-wide advisory committee) had endorsed the percentage of distribution of chalkboards/whiteboards as 10 per cent chalkboard and 90 per cent whiteboard;
- approved the termination of the Independent School Teachers program;
- accepted the Academic Program Review of the Centre for Adult Education and Community Outreach
- received, for information, the Department of Psychology Academic Program Review Action Plan;
- approved that the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee review the current distinction between a four-year major degree and an honours degree and to recommend to Senate any changes to Faculty Handbook III: 6.4 B;
- received, for information, the 2007-08 Academic Session Schedule of Dates; and,
- faculty were encouraged to think about alternatives to scheduling three-hour blocks between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for their lectures and for exams due to the critical shortage of physical space and in the spirit of co-operation.

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

Inquiry Across the Disciplines: Integrating Teaching and Research

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Education Technologies will be hosting a full-day event "Inquiry Across the Disciplines: Integrating Teaching and Research" on Tuesday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Thistle 253 (e-classroom).

Inquiry, which is at the heart of both good teaching and good research, forms a wonderful connection between learner and teacher. It fosters knowledge acquisition, skill development and student-centred learning. It can also create learner anxiety.

What is inquiry and why do we want to use it? This event will explore what it means to engage in inquiry and will showcase examples and inquiry-based practices from

across the institution. Concurrent workshops and many opportunities for collegial discussions will hopefully provide some answers and undoubtedly more questions. We will conclude our explorations with a celebration of teaching, featuring presentations by Brock Distinguished Teaching Award recipients Ernest Biktimirov, Faculty of Business (2005) and Zopito Marini, Faculty of Social Sciences (2006). Please join us for a day of discovery and a celebration of excellence in teaching! Members of the Brock community interested in attending can RSVP at ext. 3933 or register online at www.brocku.ca/ctlet/teachingdevelopment

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Brock's Table Cookbook Still Available

From stuffed mushrooms and zucchini soup to teriyaki steak and tiramisu, you'll find tried-and-true recipes in the *Brock's Table* fundraising cookbook. Favourite recipes were submitted by Brock faculty, staff and friends, and have been compiled into a beautiful cookbook ideal for gift giving. *Brock's Table* cookbooks are still available for \$10 per copy, with 100 per cent of the proceeds now going toward the 2007 United Way campaign. To purchase copies, contact Wendy Laslo at ext. 5188.

MEd thesis defence

Master of Education student, Sawako Akai, will present her thesis defence on Thursday, March 29, at 12 noon, in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber. The title of her thesis is "Enhancing Teaching and Learning Speech Acts: Action Research of Japanese as a Foreign Language." Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Dolana Mogadime; External Examiner: Dr. Jamie-Lynn Magnusson, OISE/UT; Committee Members: Dr. Xiaobin Li and Professor Andrew Short; Chair, Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

MA thesis defence

Master of Arts thesis defence for the Department of Political Science. Dan Lafferty will defend his thesis on Friday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in PL 324. The title of the thesis is: "Rights Jurisprudence and the Charter: Evaluating the Changing Structure of Canadian Federalism." External Examiner: Dr. James Kelly, Concordia

University; Supervisor: Dr. Garth Stevenson; Member of Supervisory Committee: Dr. Matt Hennigar; Chair's designate: Dr. Juris Dreifelds; Chair of the defence and Dean's designate: Tony Shaw, Department of Geography.

Spring Swim Registration

Brock University's Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre will hold its spring swim registration for all levels beginning on Monday, March 26, at 5 p.m. Registration continues until classes are full. Program starts Saturday, April 7. Special reduced parking vouchers available with lesson purchase. Please check the Aquatics website at www.brocku.ca/aquatics/for additional detail. For more information, call 905-688-5550, ext. 4060.

Department of Visual Arts presents...

bugs in my head: an exhibit of painted works by 18 students from Brock University's Department of Visual Arts. This show represents a selection of art that examines analytic, narrative and expressive concepts of acrylic painting. Written between the lines of the stories we tell are the stories we are. In the telling/retelling the voice leaves a mark and conflates with a dream life that is not so very secret after all. On display from Monday, March 19 to Friday, March 23, at The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University. Opening reception: Monday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m.

School of Fine and Performing Arts presents...

Showcase: A Celebration of Artist Expression, Thursday, March 22, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre,

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Mediatalk People in the news

Assistant Professor of Classics **Katharine T. von Stackelberg** was interviewed by Capital News Service of Annapolis and Maryland on the History of the Rose, for a Feb. 9 Valentine's Day article, entitled "Roses on Valentine's Day, Of Course. But Why?"

Professor of Economics Mohammed
Dore was interviewed by the Niagara Falls
Review for a Feb. 16 article about public
awareness of the importance of safe,
clean drinking water, entitled "Cities,
towns struggle with cost of keeping up."
In the article, Dore, an expert in water
pricing and management issues, noted
that "There isn't an adequate appreciation
of the cost of clean water."

Professor **Dorothy Griffiths** from the Department of Child and Youth Studies was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for its "15 minutes with..." column about her work helping professionals better understand the challenges faced by people with intellectual disabilities. The article – "Helping those who need it most" – was published in the Feb. 19 issue of the newspaper.

Griffiths was also featured in the January 2007 issue of *Breaking Through* – the newsletter of the University of Ottawa's Institute of Medical Health Research – about being appointed to the Order of Ontario for her work. She is a research collaborator with the Institute's Forensic Research Unit.

Professor of Communications, Popular Culture and Film **Barry Grant** was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article on how to make an Academy Awards party a blockbuster, entitled "And the award for Best Oscar party goes to ..." In the Feb. 20 article, Grant provided some suggestions on how to best enjoy the annual celebration of film

Joe Engemann, Assistant Professor in the Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Education, was featured on Cogeco TV Cable 10 and was a guest on AM 610 CKTB where he spoke about the Brock Mentorship program. The program offers senior high school students an opportunity to pursue a scientific investigation under the supervision of a faculty member within the Faculties of Mathematics and Science and Applied Health Sciences at Brock.

During the week of Feb. 19 – 23: Associate Professor **Mohamed Ayadi** from the Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems was interviewed on AM 1130 CKWX News in Vancouver, B.C., about mutual funds, and **Gillian Kemp**, MBA graduate and co-ordinator of the Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative in the Faculty of Business, was interviewed about the Initiative on St. Catharines-based radio station AM 1220 CHSC.

Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President, Research and International Development, was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for a story about the proposed Niagara Interactive New Media Incubator. Brock and its partners received \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study for an incubator portal in Niagara that will provide access for new and existing digital media entrepreneurs to a network of expertise and media technologies. The article – "Grant money to test waters for business incubator" – was published in the

newspaper's Feb. 22 edition.

Owen was also interviewed by *The Business Link Niagara* about the St. Catharines Economic Development and Tourism Services department's business plan to integrate the efforts of both Brock University and Niagara College into a strategy to diversify the Niagara economy through skill development and youth retention.

Rev. George Addison from Campus Ministries at Brock was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for a Feb. 27 story, entitled "No faith in findings," about the documentary, Lost Tomb of Jesus, which claims to have found the remains of Jesus and his family. In the article, which was also published in the Niagara Falls Review and Welland Tribune, Addison comments that every few years, someone comes along claiming to have found archaeological evidence to prove or disprove a Bible story and that the film is just another theological letdown in the making.

Addison was also recently interviewed by the *Standard* for a Feb. 24 article about 777 – July 7, 2007 – and the religious significance of the number seven. In the article – "Couples rush to marry on the lucky 'day of angels'" – Addison notes that numbers play an important role in ancient texts and where's there's a number, there's symbolism.

Dean of Business, **Martin Kusy**, was interviewed by *Cayman Net News* for a Feb. 26 article, "UCCI and Brock University sign 'historic' agreement" and *Caymanian Compass* for a Feb. 28 article, "UCCI, Brock University sign memorandum" about the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) and Brock. The agreement covers the development of a student exchange program for Business students and allows students from both universities to gain exposure to an international educational environment by attending each other's campus for four- or eight-month periods.

Kate Cassidy and Susan McGlynn from Community Adventure Training Initiatives and Youth University were both interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for their March Break programs special feature. The Feb. 27 article, entitled "Making Science Fun," notes that at Youth University, elementary school-age kids can learn everything from how to make fake blisters and bodily secretions to engineering a bridge to making and programming a robot.

Dean of Social Sciences, **David Siegel**, was interviewed by the *Niagara Falls Review* for a March 1 article – "A Penny for our Cities" – about Toronto Mayor David Miller's plans to launch a national grassroots campaign to force Ottawa to give one per cent from GST back to local governments. In the article, Siegel notes that "What local governments really need is the authority to make their own taxing decisions rather than relying on funding from other levels of government."

Associate Professor of Communications, Popular Culture and Film Marian Bredin was interviewed on AM 610 CKTB's "Six o'clock News Hour" program on March 5 about the screening of Alanis Obomsawin' new National Film Board (NFB) of Canada feature documentary, Waban-Aki: People from Where the Sun Rises, at Brock.

Charles Burton, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, was interviewed by *Maclean's Magazine* for a March 5 article, entitled "Go on, take a stand: It's possible to criticize China on human rights and do business with it." For more information please visit: http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~cburton

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8 p.m., pay what you can. This is the School of Fine and Performing Arts' annual event that presents the diversity of our students through their creative endeavours. This evening of interactive performance profiles students from the Departments of Dramatic Arts, Music, Visual Arts, and the Centre for Studies in Arts and Culture, as well as Dance/Movement courses in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology.

Everyone is welcome. For more information about School of Fine and Performing Arts events, please contact:

Marie Balsom, Co-ordinator, at ext. 4765 or mbalsom@brocku.ca

James K. A. Smith Conference

The Brock University Philosophy Society, Brock Campus Ministries, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Humanities Research Institute and Office of the Associate Vice-President of Student Services present the James K. A. Conference on Who's Afraid of Postmodernism (Taking Derrida, Lyotard and Foucault to Church) and Jacques Derrida: Live Theory, from Friday, March 23 to Saturday, March 24, in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey

Chamber. This event is free of charge and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact David Goicoechea, dgoicoec@brocku.ca, or André Basson, abasson@brocku.ca

Open House a Success!

Special thanks to all Brock faculty, staff and students who helped make Open House 2007 a great success! Open House is a very important event, as it occurs when prospective students are determining which university they will attend. The participation of the Brock Community is a key part in making this event a success. Recruitment and Liaison Services greatly appreciates your support. Our next recruitment event, Fall Preview Day, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007. Thanks again for your continuing support.

- Melissa Coleman, Open House Coordinator

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S. C. Farrell recently delivered a series of lectures and workshops in Singapore, China, at the Nanyang Technological University, the National University of Singapore and South East Asian Ministries Organization, Regional English Language Center. He also gave an invited featured talk at Thailand TESOL/PAC conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

EDUCATION

Lorenzo Cherubini delivered a presentation, entitled "A Collaborative Approach to Induction: Building Beginning Teacher Capacity," at the Association of Teacher Educators Conference in San Diego, Calif., on Feb. 19.

Xavier Fazio presented the following papers at the 2007 Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) International Conference: Character, Critique and Controversy in Science Teacher Education, in Clearwater, Fla., in January 2007:

- Fazio, Xavier (2007). "Pre-Service Science Teachers? Perceptions of the Classroom Learning Environment: Perspectives From Their Field Experiences."
- Fazio, Xavier and Melville, W. (2007). "Analysis of the Perceptions of Pre-Service Teachers to Inquiry-Based Science Education."
- Bartley, A. and Fazio, X (2007). "The Scientific Method and Science Teacher Education: Explorations in Authenticity."

Professor Emeritus **Anthony Mollica** was recently invited to give the keynote address on "Recreational Linguistics" and three two-hour lectures at the Dante Alighieri Society in Rome, Italy. The occasion was the XV annual conference attended by teachers from Uruguay, Russia, Jordan, Italy, Argentina, Serbia, Mexico and Brazil. Founded in 1889 by the poet Giosuè Carducci, the Dante Alighieri Society promotes the Italian language and culture with more than 500 associations throughout the world. It has an enrolment of more than 200,000 students at various levels of instruction. He was also invited to deliver two four-hour lectures to teachers of Occitan and Albanian (considered minority languages in Italy) at the Università della Calabria.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Angela Mills delivered an invited plenary address to 1,300 participants at the 20th Annual Grove Park Arts and Crafts Conference in Asheville, N.C., on Feb. 18. The title of her talk was "Mistress and Manager: Alice Hubbard of Roycroft."

LIBRARY SERVICES

Karen Bordonaro delivered a presentation, entitled "Language Learning in the Library: Exploring How ESL Students Use Academic Libraries," at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference held in Toronto on Feb. 2.

MATHEMATICS

Professor Emeritus **Eric Muller** delivered a presentation at the Research Day of the Mathematics Education Forum of the Fields Institute for Research in the Mathematical Sciences in Toronto on Jan. 20. He spoke about three projects: his six-month experience with mathematics departments at two-year colleges in Hawaii and Micronesia, and his work with **Chantal Buteau**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Brock, focusing on different aspects of student work in Brock's Mathematics Integrated with Computing and Applications courses that had been reported at the Espace Mathematique Francophone conference in Sherbrooke, Que., and at the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction Study 17 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

MUSIC

Over the past few weeks, pianist **Karin Di Bella** collaborated in a series of four recitals with violinist Maureen Yuen from SUNY Fredonia. The tour began in SUNY Fredonia on Feb. 23, which also included work with American virtuoso tuba player Ray Stewart. This performance was followed by a benefit concert for the Niagara Falls Branch of the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association on Feb. 24. A Brock "Music at Noon" performance was next on Feb. 27, and after a break the pair resurfaced at Ohio Northern University (Ada) for a final performance on March 11 and a student master class on the 12.

Harris Loewen conducted the Brock University Women's Chorus and the mass choir of the Tri-University Women's Chorus Festival during the final festival concert in Guelph, Ont., on March 11. The concert was a repeat of the previous evening's festival concert in St. Catharines, Ont.

RESEARCH SERVICES

Frances Chandler, Associate Director of Research Services, has been appointed as Review Editor of the *Journal of Research Administration*. In the fall of 2006, she published a book review and has been invited to submit another for the publication's Fall 2007 edition.

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Events

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: David Usher with Dala, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Gordie Sampson with special guest Andy Stochansky, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.; Barrage (SOLD OUT!), March 23 at 7:30 p.m.; Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd - The Wall, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.; Samarabalouf!, March 31 at 7:30 p.m.; The Funk Brothers, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.; Decidedly Jazz Danceworks: Magnetic Consequences, featuring Jackie Richardson, Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Jesse Cook, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. and April 15 at 2:30 p.m.; Rising Tide Theatre: No Man's Land, April 18; Nnenna Freelon, Blueprint of a Lady - Sketches of Billie Holiday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.; The Standard OrchEXTRA!, featuring The Celtic Tenors with the Niagara Symphony, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and April 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Storytime with Robert Munsch (for ages 4+), April 29 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Brock University Film Society (BUFS): The BUFS Winter series program continues on March 18, with another Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, *After the Wedding* (Susanne Bier, Denmark, 2006, 122 mins. rating N/A), a riveting drama on the muddy moral ground between good intentions and human failings. On March 18, BUFS is also proud to present the Genie-nominated and Oscar winner for Best Short Animation, *The Danish Poet* (Torill Kove, Norway/Canada, 2006, 14 mins. G). On March 25, see John Curran's film adaptation of W. Somerset Maugham's novel, *The Painted Veil* (US, 2006, 125 mins. PG), which features nuanced performances from a stellar cast including Edward Norton (*Fight Club*), Naomi Watts (*King Kong*), and Liev Schreiber (*The Manchurian Candidate*). BUFS' season closer on April 1 will be announced later in March.

For more information, please visit: www.brocku.ca/cpcf and click on "links." Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance through the Brock Centre for the Arts Box Office. Prices are \$6 for BUFS members and students, \$8 for non-members. Memberships are also available through the Centre for the Arts. Call Amanda Bishop at ext. 3553 for more information.

Music@Noon: The Department of Music presents a recital of instrumental students along with students from the Percussion Ensemble on Tuesday, March 20; and piano students on Tuesday, March 27, at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, at 12 noon. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend

Department of Biological Sciences 2007 Winter Seminar Series: Friday, March 16: Dr. Arthur Retnakaran, Great Lakes Forestry Centre, Natural Resources Canada, Sault Ste. Marie. Title: "Diapause: Suspended animation in insects." Friday, March 23: Dr. Mark Bernards, Department of Biology, University of Western Ontario. Title: "Structure, function and biosynthesis of Suberin."

Unless specified otherwise, all seminars are at 12 noon, in TH256.

History Department Speaker Series: Friday, March 23: Dr. Sébastien Peyrouse, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, will present a lecture, entitled "The Post-Soviet States of Central Asia, 1991-2006: Political Trajectories Fifteen Years after Independence," at 573 Glenridge Ave., Room 201, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. All are welcome.

St. Catharines Canadian Federation of University Women – 33rd Annual House Tour, May 6, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Spend an enjoyable Sunday afternoon in the heart of Niagara Wine Country, touring six beautiful and varied homes in the St. Catharines area. Fascinating details of history and decor will be provided by informed guides. Contact niaghouses@yahoo.ca or call 905-934-5002. www.vaxxine.com/cfuwstcatharines

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