

Audit will size up Brock's carbon footprint

Brock is launching a carbon audit of its operations to provide the most comprehensive measurement to date of our greenhouse gas emissions.

Over the next four months, the Toronto-based carbon management firm HR Carbon will collect energy consumption data and calculate the carbon footprint for University facilities, faculty, staff and students. A final report is planned for spring 2010.

Professor Richard C. Mitchell, co-chair of the University's Sustainability Co-ordinating Committee, said the research project will review activities from water consumption to paper usage, garbage disposal and recycling.

The audit has been two years in the organizing, during which time a wide cross-section of departments combined to cover the cost of the project, including the dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences; Brock Food Services; Facilities Management; Student Residence Services; Recreation Services; and the Brock University Faculty Association.

Mitchell said the broad base of sponsors reflects the Brock community's commitment to environmental responsibility. "University stakeholders providing for this initiative in such a difficult financial climate show that they understand the importance of sustainability in a very meaningful way," said Mitchell.

Tom Saint-Ivany, associate vice-president of Facilities Management and co-chair of the sustainability committee, said the audit will lead to new ideas for green initiatives in a Brock community that has long been environmentally proactive.

"It's up to us to get good knowledge on where we can go and what we can do better," said Saint-Ivany, "whether it's in facilities management practices or students learning sustainability and societal responsibility."

University President Jack Lightstone said Brock is committed to a greener world, and pursues that commitment with actions.

"The Brock community has shown itself to be a full partner in this responsibility, from emphasizing locally grown food to buying hybrid vehicles," he said. "We continue to shape our strategies and plan our actions in ways that protect the generations of tomorrow through sustainable approaches today."

Sustainability practices at Brock have included eliminating Styrofoam product use by Dining Services; using environmentally friendly tissues and biodegradable takeout containers and packaging; and moving to use of green cleaning solutions.

H1N1 update

More than 600 people lined up to be vaccinated at the Nov. 30 H1N1 clinic at Brock. Thanks to all volunteers who helped to co-ordinate this clinic at the University.

This second Brock clinic was open to all faculty, staff and students, since the provincial government has lifted restrictions for people wanting H1N1 vaccinations. The vaccine is now available to everyone who wants it and is still strongly encouraged to minimize personal exposure to the virus and its mutations.

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Barb Tataric, continuing education co-ordinator and managing director for the Canadian Wine Library, explains the wine cellar and Canadian Wine Library during the institute's recent open house.

CCOVI widens focus on issues that impact grape, wine industry

The mood at Inniskillin Hall was celebratory on Dec. 1 as the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) opened its doors to the public.

Academics, community members and people in the wine industry gathered at an open house to hear about the changes that have taken place at CCOVI over the last decade. Most notable is the institute's shift to include non-scientific research areas, such as wine industry marketing and how to better promote Ontario wines.

"We're excited to expand the mandate of the institute to address research issues in marketing, wine culture, agri-tourism and policy that can assist the grape and wine industry," said Debbie Inglis, CCOVI director and researcher, in an interview.

Nine new fellows and professional affiliates were added to CCOVI's roster. They were:

- Jeffrey Stuart, fellow, associate professor of Biological Sciences
- George Van der Merwe, fellow, associate professor of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Guelph
- Maxim Voronov, fellow, assistant professor of Marketing, International Business and Strategy
- Wendy McFadden-Smith, professional affiliate, tender fruit and

grape IPM specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

- Daryl Somers, professional affiliate, research chair in Molecular Breeding and Biotechnology, Vineland Research and Innovation Centre
- Vincenzo De Luca, fellow, professor of Biological Sciences
- Don Cyr, fellow, associate dean, Faculty of Business
- Dirk De Clercq, fellow, associate professor of Management
- Peter Roberts, fellow, associate professor of Organization and Management, Emory University

Donald Ziraldo, founder of Inniskillin Wines and Ontario wine industry pioneer, presented an oil painting of Inniskillin icewine, which now hangs near the hall's front entrance.

Visitors toured CCOVI's various labs, including labs devoted to sensory research and fermentation.

CCOVI has worked with the grape and wine industry on numerous issues in recent years, including minimizing winter damage to grapevines and combatting the Asian lady beetle, Inglis said.

It has also studied sensory and consumer science as it applies to increasing wine sales.

Brock News going online in 2010

The Brock News is going green. Early in the new year, Brock University's print-edition faculty and staff newsletter will evolve into an interactive online edition website with up-to-date campus news.

The Brock News, whose print edition has published every two weeks for at least 30 years, will be paper free and more current when it moves to an online format, said Kevin Cavanagh, associate director of Communications and Public Affairs.

The Brock News currently prints nearly 4,000 copies per month.

"It just make sense, from environmental and service aspects," said Cavanagh. "The

need to relate significant information in a timely manner dictates that we communicate it more often than twice a month. Going online lets Brock News be more responsive to events, and to the wishes of faculty and staff who have asked for a digital version."

Brock News editor Samantha Craggs said the online version has been developed after consultation with faculty and staff.

"When major University events happen, Brock News readers will be able to see the stories, the photos and sometimes video the same day," said Craggs. "People will also be

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Services over the holiday season

Brock University offices will be closed at 12 noon, Thursday, Dec. 24, and will reopen at 7 a.m., Monday, Jan. 4, 2010.

The Walker Complex will be open to the public Dec. 23 from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Dec. 24 from 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon; closed Dec. 25 to 27; open Dec. 28 to 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Jan. 1; open Jan. 2 and 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open Jan. 4 to 8 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; open Jan. 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Jan. 10 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

From Dec. 28 to 31 and Jan. 2 and 3, access to the Walker Complex will be limited to the west entrance opposite the tennis courts. Regular hours will commence Monday, Jan 11.

Holiday access: From Friday, Dec. 25, to Sunday, Jan. 3 (inclusive), Campus Security Services will unlock the Schmon Tower's main entrance doors from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2 p.m. for faculty and staff who do not possess an exterior door key and have a legitimate reason to enter the University. We request that all faculty and staff accessing 573 Glenridge and Academic East also sign in at the Information Desk located on the main floor of the Schmon Tower lobby during this same time.

For personal safety, anyone entering the University during this period should sign in and out.

Faculty and staff do not need a pass to gain access providing they have their own keys for access and can produce ID. Anyone else wishing access to the University must notify Campus Security Services via an email from their administrative assistant, dean or department head and send it to security@brocku.ca advising of their impending visit.

This email notice must be received prior to Dec. 18 by 4 p.m. and must specify times and dates of the visits. Brock University ID must be produced on the day of the visit.

In the event of a building or grounds-related emergency during the period of Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 (inclusive), please call Campus Security Services at x3200 which, in turn, will inform the applicable Facilities Management staff that can best address the situation. Heating setbacks will be in effect when the University is closed.

Custodial Services will be provided at the Walker Complex during hours of operation over the holiday season.

There will be no food service on campus other than vending machines during the holidays. There are a number of food outlets on the east side of Glenridge Avenue, immediately opposite the main campus.

Should a significant snowfall occur, major campus roads will be cleared including lots D and P. These are the parking lots that should be utilized by all visitors, faculty, staff and students. There will be no charge for permit holders to park in these lots over the holiday period.

If you have further questions regarding this notice after Dec. 24, contact Campus Security Services, x3200.

Note: Campus Security will not be able to process any access requests that are received after the deadline of Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.

Brock Briefs

Business receives international ranking

In a survey of deans from international schools of Business, Brock placed fourth in Canada in the Excellent Business Schools nationally strong and/or with continental links category.

In the survey, 1,000 selected business school deans voted to give their recommendations about the schools. Country by country, they were asked the question: "Which business school(s) would you recommend to anyone wishing to study in this country?"

These unprecedented rankings give a clear and exhaustive vision of the international and local influence of the selected business schools.

Business students place second

A team of Brock undergraduate students placed second in the Financial Management Case Competition hosted by Ryerson University. The team of Maninder Gill, Matthew Zuccato and Kent Neale finished second behind the Ivey School of Business and ahead of the Schulich School of Business and the Ted Rogers School of Management.

Winter swim registration

Registration begins on Monday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m., for the winter swim lesson and lifeguard certification programs. Registration continues until lessons begin on Jan. 9. Register in person at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex, or by phone at x4060. The winter lesson schedule can be found at

brocku.ca/aquatics

Children's movement winter program

Register now to ensure a spot in this inclusive Saturday morning activity program for children aged "walking" through 12 years. Classes, led by Brock University Physical Education and Kinesiology students, expose children to games, educational gymnastics and dance. The program begins Jan. 16, 2010. Details are available at brocku.ca/recreation-services/child-and-youth

Register now at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex or by calling x4060.

Try something new

The Brock University Winter 2010 Learning and Leisure Guide is coming soon.

Is your house making you sick? Do you want to demolish your debt? How about turning the year's resolutions into lasting changes? And exactly why would you want to join Facebook or start your own blog?

Discover the answers to these questions this winter in one of our new courses.

We also have instructor Art Weaver offering three more amazing hiking classes this term. Several new computer courses have been added to our lineup. Sign up online at brocku.ca/continuing-education or call x4775 for more information.

Guides will be delivered on campus the first week of December and were distributed in local papers on Dec. 8.

Milk bags no longer needed

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the collecting of the milk bags. We have more than we ever expected and now have to make the mats in time for spring shipment.

Thank you again — Hope Bauer

Research café featured a diverse menu of 'meaningful study' for today's society

It was called a research café for a good reason.

The Nov. 25 "Research for a Changing World" offered a diverse menu of research topics that address the challenges of today's world and the impact on daily life – from how we play and learn to how we sleep and function.

More than 70 people gathered at Pond Inlet for this first event of the 2009-10 Mapping the New Knowledges conference. The café featured research presentations from faculty and graduate students from Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and a Niagara community representative.

"Research is the lifeblood of a full-blooded university such as ours, and our faculty and graduate students work together to undertake the meaningful study of all aspects of our society," said Marilyn Rose, dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies. "At Brock, researchers at every level generate knowledge that truly addresses our 'changing world.' In this sense, they and their counterparts in the Niagara community are truly the architects of tomorrow."

The conference is presented by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Brock Research and the Graduate Students' Association.

Here are some highlights:

- Kevin Kee, associate professor, History, and Tamer Thabet, a visiting international scholar and PhD student at the University of Antwerp, presented "Interactive Media at Brock, for Niagara." Kee discussed his research into best practices for the design, development and use of computer games and simulations for history learning and public history. We are at a moment in time, he said, in which new technology affords us possibilities – it's up to us to see how to use these. Thabet's work focuses on the need for literary theorists to examine the ways in which our stories are being told through new kinds of interactive narrative activities, such as computer games.

- Susan Drake, professor, Graduate and Undergraduate Education, and doctoral students Danielle Beckett, Catherine Longboat and Joanne Reid presented "Exploring the impact of integrated curriculum on classroom practice in one Ontario school board." Their collaboration focuses on the Bluewater District School Board and



The Mapping the New Knowledges conference will continue with two events to take place in March and April 2010.

March 3: Research café includes faculty members and student researchers from the Faculties of Applied Health Science, Business and Mathematics and Science, as well as community representation. The theme for that evening is "Curing What Ails Us – from Discovery to Market."

April 22: To wrap up the academic year, the third event is an all-day opportunity for graduate students to present oral and poster presentations on their areas of research. For more information on any of these events, send an e-mail to mapping@brocku.ca

its experience with an interdisciplinary approach to classroom teaching organized around big ideas rather than individual subject curriculum. Drake and the graduate students discussed the project and shared their insights as research partners.

- Kimberly Cote, associate professor, Psychology and Neuroscience, and doctoral student Catherine Milner presented "Functioning in a 24-7 world: how sleep impacts waking cognition and performance." The general focus of Cote's program of research is the study of sleep, performance, and cognition. Milner discussed her master's work in understanding the role of napping in both young and older adults and her PhD sleep research involving people who have suffered a traumatic brain injury.

- Sandra Noel, a data analysis coordinator with Ontario Early Years, Niagara Region, through Regional Municipality of Niagara Public Health, presented "A Report to Mobilize a Community into Action." Noel talked about a recently released report, "Niagara Children's Charter Enacted," on how well Niagara is supporting children and their families. Her presentation focused on the efforts that are underway to put the report's recommendations into action.

Leading the way



Safety conference for supervisors

Brock supervisors, chairs, directors, deans and faculty are invited to attend the 12th annual safety conference, "Leading the Way," on Dec. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pond Inlet.

This informative conference is an opportunity to learn about timely health and safety issues related to leading employees, students and visitors.

The morning session features an opening plenary "Supervising to prevent

harm and avoid regulatory risk," and two workshops to choose from: "The dos and don'ts of accident response" or "Assessing organizational violence risk and individual threats."

Following a family-style networking lunch, the closing plenary will focus on "Preparing to develop and implement a comprehensive violence prevention program."

For more information, or to register, go to brocku.ca/hr-ehs

Nominations for honorary degrees

Nominations for honorary degrees may be submitted by any member of the University community or the public on an ongoing basis throughout the year. The Senate Governance Committee reviews, in confidence, all nominations received and forwards its recommendations to Senate for consideration. Due to confidentiality, Senate does not report on the results of its deliberations.

Honorary degrees are normally awarded at

both Spring and Fall Convocations.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available at: brocku.ca/university-secretariat/honorary-degrees or by contacting the Office of the University Secretariat, x3334 or x4307.

In order to ensure that nominations are considered for the June 2010 Convocation, nomination forms should be submitted to the Office of the University Secretariat, ST1107, by Jan. 22, 2010.

H1N1 update

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It also helps to reduce the severity of a potential "third wave" of illness.

Niagara Region Public Health continues to hold H1N1 clinics throughout the region, including daily clinics at their headquarters across the road from Brock's main campus.

For clinic times, check the Region's website: regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health_wellness/pandemic-planning/h1n1-immunization-clinics.aspx

Seasonal influenza shots are also now available.

The number of flu cases on campus continues to drop. The number of people signing in to Brock's voluntary "Got Flu" registry was 44 for the last week of November (Monday, Nov. 23 to Monday, Nov. 30).

"The numbers are going down and we are definitely past the peak," said University medical director Dr. Darrell Grant. "This trend reflects what we're hearing from most university and college health services offices across the province."

Despite the declining flu numbers, Brock continues to maintain a twice-daily cleaning schedule of touch points in student residences, food service areas and in the Student Health Services clinic. The stepped-up cleaning effort will continue until at least the Christmas holiday break.

Everyone at Brock is encouraged to continue to take responsibility for their own health and for those around them.

For ongoing developments related to H1N1, watch the University's Pandemic Influenza Planning website at brocku.ca/pandemic-flu

Three questions with... Julia Zhu

Julia Zhu has been with the Co-op Programs Office for more than four years managing Business- and Economics-related co-op programs including the BBA, BBE and Econ, MBA, MAcc and MBE. One of her most important roles is to secure valuable co-op employment opportunities through developing and managing employment partnerships across various industries. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Economics from the University of British Columbia.

What do you like about your job?

As a relationship manager, I enjoy networking and relationship building with employers in various business functions and across different sectors. It is also very rewarding to witness our co-op students grow into successful young business professionals as a result of their co-op experience.

"Three questions with..." is a feature allowing faculty and staff to get to know their co-workers. Suggestions for the next profile can be made via campusnews@brocku.ca or by calling x4420.

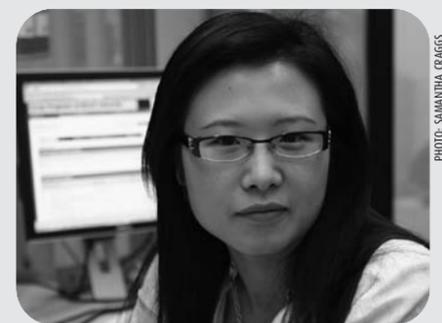


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What do you do for fun?

Wine tastings, watching the Vancouver Canucks and, of course, travelling.

What was the last good book that you read?

Grow Up Digital: How the Net Generation is Changing Your World by Dan Tapscott

Taking charge



PHOTO: SAMANTHA CRAIGS

James Federico, technical services officer in Facilities Management, shows off Brock's new electric service vehicle in front of the Schmon Tower. The vehicle is 1.8 metres high and travels at a top speed of 40 kilometres per hour. It can travel up to 63 kilometres on one charge.

Research Grants in Lieu of Salary program relaunched

Brock Research has recently relaunched its Research Grants in Lieu of Salary program. Under the Brock University/Brock University Faculty Association (BUFA) Collective Agreement, faculty may receive a research grant in lieu of salary. This allows a person to use funds for research purposes in compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Interpretation Bulletin IT-75R4.

The program is offered by Brock University for faculty performing research during any academic year, including time on leave. The program permits, under certain conditions, a researcher to receive a research grant in lieu of salary through a mechanism that includes peer review for adequacy of the proposed activity.

The grant may be used to cover research activities, but not income supplementation, projects directed at teaching or development of teaching-related skills. Once the research grant

has been established, funds are no longer considered to be salary and constitute a research grant that is subject to the regulations of the program and research-related policies of Brock University.

A few changes have been made in the program. Applications may now be submitted anytime rather than at designated deadlines. The application form has been simplified, and the adjudication process has been streamlined.

The guidelines, application form, and the CRA bulletin, can be found on the Brock Research website: brocku.ca/research/policies-and-forms/forms. Those considering applying to this program should plan to submit their applications at least two months before the time the funds are needed.

For further information, contact Josie Reed, x5208, or email jreed@brocku.ca

Observatory seeks research associates

The Niagara Community Observatory, a new research institute at Brock, has a mandate to produce and disseminate research related to the Niagara region. The group wishes to build on early success by expanding its activities and adding research associates. All faculty and staff who are currently conducting or would like to conduct research related to the Niagara region are welcome to join.

There will be a meeting regarding

the new venture tomorrow, Thursday, Dec. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Sankey Chamber. There will be discussion about what the Observatory has accomplished to date with a chance for input from interested members about what they would like to see the Observatory doing in the future.

For more information about the Observatory, visit brocku.ca/nco or contact David Siegel at x3481 or dsiegel@brocku.ca

Campus United Way campaign wraps up

The Brock University United Way campaign officially wrapped up last week, but organizers want staff, students and faculty to know that donations can be added for 2009 until the end of the calendar year.

When committee members gathered in the lobby of the Schmon Tower on Monday, Nov. 30, they announced the official campaign had pledges of more than \$95,000, with verbal commitments that day bringing the total to a little less than \$100,000.

The 2009 goal was \$109,000. Committee co-chairs Kevin Lawr and Gregory Finn both expressed gratitude to the Brock community for the amazing generosity shown to date, and offered confidence that the goal



could still be met.

"We know there are people out there who haven't yet filled in their pledge cards, and they have told us they plan to, so we're reminding them to get those cards in before the end of the year," Lawr said.

Organizers conceded a tough economic year and the multitude of good causes also soliciting donations made the campaign challenging this year.

But an expanded base of committee members and new events generating awareness provided great building blocks for campaigns in years to come, they said.

For the 2008 campaign, the goal was \$96,000. Brock community pledges totalled \$122,000.

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People in the news

Liette Vasseur, vice-president Research, was mentioned in the article "City backs creation of consortium" in the *Sudbury Star* on Nov. 13 for her role in presenting the need for the Greater Sudbury Climate Change Consortium. City council endorsed the recommendations as a result of the presentation. Vasseur was also featured in "Accent: Taking the heat - Climate change, life will be different in 2050," an Oct. 31 article in the *Sudbury Star*.

Charles Burton, associate professor, Political Science, was quoted in the Nov. 20 story "PM to feel pain of torture claims on China trip," published in the *Toronto Star*. He commented on how the allegations that Canada was likely complicit in torture in Afghanistan will impact Harper during his December China visit. He also was quoted in the Nov. 29 *Toronto Star* story, "PM's Beijing trip - more hype than hope." He wrote an op-ed piece published Nov. 30 in the *Globe*

and Mail, "A more sophisticated engagement with China." It was also published in the *Ottawa Citizen* and *Halifax Chronicle-Herald*.

Cindy Dunne, Co-op Programs director, was interviewed by *Canadian HR Reporter* in the Nov. 11 story "Top 5 reasons to hire co-op students." She discussed the benefits of hiring co-op students.

Anthony F. Bogaert, professor, Community Health Sciences and Psychology, had several media appearances recently related to his work on asexuality. These included *Scientific American*, *Chatelaine*, and *Criativa*, from Globo Organization (Brazil).

Richard Mitchell, professor, Child and Youth Studies, and **Tom Saint-Ivany**, associate vice-president, Facilities Management, were interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* about the University's recent announcement that it is conducting a carbon audit. The story, "Brock takes steps to determine carbon footprint," was published on Nov. 30. The announcement also appeared in the *Niagara Falls Review* and the *Welland Tribune*.



PHOTO: SAMANTHA CRAIGS

Home sweet home

Standing in front of the newly renovated Theal House are, from left, Scott Roper, Facilities Management project manager; Tom Arkell, Community and Ancillary Services director; and Alun Hughes, Geography professor and local historian.

Parking Services moves in to historic house

It's a fate Samuel Theal couldn't have imagined 200 years ago - the house he likely built with his own hands is home to Brock University's Parking Services.

The family home built on property Theal acquired in 1825 is now on Brock lands, located south of Sir Isaac Brock Circle and east of parking lot S. The building has had many uses over the years, from housing the Niagara Symphony (earning it the name "Symphony House"), to the campus radio station, to being mere storage space for the last six or seven years.

After 13 weeks of renovations this fall, the building has a new look and lease on life. It houses Parking Services, and soon, a visitor's centre.

"It's terrific it's been refurbished," said Alun Hughes, Geography professor and local historian. "I'm really glad it's still there. I'm really glad history has been recognized and that it's been given the name the Theal House."

In past bids to save it from demolition, Hughes has done extensive research on the house. There is no evidence of anyone living on the land - known as lot 18 - before the

War of 1812, he wrote for a historical society newsletter earlier this year. The first evidence of the house in historic documents is in the will of Zalmon Theal, the son of Samuel Theal, in 1869.

However, census returns in 1828 show Samuel Theal living on the lot in 1828, and assessments by two architectural consultants point to a pre-1850 construction date.

Whatever its age, the house is one of Niagara's earliest examples of domestic architecture, Hughes said. Theal likely built it with stone he hauled from the escarpment.

The floor had a 10-centimetre (four-inch) slant, and charred wood in the interior indicated a fire had taken place, said Scott Roper, Facilities Management project manager.

"(The house) probably wasn't built all at once," Roper said. "He probably added to it when he had stone to put to good use."

The building was in better condition than anticipated, Roper said. "I hope we can make the building more a part of the University."

The house measures nine metres by 12 metres (30 feet by 40 feet) with two floors. The whole project cost less than \$500,000.

Site will be greener, more timely

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able to comment on stories, as well as subscribe to daily email updates or syndicated news feeds."

Besides its interactive components, the online Brock News will continue to carry such popular content as faculty and staff listings and publications; updates on Brock people

who have been covered in the news media; "Three Questions" profiles; and classified ads.

The Jan. 13 issue of Brock News is scheduled to be the final print edition.

A campus-wide awareness campaign in the coming weeks will keep the Brock community updated on the newsletter's transition to online.



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Eugene Otsuka, right, won an iPod Nano after completing an online tutorial about academic integrity. Otsuka was among 1,160 students who completed the tutorial promoting positive academic behaviour. The contest was part of Academic Integrity Month, which is each October at Brock. Presenting the iPod Nano is Troy Brooks, left, Academic Integrity officer.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Barbra Zupan gave the following presentations:

- "Training for emotional inferencing difficulties in TBI," with D. Neumann; invited speaker, panel discussion on emotion perception with B. Willer, R. Wood, R. DePompei, and R. Rempel at the North American Brain Injury Conference, Oct. 16, in Austin, Texas.
- "Connecting speech perception and story comprehension in children with hearing loss," with **Lynn Dempsey**, at the Psychology Seminar Series at Massey University, Oct. 30, in Wellington, N.Z.
- "Emotion recognition and elicitation," featured colloquium speaker presented by the Health Services Research Academy, Communication Studies Department, Interdisciplinary Health Psychology PhD program, and Carolinas Medical Center, at University of North Carolina, Nov. 3, in Charlotte, N.C.
- "Speech perception and story comprehension in children with hearing loss: A pilot study," with **Lynn Dempsey**. Paper accepted for technical presentation at the American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association Convention, November 2009, in New Orleans, La.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

The Global Health Research Initiative of Canada invited Ana Sanchez to the II Global Health Leadership Awards (GHLA) Cohort Meeting held in Havana, Cuba, Nov. 16 to 20. The GHLA meeting was held within the Global Forum for Health Research, Forum 2009: Innovating for the Health of All. Sanchez presented the talk "Setting Priorities for Health Research and Infectious Diseases: A closer look to Central America's capacity to generate high-quality research."

HISTORY

Tami J. Friedman presented an invited paper, "The Promise of Prosperity: Capital Flight, Regional Economic Development, and Anti-Unionism in the Postwar South," to the Workshop on the Political Economy of Modern Capitalism, 2009-2010: The Media of Capitalism: Labor, Commodities, and Money, sponsored by the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 9.

David Schimmelpenninck van der Oye presented a paper, "Asia and the Russian Mind," at the 41st National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, in Boston, Mass. on Nov. 14. He also participated in a roundtable on "The World Wars in Comparative Perspective."

MUSIC

Brian E. Power's new book, *The Sounds and Sights of Performance in Early Music* (co-edited with Maureen Epp), received its official launch by Ashgate Publishing (U.K. and

U.S.A.) at a special event held in conjunction with the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Musicological Society, in Philadelphia, Nov. 13.

NURSING

Dawn Prentice and **Lynn McCleary** gave invited presentations about their research at the RNAO Provincial Nurse Educators Interest Group conference, Think Locally - Act Locally: Getting Ready for 2010 Focusing on RNAO BPGs, Nov. 14, in Hamilton. **Dawn Prentice** presented "RNAO BPG Assessment and Management of Foot Ulcers for People with Diabetes" and **Lynn McCleary** presented "RNAO BPG Client-Centered Care in Community Hospitals."

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Kelly Lockwood was invited to give a workshop to the coaching membership of Ringette Alberta, entitled "Skating Mechanics and Beyond," held in Cochrane, Alta., Oct. 31.

Kelly Lockwood and **Greg Jackson** were invited to present a poster, entitled "Infrastructure and Expertise: Effective Training and Long Term Athlete Development," at the Sport Canada Research Initiative meetings in Ottawa, Nov. 4.

Kelly Lockwood and graduate students **Daniel Harriss** and **Briar Komenda** presented at The SPIN Summit 2009 in Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 12. Two papers representative of work completed in the Skating Lab at Brock University were presented: "The effect of a stickhandling and puck control (SPC) training intervention on wrist-shot performance variables in female collegiate ice hockey players" and "The effect of an eight-session skate treadmill and agility training program on the degree of separation (DOS) in ice hockey players."

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton gave The Lansdowne Lecture at the University of Victoria, Nov. 20, on "The Past, Present and Future of Canada-China Relations." On Nov. 25, he spoke on "Political, Social and Economic Participation by Minorities and Canadian National Unity," at the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Central Party School in Beijing. On Nov. 26, Burton spoke on "The Politics of Apology in Addressing Historical Bases for Political Tensions" at the Jiangxi Provincial Committee Chinese Communist Party School in Nanchang, China.

Garth Stevenson presented a paper, "The Origins of Official Multiculturalism in Canada," at the biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States in San Diego, Calif., Nov. 20.

PSYCHOLOGY

Tim Murphy presented two papers at the 49th annual Society for Psychophysiological Research Conference in Berlin, Germany, Oct. 21 to 24:

Help spread the holiday spirit

Faculty, staff and students are demonstrating the spirit of the holiday season in a variety of ways. Here are a few examples:

- There's still time to join Brock volunteers on the holiday parade route. The next appearance for Brock's "A Christmas Carol" float is Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Santa Claus Parade. Those interested in volunteering can contact Kristen Smith at x3845 or at kristen.smith@brocku.ca
- In partnership with the St. Catharines Canadian Blood Services, you are invited to donate blood this week (Dec. 7 to 11). Appointments can be made at the Schmon Tower Welcome Desk or by calling x4636.

- Brock volunteers will be at the Pen Centre to wrap gifts in support of Hospice Niagara on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Stop by and get your gifts wrapped for a great cause.

- The Campus Store invites children's gift donations to its Community Care Angel Tree throughout December. For more information, contact x3237.

- The Giving Tree — Food and Mitten Drive for Community Care is set up in the Schmon Tower Lobby until Tuesday, Dec. 22. Some of the major needs in the community this December include non-perishable food items, mittens, hats, ear muffs, coats, children's snowsuits, scarves, socks, toys, and Canadian Tire money.

Events

Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts

- The Department of Dramatic Arts presents "The beginnings of theatre at Brock University 1969," a 40th anniversary lecture presented by David MacKenzie, on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Admission is free.
- The Department of Visual Arts' first annual Faculty, Staff and Alumni Fine Art Silent Auction continues to Friday, Dec. 11, in the lobby of the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre with the closing reception on Dec. 11, 2 to 5 p.m. The auction features a wide variety of works ranging in the mediums of painting, printmaking, sculpture, and photography. All proceeds benefit the Marilyn I. Walker Scholarship Fund. Art enthusiasts, collectors and community members are invited to preview these works during Centre for the Arts box office hours.

Centre for the Arts — Hot Tickets

All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Discounted tickets for Brock students and alumni.

Payroll deduction available for faculty and staff. Contact the box office, x3257.

December: Classic Albums Live: A Very Lennon Christmas, Dec. 17; The Canadian Tenors Celebrate Christmas (sold out), Dec. 20.

January: Baby Boomers The Show, Jan. 15; Jim Witter: The Music of Simon and Garfunkel, Jan. 16; Big Wooden Horse Theatre Company: Pigeon Party! (Wee Ones Wiggle series at 2:30 p.m.), Jan. 17; Boyz II Men, Jan. 20; Michael Kaeshammer, Jan. 27; Vagabond Opera, Jan. 28; Coleman Lemieux and Compagnie: In Paradisum (DSH Theatre), Jan. 30.

Niagara Symphony

- Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 13, 2:30 p.m.: POPS Series No. 2 - Holiday Pop. Performances at Sean O'Sullivan Theatre;
- Jan. 24, 2:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, the 2009/10 symphony season continues with Masters Series No. 3 — A Winter's Oasis. The performance will be led by music director candidate Diane Wittry and will feature principal flute, Doug Miller. For more information, including ticket prices, visit niagarasympphony.org

The Brock University Film Series (BUFS)

BUFS screens Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Empire Theatres, Pen Centre. Tickets \$10. The Winter season starts Jan. 13, 2010, and passes are now on sale. Contact Amanda, x3553.

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Wanted: Sabbatical house for rent from June or July of 2010 for one year for a family of four. Would prefer a house in the area below Brock University in the vicinity of Oakridge School. Please contact Art Van der Est at x4602 or Stefan Fridriksson at 905-684-0100.