



# QUEEN'S GAZETTE

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TVO host Cheryl Jackson fills in for colleague Steve Paikin (who came down with laryngitis) at a live broadcast in Grant Hall of The Agenda with Steve Paikin: On the Road, presented by Vale Inco. The Jan. 19 broadcast was the culmination of a two-day, interactive event examining Ontario's agrarian economy. Community members participated in a day-long "Agenda Camp" at Ban Righ Hall Jan. 18 in preparation for the broadcast. The current affairs program plans to visit Thunder Bay Feb. 8-9 to discuss the Aboriginal economy and Waterloo on March 29-30 to discuss the innovation economy.

## More undergrads pick Queen's

By MOLLY KEHOE

Queen's popularity among Ontario high school students is on the rise.

Preliminary numbers released Jan. 19 by the Ontario Universities Application Centre show a 7.7-per-cent increase in first-choice student applications to Queen's and a 3.7 per cent increase in second-choice applications.

"This is great news for Queen's," says Jo-Anne Brady, University Registrar. "These numbers reflect our strong reputation. High school students recognize the quality of the education we offer, as well as the overall Queen's experience."

Programs offered here that are seeing the highest increases in demand are Nursing and Engineering.

Demand for Environmental Studies and Social Work programs has also soared throughout Ontario.

A total of 84,300 applications have been received at Ontario's 20 universities, a 1.1-per-cent increase over the record set in 2008 and 42 per cent more than the 59,197 applications in 2000.

Preliminary data for applicants not currently registered in an Ontario high school have increased almost 10 per cent over the same time last year.

The only year in which the total was higher was the "double cohort" year of 2003 when 102,618 applied, following the elimination of Grade 13, causing two classes to

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# Graduate studies programs expand and diversify

BY KAY LANGMUIR

Queen's continues to add innovative and often ground-breaking new graduate programs to its roster, and the debut last September of seven new programs marks the highest number introduced in a single year.

Every academic area of the university has taken advantage of government-funded opportunities to develop new graduate programs in recent years, says Janice Deakin, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

"The Reaching Higher program has allowed us to think about how we'd like to expand," she says of Ontario's five-year initiative to increase the number of graduate students. "The concept of graduate expansion has really been embraced at Queen's," says Shelley Aylesworth-Spink, director of the Office of the Dean. Since the Reaching Higher program began in 2005, Queen's has added more than 50 graduate programs, she says.

The new programs include the first one in engineering education

in Canada, a move that builds on Queen's growing reputation for innovative engineering education worldwide. It is also one of the first of its kind in the world.

The engineering education program is designed for technical PhD and engineering tenure-track positions in engineering departments, mid-career engineering faculty, human-resources professionals within engineering firms, and other technical learning and teaching advisory roles.

The fact that many of the new programs also have an inter-disciplinary focus "speaks to prevailing interest in society, and among students, to ask questions that lie at the intersection of singular disciplines," says Dr. Deakin.

There are many spin-off benefits to having an increased number of graduates on campus, including assisting in the recruitment and retention of new faculty members, improving the pool of potential teaching assistants, and enhancing opportunities for interaction between graduates and undergraduates.

"One of our mandates is heightening awareness of graduate study among undergraduates, and to let them see our own graduate programs in effect," says Dr. Deakin.

## Since the Reaching Higher program began in 2005, Queen's has added more than 50 graduate programs.

The other new programs are:

- Masters of Public Health – a combination of coursework and practicum experience over 16 months, designed to equip graduates to practise as generalists in public health. The program will offer interdisciplinary training grounded in Canada's multicultural context. Graduates will develop an awareness of ethical and cultural issues pertaining to public health research and practice.
- Master of Arts in Gender Stud-

ies examines the ways in which women, gender and politics are informed by questions of racism, colonialism, and globalization. The program responds to the social, cultural and educational needs of highly mobile local/global societies that are becoming increasingly fragmented and complex.

- Master of Arts in Cultural Studies/PhD Cultural Studies.

These two programs have been designed around field areas such as communication, media and technologies, globalization, nationalism, cultural citizenship and social movements. There are elective project components that will allow students to develop their cultural practice (e.g. filmmaking or curating) or to engage in community work as part of their studies. A large, cross-departmental body of affiliated faculty will promote creative research environments and allow program customization.

- Master of Arts in Development Studies – this program will help Ontario meet the growing demand in the province and beyond for graduate-level training in the field

of international development studies. Since there are only two other dedicated MA programs in development studies in all of Canada, many Canadian students interested in graduate studies in development studies go overseas. There is enormous potential to attract students to a Master's program at Queen's from across the country and around the world.

- Master of Education in Aboriginal and World Indigenous Educational Studies – a part-time blended (online and on-campus) Faculty of

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## IN BRIEF

### Calling all undergrads

Undergraduates are encouraged to showcase their research expertise at the third-annual Inquiry@Queen's Undergraduate Research Conference on March 5 and 6. The conference, which showcases independent or course-based undergraduate research at the university, seeks abstracts from students. Undergraduate students who have completed exceptional work are asked to submit their research project results for the opportunity to participate in the conference.

Participants can choose to showcase their research in either a 15-minute presentation or visually as a poster.

The conference takes place at the Queen's Learning Commons, Stauffer Library from 9 am to 5:30 pm. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 30. To make a submission, visit [www.iatq.ca](http://www.iatq.ca)

### Gazette contest winners

Juliano Sabelli and Carol Miernicki Steeg each won a pair of tickets to see the Queen's Musical Theatre's production of *Jekyll & Hyde* at the Grand Theatre earlier this month.

## Help put the United Way over the top!

Queen's United Way Campaign is just a hair's breadth away from meeting its goal. Queen's supporters have generously donated to put the campaign at 97 per cent of its record-setting total of \$315,000.

Queen's United Way Co-Chair Shelley Aylesworth-Spink, who is also a member of the Board of the local United Way, said the generosity of the University community is overwhelming.

"Staff, students, faculty and retirees at Queen's donate to United Way because it makes such a huge positive difference in our community," she says. "One out of every two people in the Kingston area benefits from United Way funded programs and services. I think people here also recognize that United Way has very low administrative costs and as a result, a high percentage of their donations go directly to those most in need."

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### ALL THAT CANADIAN JAZZ

STEPHEN WILD

School of Music instructor Greg Runions (rear, right) directs the Greg Runions Big Band in rehearsal for a special concert featuring Canadian trumpeter Joe Sullivan (left) in the Wilson Room at the Kingston Frontenac Public Library on Johnson Street. The Jan. 18 performance featured Mr. Sullivan's Broken Arrow Suite and new works by Kingston jazz musicians Dave Barton, Jon Stewart and Mr. Runions.

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graduate in the same year.

This category of non-secondary school applicants includes former

high school students, mature, transfer and out-of-province students, and does not have to comply with the same January deadline as Ontario high school students. Final data will be reported in April.

"While robust enrolment is a good news story, it also puts pressure on universities that are struggling to maintain programs," says Paul Genest, president and CEO, Council of Ontario Universities. "Despite dramatic cost-cutting and efficiency measures, university operating budgets are under severe strain. Financial markets have dealt a sharp blow to pensions and endowments that support bursaries for students and research chairs."

Dr. Genest added that, "We know from the \$6.2 billion Reaching Higher plan and more recent investments how committed the McGuinty government is to

student success and to research. We look forward to working closely with government as they consider the stimulus measures that will help keep our universities dynamic and able to accelerate Ontario's recovery through innovation, developing talent and regional economic activity."

If this trend continues, the non-secondary applicants this year will ultimately exceed the record total of 44,165 in 2008. So far, about 3,500 of the 21,128 applicants in this category are Ontario high school students who have taken a year out before going back to school.

During past economic slowdowns, there have typically been increases in the number of people wishing to attend university.

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Education program intended for students with experience in aboriginal communities. It is the only program of its kind in Ontario and is designed to develop leadership abilities and theoretical, practical, and experiential knowledge.

• Joint Juris Doctor/ Master of Arts (Economics) - This combined program recognizes the benefit of highly focused interdisciplinary training for individuals interested

in careers in the many areas where law and economic analysis intersect. Program graduates will be well placed to contribute to national policy debate and development, both as lawyers and economists, and will earn a strong comparative advantage in pursuing careers in academia and specialized legal work requiring a knowledge of social science methods.

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This year's Community Appeal volunteers are (front, from left) Molly Kehoe, Karen Logan, Penny Bagnell, Jodi Snowdon, Faye Baudoux, Lauren Sharpe, Cheryl Descent, Lisa Woodcock, Lisa Menard and (rear, from left) Adam Say, Chris Emmons, Glenn Best, Kim Nossal, Matthew Thomas, Chris Coupland.

## Community Appeal kicks off Feb. 4

By MOLLY KEHOE

The Queen's Community Appeal introduces its annual campus campaign with a free kick-off pancake breakfast at Grant Hall on Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:30 – 9:30 am.

Join celebrity volunteer servers, along with musical guests, Samba, from the School of Music. There will be door prizes, including two spots to play along side celebrity players in the Limestone Classic hockey tournament at Feb Fest, Feb. 3-8 in downtown Kingston.

All staff, faculty and retirees are invited to join in the celebratory kick off – regardless of whether or not they plan to make a donation.

The appeal is meant to be a campus community builder and an opportunity to showcase the

outstanding work of Queen's locally, nationally and globally. The annual initiative also aims to unite faculty, staff, and retirees in the belief that small financial contributions can collectively make a big impact.

"The financial challenges we are facing as a campus community mean that philanthropic support is now more important than ever," says Glenn Best, annual giving officer, Campus Community & Commemorative Giving. "Though not all of us have the capacity to make large donations, our commitment is far more valuable than the face amount of our gifts."

The appeal supports several initiatives and projects including Ban Righ Centre, which supports mature women students; PREVNet,

helping kids and parents prevent bullying; medical research and creating the next generation of Canadian doctors and accessible Queen's education through scholarships and bursaries.

This year, the appeal's goal is to increase engagement by increasing the number of donors to 800. Last year, the campaign raised more than \$660,000 with donations from 698 members of the campus community.

To educate the campus community about the variety of opportunities and need for support, appeal volunteers will hold several campus events, including Doors Open Queen's. This year's "Doors Open" will host educational events at Integrated Learning Centre, Miller Museum of Geology, Queen's

Steam Tunnels, and many others.

Donations to the appeal, which runs through the end of April, can also be made through payroll deduction, spread throughout the year.

The volunteer team is led by returning co-chairs Kim Nossal (Political Studies), Lauren Sharpe (Integrated Learning Centre), David McConomy (Business) and Chris Coupland (Student Awards).

"The Queen's Campus Community Appeal gives us the opportunity to champion the work we do together on campus and to lead the way for others," says Mr. Best.

For more information on the campaign or to become a volunteer, visit [www.queensu.ca/communityappeal](http://www.queensu.ca/communityappeal)

## Aboriginal playwrights to present at Queen's

Three renowned Aboriginal playwrights from different corners of the world will present their work at an International Aboriginal Playwrights Day, Monday, Feb. 2.

Presented by the Department of Drama with the Playwrights Guild of Canada, the Canada Council for the Arts and Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre, the day begins with a public reading by First Nations playwright Yvette Nolan from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Rotunda Theatre in the Theological building.

Later that day, Ms. Nolan will join Cook Islands playwright Miria George and New Zealand Maori writer Hone Kouka of New Zealand for a panel on Cross-cultural Theatre Production and Creation from 1:30 to 3 pm, also in the Rotunda Theatre.

Coffee with the visiting artists

will take place from 4 to 5 pm at the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre at 146 Barrie St, followed by a feast in their honour from 5 to 7 pm.

Yvette Nolan is a playwright, director, dramaturg, educator, and the Artistic Director of Native Earth Performing Arts. Born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan to an Algonquin mother and an Irish immigrant father, Ms. Nolan grew up in Winnipeg, graduating from the University of Manitoba with a BA in 1997. She has written, directed, dramaturged and acted for theatre and other organizations across the country including Popular Theatre Alliance of Manitoba, the Manitoba Theatre Centre, Brandon University, Nakai Theatre, the Society of Yukon Artists of Native Ancestry, and Eastern Front Theatre. She served as president of the



Nolan

Performing Arts in Toronto. She is also the editor of the second edition of plays by First Nations playwrights and writers of colour, *Beyond the Pale II*. Her own work comprises more than a dozen works for the stage including *Blade*, *A Marginal Man*, *Child*, *Job's Wife*, *Video*, and *Annie Mae's Movement*.

Miria George (Te Arawa, Ngati Awa; Rarotonga, Atiu, Cook Islands) is a poet and an award winning playwright, with works produced in New

Zealand, and abroad, with 2007 marking the international premiere of her controversial play *and what remains*. She is also a producer for Tawata Productions and co-founder of the Tawata Press.

Maori (Ngati Porou, Ngati Raukawa, Ngati Kahungunu) writer, Hone Kouka, is a winner of the Bruce Mason Award and multiple Chapman Tripp Theatre Awards. His plays have been produced in South Africa, Britain, Hawaii, Canada, Australia, New Caledonia, and throughout New Zealand. Mr. Kouka founded theatre and film production house Tawata Productions, producing the works of emerging Maori writers, including the controversial and what remains. He also works as a development executive at the New Zealand Film Commission.

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### Fun snow balls at Feb Fest

Kingston's fifth-annual Feb Fest takes place Feb. 3 through 8 – and it's bigger and better than ever.

Queen's engineering students will compete in the 24-hour snow sculpture competition against teams from St. Lawrence College and Royal Military College (RMC). Queen's will also rival RMC for the Carr-Harris Cup Feb. 7 at 7:30 pm at the Memorial Centre (tickets \$7).

The opening ceremonies begin at 6:30 pm on Feb. 3, followed by the Imagination on Ice show starring figure skating champion Kurt Browning at 7 pm. Other fun activities include acrobatic skiing and snowboarding performances, live music, free public skating and the Limestone Classic, a shinny hockey tournament with NHL alumni.

Feb Fest is organized by a volunteer committee led by former NHLer Kirk Muller, Downtown Kingston! BIA, Queen's, Kingston Accommodation Partners, KEDCO and the City of Kingston.

[www.febfestkingston.com](http://www.febfestkingston.com)

### Celebrate Black History Month

The African Caribbean Student Association (ACSA) kicks off Black History Month with a surprise guest speaker, who will talk about Blacks and the Canadian Experience on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 4 pm in the Robert Sutherland Room in the John Deutsch University Centre. Food is \$2 a plate and all are welcome.

### Support the Union Gallery

Attend Cezanne's Closet and bring home a work of original art while supporting the Union Gallery in Stauffer Library. The annual fundraiser takes place Saturday, Feb. 7 in Ban Righ Hall and features more than 100 works of art donated by student, graduate, faculty and community artists. As ticket holders enjoy refreshments and entertainment, ticket numbers are drawn in random order. The person with the matching ticket has 30 seconds to claim a favourite piece from the wall.

Preview for ticket holders takes place at 7 pm, with the draw starting at 8 pm. Tickets are \$135 for a ticket holder and guest. Details: 613-533-3171 or email [ugallery@queensu.ca](mailto:ugallery@queensu.ca)

### Science fun for the whole family

Children and their parents and guardians are invited to participate in the 20th-annual Science Discovery Day this Saturday, Jan. 31, presented by the primary-junior teacher candidates enrolled in science and technology education courses.

The fun takes place in the McArthur Hall main foyer, Faculty of Education, at the corner of Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard and Union Street from 1 to 3:30 pm. It's an opportunity for youngsters to explore a variety of hands-on science and technology activities and for new teachers can observe and experience how children of all ages interact with learning materials. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call 533-6000, ext. 77229.



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### Your pension and the market

The Pension and Benefits Unit of Human Resources has prepared a report on how recent market volatility will affect the value of pension payments initiated during the current plan year. This will be of particular interest to members of the Queen's Pension Plan who are close to retirement (within three years) and have been projected to receive pensions based on their Money Purchase Contribution (MPC) account balances.

Visit [www.hr.queensu.ca](http://www.hr.queensu.ca) and click on the Announcements section or go directly to [www.hr.queensu.ca/pdf/2009communique.pdf](http://www.hr.queensu.ca/pdf/2009communique.pdf)

Plan members considering retirement should contact the Pensions and Benefits Unit of Human Resources for a customized set of pension estimates. For information, contact Bob Wiesnagel [bob.weisnagel@queensu.ca](mailto:bob.weisnagel@queensu.ca), ext. 36414.

### Tuition support suspended

Due to increasing numbers of staff taking advantage of the Tuition Support Benefit, fall term demand has been such that funds will not be available for a winter-term payment for continuing staff members for the 2008/2009 academic year.

Staff who were unable to confirm registration during the fall application session, however, will be given an opportunity to apply. For more information, contact Human Resources, [hrbenfit@queensu.ca](mailto:hrbenfit@queensu.ca)

Until the QUSA Salary and Benefits Agreement expires this year and a new one is negotiated, the amount of funds in the Tuition Support Plan will not be adjusted. Details: Pensions & Benefits, ext. 36414.

### Chancellors to speak

Chancellors David Dodge (Queen's), David Peterson (University of Toronto) and John Thompson (Western) will discuss the partnership between universities and businesses to generate economic solutions in challenging times at a Canadian Club luncheon at Toronto's Royal York Hotel on Feb 9.

Earlier this month, Chancellors Dodge, Peterson, Thompson, Hugette Labelle (Ottawa) and Pamela Wallin (Guelph) appeared on TVO's The Agenda. Hosted by Steve Paikin, they used the form to highlight the impact of universities.



GREG BLACK

Tyler Longo, president of the Queen's University Chess Club, ponders a move during the recent Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Championship hosted by Queen's.

## Queen's hosts queens – and kings, bishops, rooks, knights and pawns – at national competition

By OLIVIA ROBINSON

Queen's University Chess Club members were far from being caught between a rock and a hard place when they hosted the 2009 Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Championship earlier this month.

The competition took place in the John Deutsch Centre and attracted 18 university teams from several provinces.

The University of Western Ontario prevailed with 4.5 match points from five matches played (each match consists of four games). Teams tied for second through sixth places were Queen's, the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, University of Waterloo, University of Guelph, all with three match points from five matches played. Other participating universities included McGill, Ottawa, Carleton and McMaster.

The large tie for second place is not unusual, since the format of the event is designed to produce a clear winner over the short distance of five rounds held over three days

(Jan. 16-18), says Frank Dixon, club coach and Queen's alumnus.

The winning team was to receive the Queen's University Cup for Chess, but there was one problem – it was missing.

"The team that was supposed to have brought it didn't because there were issues about who was supposed to have paid for the engraving. I suppose we'll make do with what we have," laughs Mr. Dixon.

The Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Championship started in the 1930s, but has missed a few years depending on the organizing strength. This year marks the seventh consecutive year that the tournament has been held and the seventh consecutive year that Queen's has participated.

"This is a very good result for Queen's, which was seeded seventh of the 18 teams," says Mr. Dixon. "Four of our top six players could not play because of illness or academic priorities, so had we been able to showcase our full strength,

we would have had a much better chance to win the title."

The students – club president and organizer Tyler Longo (Sci'11), Emre Turken (Artsci'09), Jonathan Farine (Artsci'12), Herbert Fournier (PhD candidate in Geology) and Nicholas Gellner (Artsci'12) – rose to the challenge.

Mr. Longo is no newcomer to the chess board.

"I've been playing chess since my uncle taught me when I was five years old. I started to get competitive about it, so when I was 10, I started playing in tournaments."

The second-year applied math and engineering student is one of 12 players on the Queen's team.

"We're a pretty young team this year," says Mr. Longo, "but at the same time, the chess club and the tournament itself are open to faculty and staff to play too."

The club meets Thursdays at 7 pm in room 352 in the John Deutsch University Centre (JDUC). The duties in hosting such a large event included booking Wallace

Hall in the JDUC, contacting all the teams, and hiring world-known chess arbiter Hal Bond. Mr. Bond was the arbiter for the 2008 Chess Olympiad in Dresden, Germany.

Although the event had a good turnout, the club would like to see it grow.

"There still isn't enough interest generated by chess out west to get a team to come here," says Mr. Dixon.

"There were alternatives to coming here in person; some teams would have been able to participate via the Internet."

Mr. Longo has hopes for the future.

"Hopefully future tournaments will get more recognition. Chess in general is behind in its outreach in different aspects, like funding. A lot of people don't even know that Queen's has a chess club."

The University of Toronto will host next year's challenge in mid-January.

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### MINIU, SPRING REUNION PROMISE FUN AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

By ANDREA GUNN

Queen's MiniU returns to campus for a second year on May 22-24. The weekend provides more than 60 learning activities to registrants who want to get a taste of Queen's education. More than half of the faculty and staff speakers from last year's inaugural event offered to return this year to deliver lectures and give tours of research labs and other facilities.

The same weekend, Queen's first Spring Reunion takes place. So far, 18 classes have registered and up to 2,000 alumni celebrating a reunion year, from 1939 to 2004, are expected to return to campus. The Tricolour Guard (classes celebrating a 50th reunion or greater), will also have their own festivities.

This year, MiniU has representation from almost every faculty, says Melanie McEwen, manager of Alumni Education and Outreach. Some lectures will highlight Queen's research, from butterfly migration to computer-assisted surgery. Other sessions will be more interactive, such as a field trip to the Queen's University Biological Station and creating art at the

Agnes Etherington Art Centre.

Discussions on the U.S. sub-prime mortgage crisis and the legal definition of family will give registrants new insight into current events. While some of the topics are quite weighty, Ms. McEwen looks for speakers who can "mesmerize their audience" and instill curiosity in their topics.

**"For our younger classes, such as the class of '04, the appeal of this weekend is breaking with tradition, and also the chance to stay in residence again."**

Judy Griffiths

There will also be guided tours of facilities such as the Archives and Patient Simulation Lab, a special concert by the School of Music, and the Last Lecture on Earth, presented this year by Vincent Sacco (Sociology). Borrowed from the popular AMS-organized annual event, the Last Lecture asks a faculty member to give his or her most fun, most inspirational lecture, as if it were the last one ever given. Professor Sacco will speak on Nothing

Up My Sleeve: What I learned from the master magicians.

"The intent is for MiniU attendees to experience what today's Queen's students experience," says Ms. McEwen.

Last year's participants included alumni, Kingston area residents, and at least one potential Queen's student and her family.

"The weekend gave her the opportunity to give Queen's a test-run. They came to Kingston, toured the campus and attended the sessions. She ended up accepting the offer to come to Queen's in September."

Online registration for MiniU opens at the end of January at [www.queensu.ca/alumni](http://www.queensu.ca/alumni). The weekend costs \$199 for sessions and meals: an early-bird deal is available for \$179 for those registering by March 31.

Spring Reunion will feature traditional reunion activities such as class dinners and faculty receptions, but there will be some new activities, such as a short 'Re-convo-cation' ceremony in Grant Hall with Principal Tom Williams and Chancellor David Dodge, followed by class photos. And the Kingston Branch of the Queen's University Alumni Association is hosting an All-Alumni Smoker to bring together all the classes and faculties under one roof.

Spring Reunion activities are free, but ticketed, so returning

alumni and guests must register for all events to ensure their spots.

Outdoor activities for the weekend include a picnic luncheon in Agnes Benidickson Field and a guided walking tour of campus. Reunion classes are also encouraged to participate in some of the free MiniU activities, such as the Last Lecture on Earth, as well as some of the educational sessions and breakfasts, at a nominal cost.

The appeal of reconnecting with peers, sampling MiniU educational activities, and re-visiting Kingston in May means that Spring Reunion has a future as a stand-alone weekend, whether or not Fall Homecoming is reinstated.

"For our younger classes, such as the class of '04, the appeal of this weekend is breaking with tradition, and also the chance to stay in residence again," says Judy Griffiths, Manager of Reunions and Events. "Some of our senior classes are returning this spring because they want to show their support for the principal. And, while they will miss the presence of students on campus, some of them are thrilled to have the campus to themselves, and spend some quality time with their classmates."

Online registration for Spring Reunion, including an updated events calendar and "Who's returning" list will be live at the end of January at [www.queensu.ca/alumni](http://www.queensu.ca/alumni)

### KGH's ICU recognized

Kingston General Hospital's (KGH) intensive care unit was recently ranked second in an international nutrition audit.

KGH was recently awarded a Best of the Best award for its showing among 157 ICUs in 22 countries in this survey designed to improve upon nutrition therapies provided to critically ill patients in intensive care units around the world.

Led by Naomi Jones at KGH's Clinical Evaluation Research Unit, the survey collected data on the clinical condition, nutritional status, nutrition practices and outcomes of almost 3,000 critically ill patients beginning in May 2008. Participants collected data over a three-month period and catalogued the results online using a web-based data collection tool.

This is a significant achievement for KGH, says Darren Heyland, Queen's professor of Medicine and Epidemiology. "By allocating more dietary resources directly inside the ICU, we are able to better educate staff about the importance of nutrition in treating critically ill patients. We've shown through this survey and others that improved nutrition can make a difference in patient outcomes."

### Remarkable woman remembered

Medical House members remembered Gwen Armstrong at a special dedication at the house formal earlier this month.

Outgoing president Bill McIntyre paid tribute to Ms. Armstrong, who served as long-time cook and house mother from 1974 through 1998, and who passed away last year. Response from alumni to the request of support for the kitchen renovation in her name was overwhelming, he says.

Daughters Joan Armstrong, a former Financial Services staff member, and Elaine Armstrong, director of Queen's School of English, attended the event.

"The house was a big part of our lives too, particularly while we were students at Queen's," says Joan Armstrong. "The house's effort to pay tribute to Mom has been realized in a fine, fine way."

The inscription on the plaque reads in part: "For 25 years, she had a positive influence on the lives of countless medical students from what became the heart of the house... her kitchen."

## Queen's-RAQ partnership moves forward

By LINDSAY ALEXANDER

A landmark alliance between retirees and the university aims to provide knowledge and experience that will enrich the community.

The Academic Partnership of Retirees and Queen's University, formerly called Emeritus College, continues to take shape since the signing of the letter of intent in November 2007. The collaboration between the Retiree's Association of Queen's (RAQ) and the university is a work in progress, as discussions regarding the scope of activities and the logistics of the program continue to take place.

"The main value of the partnership is to foster collaboration between Queen's retired faculty and staff and the university," says Arlene Aish, RAQ president. "Many retirees continue to contribute to their departments in a variety of ways. The partnership is meant to enhance and build upon this sort of contribution."

Initially, progress has been slow

due to space limitations on campus, as well as a need for a more detailed understanding of the activities involved in the proposed partnership. However, through regular meetings the group has been working through the obstacles to establish the foundations of the collaboration.

In April 2008, a statement was developed, outlining the purpose and objectives. The partnership will "foster and support the continued scholarly and creative lives of its members, promote the continuing sense of membership in the 'Queen's family' and through its programs benefit the university and community."

It will engage retirees in university activities by drawing on their expertise for various projects including reviewing major entrance awards applications to Queen's and continuing with the popular speaker series, Monday Morning Forums.

The first major project under-

taken by the partnership in collaboration with Queen's Archives is the Human History of Queen's project, in which retirees provide an oral historic account of their memories and experiences at the university.

### It will engage retirees in university activities by drawing on their expertise.

The group is also interested in creating a retirement community closer to campus. Several U.S. universities and a few in Canada have established retirement housing projects on or near campus, said Ms. Aish.

"The purpose of these is to enrich the retirement environment for university alumni and retirees and for the university to benefit by

interacting with seniors."

It is important to keep those who have helped established the school's reputation as part of the community in order to strengthen the reputation and the brand of the university, says Vice-Principal (Academic) Patrick Deane, who represents the university in the partnership.

"The university is a community, and in the same way that alumni remain part of it, retirees should continue to be, in practical terms, part of the community," says Dr. Deane. "There are some extraordinary scholars and notable people who have made great contributions to their field, and if they're still willing to be part of the university it can be really beneficial."

With ongoing support from RAQ and the university, the partnership will continue to develop and evolve so that a greater sense of the intangible benefits it provides to the Queen's community can be recognized.

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## VIEWPOINT

## Thumbs up for Obama

The Leonard Brockington Society of Canadian Political Speechwriters of the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) at has rated President Barack Obama's inaugural address.

CSD chair **Tom Axworthy**: "One of the first questions to be asked about any leader is what are his or her priorities and do they run with or against the grain of history. An essential way of determining this is to research the public record and then compare dreams versus accomplishments. It is the public record of measured words that remains the most reliable barometer of either consistency or change in one's purpose. To understand a public figure it is necessary to start with what he said and what he wrote."

Senator **Hugh Segal** (who wrote for Robert Stanfield, Claude Wagner, Bill Davis and Brian Mulroney): "I strongly suspect that listeners to Franklin D. Roosevelt's first inaugural address concluded that the president had nailed the bad guys, had his own plan, and all hope was not extinguished. My sense of the lasting message from Barack Obama is quite different: We are all in this together; we are all some responsible for this predicament, and by common effort and a rootedness in American values and sacrifice, we, the American people, can rise from this rubble. A remarkable day in U.S. rhetorical, presidential and democratic history."

**Sally Barnes** (communications adviser and writer for former Ontario Premier Bill Davis): "High expectations – all met. Well crafted. Well delivered. Connected with a wide and diverse audience. Reached out with compassion and kindness but delivered an edgy message on future directions, what he expects of Americans and how he will deal with their enemies. The biggest challenge he faces? Having to settle for professional speechwriters – as president he won't have time to write all his own stuff. Pity!"

**Ray Heard** (communications director and occasional speechwriter for the John Turner, 17th prime minister): "Though George Washington was a slave-owner, it was appropriate for Obama to end quoting Washington's rhetoric to his freezing troops on crossing the Delaware when all seemed to be lost. Obama's whole speech was about what Americans have to do to cross another great, very perilous divide in U.S. history. Finally, I was surprised there was not more applause when he delivered so many great lines Obama gets a nine out of 10 for using his own challenging and uplifting words. JFK, whose inauguration I covered, also got a nine for a more theatrical address."

**L. Ian Macdonald** (chief speechwriter for Brian Mulroney 1985-1988; head, Public Affairs Division, Canadian Embassy Washington, 1992-1994): "Obama's inaugural was not by his standards a great speech, but the inauguration was great and inspirational public occasion. Imagine two million people standing in the cold for hours just to watch a ceremony and listen to a speech. While Obama's speech lacked the eloquent or memorable phrases of JFK's inaugural or FDR's first, it drew from both, from JFK on re-engaging the world and from FDR in conveying confidence on the economy. Not a three-pointer, but a two-point layup by Obama as the pivot man in his favourite game."

**Scott Reid** (director of communications, speechwriter for prime minister Paul Martin): "Obama's declaration that 'now is a new era of responsibility' was his homage to Kennedy's 'ask not' and his 'everywhere we look, there is work to be done' is his analog to FDR's 'all we have to fear...' But when Obama declared, 'for the world has changed and we must change with it,' the message was unmistakably all his own. Obama's inaugural managed to blend elements of both Kennedy and FDR's landmark addresses. It echoed the stirring lyricism and call of collective responsibility heard in Kennedy's words. And it contained elements of the pragmatic, direct and sometimes conversational appeal that FDR made during an earlier time of global economic crisis. Yet, it did so with a decidedly contemporary tone."

**Les Horswill** (speechwriter for Robert Stanfield, federal PC leader and Ontario premiers Bill Davis and Frank Miller): "As with his speech on race relations: in time, it may be seen as a great speech that crossed divisions and came as close as Lincoln in seeing the truth. People love to hear him talk. Yet, he's not seen as an entertainer or merely a writer in search of the next big one-liner. So, if FDR's a 10, I'd give him eight and against a 10 for Kennedy I'd give him 10."

**Robin Sears** (veteran NDP writer and strategist): "It is a speech that will grow with time. It was overwhelmed by the day and the expectations. But the focus on a new era of responsibility will become the leitmotif of the years ahead and his language will become part of that ethos."

The Leonard Brockington Society of Canadian Political Speechwriters is a non-partisan society modelled after the American Judson Welliver Society. It brings together past presidential speechwriters on an occasional basis. Society secretary is CSD Fellow and Brian Mulroney Memoirs' research assistant Arthur Milnes.

## Letter

## The benefits of education

I note the very well written and insightful article by Tom Axworthy, chair of Queen's Centre for Democracy (Friends in hard times, Expert Outlook, Dec. 8).

His reference to Matthew Arnold indicates that we are not the first generation concerned, no, overwhelmed as he states by doubt and immobilized by fear. His reference to Roosevelt's address here at Queen's has much to say about the type of man that he was and how his character echoes in Barack

Obama, especially in the latter's statement, "I will strengthen our common security by investing in our common humanity."

But the most telling statement – and one to which I relates – is that profit in education has no boundary.

That is certainly what we academics should remind ourselves every morning as we brush our teeth.

**Victor Snieckus**  
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## QUEEN'S FLASHBACK – FEBRUARY, 1971



COURTESY OF QUEEN'S ALUMNI REVIEW

Deputy Campus Planner Kurt Gesell (left) and planning consultant Harry Pellow examine a model of Queen's campus. Those with more information about the photo are encouraged to email gazette@queensu.ca

## A good time to go green

How times have changed for green technologies.

Less than 10 years ago, gas-guzzlers were the vehicles of choice and "the environment" was something you took a walk in on Sundays. Environmentally beneficial technologies were a particularly tough sell in the marketplace. Here at PARTEQ, our technology portfolio included some extremely promising discoveries in the areas of drought resistant plants, solar hot water heating, and nanomaterials. But "greentech" wasn't on the public's radar, let alone that of the investment community. It was a discouraging time to be working in the sustainable technology sector.

Today, the above technologies form the core of highly successful Canadian companies. Performance Plants is now one of the world's leading ag-biotech companies. EnerWorks continues to attract millions in investment and expand its product sales across North America. Integran Technologies' innovative materials are now being used as non-polluting and lightweight alternatives in aerospace and automotive production.

The growth of these companies reflects a rapid change in environmental awareness. Seemingly overnight, we have become sensitized to how our consumption habits affect the environment. Simultaneously, we are seeing a heightened awareness by business and industry that sustainability, energy efficiency and waste reduction can benefit balance sheets as well as the environment.

Political will has also been transformed. Newly inaugurated U.S. President Barack Obama has pledged to spend \$150 billion over the next 10 years developing alternative and renewable energy. The international impact of an all-out effort such as this can be consider-

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MARY ANNE BEAUDETTE  
'TEQ Talk

able. Canada, for example, may follow many U.S. states in offering tax breaks or other incentives for reducing our carbon footprint or becoming more energy efficient.

Queen's research, meanwhile, continues to contribute to a greener Canada. Non-toxic methods for deactivating pesticides and chemical weapons, more efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs, higher efficiency power supplies and alternative energy sources for the IT industry, and non-polluting, waste-reducing methods for chemical production and processes are just some of the exciting technologies being explored by Queen's researchers in partnership with PARTEQ.

Funding-wise, the timing has never been better for researchers, graduate students and entrepreneurs who are working in green technologies. Federally, the Networks of Centres of Excellence support the strategic areas identified in Canada's Science and Technology Strategy, including the environment, energy and natural resources. Provincially, the Ministry of Research and Innovation has identified clean technologies and products as one of three strategic funding areas. The SOP, the Ontario Research Fund and the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE)

have been charged with the responsibility for delivering on this mandate.

In particular, the OCE has two centres of excellence in this broad area: The Centre for Energy, focused on innovation in energy markets, systems and technologies; and the Centre for Earth and the Environment, focused on technologies for clean air, water, land, and smart infrastructures. Funding opportunities range from small-scale collaborations with industry or proof-of-principle work, to investments in startups. Additional programs support the development of the next generation of green entrepreneurs.

At Queen's, PARTEQ has both Proof-of-Principal funding and commercialization staff who are actively seeking technologies in the environmental/renewable technology sectors, to take advantage of this window of opportunity. Recently, PARTEQ has established a partnership with OCE to identify promising technologies, and this collaboration gives researchers ready access to a larger pool of resources and expertise for exploring the potential of "green and clean" technologies.

Meanwhile, researchers looking for insights on where the clean tech sector is headed, including current approaches, technical issues and commercial opportunities, the Ontario Society for Excellence in Technology Transfer (OnSETT) is offering a one-day event on Thursday, Feb. 5, featuring speakers from key multinational and domestic companies and Ontario investors. The event takes place at the MaRS auditorium, 101 College St., Toronto. The cost for researchers is \$25 and they can register at [www.onsett.ca](http://www.onsett.ca)

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# Promoting human rights

Dec. 10, 2008 marked the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The role of information is emphasized in many of the Declaration's articles, including Article 19, which states that "everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

Library services are traditionally oriented toward human rights through service to our communities, democracy, freedom of access to information, equity of access to information, intellectual freedom, respect for diversity, commitment to information literacy and lifelong learning, freedom from censorship, privacy, respect for copyright and intellectual property, and preservation of the human culture and heritage.

The Canadian Library Association (CLA) issued a statement on Intellectual Freedom in 1974, indicating that libraries have a basic responsibility for the development and maintenance of intellectual freedom. CLA's current values statement opens with the phrasing: "We believe that libraries and the principles of intellectual freedom and free universal access to information are key components of an open and democratic society."

Most libraries have adopted similar perspectives relating to human rights in their institutional mission and values statements. The Queen's University Library mission statement asserts that "the Library is a strategic asset to the University, contributing to the exploration of



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knowledge and the development of lifelong inquiry skills for the betterment of a global society."

**As a service-oriented profession, there is no question about the moral and social responsibilities of library and information workers.**

As a service-oriented profession, there is no question about the moral and social responsibilities of library and information workers. Our users are library's first priority. New information and communication technologies have shaped an interconnected world with information at the core; this new environment has created opportunities to consider librarianship through the lens of human rights and social justice. A recent example is the po-

sition taken by Canadian libraries against the proposed copyright bill (C-Bill 61) due to the many digital lock provisions that would define common activities such as transferring a DVD to a personal iPod as copyright infringement. Libraries have always advocated for an appropriate balance between user needs and the rights of copyright holders.

In 2005, Queen's student club DREAM (Discover the Reality of Educating All Minds) approached the library with a proposal to stage a "Live-in for Literacy." Each year since then, the DREAM team students have pitched their tent in Stauffer for 10 days to raise money for Room to Read, a non-profit organization that builds school libraries in developing nations.

Over the past four years, the Live-in for Literacy has expanded to include seven university libraries across Canada. This year's event aims to support the construction of nine school libraries in India. Members of the Queen's community are invited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the UDHR by visiting [www.liveinforliteracy.com](http://www.liveinforliteracy.com). It's an example of how you can help support the promotion of human rights through libraries and literacy.

**2008 reality:** According to Amnesty International's 2008 Report, 77 countries restricted freedom of expression and the press last year.

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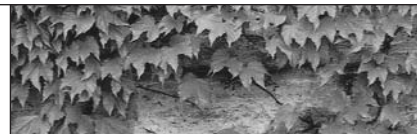
## A LIBRARY LIVE-IN



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Gordon Giang (Comm'11) and Lisa Nguyen (Comm '09) wrap up their 10-day Live-in for Literacy in the Stauffer Library lobby at 1 pm today. The two, members of the student club DREAM (Discover the Reality of Educating All Minds), were among students at seven universities across Canada who pitched tents inside their library lobbies. Other universities participating were Memorial University of Newfoundland, University of Toronto, Concordia University, McMaster University, Laurentian University and University of British Columbia. They aim to raise \$40,000 in donations to construct nine school libraries in India through the internationally renowned charity Room to Read. For details, visit [www.liveinforliteracy.com](http://www.liveinforliteracy.com)

## UNIVERSITY ROUNDUP



### Campus facelifts may uplift economy

Patching roofs and fixing windows on Canadian campuses is an efficient way to pump money into all regions of the country and better prepare the next generation of workers, postsecondary leaders are telling politicians looking for quick fixes for the sagging economy. Groups representing universities and colleges across Canada, anxious to be included in new stimulus spending, are pitching campus renovations as an efficient way to get money and jobs flowing to a wide range of communities. Such spending, the groups argue, will create jobs in the short term and better facilities for learning for years to come.

*Globe and Mail, Jan. 7*

### What will Obama do?

With Barack Obama's inauguration as the 44th President of the United States, American universities are studying one subject more closely than almost any other: how – and whether – the nation's new leader will support higher education. During his presidential campaign, he promised to create a new tax credit towards tuition fees for university students and their parents worth \$4,000, in exchange for a commitment from each student to conduct 100 hours of community service. And he has pledged to streamline the application process for financial aid. President Obama also has opposed universities' bans, for various ideological purposes, on allowing military recruiters on their campuses. He has criticized academics who require students to buy textbooks they have authored, and the high cost of textbooks generally. These things, however, may not be within the President's power to effect.

*Times Higher Education Supplement, Jan. 20*

### Slow economy keeps students in school

With entry-level job postings down as much as 25 per cent, Canadian graduate schools are bracing for an increase in applications for next year as students opt to stay in school longer rather than enter the work force at a time of economic uncertainty. The University of Toronto has already received 12,631 grad school applications, about nine per cent more than it had received at the same time last year, graduate studies dean Susan Pfeiffer said. While applications are still pouring in, Queen's MBA director Scott Carson said the prestigious program has thus far received twice the number of applications it had at this time last year.

*Globe and Mail, Jan. 13*

### Professor caught cheating

A University of Florida professor who confessed this spring to committing plagiarism was suspended for five years without pay, and opted to retire shortly after the punishment was handed down, university officials recently confirmed. The professor, James Twitchell, was a longtime faculty member who was highly regarded for his writings about consumerism and popular culture. He was frequently quoted by national media organizations, including The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. But when confronted with a significant body of evidence, collected by The Gainesville Sun, Twitchell admitted that he had "cheated by using pieces of descriptions written by others."

*Inside Higher Ed, Jan. 15*

### Down with tuition fees!

More than of Canadians believe that tuition fees should be lowered, and almost 60 per cent believe tuition fees should be eliminated over time, according to a Harris Decima poll commissioned by the Canadian Association of University Teachers and the Canadian Federation of Students. Support for eliminating fees is strongest in the Atlantic provinces, where more than 70 per cent of respondents said tuition fees should be abolished. The poll also revealed that Canadians want more accountability over how federal education dollars are spent by the provinces, with more than 60 per cent of respondents saying conditions should be attached to federal transfers intended for universities and colleges.

*CAUT Bulletin, January*

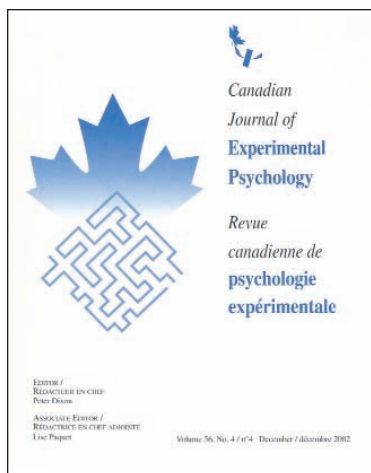
### A cup of national identity, please

A double-double at Timmy's – nearly every Canadian would know you're talking about a coffee at one of Canada's ubiquitous Tim Hortons restaurants. Sociology professor Patricia Cormack of St. Francis Xavier University tapped into the zeitgeist with her article, True Stories of Canada: Tim Hortons and the Branding of National Identity, recently published in the British journal Cultural Sociology. In the article, Dr. Cormack argues that Tim Hortons has gone beyond a cultural icon to become a symbol of Canada and part of our "collective memory." An example of this was when Tim Horton's became the exclusive distributor of the Royal Canadian Mint's Remembrance Day quarter in 2004. The coffee chain also carefully cultivated a connection with Canada's military, opening an outlet at the Canadian Forces base in Kandahar and running TV ads portraying family members sending coffee to the homesick troops. To top it all off, like the cream in your double-double, Tim Hortons has associated itself with our national game through the sponsorship of the Timbits children's hockey program.

*University Affairs, Jan. 12*



## IN BRIEF



## Editorial position comes full circle

After almost 30 years, the editorial office of the Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology has returned to Queen's.

As of this month, Douglas Mewhort (Psychology) has been appointed editor of the publication.

He follows in the footsteps of former Queen's professor and department head, the late Peter Dodwell (Psychology), who edited the journal from 1974 to 1980.

Dr. Mewhort is a cognitive psychologist with an interest in computational science. He is past president of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS).

The Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology was founded in 1946 by the Canadian Psychological Association. It is the only journal dedicated to experimental psychology in Canada, and is a leading journal in the field.

## What do women want?

A Queen's National Scholar and her research are featured in a major story in this week's Sunday New York Times magazine.

Meredith Chivers, who joined the Department of Psychology last year, studies gender differences in sexuality, specifically women's sexual response and its relationship to sexual identity and sexual orientation.

She was interviewed extensively for a story in the magazine's Jan. 25 issue, What Do Women Want?

The seven-page article explores female sexual desire and was written by Daniel Bergner. Read it online at [www.nytimes.com/pages/magazine](http://www.nytimes.com/pages/magazine)

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## Chemist wins Polanyi Award

## PRESTIGIOUS PRIZE GOES TO QUEEN'S RESEARCHERS TWO OUT OF THREE YEARS

By NANCY DORRANCE

Chemistry professor Philip Jessop has won the prestigious John C. Polanyi Award, recognizing a recent outstanding advance in the natural sciences or engineering.

The \$250,000 prize accompanying the award will be used to support graduate students working in his lab on materials to benefit the environment and the economy, says Dr. Jessop.

Initiated in 2006, the award is presented annually by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

Dr. Jessop, The Canada Research Chair in Green Chemistry, and his research group have developed a reversible method of bringing together oil and water using carbon dioxide as a trigger and then separating them again, whenever needed, using air. This has potential as an environmentally safe alternative to existing oil recovery and manufacturing processes that currently produce large quantities of oil byproducts.

"The most incredible thing about Dr. Jessop's revolutionary process is that the key to its success is a substance that's plentiful, non-toxic, and best of all, free," said NSERC president Suzanne Fortier, former Vice-Principal (Research) at Queen's, in announcing the award. "This discovery shows how investing in people and innovation can bring tangible solutions to pressing problems facing Canada and the world."

In May 2008, the discovery was named by the Canadian Institute of

Chemistry as one of the Top 20 in Canada over the past century. Dr. Jessop also made a switchable solvent, meaning a solvent that can be switched from being oil-like (like turpentine) to being water-like. This process also uses carbon dioxide as the trigger. The Polanyi award recognizes both inventions.

Expressing his delight at receiving the award, Dr. Jessop said, "While I thoroughly enjoy working with students and investigating new and exciting chemistry, it's a great bonus to be recognized by one's peers as having achieved something special. My greatest hope for the future is that this development of switchable materials will lead to benefit for the environment and for the economy."

Dr. Jessop's technology is being commercialized by PARTEQ Innovations, the university's technology transfer office.

John Polanyi, for whom the award is named, began his groundbreaking work documenting the energy status and movements of molecules at the very moment of chemical reaction. His discoveries dramatically advanced the understanding of the physics of chemical reactions and led to the development of powerful new lasers. Dr. Polanyi was the recipient of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

"Receiving the John C. Polanyi Award is outstanding recognition of Philip Jessop's recent groundbreaking, innovative, and highly eco-friendly discovery on switchable solvents and surfactants," says Queen's Vice-Principal (Research) Kerry Rowe. "Dr. Jessop is extremely deserving of this distinction, and I offer him my warmest congratulations."

Noting that Queen's researchers have received the Polanyi Award twice in its three years of existence – the Sudbury Neutrino Observa-



Chemistry Professor Philip Jessop and graduate student Yingxin Liu demonstrate one stage of the oil and water emulsion process.

tory, with numerous Queen's faculty, won in 2006 – Dr. Rowe adds: "I am very proud of the calibre of

research being conducted here at Queen's."

## George Perlin named to Ukraine Academy

By LINDSAY ALEXANDER

Emeritus professor George Perlin (Policy Studies) has been elected as an international member of the National Academy of Pedagogical Science of Ukraine for his contributions to democratic reform in that country.

The academy, which comprises leading scholars, scientific councils and research divisions, is responsible for research on national policy to develop and advance education.

Dr. Perlin's outstanding efforts to include the study of democracy as part of the core curriculum at Ukraine's universities and post-sec-

ondary training institutions have earned him the distinction, which was conferred by the Academy.

As project director for Building Democracy in Ukraine, operated under an agreement between Queen's School of Policy Studies and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Dr. Perlin is recognized for his intellectual leadership in developing and delivering the project, which aims to provide a comprehensive program of education to support development of a democratic political culture in Ukraine.

Before the initiative began, there was no program for the study



Perlin

of democracy in Ukraine's post-secondary system.

As a result of the project, a foundation course on democracy has been created and is being taught in 130 universities; distance learning courses on democracy have been created for public servants; courses on democracy and human rights are now compulsory curriculum in programs that train personnel for the Ministry of Inter-

national Affairs; and a course on teaching civic education is being introduced in institutions training new secondary and primary school teachers.

Ukrainian partners say the project's achievements can be ascribed in large part to the style of Dr. Perlin's leadership.

"The success of this program is the product of a genuine spirit of partnership between Ukrainian and Canadian educators and reflects the best kind of collaboration under international assistance agreements," says Vasyl Kremen, president of the academy.

## Renowned physicist named SNOLAB director

World-renowned British physicist Nigel Smith has been appointed the new director of SNOLAB, the international underground research facility that evolved from the Queen's-led Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO). SNOLAB scientists investigate the dark matter particles that make up our universe, in a laboratory two kilometres underground.

Dr. Smith comes to SNOLAB from STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Oxfordshire, England where he is Deputy Divisional Head (Precision Weak Physics) and Group Leader (Dark Matter). He will replace Queen's Physics professor and Canada Research Chair in Particle Astrophysics Tony Noble, who has served as SNOLAB director for three years.

"Nigel Smith is an internationally respected physicist with direct experience not only in particle astrophysics research, but in detector design and in managing large projects," says emeritus Queen's Physics professor Bill McLatchie, chair of the SNO Institute Board of Management. "His skill set meshes nicely with our needs, and his vision for SNOLAB resonates with our community."

In his early research work, Dr. Smith studied ultra-high-energy gamma rays from astrophysical sources using extensive air-shower array telescopes in Harrogate, UK and at the South Pole. In 1987, as the sole operator of the telescope at the U.S. Amundsen-Scott station, he was the first Briton to success-



Smith

fully winter at the South Pole. Since 1992 Dr. Smith has been actively involved in the development and operation of underground detectors to search for the weakly interacting dark matter particles left over from the Big Bang, and thought to make up about 23 per cent of the universe.

As the world's deepest underground laboratory, SNOLAB has the lowest background from cosmic rays, providing an ideal location for measurements of rare processes that would otherwise be unobserv-

able. Measurements are planned by a number of international collaborations that will seek dark matter particles left from the Big Bang, and search for a rare radioactive process called neutrino-less double beta decay that could help explain the development of matter in the early universe. Other experiments will measure neutrinos from the sun and the Earth, watch for supernovae in our galaxy, and measure local seismic activity.

The SNOLAB International Underground Science Facility is a consortium operated by the SNO Institute. Other Canadian participants include the universities of Laurentian, Carleton, Montreal, Guelph, Alberta, British Columbia and TRIUMF laboratory.



# Student researchers make progress in quest to turn urine into drinking water

By MOLLY KEHOE

Queen's researchers are one step closer to turning human urine into drinking water. Developed for use in space, this discovery could allow for longer missions and larger crews.

"Recycling human waste into drinking water is difficult," says Michael Hrynyk, biotechnology graduate student and project leader. "Distillation techniques

don't work well without gravity, and other processes require huge amounts of energy. We've figured out a straightforward and compact way to make clean water."

The new discovery could have implications for the NASA space program's future Martian and lunar missions.

Mr. Hrynyk with undergraduates Kelsey Barton and Richard Wong have produced a solution

made of jack beans and alginate (a seaweed by-product) that filters urine to remove the compound urea. What's left over is clean water.

He indicates that the method is not a 100-per-cent efficient way of turning urine into safe drinking water, but rather neutralizing a single component in the urine stream.

"Our process still requires refining a device which will one day

allow for safe drinking water to be produced," he says. "We're not quite at the step where we can drink our own pee, but this is an important step."

Mr. Hrynyk successfully tested the process under simulated space conditions at the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah this month.

The station mimics what conditions would be like on Mars.

"The experience was gruelling

but it was definitely what you would encounter if you were on Mars or the Moon, and our process performed well," says Mr. Hrynyk.

The researchers' next step is to make the method last longer. "It starts well, and then declines," says Mr. Hrynyk. "We'll work to improve the process and go from there."

The team is supervised by Ron Neufeld (Chemical Engineering).



COURTESY OF MICHAEL HRYNYK

A view of the Mars Desert Research Station in Utah, where biotechnology graduate student Michael Hrynyk and undergraduates Kelsey Barton and Richard Wong conducted research earlier this month. The team is supervised by Chemical Engineering professor Ron Neufeld.



COURTESY OF MICHAEL HRYNYK

Jon Mihaly (left), a PhD student at CalTech, and Queen's PhD student Michael Hrynyk hold the flags of their respective countries at the Desert Research Station in Utah.

## New funding for Municipal Services project

### PROJECT TO EXPAND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES TO LATIN AMERICA, ASIA

By CATHERINE DALE

David McDonald (Global Development Studies) has received \$1.2 million from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada to support his ongoing project investigating basic municipal services to urban and rural poor.

The Municipal Services Project (MSP), which began in January 2000, investigates the delivery of water, sanitation and electricity services in several locations. Dr.

McDonald co-directs the multi-phase project with Greg Ruiters of Rhodes University in South Africa.

MSP also has partnerships with labour groups, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and community groups, among others.

"We're working with people on the front lines of service delivery, which brings a lot of richness to the project," says Dr. McDonald, who is director of the Department of Global Development Studies and also cross-appointed to the Department of Geography and the School of Environmental Studies.

From 2000 to 2007, Phases I and II explored how basic municipal services were governed and deliv-



McDonald

ered in several locations in southern Africa. Researchers also investigated the impact of a major policy trend towards privatization of these services. Given the now-widespread agreement that privatization has failed to deliver adequate and equitable access to municipal services, Phase III sets out to explore the various alternatives to privatization, both historical and current, and measure their success.

Although previous research has sporadically attempted to assess individual case studies of alternatives, there has been no methodological consistency between these research attempts, making it hard to draw conclusions, says Dr. McDonald. "Our goal with Phase III of the MSP is to bring methodological rigor and conceptual clarity to the debate over privatization and its alternatives."

Phase III will also expand the geographical focus of the MSP to include research activities in Latin America and Asia.

While the MSP is primarily an academic project, it also includes an advocacy aspect. "Once we find

out what works, we can say to governments and policy makers, 'This is what has been successful,'" says Dr. McDonald. Phases I and II have already made a significant impact on government policy in South Africa.

Dr. McDonald became interested in researching the delivery of municipal services because of the far-reaching importance of services such as water and health care.

"They are the core of daily life," he says. "And there is a growing consensus that the trend in privatization has not worked. So we know what we're opposed to - what we need to figure out is what it is we stand for."

[www.queensu.ca/msp](http://www.queensu.ca/msp)



CELIA RUSSELL

Kyle MacDonald is one of 20 Canadian students travelling to Central and South America as a member of Junior Team Canada.

## Student embarks on international trade mission

By ALISSA CLARK

Second-year life-sciences student Kyle MacDonald was recently selected as a delegate for a trade mission to Central and South America. The Junior Team Canada Mission to Panama and Costa Rica, scheduled for mid February 2009, is in preparation for the signing of a free-trade agreement with Panama later this year.

Mr. MacDonald was chosen from applicants from across Canada. Delegates were selected based on their communication, leadership and team-building skills and commitment to community. He is one of 20 students on this mission and the

only one from Queen's.

As a member of Junior Team Canada, Mr. MacDonald will serve as an ambassador for Ontario, as well as to businesses and community based organizations. In addition to conducting presentations about Ontario and his sponsors, he will meet with business, industry and government leaders across the Americas, including the President of Panama.

"The organization has brought more than 1,000 Canadian students overseas since 1991," says Mr. MacDonald, who adds that he is honoured and excited to be participating in the mission.

He is required to raise a minimum of \$5,000 towards the total cost of the mission. In return for sponsorship, companies and organizations will gain valuable market and cultural information from Panama and Costa Rica, as well as receive a great deal of recognition and exposure. In addition, all sponsors will receive a tax receipt for their donation.

Those interested in sponsoring Mr. MacDonald can contact him at [6krm3@queensu.ca](mailto:6krm3@queensu.ca) or 613-766-3370.

For more information about Global Vision and Junior Team Canada, visit [www.globalvision.ca](http://www.globalvision.ca)



## Our complicity in a massacre

**BY BACKING ISRAELI AGGRESSION, CANADA IS BLOCKING THE ROAD TO PEACE**

Pity the people of Sderot and Ashkelon: pawns in the latest politically motivated Israeli war by air, sea and land against Gaza and the Palestinian people. The fight for their lives and Israel's security are the reasons for the death of more than 870 Palestinians and the injuring of thousands of others. They are also the reason for the two-year-long blockade of Gaza that preceded the massive Israeli "defensive" military operation. The blockade, which deprived Palestinians of their basic life necessities – including food, water and electricity – has also rendered powerless the democratically elected Hamas government.

It is in the name of security, too, that Gazans live in what is commonly acknowledged to be the world's only open-air prison, with 1.5 million incarcerated Palestinians.

This war is being falsely portrayed as a war between, on the one hand, those who pursue peace and justice, embrace modernity, accept the rule of law and honour cease-

fire agreements, and, on the other, militant groups that break agreements aimed at peaceful resolutions and instead seek death, destruction and the end of Israel. And as the mainstream press reports, the Israeli Defence Force is a civilized army that never deliberately targets Palestinian civilians and goes to great pains to protect the lives of innocents, including humanitarian aid workers.

Repeatedly we are fed an argument that the war is a fight against Islamic terrorists who cowardly hide behind women, children and the elderly, and who use mosques, universities and civil institutions to launch deadly rockets at innocent Israelis. It is a war, the world is told, between Qassam rockets fired from Gaza that are equal in their strength and deadliness to precision-guided munitions, massive artillery bombardments and the use of white phosphorous as an offensive weapon by one of the world's most powerful armed forces.

Sadly, nothing is said of the Israeli military's breaching of the Geneva Conventions in its targeting of civilian areas, except for the occasional "concern" reluctantly expressed by world leaders about the plight of civilian Palestinians in Gaza.

Citizens disturbed by the bar-

barity of war should ask what this seemingly symmetrical picture leaves out and whose stories, pain and suffering such representations deliberately omit.

"There is no humanitarian crisis in the [Gaza] Strip, and therefore there is no need for a humanitarian truce," says Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni. This position reflects the continuing Israeli – and Canadian-backed – attempts to dehumanize the Palestinian people, to reduce the magnitude of their calamity and to collectively punish and blame them for Israeli aggression.

Countries such as Canada are exacerbating, through their silence, the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe by permitting the state of Israel to continue its assault on Gaza.



**DANA OLWAN**  
Expert Outlook

Canada, the first country to lead the international suspension of aid to the Hamas government in Gaza, has also undermined the basic foundation of a functioning democratic system of governance. Canada's favouring of what has been described as the collaborationist Palestinian Authority of Fatah has contributed to the further policing, isolating and punishing of the Palestinian people in Gaza.

By supporting without question Israel's right to defend itself at any cost, Canada is complicit in the massacre and destruction taking place in the region today. Our country's actions effectively undermine any hope for a peaceful resolution to this conflict, especially a resolution that takes into consideration the rights, safety and security of both Israelis and Palestinians.

What chance is there for a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict when, for generations, Palestinians have only encountered the Israeli state through violent, inhumane and unjust displays of its military power and aggression? What has the Israeli Defence Force, in its callous and reckless military assault, accomplished other than allowing emotions of disillusionment, fear, anger and hatred to fester?

For Palestinians, the blockade and the siege of Gaza constitute palpable threats to their very livelihoods; their continuation renders true Israel's constant lament that it has no partner in peace. The normalization of occupation, as well as the tacks against Palestinians, create an environment that breeds extremism on both sides and hampers the possibility of coexistence, dialogue and communication between Israelis and Palestinians.

This dialogue, while necessary, is only possible when we acknowledge – as journalist and author Robert Fisk reminds us – the irony of rockets falling on Ashkelon, a city emptied in 1948 of its Palestinian inhabitants, who became – and continue to be – refugees on the shores of Gaza. Without an acknowledgement of this and countless other examples of Palestinian history, the chance of a real solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains slim – if not altogether impossible.

Dana Olwan is a faculty member in the Department of Women's Studies. This piece was recently published in the Kingston Whig-Standard, and was co-written by Ethan Holtzer, a member of independent Jewish Voices, a coalition of Canadian Jews critical of the policies of the Israeli government.

## Experts address the U.S. Presidential inauguration, polygamy and divorce

### QUEEN'S IN THE NEWS

Highlights of Queen's experts in the media

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**Globe and Mail**

**Beverley Baines** (Law) – Charges brought against two leaders in the polygamous community of Bountiful, B.C., also in the National Post, Calgary Herald, Salt Lake Tribune, and on CBC Newsworld.

**Einar Westerlund** (Business) – Annual survey of the best small and medium sized employers in Canada, also in the Winnipeg Free Press and on CJOB Radio Winnipeg.

**Max Zhang** (Business) – National stock market tournament for university and college students.

**Arthur Milnes** (Centre for the Study of Democracy) – Inauguration quiz, also in the Kingston Whig-Standard; Sir John A. Macdonald's birthday; honouring past political leaders and history in the Toronto Star; opinion pieces high-

lighting Richard Nixon's inaugural address in the Ottawa Citizen, and on George H. W. Bush in the Kingston Whig-Standard and Virginian Pilot.

**Elsbeth Murray** (Business) – Downsizing of large employers spawning small-business startups.

**Doug Bland** (Policy Studies) – Canada's mission in Afghanistan; current state of the Canadian Forces in the Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun and the London Free Press.

**Louis Gagnon** (Business) – Ways in which a company can survive the recession; the economy and the global financial crisis on BNN's Headline; proposed national securities regulator on CBC's Radio-Canada Toronto; economic round table discussion on TFO's Panorama.

**National Post**

**Martha Bailey** (Law) – A study on polygamy, and charges brought against two leaders in the polygamous community of Bountiful B.C.  
**Nick Bala** (Law) – Proposed changes to the Youth Criminal Justice Act, also in the Ottawa Citizen, Vancouver Sun, Vancouver

Province, Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Saskatoon StarPhoenix, Regina Leader-Post, on Canada.com, on CHNI St. John, CKNI Moncton, CJNI Halifax, CBC Radio Regina, CKOM and CJME Saskatchewan, CHQR Calgary, Radio 1410 Vancouver, and CKNW Vancouver; common-law partnerships in Quebec in the Toronto Star; divorce in a time of recession in an interview with CBC Syndication broadcast in Charlottetown, Halifax, Vancouver, Cape Breton, Ottawa, Whitehorse, Regina and Winnipeg.

**Ottawa Citizen**

**David Walker** (Health Sciences) – Canadian Medical Association elections.

**Kingston Whig-Standard**

**Neal Scott** (Geography) and **Harry McCaughey** (Geography) – Digital web cameras to monitor changes in Canadian and U.S. forests, also on CKWS Television.

**Dana Olwan** (Women's Studies) – Canada's role in the Gaza conflict; Opinion piece on Canada's role in the Gaza conflict.

**Ken Wong** (Business) – Zoom Airlines opening a call centre in



Bailey



Baines



Gagnon



Murray

Kingston; Marketing of President-elect Barack Obama, his campaign of hope and message of change on CBC.ca.

**Phillip Jessop** (Chemistry) – His receipt of the John C. Polanyi Award, also on CBC's As it Happens, MSNBC.com and in Exchange Magazine.

**Ana Siljak** (History) – Finalist for the 2008-09 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction, also in the Peterborough Examiner, North Bay Nugget, and on CKWS Television.

**Other**

**Jonathan Rose** (Political Studies) – Alberta government's new website incorporating social and interactive media in the Edmonton Journal; political advertising in Canada in the Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald,

Edmonton Journal, Saskatoon StarPhoenix, Regina Leader-Post, Montreal Gazette and on Canada.com.

**Robert Wolfe** (Policy Studies) – Opinion piece on Canada's National Policies in the Toronto Sun.  
**Barrie Frost** (Biology) – Polarized light pollution in Science Now Daily News.

**Scott Carson** (Business) – Graduate School applications in a Canadian Press story picked up by the Toronto Sun, Sudbury Star, Prince George Citizen, New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, St. Catharines Standard, and London Free Press.

**John Smol** (Biology) – Unusual warming of the Canadian Arctic in the Edmonton Journal, Saskatoon StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette and the Regina Leader-Post.

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## EYE ON THE BALL



GREG BLACK

Students chase after the volleyball at BEWIC Sports Days in Bartlett Gym. The popular co-ed multi-sport tournament took place Jan. 16 and 17 and involved 32 co-ed teams of at least 30 players in a four-sport tournament marathon of volleyball, inner tube water polo, rugby-basketball, and floorball. Teams show off their spirit by developing outlandish themes in an effort to become the overall event champion.

## Queen's alumna named president, CEO of KGH

### PEOPLE



Thompson Wallin

**Leslee Thompson** (NSC'84) has been named the new president and CEO of Kingston General Hospital (KGH). She is the first woman to be appointed president of the teaching and research hospital, which is affiliated with Queen's.

With an extensive background in public and private health care, Ms. Thompson brings strong leadership abilities as well as knowledge of critical care practice from her undergraduate placement at KGH to her new role. "I'm a much better manager and leader because of my clinical experience and I've always worked hard to keep close to that clinical environment in a variety of ways," she says. "It's very important for leaders like a CEO of a hospital to have a reality and understanding of what it takes and what it's like [on the front lines]."

Ms. Thomson is currently vice-president, Health System Strategies with Medtronic of Canada, a position with national responsibilities. Her appointment takes effect Feb. 16.

First-year student **Jane Wu** has earned the title of Canada's Top Teen Philanthropist through Mackenzie Investment's first-annual national contest. Mackenzie will make a \$5,000 donation on her behalf to Child and Youth Friendly Calgary (CYFC), the charity she has been supporting since she was 14 years old, and will reward Ms. Wu with \$1,000 for her accomplishments.

New signs commemorating Kingston as the home and Cataraqui Cemetery as the final resting place of Sir John A. Macdonald will be erected on Highway 401 and on Sydenham Road by June 2009, thanks to a motion passed by City Council at the urging of **Arthur Milnes**, a fellow of the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD).

CSD Fellow **Pamela Wallin** was recently appointed to the Senate of Canada by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Ms. Wallin served as Canada's Consul General to New York City from 2002-2006, and is a well-respected broadcaster and journalist.

**Robert Pike**, professor emeritus in the Department of Sociology, read a personal statement from James Orbinski and led a discussion at The Screening Room showing of "Triage: the dilemmas of James Orbinski" earlier this month.

Several Queen's alumnae have attained a place on the Women's Executive Network's (WXN) annual list of the 100 most powerful women in Canada. They are corporate executives **Shauneen Bruder** (MBA '84), Royal Bank of Canada; **Greta Cusworth** (Artsci '78), Sun Life Financial; **Stephani Kingsmill** (Com '88), Manulife Financial; **Kim McKenzie** (MBA '85), Bank of Nova Scotia; **Jacqueline Moss** (Artsci '84), CIBC entrepreneur **Lisette (Lee) McDonald** (NSC '78), Southmed Inc; public sector leader **Shirley Hoy** (MPA '91), City of Toronto and trailblazers and trendsetters the **Hon. Louise Arbour** (LLD '00); **Nancy Grant** (MD '73), St. John Regional Hospital. New inductees in the WXN Hall of Fame include **Elizabeth DelBianco** (LLB '84), Celestia Inc. and **Cathy Williams** (MBA '77), Options Capital Ltd. The Hall of Fame recognizes women who have been included in the organization's list of top 100 women three or more times.

[www.wxnetwork.com/prizes.aspx](http://www.wxnetwork.com/prizes.aspx)

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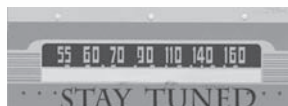
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## Calling all science-fiction fans

Fans of the bestselling science fiction author Neil Gaiman are invited to attend a discussion session at the Central Branch of the Kingston Frontenac Public Library, 130 Johnson St., on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 pm. The session is free and open to all science fiction fans.

Queen's post-doctoral fellow Anna Davour will lead the session on Mr. Gaiman's work. Topics include his groundbreaking graphic

novel *Sandman* and details on a soon-to-be-released movie based on his novella *Coraline*.

Mr. Gaiman is being honoured this year at the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon), an annual meeting on science fiction and fantasy. Worldcon is taking place in Montreal this summer and information on attending the convention will also be available.

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## Queen's University Panel on Diversity, Anti-Racism and Equity (DARE)

The Offices of the Principal and Vice-Principal (Academic) have created a new panel to explore issues of Diversity, Anti-Racism and Equity (DARE) on campus. DARE invites all members of the Queen's community to share their views on these issues, including your personal experiences, your thoughts on past diversity initiatives at Queen's and your ideas for the best way forward. A variety of forums, both public and confidential, have been created to provide Queen's members with opportunities to express their views and to provide their feedback either in person or electronically.

*To foster open and constructive discussions DARE will host:*

### **Open hearings:**

Individuals and groups are invited to email [dare@queensu.ca](mailto:dare@queensu.ca) to set up an appointment. Every effort will also be made to accommodate drop-ins.

Week of February 2 – 6, 2009: two open hearings:

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009 Robert Sutherland Room (JDUC) 10:00-12:00

Thursday, February 5th, 2009, Room 351 (JDUC) 3:00-5:00

### **University town halls:**

Town Halls will be university-wide public forums to discuss issues pertaining to anti-racism, diversity and equity at Queen's.

Week of February 9 – 13, 2009: two university-wide town halls:

Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 Policy Studies, room 202, 10:00 - 12:00

Thursday, February 12th, 2009 Policy Studies, room 202, 3:00 - 5:00

Students, faculty and staff are also strongly encouraged to send their views and comments, in confidence, by emailing to [dare@queensu.ca](mailto:dare@queensu.ca). The identities of all who communicate with the committee will be stringently protected.

Please check future issues of Queen's Journal, Queen's Gazette and the website of the Office of the Vice-Principal (Academic) for updates and information over the coming weeks.

Barrington Walker, Chair, DARE and Diversity Advisor to the Vice-Principal (Academic)



## For the Record

### Submission information

Submissions will be edited to address style considerations and length and should be less than 200 words.

### Appointments

#### Faculty of Health Sciences

Principal Tom Williams and Dean David Walker announce that Iain Young has been appointed as Vice-Dean Academic in the Faculty of Health Sciences for an initial term from March 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014. A detailed announcement can be found online at [healthsci.queensu.ca](http://healthsci.queensu.ca)

#### New Faculty Appointments

Jorge L. Martinez-Cajas, Medicine-Infectious Diseases (Jan. 1)  
Christine M. Armour, Paediatrics (Jan. 1)

#### Staff Appointments

Posted at [www.hr.queensu.ca](http://www.hr.queensu.ca)

Jan. 9

Relationship Manager, Custom Programs, QEDC  
School of Business, 2008-241  
Lisa Hendry (School of Business)

Senior Secretary

School of Business, 2008-253

Jane O'Donnell (Biochemistry)

Caretaking Attendants

Housing and Hospitality, 2008-246

Kurt Pearson & Sharen Villeneuve

Caretaking Attendants

Housing and Hospitality, 2008-249

Linda Mortensen

Senior Secretary

Chemistry, 2008-250

Jennifer Powell (University Residences)

Research Grants/Special Projects Assistant, School of Rehabilitation Therapy, 2008-226

Louise Philippe (OIPEP)

Legal Counsel, Research Contracts and Agreements

Office of Research Services, 2008-222

Wayne Lewis

Group Sales Representative

Queen's Event Services, 2008-239

Becky MacDonald

Nurse Practitioner

Family Medicine, 2008-225

Erin O'Neill

Junior Functional Analyst – Finance QUASR Project

Queen's University Administrative Systems Replacement, 2008-263

Lisa Larmon (Financial Services)

Convocation and Communications

Administrator

Office of the University Registrar,

2008-177

Vicky Andrews

Jan. 16

Program Manager/Application Advisor, EMBA

School of Business, 2008-242

Valerie Newstead (Business)

Mechanical Engineer

Physical Plant Services, 2008-229

Michael White

Carpenter (CUPE Local 229)

Physical Plant Services, 2008-204

Christopher Wales

Human Resources Assistant

Human Resources, 2008-258

Withdrawn

Communications Assistant

Marketing and Communications,

2008-243

Stephanie Earp

### Awards and Grants

#### Leonard Foundation

The Leonard Foundation offers assistance to undergraduate students who are experiencing serious financial difficulty. For information and to download an application visit [www.leonardfnd.org](http://www.leonardfnd.org). The local nominator Anthony Capon should then be contacted at the e-mail address listed on the website. Deadline: March 15. The foundation was established in the 1920s by Colonel Reuben Wells Leonard, a graduate of R.M.C., who served for many years as the Chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission. A man of considerable wealth, he felt the need to share what he had with others, and Queen's was one of his prime beneficiaries.

#### Distinguished Service Award

Alumni and Queen's University Council (including the Senate and the Board of Trustees) members are invited to nominate a candidate for the 2009 University Council's Distinguished Service Award. Inaugurated by the council in 1974, this prestigious honour is normally granted to up to six people annually. Nominations are open to any Queen's faculty, staff, alumni or benefactor who has demonstrated outstanding service to the university over several years. For details, visit [www.queensu.ca/secretariat/ucouncil/DSA/index.html](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/ucouncil/DSA/index.html) or call University Secretariat, 613-533-6095. Deadline: Friday, Feb 6, 4:30 pm.

#### Chancellor A. Charles Baillie Teaching Award

Nominations are invited for the Chancellor A. Charles Baillie Teaching Award to be awarded in October 2009. The award recognizes undergraduate or graduate teaching that has had an outstanding influence on the quality of student learning at Queen's. Nominations should provide evidence of an improvement in student learning and/or a demonstrated impact on the quality of the student learning experience, especially through the promotion of active learning. All full- and part-time faculty are eligible to be nominated by a peer (a colleague at Queen's) for this award. For full details, visit [www.queensu.ca/ctl/scholarship/awards/award.php?description=baillie](http://www.queensu.ca/ctl/scholarship/awards/award.php?description=baillie) Send the original and two copies for

the nomination package addressing the selection criteria to: The Selection Committee, The Chancellor A. Charles Baillie Teaching Award c/o The Centre for Teaching and Learning, Faculty and Staff Learning Facilities, B176 Mackintosh-Corry Hall. Deadline: March 2.

### Conferences

#### Inquiry@Queens

Inquiry@Queen's Undergraduate Research Conference is seeking abstracts from students until Jan. 30. Students who have done an exceptional piece of work, as a summer student, a member of a class, or on his or her own, are invited to submit via [www.iaq.ca](http://www.iaq.ca) to participate in this exciting event. The conference will be held on March 5 and 6.

### Governance

#### Senate and Board of Trustees elections

Elections are being held from Feb. 2 through Feb. 27. Vote online at [www.queensu.ca/secretariat/election](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/election). Nominees for Staff Senator: Shannon Goodspeed (Business), Philip Hart (Physical Plant), Deborah McElroy (Physical Plant). Nominees for Staff Trustee: Dean McKeown (Computing), Judy Sakell (Student Affairs). Nominees for Faculty/Librarian/Archivist Trustee: James Cordy (Computing), Tim Fort (Drama), Peter D. Taylor (Mathematics and Statistics).

### Human Resources

#### Attention students – 2008 T4s

Students are reminded to update their mailing addresses in QCARD. Payroll will be updating the T4 address database from the "mail address" field on QCARD, on Feb. 4. Any address changes made after this date must be made in writing and submitted to the Human Resources department by Feb. 6 to have the correct mailing address reflected on the 2008 T4 slips. T4s will be mailed by Feb. 27.

#### Employee Assistance Program

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### Ph.D. Examinations

Members of the regular staff at the university may attend PhD oral thesis examinations.

### Tuesday, Jan. 27

**Martin French**, Department of Sociology. Picturing Public Health Surveillance: Tracing the Material Dimensions of Information in Ontario's Public Health System. Supervisor: D. Lyon, D528 Mackintosh-Corry, 9 am.

### Thursday, Jan. 29

**Azadeh Moghtaderi**, Department of Mathematics & Statistics. Multitaper Methods for Time-Frequency Spectrum Estimation and Unaliasing of Harmonic Frequencies. Supervisors: G.K. Takahara, D.J. Thomson, 521 Jeffrey, 2:30 pm.

### Surplus Items

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#### Hearing study

The Department of Psychology is conducting a study to investigate the effects aging has on the ability to hear speech in a noisy environment. The department is looking for participants between the ages of 55-75 who are fluent in English and have good hearing. Participants will be required to give 1.5 hours of their time in January and February and will be reimbursed \$15 for taking part in the study. Interested? Contact 613-533-6000 ext 79367, [conchlab@yahoo.ca](mailto:conchlab@yahoo.ca)

### Parkinson's disease research

The Centre for Neuroscience Studies is conducting two studies of deficits in eye movement control with Parkinson's disease. The department is looking for healthy adult volunteers age 50-70, without Parkinson's disease, or a history of neurological or psychiatric disorders, who are fluent in English. Participating in one study requires a single visit to the Queen's MRI facility, and will take about two hours. The second study does not involve an MRI, and will take one hour. Both studies are non-invasive, and you may participate in one or both. A small honorarium (\$20/hour) will be provided to cover your time and expenses (parking, etc). Details: Ian Cameron, 613-533-6000 ext. 75216, [fmri@biomed.queensu.ca](mailto:fmri@biomed.queensu.ca)

## Calendar

Unless specified, all events are free. For a comprehensive listing of campus events, visit [eventscalender.queensu.ca](http://eventscalender.queensu.ca)

### Submission information

The deadline for the Monday, Feb. 9 issue is at noon on Monday, Feb. 2. Email submissions to [gazette@queensu.ca](mailto:gazette@queensu.ca) in the following format: **Date, department, speaker's name, affiliation, title, location, time.** Contact for special needs. Please spell out acronyms. **Those with information about accessibility needs for disabled persons should include details when they submit an event for publication.** For news and information between issues, visit [www.queensu.ca/newscentre](http://www.queensu.ca/newscentre).

### Lectures and Events

#### Tuesday, Jan. 27

**Policy Studies**  
John O'Grady, Prism Economics and Analysis. The Engineering and Technology Labour Market Study: An Interim Report. 202 Policy Studies, 4 pm.

#### Thursday, Jan. 29

**Policy Studies**  
Gilles Bisson, NDP Member. Economic Socialism: Creating a Strong Economy for Social Democracy. 202 Policy Studies, noon.

#### Senate meeting

202 Policy Studies, 3:30 pm. For the agenda, visit [www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate)

#### Friday, Jan. 30

**Music**  
Gordon Smith. Music and a Mi'kmaq Funeral: Blending Traditions and Religious Practices. 124 Harrison-LeCaine, 12:30 pm. 613-533-2066, [music@queensu.ca](mailto:music@queensu.ca)

#### CLAIHR film screening

Finding Dawn, Macdonald Hall, 5 pm. Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights (CLAIHR). Falling through the cracks in Canada and beyond; a screening of award winning documentaries. Suggested donation \$2 per film, or a donation to the Kingston Food Bank. Details: Jenni Macko, 613-767-7157, [6jam7@queensu.ca](mailto:6jam7@queensu.ca)

#### Saturday, Jan. 31

**CLAIHR film screenings**  
Daughters of Afghanistan, Macdonald Hall, 11 am.  
De Nadie, Macdonald Hall, 2 pm.

#### Sunday, Feb. 1

**Black History Month**  
The African Caribbean Student Association (ACSA) will kick off Black History Month with a surprise guest speaker to discuss Blacks and the Canadian Experience. All welcome. Robert Sutherland Room, John

Deutsch Centre, 4 pm. Refreshments. \$2 per plate.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 4

**Campus Community Appeal**  
Kick-off breakfast. Grant Hall, 7:30 - 9:30 am. Free breakfast for faculty, staff and retirees. Bring your employee card.

#### QUFA Lecture

Bruce Pardy, Queen's. The Sixth Annual QUFA Lecture on Academic Freedom. Herding Cats and Avoiding Catfights: Academic Freedom and the Deep Structure of the University. 517 Watson, noon - 1:30 pm.

#### Thursday, Feb. 5

**Policy Studies**  
David Biette, Director, Canada Institute, The Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars. Canada and the United States: Still a 'Special Relationship'? 202 Policy Studies, noon.

#### Friday, Feb. 6

**Policy Studies**  
Janet Mason, 2008/09 Ontario Visiting Fellow. Guiding the Expansion of Graduate Education in Ontario: Observations and Lessons. 202 Policy Studies, noon.

#### Saturday, Feb 7

**Camerata Guitara**  
Lakshmi Ranganathan (veena), Gordon Craig (clarinet), Michel Szczesniak (piano) and Wolf Tormann (cello), perform new work by Kristi Allik. The program will also include the Clarinet Sonata in F minor by Brahms and the Cello Sonata in G minor by Beethoven. Dunning Auditorium, 8 pm.

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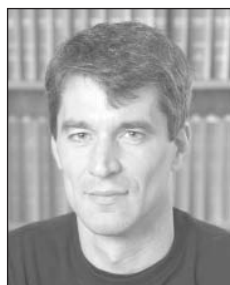
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## The Sixth Annual QUFA Lecture on Academic Freedom



**Bruce Pardy**  
Faculty of Law  
Queen's University

Wednesday 4 February 2009  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Room 517, John Watson Hall

### "Herding Cats and Avoiding Catfights: Academic Freedom and the Deep Structure of the University"

Academic freedom is a feature of the deep structure of the university. It is an incident of the separation of powers between its constituent parts. Within the university, who decides what? Without a principled answer to this question, the university can become a conflicted environment in which academic freedom is threatened from inside and outside, and teaching and research are not genuinely the top priorities. In the absence of a central organizing idea, governing the university can feel like herding cats - and cats, of course, are not meant to be herded.



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**Wednesday, Feb. 11**

**The Monieson Centre**  
Francis Lau, University of Victoria. Knowledge Translation in Healthcare Research. 403 Goodes, noon – 1 pm. Lunch will be provided. Dr. Lau will be available to meet with faculty and students before and after the seminar from 9 am to 11:45 am and from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 5, monieson@business.queensu.ca

**Science Fiction discussion**  
Neil Gaiman, author. An evening of information and discussion with one of the masters of contemporary fantasy, hosted by Queen's post-doctoral fellow Anna Davour. Presented by Fearless Fantasy Fans and the Kingston-Frontenac Public Library, at the library, 130 Johnson St., 7 pm. Details: Nancy Jones, 613-549-8888, ext. 1410.



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**On view:**

**Harun Farocki**, Samuel J. Zacks, Davies Foundation and Contemporary Feature Galleries to Feb. 1.

**Modernity and Morality: Tissot's The Prodigal Sun**, Frances K. Smith Gallery, to Feb. 15.

**Inhabited Landscape, Selections from the Canadian Historical Collection**, Historical Feature and R. Fraser Elliot Galleries, to April 26.

**Ere ibeji: Twin Figures of the Yoruba**, African Gallery, to Feb. 14 2010.

**Holger Kalberg: Stadium**, Contemporary Feature Gallery, Feb. 21 to May 10.

**Perceptions and their Arousal**, Davies Foundation Gallery, Feb. 21 to May 10.

**Yves Gaucher: Transitions**, Frances K. Smith Gallery, Feb. 28 to June 21.

**New Faces at the Art Centre**, Samuel J. Zacks Gallery,

Feb. 21 to May 3.

**Poet, Priest, Dauber: The Painter in the Renaissance and Baroque Eras**, Bader Gallery, to May 9, 2010. **BFA Select '09**, Atrium, March 19-29.

**Thursday, Jan. 29**

**ArtDocs: Simon Schama's Power of Art: Rembrandt van Rijn** (2006, 50 minutes), an overview of the great artist's career, offering acute insights into his creative inventions and the social milieu of the period, 7 pm. Free Thursday night screenings of art documentaries presented in the Atrium. 7pm.

**Friday, Jan. 30 – Saturday, Jan. 31**

**Context and Meaning Graduate Conference in Art History and Art Conservation**, Atrium.

**Sunday, Feb. 1**

**Aida Sulcs**, artist. Mask workshop. 1:30 pm to 3 pm, 3 pm to 4:30 pm

**Sunday, Feb. 8**

**Sylvia Hamilton**, filmmaker and writer. Filmmaker's screening and talk. 1 pm to 4 pm. In conjunction with the Department of Art and the Cultural Studies Program.

[www.aeac.ca](http://www.aeac.ca)

**Union Gallery**

Stauffer Library, first floor

**Main space:** Profane Illuminations, an exhibition by Fine Arts students Genna Kusch and Morgan Wedder- spoon, to Jan. 31. Artist's reception. Thursday, Jan. 29, 6-8 pm.

**Project room:** Leaf Collection: encounters with Madame E and her suit of environmentally conscious a(r)mour, Lisa Figge.

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**Saturday, Feb. 7**

Cezanne's Closet

Annual Union Gallery fundraiser featuring a raffle for more than 100 works of art donated by student, graduate, faculty and community artists. Ban Righ Hall. Preview for ticket holders, 7 pm. Draw, 8 pm. Tickets; \$135. Details: 613-533-3171 or email [ugallery@queensu.ca](mailto:ugallery@queensu.ca)

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## Phase 1 of Queen's Centre in home stretch

By ELLIE SADINSKY

Queen's Centre construction continues to track for a fall opening.

Although winter has set in, the recent snow and freezing days haven't caused any delays so far.

"It's full steam ahead," says Associate Vice-Principal (Facilities) Ann Browne. "We've been lucky that the temperature has been falling and rising. We haven't had a long cold snap, which can sometimes slow things down a bit. The construction schedule hasn't been affected."

Outside, masons are working on the brickwork and two cranes have been installing the tubular steel trusses that arc over the new pool. Inside, the various facilities are taking shape.

"You can make out all of the different areas," says Ms. Browne. "Most of the structures are in place. You can see where the row of squash courts will be. You can see where the big varsity gym will be. You can see where the second floor weight room will be. It's exciting to watch it come together."

Phase 1 also includes a food court, more space for student clubs, practice gyms, dance and martial arts studios, and racquet ball courts. The opening of the school of Kinesiology and Health Studies, which is also part of this phase, is set for early 2010.

"We're confident that starting this fall, students, faculty, staff and the entire Kingston community will be enjoying a new state of the art athletic and recreational facility that will bolster the Queen's experience for everyone," says

Ms. Browne.

Every day, between 150 and 160 workers are on site, bounded by University Avenue on the west, Earl Street on the north, Division Street on the east and Clergy Street (now closed) on the south. For the next while, they'll be focusing on completing the formwork, masonry, structural steel and the mechanical

and electrical systems.

The current cost projection for Phase 1 is \$169 million.

Phases 2 and 3, which round out the project, are in the planning stage. Discussions continue across campus, and recommendations for next steps will be brought to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 6.



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A view of Queen's Centre construction looking south-east from Earl Street shows the tubular steel trusses that arc over the new pool.



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A detail of the tubular steel trusses over the new pool, looking west.



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A worker works on the masonry on the exterior of the west side of the Queen's Centre building.

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