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

Revisions to weather policy and procedures

In March, the University invited the Brock community to share feedback as part of an evaluation of criteria for basing decisions on the cancellation of classes during weather-related conditions.

This feedback has provided the University with a better understanding of the Brock community's concerns and issues during times of inclement weather. Based on the responses, the University will work toward revising its policy and procedure to reflect a lessstringent approach toward winter class cancellation.

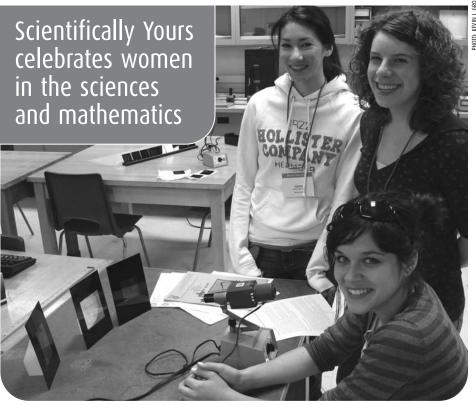
We want to thank everyone who took this opportunity to provide feedback," says Steven Pillar, Vice-President Finance and Administration. "It is clear from the community's response that the University must shift its approach and, in particular, recognize the impact that closures in the region, including the school boards, have for our faculty, staff and students."

Concerns over safety will be paramount to the University's review of current policy and procedures. In addition, the review will take into consideration other feedback from the community, such as:

- child-care implications for members of the Brock community with school-age children when schools close for the day
- lack of public transportation for faculty, staff and students who live outside of city bus routes
- the need to address the confusion created when some individual classes are cancelled
- the impact on academic programming for faculty and students as a result of low class attendance
- improving communications of weather-related announcements
- changing the procedure to declare that the University is open or closed rather than continuation or cancellation of classes
- providing a clearer understanding of "essential staff"

As part of this consultative process, the University will share proposed changes to policy and procedures with the community prior to finalizing its position. It is intended that new policy and procedures will be in place for the beginning of the academic term in September.

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



Ivana Komljenovic, standing right, works as a teaching assistant with high school students in the hologram workshop during the Scientifically Yours program. Komljenovic is a third-year student in Physics.

Scientifically Yours, a three-day program in which girls in Grade 11 live on campus and experience the sciences hands on, welcomed close to 100 high school students to the campus from April 30 to May 2. The program offers workshops designed to encourage young women to pursue studies in the sciences and mathematics.

In the 17 workshops and projects, students had the opportunity to learn what coffee cups, DNA and slime all have in common and investigated a heinous crime and identified the perpetrator as a member of CSI Brock.

Exciting new projects this year included: "Sunprints: where science meets art," an interdisciplinary project where students learned how to make cyanotypes, some of the earliest photographic processes; "Measuring the Mind," which teaches students about neuropsychology and how a brain functions; and "Take a Calcoolus Tour" - featuring interactive games developed by Brock math professors.

During the 18th annual conference, students also had the opportunity to view the night skies as telescopes were set up on campus by volunteers with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - Niagara

Also included in this year's program was a live teleconference with Julie Payette from the Canadian Space Agency. Payette flew on space shuttle Discovery in 1999 and has been the Chief Astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency since 2002.

A highlight of the program is a dinner with women who have careers in the sciences. Students were provided with an opportunity to talk with them during and after dinner about their careers and everyday lives. In addition to women working in academia at the University, professional women from the surrounding community, including medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, engineers, forensic scientists, marine biologists, geologists, and chiropractors were in attendance.

A keynote address was given by Nancy Parsons, a Brock graduate from the Faculty of Mathematics and Science. She is also the general manager of Sopherion Therapeutics Canada, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company that develops anti-cancer agents.

Scientifically Yours began with 50 students and has grown over the years due to its popularity. The program is co-ordinated by the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences' Scientifically Yours Committee.

Largest convocation ever to feature nine ceremonies

An estimated 4,000 students are expected to receive their degrees at this year's Spring Convocation, which will take place during nine ceremonies from Tuesday, June 12, to Saturday, June 16.

This year, Brock takes pride in awarding honorary degrees to the following distinguished Canadians:



Barbara Vyrostko

 Barbara **Vyrostko**, executive director, Community Living Welland Pelham, for her visionary leadership in service innovation and human rights

education for people with intellectual disabilities;



Brian Tobin

• Brian Tobin, senior business advisor, Fraser Milner Casgrain and former Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, for an outstanding career of

public service and meritorious contributions towards improving Canada's innovation performance and competitiveness in the knowledge economy;



• Bluma Appel, philanthropist of the arts, for her dedication and distinguished contribution to the arts in Canada through the

development of the cultural sector as a volounteer, board member, fundraiser and philanthropist; and



Anthony R. Graham

• Anthony R. Graham, president and director, Wittington Investments Limited, for his outstanding achievements in business and

community leadership in the arts in the Niagara region as well as the province of Ontario.

The dates, times and Faculties graduating will be as follows:

- Tuesday, June 12, 10 a.m. Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Tuesday, June 12, 2 p.m. Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Wednesday, June 13, 10 a.m. Faculty of Social Sciences
- Wednesday, June 13, 2 p.m. Faculty of Social Sciences
- Thursday, June 14, 10 a.m. — Faculty of Education

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BACCHUS AT BROCK HAS MUCH TO OFFER

The three-day interdisciplinary wine conference that begins June 7 here on campus has something for everyone. From the grape and wine research scientist, to the business academic, to the cultural scholar, even to curious wine enthusiast, there is programming to interest and inspire all during Bacchus at Brock.

Visit www.brocku.ca/bacchus to

review the conference schedule and lecture highlights. There is an amazing diversity and

> depth to the offerings provided.

In addition, food and wine is a key component of the conference. On the Thursday and Friday nights there are special winery dinners featuring

local food specialties in the caring hands of Niagara's Continues on page 2.

Surgite! going green

The Office of Alumni Relations is rolling out a new plan for its alumni publications that includes an environmentally friendly approach. By next spring, two (of the four) printed issues of Surgite! will be replaced with an electronic newsletter once every two months to provide more timely information on University and alumni news and events to graduates and members of the Brock community. A contest will be held next month to name the new electronic publication and to register subscriptions for electronic delivery.

The next issue of Surgite! will be published in mid-August 2007 followed by a second issue in Winter 2008. For information, contact Christine Jones, Director, Alumni Relations, at ext. 4320.

Brock Care for Our Community Weekend

Community Connections is excited to be leading Brock University at the Brock Care for Our Community Weekend on May 26 and 27. We will be participating in four great events and everyone is welcome to join in!

May 26 – Rankin Cancer Run – 9 a.m. – Join us as we walk along the Welland Canal and raise money for cancer care in the Niagara Region. **Pull for Kids** – 10 a.m. – Here's your chance to pull a fire truck and support the Lung Association.

May 27 – Walk to Cure Diabetes – 9:30 a.m. – Come join our walk to help support Juvenile Diabetes. Vineyard Cycle Tour – 8:30 a.m. – Cycle through the vineyards of Niagara and help support Heart Niagara.

For more information, please contact Lauryn Richardson in Community Connections, at ext. 4000 or visit

www.brocku.ca/communityconnections

E-mail confidentiality

On Monday, May 14, an e-mail confidentiality notice will be appended automatically as text, and not as an attachment, to all e-mail messages sent from a brocku.ca address, as follows:

Confidentiality Notice: This e-mail, including any attachments, may contain confidential or privileged information. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender by e-mail and immediately delete this message and its contents. Thank you.

Including the notice is a good business practice and is in support of the University's Electronic Mail Policy, which states that e-mail users must make reasonable efforts to ensure that messages are directed to the correct recipient; and where individuals receive information that is obviously not intended for them, they should treat the information as confidential and return it to the sender or inform the sender and delete the e-mail.

For more information, contact Marion Hansen, Freedom of Information and Privacy Co-ordinator, at ext. 5380; e-mail: mhansen@brocku.ca

New energy and water conservation initiatives announced

Brock has recently announced a series of wide-ranging energy and water conservation initiatives that are intended to lower the University's greenhouse gas emissions while allowing it to redirect the financial savings to academic and non-academic programs. The initiatives support planning and design guidelines for future savings as well as measures intended to achieve immediate

One of the most visible indicators of Brock's commitment to energy and water conservation is the recently completed Plaza2006, a \$23-million, five-storey, 86,000-square-foot building that houses the new Campus Store, classroom and lab space, and research facilities for the Lifespan Development Research Centre.

Plaza2006 was designed to achieve the Silver Certification of the Canada Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system and is expected to use 43.5 per cent less energy annually than a building designed to the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings.

Last month, Brock's Board of Trustees approved the use of the University's new Guide to the Planning, Design, and Architecture of the Natural and Built Environments" that endorses and promotes the use of green-building technology.

"Our planning for both new and renewed buildings will now actively consider sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and the atmosphere, materials and

resources, and indoor environmental quality," says Scott Walker, manager, Campus Planning, Design and Construction

Immediate measures include adjusting thermostats, turning off lights in offices, classrooms, and laboratories, and turning off powered devices and equipment, such as computers, printers, monitors, and copiers, when not required to be in use. The University will also be looking at where and when parking lot lights are required to be turned on, along with emerging LED parking

lot lighting technology.

"The most noticeable aspect of the new conservation program will be that the familiar ribbon of white lights around the top of Schmon Tower will no longer be turned on at night," says Thomas Saint-Ivany, Executive Director, Facilities Management.

Water conservation measures will see certain grassed areas of the University's Main Campus receiving less water through the irrigation system. Overall savings from this and other initiatives will enable the purchase and installation of replacement fixtures and devices such as water-efficient toilets with the goal of achieving a 54 per

cent water savings.

"A number of initiatives have been identified by consulting with the University community, in particular with the trades and custodial staff of Local 1295 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees," says Saint-

Healthcare workers benefit from Nursing and Alzheimer Society workshop

The Department of Nursing, in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region, held a P.I.E.C.E.S.(tm) for Educators workshop on April 18. P.I.E.C.E.S.(tm) is a framework that supports nurses' providing holistic care for older persons with complex health challenges. Most nurses need specialized knowledge of geriatric nursing. "Students and nurses need to know they are geriatric nurses, no matter where they work," said workshop facilitator Marge Dempsey, Director of Client Services, Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region. Seniors are three times as likely as younger Canadians to be admitted to hospital and once in hospital they spend more time there than younger patients.

Facilitator Ann Tassonyi, Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant from the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region and the Niagara Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Program, described assessment approaches for older

persons with mental and physical health challenges including delirium, dementia, and depression. Participants practised using a tool that promotes teamwork and problem solving when faced with these complex health challenges.

"This workshop helps us by providing more tools that support students' critical thinking and learning to lead in our community," said workshop organizer and Nursing faculty member Lynn McCleary. The 15 workshop participants commented that the workshop will help them in their teaching and in their nursing practice.

Nurses in long-term care across the province have been trained as P.I.E.C.E.S.(tm) resource nurses and it is being implemented in Niagara. Brock is the first university to provide P.I.E.C.E.S.(tm) education for faculty and clinical instructors, with funding from the Ontario Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange.

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.

The Learning Commons: Anything but common

With the Brock University Students' Union endorsement and investment of \$1 million for the Learning Commons, coupled with the University's own commitment, the Board of Trustees recently approved a fundraising effort to support the Learning Commons initiative. The fundraising target is \$1 million in private gifts from the Brock community of alumni, parents, faculty, staff, University friends, foundations and corporations.

With this in mind, this year's campus campaign will focus on the Learning Commons. The campus community campaign is expected to be launched in August. Three Brock community volunteers will serve as

co-chairs: Greg Finn, Karen McAllister-Kenny, and Kithio Mwanzia. The community includes all faculty, staff and Board Trustees.

To date, parents, alumni, and other individuals have started the groundswell of support. Each group has recognized the importance of what the Learning Commons can mean for students, faculty and staff: much needed space for studying and the social aspect of learning; a "onestop-shopping" concept for many services currently spread throughout the campus; and the role that trained peer helpers play in assisting fellow students with writing, exam preparation, and study skills.

Let's match the students' \$1 million pledge!

Women in Science session

A half-day session for secondary school girls interested in the sciences will be hosted by Brock and the Business **Education Council of** Niagara on Wednesday, May 23.

The program, entitled "Look Beyond the Lab Coat," will include guided tours of some of Brock's science laboratories and a panel discussion with some of Brock's female researchers. It is open to secondary school girls in Grades 10 and 11. For more information, contact Jeannie Mackintosh, Office of Research Services, at ext. 5024; e-mail: imackint@brocku.ca

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top chefs. The unique settings, stellar wines, creative cuisine and engaging company will make the evenings very memorable.

Not to be missed is the closing dinner for Bacchus at Brock 2007 where again our local chefs will show what Ontario can do on the bar-be-que. This laid back closing celebration will be held in this years Grape King's vineyard (Matthias Oppenlaender) under the stars. As a special treat delegates will also enjoy the world premier of "Chefs Without Hats," a new, wine-special-event, local rock and roll band created from the professional musical talent from the "back of the house." To register for Bacchus and secure your spot for the party visit www.brocku.ca/bacchus

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- Thursday, June 14, 2 p.m. Faculty of Education
- Friday, June 15, 10 a.m. Faculty of Humanities and Concordia Lutheran Seminary
- Friday, June 15, 2 p.m. Faculty of Mathematics and Science
- Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m. Faculty of Business

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

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



Freedom of Information policies and procedures now online

Brock's Freedom of Information policies and procedures are now online and can be accessed at: www.brocku.ca/accessandprivacy/

These policies include the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Policy, and the Access to Student Records and Disclosure of Information Policy.

Procedures found on the site include Handling Personal Information and Posting Grades, and Returning Student Exams and Assignments.

Frequently asked questions and answers have been developed to supplement the above policies and procedures and are also available on the website.

For more information, contact Marion Hansen, Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator, at ext. 5380; e-mail: mhansen@brocku.ca

Graduate Students' Association welcomes new executive

The Graduate Students' Association is saying farewell to the group of graduate students who have led the association for the past year. Conversely, five new students are being welcomed who will lead the association in a continued time of change. Over the past 12 months, considerable progress has been made to increase the presence of the GSA in addition to Graduate Studies on Brock's campus.

Listed below are the new executive members for 2007-08 with contact information for future reference:

Claire Meldrum, GSA President	gsapresident@brocku.ca
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GSA office	gsaoffice@brocku.ca

Virginia Tech thanks Brock for messages of solidarity

The staff of the War Memorial Chapel at Virginia Tech have acknowledged the messages of support and condolence from Brock University. Iris Cabatit, representing the Chapel, wrote Chaplain George Addison on April 23, saying:

"The VT community would like to sincerely thank you and your University for your continued support throughout these trying times. Your thoughts and prayers will be heard and can hopefully help us in the healing process."

The Brock response to the April 16 Virginia Tech tragedy included messages from President Jack Lightstone, Brock University Students' Union President Kithio Mwanzia and the Brock Chaplains, as well as a memorial service on April 20. A Book of Condolence, signed by many Brock students and faculty, has been sent to the VT War Memorial Chapel, where it will be displayed along with similar messages from around the world.

Hockey Badgers announce annual awards

The Brock University Badgers men's hockey team officially concluded the 2006-07 season by announcing its team award winners at a reception held at the Lookout Lounge in the Seymour-Hannah

Centre. Third-year assistant captain Ryan Delmonte was recognized as the team's Most Valuable Player, as he received the Ed Davis Award. The team's Rookie of the Year and Best Defenceman award went to Paul Holder. Thorold native J. J. Martin was the recipient of the Most Gentlemanly Player award. Chris McLean earned the award for being the Hardest Hitter. The award for the team's hardest-working and most-dedicated player, the 212 Degree Award, went to Pat Selin.

"The 2006-07 season was one we hope has set the foundation for success next year and beyond. Our goal is to win a national championship and

all of this season's award winners will be returning to help our team achieve that goal," said Brock coach Murray Nystrom.

The Badgers will open their second season at the Seymour-Hannah Centre when the eighth annual Steel Blade tournament will take place, Sept. 28 and 29, 2007.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Brian Roy, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed by *Homemaker's* magazine for an article on burning calories, entitled "Calorie Cruncher." In the story, Roy notes that individuals burn calories at an elevated rate when resting for some time after activity.

Barb Davis, Registrar, was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for an April 16 article – "Davis running in Boston second time out" – about her participation in the 2007 Boston Marathon. In the article, Davis notes that "It's such a rush and a very personal accomplishment."

James Mandigo, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for an April 17 story about Healthy Living Niagara, an initiative launched by Niagara Region's public health department, calling for the province to make it compulsory for all high school students to take a second physical education credit. In the article, Mandigo notes that school-based physical education courses give students equal access to information and skills they need to make healthy choices and adopt active lifestyles.

Christine Tardif-Williams, Assistant Professor of Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for an April 18 story about the 2007 Niagara Parenting Conference. The article, entitled "Teens talk," looked specifically at the conference workshop "Let's Talk World," which featured a panel of six high school students from Niagara Falls who addressed how teens want to talk and be talked to. In the article, which also appeared in the Niagara Falls Review and Welland Tribune, Tardif-Williams notes that the conference is a way for parents to get information and ask questions, or at least find out where to find help and information in the community.

Mohamed Ayadi, Associate Professor of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, was a guest on the April 19 segment of "Stars & Dogs" on ROB TV.

David DiBattista, Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, was featured in the April 2007 issue of *Maclean's* magazine that announced this year's recipients of the 3M Teaching Fellowship from 3M Canada and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Terrance Wade, Associate Professor of Community Health Sciences, was recently interviewed by the *Welland Tribune*, for an April 21 article on the subject of poverty –

"The high cost of poverty" – which is part of a three-part series on the topic. Wade, who is extensively quoted throughout the article, notes that "poverty really is something that sort of sets people on a trajectory limiting their access to resources for all sorts of things. These things generally lead to poor health outcomes, they lead to higher rates of mortality and all sorts of negative occurrences. Poverty just sort of sets a lot of other stuff in motion."

Thomas Mulligan, Associate Professor of Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship and Ethics, recently had an editorial published in the April 23 edition of the Toronto Star, entitled "Not from Canada. Pity." The editorial, written in response to an April 21 article, "Target Canada," in which federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says that foreign business ownership levels in Canada are acceptable, notes that "globalization means Canadians face a future where foreign interests will have an increasing say in every issue that affects the distribution of wealth and societal behaviour."

Michelle Lea, Director of Admissions, was recently interviewed by the Welland Tribune for an April 26 article — "destination NIAGARA" — about Brock University and Niagara College drawing more students from outside the region. In the article, Lea notes that at Brock there is a lot of interest in pursuing a career in education, business, as well as the sciences or applied sciences which leads to careers in medicine or medical school.

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

- Interviewed about Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay's upcoming trip to China in the April 24 issue of *Sing Tao* Daily.
- Interviewed by Lynn Desjardins on Radio Canada International's "Canada Today" program on April 20 about the sentencing of Canadian Huseyin Celil in Urumqi.
- Featured in an April 20 New Epoch Times article, "TV Network Calls on Canada to Expel High-Ranking Chinese Official Over Interference," which quotes his views from an April 9 CBC Radio interview.
- Interviewed about the Celil case in the April 20 issue of Sing Tao Daily.
- Interviewed on CBC Newsworld's "Canada Today" program from Calgary on April 19 about the Celil matter live from the lawn in front of the Schmon Tower.

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

Brock Briefs

Mathematics presentation to be given by Florida professor

The Department of Mathematics welcomes guest speaker, Professor Ravi R. Agarwal, from the Florida Institute of Technology, on Friday, May 11, at 11 a.m. in TA 262. Agarwal will be presenting "Singular and Nonsingular Boundary Value Problems on Infinite Intervals." All are welcome to attend. Any questions can be directed to Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh, at hmechaie@brocku.ca or at ext. 3107.

Wellness Conference sneak peek

Your day to pause, reconnect and invest in your wellness is only a few weeks away! This year's Wellness Conference, entitled "You First," is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20. Your copy of the Wellness Conference Workshop and Registration Guide will be arriving in your mailbox soon.

In the meantime, visit the Wellness Conference Website at: www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference for a sneak peek at the wonderful workshops being offered this year.

For more information about the Wellness Conference, please email oehs@brocku.ca

Health researchers receive more than \$130,000 in funds

Two projects by researchers in the Department of Community Health Sciences have recently been awarded more than \$140,000 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The two projects were included in an announcement recently of 589 health research grants worth \$217 million for a wide range of projects across Canada

Professor Ana Sanchez will receive \$39,784 over two years for a project that is part of a program jointly managed and funded by the Health and Social Security Sectorial Research Fund of Mexico (Fondo Sectorial de Investigacion Salud y Seguridad Social) and the CIHR. Its aim is to promote collaboration between Canadian and Mexican researchers in the area of tuberculosis in regards to health research, research training and knowledge translation, and to help develop sustainable networks of researchers in this area. Sanchez's project will specifically look at issues surrounding

pulmonary tuberculosis in Mexican agricultural workers in Canada.

Professor Terrance Wade will receive \$93,608 over two years to study mental health issues surrounding the heads of single-parent families. The project will examine the prevalence of mental health problems and mental health service utilization (access to care) among single-parent fathers and mothers in relation to married fathers and mothers.

"Promoting groundbreaking health research is a crucial component of our government's plan to build a healthy, prosperous and innovative Canada," said Health Minister Tony Clement. "The funding highlighted is helping to enhance the health research capabilities of our institutions across Ontario, which will benefit all Canadians."

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

Laughter really is the best medicine

Go ahead – chuckle, giggle, guffaw, roll in the aisles, split your sides. It's good therapy for you.

Humour can achieve emotional well-being, and this was the message offered by Professor Ann Marie Guilmette, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies and the Women's Studies Program, at a free presentation last night, part of the 2007 Mental Health Week events on work/life balance.

The session was a collaborative event between the Office of the Accessibility Coordinator at Brock and the Niagara branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). Interest in the conference was so great that the session had to be moved to a larger venue on campus.

"We were very pleased to partner with CMHA to present this free and informative session to the Brock community and the broader Niagara community," said Margaret Sanderson, Accessibility Co-ordinator at Brock. "It was a very successful event and we look forward to partnering with CMHA

and other Niagara organizations for future events. The aim is to create awareness, remove barriers and build a more caring inclusive community."

During her presentation, Guilmette said that a community that laughs is a community that cares. Humour builds a sense of camaraderie and reduces the judging of other people's lives.

"Laughter and humour remove barriers, and we listen to each other more," said Guilmette. "As a society, we need to invoke strategies where we care about people and not just for people. It's not enough to train caregivers to do that; the whole community must be involved."

She cited the seven steps to healthier emotional lives as described by the Menninger Clinic, a centre in Houston, Tex., that offers psychiatric treatment, research and education: adapt to change, control anxieties, consider others, give of yourself, face reality, curb hostility and learn to care.

Faculty and Staff

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDIES AND APPLIED DISABILITY STUDIES

Maurice Feldman's research on parenting and disabilities is part of an *Amici Curiae* brief recently presented to the U.S. Supreme Court on a case involving parenting rights of people with disabilities.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Adam Dickinson was invited by Trent University in Peterborough on March 29 to read from and speak about his new book *Kingdom, Phylum.* He was a guest in the "Writers Reading" series sponsored by Peter Gzowski College and the Canada Council.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

John Novak delivered an invited address entitled "The Evolution of an Educational Theory" to the Honors Program at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y., on March 23.

Lorenzo Cherubini and **Louis Volante** presented "Beginning teacher sustainability: An examination of induction into the profession," on April 9 at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill.

MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGIES

Bulent Menguc and **Seigyoung Auh** received the Best Conference Paper Award at the 2007 KAMS (Korean Academy of Marketing Science) Spring International Conference, held on April 21

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Niagara Vocal Ensemble, accompanied by pianist Lesley Kingham, in two concerts of partsongs on April 25 in Fort Erie and on May 6 in St. Catharines. All selections were choral settings of texts by major poets from Shakespeare to e. e. cummings. Terrance Cox served as special guest mc for the second date, which was the concluding concert in this year's University choral series.

Karin Di Bella was one of two piano adjudicators for the Stamford Kiwanis Music Festival in Niagara Falls, Ont., April 19 to 21. From April 23 to 26 she also adjudicated the entire piano division of the Renfrew Rotary Music Festival.

NURSING

On April 21, first-year nursing student Nathan Kelly was elected to the executive of Nursing Students of Ontario (NSO), an interest group of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario. The NSO is a provincial non-profit group representing undergraduate nursing students from across Ontario. Their mission is to promote, support and empower the full participation of Ontario nursing students as a powerful voice within society. Kelly will serve on the NSO executive as Student Liaison Officer.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINISEOLOGY

Paulette Côté was appointed as the AAHPERD/National Dance Association (NDA) Research Chairperson and NDA Representative to the Research Consortium Executive Board for 2007-2010 at the recent AAHPERD Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, March 14-17, 2007. She also presented two posters entitled "Bilateral Transfer of Motor Skills in Dance" (with M. Kimmerle, University of Windsor, and J. Patterson, Brock University), "Children's Natural Rhythmic Abilities: Departure for Divergent Thinking in Dance", and conducted a workshop entitled "Musical Training for Dance Educators."

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Ingrid Makus presented a paper entitled "The Politics of Recognition: Culture, Diversity and Constitutionalism" at a conference on Negotiating Diversity: Transatlantic exchanges between Canada and Europe at the Goethe-Universitat in Frankfurt, Germany, on April 20.

PSYCHOLOGY

On April 23, **John Mitterer** delivered a colloquium entitled "Communication, Cognitive Apprenticeship, Technology, and Teaching" to members of the Psychology Department at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Craig Hyatt gave a presentation entitled "A Breakdown in the Norm of Reciprocity: Examining Oiler Fan Reaction to Chris Pronger's Trade Demand from a Gift-Giving Perspective" at the 2007 Canada and the League of Hockey Nations Conference: Critical Perspectives on Hockey in Canada and Beyond, held in Victoria, B.C. in April.

VISUAL ARTS

Diane Borsato, Department of Visual Arts at Brock University participated in in there, an experimental process-based collaborative project involving two other Toronto artists working with 12 students from the dance, music, and theatre departments of York University. Borsato's video *Snowbank: A work for a large group of dancers, and one trumpet* showed a troupe of "dancers" moving a snow bank across town by means of the TTC to the Art Gallery of York University (AGYU). The video is on display in the AGYU until June 24.

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