

Badgers grapple with 10th national title

The Brock Badger men can now claim a decade of dominance on the national stage of university wrestling. The Badger men captured their 10th consecutive national team title March 1 at the 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) wrestling championships at the University of Calgary.

The Badgers' title run, which started in 1999, is tied for second longest in CIS history, next to the University of British Columbia men's swim team (1998-2007).

C. J. Hudson of Calgary was the lone Brock man to capture individual gold, defeating Regina's Cory Horsburgh in the 61-kilogram final. Teammates Eric MacKinnon (68 kg), Paul Rabjohn (82 kg) and Alex Brown-Therriault (90 kg) settled for silver, while Aaron Fabiano (54 kg) claimed bronze for the Badgers, who tallied 54 points to win a close three-way race over Simon Fraser (50) and Lakehead (49). Peter Simmons and Mike Neufeld were fourth at 65 kg and 130 kg respectively and Brad Trimble had a fifth-place finish at 76 kg.

Brock's Marty Calder was chosen the top men's coach for the fifth time.

Michelle Fazzari was Brock's lone female gold medallist, repeating her win at 59 kg from last season. She was also rookie of the year in 2006. Silver medallists for the Brock women were Alana King at 48 kg and Jessica Bondy at 55 kg. Liz Sanli took a bronze medal at 51 kg. Debra Jehu was fifth at 72 kg, Jocelyn Dresser sixth at 82 kg and Celeste Constant Rodrigues eighth at 63 kg. The Brock women finished in third place with 40 points, behind Simon Fraser (57) and Calgary (55).

Mentorship program boosts career planning at Brock

Brock is currently testing a new mentorship program that will provide students with what could be described as their own guidance counsellor, from their first days on campus until they launch their career or pursue further studies.

But more than counselling, this program will offer to students peer support from their area of study, as well as access to alumni and professionals in the fields related to their interests. The program's structure has been designed to appeal to students, alumni and the broader community.

Titled "Mentorship Plus," the program is being developed by Career Services and the Office of Alumni

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Governor General of Canada Michaëlle Jean (centre), and her husband, Jean-Daniel Lafond, Viceregal Consort of Canada (right), tour the Wine Cellar of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute March 1, led by faculty member Gary Pickering. The special guests then attended the 2008 Experts' Wine Tasting at Pond Inlet (left photos).

Podcasts break down barriers

In the world of iTunes U, class is always in session.

Philip Hume, a self-professed podcast-aholic, would like nothing more than to see Brock's educators tune into the extensive world of podcast possibilities offered by Apple's online service.

Hume, an account executive with Apple Canada, negotiated the area's near-record snowfalls last month to make a presentation about the University application at the invitation of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET).

"The CTLET invited (Hume) to showcase iTunes U as a new teaching tool, one which we would like to bring to Brock instructors," noted Matt Clare, Educational Technology Support Specialist.

"Success is best from the ground up with these things," Hume said of the challenge of creating and uploading podcasts for access within post-secondary institutions.

"You can start with one person, with one professor. One or two people uploading to iTunes is no big deal."

The service was created to manage, distribute, and control access to educational audio and video content for students within a college or university using Apple's iTunes Store infrastructure. The online service is without cost to those uploading or downloading material.

Hume said the overall goal for iTunes U is to provide a way to engage all learners with information that is easy - and free - to download, 24 hours per day, seven days per week. And with institutions such as the University of California at Berkeley uploading all of its lectures to iTunes U, financial and location barriers to education come tumbling down.

The audio, video or text files available for download also assist those with physical disabilities, Hume explained. Students who cannot take notes fast enough in class

because of a learning disability may download the lecture to transcribe at their own pace. A student who is visually impaired will have the enhanced experiences of an audio podcast. Students who are unable to attend class physically can still keep up with their peers. And snow-day challenges disappear if a professor has prepared the lesson for podcast.

"The thinking is that we move back or take away the walls of the classroom and use the tools the students already have," he said, noting iPod sales are most prevalent among students of post-secondary school age. He added that while iPods are the most portable way of obtaining and digesting the material, it may be downloaded and processed on any computer with Internet access.

Preparing material for podcast:

1. Capture or record material using existing computer software (such as GarageBand). Software is available for both Macintosh and PC computers. The material can be recorded using a built-in microphone on the computer, or screen captures, etc. (Extensive editing tools for video captures are available from about \$40 to \$200 extra, with discounts available for educators.)
2. Export material to appropriate file format: QuickTime, html, PDF, Flash, MP3, etc. Upload to the secure site on iTunes U. Data can be uploaded, stored and downloaded for free.
3. Students go to iTunes store website, click on the iTunes U link and find the appropriate folder on a secure site. They can download content to their computer, which will be automatically synchronized for use on the iPod if desired.

Depending on the level of customization, the University's site could become wholly public, provide some public content, or

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An open letter to the Brock community regarding inclement weather

This winter, the region has faced a significant amount of snowfall and weather that has tested the spirits of even the hardiest Canadians.

Earlier this year, Brock implemented a new Inclement Weather Policy to guide communications to faculty, staff, students and the broader community when severe weather threatens to interrupt normal University operations. The policy was updated again after a snowfall in early February that challenged our timelines for informing the University community.

The recent decision to keep the University open on March 5 was one that was not made lightly. Our decision is largely tied, though not exclusively, to the decision of the local school boards, who also decided to remain open that day. Many faculty, staff, and students at Brock have children enrolled in the local school districts, and the closing of those schools can weigh heavily on the available human resources of the University.

Additionally, the District School Board of Niagara has a network of resources across the region that can effectively determine the state of roads and weather conditions in a variety of locations. We rely heavily on this insight since we do not have the same kind of network in place.

The challenge of making a decision in a timely fashion requires us to rely on weather forecasts, news reports of road conditions, and insight from various community resources, including the Niagara Regional Police, St. Catharines Transit, and Niagara College.

Regardless of the decision of the University, faculty, staff and students need to consider their own personal risks given their situation/geographic location. There is no expectation for someone to put at great risk their own personal safety to get to campus. The key part of this process is communication: if students determine that they cannot make it to campus during severe weather, they need to contact their professor in a timely manner. If a faculty or staff member is unable to attend, it is essential that they communicate that decision with the appropriate person.

Constructive input into the effectiveness of the Inclement Weather Policy is welcome. We will continue to do our best to ensure the University takes into consideration all options during inclement weather, and make determinations that are in the best interest of our community.

Steven Pillar
Vice-President,
Finance and Administration



O'Malley lecture topic set

Even though consumers are taking control of their media experience in the digital age, it just might be the best time to advertise.

So says Geoffrey Roche, founder and chief creative officer for Lowe Roche and the 2008 guest speaker for the Terry O'Malley Lecture in Marketing and Advertising.

Roche will discuss "Why Now Is The Best Time To Be In Advertising" March 19 in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. The advertising industry had its creative hey-day in the 1960s and '70s, but now – the era of digital disruption, where consumers are taking control of the media experience and commercial messages are mobile and omnipresent – is the best time to be in advertising.

The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are free, but reservations must be made through the Centre for the Arts by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

The Terry O'Malley Lecture in Marketing and Advertising has become a sellout event on the Brock University campus since its launch in 2002. Established by Terry O'Malley, former Chairman of the Toronto-based ad agency Vickers and Benson Advertising (now Arnold Worldwide), the annual lecture focuses on advertising, marketing, and the mass media, examining the role they play in modern society. O'Malley, who spent more than 30 years in advertising, was inducted this year into the Canadian Marketing Hall of Legends.

Police recruitment event coming

Those thinking of a career in police services will have an opportunity to meet law enforcement officers face-to-face on campus next week.

Career Services and the Dean's office, Faculty of Social Sciences, are hosting a Police Recruiting Showcase March 18 in the lobby of the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

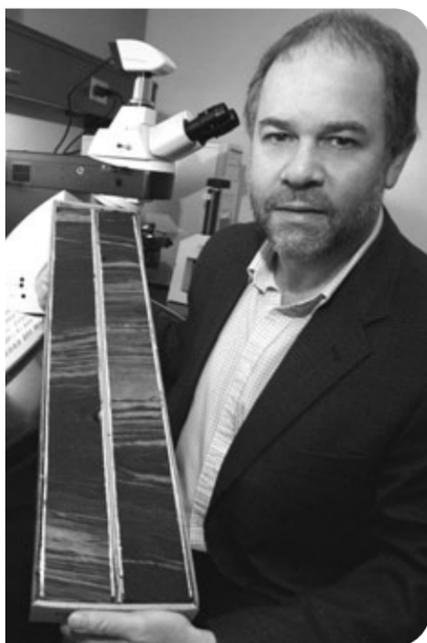
A variety of police service recruiters and representatives from the Ontario Provincial Police, Niagara Regional Police Service, Hamilton Police Service, Peel Regional Police, Halton Regional Police Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and others will provide information on issues such as how to apply, examination procedures, required training, salary and benefits, and career opportunities within the different units such as Emergency Task Force Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Canine Unit, Detective Office, and Underwater Search and Recovery.

Faculty and students looking for additional information prior to the event can e-mail Lisa Kuiper at lkuiper@brocku.ca, call ext. 3376 or e-mail Jeanette Ramsay at jramsay@brocku.ca



Rina Yasako (left), third-year Business student, offers tasty treats from her native Japan to Jordan O'Brien and Nicole Audette, second- and third-year students from Classics. More than 30 countries were represented during the annual Celebration of Nations Feb. 27 in Pond Inlet.

Professor brings piece of Alberta oilsands to Brock



Students in the Department of Earth Sciences don't need to imagine what it would be like to go drilling in Alberta's oilsands. They are now able to see first-

hand some of the technology in use, because of a donation of a long drill core from Imperial Oil, Canada's largest producer of crude oil.

Professor Martin Head recently accepted the donation of the core, which penetrates the full sequence of rock containing the Alberta oilsands.

Given the importance of the oilsands to Canada's future economy – the Alberta's oilsands contain at least 1.7 trillion barrels of oil, placing Canada second only after Saudi Arabia in global oil reserves – this is an important acquisition for Brock.

"Imperial Oil was interested in this core going to a good home where it could be used for undergraduate teaching, but also could form the basis for some possible research," Head said.

The 88.45-metre-long partial core originates from the Athabasca Oil Sands Deposit just north of Fort McMurray, Alta. The core penetrates through the full thickness of the oilsands deposit and into the underlying rocks in order to determine the distribution and quality of the sands prior to strip mining.

"They're looking particularly for 'sweet'" *Continues on page 3.*



The 556th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held Wednesday, Feb. 13. During the meeting, Senate:

- approved that the election of representatives to fill Senate vacancies occurring at the end of Spring Convocation, with the exception of student representatives, take place on Friday, March 28, 2008;
- approved the formation of the Centre for Sport Capacity for a term of five years;
- approved the proposed changes in degree requirements for the Master of Education;
- approved an amendment to Faculty Handbook III: 9.1.4 (C) *Examinations*;
- approved the addition of Faculty Handbook III: 19.1.9 *Distinguished Graduating Student Award*
- approved changes in the Course Bank for the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education-Aboriginal Adult Education, for the Centre for Adult Education and Community Outreach, for the Department of Geography, and for the Centre for Labour Studies;
- approved that the Chair or Vice-Chair of Senate annually convene the inaugural meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee and oversee the election of the Committee Chair and that FHB II: 9.4.2 be amended accordingly;
- approved that the composition of the Budget Advisory Committee be amended to include an undergraduate and a graduate student member and that FHB II: 9.4.2 be amended accordingly;
- received an oral Report from the Provost and Vice-President, Academic during which Senate Committee Chairs provided feedback to Dr. Terry Boak regarding each Committee's review of the draft academic plan;
- received a presentation from the Director of the Centre of Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies with respect to comparisons between open source and vendor-based learning management systems;
- received the updated Academic Dates for the 2008 Winter - 2009 Winter Term.

This report is a summary of actions taken. Full details of Senate meetings are available at: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate

Podcasts break down...

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remain completely private. The University of Guelph and Mohawk College have public podcasts, Hume noted, while the University of Waterloo and Queen's University have private sites for academic content at this time. Queen's does have several recruitment and marketing podcast videos on the public site, as well as an audio podcast to accompany the quarterly alumni print publication.

"This is not just about lab demonstrations. The marketing possibilities become endless," he said, noting Mohawk has an edgy, somewhat amateur-looking recruitment podcast that is getting positive feedback from prospective students.

CTLET is currently working on putting together a task force to implement iTunes U at Brock. "We're still in the early stages, and require voices from across the campus in order to implement this correctly," Clare noted. At this point, CTLET has committed to supporting instructors in the use of iTunes U, similar to the support already given for WebCT, Turnitin.com, Wikis, etc. Production will be left to the individual instructors who may choose to recruit the ITS Multimedia Production team for assistance.

To learn more about the application and to view podcasts in a wide variety of disciplines, go to www.apple.com/itunesu/ or www.apple.com/support/itunes_u/

To learn more about Brock's implementation of iTunes U, contact Clare at matt.clare@brocku.ca

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Relations as an addition to the suite of Experience Plus co-curricular programs to ensure students are well prepared as they advance through their careers or further academic pursuits.

In their first year, students will be paired with senior student mentors to assist in the adjustment to Brock's environment, while in the second year, they will be placed in peer groups to engage in skill development programs related to their career goals. In third year, senior students will become mentors and will also begin to implement the plans they developed in their previous year, potentially through volunteer or employment opportunities. Finally, in the students' last year, they will be partnered with mentors who are knowledgeable in the students' career or academic areas of interest.

The first two months of 2008 brought together a test group of student-mentor participants with several get-to-know-you activities. Partners will continue to meet regularly throughout the semester until their formal mentoring relationship ends in April. Feedback from participants will help refine the program.

Ongoing support for Mentorship Plus is currently being sought in order to run a full pilot in September 2008, reaching a greater number of students and mentors.

The 2008 test phase of Mentorship Plus has been made possible in part with the financial support of the Niagara Community Foundation, which provided for training and resources for student and alumni participants. The Foundation builds permanently endowed charitable funds for the changing need and opportunities of the community and provides grants to eligible charitable organizations in culture, health, education, environment, recreation and social service sectors.

For more information, please contact Alaina Oda, Mentoring Program Co-ordinator, at ext. 4393, or e-mail: aoda@brocku.ca

Brock Briefs

Historic partnership results in lecture series

Brock's History Department and the Royal Niagara Military Institute are launching an annual lecture series. The first talk will be held on Wednesday, March 19 by Col. Michael Stevenson on "British Counter-Insurgency in Malaya and Aden: Lessons Learned (and Forgotten)." Open to the public, it begins at 8 p.m. in the Officers' Mess of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment at the Lake Street Armoury, 81 Lake St., at the intersection with Welland Avenue.

Thesis defence

MA in Popular Culture candidate Curtis Maloley defends his thesis, entitled "Picturing Mortality: Images of Death in Popular Cinema," on Friday, March 14 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Christopher Sharrett, Seton Hall University; Supervisor: Bohdan Nebesio; Second Reader: John Mitterer; Program Director: Jim Leach; Committee Chair: Zisimos Koustas. All are welcome to attend.

Thesis defence

Marianne Peso, a Master of Science student in the Department of Biological Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, March 18 at 2 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Nestmate recognition in the large carpenter bee, *Xylocopa virginica*." Her examining committee members are: Rick Cheel, Chair, Examining Committee; James Quinn, McMaster University, External Examiner; Miriam Richards, Supervisor; Glenn Tattersall and Gary Pickering.

PhD dissertation defence

Suguna Loganathan, student in PhD in Educational Studies, will present her doctoral defence on Thursday, March 20 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her dissertation is "Emergence of Conscious Awareness of Underlying Verbal and Visual Rules Over Time in Moderate Closed-Head Trauma Patients." External Examiner: Warnie Richardson, Nipissing University; Internal Examiner: John McNamara; Supervisor: Merle Richards; Committee Members: Jim Wagner, Sid Segalowitz, and Mary Clare Courtland; Chair of the Examining Committee: Vera Woloshyn. All are welcome to attend.

Summer accommodation on campus online now

Online reservations are now being accepted for students and visiting faculty that will be requiring long-term accommodation May through August. Rooms and unit rentals are available in Quarry View Residence. For more information, visit the website at www.brocku.ca/summerres or contact Conference and Event Services at ext. 5303.

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spots' within their acquisitions," Head explained. "In order to find these sweet spots, they need to drill a core to determine exactly what is beneath the surface."

Head will use the core as a teaching aid in his fourth-year petroleum geology course.

"By allowing the students to examine the core and see how the oil has been so discriminating in the way that it has gone through those rocks, it tells them something important about those deposits."

Head also recently received an equipment grant of \$73,000 from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council to purchase a vitrinite reflectance and fluorescence microscope workstation in association with co-applicant Professor Andrew Miall from the University of Toronto.

The equipment, which is now at Brock, is used to evaluate source rocks and will be used to conduct research on where the oil came from to source the oilsands of Alberta. It is the only equipment of its kind in central Canada.

Canadian soprano Shannon Mercer to give a workshop

The School of Fine and Performing Arts will offer community members the opportunity to attend a vocal workshop given by Canadian soprano Shannon Mercer at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, Tuesday, March 18 between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Deborah Linton, Voice Instructor in the Department of Music, has pre-selected students within the department to participate in this workshop. Mercer will be focusing on vocal production, phrasing, and technique.

Such programs from the Department of Music are a key part of the School of Fine and Performing Arts' mandate to connect the community to the breadth of talent and creativity at Brock University.

Aquatic Centre busy

The Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre offers March Break fun swims daily from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. until Friday, March 14, and daily Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The daily individual fee is \$3.75 for children younger than 15, and \$4.75 for 15 and older. Family and multi-swim passes are also available.

Spring Swim Registration begins Monday, March 17 at 5 p.m. for the spring lessons, which begin Saturday, March 29. Registration continues until classes are full.

For information, go to www.brocku.ca/aquatics/

Scholarship within University examined

Several University partners are coming together later this month to present "The Scholarship of Engagement," a day-long event aimed at fostering discussion and awareness of the diverse range and types of legitimate scholarship within which the University and its partners engage.

Set for Tuesday, March 18 in Pond Inlet, Eugene Rice will offer the plenary address. A panel discussion on Faculty Work and Rewards features Jack Lightstone, President, as chairman, E. Rice, T. Boak, J. Heap and C. Merriam.

The event is sponsored by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, the Faculty of Education, Brock International and the Office of Research Services. Details can be found at www.brocku.ca/ctlet/soe

Brock professor honoured at Queen's Park

Nancy Johnston, retired Psychology Professor, was recently honoured with an Ontario Senior Achievement Award at Queen's Park for her work teaching psychology at Brock University, and for her work as a clinical child psychologist in the Niagara Region. She has specialized in assisting those who have suffered from sexual abuse. Johnston was presented the award by Lt.-Gov. David C. Onley, and Aileen Carroll, the Ontario Minister Responsible for

"The Geological Survey of Canada in Calgary have similar equipment, but they are inundated with requests for analysis, both from academia and industry. And they are running at full capacity," says Head. "So there is a real need for these kinds of analysis that this equipment will produce, not only locally within Central Canada, but throughout Canada."

Graduate student Kamalpreet Sihra, a former Earth Sciences undergraduate student now working towards a master's degree under Head's direction, will be working the vitrinite reflectance and fluorescence microscope workstation on an oilsands-related project. Sihra is no stranger to the Canadian oil patch, having worked out west as a co-op student during her degree program.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Kevin Kee, Professor, History, was interviewed for a Feb. 6 article about the benefits of nGen in *Niagara News*. Entitled "nGen benefits will trickle through Niagara," the article notes Kee's class is contributing to a War of 1812 game.

Ian Brindle, Acting Vice-President of Research and International, was interviewed for a Feb. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock University lobbying feds for bioscience funds." The article was a followup to the provincial announcement of \$33.5 million in funding for the Niagara Health and Biosciences Research Complex. The article also ran in the *Welland Tribune*. Brindle, Jack Lightstone, President, and Vincenzo DeLuca, Professor, Biological Sciences, were interviewed for a Feb. 15 article in the same newspapers, as well as the *Niagara Falls Review*, and in the Feb. 20 edition of *Niagara This Week*, regarding the provincial funding announcement.

Kate Bezanson, Professor, Sociology, was interviewed by the *Welland Tribune* for a Feb. 18 article entitled "Changing face of Canadian families," in which she talked about the rise of the nuclear family in Canada during the past century.

Jean Bridge, Director, Centre for Digital Humanities, was interviewed for a Feb. 22 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* regarding the creation of office space for

nGen, in an article entitled, "nGen primed for St. Paul St." The article also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

Tim Conley, Professor, English, and **John Mitterer**, Professor, Psychology, were interviewed for a Feb. 22 article in *Niagara This Week* entitled "What's the Big Idea?" highlighting the TVO Best Lecturer Contest, airing this month on television.

Craig Hyatt discussed his research into sports fans as a guest on radio show "Drive This" on Hardcore Sports Radio (Sirius satellite radio 186) on Feb. 15.

Angela Mills, Professor, English Language and Literature, was interviewed for a Feb. 17 article in *Niagara This Week* about the Black History Month events being put on by the Brock/Niagara African Canadian Renaissance group, in an article entitled "Brock events celebrate black history."

Kent Keeler, Business Administration master's student, was interviewed for a Feb. 19 article in the *Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal* for a story about his acceptance as one of four North American students to attend the Copenhagen Consensus Center in Denmark in May.

Melissa Cox, Campus Conservative Club President, was interviewed for a Feb. 21 article in the *Welland Tribune* about the Progressive Conservatives' annual general meeting. Entitled "Noticeable division among Tory party members," Cox spoke of the possibility of a leadership convention in the near future.

Brock athlete honoured at the Women of Influence Luncheon Series

Paige Gregson, a student-athlete at Brock University, was recently honoured at the prestigious Women of Influence Luncheon Series in Toronto. The series, hosted by Ontario University Athletics (OUA) member institutions, recognizes the achievements of female athletes who have demonstrated academic and athletic excellence.

Paige has been a dominating force on the Brock Women's Rugby team, leading her team to their first-ever OUA bronze medal in 2004. More recently, she earned her first OUA All-Star selection, finishing third on the team in scoring.

While her athletic talents are copious, her achievements off the field are equally impressive. The fourth-year Kinesiology student has also been recognized as an Academic All-Canadian for three straight years for

maintaining an average of 80 per cent, and has also been involved in the Brock Badgers IMPACT program, acting as a mentor for troubled youth in the Niagara community.

"I have found that because rugby is so demanding, it has forced me to be organized and use my time wisely," Gregson says of her ability to remain focused and achieve her goals on the field and in class.

"I never expected to stand out among the female varsity athletes at Brock. I was shocked at the enormity of the luncheon and I was very proud to represent Brock."

The 19 women recognized at the Women of Influence Luncheon are chosen from across the province because they demonstrate outstanding qualities, and serve as valuable role models for aspiring young females.

Healthy lifestyle choices drive Active Living Conference

Engaging people of all ages to adopt healthy, active lifestyles will be the goal behind the third annual Active Living Conference, set for Tuesday, April 8 at Brock.

Senior students in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology have used the latest research to develop original and innovative active living programs suitable for toddlers to senior citizens. The conference will also showcase programs that target special interest groups such as students, agricultural workers,

rural dwellers, women suffering from depression, and more.

The cost is \$25 for professionals and \$20 for students, which includes admission, lunch, a nutritious snack break, a dance performance and a chance to win door prizes. The keynote speaker is John Corlett, Dean of Applied Health Sciences at Brock. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For information or to register, go to BrockALConference2008.google.com

Faculty and Staff

DRAMATIC ARTS

David Fancy was awarded (in absentia) the Enbridge playRites Award – Emerging Canadian Playwright at a banquet held in Calgary on Feb. 14. The \$3,000 prize is sponsored by the Alberta Theatre Projects and Enbridge Gas and will go towards a production of his new play, *Khalida*, set for this summer. Fancy also recently received, in collaboration with Toronto director Alexandra Seay, a \$10,000 grant from the Canada Council for the Arts for the production.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Lorenzo Cherubini presented the papers “New teachers’ perceptions of induction: Insights into principled practices” and “A quarter-century of disequilibrium for Aboriginal peoples in Canada,” at the 11th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nev., in February.

Lorenzo Cherubini, Ewelina Niemczyk and **Sarah McGeen** presented “Wildfire Gathering as case method: An instructive approach to new Aboriginal teacher development,” at the 11th Annual Meeting of The American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nev., in February.

MATHEMATICS

Chantal Buteau gave a presentation, entitled “Triggering University Students’ Mathematical Creativity by Use of Technology,” in the Mathematics Education Lunch Time Seminar at the University of Cambridge (U.K.), on Feb. 19.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Avanti Chamber Singers in a program entitled *Fa Una Canzona* (Sing Me a Song), consisting of works by Des Prez, Durufle, Handel and others, on Feb. 3 in St. Catharines. Lesley Kingham (Music) served as both accompanist and organ soloist, and Brock graduate Melissa Shriner performed several vocal solos. Loewen also conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir in a performance of *Gloria* by Peter Landey (Music), with the composer at the keyboard, and led the festival mass choir in Handel’s great coronation anthem *Zadok the Priest* at the Festival of Friends in Mississauga on Feb. 9.

PHILOSOPHY

Rajiv Kaushik was an invited lecturer and symposium guest on the topic of “Time, Horizontality and God in Husserl’s Manuscripts,” at Saint Anselm College in Boston, Mass., on Feb. 19.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Paul Hamilton presented a research paper entitled “Demands for Religious Parity in Canada: The Reasonable Accommodation Debate in Comparative Perspective” at the Centre of Canadian Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland on Feb. 19. He also gave four lectures on nationalism in Quebec, North American integration, and multiculturalism in Canada to an undergraduate Canadian Studies class.

Patrick Robson presented on the topic “Community Sustainability Plans” at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Sustainable Communities Conference 2008, in Ottawa, on Feb. 15. Robson was also recently appointed to the Vineland Stakeholder Advisory Committee of the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre.

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer delivered an invited plenary address, entitled “Web 2.0, Communication, Technology and Post-Secondary Education,” to the Psychology section of the 61st Annual Convention of the Texas Community College Teachers Association, in Dallas, Texas, Feb. 21 to 23.

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Mary Breunig was invited to serve as a panel member for a presentation entitled “Gender and the Outdoors: An International Conversation” at the International Outdoor Recreation and Education Conference in Otago, New Zealand on Jan. 24. Breunig presented an invited lecture, entitled “Critical Pedagogy as Praxis: Teaching as Activism” at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) on Feb. 13.

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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, March 14, Dr. Michael Jonz, Centre for Neural Dynamics, University of Ottawa. “Oxygen chemoreception in aquatic vertebrates.” Host: Joffe Mercier

The Canadian Federation of University Women – Welland and District: will meet on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home to discuss the resolutions. Joe Barkovich from the *Welland Tribune* will speak on The Seven Wonders of Welland. Please note the change of time for this meeting only. New members and interested women welcome. For info call 905-892-1179.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

The Brock University Film Society: continues the winter season March 16 as Frank Langella gives the performance of his career as a novelist drawn into a May-December relationship in *Starting Out in the Evening*. On March 30, join us for Marc Forster’s adaptation of the best-selling novel, *The Kite Runner*. The season wraps up April 6 with a film to be announced. BUFS screens Sundays at 7 p.m. in the David S. Howes Theatre. For details and ticket prices, please visit www.brocku.ca/bufs

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Department of Dramatic Arts: One-Act Play Festival DART 3F54 (13 Plays), March 14 and 15, Schmon Tower 103. Limited seating.

Department of Music: Music@Noon series: March 18, Instrumental Students, Sean O’Sullivan Theatre; March 25, Piano Students, Sean O’Sullivan Theatre. Recital: Instrumental Students

Department of Visual Arts:

- Multiples VISA 1P97 & VISA 3M90, until March 15, Niagara Artists’ Company, 354 St. Paul St.
- Compulsion: VISA 3P96 – Third-year Painting, March 17 to 31, Opening: Wednesday, March 19 at 4 p.m., Sean O’Sullivan Lobby. Free community event.
- Juried Exhibition, March 7 to 29, Opening: Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m., Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul Cres. Free community event.

SHOWCASE: The School of Fine and Performing Arts presents...SHOWCASE March 17, 8 p.m. Join us as Students engage audiences with unique presentations in theatre, music, dance, visual arts, and interdisciplinary arts. Sean O’Sullivan Theatre, free and open to the community.

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.

MARCH 2008

An Evening with Hawksley Workman (HOT TICKET ADDED EVENT!), March 13; John Sherwood – Toronto’s Jazz Scene featuring Guido Basso and Carol McCartney, March 14; Corb Lund & the Hurtin’ Albertans with Ridley Bent, March 15; Al Stewart with Dave Nachmanoff, March 20; Beatles Baroque by Les Boréades, March 28; boygroove – A musical spoof for boy band lovers and haters!, March 29.

APRIL 2008

The Standard OrchEXTRA: Higher Ground – The Music of Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson & Marvin Gaye featuring Gavin Hope of The Nylons, the Niagara Symphony & the Jeans ‘n Classics Band, April 3; Los Pinguos, April 4; Acoustic Roots featuring Matt Andersen, Mike Stevens & Dave Gunning, April 5; Spirit & the Blues: Campbell Brothers with special guest Eric Bibb, April 9; Matt Dusk (SOLD OUT!), April 15; Gregg Lawless: Lawless Duets Etc. (Intimate On-Stage Seating), April 18; The Just For Laughs Road Show, April 19; Classic Albums Live: The Eagles – Hotel California, April 24 and 25; Sophie Milman, April 26.

Community Outreach Events (in partnership with SCAAC, Folk Arts and CFBU): Songwriting Workshop with Gregg Lawless, March 27 at 7 p.m. (31 James St., St. Catharines).

The Wee Ones Wiggle Series: (For ages 3+) sponsored by Niagara This Week Fred Penner: Growing with Fred! April 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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Conference gets in touch with digital side

The 2008 Web Broadcasting Conference, organized by BrockTV, will analyse the current trends of digital media, web video and viral marketing in order to harness its powerful potential into the digital environment at Brock University. With the application of BrockTV as a case analysis, the conference will include such topics as: online advertising; daily video segments highlighting up-to-date Brock information; incubating an online Brock social network; and cutting-edge educational opportunities in the digital media sector.

The Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 26, starting at 7 p.m. For information, go to Brocktv.ca