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Professors to be honoured for teaching excellence

Brock University will honour six faculty members for their contributions to teaching as part of the Spring 2007 Convocation ceremonies to be held from Tuesday, June 12 to Saturday, June 16.

Recipients of the annual Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching are chosen by a selection committee from each of Brock's six Faculties. Represented on the committee are Faculty members, staff and students. Nominees must have a reputation for superior teaching and be recognized for this quality by students and colleagues.

This year's recipients of Faculty awards of excellence are:

Professor Gail Frost, Department Physical Education and Kinesiology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences:

Professor Gail Frost knows that students learn well when they are given the opportunity to apply their knowledge in contexts that relate to their chosen profession. Her effective teaching strategies include problem-based learning opportunities that guide student learning both inside and outside of the classroom.

Through her commitment to student-centred teaching and assessment strategies, Professor Frost provides students with confidence in their own abilities so that they may continue to learn and apply their knowledge after graduation.

Professor Dorothy Griffiths, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences:

Professor Dorothy Griffiths is the complete teacher. She is excellent in the classroom and as a mentor of other faculty members, but she has taken her love of teaching outside the conventional classroom to work with community associations.

Professor Griffiths has employed her teaching skills in being a mentor to new faculty and students. She is not only a good teacher, but she is instrumental in developing the teaching skills of others.

Professor Joe Engemann, Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Education:

Professor Joe Engemann demonstrates an unfailing commitment to teaching that fosters critical thinking in his students. He is enthusiastic about his teaching and has the ability to spark that same passion and excitement in students who study with him.

Longevity in academic excellence, instructional innovation, and enthusiasm keeps Professor Engemann's classes, whether in person or in the cyber world, intellectually stimulating and personally challenging. He is committed to discovering new opportunities in practice and theory that encourage students to explore their roles as teachers and expand their knowledge of teaching principles.

Professor Andrew McDonald, Department of History, Faculty of Humanities:

Professor Andrew McDonald not only inspires his students with his own passion for history, but he also motivates some to follow in his footsteps and pursue their academic studies further.

In his 13 years of teaching, Professor McDonald has developed an approach to teaching guided by several fundamental principles. One of these is embodied by the quotation attributed to W. B. Yeats: "Education is not filling a bucket, but

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Students Quentin Blasingame (Political Science), Ashleigh Miatello (Community Health Sciences) Iva Mathews (Psychology), Anna Lisa Domanski (Social Justice and Equity Studies) and Justin Carré (Psychology) were among the winners of various graduate awards presented at a recent reception hosted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

On May 14, the Faculty of Graduate Studies celebrated the many graduate fellowships, scholarships, awards and prizes earned by Brock's graduate students over the past year, while acknowledging the generosity of donors who have helped to establish more than 30 graduate awards.

Among the awards were the Dean of Graduate Studies In-Course Scholarships granted to graduate students in the Faculties of Business and Education, 56 Ontario Graduate Fellowships, 19 Social Science and Humanities Research Council awards, 13 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council awards, and one Canadian Institute for Health Research award.

Dawn Hall, a student in Biological

Sciences, was recognized as a recipient of an NSERC post graduate doctoral fellowship for her work on the functional characteristics of various genes found in grapevines. She hopes her research will contribute to improving the quality of wine produced in the Niagara region.

President Jack Lightstone, who spoke to an audience of nearly 100 people gathered in Pond Inlet, emphasized the way modern society benefits from the creative and innovative contributions of those undertaking research in our universities. Marilyn Rose, Dean of Graduate Studies, suggested that Brock's high success rate in external competitions was a reflection of the increasing vitality of the University's research culture.

National scholarship foundation facing sunset in 2009

A national foundation that has offered financial support to 6,505 Brock University students since 1999 will wind down in 2009 — that is, unless the federal government steps in to address the situation.

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation has awarded Brock students \$19,383,156 in scholarships and bursaries since an act of Parliament established the incorporated arm's-length foundation in 1998 in response to mounting student debt. The federal government contributed \$2.5 billion in seed funding to the organization.

"The foundation has been an important source of financial support for Brock students and for students all over this country," said Brock President Jack Lightstone. "It will be a serious detriment to students to have this support lapse."

Agazi Afewerki, who has completed his second year in Business Communications, received a foundation bursary of about \$1,200.

"Tuition, residence and food costs total about \$12,000 for the entire year, so the foundation scholarship is very helpful and it is awarded without any additional applications," Afewerki said. "It's always nice to know that I'll have additional cash coming my way to help pay off such an immense cost. This scholarship has

definitely helped me a lot by easing my worries about getting in debt."

According to the foundation's website, its objectives "are to improve access to post-secondary education for all Canadians, especially those facing economic or social barriers; to encourage a high level of student achievement and engagement in Canadian society; and to build a national alliance of organizations and individuals around a shared post-secondary agenda."

Norman Riddell, executive director and CEO of the foundation, said the last awards will be made in the 2008-09 academic year. Once that happens, about 30 per cent of non-repayable financial assistance currently available to students will disappear.

"This is a matter of considerable concern for the students and for the provinces with whom the foundation partners," said Riddell from the organization's headquarters in Montreal.

The current federal government is expected to make major funding announcements about its role in providing student financial assistance in its 2008 budget next spring, he said, and two recent government-commissioned reports have been favourable to the foundation.

Between 1999 and 2006, Brock students

Brock to host summer transition program for students with learning disabilities

Brock's Student Development Centre will host the second annual STRATEGIES conference at the University this summer. The conference-style transition program will be offered twice during the summer, from July 10 to 12 and July 24 to 26. The conference is a three-day program designed to help incoming Brock students with learning disabilities make a smooth transition to university life.

"The conference is an opportunity for students with learning disabilities to address any questions and concerns they have regarding their fast-approaching university career," says Amy Graham, STRATEGIES Coordinator. "Attending this program will help students know what to expect, feel more prepared, minimize fear and anxiety and gain enthusiasm for becoming university students."

The conference will include a series of hands-on interactive informative seminars and discussions. Some of the many topics to be discussed include understanding your learning disability, time management, study skills, using assistive technology, self advocacy and budgeting tips. The program will equip students with the knowhow required to accomplish both academic and personal success at university.

The conference, which takes place at various locations across the University, includes all snacks and meals, an opening dinner featuring a motivational guest speaker, and overnight accommodations with residence-orientation activities.

The program is designed specifically for students with a diagnosed learning disability who have been accepted and will be entering their first year of study at Brock in Fall 2007. The event is free for all qualified applicants.

Advance registration is required for this conference as a limited number of spaces are available. For more information on registration for STRATEGIES, please visit: www.brocku.ca/sdc/disABILITIE S/strategies

The application deadline is Friday, June 15.

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Faculty and students promoting healthy education in British Virgin Islands

Ten students from Brock are working at schools in the British Virgin Islands (BVI), thanks to the Scotiabank Champions for Health Promoting Schools project, now in its fourth year. The students are currently volunteering in more than 10 schools across Tortola, Virgin Gorda, and Jost Van Dyke. This project is an opportunity for educators from Canada and the BVI to celebrate and promote the importance of healthy development for children and youth. Working side-by-side with teachers from the BVI, the student-teachers from Canada help to deliver physical education programs that focus upon the development of important life skills such as co-operation, problem solving, critical thinking, and personal and social responsibility.

In addition to their daily teaching activities, the students are also involved in a number of community-based events throughout their five-week visit. For example, students who have a background in lifequarding are volunteering with the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports "learn to swim" program in Carrot Bay, Cane Garden Bay, and Nanny Cay. Students are also busy planning the third annual Unity Games scheduled to take place today. The theme for this year's event is "Care for Self - Care for Others," and the focus will be on teaching children how to make healthy choices. Students from schools across the BVI will be taking part in a variety of games and activities that teach them about important health concepts such as nutrition, self-esteem, co-operation, respect, and safe practices. These health concepts are directly in line with helping to achieve the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals by

"This project promotes a cultural exchange of ideas related to best practices in education. It is an opportunity to expose teachers in the BVI with the current research and effective teaching practices related to education," says Angel Smith, Chief Education Officer. "It is also an opportunity for teachers in the BVI to share their expertise with student-teachers from Canada and to develop a mutual partnership between our two countries."

Educators in the BVI will also have the opportunity to take part in a series of workshops delivered by Brock Professor James Mandigo, Community Health Sciences, who is the co-director for the Centre for Healthy Development at Brock University. These workshops will provide teachers throughout the BVI with an opportunity to learn and experience new and innovative teaching techniques that have been supported by current research and endorsed by organizations such as UNICEF and

Wellness Conference registration opens May 29

Do something "For You" on May 29 and sign up for the 2007 Brock University Annual Employee Wellness Conference. This year's conference, taking place on June 20, is sure to be bigger and better than ever! All Brock faculty and staff are invited to log on and sign up for a variety of fun, informative workshops. Online registration will be activated on the Wellness Conference website on May 29 at 1 p.m. sharp. Until then, check out www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference for details on workshop speakers, lunchtime entertainment and all the need-to-know

For staff without computer access, please deliver your manual registration form found in the Wellness Conference Registration Guide to Human Resources/Environment, Health and Safety (ST 1240) on or before May 29 at noon. For more information, please e-mail: oehs@brocku.ca.

Students get a SMART Start to their futures at Brock

While many students are just gearing up for summer, some will be preparing themselves for the next step of their academic career at Brock University. This summer, from Monday, June 25, to Friday, Aug. 10, Brock's academic orientation program, Students Making A Realistic Transition (SMART Start), will welcome new students and their families to the Brock community.

The program is designed to ease the transition from high school to university by providing incoming Brock students and their families with an in-depth look at university life through interactions with staff, faculty, and students.

Students set to start their first year at Brock are able to attend the full-day session that will offer them a chance to register for classes, obtain their student ID cards, tour the campus, learn about various student services, interact with upper-year students and

faculty members, and enjoy a meal in the DeCew Residence Dining Hall. There will be a special program for parents and guests of students.

"The SMART Start program has proven to be very effective in assisting our new incoming students," says Cindy Nogradi, SMART Start Coordinator. "The program also benefits the parents and families of students who may have their own questions about the university experience."

SMART Start sessions will be held every day, Monday to Friday, until the program ends on Aug. 10. Registration begins daily at 8:15 a.m., in the Walker Complex, and sessions finish at 4:30 p.m. For more information about the day's agenda, registration and directions, please visit: www.brocku.ca/smartstart

Students interested in registering for the SMART Start program can do so themselves online at www.brocku.ca/smartstart

New BUSU executive takes office

The new Brock University Students' Union executive is ready to get to work. Pictured from left: Adam Smith, Vice-President Finance and Administration; James O'Brien, President; Laura Grouchy, Vice-President Student Services; and Damien O'Brien, Vice-President University Affairs.

As the current academic year comes to an end, a new executive is now residing at the Brock University Students' Union (BUSU), having officially taken office on May 1.

New BUSU President James O'Brien is looking forward to moving ahead to the opportunities and challenges that the coming year will bring. The fifth-year political sciences student explains that the Oct. 10 provincial election "is very high on our radar."

"We want to make sure that the student population is well prepared and ready to make an informed decision that is in their best interests," says O'Brien. "Our goal is to ensure that education remains accessible,

affordable and of high quality."

Another key event that has BUSU's focus is Orientation Week.

"Students often get their first real taste of university during that week," says O'Brien. "There is plenty of planning and

co-ordination that goes into the events to ensure we meet our goals.'

O'Brien replaces outgoing president Kithio Mwanzia. He is joined on the executive by Laura Grouchy, Vice-President Student Services; Damien O'Brien, Vice-President University Affairs; and Adam Smith, who reprises his role as Vice-President, Finance and Administration.

Already planning for the coming year, O'Brien has clear goals for BUSU. His tenure will oversee the BUSU corporation which is worth more than \$7 million.

"I think it is very important for BUSU to continue to play a role in the University community, and the community at large," says O'Brien. "That community focus will help strengthen our overall presence and enable us to be more successful in our

For more information on BUSU, visit www.busu.net

Clubs provide opportunity to develop math problem-solving skills

Brock invites the public to have fun while further developing mathematical and problem-solving skills with two clubs: **Brock Brain Benders:** Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

The Brock Brain Benders is a mathematics club for Niagara region high school students led by professors from the Department of Mathematics at Brock. The club aims to provide an enjoyable and supportive environment in which students can advance their mathematical problem-solving skills. The focus of the club is to help students prepare for mathematical contests such as those offered by the University of Waterloo. For more information:

www.brocku.ca/mathematics/brainbenders Brock Go Club: Wednesdays, 5 to 8 p.m.; children (age five and up) 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Brock Go Club has many different

levels of players, from beginners with a few weeks experience, to those who have been playing for more than 20 years. The game was developed in China about 4,000 to 4,500 years ago and is based on strategy and tactics. The rules are simple and can be learned in 15 minutes. Beginners are welcome to attend. For more information: www.brocku.ca/GoClub

Both clubs run weekly on the days specified (check websites for weekly details) and there is no cost or registration required to attend.

Both clubs take place in MC J434 (Math Help Center). Thanks to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, free parking is available in its parking lot on the east side of Glenridge Avenue.

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lighting a fire." Another is unattributed: "Education is only a ladder to gather fruit from a tree of knowledge, not the fruit itself."

Professor Doug Bruce, Department of Biology, Faculty of Mathematics and

Professor Doug Bruce is very enthusiastic and excited about the many topics in biology. He carries this love of learning into the classroom. Professor Bruce creates a safe environment for learning by posing questions to students in a gentle and fun manner while still stressing rigour and critical analysis.

He is a gifted teacher and an innovator. He is an expert in his field of research, and he brings his expertise to students, both in lectures and in his laboratory.

Professor Carman Cullen, Department of Marketing, international Business and Strategy, Faculty of Business:

Professor Cullen enjoys teaching as much as he enjoys his research, and it is this dedication to his students that has earned him a reputation as an exemplary instructor. He believes he has a responsibility to not only provide relevant lessons in his marketing classes, but also to provide opportunities to improve and develop the academic skills of his students through participation and collaboration.

In his 22 years at Brock, he has consistently scored very highly on teaching evaluations, and he has been actively involved in curriculum development and renewal.

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received funds from two of the foundation's three main programs:

- The Millennium Bursary Program that is intended for students in greatest financial need. Brock students were awarded 6,378 bursaries worth a total of \$18,876,956.
- The Millennium Excellence Awards are presented to students earned on the basis of academic merit, community involvement, leadership and innovation. Brock students received 119 excellence awards for a total of \$482,200 since 1999.

The third program is the World Petroleum Council Millennium Scholarships, which offers petroleum industry-sponsored scholarships for students in related programs.

Griffiths recognized by YWCA of Niagara

Professor Dorothy Griffiths from the Department of Child and Youth Studies was recently recognized with one of the prestigious Women of Distinction awards by the YWCA Niagara. Winners were selected from among nominees in various categories. Griffiths was recognized in the category of **Public and Community** Service. With nearly 30 years of experience, Griffiths is an acknowledged international expert on therapeutic services for people who have a dual diagnosis of both intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns. In December 2006, she was awarded the Order of Ontario for her sustained level of excellence and achievement in ensuring that Ontarians with disabilities are able to live with human rights and dignity.



Conference explores "Immersive Worlds"

On June 4 and 5, Brock's Interactive Arts and Science Program will host the inaugural "Interacting with Immersive Worlds Conference." Focusing on the growing cultural significance of digital interactive media, the conference will feature more than 50 academic papers on theory, practice, education and entertainment.

The conference will also feature world-class keynote speakers, including "Flow" theorist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (Director of the Quality of Life Research Center at the Drucker School, Claremont Graduate University), James Paul Gee (Tashia Morgridge Professor of

Reading, University of Wisconsin at Madison), Chris Csikszentmihalyi (Director of the Computing Culture group at the MIT Media Lab), and Denis Dyack, president of Silicon Knights in St. Catharines.

"We are delighted to host such world-renowned scholars and practitioners of digital media," says Kevin Kee, chair of the Immersive Worlds organizing committee. "The conference marks an outstanding start to the Interactive Arts and Science major program at Brock."

For more information, please visit: www.brocku.ca/iasc/immersiveworlds



As part of the 2007 Sodexho Servathon, Brock University Dining Services teamed up with Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold to help the fight against hunger. A food drive was organized in order to meet the needs of Community Care. Brock students and Sodexho staff were encouraged to support our cause. To create awareness, the staff wore Caring Cans T-shirts which proved successful as 578 lbs. of food donations were collected. Pictured, are Neil Nijma, Sodexho unit manager and Nancy McIntosh, Fund Development Officer of Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.

BACCHUS AT BROCK

Time is running out to register for Bacchus at Brock, the three-day interdisciplinary wine conference that runs from June 7 to 9. Everyone from the food and wine enthusiast to the grape and wine research scientist will find many sessions of interest. The science, business and culture of wine will be main themes throughout the conference, which began at Brock in 2002. The

Brock in 2002. The interdisciplinary nature of the conference has been enhanced with the recent announcement of Brock's Faculty of Business as a gold sponsor of the conference in addition to being an ongoing organizing partner within the overall Bacchus group.

Concurrent sessions include multiple topics on science, business, culture, and wine tasting. From titles like "Consumer Behaviour" to "Food and Wine on Voltaire's Table" to "Understanding Riesling Terroir in Ontario," the conference truly has a wide appeal. Sessions with champagne, Riesling, and wine and

cheese-pairing tasting will also appeal to the senses. With more than 25 concurrent sessions going on over the three days, the choices are abundant.

Bacchus is also pleased to announce a new student poster and student oral presentation competition for 2007. This competition will give students the

chance to display their
work and compete for
first place in each of
the three tracks –

science, business and culture.
Student oral presentations are also to be considered within each track. All approved posters will be displayed during the entire

conference and will be judged on the first day. Awards, sponsored by the Ontario Centres of Excellence in the amount of \$300, will be given in each of the three tracks.

Winners will be announced and awards presented at the "Party the Night Away" event at the conclusion of the conference.

Please visit www.brocku.ca/bacchus for full details and to register.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Christine Tardif-Williams, Assistant Professor of Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by Niagara This Week for an article about the 2007 Niagara Parenting conference, and children and self-esteem. In the April 27 article, "Parents should challenge their children: expert," Tardif-Williams notes that parents can protect their children from many troubling things including peer pressure by fostering positive self-esteem early on in their young one's life.

James Allard, Assistant Professor of English Language and Literature, was featured in an April 28 St. Catharines Standard Spectrum feature article, entitled "I knew I couldn't leave." In the article, Allard discusses his academic career, literature, medicine and his move to Brock.

Tony DiPetta, Assistant Professor in the Pre-Service Department of the Faculty of Education, was recently interviewed by the Niagara Falls Review for an April 28 article about the social networking website MySpace. In the article, "wide open SPACES," DiPetta discusses the educational and classroom potential of the website, noting that "in MySpace, you can create who you are. And as long as it's not an outrageous characterization, it's probably a good thing."

Cathy Van Ingen, Assistant
Professor of Physical Education and
Kinesiology was interviewed by the
Toronto Star for an April 28 story about
women's boxing. In the article,
entitled "Sport is a knockout", Van
Ingen, who is currently researching
aggressive sport and women, notes
that "Women get these messages
over and over to be as small as you
can, to fit into the smallest clothes,
eat the smallest portions. This boxing
thing is about living large, being
strong."

Ann Marie Guilmette, Associate Professor in the Departments of Recreation and Leisure Studies and Women's Studies, recently participated in the following media appearances to promote her keynote address "Using Humour to Achieve Emotional Wellbeing" at a May 8 Mental Health Week presentation hosted by the Office of the Accessibility Co-ordinator at Brock and the Niagara branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

- Interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for an April 30 Spectrum feature article, "Have a laugh. It's good for you." The article was also reprinted in the April 30 editions of the Niagara Falls Review and Welland Tribune, and the May 2 editions of the Chatham Daily News and Timmins Daily Press.
- May 2 interview on local radio station AM 1220 CHSC.
- Interviewed by the Fort Erie Times for a May 5 article, "Laughing all the way to emotional well-being."
- May 7 interview on local radio station AM 610 CKTB program, "Niagara at Noon."

 May 7 interview on Hamilton radio station AM 900 CHML.

Tom Saint-Ivany, Executive Director, Facilities Management, was interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for a May 2 article about the University's recently announced wide-ranging energy and water conservation initiatives. In the article, entitled "Brock learns lessons on saving energy," Ivany discussed the numerous initiatives being implemented at Brock, including the Board of Trustee's recent approval of a guide to use green-building technology on campus.

Ivany was also interviewed by *The* Standard for a May 10 article, "Not just another hedgerow" about the line of Osage orange trees located at the south end of Brock's campus, which were planted by early Niagara pioneers as living fences to control cows. In the article, Ivany notes that "we recognize the interest in, and sensitivity to (the trees). We're committed to maintaining and sustaining examples of our natural heritage such as the Osage orange." For more information about the trees, please visit: www.brocku.ca/facilitiesmgmt/SER G ROUNDS.htm

Zopito Marini, Professor of Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a May 3 article about a presentation on bullying he made to parents at St. Denis School on May 2, entitled "Parents can empower kids to end bullying." In the article, Marini comments on the recent rise in incidents of cyber-bullying, noting that "this is the new menace. We are seeing all the stuff people used to do on the playground now happening while they are hiding behind a screen."

Matthew Hennigar, Assistant Professor of Political Science, and colleagues from the University of Guelph and Boise State University were recently featured in a CanWest News service (canada.com) story about a recently published study examining 15 years of federal judicial appointments. The article, entitled "It pays to grease the right palms, appointment study shows," was published in the May 4 editions of the Edmonton Sun and Ottawa Citizen. Another article about the group's research - "In support of patronage for the good of the nation" – was also published in the May 7Guelph Mercury and Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Don Dworet, Director and Associate Professor of the Faculty of Education's Centre for Continuing Teacher Education, was interviewed by the *Niagara Falls Review* for a May 5 feature article about Brock education graduate Vince Anania — the only male junior kindergarten teacher working in Niagara Catholic District School Board. In the article, which was also reprinted in the *Welland Tribune* ("A rare gem"), Dowert notes that male primary teachers are positive role models for young children, particularly for boys.



The 549th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held on May 16, 2007. During the meeting, Senate:

- received a report from the Vice-President, Academic and Provost that included information regarding the Aboriginal Education Council's Terms of Reference and Aboriginal Education
- passed a motion directing the Governance Committee to strike a sub-committee, consisting of a Senator from each Faculty, to provide consultation to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic on the appointment of a Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic;

approved the Spring Convocation 2007 degrees;

- received a report from the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee and
- approved an amendment to FHB III:15 Academic Misconduct to include section 15.3 Penalties;
- received a report from the Undergraduate Program Committee that contained information regarding changes to the course bank;
- received a report from the Graduate Studies Committee, and
- approved the proposed amendments to FHB III: 14 Graduate Studies;
- received a report from the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee that included information regarding the University's "students-at-risk protocol" that is embedded within the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures in Non-Academic Matters policy available at: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/admin/
- and, for information, received recommendations for best practice in the evaluation of
- received a report from the Governance Committee, and
- approved proposed changes to FHB II: 8.2 Amendments to the Faculty Handbook, as amended;
- approved the renaming of the Senate Committee on University Infrastructure to the Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee;
- discussed a proposed recommendation to authorize the creation of the Centre of Excellence for Applied Disability Studies; consideration of the motion would continue at the May 30 meeting of Senate.

Full details of Senate meetings are available at: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate Also received was a report from the President and Vice-Chancellor that included information on recent meetings held to discuss Brock's space issues with Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Sandra Pupatello, Minister of Economic Development and Trade. President Lightstone also indicated that he recently received an invitation to meet with Finance Minister Greg Sorbara.

The President also spoke on issues of funding for the University, in addition to the challenges faced by the 2007/08 budget process. The full report is available by visiting: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate and clicking on "#549 - May 16, 2007" under the agendas heading.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISITICS

Lynn Dempsey and Wenonah Campbell (UWO) presented a paper entitled, "SLI, the ICF, and you: How new conceptualizations of disability may change the way you work with children with language impairment" at the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) on April 26 in Moncton, N.B.

EDUCATION

Rodger Beatty, Associate Dean, Education, was adjudicator for school choral music, school vocal music and community choral music classes in the Grey County Kiwanis Festival of Music from April 10 to 13 held in Owen Sound, Ont. As well, Dr. Beatty adjudicated school choral music and recorder classes in the Niagara Catholic District School Board's "Niagara Catholic Celebrates Music — Festival 2007" held May 1 and 2 at Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Doug Karrow and Xavier Fazio presented a workshop entitled "Teaching and Learning About Climate Change" at the Ontario Society for Environmental Education's annual conference. April 28, Kawartha, Ont.

Xavier Fazio and Doug Karrow, in collaboration with Heather Andrachuk of Environment Canada, hosted an in-service demonstration of the NatureWatch suite of ecological monitoring and assessment network (EMAN) protocols for several teachers of the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, May 2, at the Hamilton Campus. The in-service is part of an ongoing pilot project evaluating the effectiveness of EMAN programs within an elementary school.

CHEMISTRY

Ian Brindle delivered two talks on March 21 and 22 at Jawaharlal University in Delhi, India, entitled "Trace element analysis: the challenge of sample introduction" and " Opportunities in biotechnology at Brock University."

On April 9, Brindle delivered a talk at the U.S. National Institute for Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md. entitled "Recent results in hydride generation: Arsenic speciation in less than five minutes?"

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & KINESIOLOGY

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Barbara Kennedy choreographed a dance composition to a medley of songs for the second annual Brock Active Living Conference held on April 2. The dances were performed by senior women involved in the NIA 'dance fusion' classes held at Brock. Several of her students from PEKN 2P06 and tiny tots from the Rosalind Blauer Day Care Centre as part of PEKN 2P93 were also part of the entire "Dance Spectacular" that highlighted dance throughout the lifespan.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Patrick Robson was invited to speak and provide mentorship at the Peer Exchange conference of the PLUS (Partners for Long-term Urban Sustainability) Network in Vancouver and Kelowna, April 17 to 20. The focus of the speaking engagement was understanding the process and related challenges of planning for long-term community sustainability. Mentoring was provided to three African communities embarking on the process of sustainability planning -

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Dakar (Senegal), Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and Durban (South Africa). The Peer Exchange included (in addition to the African cities) representatives from Curitiba (Brazil) and Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Whistler and Niagara.

Kenneth Kernaghan recently made the following presentations:

- "Online Political Campaigning" at the Institute of Public Administration Conference, held in Toronto, Ont. on Feb. 21.
- "Politics and New Technology" at the Public Policy Forum Conference, held in Ottawa, Ont. on Feb. 23.
- "Integrated Service Delivery and Identity Management" at the Intergovernmental Task Force on Identity Management and Authentication, held April 30.

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer delivered the conferenced opening keynote address to TEL@York 2007: Partnerships to Enhance Student Engagement at York University, May 1 to 2. The title of his presentation was "Teaching, Communication, and the Effective Use of Technology to Enhance Student Engagement." Mitterer also participated in a conference panel entitled Student-Powered Learning: Social Networking and Collaboration in the Digital Age.

The following papers were presented at the recent Cognitive Neurosciency Society meeting in New York, from the Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Laboratory at Brock University:

- Xin Zheng and **Sid Segalowitz**: "Early components of word reading: A high-density ERP study of lexical access."
- William Tays, **Sid Segalowitz**, Karen Mathewson, and **Jane Dywan**: "Topographical Variability of ERP Response in Older Adults is Inversely Related to Interference in a Working Memory
- Sid Segalowitz, William Marshall, Karen Mathewson, William Tays, and Jane Dywan: "Cross-Cortical Communication in Healthy Human Aging: A Mutual Information Analysis of EEG."

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New sculpture greets visitors to Inniskillin Hall

Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President Research and International Development, right, accepts the donation of a sculpture entitled "Steel Wine-ing" from artist Mykl, left. The local artist donated the sculpture to the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute to honour the history and the future of the grape and wine industry in Niagara. The sculpture is housed in the lobby of Inniskillin Hall in the Mackenzie Chown Complex.

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