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

Province gives Brock \$33.5M for new biosciences complex



Joining Brock staff and students for the Feb. 14 provincial announcement of \$33.5 million for the Health and Biosciences Research Complex were, Jim Bradley, St. Catharines MPP and Minister of Transportation, third from left; Jack Lightstone, President, sixth from left; and John Milloy, Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, seventh from left. After the formal announcement, visitors and staff toured some of the laboratories in Inniskillin Hall.

The Ontario government could not possibly have shown more affection for Brock University than it did on Valentine's Day with the announcement of a \$33.5-million investment in the planned Health and Biosciences Research Complex.

"I can't thank you enough for this gift of love for our students," said Jack Lightstone, President. "And we at Brock will reciprocate with our own expression of affection," he added, noting the University will commit to redoubling its efforts to educate undergraduate and graduate students, and to advance cutting-edge research and creativity. But more than that, the University will also commit to active innovation, particularly in partnership with the community and related industries.

Simply put, graduates will be able to contribute to better human health while studying, but they will also have a research facility to help keep them employed in Niagara after graduation.

The centre, with an estimated cost of \$90 million, will help Niagara

transition from an economy based on manufacturing to one that is high-tech focused and knowledge based.

"Our investment in this modern resource complex is ensuring that students in the Niagara region are prepared for success in the future, while we create new jobs today," noted John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, during the funding announcement. "We are taking a major step to improving the long-term quality of post-secondary education in Niagara, while providing jobs in the short term.

The centre is expected to create about 335 jobs, but it will also solve a university-wide challenge, Lightstone added. "When I first arrived here not so long ago... I went around to every faculty and department and asked what were their No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 needs. The answer always came back the same: 'We need more space.' With this new complex, we will be able to meet those needs."

The funds come as part of the

government's \$1.4-billion investment in strategic infrastructure to encourage economic activity, create short-term jobs and help municipalities while enhancing Ontario's competitiveness.

In earlier media interviews, Lightstone noted areas of study in the centre would include health and wellness, new forms of energy, biomanufacturing and so-called "green" science. Research laboratories and classrooms would be housed in an 180,000-square-foot facility. Besides cutting-edge research into new pharmaceuticals and disease treatments, the facility could also be a satellite centre for the McMaster University Medical Centre.

Brock has earmarked \$9 million for the project, and has asked other levels of government to provide partnership funds as well. Earlier in February, Lightstone made a formal presentation to the Region asking for \$3 million to \$5 million in funding over the next several years.

University-wide marketing project launched

Consultants to hold presentation Feb. 28

Brock University is about to launch an institution-wide assessment aimed at providing consistency and clarity of its key messages.

The process, which is also known as a branding exercise, will address issues of enhancing Brock's reputation and increasing our visibility in the higher education marketplace.

To that end, Educational Marketing Group (EMG) has been contracted to conduct an assessment of our current communications programs and assist in developing a clear and compelling messaging platform for Brock University. EMG has worked with premier universities across North America, including Dalhousie University, University of Victoria, Virginia Tech, University of Nebraska, and Washington State University, among others.

To launch the marketing project, EMG's consulting team will hold an open-campus presentation Thursday, Feb. 28 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in AS203. The consultants will discuss the branding process and its increased importance for higher education. They will also be available to answer questions.

"I encourage you to attend this important session and to give the EMG consultants your full co-operation over the coming weeks," said Jack Lightstone, Brock University President.

EMG will also be conducting interviews with many faculty, staff, students and alumni as the process continues over the next couple of months.

"Strengthening the Brock University reputation is at the heart of our strategic efforts to enhance recruitment and improve our financial stability," Lightstone noted. "Your continued participation will be crucial to the success of this important effort."

For more information, contact Martha Nelson, Director of University Communications, at ext. 3248, or e-mail mnelson@brocku.ca

Brock opens its doors to the public

More than 3,000 visitors are expected to be on campus Sunday, March 2, when Brock University opens its doors to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. for its annual Open House.

This event is a great opportunity for prospective undergraduate and graduate students and their families, as well as members of the community, to experience all that Brock has to offer. The Open House will feature a wide variety of interesting tours, informative seminars and exciting events.

Visitors will have the chance to participate in "University 101" sessions in which they can find out

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TVO lecturer voting opens March 1

Brock University is home to two of Ontario's best lecturers, according to our students and a contest currently running on TVO. One of those two could become THE best lecturer in Ontario, but only with the enthusiastic participation of the University population.

Earlier this month, Tim Conley, from the Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, from the Department of Psychology, were announced as finalists for TVO's Big Ideas 2008 Best Lecturer Competition (BLC).

They are two of 10 finalists based on nominations from students for educators who deliver lectures with conviction, clarity, energy and authority.

On the TVO web page about the BLC contest, student quotes about Conley say,

"Through his dynamism, theatricality, astounding and intimidating intelligence... Tim was also able to demonstrate that the study of literature is not only engaging and complicated, but also completely worthwhile."

Mitterer's students said this: "John brings several necessary components to the classroom: exceptional knowledge of content, an insightful ability to disseminate information, sensitivity to different learning styles, and the ability to engage students in the learning process with grace and humour."

Voting opens Saturday, March 1 and runs throughout the entire month. Each Saturday, and repeated on Sunday, TVO will air two lectures on Big Ideas (from 4 to 6 p.m.). Voting is possible online at tvo.org, or by

phone at the toll-free number of 1-866-281-3536, from 5:45 p.m. Saturday until 12 noon Monday each weekend. The cycle repeats each weekend until March 30, allowing the same amount of viewing time for each candidate.

Results will be tabulated by the afternoon of Monday, March 31, with an announcement expected Tuesday, April 1.

Conley's lecture on "Co-ordinating the Self in Contemporary Poetry" airs March 1, repeated March 2, while Mitterer's lecture on "Truth and Humility in Professional Practice" airs March 8, repeated March 9.

The other nominated professors are: Nick Bontis, Associate Professor, Strategic Management and Director of the

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Brockiana items were in the spotlight earlier this month as a portrait artist and Sir Isaac Brock researcher stopped by the James A. Gibson Library's Special Collections and Archives to get a closer look at the replica Brock jacket and hat. Left photo: Jonathan Younker, the Library's Head of Systems, donned the replica jacket for an experiment regarding the musket ball's supposed point of entry, conducted by Guy St-Denis, researcher (left). Right photo: Fritz Beindorff took a turn posing for artist Gertrude Kearns, who has been commissioned to do a painting for the Royal Canadian Military Institute.

Huge jump in submissions for Mapping conference

The third-annual Mapping the New Knowledges research conference is almost a victim of its own success.

Organizers for the two-day conference, to be held Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5, report a significant increase in the number of submissions – about 37 per cent – from the year before. In 2008, there are 130 submissions; last year, there were 95 presentations.

The conference, which is open to the public and will be held in Pond Inlet and the Plaza Building, showcases Brock's research initiatives and familiarizes graduate students with the professional process by which knowledge is disseminated.

Of the 130 submissions, 45 are from the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, 32 from Social Sciences, 20 from Mathematics and Science, 16 from Education, 11 from Humanities and six from Business. A further breakdown indicates there will be 52 poster presentations, 65 oral presentations and 13 that could be either poster or oral.

Research topics show a great range in diversity, including presentations about upper leg strength and the risk of Type 2 diabetes, understanding character development, the military metaphor of illness, compensation in the aging human brain, energy substitutes, philosophy in *Macbeth*, NHL salaries, and conceptualizing autism.

"The tremendous diversity in research papers and posters is an indication of the great strides Brock has made in its transformation to a research-intensive university," says Marilyn Rose, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies.

She adds it is unusual for a university to organize a campus-wide graduate research conference. Most are within individual Faculties or departments.

"The multidisciplinary nature of the Mapping conference is a way of bringing graduate students together across disciplines, so that they can experience the many kinds of scholarly work that characterize graduate research on this campus," Rose says.

After the welcoming remarks in Pond Inlet April 4, a panel of experts will facilitate a Café Scientifique funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research and focused on child health and obesity. A reception and poster presentation will follow.

Fran Chandler, Associate Director, Office of Research Services, says the café is another good example of the community engagement that is encouraged by Brock.

"When our research experts share information on issues that are significant and relevant in the lives of individuals and families, such as child health and obesity, Brock helps to fulfil its stated goal of contributing positively to the community," says Chandler.

On April 5, Rose and Ian Brindle, Acting Associate Vice-President, Research Services, will provide opening remarks beginning at 9 a.m., followed by keynote speaker Douglas Peers, Dean of Graduate Studies at York University. The topic of his address is "Beyond Academics: What About Professional Skills Training for Graduate Students?" A panel of Brock faculty members will participate in a brief discussion after the address, after which graduate students and faculty will then go into breakout sessions over the course of the day for their oral and poster presentations in Pond Inlet and the Plaza Building.

Visiting professors hail from China, Russia and Austria

Brock International has been busy this term helping educators from China, Russia and Austria settle into the Brock community as part of the Visiting International Professors, Visiting International Scholars and University Mentorship (VIP/VIS/UM) programs.

Alexander Shevyrev, an associate professor of Russian history at his home institution, Moscow State University in Russia, is teaching two undergraduate courses in the Department of History: a second year half-course, History of Modern Russia; and a fourth-year half-course, The Russian Revolution.

Weidong Gao, a Professor of Mathematics at his home institution, Nankai University in China, is back at Brock for his third session as a Visiting International Scholar. While at Brock, he is collaborating with Yuanlin Li to conduct research on the problems in combinatoric number theory and group theory.

Ekaterina Shemyakova recently finished her PhD in Mathematics from J. Kepler University in Austria. She is teaching one undergraduate third-year course this term as a visiting international professor in the Department of Mathematics: Partial Differential Equations.

Jing Zhao, a lecturer at her home institution, Hebei Normal University in China, is collaborating with Cheng Luo in the Department of Applied Linguistics, to jointly pursue research in the areas of advanced teaching theories in second language acquisition, TESOL and L2 education.

Anyone wishing to contact the participants, or to find out more information about the programs, can contact Cassidy Gong in Brock International, at ext. 4088, or by e-mail at xgong@brocku.ca

Update in search for Dean of Social Sciences

The Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the names of the three candidates for the position of Dean of Social Sciences:

Dr. Robert Dimand, Professor of Economics, Brock University

Dr. Thomas Dunk, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lakehead University

Dr. Dorothy Griffiths, Associate Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Brock University

The Candidates have been invited to Brock to meet with the Advisory Committee, Senior Administration, Chairs and Directors, students and faculty.

Each candidate will be making a public presentation to the Brock community on the following dates:

- Dr. Robert Dimand – March 5, 2008 in E-Classroom 2 to 3 p.m.

- Dr. Thomas Dunk – March 11, 2008 in E-Classroom 2 to 3 p.m.

- Dr. Dorothy Griffiths – March 12, 2008 in E-Classroom 2 to 3 p.m.

The CVs of the applicants are available for review through the Office of the VP Academic and are also on reserve in the James A. Gibson Library.

Members of the Brock Community are encouraged to attend each of the presentations and are invited to make written submissions with respect to the suitability of each candidate for the position of Dean of Social Sciences. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Submissions will be confidential to the Advisory Committee and will be shredded on completion of the committee's work.

Please direct submissions to:
Terry Boak, Chair of the Advisory Committee

Re: Dean of Social Sciences
Office of the President and Chancellor

13th Floor, Schmon Tower

For further information, please contact Wanda at wtrottier@brocku.ca or tboak@brocku.ca, extension 4121.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 19.

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more of what to expect from university life. Guests will have the chance to win free tuition for a half-credit undergraduate course and they will also have the opportunity to speak with professors and students from every academic program and service offered by the University.

Representatives from the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be on hand to provide information to prospective graduate students and will also be offering an information session, entitled "Thinking of graduate studies? Think Brock."

Information will be available on Brock's Co-op and internship programs, Brock-Niagara College transfer programs and Experience Plus, a unique program that provides students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while obtaining their degree.

Those interested in attending can visit www.brocku.ca/prospective and click on "Open House" to register. Registration packages will be available at the Welcome Centre in the Walker Complex. Free parking will be available.

For information, contact Melissa Coleman, Open House Co-ordinator, Recruitment and Liaison Services, at ext. 4685, or e-mail mcoleman@brocku.ca

The Faculty of Business will also be hosting an MBA for a Day event for prospective applicants at the Open House that will feature an alumni panel, sample classes and lunch with current students. The event will offer interested prospective applicants the chance to discover first hand the many ways a Brock MBA can help them achieve success in their careers.

Those interested in being an MBA for a Day on March 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., should register through the Graduate Student Information System at www.bus.brocku.ca/gradstudents

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Undergraduate Program, McMaster University; Finney Cherian, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Windsor; Ken Cramer, Professor of Psychology, University of Windsor; Gerald Cupchik, Professor of Psychology, University of Toronto (Scarborough); Christopher diCarlo, Assistant Professor, Health Sciences and Criminology, UOIT (University of Ontario Institute of Technology); Marc Fournier, Assistant Professor, Psychology, University of Toronto (Scarborough); John Schneeberger, Professor, Hotel and Restaurant Management program, Loyalist College; and Robert Jan van Pelt, Professor, School of Architecture, University of Waterloo.

For the full broadcast schedule of the lectures, or for more information such as contestant bios, videoclips of lectures, student quotes and full contest details, visit tvo.org

Spoken word, plays and lectures will provide entertainment and food for thought in the next few days as the Brock/Niagara African Canadian Renaissance group (B/NACRG) focuses on Black History Month.

The group, comprised of members of the African Canadian community and Brock faculty, staff, and students, will host its first symposium Thursday, Feb. 28. "Telling Our Stories: Blackness, Identities and Institutions," features panels on Narratives of Blackness, Black Student Community Organizing, Anti-Oppression Action, and Constructing Cohesive Communities. A mid-afternoon panel will include several spoken word performances. Alvin Curling, former speaker of Ontario's Legislative Assembly and current co-chair of the Roots of Youth Violence Committee, and Grace-Edward Galabuzi, faculty member in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University, will provide opening and closing addresses.

Symposium puts focus on Black History Month

The morning panels are scheduled in the Sankey Chamber, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and afternoon panels will take place in Pond Inlet, from 2 to 5 p.m.

There will also be two lectures Friday, Feb. 29: Charles Simon-Aaron of King's University College, University of Western Ontario, will speak on "English

Colonization in Ireland and Transatlantic Slavery: The Roots of Anti-African Racism in Enlightenment Political Philosophy" in AS 427, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.; and Erica Lawson will speak on "Single Mothers, Absentee Fathers and Gun Violence in Toronto: A Feminist Analysis" in the same location from 2 to 4 p.m.

The award-winning OMO Dance Company will round out the events with a March 1 performance of *Diary of an Exile* in the David S. Howes Theatre at 7 p.m. The performance is free, and tickets are available from the theatre box office.

All these events are free to the public. For information, go to brockniagaraafricangroup.weebly.com/

I N M E M O R I A M

The Department of Earth Sciences announces with regret the recent passing of Wayne Travis Jolly (BFA 1963, BA 1965, MA 1966, PhD 1971) at the age of 67.

Professor Jolly, locally famous for his fondness for Dr Pepper, died Feb. 9 at Niagara Falls General Hospital following a short illness during which he kept good spirits and humour. He was a native of Texas who began his university career with a degree in Fine Arts specializing in Film and Television (BFA 1963). A chance encounter with a geology course caused him to change direction. After completing his doctorate at SUNY Binghamton, he moved to a post-doctoral position at the University of Saskatchewan, and from there he came to Brock, initially on a one-year contract to teach Introductory Geology. Since 1971, he has been a greatly

respected member of the Department of Earth Sciences at Brock University, publishing at least 49 academic papers. He was Chair of the Department 1980 to '84. In spite of being in hospital, he revised page proofs of papers about to be published – and drafted two more. His recent co-authors will see these papers through to press. He was an expert on the petrology of igneous rocks and was developing new interpretations of the development of the Caribbean island systems, with especial reference to Puerto Rico.

A celebration of his life was held in Pond Inlet on Feb. 13.

He is survived by his brothers Michael and John, and their families. A private family service will be held in Texas. Donations may be made to the Brock Scholarship Fund in Dr. Wayne Jolly's name.

Brock Briefs

Brock coach makes winning history

Brock University mens' basketball coach Ken Murray reached a career milestone with just three regular-season games left to play. When Murray's Brock Badgers defeated the Lakehead Thunderwolves Feb. 9, he became just the fourth coach in active CIS history to earn 500 wins. He has 28 years' coaching experience.

MEd Thesis defence

Master of Education student Leigh-Ann Sauer will present her thesis defence on Friday, March 7 at 1 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is, "The Teaching Practicum as an Opportunity for Professional Growth: Perceptions of Three Associate-Teachers."

External Examiner: Hope Fennell, Lakehead University; Thesis Supervisor: Renee Kuchapski; Committee Members: Alice Schutz and Mary-Louise Vanderlee; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Jazz show takes stage March 2

The Cuban-influenced jazz sounds of Jane Bunnett and the Spirits of Havana will emanate from the Sean O' Sullivan Theatre March 2 at 3 p.m. The performance was rescheduled from Feb. 1 because of a winter storm.

Bunnett was the winner of the 2006 JUNO Award for Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year for Radio Guantánamo. Tickets are \$28.50 for adults, \$22.50 for students and seniors, and are available at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

Youth University offers March Break Enrichment Camp

What is your child doing during March Break?

Youth University is offering a week of exciting programs for children in grades 4 to 6, from solving crimes in the CSI Camp, discovering how the body works in our medical mysteries camp, or building the ultimate LEGO® robot.

Children may be registered for the full five days or just one.

The camps run March 10 to 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$30 per day with complimentary extended care available.

Visit the website for a full list of camps and registration information. www.brocku.ca/youthuniversity, or call ext. 3120.

Celebration of Nations at Pond Inlet

The fifth annual Brock Celebration of Nations takes place Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Pond Inlet. The

marketplace of countries offers sample snacks from around the world, while some of Brock's international students who come from 80 countries will talk about their homelands. Enjoy vibrant performances highlighting Brock's multicultural diversity. The free event is sponsored by the Office of International Services, Brock International, International Recruitment, Associate Vice-President, Student Services, ESL Services, Office of Human Rights and Equity Services, and Brock University Students' Union. For information, contact Jeanette Davis, International Services, at ext. 3163.

Quebec author offers reading

The Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures and the Centre for Canadian Studies will host a reading by renowned Quebec author Nicole Brossard on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge. The event is sponsored by the Canada Council.

Born in Montreal, poet, novelist and essayist Nicole Brossard published her first book in 1965, the same year she cofounded the influential literary magazine *La Barre du Jour*. She has published eight novels, an essay and many books of poetry. She has won the Governor General award twice for her poetry (1974, 1984) and *Le Grand Prix de Poesie de la Fondation les Forges* (1989, 1999). *Le Prix Athanase-David*, which is for a lifetime of literary achievement, was attributed to her in 1991. In 1994, she was made a member of *L'Academie des Lettres du Quebec*. Her work has been widely translated and anthologized. Brossard currently lives in Montreal.

LifeQuilt at Brock University

Imagine getting a phone call at work one day with the news that your 18-year-old son has been killed on the job at a bakery, on only his second day of work. This type of story is all too familiar for far too many parents of young workers in this country. The LifeQuilt is a unique, permanent memorial dedicated to thousands of young women and men who have been killed or injured on the job in Canada.

In an effort to raise awareness of the importance of workplace safety, the LifeQuilt is coming to Brock University on Thursday, Feb. 28. A joint venture between OSSTF D-35, Brock University Support Staff, and the Workers Health and Safety Centre, Hamilton office, has made this opportunity a reality as part of International RSI, (repetitive strain injury) Awareness Day. The LifeQuilt will be on display in the Walker Complex, near the Red Wall, from about 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information about the quilt go to www.youngworkerquilt.ca or e-mail Norm Westbury at norm.westbury@gmail.com

Mediatalk

People in the news

Jack Lightstone, was the focus of an article in the *St. Catharines Standard* Feb. 8 entitled "Brock asks Region for \$5 million." The article focused on Lightstone's presentation regarding a funding request for the Niagara Health and Biosciences Research Complex. Lightstone was also interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Feb. 13 article on the same topic, entitled "Niagara would benefit from research centre, Brock president says."

Ian Brindle, Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, was quoted in the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Feb. 1 column regarding the review of the operations and program of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute. Entitled "Brock's wine program review fits well with Vineland changes," Brindle notes the review fits well with the rejuvenation of the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre.

David Fancy, Department of Dramatic Arts, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for a Feb. 6 article about the students' production *The Skriker*, a play mixing an old English folk tale and modern urban life, staged on the Sean O' Sullivan stage earlier this month.

Jim O'Brien, Brock University Students Union (BUSU) president, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for a Feb. 8 article entitled "Brock considers code of conduct off-campus." O'Brien noted BUSU is opposed to the request from St. Catharines and Thorold city councils to expand the code of conduct to include off-campus students.

Don Cyr, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Feb. 8 article entitled "Research paper helps protect icewine season." Cyr's paper, which will be published in the *Journal of Wine Economics*, explores the use of weather derivatives as a financial tool to protect farmers against losses brought on by the weather. The information is based on a paper co-published with **Martin Kusy**, Dean, Faculty of Business, entitled "Canadian Ice Wine Production: A Case for the Use of Weather Derivatives."

Lewis Soroka, Economics, was interviewed by *Niagara College News* for a Feb. 8 article entitled "From labour to knowledge economy." Soroka noted the region needs to move away from relying on manufacturing for a strong economy, especially in light of a stronger Canadian dollar and diminished opportunities for manufacturing in Niagara.

Anthony Bogaert, Psychology, was interviewed by the *National Post* for a Feb. 9 article about the increased awareness of

asexuality. In the article, entitled "Indifferent and proud," Bogaert discussed his early studies on the percentage of the population who may be categorized with this fourth orientation, along with data outlining who is likely to be asexual.

Ernest Biktimirov, Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, was interviewed by *Canadian Business* magazine for its Feb. 18 issue on the topic of using Chinese proverbs to assist in teaching. Entitled "Insider: Chinese proverbs," the article offers examples of Biktimirov's use of the proverbs to help Mandarin-speaking students learn about financial concepts.

Russell Johnston, Communications, Pop Culture and Film, wrote an article for the Feb. 2 issue of *Marketing Magazine* entitled "Defining an era," which explores the foundation of modern Canadian advertising as embodied by J. J. Gibbons.

John Hodson, Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education, was part of a panel discussing the right school environment for Aboriginal elementary school children during the Feb. 11 edition of Steve Paikin's *The Agenda* on TVO.

John Middleton, Tourism and Environment, was interviewed for *Niagara at Noon* on 610 CKTB Feb. 5 regarding the 25th anniversary of the Student Refugee Sponsorship Program at Brock.

Stephen Cheung, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was featured in a Discovery Channel episode of *Guinea Pig, "Hot Stuff,"* which is now posted online at www.discoverychannel.ca. Click on the show link on the right-hand side below "Featured Videos" to see episode highlights.

Nancy Johnston, Psychology (retired), was interviewed for a Feb. 13 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* about her Ontario Senior Achievement Award. Entitled "Provincial honours for local seniors," Johnston's career studying and championing children's mental health was highlighted.

Carma Lynn Wylie, Manager, Brock University Heart Institute, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for a Feb. 13 article on the work of the facility. In the article, entitled "Heart institute will fill a need in Niagara Region," Wylie explained the centre's focus on cardiac rehabilitation programs.

Anthony Ward, Tourism and Environment, was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* for a Feb. 14 article about niche programs at post-secondary institutions. In the article, entitled "Niche programs branch out into the unexpected," Ward explained Brock's reasons behind combining environmental studies with tourism.

Health and safety training offered

Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety offers the following Health and Safety Training Opportunities. For full information, visit www.brocku.ca/hr/training/ and address questions and enquiries to oehs@brocku.ca

- Smart Work Design Workshop, Thursday, Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alumni Lounge
- Standard First Aid/CPR Training, Monday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 12, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training, Two sessions offered: Friday, Feb. 29 (I. Beddis Gym), or Friday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Alumni Lounge)
- New Hazardous Waste Management System Information Session, Wednesday, March 5, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., Plaza 409
- Mental Health Works – Managers/Supervisors Session, Tuesday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pond Inlet

Interested in becoming a Fire and Emergency Warden? The University needs your help to guide evacuation and control crowds. Contact oehs@brocku.ca for information or to sign up. Building-specific training opportunities are planned for March.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Lynn Dempsey spoke at the Rotary Club of St. Catharines meeting on "Learning to be literate: The foundations of literacy," Feb. 7.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Glenn Tattersall was awarded the Bob Boutilier New Investigator Award by the Canadian Society of Zoologists (CSZ) for 2008. The award is designed to encourage and honour CSZ members within five years of receiving their first academic or professional appointment. It also recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to zoology and is considered a rising star in his or her field.

ESL SERVICES

Jackie Angi-Dobos presented "75 Ways to Keep Them Talking" at the TESL Ontario Conference in November. She will present the same topic at the North York TESL Conference in April. Angi-Dobos also co-presented the socio-cultural activities workshop at the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada Annual Meeting in Charlottetown, P.E.I. in February.

HISTORY

Maria del Carmen Suescun Pozas recently made the following presentations:

- Seminar "There's Something About Mary: The Female Nude, Political Crisis, and the Lessons of Colombian History," McGill Center for the Research and Teaching of Women (MCRW) Seminar Series, McGill University, Nov. 22, 2007.
- Seminar-Videoconference "A Study on The Persistence of Narrative and Realism in Painting. A Proposal on New Curatorial Practices," Universidad Nacional de Colombia, with the support of the Multimedia Production and Innovation Centre, Brock University, Saint Catharines-Bogota, Dec. 5, 2007.

LIBRARY

Several Brock librarians delivered presentations at the recent Ontario Library Association Super Conference. **Justine Cotton** and **David Sharron** offered a poster session on collaborative Special Collections/library research workshops entitled "Adventures in English Literature." **Patricia Longo** was a co-presenter for a session called "RDA: The Inside Story," which focused on the development of Resource Description and Access. **Laurie Morrison** presented a session called "Understanding Faculty Motives to Collaborate" and co-presented "Demystifying the Technician/Librarian Dilemma in the Digital Age: Promoting Healthy Relationships in Academic Libraries." She also offered a poster session with Tim Ribaric entitled "Going Live on a Shoe-String Budget: an Open-Source VR Solution." **David Sharron** delivered a presentation entitled "Go Digital! Creating Interactive Collections with the OurOntario.ca Toolkit" that outlined Brock's experiences in digitizing historic Welland Canal maps and the reaction from the research community.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Niagara Vocal Ensemble in a program of seasonal music by Niagara composers, entitled "Noel Niagara" in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Vineland in early December. The program featured premiere performances and previously existing works by Ronald Tremain, former instructors John Butler and Laura Thomas, graduates Pnina Blake, Matthew Tran-Adams and James Wells, as well as current faculty and staff **Anne Adams** and Harris Loewen. Loewen also conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir, with accompanist Lesley Kingham, in two performances of a seasonal program of selected works in Etobicoke Dec. 7 and 8. The program, entitled "That Christmas Feeling," included the six-movement Gloria by Peter Landey.

PHILOSOPHY

Prof. R. Raj Singh presented the following research papers in international academic events recently:

- "Schopenhauer's Pessimism and Indian Thought." Seventeenth International Congress of Vedanta; Oxford, Ohio; Sept. 21, 2007.
- "George Grant and Heidegger on Technology." The Third International Conference of the Yugoslav Association of Canadian Studies, (Plenary Session) Belgrade, Serbia, Oct. 20, 2007.
- "Death-Contemplation of the Buddha." Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Dec. 4, 2007.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Barbara Kennedy choreographed the opening dance number for Brock University's Don's Ball, performed by the students of the organizing committee. The eight couples set the tone for the Latin-themed evening with a dramatic, staged rendition of the tango, rumba and cha-cha. Brock President Jack Lightstone and other distinguished guests joined in at the end of the production with an energetic group limbo.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

S. M. Griffin presented the paper "Out-of-school talk: Tales of mothers' and daughters' music experiences," at Narrative Soundings: International Conference on Narrative Inquiry in Music Education, Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz., in February. Griffin, along with R. J. Beatty, presented the paper "In/decisive moments: Narrative(s) of experience on new faculty informal mentorship" at the same conference.

Anthony Mollica recently gave the talk "Demystifying book publishing" to the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, and he was invited by Professor Marcel Danesi to give a two-hour lecture at the University of Toronto on "Recreational Linguistics and Language Teaching."

Louis Volante recently participated as a member of an expert panel at the Ministry of Education-sponsored Ontario Education Research Symposium. The plenary session was on the topic of "Evaluation of Policy and Program Initiatives."

RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

Mary Breunig and **Tim O'Connell** presented a paper titled, "Sense of Community Amongst Trekkers and Mountaineers in South America" at the International Conference on Outdoor Recreation and Education held at Lincoln University near Christchurch, New Zealand from Jan. 20 to 24.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

- Friday, Feb. 29, Dr. Wayne Van Voorhies, Molecular Biology Program, University of New Mexico, Las Cruces, N.M.
"Live Fast, Die When?: Metabolic Rate and Aging." Hosts: Jeff Stuart and Glenn Tattersall.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: The Laramie Project by Moisés Kaufman (DESS club), Feb. 28, Studio ST 107. Two performances, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.; One-Act Play Festival DART 3F54. (13 Plays) March 14 and 15, Schmon Tower 103, limited seating.

Department of Music: Jane Bunnett and the Spirits of Havana (rescheduled), March 2 at 3 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, co-sponsored with Centre for the Arts; Music@Noon: a Faculty recital featuring Devon Fornelli, percussion, Tuesday, March 4; and Voice Students on Tuesday, March 11. Both recitals are at 12 noon, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, admission is free, all are welcome.

Department of Visual Arts:

- Word of Mouth VISA 2P94: March 3 to 6, opening reception March 4 at 3 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan lobby. Free community event.
- The Great Canadian Surreal Beaver Ball. Refuse Locale: An Evening of Surrealism in St. Catharines, March 5 at 7 p.m. Niagara Artists' Company, 354 St. Paul St. A joint event presented by the Department of English and the Department of Visual Arts celebrates the ongoing history of Canadian Surrealism, including poetry, visual arts, films, games, and the launch of the Great Canadian Beaver Ball Multiples Exhibit. Tickets at the door.
- Multiples VISA 1P97 and VISA 3M90: March 5 to 15, opening March 5 at 7 p.m. Niagara Artists' Company, 354 St. Paul St.; Juried Exhibition, March 7 to 29, opening March 7 at 7 p.m., Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul Cres. Free community event.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

FEBRUARY 2008

Black Umfolosi, Feb. 28; The Czech Boys Choir (Boni Pueri), Feb. 29.

MARCH 2008

RyanDan (HOT TICKET ADDED EVENT), March 1; The Mayhem Poets, March 5; Lesley Gore - *It's Still Her Party!*, March 6; *Women of the World* with Kiran Ahluwalia, Ndidi Onukwulu and Tanya Tagaq (International Women's Day), March 8; John Sherwood - *Toronto's Jazz Scene* featuring Guido Basso and Carol McCartney, March 14; Corb Lund and the Hurlin' Albertans with Danny Michel, March 15; Al Stewart with special guest Dave Nachmanoff, March 20; *Beatles Baroque* by Les Boréades, March 28; *boygroove* - Boy band lovers and haters unite!, March 29.

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