



QUEEN'S GAZETTE

Astronaut joins Board of Trustees P2



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A safe Homecoming

BUT STILL WORK TO BE DONE, PRINCIPAL SAYS

Months of planning for Homecoming weekend paid off, Principal Karen Hitchcock told a meeting of Senate last Thursday. This is a time to thank all those involved for a safe week-

end and a safe party, as a whole, she said, mentioning in particular the "red hats" students, alumni, staff, faculty and Kingston community members who doled out cups for bottles on Aberdeen Street during the evening of Sept. 16. "I'd like to thank Senate for being part of the conversation

over the year," said Dr. Hitchcock. "You have done much to focus the attention on improvements to non-academic discipline. Aberdeen was all about partnership this year - I have never seen a better cooperation among stakeholders." At the Aberdeen street party attended by an estimated 8,000

people, Kingston police, assisted by the OPP and City of Toronto police, came with the intention ensuring that it was a celebratory event and not confrontational. "Is it perfect? No. Is it changing every year? Yes," said Dr. Hitchcock, adding that the university is committed to addressing the long-term challenges it faces.

"Our partnership with the administration, police and city proved successful, but there is still a lot to be done," said Alma Mater Society President James Macmillan. Dr. Hitchcock and Vice-Principal (Academic) Patrick Deane noted that unofficial counts indicated
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Poetry personified LILLIAN ALLEN APPOINTED QUEEN'S FIRST WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

By KAY LANGMUIR
Lillian Allen, an internationally known pioneer of dub poetry, a new literary form which merges African oral traditions with musical cadences and political content, has been appointed the university's first writer-in-residence. "I'm quite delighted to be here," says Ms. Allen, a native of Jamaica who finds her Caribbean soul entranced by the panoramic view of the lake and islands from her office window in Watson Hall. "The magic and the beauty of it is overwhelming...and I love the air here. I can't believe the difference in the air quality," says Ms. Allen, who lives in Toronto and teaches at the Ontario College of Art and Design. Dub poetry is reminiscent of the best political rap lyrics. It is spoken poetry, sometimes put to rap and reggae music, but delivered with rhythms, cadence,
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GO GAELS GO!

Students mug for the camera during the Homecoming football game at Richardson Stadium Sept. 16. They watched the Queen's Golden Gaels lose a close one to the Windsor Lancers, 22 - 18. More than 7,100 alumni, family and friends returned for the weekend - the largest gathering ever. For more photos, see page 16.

GREG BLACK

Debating student identity

By KAY LANGMUIR
Free food and a free rock concert helped entice more than 150 students to find their voices on everything from student apathy to greening the campus to town-gown relations at the recent Student Symposium on Queen's Identity. "The symposium, to be honest, is me taking out my frustrations with Queen's - in a positive way," says organizer Frances Darwin, who had to dig into her own pockets to cover the event's expenses. The symposium is an attempt to encourage students to realize the power of their own voices, she says. Unlike baby boomers who felt like they could be heard in the 60s, most people in her generation see themselves as only having consumer power, and they tend to see problems as issues that can be fixed with money, she says.

"I find that very tragic. It's not only about money. You have intellectual power and you can use it." Tempted by deli sandwiches and bakery-made sweets, and with a Toronto rock band, the Golden Dogs, scheduled to entertain during an hour-long break, a crowd of students, faculty and alumni congregated at Grant Hall Sept. 18. The symposium opened with a half-hour documentary, which canvassed the opinions of students and staff on the same topics up for discussion that evening. Instead of an open-mike approach, students talked in groups of eight to 10 people seated around large, round tables, with a student moderator
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Queen's Centre, diversity top priorities for board

By ANNE KERSHAW
Ensuring Queen's continues to attract the highest quality faculty and administrators at a time of intense competition amongst universities and continues to build diversity on campus to further enhance the learning environment are two key priorities for Queen's Board of Trustees, says new board chair Bill Young. Also at the top of the agenda for the next few years is guiding the university toward fulfilling its vision for the new Queen's Centre. "This is an incredibly important project for the university, a game changer in terms of the quality of life for students and other members of the Queen's community," says Mr. Young. "We are going from facilities that were adequate to the best facilities in Canada. This is transformational and core to what we need to achieve over the next five to 10 years. We will be working hard to make sure that this

project continues on track." A graduate of Queen's and the Harvard Business School, Mr. Young succeeds John Rae as chair. Mr. Rae's contributions to Queen's were recognized with a Distinguished Service Award in May and will be celebrated at the Grant Hall Society dinner on Sept. 30. "I can't overstate what a great job John Rae did in the role," says Mr. Young. "I am looking forward to the job, but it's not easy to be following in such great footsteps." Currently Managing Director of Monitor Clipper Equity Partners in Boston, Mr. Young believes the greatest strength of the board itself is its "unity of purpose" in providing leadership and stewardship in support of the institution. Another primary area of focus for the board, he says, will be Principal Karen Hitchcock's strategic initiative, "which is continuing to develop



Bill Young

and something the board will be looking at." He noted as well the important role the board can play in supporting the principal and working with provincial and federal levels of government to ensure that funding for higher education remains a high priority. "This is key to the quality of the learning environment and

something we take very seriously." And with the demographic shift that is occurring over the next 10 to 15 years as large numbers of faculty reach retirement age, Queen's needs to be focused on how "we can continue to benefit from the best faculty in the world." A member of the Queen's Board since 1996, and most recently its finance committee chair, Mr. Young is enthusiastic about his new role. "It's really great to be involved in the board and to continue being involved in the institution both from the standpoint of supporting Queen's, which is a fabulous university, and also my continuing association with the board members, who are a phenomenal collection of individuals," he says. For profiles on new trustees, see page 2.

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New trustees look forward to challenges ahead

By CELIA RUSSELL

An astronaut, graduate student, business woman, lawyer, and two professors are the newest members of Queen's Board of Trustees. All bring impressive records to the positions, which they will assume (with the exception of one, who started her term earlier this year) when the board meets for the first time this Friday and Saturday.

Julie Payette, chief astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency, received an honorary doctorate from Queen's in October, 1998, a few months before her first space flight in the spring of 1999.

"I took it as a great honour, but also a very heartfelt encouragement as I was embarking on one of the most important missions of my life. I have received a number of honorary degrees since, but all came after my first space flight."

At that time, she was serving as a council member for NSERC where she had met Suzanne Fortier, then Vice-Principal (Research) at Queen's.

"She brought me to the university and showed me what a vibrant, talented and fascinating community it was. I never could turn my back on the university after that, despite being a graduate of McGill and Toronto."

Before joining the Canadian space program in 1992, Ms. Payette, who has a BEng from McGill and an MASc from the University of Toronto, worked as a computer engineer doing research in speech processing and natural language understanding. In May 1999, she flew a 10-day mission in space on board the Space Shuttle Discovery. In addition to astronaut duties, she participates in the development of the Mobile Servicing System (Canada's contribution to the International Space Station) and provides technical advice for the design of advanced



Payette



Love-Forester



Davis



Abramsky



Baines



Pattenden

operator-machine interfaces for use in space.

Elected by the board – current term to 2009.

Lindsey Love-Forester who has a BA from Waterloo and is a member of Law '08, says her participation in university governance is vital to ensuring that the rights and interests of graduate and professional students are well represented. She is an active member of the Law Student's Society, both through her involvement with the LSS Executive as well as being re-elected as her year's faculty board representative.

Elected by the graduate students – current term to 2008.

Graham Davis, who graduated from Queen's in 1982 with a BSc in metallurgical engineering, hopes to facilitate a healthy faculty/board relationship. "I have seen boards who work well with faculty, students, administrators, and alumni, and boards who alienate most of the university community. The latter are rarely successful at steering the university through change and to improvement," says Dr. Davis who is a professor of mineral economics in the Division of Economics and Business at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM).

"My hope is that my 15 years' experience as a faculty member, and having taught or studied in four different institutions in three countries, will bring to the board a skill set that allows me to be particularly attuned to the needs and desires of the faculty

at Queen's."

He says his Queen's education has held him in good stead throughout his career, and his "repayment in kind is long overdue."

Elected by the graduates – current term to 2009.

Toby Abramsky has a BA from the University of Toronto and is Vice-President of Keystone Property Management Inc. in Kingston. She is committed to fostering a strong and mutually satisfying town/gown relationship for the benefit of students and the community. She has more than 20 years of national and local board service to educational, cultural and civic organizations, and currently serves on the grants committee of the City of Kingston Healthy Community Fund and the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston. She has received several Frontenac Historic Foundation Awards for preservation of local architectural heritage and is a long-time resident of the Queen's neighbourhood.

Elected by the benefactors – current term to 2009.

Beverley Baines, who began her term earlier this year, has an LLB from Queen's and currently is head of the Department of Women's Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science. She is also a professor in the Faculty of Law and teaches law and public policy in the School of Policy Studies. Her research and teaching interests include women's equal-

ity rights, public and constitutional law, and feminist legal theory. She has a long-standing conviction that issues of governance matter, particularly from the perspectives of accountability and transparency.

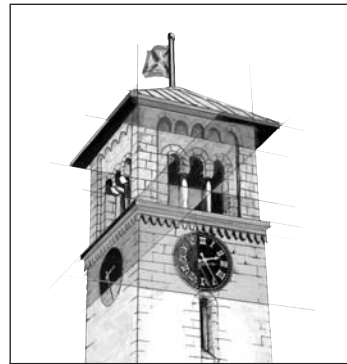
Elected by the faculty – current term to 2009.

David Pattenden's long academic career at Queen's includes a BA Hons, MA, LLB, MEd and LL.D. He has lectured in the Faculty of Law and also in Commerce and MBA programs in the School of Business, and has served as CEO and Chair of UTDC (Lavalin), on the federal select committee (SAGIT) for NAFTA, and is currently a member Law Society of Upper Canada. He has served on several boards and committees including the board of directors of Kingston General Hospital and chaired the Dean's Steering Committee for the 50th Anniversary of Queen's Law School.

Elected by the University Council to the Board of Trustees – current term to 2009.

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Corrections

The Gazette would like to make some clarifications and corrections to the article "Queen's prof, alumnus guide citizens in electoral reform" (Sept. 11, page 15).

Jonathan Rose (Political Studies) reports that the families of electoral systems that the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform is examining are single member plurality (the present system), majoritarian systems, proportional representation systems (of which single transferrable vote is a part) and mixed systems (mixed proportional and single member plurality).

The assembly first met Sept. 9.

Dr. Rose did not say that his colleagues "never practice." He said he would be practicing his lectures in front of focus groups to ensure that the pace, language and neutrality were appropriate. Alumnus George Thomson is also a fellow of the School of Policy Studies. Huma Pabani took the photo. Dr. Rose did not say "there is a challenge teaching high school drop outs..." Instead, he discussed the challenge of teaching such a diverse group of students whose educational backgrounds vary from high school to university.

The Gazette regrets the errors.



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Partnership model a Canadian first for enriching a university campus

By ANNE KERSHAW

Queen's has launched an innovative new partnership program designed to generate funds for campus renewal and enhancements in the broader learning environment. The program invites leading companies to bring their expertise, products and brands to the university community in a meaningful and relevant way.

The Queen's Partnership Program (QPP) is a new approach to fundraising that goes beyond corporate philanthropy and traditional advertising.

"This is a new paradigm for universities and colleges in North America that provides value to all participants," says Vice-Principal (Advancement) George Hood. "The program provides a strategic framework for Queen's to develop partnership arrangements while serving the best interests of the entire Queen's community."

Under the QPP, the university will work with a limited number of leading Canadian companies in developing customized programs aimed at providing maximum benefit to the Queen's community. This could include preferred vendor programs, product integration, on-campus retail locations, and associated branding.

"We owe it to our students and to all our public and private supporters to find new and creative means of realizing the full potential of what companies see as Queen's brand value," says Mr. Hood. "We want to leverage that reputational strength to bring new revenue and better athletic, recreation, lifestyle, learning and other programs to Queen's."

The importance of corporate support to a university that is striving for a world-class learning environment can't be overstated. As noted in a 2003 Queen's report examining the issue of corporate financial support,

"these revenues to Queen's provide tangible and significant benefits to the learning environment and to the academic work of faculty and students."

Entitled A Policy Framework for a Productive Partnership, the report underlined the need to take both a creative and considered approach when pursuing future opportunities to partner with the private sector.

"While there is significant potential in the future to increase this level of corporate support, there is also a need to ensure that all such support is consistent with the university's fundamental values and academic mission. Policy in this area must therefore provide flexibility to the university in seeking corporate support, recognize the potential benefits of this support, and also delineate conditions and restrictions which may apply."

The new QPP is a corporate development project created by

Queen's Office of Advancement in consultation with Bronskill.xpd, a Canadian company headed by Kingston native Reginald Bronskill (Arts'82) that is leading the way in developing Partnership Marketing solutions for universities and colleges across North America. Queen's has been working with Bronskill.xpd over the past two years to develop the program in support of ambitious partnership targets set for Advancement.

With the ambitious campus revitalization now under way, the university has a unique opportunity to lead the way in exploring alternative means and new ways to generate non-philanthropic revenue for capital projects, student life programs and future campus development. Current projects include the \$230 million Queen's Centre, the largest capital building project ever undertaken by Queen's or any Canadian university, a \$50-

million athletic complex and stadium, and a potential new lake-front performing arts centre.

"The QPP explores the full potential of Queen's powerful brand to achieve these goals," says Sean Cunningham, Managing Partner for Bronskill.xpd. "By developing innovative public-private partnerships that leverage the University's well-regarded image, captive audiences, venues, events and vast set of resources, the QPP helps qualified partners grow their business on campus while helping make Queen's a better place to go to school, live, work and visit."

Queen's will be inviting leading companies to meet with university and Bronskill.xpd representatives to discuss the qualifications for becoming a founding partner. The university will be seeking partners in the categories of media, electronics, finance, athletics and recreation, and communications.

Conference profiles work of renowned francophone author

By KAY LANGMUIR

The work of a prolific and much-celebrated francophone author and former Queen's professor, Gérard Bessette, is the subject of a conference on campus next week, which has attracted academics from Quebec, Alberta and throughout Ontario.

"One of the questions that

will come up at the symposium is whether he is a Quebec author or a Franco-Ontarian author, because he chose to live in Kingston," says Annette Hayward, organizer of the day-long Oct. 6 conference, Relire Gérard Bessette au XXIe siècle. It takes place in room 202 Policy Studies at 9:15 am. The papers will be

presented in French.

Professor Bessette taught at Queen's from 1960 to 1979. He died in Kingston last year.

During his career, he twice won a Governor-General's award. He also received Quebec's highest literary award for a body of work, the Prix Athanese-David.

"It is interesting to have such

an important writer who was at Queen's," says Dr. Hayward, who teaches in the Department of French Studies.

He is best known for his 1960 novel *Le Libraire*, an existentialist tale of a bookstore employee in a small Quebec town in the 1950s, and the stifling atmosphere of church-dominated life at that time.

The book store has a secret room containing books banned by the Catholic Church and the employee gets into trouble for selling one to a theology student.

No Quebec publisher dared take on the novel in 1960, and Professor Bessette had to turn to France to find a publisher.

"Gérard Bessette was a very ironical writer. Everything is very tongue-in-cheek," says Dr. Hayward.

In later years, as the popular novel proved its staying power at the expense of the profiles of some of his other books, he often referred to it wearily as *L'Eternel Libraire*.

"Most survey courses of French Canadian literature throughout the world include *Le Libraire* because it symbolizes Quebec's Quiet Revolution," says Dr. Hayward, who worked with Professor Bessette for seven years.

"He was the only French-Canadian critic who systemati-



Bessette

cally applied a scientific approach to literary criticism," says Dr. Hayward. "He was very Freudian, very psycho-analytical in his approach..."

He had a very important role as a critic as well as a writer."

A few of his novels were set on a campus based on Queen's and some of the characters resembled his colleagues.

It is hoped that the conference will raise the profile of a talented Canadian author, and possibly convince publishers to reprint some his works, which are becoming harder to find, says Dr. Hayward.

Professor Bessette was a humorous and sociable man who "lived life to the full," she says. "When he first came to Queen's, they had parties that went from nine to nine," she says.

During the conference, there will also be an exhibition of Bessette Memorabilia in the W.D. Jordan Special Collections and Music Library in Douglas Library. It will include photos, different editions of his books, copies of original manuscripts and a portrait.

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Dunning Trust lecturer to discuss Asian values

Eric Jones, University of Melbourne, will deliver this year's Chancellor Dunning Trust Lecture in the Department of Economics. He will speak on Asian Values and the Self-Transformation of East Asia, Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 4 pm in room 201 Kingston Hall. Dr. Jones's expertise is in the fields of economic history, global economics, international affairs and economic systems. He has particular experience in the Asia-Pacific region, and has presented and lectured extensively on the economies and cultures of this area.

Symposium tracks the corporation in the courts

The 13th Annual Queen's Business Law Symposium, The Corporation in the Courts, will address the importance of reviewing the way in which corporate law is being formed by judges and the courts. The symposium will take place on Friday, Sept. 29 at the Donald Gordon Conference Centre.

For details and to register, visit silver.queensu.ca/law/buslawsym

ITServices gives update on email transition

Since ITServices' information sessions last month, things have been moving forward on the new Queen's email, but not at the anticipated pace.

Post and qlink account holders should not make any changes to current email settings until they receive explicit instructions from ITServices to do so.

All post and qlink will be notified with an email message when ITServices is ready to move ahead.

Details: www.its.queensu.ca/info/email/newemail.html

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expressions, and non-verbal vocalizations designed "to empower the voice and empower the message," says Ms. Allen. A video clip of one of Ms. Allen's performances can be found at www.dubpoetscollective.com, the web site for an artists' organization founded by Ms. Allen.

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The politics of dub poetry is revolutionary but not in the

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Lillian Allen

sense of us versus them.

"It's about us and us and finding points of connection," she says.

When asked how she ended up at Queen's, Ms. Allen's response is a quick, warm smile.

"You guys have a real gem in (professor of English) Carolyn Smart. She knows what's going on in terms of the whole spectrum of the literary movement. It was her idea. She perceived that it would be good for the students."

The writer-in-residence pro-

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guiding the discussion on a series of topics: apathy, diversity, sustainability, education, tuition, Queen's identity, and town-gown relations.

The discussions at each table crackled. Students listened intently as their peers spoke, clearly hungry to know how others felt about the Queen's experience. Some students found the discussions to be bridge building. They realized they could help each in various plans and activities and exchanged contact information. Others listened intently as foreign students and students of colour voiced frustrations over euro-centric curricula, discussed Queen's reputation as a "white" university, and how it may unconsciously be isolating its



CELIA RUSSELL

Dub poetry "is the voice of the people unleashed...people can see and feel themselves in it," says Queen's first writer-in-residence, Lillian Allen.

gram is supported in part by a grant from the Canada Council for the Arts. It allows writers to spend 60 per cent of their time on their own work, and the remainder engaging the academic community.

Ms. Allen plans to visit classes to give talks and readings, hold workshops, read manuscripts, and act as a mentor for the campus community. She also hopes to organize a dub poets' festival on campus in late November.

She will be posting office hours on her door and invites people to visit during those times or make appointments. Ms. Allen will give a reading on Sept. 26 at

2:30 pm in Room 517, Watson Hall.

Ms. Allen left Jamaica in 1969, studied at the City University of New York and has a BA from York University.

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She broke ground for women in the dub poetry field with her first album (1986) of poetry with music, Revolutionary Tea Party,

which won many accolades, including a Juno. Two years later, a second album collected another Juno.

In addition to her many recordings, she has written three books of poetry, three books for young people, and a number of plays and documentaries.

She also consults widely on issues of cultural diversity, cross-cultural learning, and the arts in education for various governments and organizations, and has collected a number of awards both for her creative work and her social and cultural activism. She was previously writer-in-residence at the University of Windsor.

minorities.

They talked about how high tuition forces students to think of themselves first as consumers and promotes money as the measure of too many things, about deregulation's effect on the quality of education, whether international tuition can tolerate any more significant increases without adversely affecting campus diversity, and whether educational freedom will prevail over corporate interests. They compared the kind and quality of education they were receiving at Queen's, the effect of class sizes, and what examples there were on campus of the instructional, lecture-base teaching method, and its polar opposite, self-directed learning emphasizing

more group work, and hands-on creative learning.

On the topic of apathy, many students agreed there were so many groups and interests represented on campus that there was something for everyone and no excuse not to get involved, but also acknowledged that the overwhelming number of choices was sometimes intimidating.

The participants also discussed the fine balance between partying on campus and the need to respect the greater Kingston community. They discussed whether they felt there was a "culture of entitlement" among Queen's students that might adversely affect town-gown relations and discourage students from taking responsibil-

ity for their actions.

"A lot of people I know didn't come to the symposium tonight because they don't feel they fit into Queen's and have a Queen's identity," says Ms. Darwin. "But that's exactly why they should come."

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that four out of five partygoers had no connection to Queen's.

"I would echo that this is a watershed moment, to the extent that this recognition is now more widely shared," said Dr. Deane, adding that this would affect the approach to the situation.

At a meeting of Kingston Police Services Board last week, police said it cost \$353,740 to police Aberdeen this year. Mayor Harvey Rosen has also reported the costs for city infrastructure and services. Fire and Rescue Services cost \$13,000; by-law enforcement overtime cost \$1,200; City of Kingston Public works costs for services, including the road closure, signage and extra lighting is \$5,000.

Dr. Deane has indicated that Queen's will meet with the City and the Police for discussions related to Aberdeen Street.

Kingston Police with the assistance of the Ontario Provincial Police made 60 arrests on Sept. 16-17 between the hours of 7 am and 7 am. In total, 58 out of 60 were related to the event on Aberdeen and surrounding area.

See Principal Hitchcock's letter to the Queen's community on page 14. More Senate coverage will appear in the Oct. 10 Gazette.

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Fund focuses on international opportunities

By KAY LANGMUIR

Queen's sets funds aside to host international scholars on working visits to campus. However, funding from the Principal's Development Fund has not always been fully used, and departments that haven't been applying should consider taking advantage of the opportunity, says a senior administrator.

"Ideally we want to publicize it so we get more applications in the next round," says John Dixon, Associate Vice-Principal (Academic/International).

The international category of the Principal's Development Fund was restructured last spring into four sub-categories in a bid to attract more applications and increase the focus on the program's goals of building the university's international links while enhancing the student environment on campus. Not only does the exchange of faculty enrich the student experience on campus, "but it also makes us better known, because people come here and learn about Queen's and take that away with them."

Although some departments, particularly in the humanities, have been making good use of

the funds for many years by routinely applying each time, others rarely apply and thus are under-represented in grant allocations, he says.

The program complements Principal Karen Hitchcock's outward-looking strategic plan for the university, *Engaging the World*.

"We want to make sure it's fully used and well used," Dr. Dixon says.

Category A-1 offers \$50,000 annually to host "outstanding senior scholars from outside Canada," with preference given to joint applications from more than one academic unit.

The visit must involve significant interaction with both students and faculty, and preferably both formal in-class interaction with students, as well as informal interactions outside of class.

Visiting faculty are also required to spend a minimum of five full working days on campus.

"We have turned down applications where they say they were arriving Monday and leaving Friday," says Dr. Dixon.

Category A-2 provides \$20,000 a year to bring scholars specifically from Queen's major

institutional partners: Fudan University in Shanghai, China, University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; and University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Unlike Category A1, which is for senior scholars, this program is open to both senior and junior faculty.

"When we're trying to build institutional links, it's one thing

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to have senior administrators traveling back and forth, but a link will only develop if we achieve broad participation by having faculty traveling back and forth and developing research collaborations," says Dr. Dixon.

Category A3, New International Research Collaboration, offers \$20,000 annually to assist faculty visits where there is a potential for new research collaboration.

The grant provides a much-needed boost to beginning-stage research explorations, which usually have a hard time attracting funding until the work is more developed, Dr. Dixon says. An application, though research-focused, is strengthened if there is provision made for interaction with students.

Applications to Categories A1, A2 and A3 are accepted once each year, in the Spring.

Category A4 offers \$25,000 a year to support travel of Queen's faculty, staff and students to visit or study at one of its four major institutional partners.

"We do not yet have a formal student exchange agreement with Cape Town, but we're working on it," says Dr. Dixon.

This category could be used, for example, to visit a colleague's lab abroad to see if work is parallel enough to permit future collaboration.

"The point is to help build the relationship with those institutions, whether it's research or short-term teaching or to compare how the two universities operate."

Applications to Category A4 may be submitted at any time in the Office of the Vice-Principal (Academic). Other categories in the Principal's Development Fund include: Category B - \$230,000 a year for research support, as well as \$80,000 for conference travel support, Category C - \$25,000 to support artistic productions and \$25,000 to host extended visits by artists-in-residence, and Category D - \$50,000 to support academic visits by women, visible minorities, aboriginal people and people with disabilities.

For more information, visit www.queensu.ca/principal/special.html#developmentfund

IN BRIEF

Authors to read from their works

Award-winning novelist Donna Morrissey will read from her work this Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 1 pm in room 517 Watson Hall.

The event is part of a new fall reading series presented by Creative Writing in the Department of English Language and Literature.

Readings are free and open to the public. Books will be for sale, and there will be a question and answer session after each reading.

Other authors presenting readings include: Ingrid de Kok and Jan Allen on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 pm in the Union Gallery, Stauffer Library; Lisa Moore on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 1 pm in Watson Hall 517 (tentative). Wayne Johnston on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 1 pm in Watson Hall 517; Michael Crummey on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 1 pm in Watson Hall 517.

For further information, contact Carolyn Smart, smartc@post.queensu.ca

What's next after graduation?

Career Services presents the annual Graduate & Professional Schools Fair at Grant Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Students will be able to find out what it takes to get in, and what doors may be open for them after they finish a post-degree program. For students interested in Teacher Education there is often a strong representation from Ontario Faculties of Education, as well as from overseas institutions. For a complete list of participants, visit careers.queensu.ca/students/specialevents/psfpaticipatingschools.asp.

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VIEWPOINT

PIERRE DU PREY



Thinking beyond the slot

When I arrived to teach at Queen's 35 years ago last month, I found the slot system of timetabling fully entrenched. I have known nothing else in my career as teacher, undergraduate chair, graduate coordinator, acting head and timetable consultant.

You might say that I am a child of the slot. But in my early days here, people still told tales of a previous Golden Age, when common-room discussions took place during breaks, and a communal lunch period permitted everyone the chance to "chew the fat" in dining halls or at what was called the Faculty Club.

According to those critics of the slot, the discourse that had apparently thrived before went into a nosedive thereafter. I supposed at the time that much of this talk harkened back nostalgically to bygone small class sizes presided over by sartorially splendid professors wearing academic gowns.

Subsequently I have learned otherwise. There never seems a sacred moment in which to meet with fellow academics from across disciplines, and for students it is obviously as bad or worse. In 1999, however, I inaugurated a spring art history course at Herstonceux and found out how different and beneficial a more humane program can be. For practical reasons, the castle has a set lunchtime when classes do not normally take place. My colleagues from Philosophy, English, the School of Business and I met with local faculty members, staff, and students. I think we all relished that hiatus in the course of a busy day, sometimes despite the food!

With the advent of centralized/computerized timetabling, matters spiral ever further out of individuals' control. Students have complained to me of having six, or even nine hours of straight class time on a single day.

Speaking from personal experience this past spring, I was slotted (yes, even the verb is ugly) into two classes, one right after the other in two quite separate buildings on two different topics. The computer did not know or care. I protested that I could not deal with student questions after a lecture and still make it to the second class on time. Becoming something of a contortionist, I managed to wriggle into my timetable a half hour's respite in which to collect my wits and not give students the brush off.

Then there are the three-hour periods that run over the noon hour; a "happy" invention rarely implemented until recent times in my experience. Confronted with such a slot the winter before last, and fearing the worst with good reason, I ordered in a pizza.

A timely knock on the classroom door wakened students from a more or less severe state of blood-sugar deprivation. The pizza vanished in a twinkling, spirits rose, and the seminar on the architect Andrea Palladio (1508 – 1580) became appropriately known as Pizza and Palladio (in that order). All humorous anecdotes aside, this is not a laughing matter. Instead of aiding education, the slot system increasingly starves all who participate in the teaching and learning process.

What solution do I have to offer on a topic that engaged logical minds over 35 years ago and has apparently baffled attempts to come up with anything better since? Do I propose that Queen's become like Herstonceux? I do not have an instant remedy. I do think, however, that the issue needs open discussion, or perhaps airing is a better word, because the slot system is certainly musty enough after almost four decades without change.

I can never recall the slot system seriously called into question at Queen's; nothing is so perfect that it lasts forever. Have other institutions of learning paradigms to offer for solving the time-space problem such as longer terms, or shorter and more numerous ones? In any event, such a discussion might lead to a wide-ranging look at what we do and how we could do it better.

Is there a place at Queen's for the option of a college of arts and science with a core curriculum and its own timetable set up to encourage rather than discourage broader and deeper learning? I mention this radical notion with trepidation, although in some ways it returns the university to its origins in the ideal of Plato's Grove of Academos. It is none too soon to start thinking in creative ways – thinking beyond the slot.

Pierre du Prey is a Queen's Research Chair and recipient of an ASUS Teaching Excellence Award. He teaches in the Department of Art, and frequently acted as its timetable consultant.

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QUEEN'S FLASHBACK: HOMECOMING



BOHDAN YAKIMECZKO

Above, judges lining the platform at Ontario Hall applaud student and alumni floats in the Homecoming pre-game parade in the fall of 1983. From left, AMS Homecoming Convenor Phil Baker, Alumni president (1981-83) Pat Douglas-Murray, Chancellor Agnes Benidickson, Mayor John Gerretsen, AMS President Sue Rooks, Principal Ronald Watts and University Chaplain Brian Yealland. Below, taking a step further back in Homecoming history, from left, Don Hutchinson, C.W. Morgan (BSc '28), Mrs. Morgan, T.P. Steadman (BA '29, MA '38) and Mrs. Steadman attend an event in this undated photo. Those with recollections about either photo are encouraged to email gazette@post.queensu.ca



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Living and learning at the speed of light

Located on land where human remains date back 30,000 years, a building infinitely massive in substance, surrounded by the remains of an observatory which measured time in almost absolute terms, the Herstmonceux Castle nevertheless seems unflinchingly to serve up life at the speed of light!

You hear it from the students every year: "I can't believe I've been here three weeks already!" "Do you realize it's Christmas soon?" "Where did that year go?" "I'm not ready to go back yet!"

Summer 2006 was a wonderful term – euphoric! Nearly 100 students and an almost entirely residential faculty, thrilled by the glories of both the setting and the weather, turned the ISC for four vertiginous weeks into something academically and socially akin to a jet-propelled Renaissance cruise-ship...

Classes moved ceaselessly and seamlessly from seminar room to courtyard, from the Shakespeare Garden to the Folly, from telescopes to the Headless Drummer (pub), from London to Brighton, in a cultural whirl of stimulation that carried even veteran professors along at a speed and with a collective energy they had only hitherto imagined.

But, once again, over too soon, and yet with memories and innovations that already excited towards the future...

August brought a change in population, but not in pace. With four academic terms recently established as the annual norm at the castle, August now sees a frenetic concentration of conference and



DAVID BEVAN

Notes From Herstmonceux

functions activity that extends still further the outreach of this little piece of Queen's, which is very much also a little piece of Britain, connected to the world at large.

An international conference on pedagogy was followed by a gathering of Israeli and Palestinian high school educators, brought together under the sponsorship of Alfred Bader, the original donor of the castle to Queen's, to dialogue on the sometimes possible, sometimes improbable preparation of a new generation oriented towards peace in the Middle East. Hardly had they taken their very respective places towards their once again separate homelands, then the castle welcomed some sixty deaf administrators, teachers and students from the U.S., China, Russia, Japan, the Philippines and other countries, together with their interpreters, turning each day into a fascinating flurry of movements and signs which re-discovered, in a different form, the endlessly mutating miracle of human communication which those of us who are the longer term resident observers at this amazing place had also mar-

velled at in the previous groups.

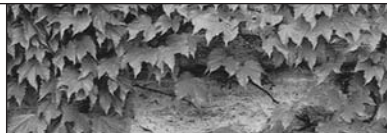
Weddings, corporate events, concerts, the 50th anniversary celebration of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a "Beating of the Retreat," England's largest Medieval Festival – ouf! And it was already September!

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And so... on to a new academic year, a new fall term, which has seen 174 students, both first-year and upper-year, arrive, meet, find their way around, get registered, begin classes and undertake already their first field studies. Some of the upper-years were here as first-years... But it matters little; upper-year or first-years, you already hear the inevitable and paradoxically positive mantra beginning: "It's going too fast..."

David Bevan is the executive director of the International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex, Britain.

UNIVERSITY ROUNDUP



Ottawa and fiscal feedback

The federal government has asked Canadians how to restore the fiscal imbalance in post-secondary education. An invitation to share views on post-secondary education, specifically on overall objectives, government roles and responsibilities, and accountability measures, was posted on the website of Human Resources and Social Development during the second week of August. The deadline for comments was Sept. 8. The initiative is part of broader online consultations on fiscal balance led by the Department of Finance, which also asked Canadians for input by Sept. 8. A third online consultation was posted by Infrastructure Canada. The websites note that the government, in its April budget papers, had promised to consult broadly on the topic. It is unlikely that many Canadians had learned about the consultation process before the deadline. The finance department issued a press release Aug. 8, but other than that, the government didn't advertise its consultation.

University Affairs, October

What's up with student aid?

One issue in the area of fiscal balance that's of grave concern to many in post-secondary education is the future of student aid, including the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. The fund was set up by former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and delivers about \$350 million a year in non-repayable student assistance. It is legislated to die in 2009. In Student Aid Time-Bomb, a new paper from the Educational Policy Institute, authors Sean Junor and Alex Usher say what's important is "whether or not the federal government will be able to come up with \$350 million in new need- and income-based aid annually. And if not, will provinces be inclined to compensate?" Their paper is critical of all political parties, policymakers at federal and provincial levels, and national student associations for not dealing with the "urgent crisis" in student aid in Canada. It posits whether Ottawa should transfer all student aid responsibility to the provinces and concludes that a transfer, while not necessarily negative, wouldn't solve problems with the system. The most serious, it says, concern getting aid to low-income students who need it most.

University Affairs, October

Maclean's fights back

In mid-August, 11 universities announced their intention to withdraw from the Maclean's rankings. Since then, 15 more, including Queen's has joined them. (Ryerson will be announcing shortly, according to the Canadian Institutional Research and Planning Association). Maclean's magazine issued a press release announcing that it had served Freedom of Information notices to all but two of the universities because they would not make public basic, and previously available, information. (New Brunswick's Freedom of Information law does not include universities.) The ranking issue will appear on newsstands Nov. 2.

Academe Today, Sept. 19

No more freebies for doctors

Stanford University Medical Center in California has announced a new policy banning doctors from receiving any gifts from drug makers and pharmaceutical sales representatives to limit industry influence on physician education and patient care. The move is part of a trend to limit corporate influence in health care and medicine.

The New York Times, Sept. 12

Ivey takes a bold step

Facing competition from a growing number of business schools and rising expectations from students, the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario has overhauled many of its core programs. "When we looked at business schools around the globe – and we compete on the global stage – we realized just how crowded the market had become in just over 10 years," says Dean Carol Stephenson. "Business schools were all beginning to sound alike, which wasn't the reality. Not surprisingly, potential students were confused by the barrage of messages that all seemed to promise the same experience and impact on their careers." The new positioning, called Cross-Enterprise Leadership, maintains the case study method and builds on Ivey's general management approach.

Western News, Sept. 7

Pentagon backs off on researchers

The U.S. Defense Department has backed off from a proposal to require significant new controls, including security badges and restricted laboratory access, for foreign researchers working with sensitive technology at American Universities. Instead, the agency said it will require researcher working on its contracts to follow existing "export control" rules of the U.S. Commerce and State Departments, which are designed to keep technology and weapons important to national security from falling into the hands of terrorists or spies. The department's announcement came after universities and other research advocates directed a volley of complaints at the agency's original proposal, published last year. University officials predicted that it would interfere with valuable research and create an expensive, duplicative bureaucracy within academic laboratories.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, Sept. 1

Compiled by Celia Russell

Canadian case law now available campus-wide

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LAW FACULTY

In the past, researchers in areas outside the Faculty of Law often found themselves frustrated by the lack of electronic access to Canadian case law. Law students and law professors have traditionally been provided with free passwords to subscription-based databases such as Quicklaw and eCarswell, which contain a wealth of Canadian case law. Things have not been the same outside the Law faculty, however.

Professors and students in most other areas of campus have had no access to subscription-based databases, and those who could not be assisted by a law librarian had to resort to free databases such as CanLII. The Canadian Legal Information Institute, a not-for-profit organization initiated by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, is responsible for CanLII. Although CanLII has helped to make case law more accessible to the public, as the old adage goes, you get what you pay for. It has significantly less content than the subscription-based databases such as



NANCY McCORMACK

Library Now

Quicklaw and eCarswell. As a result, it cannot be relied upon by anyone requiring in-depth and exhaustive case law research.

Only recently, the publishers of these fee-based databases have put together packages allowing universities to buy access for other users on campus. This summer, Queen's Library purchased access to eCarswell for the entire university. Now, for the first time, researchers in every discipline have access to a comprehensive collection of Canadian case law and legislation in addition to some key secondary sources.

One of those sources is the *Index to Canadian Legal Literature* (ICLL), the most comprehensive source for finding Canadian journal articles. ICLL indexes several hundred Canadian legal and law-

related periodicals, as well as monographs, essays from edited collections, publications from federal and provincial governments, theses and the publications put out by law faculties, legal research institutes and various associations.

The subscription also contains electronic access to the most comprehensive Canadian legal encyclopedia: the *Canadian Encyclopedic Digest* (CED). Finally, the *Canadian Abridgment* database provides access to the summaries of Canadian legal cases decided by the Canadian courts and administrative tribunals from the early 1800's to the present. It is an easy way to find cases on topic when searching through a full-text case law database is either too daunting or not producing desired results.

Campus-wide access to eCarswell is bound to be useful to researchers everywhere at Queen's. If you would like more information on how to access this subscription or how it works, please contact the reference librarian in the Lederman Law Library.

Nancy McCormack is head of the William R. Lederman Law Library and an assistant professor in the Faculty of Law.

A surprising use for carbon monoxide

STUDY SUGGESTS
DEBILITATING
PREGNANCY
CONDITION MAY BE
PREVENTED

By NANCY DORRANCE

New findings by Queen's researchers suggest that administering low doses of carbon monoxide to pregnant women may help prevent the potentially damaging effects to mother and baby of pre-eclampsia.

The study was precipitated by the fact that mothers who smoke cigarettes during pregnancy have a 33-per-cent decreased risk of developing pre-eclampsia compared to nonsmokers.

A debilitating condition that affects five to seven per cent of pregnancies, pre-eclampsia is characterized by high blood pressure in pregnant women and is one of the leading causes of baby and maternal deaths.

"At present there is no cure or effective treatment for this condition, other than delivery of the baby," says research team leader Graeme Smith (Obstetrics and Gynecology), an expert in high-risk obstetrics.

In the study, tissue from the placentas of nonsmoking women who had delivered babies by caesarian section was exposed to the same kind of oxidative stress – not enough oxygen being supplied through the blood – experienced by women with pre-eclampsia. When the tissues were treated with carbon monoxide, at levels similar to those found in the blood of smoking mothers, cell death in the placenta was significantly reduced.

"We believe that carbon

monoxide found in cigarette smoke, and subsequently carried in a smoking mother's blood, may be the cause of their lower risk of developing pre-eclampsia," says Dr. Smith.

He stresses however that any perceived benefit of smoking during pregnancy is outweighed by the many risks: premature membrane rupture, preterm delivery, stillbirth, low birth weight, and sudden infant death syndrome.

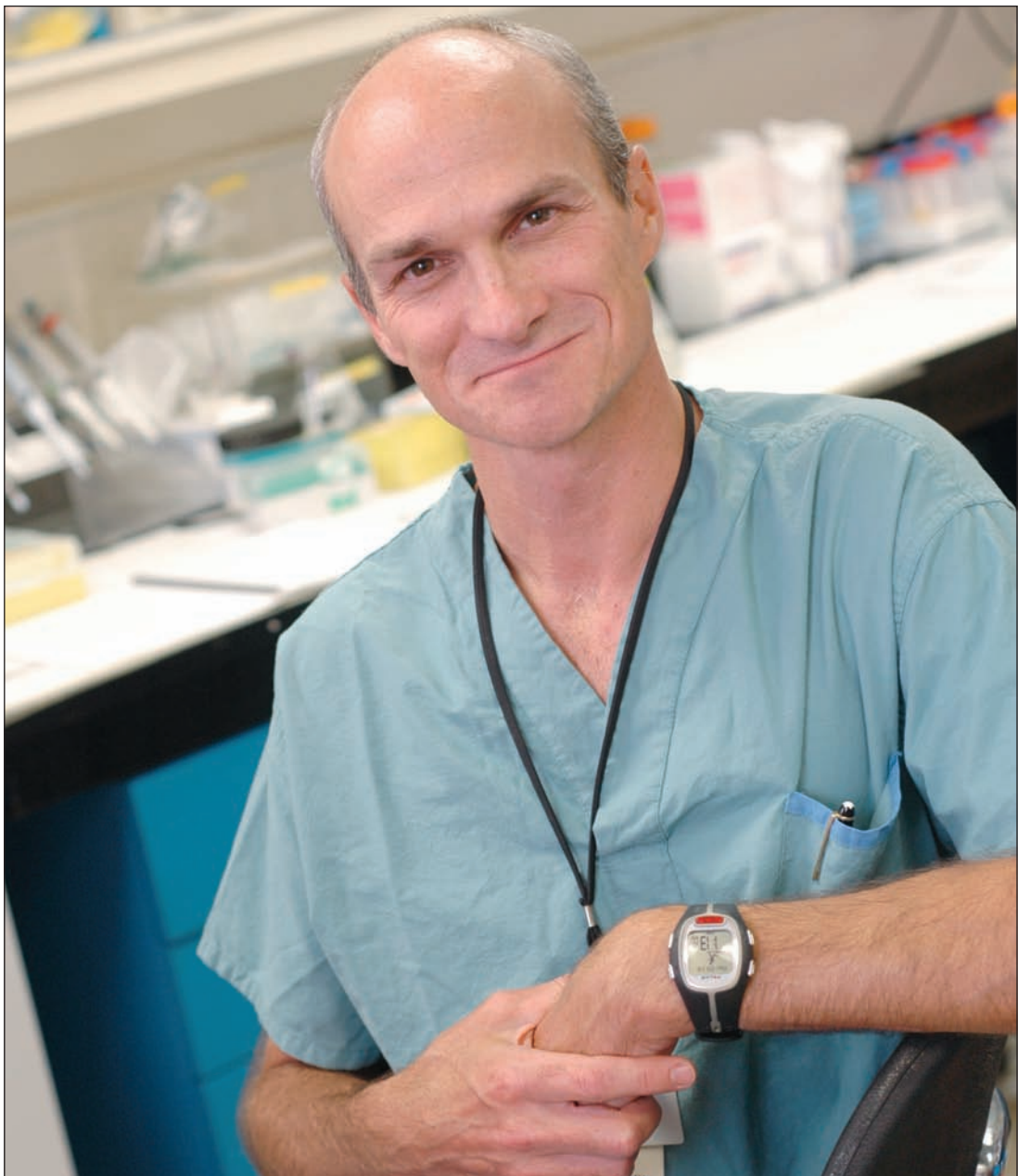
"Carbon monoxide may be the cause of [smoking mothers'] lower risk of developing pre-eclampsia."

Graeme Smith

Produced naturally by the body at low levels, carbon monoxide relaxes blood vessels and may prevent the death of placental cells, which can cause injury to fetus and mother. Future studies will determine whether carbon monoxide can prevent placental cell death in animal models and whether other approaches similar to carbon monoxide may provide protection.

Also on the research team, from the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, are Shannon Bainbridge, Louiza Belkacemi, Michelle Dickinson, and Charles Graham.

Their work was supported by the Strategic Training Initiative in Research in Reproductive Health Sciences, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.



STEPHEN WILD

Graeme Smith (Obstetrics and Gynecology) leads a multidisciplinary research team investigating causes, potential prevention and treatments for pre-eclampsia.

IN BRIEF

PARTEQ-Queen's venture fund approved

A unique investment tool created by Queen's School of Business in partnership with PARTEQ Innovations has been approved by the Government of Ontario as a registered Ontario Commercialization Investment Fund (OCIF). The Tri-Colour Venture Fund Limited Partnership, launched at Queen's earlier this year, was created both as a hands-on learning tool and as a source of investment funding for early stage, technology-oriented companies. Under the OCIF program, investments made in eligible companies will result in an additional investment in the fund from the Province of Ontario, in the form of grants equaling 30 per cent of each eligible investment. The program was established by the Ontario government to provide investment capital to help guide promising technologies through the risky early stages of commercialization.

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Only one third of patients are prepared for end-of-life decisions

PROF CALLS
FOR BETTER
COMMUNICATION
WITH DOCTORS,
FAMILY MEMBERS

By NANCY DORRANCE

Terminally-ill patients in Canada are poorly prepared to deal with end-of-life issues such as whether or not they will be resuscitated if they suffer a heart attack or other life-threatening medical complication, says professor of Medicine Daren Heyland.

A national study that he recently coordinated reveals that only one-third of the patients had even discussed with their physicians the possibility of receiving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

"And if they do have these discussions, elderly patients are ill-equipped to participate in such discussions, and to make such decisions," says Dr. Heyland. "The majority of patients do not know much about the process or expected outcomes of resuscitation."

Also on the research team from Queen's are: Dianne Groll (Psychiatry/Medicine), Deb Pichora (Medicine), and Chris Frank (Geriatrics).



COURTESY OF KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

Daren Heyland (Medicine) has found that only one-third of terminally ill patients in Canada discuss with their doctors whether they should receive CPR in life-threatening situations.

In the study, face-to-face questionnaires were administered at five Canadian hospitals to older patients with end-stage cancer and advanced medical diseases, and where possible to one of their family members. Participants were asked about their information needs regarding the use of CPR as a means of keeping them alive, as well as the decision-making process and the role they wished to play in making this decision.

The study also underlines the important role of family mem-

bers, who say they want to be informed and involved in the discussions and decision-making, he adds. Almost 60 per cent of patients and 81 per cent of family members prefer some degree of shared decision-making that includes the family member(s).

"Strategies that improve understanding of resuscitation in the hospital context and that foster discussions between patients, their family members, and physicians may improve the quantity and quality of communication and decision-making at the end

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Daren Heyland

of life," Dr. Heyland suggests.

Dr. Heyland heads a national research group on palliative and end-of-life care initiatives located at Queen's and McMaster, with affiliates at other Canadian universities and hospitals. Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the five-year project began in 2004 and focuses on care in hospitals, intensive care units and home settings.

This is one of five studies undertaken by the team. They are examining how satisfied patients are with their care; how they make decisions about the kinds of treatments they receive at the end of life; the importance of where they die; and how aware patients are of the course of their disease and the odds of recovery.

Composed of 13 institutes, CIHR provides leadership and support to more than 8,000 researchers and research teams in every province of Canada.

Preparing for a school of public health

RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO BE KEY COMPONENT OF NEW SCHOOL, SAYS HOEY

By NANCY DORRANCE

John Hoey believes passionately that Canada needs to develop more capacity to do research in public health and to train people in this increasingly critical area. That's why he accepted Principal Karen Hitchcock's invitation to come to Queen's and help lay the groundwork for a new School of Public Health.

Appointed in June as Special Advisor on Population and Public Health Development, Dr. Hoey spent the 10 years before that as editor of the prestigious Canadian Medical Association Journal. He has also taught medicine, epidemiology and public health at McGill, where he played an active role in the transformation and modernization of public health in Quebec.

"Awareness of the need for public health expertise and functioning comes to the fore in times of crisis – like the SARS epidemic, the Walkerton water tragedy and natural disasters," says Dr. Hoey, noting that the

Public Health Agency of Canada was created in 2001 as a direct result of malfunctioning in the handling of SARS.

Even with problems like the alarming increase in obesity today, "People may not call it 'public health' or think of it in those terms, but they realize that this concern doesn't really relate to doctors and nurses and medicine," he says. "It relates to something much broader and there is an awareness that individuals aren't entirely responsible."

During his time at CMAJ, Dr. Hoey published more than 200 editorials that address public and population health concerns, par-

ticularly with regard to global health problems and to the inequities in health and access to health care still evident in Canada. "As the world becomes more and more connected, with huge movement of goods and services across borders, 'public health' must expand beyond the boundaries of a single country," he suggests. "These diseases aren't just Canadian problems: we share them with everyone in the world."

Understanding the relationships between ill health and our physical, social and policy environment is crucial, Dr. Hoey says.

"If you can determine what causes a patient to have a disease, or what factors are related to the disease, then you can design prevention programs to interfere between the cause and the disease. It's also important to evaluate what you've done, and ask if there any other repercussions."

To establish a functioning School of Public Health, two essential ingredients are needed. The first is a professional degree program offered at the master's level for students from a wide variety of disciplines, including engineering, medicine, rehabilitation therapy, psychology, business, geography, law and more. That core Master's of Public Health would become a central component of the school, says Dr. Hoey.

The other requirement is a comprehensive research component with a graduate program, to attract top quality faculty. This is where the university's Institute of Population and Public Health – established at Queen's last spring – comes in, he says. "I see it as a key component of the school."

According to Institute director

Kristan Aronson (Community Health and Epidemiology), "As part of a university poised to engage the world in the critical issues of our time, we hope that researchers across many disciplines at Queen's will become leaders in the generation, dissemination and application of population and public health research."

The institute will move discussions of health towards a focus on the complex interactions (biological, social, cultural

"These diseases aren't just Canadian problems: we share them with everyone in the world."

John Hoey



STEPHEN WILD

Special Advisor on Population and Public Health Development, John Hoey, chats with Kristan Aronson, director of the Institute of Population and Public Health.

NSERC awards top \$23 million

88 PER CENT OF DISCOVERY GRANT APPLICATIONS

APPROVED

Professors and students doing research ranging from speech perception and "spintronics" to how we age, less stressful MRI scanners, preserving modern works of art, and preventing injuries at work will receive a total of \$23.4 million from Science and Engineering Research Canada (NSERC).

The new funding support includes 68 Discovery grants to support ongoing research at Queen's (worth \$11.1 million), one-time grants for research equipment and specific research projects, as well as scholarships to post-doctoral, graduate and undergraduate students.

Of 77 Discovery grant applications from Queen's, 68 – or 88 per cent – have received funding. A total of \$383.4-million Discovery grants and \$118.7-million in student research funding has been awarded to universities across the country.

"Queen's researchers continue to shine in the NSERC competitions," says Vice-Principal (Research) Kerry Rowe. "Spanning an impressive range of disciplines from fine art to leading-edge physics, with applications from advancing human health to the development of innovative materials and pioneer-

ing nanotechnologies, they continue to advance the university's growing reputation for outstanding research with one of the highest institutional success rates in the NSERC Discovery grants competition."

Among 11 first-time Discovery grant recipients are:

Ingrid Johnsrude, Psychology (\$32,585/year over five years), who is studying how humans learn to comprehend different styles, accents and rates of speech. This research will inform our understanding of speech perception and may eventually provide new insights into age-related changes in perceptual learning of speech.

"Queen's researchers continue to shine in the NSERC competitions."

Vice-Principal (Research) Kerry Rowe

David Steinsaltz, Mathematics & Statistics (\$21,200/year over five years), is developing new mathematical models to explain the mechanisms and population



Johnsrude



Murray



Steinsaltz

effects of aging. This work may help biologists explore the aging process, health scientists to find targets for future anti-aging treatments, and economists to predict the demographic structure of aging populations.

Fifteen Queen's researchers in 11 departments gained at least 20 per cent over their previous grant in the grant renewal process, including:

Chris Mechefske, Mechanical and Materials Engineering (\$44,000/year over five years), who is developing active vibration and noise control systems for use with existing or new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners. These systems are expected to help reduce patient anxiety and to improve image quality due to reduced vibration and noise.

Alison Murray, Art (\$27,580/year over five years), is working at the intersection of fine arts and science to identify conservation methods that will help to clean, preserve and protect modern works of art created, for example, with acrylic paints.

Her short-term objectives are to quantify, through mechanical, chemical, and surface testing, the specific changes resulting from the cleaning process, aging and environmental conditions.

The long-term goal of the research is to conserve art for future generations to enjoy and study.

Also included are two new faculty members, joining Queen's from overseas:

Jean-Michele Nunzi, Physics (\$44,170/year over five years) from France, who is developing new chiral organic materials for a wide range of applications including medical diagnostics, the creation of pharmaceuticals with fewer negative side-effects, and the development of innovative materials for plastic electronics and photonics.

James Stotz, Physics (\$42,795/year over five years) from Germany is advancing the field of spintronics – an emerging field of physics with exciting implications for quantum computing. Among his projects is the production of a high frequency single photon emitter, which could be used in new technologies for secure communications.

NSERC is a federal agency that supports 22,000 university students and postdoctoral fellows and more than 10,000 university professors every year. It also fosters innovation by encouraging Canadian companies to participate and invest in university research projects.

IN BRIEF

Geologists featured in Nature

A scientific paper by three members of the Department of Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering was featured last week in the "Research Highlights" of the international journal *Nature*.

Written by former Queen's post-doctoral fellow Leanne Pyle (senior author) who is now with the Geological Survey of Canada, and professors Guy Narbonne and Noel James, the paper on Cambrian fossil eggs and embryos originally appeared in the *Journal of Paleontology*. The findings confirm that these very early multicellular animals lived around the globe 540 million years ago.

The millimetre-sized fossils were identified by Dr. Pyle and colleagues in Sidney, British Columbia.

Previously, such microfossils – phosphate mineral records of cells from different species – had been found only in China and Siberia. The team now plans to use X-ray tomography to look inside the fossils.

Senate reform: Et tu, Stephen?

**AN ELECTED SENATE,
WITHOUT PROPER
SAFEGUARDS,
WILL NOT BE MORE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has now added his contributions to Canada's long-standing obsession with Senate reform. He has proposed an incremental process in which Bill S-4, currently before the Senate, is the first step. The bill limits the tenure of a senator to a renewable eight-year term.

The next step will be legislation establishing a process for choosing senators through elections. The Senate is also considering a proposal to increase the representation of Western provinces.

The roles of the Canadian Senate and House of Commons are, and should continue to be, fundamentally different. The Commons is the confidence chamber, the place where money bills and other government business is initiated and debated, and where, within the limits of the Constitution and Canada's federal nature, representation is by population.

Neither the Fathers of Confederation nor any serious observer since has believed that the Senate should be anything but the second chamber of Parliament. As the chamber of sober second thought, its main work – which is much more valuable than is generally appreciated – has been in the revision of legis-

lation and in thorough committee investigations.

At present, the Senate is more representative of Canada's variety and minorities than is the House of Commons. The process of appointment has given aboriginal people, among others, a voice they have not had in the Commons. The Senate has a higher proportion of women than the Commons. With their assured long-term tenure, senators often devote their energy over many years to important policy issues – such as fisheries, problems of poverty and aging – in a way MPs cannot.

These qualities might be lost through the election of senators. As democracy works in Canada, many minorities are poorly represented in the House of Commons. In the 2006 general election, the 35 per cent of the voters in Alberta who did not vote Conservative elected no members. More voters supported the NDP than the Liberals in Saskatchewan, but they elected no members. The third of the electorate in PEI who voted Conservative elected no members. Nor did the 5 per cent of Canadians who voted for the Green Party.

Election of senators, unless a carefully chosen system of proportional representation is used, will make this overrepresentation worse, not better. It will fail to ensure the representation of minorities, whether regional, ethnic, cultural or other. The Senate will become a less varied and useful place. Making the Senate more democratic paradoxically risks making it less repre-



NED FRANKS

Expert Outlook

sentative. And, as a stand-alone reform, the eight-year term is neither democratic nor obviously an improvement.

There is a belief that the Senate obstructs the government, particularly when the majority of senators belong to a different party from the government. Yet Prime Minister Brian Mulroney succeeded in getting more than 80 per cent of his legislation through Parliament (including a Liberal-dominated Senate), compared with less than 70 per cent for Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. Mr. Mulroney also had a better success rate than Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Nor was the Senate more zealous in making

amendments to the Mulroney government's legislation. The myth of Senate obstruction has been vastly overstated, as has the myth of its ineffectiveness.

The Senate has vast legislative powers, and has been cautious and judicious in using them. An elected Senate will, by its nature, have more legitimacy than the current appointed Senate. But only the House of Commons will represent the people of Canada on an equal basis. The Commons must remain the first chamber, the Senate the second. When and how the Senate can use its powers will have to be clarified.

Increasing the number of senators in the Western provinces will require a constitutional amendment, as will any change to the powers of the Senate and the method of selecting senators. Mr. Harper suggested that the government hopes to make an end run around the 1982 Constitution Act by making senatorial elections advisory. Taken together, the eight-year term and advisory elections will drastically alter the Senate's nature. Mr. Harper's incremental process is intended to make fundamental

reforms to the Senate. It is an accepted constitutional principle that a government cannot do indirectly that which it cannot do directly. Even if made through increments, fundamental reform requires constitutional amendment.

Canada does not have a tradition of making small, incremental amendments to its Constitution. The amending process has proven to be an all or nothing process, in which each province and interest group wants to add in its particular change, so that the final product becomes a massive, jumbled, incoherent hodge-podge that fails to survive the obstacle course of provincial and electoral approval. Constitutional reform has become a poker game with constantly increasing stakes where everybody loses except the forces of disintegration. There are no grounds for supposing that the process will be different this time.

C.E.S. (Ned) Franks is a professor emeritus of political studies. This column recently appeared in the *Globe and Mail*.

Changes brewing at Stauffer Library

By CARA SMUSIAK

Students and staff entering Stauffer Library later this academic year will likely notice the enticing aroma of fresh coffee. The construction of the new Library Café in the rotunda, immediately inside the entrance to the Stauffer building, is one of several changes at Stauffer Library that will be completed this fall.

The Adaptive Technology Centre, a service offered by Library Services for Students with Disabilities (formerly Special Readers' Services), will move from Douglas Library to a facility in Stauffer Library, just inside the Library's main entrance, where IT Services (ITS) used to be.

"It will be one of the largest facilities of this kind in Canada," says Michele Chittenden, coordi-

nator for Library Services for Students with Disabilities. "It's a very accessible space. It's in the front of the entrance of the library, which is important for our students. Being part of the Queen's Learning Commons allows them to work with ITS, the Library, the Writing Centre, and Learning Strategies Development and bring greater awareness of disability issues.

The new facility features a state of the art lab with updated equipment and new software, technologists to help students learn to use the equipment, and study rooms.

The move will not only make students more aware these services exist, it will improve awareness among the general community.

This change is part of the plan

for the Queen's Learning Commons, a new approach for providing a full range of academic support services in one location. The first phase of the Queen's Learning Commons opened in Stauffer Library in Fall 2005.

ITS support's first point of contact for faculty, staff, and students will move to a central help desk shared with Library research services. Other ITS staff will move to the ITS offices on the lower level. The move will streamline services and enhance support for students, says Sean Reynolds, director of ITS.

The move of the current periodicals from the north end of the main floor to the south end of the second floor will make way for more study space and a place for Learning Commons programs. The move brings current periodicals and bound periodicals together in one area of the library, says Associate University Librarian Martha Whitehead.

"It's quite an inviting, flexible space where we can host a variety of events."

The Library Café, which will be constructed between the two pillars in the rotunda, will sell items such as coffee, smoothies, pastries, and other items one might expect to find at a gourmet coffee stand, says Director of Residence and Hospitality Services Bruce Griffiths. The café will purchase all coffee products from Multatuli Coffee Merchants, a Kingston-based Fair-Trade-certified coffee supplier.

The café will feature booth seating and wireless internet, providing another unique library environment. "If you're going to be in the library for five or six hours, you'll be able to go study in a bunch of different environments and this will be one of them. It allows students to have a number of different ways to use the library," Mr. Griffiths says.

Residence and Hospitality Services will heavily market the use of reusable beverage containers, because it is in keeping with their policy of sustainability and in keeping with the library's food and drink policy, Mr. Griffiths says.

For project updates, visit www.library.queensu.ca.




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Queen's experts address Pope's 'derogatory remarks,' work-life balance issues and geriatric medicine

QUEEN'S IN THE NEWS

Highlights of Queen's experts in the media

■ Sept. 5-18

Sudeep Gill's (Geriatric Medicine) research on prevention of bedsores is featured in the *Globe and Mail*.

Emeritus professor **Ned Franks's** (Political Studies) opinion piece about senate reform in Canada is published in the *Globe and Mail*.

Julian Barling (Business) discusses issues of work-life balance in the *Globe and Mail*.

Adnan Husain (History) comments on the ramifications of Pope Benedict's recent comments about Islam in an Associated Press story that runs in the *Victoria Times Colonist*, *Winnipeg Sun*, *Calgary Sun*, *Halifax Chronicle Herald*, *Edmonton Journal* and on *globeandmail.com*.

Douglas Reid (Business) addresses the transition of power taking place with WestJet's board of directors in the *National Post*.

Bruce Parady's (Law) comments on tuition fees are covered in the *National Post*.

Bill Flanagan's (Law) opinion piece about Ontario's new tuition policy is published in the *National Post*.

Jonathan Rose (Political Studies) continues to gain coverage, most recently in the *Toronto Star* and *Kingston Whig-Standard*, for the experiment in citizen engagement that will examine the Canadian electoral system.

Kathy Brock's (Policy Studies) opinion piece about political instability between Quebec and the rest of Canada is published in the *Ottawa Citizen*. She is also interviewed about the recent NDP conference for CBC-Radio Syndication, broadcast in Thunder Bay, Windsor, Toronto, Saint John, Charlottetown, Regina, Calgary and St. John's.

Sunny Lam's (Environmental Studies) research on cutting greenhouse gas emissions continues to receive coverage, most recently in the *Ottawa Citizen*.

Vincent Mosco (Sociology) discusses his 2004 book *The Digital Sublime* in the *Montreal Gazette*.

Graeme Smith (Obstetrics and Gynecology) discusses in the *Vancouver Sun* and *Kingston Whig-Standard* his research on using carbon monoxide to prevent pre-eclampsia among pregnant women.

Alan King's (Education) research about Ontario's transition to a four-year high school system is featured in the *London Free Press*.

Art Cockfield (Law) comments on Canada's Internet laws in relation to the Dawson College shootings on CBC-TV *News-world*.

Larry O'Farrell (Education) discusses the benefits of arts education on CTV's *Canada AM*.

Daren Heyland's (Medicine) recent research on end-of-life issues is highlighted on CBC-Radio's (Ottawa) regional news and in the *Vancouver Sun*.

David de Witt (Agnes Etherington) comments on the public's misunderstanding of Rembrandt van Rijn in the *Edmonton Journal*.



Brock



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Smith



Heyland



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Rose



Laker

Nick Bala (Law) discusses spousal abuse and child custody on CBC-Radio's *Ontario Morning*.

Samantha King (Kinesiology and Health Studies) continues to discuss her book *Pink Ribbons Inc.: Breast Cancer and the Politics of Philanthropy*, most recently on *cbc.ca*.

Mike Condra (Student Counselling Services) discusses the psychological effects of the Dawson College shooting in the *Kingston Whig-Standard*.

Dave Ross (Kinesiology and Health Studies) and **Rob Beamish** (Sociology) discuss drug testing for university athletes in the *Kingston Whig-Standard*.

Kim Nossal (Political Studies) continues to comment on Canada and the war on terror, most recently on Windsor's *CKWL-Radio*.

Jason Laker (Student Affairs) discusses the shootings at Dawson College in Montreal in the *Kingston Whig-Standard*.

Sylvat Aziz (Women's Studies) discusses life-drawing courses at Queen's in the *Kingston Whig-Standard*.

David Walker (Medicine) discusses student loan payments on Kingston's *CHUM-Radio*.

Peter Taylor (Education) comments in *Maclean's* magazine about a new book on how to get good grades in university.

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Students stride toward work-life balance

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School of Business students took the first step to better work-life balance earlier this month, when they embarked on a virtual Walk Across Canada.

All 320 MBA and Executive MBA students have been put on teams in a challenge to walk the 7,821 km, or 15,642,000 steps it would take to get from Victoria, BC to St. John's, Nfld. along the Trans Canada Highway as part of Fit To Lead.

The school developed the program to encourage students to lead a healthy, balanced and active lifestyle to help prepare them for the rigours of business leadership.

"Success in the boardroom requires mental, physical, spiritual and emotional balance, and the Walk Across Canada, quite literally, puts Queen's MBA students many steps ahead of the competition," says Bill Blake, associate dean of MBA Programs.

Participants each receive a pedometer to track their journey, and can track and measure their relative progress on the school's intranet. With a goal of five kilometers per day per participant, it is expected that each team of 30 will cover the equivalent of the distance across the country in eight to 12 weeks. The initiative will also raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"Queen's MBA graduates don't typically spend much time



JANA CHYTILOVA

School of Business Executive MBA students Robert Barta (left) and Kam Wong help launch the school's Walk Across Canada in downtown Ottawa on Sept. 11, taking the first of 15.6 million steps towards work-life balance.

pounding the pavement for jobs, but the physical activity and team camaraderie they'll get from the Walk Across Canada

will ensure they enter the workforce fit to lead," says Prof. Blake.

Established last year, the program covers a variety of topics

including personal reflection, goal setting, fitness, and healthy eating, all learned through various team and individual activi-

ties such as fitness consultations and a lifestyle planning. business.queensu.ca

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The rebirth of the Queen's Tea Room



COURTESY OF QUEEN'S ALUMNI REVIEW

The original Queen's Tea Room stood at the corner of Union and Division Streets until the early 1970s.

By MOLLY KEHOE

Queen's Tea Room, which officially opened Sept. 11 in Beamish-Munro Hall, has an impressive mandate. The café is the first of its kind to embody the values of environmental change, education, and community, through the long-term development of an environmentally and fiscally sustainable business model.

"We were intrigued by the challenge of creating a sustainable business, while working to lead the environmental movement in the Queen's community," says manager Michele Romanow.

The Tea Room boasts a unique system called a Vermicomposter,

which composts all foods and biodegradable waste produced. The system uses Red Wiggler Worms to accelerate the composting process. Other environmental initiatives include a travel mug discount, chemical-free dishwasher, and the use of sustainable building materials in the construction of the Tea Room.

To encourage customers to change their purchasing behaviour, generous discounts will be given to all tea and coffee products consumed in any type of reusable mug.

The original Queen's Tea Room stood at the corner of Union and Division Streets,

where the entrance to Beamish-Munro Hall or the Integrated Learning Centre (ILC) is now, until the early 1970s. It was known as the best place to bring a date on campus.

During the planning stages for the ILC, someone asked, "Why not bring the Tea Room back to its old home at Union and Division?" The Engineering Society did just this, and following numerous years of planning, development, and investment, the new Tea Room was constructed in the summer of 2006 to reflect the innovative culture of the building.

engsoc.queensu.ca/tearoom

Bulletin Board

Submission information

Please note that appointment submissions will be edited to address style considerations and length. Submissions should be a maximum of 200 words.

Appointments

Victor Snieckus appointed Bader Chair Emeritus

Victor Snieckus has been appointed the Bader Chair Emeritus for a three-year term effective July 1, 2006. Dr. Snieckus completes an eight-year term as Bader Chair of Organic Chemistry on June 30, 2006. He moved to Queen's to assume the Bader Chair in 1998 from the University of Waterloo, where he held the Monsanto Chair in the Department of Chemistry. He is recognized internationally as a leader in synthetic methodology in organic chemistry. Dr. Snieckus continues to direct a thriving research group, to be in high demand as a seminar and conference speaker around the world, and to serve as a consultant to a large number of companies in the pharmaceutical sector. During his tenure as Bader Chair, he raised the profile of the department across Canada and internationally. The appointment of Dr. Snieckus as Bader Chair Emeritus is applauded by the Chair's benefactor, Alfred Bader, who points out that he remains an energetic researcher, a dynamic departmental ambassador, and an intellectual leader in the field of synthetic organic chemistry.

New Faculty Appointments

Faculty of Health Sciences

Eric Prost, Psychiatry (Sept. 1)

Committees

Headship review, English

Patricia Rae's term as head of the Department of English ends June 30, 2007 and she is unwilling to consider another term. The principal has appointed a selection committee to advise her on the appointment of Dr. Rae's successor. Elected members: Elizabeth Hanson, Catherine Harland, Shelley King, Leslie Ritchie, Glenn Willmott. Appointed members: David Bakhurst, Philosophy; Paul Barrett, doctoral student; Matthew Cain, undergraduate student; Karen Donnelly, Departmental Assistant. Non-voting members: Eleanor MacDonald, Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies & Research; Alistair MacLean, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science. Chair: Laurene Ratcliffe, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science. Recording secretary: Diane Reid, Faculty of Arts & Science. Members of the university are invited to comment on the present state and future prospects of the Department of English and to submit names of possible candidates for the headship to the chair, Laurene Ratcliffe, at ratcliffe@biology.queensu.ca by Monday, Oct. 2, 2006. All letters will be reviewed by the selection committee and will become part of the record of decision-making.

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Convocation

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School of Graduate Studies
and Research
Faculty of Arts & Science
(Anatomy to English)
Honorary Graduand:
Gilles Paquet (LLD)

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2:30 pm
School of Graduate Studies and
Research
Faculty of Arts & Science (Environmental
Studies to Physiology)
Faculty of Law
School of Kinesiology and
Health Studies
School of Policy Studies
School of Urban and Regional
Planning
Honorary Graduand:
Jane Bunnett (LLD)

Friday, Oct. 27, 9:30 am
School of Graduate Studies
and Research
Faculty of Arts & Science (Political
Studies to Women's Studies)
Faculty of Education
Honorary Graduand:
Charlotte Judith Gray (LLD)

Friday, Oct. 27, 2:30 pm
School of Graduate Studies
and Research
Faculty of Applied Science
Faculty of Health Sciences
School of Business
Honorary Graduand:
Ricky Kanee Schachter (LLD)
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Convocation times in Kingston

Hall. Those joining the academic procession must reply by Oct. 20, so that sufficient seats may be reserved. Complete the online form at www.queensu.ca/secretariat/convocation/RSVPform.html or contact Janet at cowperth@post.queensu.ca, ext. 77927.

Queen's Academic Regalia: Academic procession members without hoods or gowns should contact the Alma Mater Society (Kingston Hall, second floor) 30 minutes before each ceremony. Present your faculty card for identification.

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Human Resources

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Employee Group	Deadline Date
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QUSA, Research, Grant and Contract Staff	Oct. 31
CUPE 1302	Nov. 30
CUPE 229	Nov. 30
CUPE 254	Nov. 30
GFT Clinical Faculty	Feb. 28, 07
Senior Administration Group	Nov. 1

Human Resources Course/Workshop Catalogue 2006-07

The Course/Workshop Catalogue for the 2006-07 season is now on the Human Resources website. You will find several new offerings in addition to many workshops from the past. We continue to offer our two certificate programs, Administrative Professional at Queen's and Certificate in Workplace Communication. www.hr.queensu.ca/workandcareer/cw-trainwork.php

Employee Assistance Program

For off-campus professional counselling call toll free: 1-800-387-4765 (français 1-800-361-5676), available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Details: www.queensu.ca/eap/

Staff Job Postings

For information on staff job postings and staff appointments, visit www.hr.queensu.ca. The site is updated weekly on Fridays.

Surplus Items

Physical Plant Services offers for sale a 1994 Dakota Truck – KM: 111,118, Harness is included (no plow). As is, where is. Minimum bid: \$800. Submit sealed bids marked Truck by Oct. 3, 11 am. Mark bids confidential. Details: Deborah McElroy, ext. 77588 or 533-6431, mcelroyd@post.queensu.ca. Queen's University is not responsible in any way for the condition of any item(s) it has made available, nor for any damage or injury that may occur due to use or removal of the item(s). Queen's University reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids. Only the successful bidder will be notified.

Volunteers

Male volunteers needed

A study by researchers from the Department of Urology at Queen's/KGH for the treatment of premature ejaculation needs volunteers affected by this condition and who are interested in a possible solution under investigation. Details: Centre for Advanced Urological Research, 549-6666 ext. 2860.

Calendar

Unless otherwise specified, all events are free.

Art

Agnes Etherington Art Centre

Extended hours to 9 pm on Thursdays, starting Oct. 12. Parking on campus is free after 5 pm, and admission is free on Thursdays.

Events

Sept. 28: Art Matters. Michelle Veitch, doctoral candidate, art gives a talk in Mister Man, 12:15 pm.

Oct. 1: Artist's Talk. Artist Lyla Rye, speaks about her work, Skewed Spaces, 2 pm.

Oct. 12: Bright Particular Stars: The Theatre Portraits of Grant Macdonald. (1909-1987). 6 – 8 pm.

Oct. 15: An afternoon of cutting-edge art and science with the lecture/performance. 1:30 – 5pm.

Exhibitions

Art Matters. Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Oct. 12. Lyla Rye, Hopscotch, The Davies Foundation Gallery, to Oct. 29. Mary Rawlyk and Martha Rosler, Slow Boil, Frances K. Smith Gallery, to Oct. 29.

An Artist After All, Daniel Fowler in Canada, Historical Feature and Samuel J. Zacks Galleries, Dec. 3. Neutrinos they are very small, Contemporary Feature Gallery, to Dec. 10. Bright Particular Stars, The Theatre Portraits of Grant Macdonald (1909-1987), The Davies Foundation Gallery, 15 Oct. – 14 Jan. 2007.

Wrought Emotions, European Paintings from the Permanent Collection, The Bader Gallery, to Jan. 26 2007. Mister Man, R. Fraser Elliot Gallery, to Apr. 1 2007.

The Art of Mali, African Gallery, to Aug 8, 2007. www.queensu.ca/ageth

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The Studio

Still life paintings by Julie Withrow, to Oct. 19. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, noon to 2 pm or by appointment. Contact Angela Solar, solara@educ.queensu.ca, (613) 533-6000 ext. 77416. B 144

Duncan McArthur, Faculty of Education, corner of Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard and Union Street.

Union Gallery

Main gallery: Mirage, Alison Norlen, to Oct. 3. Project room: Literaraoke, Vincent Perez and Troy Leaman, to Oct. 3. First floor, Stauffer Library. uniongallery.queensu.ca.

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To all members of the Queen's community:

First of all, I would like to thank you all for making this past Homecoming weekend so incredibly successful. We had a wonderful weekend with a record number of alumni attending events as diverse as the Great Debate, the exciting football game, and countless class reunions across campus and the city.

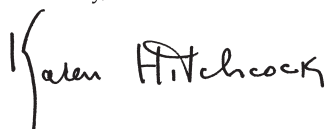
This last weekend also saw the culmination of year-long efforts by many members of the Kingston and Queen's communities working closely together to ensure safety and goodwill prevailed on Aberdeen Street and surrounding areas. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the City of Kingston, the Kingston Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Toronto Police, the local emergency medical services and the Kingston Fire and Rescue for their professionalism and dedication.

In particular I would like to acknowledge the AMS leadership for their exceptional commitment to community building and to working towards a safe and enjoyable Homecoming weekend. I am also immensely grateful to the hundreds of student, alumni and community "red hat" volunteers who gave their time and energy on Saturday night. Their presence was crucial in setting and maintaining a positive atmosphere. Most especially I would like to thank our students for the concern and respect shown for the values and principles of the University and for our neighbours in the community.

Thankfully, this year, the event on Aberdeen occurred without major incident, but we cannot be complacent. The Queen's administration is committed to continuing to work with our students, our community partners and the citizens of Kingston to address the long-term challenges we face and to developing an even closer relationship between Queen's and the broader Kingston community.

Again, thank you to all in the Queen's and Kingston communities who have worked so diligently to make this a safe weekend.

Sincerely,



Karen R. Hitchcock, Ph.D.
Principal and Vice-Chancellor



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meds.queensu.ca/biochem/index.php/seminar_series

Biology
biology.queensu.ca/seminars/dss.html

Business
business.queensu.ca/research/conferences/index.php

Cancer Research Institute
meds.queensu.ca/qcri/calendar/index.php

Centre for Neuroscience Studies
queensu.ca/neurosci/seminar.html

Chemistry
chem.queensu.ca/newsandevents/seminars/seminar02w.pdf

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www.cs.queensu.ca/seminars/

Economics
qed.econ.queensu.ca/pub/calendar/week.html

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biology.queensu.ca/~talkesc

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geog.queensu.ca/seminars.html

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law.queensu.ca/Visitors/index.php

Microbiology and Immunology
microimm.queensu.ca/events/seminar2006.html

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meds.queensu.ca/medicine/pharm

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Policy Studies
www.queensu.ca/sps/calendar/week.htm

Physics, Astronomy, and Engineering Physics
physics.queensu.ca

Public Lectures

Monday, Sept. 25

Spanish & Italian
Juan Carlos Pereda Failache, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas and Facultad de Filosofía y Letras Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Exile as Loss, 200 Kingston, 2:30 pm.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

2006 Chancellor Dunning Trust Lecture Economics
Eric Jones, University of Melbourne. Asian Values and the Self-Transformation of East Asia, 201 Kingston, 4 pm.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Annual Archives Lecture
Helen Humphries, author. Leaving Earth: Writing a Novel from the Archives. 202 Policy Studies, 7 pm. Reception to follow featuring a display of archival material. RSVP: 613 533-2378.

Special Events

Tuesday, Sept. 26

English
Poetry reading by Lillian Allen, writer-in-residence. 517 Watson Hall, 2:30 pm.

Wednesday, Sept. 27

Creative Writing
Author Donna Morrissey reads from her work. 517 Watson, 1 pm. Discussion to follow; books will be for sale. Details: Carolyn Smart, smartc@post.queensu.ca

Graduate & Professional Schools Fair

Grant Hall, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. careers.queensu.ca/students/specialevents/psfparticipating schools.asp.

Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre

Annual open house. Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre, 5 – 7 pm. RSVP to Heather Green, 613-533-6970, hg4@post.queensu.ca.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Career Services/QUIC
2006 Crossing Borders Study and Work Abroad Fair. Grant Hall. 10:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Saturday, Sept. 30

Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre
Suzanne Brant will lead a Medicine Walk at Lemoine Point, 5 to 7 pm. Transportation provided. Meet at 146 Barrie St. Details: 613 533-6970. Part of the Cultural Brown Bag Seminar Series.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre
Suzanne Brant will lead a Medicine Workshop. 146 Barrie Street, 613 533-6970, 5:30 to 7 pm. Part of the Cultural Brown Bag Seminar Series.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

InfoFest 2006
Engineering and Science Library open house, Douglas Library, 4 – 6 pm. http://library.queensu.ca/webeng/

Thursday, Oct. 5

Gordon Hall opening ceremony and open house, 74 Union St., 2:30 – 4 pm. Refreshments.

Tips for graduate students applying for scholarships and fellowships. 202 Policy Studies, 3 – 4:30 pm. Coffee and snacks provided. Presented by Graduate Studies and Research and Research Services.

Friday, Oct. 6

French Studies
Relire Gérard Bessette au XX^e siècle. One-day conference on francophone author and former Queen's professor. 202 Policy Studies, 9:15 am. Papers will be presented in French.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Applied Science
GO ENG Girl, a free, province-wide event for girls in grades 7-10 and their parents. Beamish-Munro Hall. Register online now at appsci.queensu.ca/community/goEngGirl Details: Liz May, 533-6000, ext. 74134.

Submission information

The deadline for Bulletin Board and Calendar items for the Tuesday, Oct. 10 issue is at noon on Monday, Oct. 2. For news and information between issues of the Gazette, visit www.queensu.ca/newscentre

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Jan 3 ~ vs Buffalo Sabres	Mar 27 ~ vs Boston Bruins
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Nov 5-13	Myrtle Beach Fall Getaway	\$599
Nov 25 & 30	Radio City Rockettes: Christmas Spectacular	\$165
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Nov 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, Dec 1, 3	One of a Kind Christmas Craft Show and Sale	\$59
Dec 1	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: Vaughan Mills Mega Mall	\$45
Dec 8	CHRISTMAS SHOPPING: IKEA or Rideau Centre	\$40
Dec 15	Syracuse (Carousel Mall)/Watertown (Salmon Run) Shopping	\$40/30
Dec 29-Jan 1	New York City! Times Square at New Year's Eve	\$595
Dec 30	"ALADDIN" The Magical Family Musical at the NAC	\$99

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