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

South Africa graduate student first in partnership



Anitha Jacobs and Dolana Mogadime, Associate Professor, Graduate and Undergraduate Studies

North-West University in South Africa has been one of Brock's partner institutions since 2005. Although a relatively new partnership, it certainly has been a very active one in terms of student and faculty participation.

For the past two years, senior administrators, faculty members and students from both universities have participated in institutional visits, research collaboration, project development and academic

University of Buffalo administrators visit Brock



President and Vice-chancellor of Brock University, Jack N. Lightstone, and Associate Vice-President, Research and International Development, Michael Owen, recently met with representatives from the University at Buffalo (UB), The State University of New York, to discuss opportunities for collaborative research and scholarly initiatives between the two universities. Pictured, from left: Stephen Dunnett, Vice Provost for International Education, UB; Munroe Eagles, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, UB; Jack N. Lightstone; John B. Simpson, President, UB; and Michael Owen.

BrockDays 2007

A community and homecoming celebration

Brock WOW will be a real picnic

All members of the Brock community are invited to come out and enjoy some sunshine, fun and friendship at the Brock Family Picnic being held in Jubilee Court on Thursday, Aug. 16 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The Brock Works New Faculty and Staff Orientation culminates with the Brock Family Picnic open to all Brock faculty, staff, retirees and their families. Come and connect with friends old and new while you enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch. Show your ticket stub and swim for FREE from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre in the Walker Complex.

Buy your tickets in advance to enjoy the food, entertainment, and chance to win some fantastic prizes. Tickets are available for \$5 per adult and \$4 per child at the Centre for the Arts box office from August 1 to 15.

This event is hosted by the Brock University Health and Well-being Advisory Committee and sponsored by Human Resources/Environment, Health and Safety.

For more information on the New Faculty and Staff orientation, please visit www.brocku.ca/oehs/safety/2007_orientation.php

2007-08 tuition fee

internships, in 2006 and 2007, two Master of Education students from Brock were able to take part in rewarding 16-week internships at North-West University, through the Student for Development Program funded by Canadian International Development Agency.

Most recently, in February 2007, Anitha Jacobs, a Master of Education student, was selected as the first student from North-West University to come to Brock for a 16-week internship experience. Her internship was made possible by a pilot project launched by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT).

The goal of the pilot project *Commonwealth Africa Graduate Students Exchange 2007* was to encourage universities to develop or expand their graduate level exchange programs involving African Commonwealth countries and to provide opportunity for developing-country students to participate in existing exchange programs.

As the counterpart Canadian study to that which was conducted by a Brock student during their internship at North-West University in South

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Save the date!...
Opening of Term will
take place on
Wednesday, Aug. 29.
Watch your mailbox
for your invitation.

Plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual community and homecoming celebration. Enjoy the best Brock and Niagara has to offer as once again the University partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

Get an early start on Brock Days by playing in the 12th annual Brock University Alumni Association Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15. Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts, will take place on Thursday, Sept. 20 at Rodman Hall and will feature some of the region's finest cuisine and wines. The annual Kick-Off BBQ and Grape Stomp will be held on Friday, Sept. 21 in Jubilee Court and beginning Sept. 25, CCOVI presents three Lunch 'n' Learn opportunities.

Brock's Centre for the Arts presents "Classic Albums Live"...Bruce Springsteen – *Born to Run* – note for

note, cut for cut on Thursday, Sept. 27 and BUSU will host a concert in Isaac's on Friday, Sept. 28 during the lunch hour.

Of course Montebello Park will once again be the venue for a number of activities for Brock alumni and friends to reconnect and a number of reunions have also been planned for grads. This year, a very special event will occur on Friday, Sept. 28 – Tribute! A Brock Days Tradition will recognize Jamie Fleming, Director of Residences at Brock University for 25 years. Be a part of this fun evening as we recognize Jamie's contributions to Brock – in seriousness and in jest.

There are many other events planned throughout the 10-day celebration – visit www.brocku.ca/brockdays for updates on events and activities.

Welch Hall expansion scheduled for construction

Internationally acclaimed architects Diamond & Schmitt of Toronto are proceeding with design development of an addition to the south side of Welch Hall for the Faculty of Education. There will be four floors of faculty and administrative offices surrounding an atrium with student lounge space: Design

priorities will be naturally lit amicable spaces, low energy consumption and an enhancement to the existing building. The gross floor area will be 19,000 square feet and the project budget is \$8 million. Construction will begin in the spring of 2008 with occupancy planned for August 2009.

2007 tuition fee structure amended

Brock University has amended the school's recently approved 2007-08 tuition fee structure so that it will now only apply to new incoming Year 1 students for the 2007-08 academic year

The implementation for continuing students is postponed until 2008-09.

The delay in implementation will provide continuing students at the University with the opportunity to plan their program of study and assess any potential financial impact a year before the fee change takes affect.

In March, the Brock University Board of Trustees approved changes in the tuition fee structure that would take effect during the 2007-08 academic year. Similar to full-time tuition fee policies and models at other Ontario universities and colleges, the flat fee is a full-time fee equivalent to the rate of 5.0 credits for all undergraduate students taking a credit load of 4.0 to 5.0 credits in the Fall/Winter session.

Undergraduate students will continue to pay on a per-credit basis for credit loads less than 4.0 or more than 5.0 and those in the Spring/Summer session as the typical credit load is less than 4.0 credits. The "flat fee" terminology was adopted to avoid confusion with the full-time enrolment definition of 3.0 credits.

Further details regarding tuition fee information are included in the undergraduate web calendar and the online registration guides. Frequently asked questions have been developed and are available on the Registrar's Office and Student Accounts Finance Office websites – www.brocku.ca/finance/studentfinance/undergraduate/faq.php#TuitionFees www.brocku.ca/registrar/fee!facts.php