

DEAN'S MESSAGE

THE LETTER 'A' can stand for a lot of things. At Sheridan it stands for A-wing, Animation and right now 'Anxiety' as we wait for completion of the new addition. Recently, in company with the Development Office and members of Nelvana, the well known Canadian animation company, Angela Stukator and I walked around the new space. It does look terrific. It is going to give Animation a significant physical presence at Sheridan as well as a clearer presence in the industry.

Partnership discussions are in the air around the new wing and our Development Office has been working hard both in the U.S. and Canada to garner financial support.

The thrust toward partnerships is also continuing on the institutional side as we seek to extend our agreement with Brock University on behalf of Art Fundamentals into other programs such as Applied Photography, Crafts & Design and Music Theatre.

Supporting our animation project are new labs and a 'render farm' typical of the kind of digital infrastructure that we have developed to make our students industry-ready. The management of this infrastructure has grown increasingly complex and we continue to work around this. Dean André Plante of CCFD is now responsible for refocusing the academic computing committee structure in the college. Sheridan's IT Department has also appointed Jason Gerrity to coordinate their relationships with the academic programs.

We think they will help us as we continue to keep our own digital infrastructure flexible and responsive to student needs.

- Dr Michael Collins

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School Meeting
 Thursday, October 12, 2006

NEWS & EVENTS



■ Art & Art History Technologist **John McCartney** (above) has an exhibit of selected drawings at the Lennox Contemporary gallery in Toronto which closes Oct 1.

■ Members of faculty **Deb McKay, Leslie Butler, Lynn Bell** and **Sherry Lawr** – collectively known as Team Sheridan, would like to thank everyone at Sheridan for their generosity in supporting them in the 'Weekend to End Breast Cancer' walk Sep 9 and 10. All four completed the 60-km trek and raised nearly \$12,000, part of over \$17-million raised overall.



Joann Vogelesang (left), CEO and President of Toon Boom Animation Inc. of Montréal, visited the School of Animation, Arts and Design last month with Francois Lalonde, Senior Director of Sales (right). They met with Associate Dean Angela Stukator and Dean Michael Collins to donate 120 copies of Toon Boom software to the BAA-Animation program.

■ **Rej Bourdages** will be visiting campus Oct 10-13 to talk to students about his many projects since graduating from Sheridan's Animation program in 1984. He began his career at Nelvana, then moved to California and Walt Disney. Since 1996 he has been a story artist at DreamWorks; he is currently head of story on "Shrek the Third," to be released May 2007.

■ "First Flight", a short film by Animation graduates **Cameron Hood** and **Kyle Jefferson**, received its debut screening Sep 7 at 'Rebelfest 2006', a Toronto film festival. Both have been employed by DreamWorks SKG since the mid-1990s, where they've worked on several animated features including the Academy Award-nominated "Shrek".

■ **Didier Kennel** is quoted extensively in a feature article on the Media Arts and Advanced Television and Film programs posted on the home page of Avid. Originating in a Massachusetts garage in 1987, Avid has become the world leader in digital media creation tools for film, video, audio, animation, games, and broadcast professionals – as well as for home video and home audio enthusiasts. Sheridan is one of only two AVID Authorized Education Training Centres in Canada.

■ The work of Crafts & Design Furniture graduate **Jason Dressler** and his brother Lars was profiled in the August issue of *Wallpaper* magazine, whose editors selected the two as representing the best of Canada's design talent in their Global Design Summit.

The Dressler brothers' work was also profiled in the August issue of *Canadian Interiors*.

■ "Vest", the Toronto collective of recent Crafts & Design Furniture studio graduates, is profiled in the current issue of *Azure* magazine's 'In Design'.

■ Recent work by **Bruce Cochrane**, Head of Ceramics in the Crafts & Design program, was featured in his solo exhibit "Covered Jars, Serious Pots" at the Prime Gallery, McCaul St, Toronto, Sep 9-30.

■ Journalism-Print faculty member **Andrew Mitrovica** will give the keynote address at the Investigative and Forensic Accounting Conference in Toronto, Nov. 6-7.

■ Last month, recent Advanced Television and Film graduate **Meg Majewski** and her team won the Microsoft Imagine Cup 2006, after a week of intense competition among finalists chosen from a pool of more than 65,000 students from over 100 countries (e-news 24).

A total of 181 students from 72 teams representing 42 countries were selected to participate in worldwide Imagine Cup finals in six categories: Software Design, Algorithm, IT, Short Film, Interface Design and Project Hoshimi (Programming Battle). The student teams were asked to undertake a series of challenges relating to multimedia or technology depending on the invitational.

■ **Louise Noguchi** is participating in a group exhibition entitled "Make Believe" at the Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton from Sep 8-Nov 26.

■ For the fifth consecutive year, students in the **York/Sheridan Bachelor of Design** program swept the awards in the Registered Graphic Designers of Ontario (RGD) student competition, winning 23 of 40 prizes.

The following students won 10 of the 15 top categories and/or earned 13 honourable mentions: **Ines Aguilera, Neshanthy Balasubramaniyam, Theodore Daley, Pietro Gagliano, Joanna Jung, Josh Levitt, Erin McCluskey, Vince Rozas** and **Laura Sullivan**.

■ Sheridan's Animation program was prominent in the award nominations in the premier Canadian Awards for the Electronic & Animated Arts.

Students **Vera Brogsol, Jen Kluska, Andrew Schlegov, Jon Klassen, Nev Bezaire, Dominic Bilodeau** were nominated in three separate categories, while six graduates were nominated in the Best Animated Production (TV Series) category.

■ The School of Animation, Arts and Design welcomes 18 new full-time members of faculty this academic year:

- **Nicole Blanchett-Neheli**, BA (Broadcast Journalism)
- **Donna Braggins**, MA in-progress, (BAA-Illustration)
- **Sarah Jane Burton**, BA, MA (Music Theatre-Performance)
- **Trish Delaney**, MFA (Art Fundamentals)
- **Peter Fleming**, MA in-progress (Crafts & Design)
- **Robert Fones**, BA (Art & Art History)
- **Denni Freedman**, BA (Journalism-Print)
- **Sarah Hirst**, MA in-progress (Theatre Arts-Tech Production)
- **Claire Ironside**, BArch, MArch, MES (BAA-Illustration)
- **Michael Jackson**, Dipl (Media Arts)
- **Mark Mayerson**, BA (BAA-Animation)
- **Cameron McKee**, MFA (Interior Design)
- **Magi Oman**, AOCA, MFA (Theatre Arts-Tech Production)
- **Peter Palermo**, MFA (Art Fundamentals)
- **Gillian Saunders**, MA in-progress (Music Theatre-Performance)
- **Dennis Turner**, Diplomas (BAA-Animation)
- **Koen Vanderstukken**, MA in-progress (Crafts & Design)
- **Jay Wilson**, MFA (Art & Art History)

■ Computer Animation students **Kent Hugo** and **Chay Edry** and Computer Animation-Digital Character Animation student **Brad Kinley** won all three awards in the 'Most Promising Student' category at the 2006 Teletoon Canadian Student Animation awards ceremony in Ottawa, Sep 24. They share a total of \$10,000 in scholarships.

■ Six galleries in downtown Hamilton have organized the popular **James North Art Crawl**, which runs the second Friday night of every month. The event reflects the growth of a vibrant arts community – including studios, galleries and cafés – in one of the city's most historic downtown neighborhoods.

OCTOBER 2006 ARTS CALENDAR

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

Oct 28 - Jan 7, 2007
Italian Art & Design: The 20th Century

Nearly 300 items present an extensive introduction to modern Italian art and design for novice enthusiasts, with many surprises for savvy connoisseurs.

GARDINER MUSEUM

Oct 25 - Jan 15, 2007
Paul Day: Battle of Britain
 Terracotta models for the bronze reliefs on the London monument.

CANADIAN CLAY AND GLASS GALLERY

Sep 10 - Jan 7, 2007
Into the Woods: Jane Buyers & Mary Catherine Newcomb
 Jane Buyers is an artist and professor at the Univ of Waterloo.

DESIGN EXCHANGE

Sep 22 - Nov 12
Milano Made in Design
 An exhibit created to celebrate the fusion of design and manufacturing that is unique to Milan and the region of Lombardy.