

Brock proud of its Olympic Athletes



Brock wrestlers Tonya Verbeek and Evan MacDonald will compete at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, August 13 to 29. See page 2 for a story on the Brock connection at the Games.

Opening of Term Dinner on Sept. 1

The Opening of Term Dinner will be hosted in the Residence Dining Hall on Wednesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that Pauline McCormack and David Gabriel will be the masters of ceremonies for the evening.

The event is almost sold out with limited tickets available from the Centre for the Arts Box Office, at ext. 3257. Tickets are \$30 each or \$240 for a table of eight. Individual tickets will be available with seating randomly assigned prior to the event.

Those wishing to reserve a table for eight should contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office and a table reservation form will be forwarded accordingly.

All reservations must be received by 4:30 p.m., on Friday, August 20.

Brock appoints Chief Information Officer



Ron Dubien

Brock University is pleased to announce the appointment of Ron Dubien as Chief Information Officer. In this new position, he will be responsible for designing, planning, coordinating, implementing,

and administering campus-wide information services, resources and technology.

Dubien comes to Brock from the University of Lethbridge, where he has worked as Director of Information Technology since 1995. He was previously Director, Automation and Information Services with Telesat Canada, acted as a management consultant with Maxima Computer Consultants and Polaris Computer Consultants, and has served in management positions with General Foods and the Toronto General Hospital.

"As a technology-based university, Brock is committed to ensuring that the latest information technologies are readily available to students, faculty and staff," said Brock President David Atkinson. "The appointment of Ron Dubien to this senior administrative position will help address our growing information demands, and will assist Brock in continuing to be one of the most technologically advanced universities in Canada."

As a first order of business, Dubien will develop an efficiently integrated and cost effective strategic plan for information technology for the University.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me to join a University with Brock's reputation and to provide leadership in this time of growth and improving technology," said Dubien. "My wife and I are also looking forward to returning to southern Ontario and enjoying the beautiful Niagara region."

Last year, Brock activated a new high-speed wireless network, which allows students to move around campus with their laptop and PDA computers while remaining connected to the Internet. This technology enhances learning and research opportunities for students by providing them with increased computer access. Students with a laptop computer and a wireless network card have full Internet access to on-line library resources and e-mail accounts, and they can retrieve course information and submit assignments from their computers. Faculty and staff can also take advantage of the seamless, portable opportunities offered by a wireless campus.

Information Technology Services, the University's central IT unit, currently comprises 55 staff members in four areas: Administrative Development, Communications and Network Services, Academic and System Services, and User Services. In the University's decentralized and consultative environment, the CIO will also work with IT professionals University-wide and with the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies.

Dubien joins Brock on September 1, 2004.

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Brock news

A newsletter for faculty and staff at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

Celebrate Brock Days 2004!

Mark your calendar and plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration on September 24, 25 and 26. To add to the festivities, the University will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. There are also events scheduled as a warm-up to the Brock Days weekend.

Join the celebration and enjoy the best that Brock and Niagara have to offer as once again the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

There will be something for everyone during Brock Days with wine events, an afternoon of activities in Montebello Park, a concert with Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo fame, a Grape Stomp Extravaganza, an alumni pub night, live entertainment, the Alumni



Association Golf Tournament, varsity athletic competitions and more.

Visit www.brocku.ca/brockdays for updates and details on all of the Brock Days events.

Brock Business students admitted to distinguished honours society

Brock University has inducted its first students into a distinguished honours society that recognizes the top business students in the world.

Forty-three students and recent graduates were welcomed into Beta Gamma Sigma on Friday, August 6. With almost 400 chapters worldwide, the mission of Beta Gamma Sigma is to acknowledge academic achievement in the study of business and to foster personal and professional excellence in the practice of business.

Only business programs accredited by AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, are

eligible to set up a chapter of this honours society. Brock University received accreditation to AACSB in 2003, joining top international business schools, and in 2004 was admitted into Beta Gamma Sigma. Membership in this honours society is offered only to the best business students: undergraduates completing third year in the top seven per cent of their class and graduates ranking in the top 10 per cent of their undergraduate programs or top 20 per cent of their master's programs.

The induction ceremony and Charter presentation were held on August 6 at Rodman Hall Arts

Centre. The Installing Officer was Gregory Bruce, Dean of the School of Business at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA.

"Brock's business students now have access to the elite of the business world," said Martin Kusy, Dean of Brock's Faculty of Business. "Our students and faculty are constantly being recognized for their achievements. Those being inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma are among the brightest and best of the world's business students."

For more information, including a list of students who were inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, visit www.brocku.ca

Somerwil named Brock University Rowing Coach



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Peter Somerwil

Brock University Director of Athletics Dr. Lorne J. Adams is pleased to announce the hiring of Peter Somerwil, effective August 9, as the new head coach of the Brock University Rowing program.

"We are delighted to have Peter Somerwil accept this new challenge as the head coach of Brock Rowing," said Adams. "He is well known in the rowing community, has achieved at the highest level, and has a focus on the continued success and development of the rowing program. His appointment assures us of improving on the tradition of excellence established by his predecessor, Joe Dowd."

Somerwil brings over 27 years of rowing knowledge to the program having been involved as both an athlete and coach in all levels of rowing right from high school to the world rowing scene.

After graduating from Niagara District Secondary School in 1980, Somerwil coached the rowing program there for seven years from 1981-88. He was the coach of the lightweight men at the St. Catharines Rowing Club from 1996-98 and 2000. In 1999-2000, he coached Grimsby Secondary School and for the past eight years he has helped out as a part-time coach with the Brock University program. He is currently working towards his NCCP Level III certification.

Since 2001, Somerwil has been the club captain of the St. Catharines Rowing Club running all the operational aspects of the rowing activities. Last year he had the opportunity to be highly involved with the 100th Anniversary of the club.

Brock's men's rowing program has won three National Championships (1999, 2002, 2003) and seven Ontario Championships (1967, 1972, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003).

For more information, visit www.brocku.ca/athletics

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Library User Survey of Scholarsportal

The James A. Gibson Library at Brock University is participating in a province-wide survey of electronic services usage to evaluate how well Ontario University libraries are meeting your needs.

The survey will be conducted randomly for two hours a month from January through December 2004 reaching all users of the Ontario Scholars Portal electronic journals over that two-hour period of time. All responses are anonymous. After completing a short form, you will be connected to the electronic journal you selected. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, simply return to the catalogue or database page and avoid using the Scholarsportal site during the two-hour period. Other library databases and resources will be available during this time.

The next survey is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information about this project, please see "Province-Wide Web Survey To Measure The Impact of Library Networked Electronic Resources" on <http://www.library.yorku.ca/Home/ContentBlocks/ProvinceWideWebSurvey.htm>.

The local contact for this project is Marcie Jacklin, ext. 3960, or mjacklin@brocku.ca.

This survey has been reviewed and approved by the Research Ethics Board at Brock University. Any comments should be directed to the Research Ethics Officer, at Brock University at either deborah.vanoosten@brocku.ca or 905-688-5550, ext. 3035. Please quote Project Number 03-311.

Brock Briefs...

Open House to say goodbye

Leah Lautenbach, Executive Director at the Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care, is leaving after more than 16 years with the centre. The Board of Directors, staff, and families of the day care wish to invite everyone to an Open House in celebration of Leah's accomplishments over her many years of dedicated service. The festivities will take place on Tuesday, August 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the outdoor green space between the day care and the Lowenberger Residence. Light snacks and refreshments will be served. We invite all to attend the event and wish Leah good luck and best wishes as she continues on with "life after Brock." Please contact Norm Westbury, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4578, for further information.

MA Thesis Defence

An MA Thesis Defence for Chris Gee, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will be held on Friday, August 13, at 1 p.m., in WH147. The title of his thesis is: A Systematic Observation of Hostile Aggression in Junior B Hockey. Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Philip Sullivan; External Examiner: Dr. Kim Dorsch, University of Regina; Committee Members: Dr. Jamie Mandigo, Dr. Diane Stevens; Chair: Dr. Julie Stevens. All are welcome.

An MA thesis defence for Tony Chen, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will be held on Monday, August 16, at 10 a.m., in WH147. The title of his thesis is: An Analysis of Students' Travel Motivations and Images of China as a Tourist Destination. Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Atsuko Hashimoto; External Examiner: Dr. Don Reid, University of Guelph; Committee Members: Dr.

David Telfer, Dr. Michael Lück, Dr. Phil Sullivan; Chair: Dr. Michael Pleye. All are welcome.

A note of thanks

I would like to thank the members of the Brock community for the good wishes that have been extended to me on the occasion of my retirement party, and to those who contributed toward a very generous gift — a gift certificate from CAA Travel — which will be put to good use.

Thank you all for many fond memories that have been established through the last 33+ years, which I will cherish forever.
- Olga Bukovec, recently retired Senior Stores Keeper, Department of Chemistry

OPIRG-Brock on the move

OPIRG-Brock will be moving into its new location in the Alumni Student Centre (by the Brock Press) by the end of August. We will be paying a considerable amount of money to renovate the space we are moving into and we are embarking on something we haven't done in years: fundraising! We are in the process of putting together a vegetarian/Vegan cook/bake book and we need your recipes to help make it wonderful. If you have recipes that are veggie friendly and easy for busy students, faculty and staff to make, then please send them our way. We will be more than happy to let all of the readers know that you were the creative genius who designed/modified the recipes that they are sure to love! Also, please provide any of your favourite quotes, or some good buying/cooking/keeping hints. Please e-mail to: opirgbu@brocku.ca, or mail to OPIRG-Brock, Brock University.

— Missa Bolibruck
Volunteer Co-ordinator, OPIRG-Brock

FACULTY AND STAFF

LIBRARY

Lynne Prunskus presented a paper at the annual conference of the Bibliographical Society of Canada - La Societe bibliographique du Canada at McMaster University, Hamilton, June 28, 2004. The paper was entitled, "Selling Wellness: Promoting Spa Culture in Nineteenth Century Niagara."

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Livianna Tossutti recently gave the following presentations at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, in Winnipeg, MB, June 3 to 5: "Informal Modes of Participation in Large Cities" and "Youth Voluntarism and Political Engagement."

PUBLICATIONS

Adam Hewgill and **Brian J Ross**. "Procedural 3D Texture Synthesis Using Genetic Programming." *Computers and Graphics Journal*, vol.28, n.4, August 2004, pp. 569-584.

Let the Games begin!

Brock wrestlers Tonya Verbeek and Evan MacDonald will be joined in Athens by Brock alumni at the 2004 Olympic Games, which officially open on Friday, August 13. Former Olympian Marty Calder (BPhEd, '92) will serve as Assistant Coach of the Freestyle Wrestling Team. Also participating in the games will be rowers Iain Brambell (BA, '97) in the Lightweight Men's Four, and Jacqueline Cook (BPhEd, '01) in the Women's Eight.

(Panagiota) Nota Klentrou, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology is the Director of Results, Part of the Greek Organizing Committee for the Gymnastics Venue which includes Rhythmic Gymnastics, Artistic Gymnastics and Trampoline.

On September 9, the Paralympic Games will begin in Athens, where Brock student Tyler Emmett and graduate Elizabeth Walker (BPhEd, '02) will participate in swimming events.

Faculty workshop on Aug. 19

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) and the Faculty of Education present a Faculty Workshop, titled "The Metamorphosis of Graduate Education in the UK and Europe: perspectives on whether a beetle or butterfly is emerging."

The workshop, which features Dr. Pam Denicolo, Reading University, will be held on Thursday, August 19, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., in TH253 e-classroom.

This presentation provides a commentary on the recent transformation of Graduate Education in the UK and how the support and educational needs of the typical graduate student constantly morphs when viewed from the perspectives of the various participants in the process (funding bodies, academic and administrative staff, graduate students and their prospective employers). Denicolo is Director of the Centre for Postgraduate and Professional Education and Training, Reading University; Director of the Graduate School of Social Sciences; Director of the Centre for Personal Construct Psychology in Education; and the Secretary/Treasurer of the International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching (ISATT).

All are welcome. For more information, contact Jill Grose, at ext. 4392.

Adventurous minds wanted

Does a walk down historic Yates Street, a stroll through the Medieval World or exploration of the valleys of the Niagara Escarpment whet your appetite? If so, you'll find these and many other distinctive non-credit courses in the fall line-up offered by Continuing Education.

Continuing Education offers a variety of popular non-credit day and evening courses this fall, instructed by qualified, effective and innovative instructors.

If travelling the globe is your dream, explore the five new destinations you can travel to in 2005 as part of Brock's Edutrapel program. Adventures to Peru, India, South West of France, Italy and a London/Paris walking tour are planned, all guided by Brock faculty or staff who are experts in the chosen destination.

For more information on fall courses or Edutrapel trips, watch for your copy of the Fall 2004 Brock University Community Education & Activities guide, being distributed in early August to all faculty and staff. Visit us on the Web at www.brocku.ca/conted