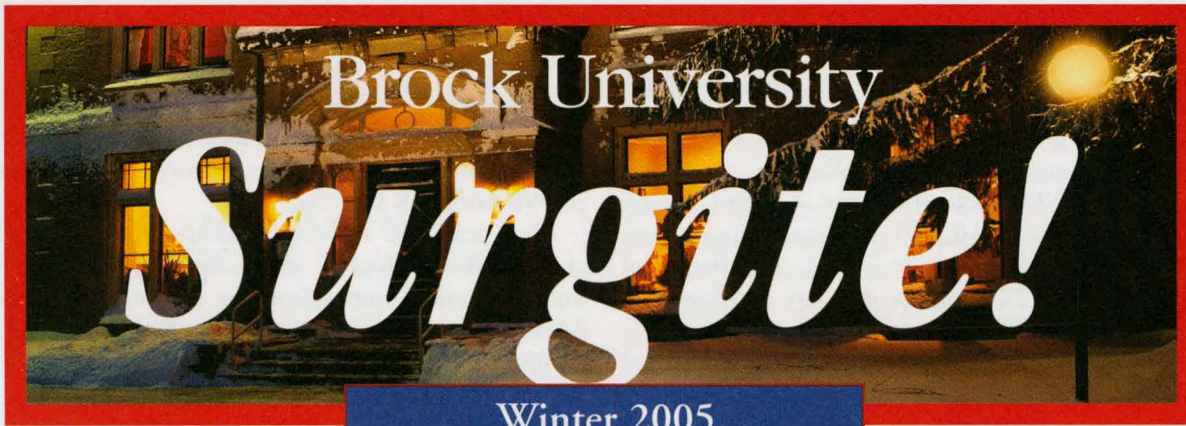




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A quarterly publication for graduates and friends of Brock University
Surgite! /sur-gi-tay/ Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

Brock tops, say students

The quality of education at Brock University received an A grade by some of the harshest critics on any campus - the students - placing it at the top of the list of Canada's 17 medium-sized universities.

In a survey published by the *Globe and Mail* on October 13, students expressed high satisfaction with the overall educational experience at Brock. Sub-categories within the education assessment included quality of teaching (A-); faculty members' knowledge of subjects (A+); effectiveness of teaching methods (B+); and availability of faculty outside classroom hours (A).

"I am delighted that our students have recognized the excellence of our faculty, our facilities and our student services," said Brock University President David Atkinson. "Students, after all, are the primary users of the system and their opinion is very important to us. This is a real vote of confidence for the University and positively reflects Brock's growing reputation."

Brock students also awarded high marks to the overall quality of student services, giving a grade of A- to the University. Sub-categories included health services (B+); academic support (B); recreation and sports (A-); and student residence (A-).

In the area of overall career preparation, Brock ranked second overall with a score of B+.

Brock students gave the University an A- rating or better in 30 categories and a B+ to B- rating in another 29 areas. In all, there were 66 survey categories, ranging in topic from class sizes to on-campus pubs to computer accessibility on campus.

For the purposes of the on-line survey, Brock was considered a medium-sized university with an enrolment between 12,500 and 25,000 students; Brock's current enrolment is about 16,600 part- and full-time students. Included in the category were Queen's University, McMaster University, the University of Victoria, McGill University, the University of Guelph, the University of Western Ontario, and others.

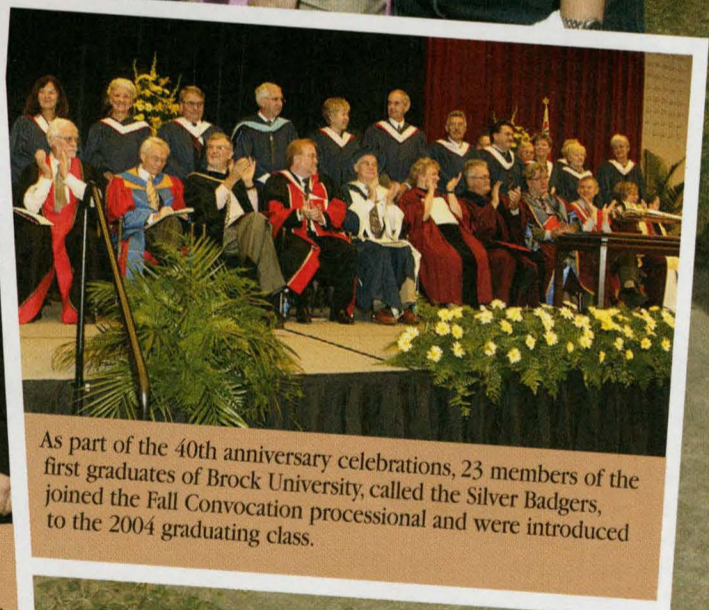
For more information on the *Globe's* University Report Card, go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

Celebrating 40 years

Enjoying the Brock Days reunion at Montebello Park are Brock graduates, from left, Lindsay McLean, (BRLS, '02), Dan Cameron, (BSM, '02), Chris Rivait, (BBA, '01; BA, pcul, '02), Candace (McNally) Rivait, (BA, chys, '01), Jaime Sheepwash, (BSM, '02), Lyndi Warnick (BSM, '02) and Stephanie Schott (BA, hist/Engl, '03; BEd, '04).



With his family at his side, Dr. Ian Beddis (BSc, math/econ, '68) celebrated the dedication of the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium, on October 15, in recognition of his \$500,000 donation to the Good, Better, Brock! Campaign. The Beddis family, from left, Jamie, Ian, David, Robin, Kevin and Matthew. This donation is the largest gift to be given to the University by a Brock graduate.



As part of the 40th anniversary celebrations, 23 members of the first graduates of Brock University, called the Silver Badgers, joined the Fall Convocation processional and were introduced to the 2004 graduating class.

A new academic year always creates a great deal of excitement on campus and this year was exceptionally special as Brock University marked 40 years of accomplishments.

A number of 40th anniversary celebrations were held during Brock

Days, September 24, 25 and 26 and also during Fall Convocation weekend in mid October.

Please turn to pages 4 and 5 to see highlights from events that captured the spirit of Brock's proud history and tradition of excellence since 1964.

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Brock University maintains a database of contact information for each of its graduates in accordance with all legislative requirements protecting privacy. The contact information retained is used to deliver services and to keep you informed and up to date on the alumni activities of Brock University, including programs, services, special events, funding needs, opportunities to volunteer or to give, open houses and more through periodic contacts. All records are maintained by the Office of University Advancement and cannot be released without the permission of the individual(s) concerned. The Advancement Office does not sell, trade or give away mailing lists to other organizations. However, in the interests of serving its graduates and generating revenue for the University, the Advancement Office does contract with a number of companies to provide a range of services that offer competitive rates and personal assistance to alumni. Any contractors of the Advancement Office are also required to keep information about you confidential and limited to carrying out the service they provide us. Should you wish to have your contact information removed from our database contact the Office of University Advancement at 905-688-5550, ext. 3816.

Over \$1.8 million in grants awarded to Brock researchers

Researchers at Brock University were recently awarded over \$1.8 million in grants for 24 projects ranging in topic from potential treatments for diabetes, to solutions on shortening the amount of time people spend waiting for medical appointments.

Science and Engineering Research Canada (NSERC) awarded grants to Brock faculty members totalling \$1,880,762 over five years, all of which are for new or renewed projects. Of that amount, \$136,382 was awarded for five equipment grants. The total value of new grants for 2004-05 is \$562,294. All of these awards are in addition to an estimated \$260,231 in earlier NSERC research and equipment grants for projects that are ongoing in 2004-05.

"Brock's emerging role as a leader in research and development is evident by our faculty's success in winning awards from Canada's major science funding agencies," said Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President of Research at Brock. "Through their commitment and dedication to research, our professors make enormous contributions to the University's teaching and learning environment."

The latest grants will fund research projects by 22 faculty members in the fields of biological sciences, chemistry, community health science, computer science, earth sciences, management, marketing and human resources, mathematics, physical education and kinesiology, physics and psychology.

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

Brock experiences record enrolment for new academic year

As Brock University celebrates its 40th anniversary, a record number of students have enrolled for the 2004-2005 academic year. Current figures show 16,629 full- and part-time students are registered, an increase of 1,102 students over an enrolment of 15,527 last year.

Total undergraduate enrolment sits at 15,631 full- and part-time students, compared to 14,669 last year. There are

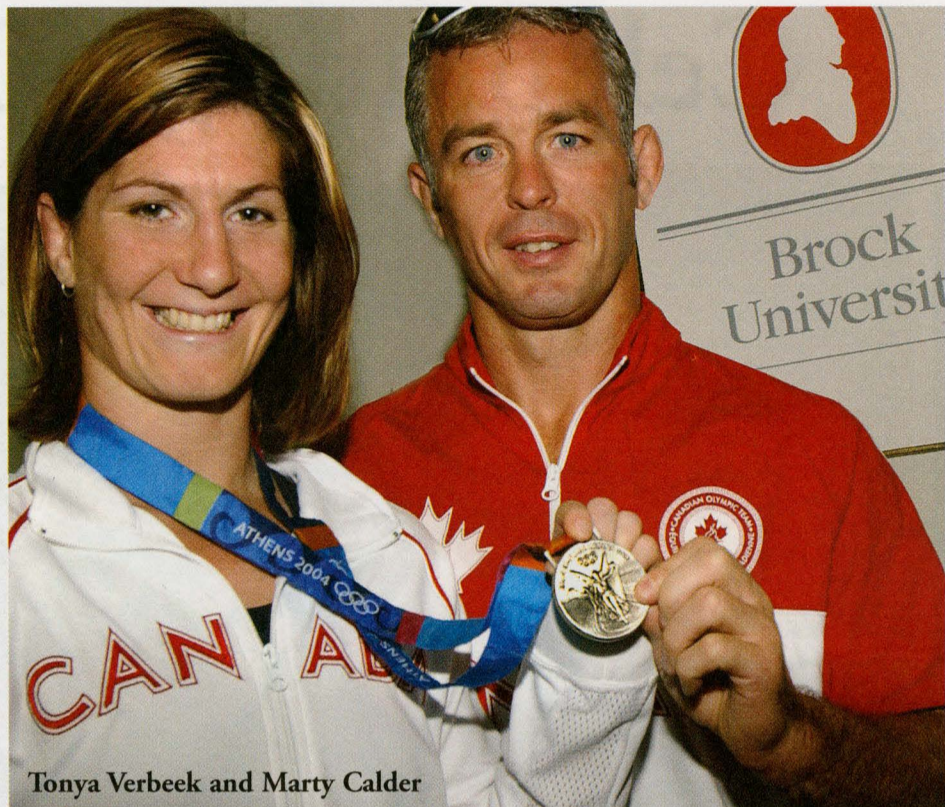
3,514 first-year students, of which 2,700 are direct from secondary schools. The number of graduate students increased to 998 from 858 last year.

New academic offerings include an undergraduate program in Computing and Network Communications; a new Master of Arts degree in Applied Linguistics; and a PhD program in Biological Sciences. Brock is also offering new co-op options in the

following undergraduate programs: Earth Sciences, Environmental Geoscience, and Applied Language Studies.

Also, the University campus continues to grow. A \$19-million capital expansion is under way which will include new academic space and faculty offices, a new campus store and the construction of the Lifespan Development Research Centre.

Brock's connection in Athens



Tonya Verbeek and Marty Calder

Brock student Tonya Verbeek became Canada's first female wrestler to win an Olympic medal. Verbeek won the silver medal in the 55 kg category at the Athens games in August.

Also competing at this Olympics were Brock wrestler Evan MacDonald and rowers Iain Brambell (BA, '97) and Jacqueline Cook (BPhEd, '01).

Former Olympian Marty Calder (BPhEd, '92) served as Assistant Coach of the freestyle wrestling team and (Panagiota) Nota Klentrou, Associate Professor in the Department of Physical

Education and Kinesiology, was the Director of Results, part of the Greek Organizing Committee for the gymnastics venue which includes rhythmic gymnastics, artistic gymnastics and trampoline.

At the Paralympic Games, held in Athens in September, Brock student Tyler Emmett and graduate Elisabeth Walker (BPhEd, '02) were medal winners in the pool. Walker won a silver and bronze while Emmett won a bronze medal.



Elisabeth Walker and Tyler Emmett

PHOTO COURTESY OF RON POZZER, HAMILTON SPECTATOR

brockpeople.ca is the place to be

Brock graduate Brad Roulston (BRLS, '97) is a big fan of brockpeople.ca. Since Brock's on-line graduate community was launched just over a year ago, Roulston has made great use of the site, particularly in reconnecting with old friends from his student days at Brock.

Through brockpeople.ca, he set up a reunion, last September in Toronto, with "the old Shick Rez Gang" - roommate Jose Zamora, now living in Toronto, and floormates Chris Kohli, a teacher in Thailand, and Mike Thompson, of Darlington.

"The last time I saw these guys was seven years ago at my Brock graduation," says Roulston. "Through brockpeople.ca we were able to connect and meet up again. It is a great service and cool way to get back in touch with old pals."

Graduates who are registered with brockpeople.ca are loyal users - there have been nearly 40,000 hits to the site to date. Beginning in January, Brock is giving away an Apple iPod a month until June to thank graduates for their support. Graduates who update their online Alumni Profile will have their names entered in the draws. There are more details about the draws available on brockpeople.ca

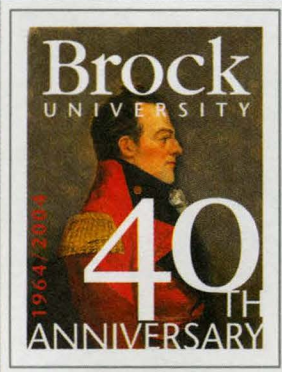
"The site has received tremendous participation from our graduates in its first year of operation," says Christine Jones, Director of Alumni Advancement at Brock. "Brockpeople.ca provides opportunities for messaging, discussion forums, business listings and personal news updates. We especially appreciate grads who update their records on-line as it enables the University to keep in touch regarding new on-line features, as well as alumni programming, events and benefit packages."

"Brockpeople.ca is another way in which we can serve our graduate community in a variety of ways. Most importantly, we are proud of our graduates and we want them to continue their relationship with the University and be part of its exciting future."

Rob Gottschalk (BBA, '01) is another of the many Brock alumni who make regular visits to brockpeople.ca.

"Overall I think it's incredible that we have a place to go to and get in touch with old friends since leaving Brock," says Gottschalk, of Toronto. "Also, when I need a business or service, I look to brockpeople.ca. I'd rather support a Brock grad if I can."

It's easy to visit www.brockpeople.ca. At the login page, enter your former student ID# (your login) and your birth date (your password yyyymmdd). If you are a new user, complete the registration steps and return to the Home Page.



Happy anniversary

Brock University proudly celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

To mark this occasion, *Surgite!* presents a retrospective of the University's history with a series of photo features. Here we present: The Faces Behind The Buildings at Brock.

The photos were provided by: Special Collections and Archives, James A. Gibson Library; Divino Mucciante, University Photographer; and the Office of University Advancement.

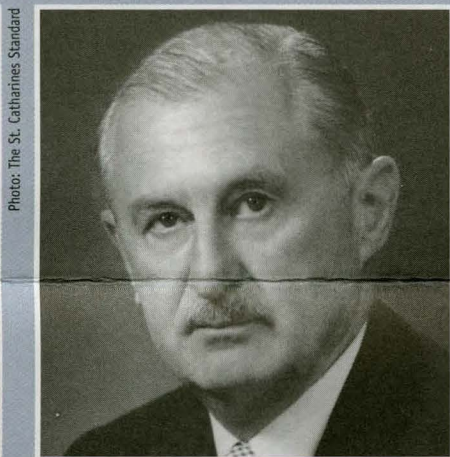
More photos from the past decade can be found at: www.brocku.ca/anniversary



Eleanor Misener
Eleanor Misener Aquatics Centre.



Mac Chown, former Mayor of St. Catharines.
Mackenzie Chown Complex.



Dr. Arthur Schmon
Schmon Tower



From left, John and Carol Walker, and Marilyn and Norris Walker.
The Walker Complex.

Grads honoured



From left, Dr. Andy Panko and Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, President of the Brock University Alumni Association.

The Brock University Alumni Association recently recognized Dr. Andy Panko as the recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Award. Panko graduated from Brock University with an Honours BSc in Geological Science in 1975. He has earned prominence for his exceptional contributions to his profession on a national level. In 1995, Panko's company, Arcturus was *PROFIT Magazine's* fourth Fastest-Growing Company in Canada and was a finalist in the *Financial Post's* Top 50 Best-Managed Companies. His current venture, Brownfield Revolution, specializes in cleaning up environmentally contaminated sites.

Dr. Paul Ingram, a Professor at Columbia University in New York City, is the recipient of

Alumni Association news and events www.brockalumni.ca



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Members of the 2004-2005 Alumni Association Board of Directors, from left, Lynn Bubic, Matthew Gerhard, Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, Richard Knabenschuh, Cam Hathaway, Bradley Clarke, Christine Jones and Terry Cockerline, of the Office of University Advancement, David Betzner and Jason Sykes.

Celebrating Brock Days

The 9th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament was held on September 18 at Links of Niagara at Willodell. More than 70 Brock grads and friends enjoyed a friendly round of golf. This year's winners of the best-ball scramble format tournament were Darren Fox (BBA, '00), Duncan Small, Chris Brewer (BPhEd, '01; BEd, '02) and Rob Gilmour (BA, engl, '01). The St. Catharines Jaycees trophy for the Most Honest Golfers was presented to Les McCurdy-Myers (BA, psyc, '76), Jim Lott (BPhEd, '76; BA, psyc, '76), Peter Hillyer, (BA, phil, '74) and Paul Mundy (BA, phil/psyc, '74). This event provides many grads with an ideal venue for a once-a-year reunion and becomes increasingly popular each year. The 2005 tournament will again be held at Links of Niagara on Saturday, September 17. See you there!

During the official kickoff to Brock Days, the Alumni Association sponsored the Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care in the Grape Stomp Extravaganza by supplying shirts saying "Brock Alumni Association Class of 200??" Members of the Alumni Association joined in to cheer on the kids. The shirts for both groups were generously donated by Innivity Marketing Group, a company owned and operated by Brock graduates.

The final event of this year's celebration was the Alumni Association's Annual General meeting held on September 26 at Rodman Hall. Over 50 grads enjoyed brunch as they were brought up to date on Alumni Association initiatives during the past year and visioning for the upcoming year. The newest members of the Board of Directors were also appointed and the Alumni Association took the opportunity to present its annual student awards. Minutes for the AGM

can be found on the Alumni Association Web site www.brockalumni.ca

Upcoming Alumni Association Events and Initiatives:

- Cuvee Silent Auction - March 5
 - Curling Tournament - March 2005
- All Brock graduates are members of the Alumni Association. To find out how you can get involved, contact Terry Cockerline, Executive Director, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4502, e-mail alumniassociation@brocku.ca or visit www.brockalumni.ca.

The 2004-2005 Alumni Association Board of Directors are:

- Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, (BBE, '98) - President
- Richard Knabenschuh, (BA, psyc, '90) - Vice President
- Brad Clarke, (BA, chld, '00) - Vice President and Treasurer
- Lynne Bubic, (BA, psyc, '91)
- Jason Coolman, (BA, poli, '98)
- Lisa Foran, (BA, ling, '00)
- Matthew Gerhard, (BA, hist, '99)
- Cam Hathaway, (BPhEd, '80)
- Alison Lahn, (BA, chld/psyc, '95; BA, licd, '01)
- Rena Posteraro, (BA, Fren/admi, '98)
- Cynthia Roberts, (BRLS, '88)
- Bert Vanderperk, (BAdmin, '77)

Ex-Officio Members:

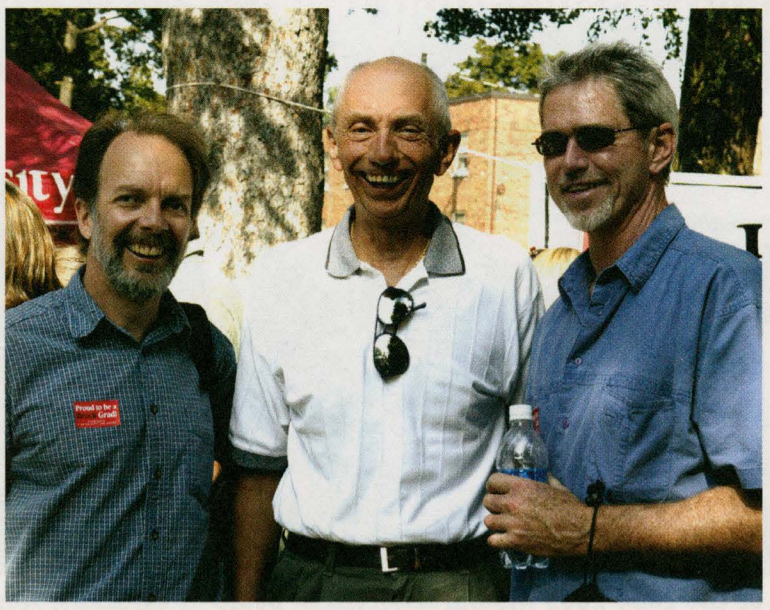
- Terence Scheltema, (BBE '96) - Ottawa Network Representative:
- Lorie Abernethy, (BA, admi/poli, '82) - Calgary Network Representative
- David Betzner, (BSc, cosc, '85) - Toronto Network Representative
- Jason Sykes - President, Brock Student Ambassadors
- Brad Clarke, (BA, chld, '00) - Board of Trustees Representative
- Christine Jones - Director, Alumni Advancement
- Terry Cockerline, (BA, csbc, '97) - Executive Director

Visit the BUAA Web site at www.brockalumni.ca for full event details and reports.



Dr. Paul Ingram

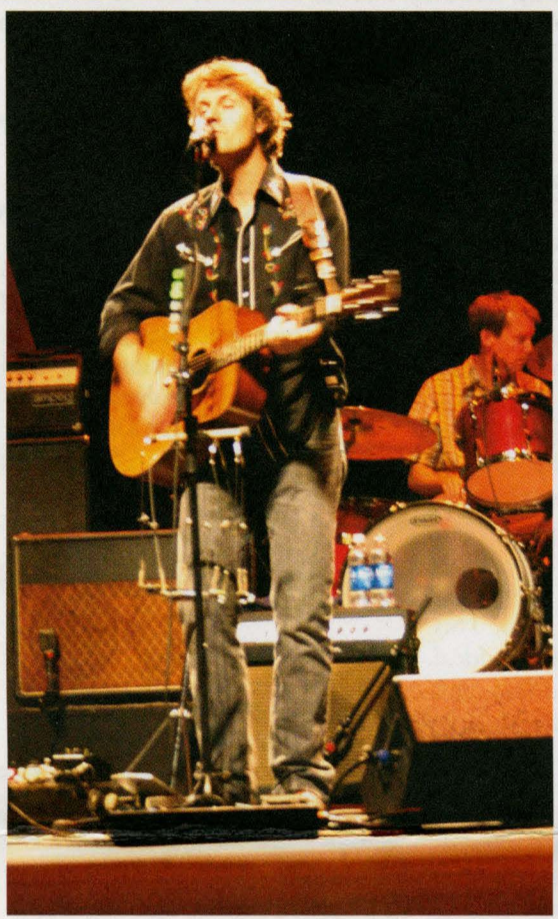
the 2004 Faculty of Business Distinguished Graduate Award. Ingram, a Professor of Management at Columbia, graduated from Brock in 1990 with a BBA in Co-Op Accounting. Prior to his arrival at Columbia, Ingram served on the faculty of Carnegie Mellon University. Other appointments include visiting professorships at Tel Aviv University and the University of Toronto, where he held the Prichard Chair of Management. As well, he has taught at leading business schools in the UK, China, India and Australia.



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Brock Days 2004

Once again, the Brock Days celebration was an unprecedented success as faculty, staff, students and graduates enjoyed the festivities. Here are a few memories from the 2004 event:

- Clockwise from top left:*
1. Some familiar faces celebrate Brock Days at Montebello Park
 2. Admiring the vintage cars at the Kickoff
 3. Enjoying Fine Food, Fine Wine and Fine Arts
 4. Small but mighty Grape Stompers
 5. The Caverners take a break with some members of the Brock Days Committee
 6. Most honest golfers rewarded at Alumni Golf Tournament
 7. A messy trio of students at the Grape Stomp Extravaganza
 8. Jim Cuddy thrilled the audience at Sean O'Sullivan Theatre



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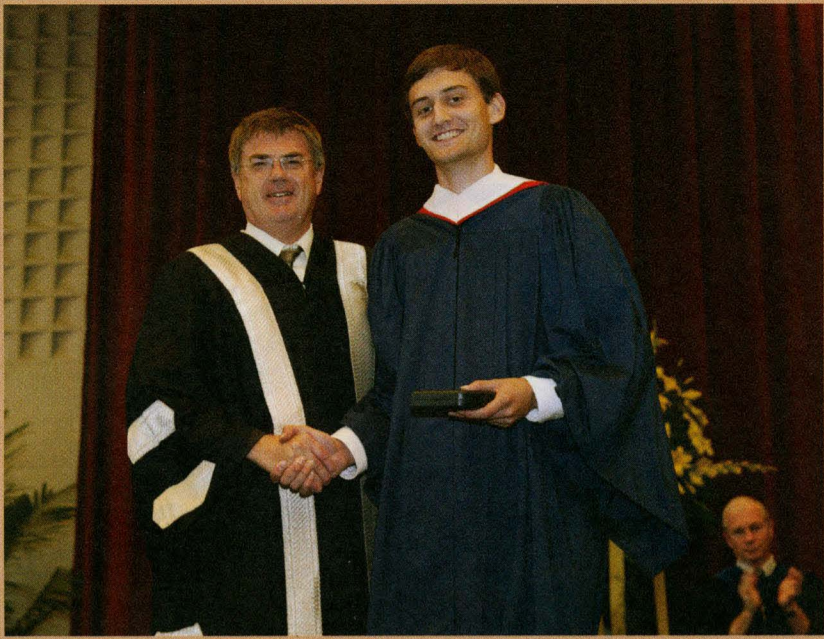


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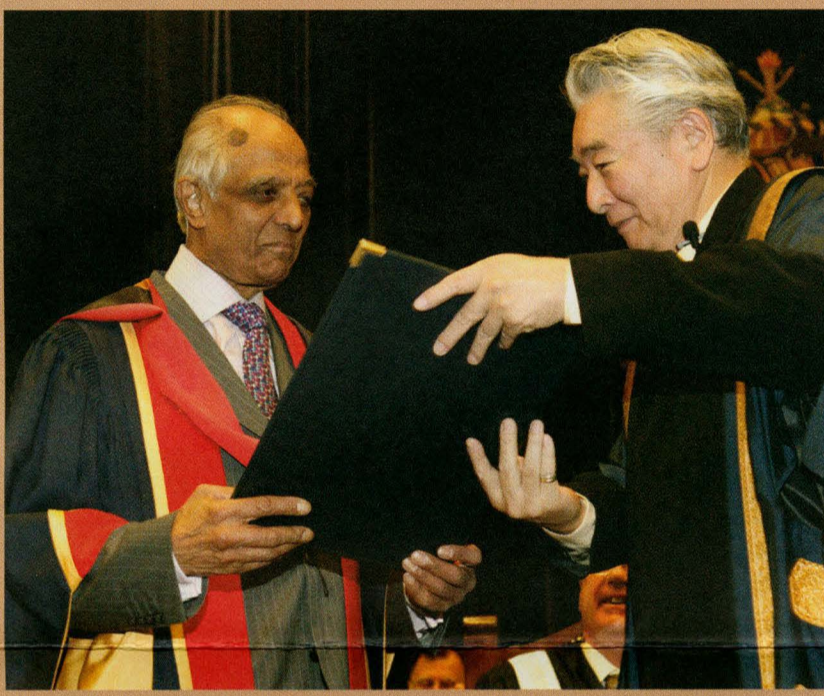


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2004 Fall Convocation



Brock President David Atkinson, left, congratulates Brendan Nathaniel Wolfe, recipient of the Governor General's Silver Medal.



Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, right, presents Dr. Lewis Perinbam, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), with an honorary degree.

• Grad crosses Atlantic for ceremony

Brendan Nathaniel Wolfe didn't mind dealing with a little jet lag in order to attend Brock's Fall Convocation ceremony. In late September, the 19-year-old began graduate school at Oxford University in England, on a full Commonwealth Scholarship to study comparative and historical philology.

He returned to Brock on Oct. 16 to receive his Honours Degree in Integrated Studies, Great Books Liberal Studies, Classics and German, and to be recognized as the recipient of the Governor General's Silver Medal. The award is given to the student graduating at Fall Convocation with the highest cumulative overall average in a first honours degree.

Wolfe, a St. Catharines resident, completed his four-year program of study at Brock in two years. He set his sights on attending Oxford when he was in Grade 8. Following the two-year program at Oxford, Wolfe intends to enrol in doctoral studies.

• Honorary degree

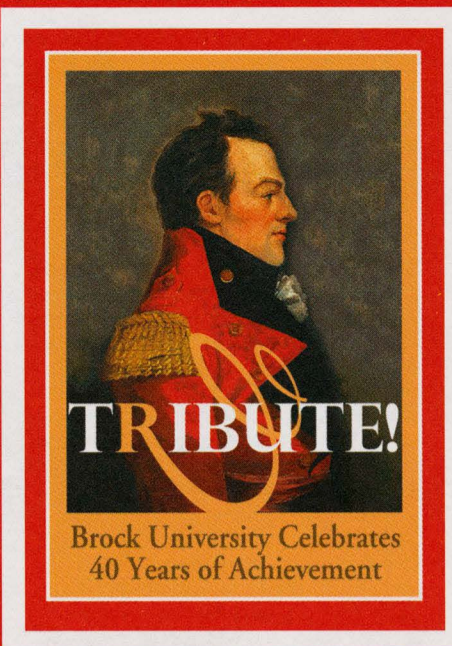
This year, Brock awarded an honorary degree to Dr. Lewis Perinbam, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL). Perinbam was named Chair of the Board of

Governors of the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) in April 2003. He is a Vancouver resident and is the second Canadian to hold this post. COL is an intergovernmental organization created by Commonwealth Heads of Government to encourage the development and sharing of open learning and distance education knowledge, resources and technologies.

• Research and teaching excellence honoured

Professor Kenneth Kernaghan of the Department of Political Science received the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching. This award recognizes a faculty member who has made a significant commitment to providing and developing quality learning experiences for students in addition to valuable contributions in curriculum development and the mentoring of colleagues.

Professor Emeritus Jack Adams-Webber of the Department of Psychology received the 2004 Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity. This award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding research achievements, contributions toward the training of future researchers and consistency in scholarly or creative performance.



Gala supports student bursaries

Brock raised funds to support student bursaries as part of Tribute!, a gala event to celebrate the University's 40th anniversary. There were 250 guests, including Brock graduates, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University, at the black tie dinner and dance on October 16. The event was held in Niagara Falls at the fabulous Table Rock Restaurant, overlooking the Horseshoe Falls.

Good, Better, Brock! Campaign exceeds goal

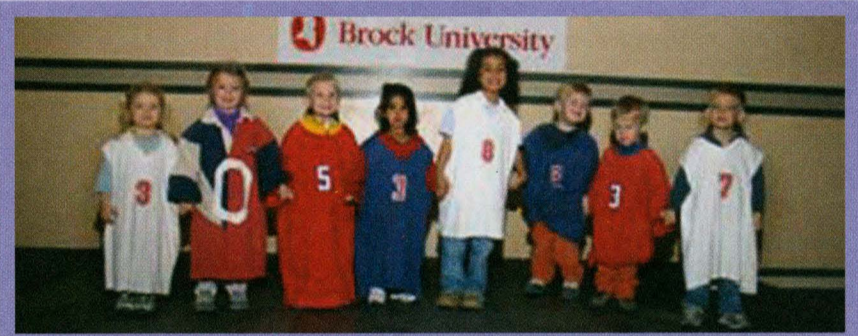


PHOTO: JOHN PAVTASH

A group of future Brock graduates from the Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care helped the University announce the final Good, Better, Brock! Campaign tally of \$30,538,237.

Good, Better, Brock!, the largest fundraising campaign in Brock University's 40-year history, has exceeded its goal of \$29,620,000 with the final total reaching \$30,538,237.

Donations to the campaign from the private sector leveraged an additional total of \$23.2 million from municipal and provincial governments to complete the University's expansion to satisfy the double cohort. With the expansion of Brock, financed in part by the Good, Better, Brock! Campaign, the University's annual economic impact on Niagara has increased to \$263 million.

The five-year initiative received unprecedented support from students and graduates, faculty and staff, the Board of Trustees, as well as the

broader community.

"Our campaign was a major challenge, and we can be very proud of the volunteers, staff and donors who worked very hard to give our community this success," said Grant Dobson, Executive Director of University Advancement, who also directed the campaign. "This investment will pay many dividends for decades to come. The capital projects alone brought \$82,193,000, the equivalent of 2,055 year-long jobs, to Niagara. Both our campus and the broader community have benefited greatly from the work of the campaign leaders and volunteers."

Another indicator of the success of the campaign is that it was run entirely by Brock staff and volunteers, keeping the direct cost of fundraising to 5.37 cents on the dollar.

\$500,000 gift, the largest ever from a Brock grad

Dr. Ian Beddis, one of the first graduates of Brock University, supported the Good, Better, Brock! Campaign with a donation of \$500,000, the largest gift to be given to the University by a Brock graduate.

To honour this outstanding contribution, the University named the Walker Complex gymnasium, the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium.

"I am very pleased to support an institution that has meant so much to me throughout my life," says Beddis, Director and Branch Manager for Scotia McLeod in Calgary. "Brock is a great University that deserves and needs higher levels of financial support. It's important that Brock graduates help lead the way."

Beddis received an honorary degree from Brock in 2000 and was also recognized as Brock's outstanding alumnus in 2002.

"Dr. Beddis' very generous gift will serve as a fine example and inspiration to graduates and other members of the

Brock community," says Brock University President David Atkinson. "Ian exemplifies the leadership and commitment that we see in our graduates and work to inspire in our students. I am very pleased that the Board of Trustees has agreed to name this important facility for Dr. Ian Beddis."

Beddis has maintained a lifelong relationship with the University that spans Brock's 40-year history. He attended the University from 1964 to 1968. Beddis received his Honours Science degree in Mathematics and Economics in 1968 and was a member of Brock's first Honours graduation class and a Silver Badger.

During his student career at Brock, he was involved and contributed to every aspect of University life. He was the President of the Brock University Students' Union in 1968 and a member of Senate. His academic excellence and extracurricular involvement earned him the Vice Chancellor's Trophy in 1967 and 1968.

1973

Stewart Brown (BA, poli) began as lead pastor of West Edmonton Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta on August 25, 2004. From his Bethel D.Min. thesis, Stewart has published a workbook and developed a seminar for churches to attract, retain and motivate visitors to become passionate followers of Christ. The seminar is called "Transforming Church Visitors into Passionate Members" and information can be accessed at www.friends-4-life.cjb.net or e-mail Stewart at revstewart@hotmail.com

1974

Eleanor (Price) Redding (BA, psyc), after several intensive months of training, in 2002, she became a hypnotherapist certified with the National Guild of Hypnotists in New Hampshire. Eleanor really enjoys helping people and the clients are so grateful in return to have some long-time problems helped immensely through this process.

1983

Carol Morningstar (BA, chld/musi) and husband Dave are extremely proud grandparents and love spoiling their grandson. Son Derek and his wife, Vicky, welcomed Owen Zachary to their family on May 8, 2004. This year Carol is teaching Grade 5 at Valley Way School, Niagara Falls, Ont. and taking Special Education classes at Brock.

1988

Sandra Haynes-Paterson (BA, adm/poli) is currently employed as a specialist in human resources at St. Joseph's Health Care, London, Ont. Sandra and husband Keith have built their new home in Ingersoll, Ont.

1993

Sonja (Hennemann) Littan (BBE), after graduation, went back to Frieberg University, in Germany, where she finished her law studies. In 2001, Sonja graduated with a PhD in law from Kiel University and has worked for Baker & McKenzie in Frankfurt, Germany.

Tracy Satin (BA, clas) is the conservator for the Kelowna Museum Association, in Kelowna, B.C. She cares for its artifact collection and focuses on the preventive conservation program from the Ursula Surtees Regional Conservation Laboratory.

1994

Larry Gross (BA, adm/poli), is working as a security supervisor in the special events industry. He graduated from the Canadian Automotive Institute at Georgian College in 1993 before returning to complete his degree at Brock in 1994. In 1999, Larry graduated with an honours bachelor of commerce from the University of Windsor. He has worked at many of the large special events held in Ontario during the past few years, including the Cher farewell tour, The Rolling Stones 40 Licks Tour, and the 2003 SARS relief concert at Downsview Park. In the past few summers, Larry worked at The Friendship Festival in Fort Erie and The Molson Indy in Toronto. He would like to say hello to all of his roommates and classmates. Larry may be reached at grandprix24@yahoo.com.

1995

Jerry Laufman (BA, ling) is working with the Olsen Hearing Aid Service, located in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, Ont. He is a registered authorizer and dispenser for the Assistive Devices Program (Ministry of Health), Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), and the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA). Jerry's extensive experience in hearing diagnostics and rehabilitation for all ages includes four years as Audiologist in Ear Nose and Throat Specialist offices in St. Catharines and Barrie.

Tamera Johnson (BA, geog/wise) is presently enjoying her maternity leave from her job as Employment and Development Advisor at the Regional Municipality of Halton in Oakville, Ont., while husband **David Ross** (BBA, '94) is the Director of Sales at Davis + Henderson in Toronto where he has been employed for six years.

1996

Richard Durk (BA, adm/econ) won the Canadian Payroll Association's 2004 Gold Education Achievement Award for attaining the highest overall marks nationwide in the PMCP's compulsory payroll courses for 2003. Richard is featured in the July/August 2004 issue of *DIALOGUE*, the official publication for members of the Canadian Payroll Association.

Philip Wachel (BA, chld; BEdTSL, '97) and **April Nelson** (BSc, geop, '92) were married on July 10, 2004, in a small country church. Philip is an ESL teacher and April is an

elementary school teacher, both in the Niagara Region. They spent their honeymoon in Atlantic Canada and now reside in Port Colborne, Ont.

1999

Sean Allen (BPhEd) is a mathematics and physical education teacher at Bayridge Secondary School, in Kingston, Ont., where he attended from 1990 through 1995. He organized the school's golf tournament in memory of Frank Carney and Matt Cahill who were two of his schoolmates. The event raised \$7,500 toward scholarships established in memory of Frank Carney and Matt Cahill and through support from the school council.

2000

Lisa Foran (BA, ling), Niagara Region Manager for the Lung Association, has worked for the Lung Association since January 2003, and was special events coordinator until her promotion in February 2004. Lisa oversees three staff and more than 15 volunteers at the association's Thorold office. Their goal is to promote lung health and support local health authorities.

Rebecca Iudiciani (BACC) successfully completed the Uniform Evaluation (UFE) and the prescribed practical experience required for the Chartered Accountant designation. She joined Crawford, Smith and Swallow in 2000 and currently provides a variety of accounting, assurance and taxation services to a growing list of clients from the Niagara Falls office.

2002

Vanessa Alderdice (BA, csmc) graduated from Niagara University where she received her Masters of Science in Education. Her academic achievements earned her a membership in Kappa Delta Pi, the international Honour Society in Education.

Births

Karen (Benko) Austin (BE, '83), a daughter, Laura Simone, May 11, 2004.

Kimberly (Reed) Boutin (BACC, '00), a son, Reed, March 18, 2004.

Catherine (Walting) Christian (BA, chld, '96), a son, Ben, September 29, 2003.

Peter Corbett (BE, '92), a son, Brett James, February 10, 2004.

Robert DePetris (BAdmin, '89), a son, Andrew, May 2, 2004.

Glen Ditner (BPhEd, '95), a daughter, Janelle Hope, February 17, 2004.

Lisa (Jonescu) Doering (BRLS, '93), a son, Matthew, January 12, 2004.

Christopher Gilbert (BBA, '95) and **Jennifer (Hartling) Gilbert** (BA, soci, '95; BE, '01), a son, Braeden, January 16, 2004.

Robert Gutcher (BA, psyc, '94), a son, Grady James, August 11, 2004.

Simon Hancox (BPhEd, '97), a son, Lucas, May 20, 2004.

Brian Houle (BRLS, '95) and **Angela (Lebano) Houle** (BACC, '95), a son, Zachary, March 4, 2004.

Darren Johnstone (BA, poli, '99; BA, psyc, '00), a son, Spencer Darren, August 23, 2003.

David Kaczanowski (BSc, cosc, '97), a son, Noel Wesley, November 22, 2003.

Kevin Kelly (BACC, '94) and **Christine (Moir) Kelly** (BBA, '93), a son, Liam Brock, May 19, 2004.

Medina Kosova (MA, poja, '93), a daughter, Ashlan, March 19, 2002.

Alison (Dearing) Lahn (BA, chld/psyc, '95; BA, licd, '01), a son, Aiden Timothy, June 16, 2004.

Sonja (Hennemann) Littan (BBE, '93), a son, Kilian, January 20, 2004.

Vanessa (de Jong) Luce (BBE, '88), a daughter, Gabrielle, November 2, 2002.

Lee-Ann (Ricci) Lucisano (BA, soci, '94), a daughter, Christina, November 29, 2002.

Nicole (Rodgers) McRobbie (BA, poli, '91), a son, Quinn Mitchell, February 14, 2003.

Cindy (Cracknell) Miller (BA/BE, '96), a daughter, Daneka, April 18, 2003.



Andrea Palko (BA/BE, '99) and **Michael Larocque** (BBA, fnce, '96) were married on May 10, 2003 in Burlington Ontario. From left: **Jennifer Santori**, **Alan Larocque**, **Brock Grads Kim Meyers** (BA/BE, '99), **Ken Foster** (BA, poli, '95; BA, hist, '01), groom **Mike Larocque** (BBA, fnce, '96), bride **Andrea Palko** (BA/BE, '99), **Meghan (Palko) Caibal** (BSM, '99) and **Jeff Lack** (BACC, '97).

Brian Mino (BACC, '00) and **Laura Toal-Mino** (BBA, '99), a son, Christopher, January 16, 2004.

Andrea (Woan) Mitchell (BPhEd, '99) and **Jason Mitchell** (BA, econ/poli, '98), a son, Ethan Brock, May 8, 2004.

Carol Morningstar (BA, chld/musi, '83), a grandson, Owen Zachary, May 8, 2004.

Todd Nie (BA, hist, '96), a daughter, Peyton Sharon Kathryn, July 16, 2004.

Catherine (Bittner) Overeem (BPhEd, '89), a daughter, Lauren, July 7, 2003.

Susan (Denisko) Pisan (BA, poli, '99), a son, Aiden Moddeo, April 18, 2003.

Joel Reid (BA, econ, '99) and **Julie (Demunnik) Reid** (BA, musi, '98), a son, John Liam Campbell, August 17, 2004.

Adrian Shelley (BPhEd, '97), a daughter, Sophia, September 4, 2003.

Melissa (Graham) Smith (BA, soci, '94), a daughter, Lily Catherine, April 19, 2004.

Kimberly Steenson Pankratz (BA, adm/poli, '90), a daughter, Jessica Danielle, August 12, 2004.

Angela (Angotti) Stirpe (BA, chld, '91), a son, Anthony, March 7, 2003.

Johanna Sveinson (BA, FREN, '93), a daughter, Eryn Page, February 5, 2004.

Jennifer Walker-Pottinger (BA, cssp, '91), with son, Miller David, June 14, 2004.

Bethanie (Milroy) Wartman (BPhEd, '92), a son, Thomas, April 29, 2004.

Jennifer (Barons) Weinman (BACC, '98) and **Michael Weinman** (BACC, '99), a daughter, Miranda, June 30, 2004.

Carrol (Goss) Willey (BA, psyc, '89), a daughter, Bridget Catherine, April 20, 2003.

Marriages

Bilal Abu Zeid (BA, econ, '01) and **Cindy Fraser** (BA, soci, '00), August 14, 2004.

Karen Benko (BE, '83) and **Todd Austin**, January 26, 2002.

Sandra Haynes (BA, adm/poli, '88) and **Keith Paterson**, May 15, 2004.

Nancy Mandau (BA, psyc, '97) and **Ed Wall** (BACC, '99), July 6, 2002.

April Nelson (BSc, geop, '92) and **Philip Wachel** (BA, chld, '96; BEdTSL, '97), July 10, 2004.

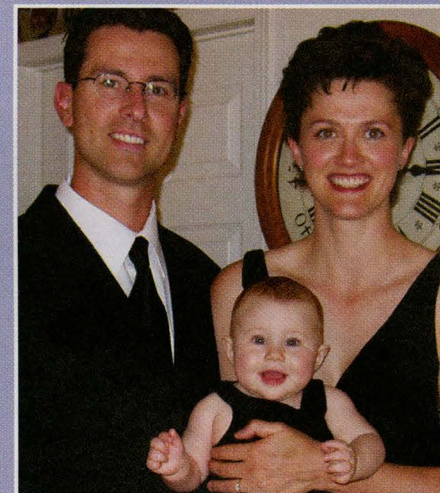
Kimberly Steenson (BA, adm/poli, '90) and **Art Pankratz**, June 28, 2003.

Brad Stoll (BA, visa, '01) and **Lisa Pettifer**, October 2, 2004.

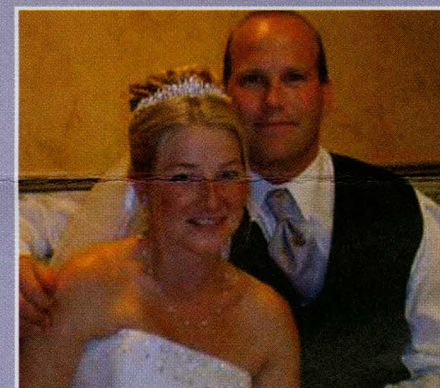
Jacqueline Velthove (BA/BE, '02) and **Bob Engelen**, July 30, 2004.

Teresa Westertep (BA, chld, '91; BE, '92) and **Scott Card**, July 19, 1999.

Sheilah Williamson (BA, psyc, '97) and **Troy Herbert**, October 4, 2003.



Tamera Johnston (BA, geog/wise, '95) and **David Ross** (BBA, '94), a daughter, **Teegan Ailsa**, February 23, 2004.



Stephanie Alguire (BPhEd, '99) and **Stephane Charbonneau** married July 17, 2004.

In Memoriam

Teresa Berdowski (BA, adm/poli, '84), July 14, 2004.

Ann Bown (BA, psyc, '80; MEd, '92), October 2, 2004.

Michel Brochu (BA, Fren, '76; BE, '77), December 28, 2003.

Sharon (Donahue) Burnett (BA, psyc, '78), July 21, 2004.

Donald Chapman (BA, hist, '67), September 27, 2004.

Bernard Hawkins (BA, math/hist, '72), September 8, 2004.

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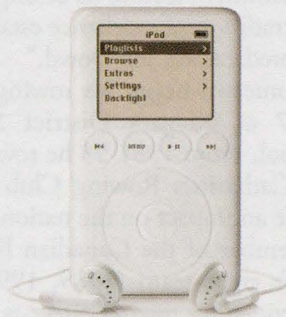
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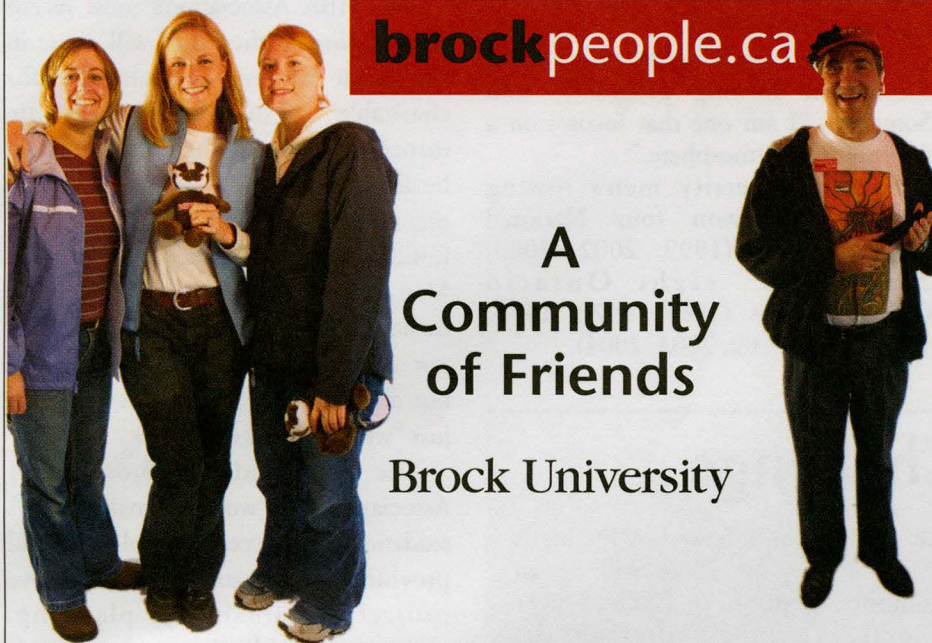
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Appointments

• Ron Dubien is the University's new Chief Information Officer. In this new position, he is responsible for designing, planning, co-ordinating, implementing, and administering campus-wide information services, resources and technology.

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

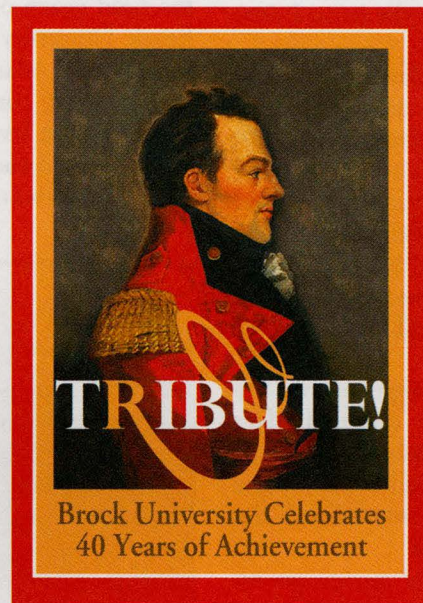
management positions with General Foods and the Toronto General Hospital.

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

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You are cordially invited to be part of Brock's 40th Anniversary celebrations for years to come. As part of the University's festivities, a time capsule has been created to mark this very special occasion. We are offering you the opportunity to have your name included on a scroll that will be sealed within the time capsule and installed on campus at the close of the



Anniversary year. Forty years from now, the time capsule will be opened as a feature of the University's 80th anniversary.

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The Brock University Alumni Association recently recognized three Brock students for their achievements and contributions to the University and to the community. The awards were presented on September 26 at the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting at Rodman Hall, which was included as part of Brock Days celebrations. Pictured, from left, are: Laura MacPherson, recipient of the Alumni Association Student Award; Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, President of the Brock University Alumni Association; Mala Dabideen, recipient of the Badger Award; and Lindsay de Leeuw, recipient of the Silver Badger Award. For more information, please go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

• At the 2004 Canadian University Rowing Championships (CURC), the Brock University men's rowing team captured their third straight national championship and fourth in school history. The women's team placed fifth nationally.

The men's team also captured their fourth straight Ontario University Athletics (OUA) title and eighth in school history. The women won the OUA bronze medal.

• For the first time in Canadian university lacrosse history, the Brock Badgers were crowned champions of the newly formed Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association (CUFLA). The Badgers defeated the Bishops Gaiters 10-9 in the championship game. The Badgers also won their 13th Ontario (OUFLA) championship.

• The men's soccer team won the OUA bronze medal for the second time in three years.

• Brock soccer players received provincial and national all-star honours. Second year Rafael Moniz, the 2004 OUA Player of the Year and First Team OUA All-Star, was selected as a First Team All-Canadian. Third year Melanie Mol was named a First Team OUA All-Star for the second consecutive year as well as being honoured as a Second Team All-Canadian.

• For the second straight season, the women's lacrosse team captured silver at the OUA championship.

• Paul Robinson, head coach of the women's rugby team, was named the OUA Coach of the Year.

For more Athletics news, go to www.brocku.ca/athletics.

Somerwil named Brock University Rowing Coach



Peter Somerwil

Peter Somerwil is the new head coach of the Brock University Rowing program.

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

For the past eight years, he has helped out as a part-time coach with the Brock program.

"We are delighted to have Peter Somerwil accept this new challenge as the head coach of Brock Rowing," said Brock University Director of Athletics Dr. Lorne J. Adams. "He is well known in the rowing community, has achieved at the highest level, and has a focus on the continued success and development of the rowing program. His

appointment assures us of improving on the tradition of excellence established by his predecessor, Joe Dowd."

Somerwil began his rowing career in 1977 at Niagara District Secondary School. From 1981-93 he rowed for the St. Catharines Rowing Club where he made an impact on the national scene as a member of the Canadian lightweight men's eight team (1989, 1992, 1993). He ended his rowing career as an athlete on a high in 1993, capturing gold at the World Championship in the lightweight men's eight.

"I believe I am bringing continuity to the Brock Rowing program," said Somerwil. "I am one that focuses on a friendly team atmosphere."

Brock University men's rowing program has won four National Championships (1999, 2002, 2003, 2004) and eight Ontario Championships (1967, 1972, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004).

Bromac Challenge

On Saturday, January 29, 2005, all graduates are invited to be courtside to cheer on the Badgers as they meet the McMaster Marauders in the Walker Complex, Bob Davis Gym for the Bromac Challenge basketball games. The women's game will take

place at 1 p.m. followed by the men's game at 3 p.m. There will be an alumni reception in WC (Walker Complex) 240, following the games. For more information on the alumni reception please contact: lynirion@brocku.ca

Helping businesses in need

Over this past year, the Brock MBA Association has been developing a relationship with The Niagara Community Foundation (NCF), to more fully integrate the Business School's interest in corporate social responsibility.

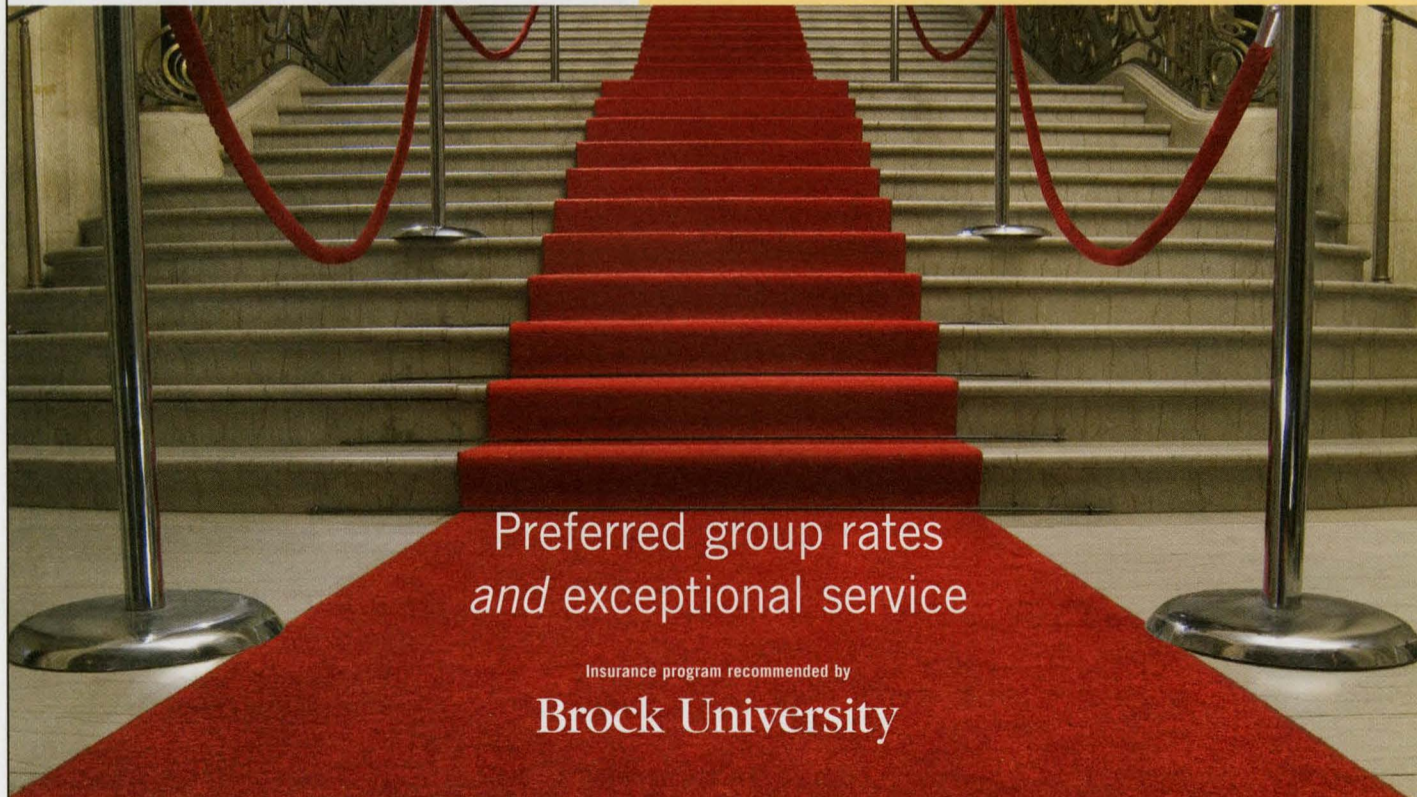
The MBA Association's most recent contribution to the NCF, will come in the form of free consultation for charitable organizations which are turned down for funding. The NCF will be allocating \$90,000 to area charitable organizations this fall which does not fulfill all the requests that NCF receives. Many great ideas and requests are being turned down, not only because there is not enough money to fund everyone, but also because some applications are just "weaker" than others.

The NCF and the Brock MBA Association will work to match MBA students to unsuccessful applicants and provide free consulting to improve project sustainability, planning, structure and evaluation methods.

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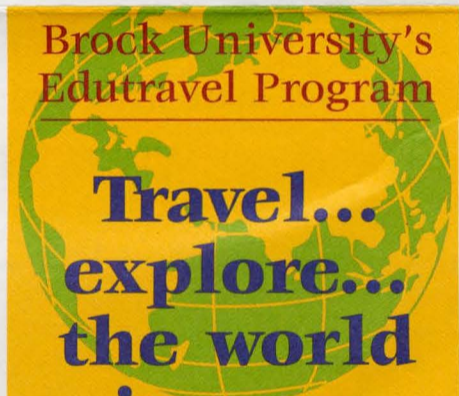
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