

## DEAN'S MESSAGE

**WE'VE** had a long and pleasant fall and now we are deep into what we do best. Our students have survived the mid term mostly, though no doubt there have been some casualties, or at least early warnings of problems. Now, as we move into the latter quarter of the semester, we have an increased level of engagement and creativity, but also an increased amount of work. This is the period of accomplishment, but all accomplishment takes struggle and energy. We will see the results of this effort in December.

We saw other results recently in the Gallery, here at Sheridan, of efforts by some of our faculty colleagues. These folks recently accomplished master's degree level credentials and the show was to provide some evidence to the community of their effort. They join the ranks of a number of our faculty who over the last few years have been able to upgrade their academic credentials. Congratulations to all of them.

It is important to remember that we also need to maintain currency in industry practices. We need to find better ways to ensure faculty and staff are supported in their efforts to stay current. We live in such a rapidly changing production environment that it is important to continuously work to keep up with the pace. As a school and as a college, I believe we can do more in the area of industry currency just as we have been able to do in helping people increase their academic credentials.

This time of year we are also engaged in the complex process of scheduling for the next term. While Associate Deans, Coordinators and school teams struggle with this task, Andre Plante continues his study of our overall space usage. This useful study should show us where we have real needs for more space but also demonstrate where we are not making full use of our resources. This will open the door, we hope, to better experience for our students, but also all those involved in the scheduling exercise.

The Academic Innovation Strategy (AIS) began following a College retreat convened by our new VPA, Mary Preece. At this point, its implications are becoming clearer through the emergence of a number of specific committees including Creative Campus Task Force, Digital Learning Environment Task Force, and Interprofessional/ Interdisciplinary Curriculum Design and Development.

While they are at different stages in their tasks, they are all expected to report on their findings by April 2010.

Enhancing the AIS project is the expected arrival of our new president in February. This will undoubtedly focus and give greater emphasis to certain aspects of the project. We will hear who our new president is sometime in December, around the time when all our efforts in this semester are coming to completion.

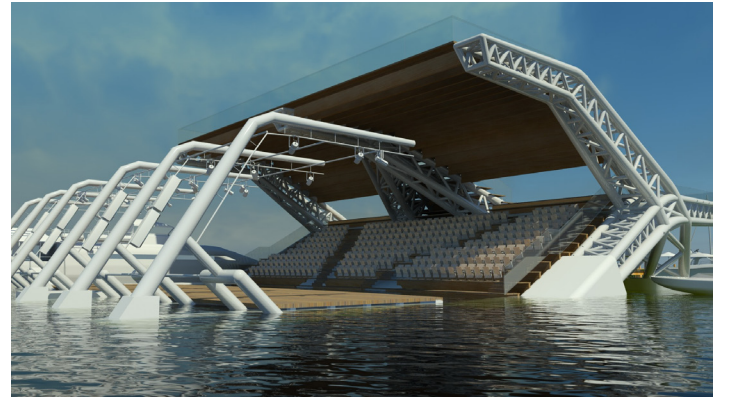
- Dr Michael Collins

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**School Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 24, 2009



Interior Design alumna Lila Yavai's 'Water Theatre' uses water as a reflective material for sound.



## NEWS & EVENTS

■ **BAA - Illustration** alumna Nicola Wong Ken presented a scientific poster of her illustrations at the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology's annual conference at the University of Bristol, UK, this past September. Nicola began illustrating fossil specimens for the University of Toronto paleontology lab as a summer intern in 2007 and since graduating has travelled with the research group to dig sites and labs around the world.

■ **Interior Design** alumna Lila Yavari won a 2009 City of Toronto Urban Design Award at a gala awards celebration at Palais Royale on Sept 21. Lila was part of a student team from the University of Toronto's Master of Architecture program, whose entry was the top submission in the 'Student Projects' category. Lila's project - 'Water Theatre', in the Toronto Harbour, was an attempt to improve a direct connection to the water. She will complete her Master of Architecture degree from the U of T in Dec 2009.

■ **Toronto Animated Image Society (TAIS)** in conjunction with Cinematheque Ontario and Christopher Cutts Gallery is pleased to announce the launch of *Eleven in Motion: Abstract Expressions in Animation*, a commissioned project of eleven new animated works inspired by the art of the Painters Eleven. The world premiere screening takes place November 11, 8 PM at Cinematheque Ontario and will be attended by all eleven filmmakers from across Canada.

■ The 'ANATOMIA' exhibit at the Ontario Science Center has been so well received that it has been extended to the end of February 2010. Members of the Sheridan community planning to attend Body Worlds are encouraged to check out 'ANATOMIA' while at the OSC; the exhibit features anatomically-themed work by students & graduates of Sheridan Illustration (Technical/ Scientific), Sheridan Animation, U of T's Biomedical Communications, and OCAD.



Dr. Mary Preece, Vice-President, Academic, Dr. Robert Turner, President & CEO and Hasan Malik, Acting Dean, Community & Liberal Studies at the Big Picture Gala with Eisfeld's award.

■ **Art Fundamentals** alumnus Adam Eisfeld created the Big Picture Community Service Award, which was presented at this year's Big Picture Gala. The award was a painting which explored the theme of Canadian identity.

■ **Theatre and Drama Studies** Program alumnus **Mark Sykes** has won a Gemini Award for Best Youth Series for 'Mark's Moments', of which he is the writer, producer and host. The program is a day-in-the-life series profiling kids with disabilities. This is the second nomination for 'Mark's Moments' and Mark has also been nominated as Best Host in a Youth Series.



Mark Sykes in Theatre Erindale's 'The Aberhart Summer' (photo by Jim Smagata)

■ **Visual Merchandising Arts** faculty Louise Franklin and Michelle Graham along with second year students organized a Christmas Merchandising Blitz at Terra Greenhouse's Milton showroom. Students assisted with the tree decoration and merchandising and general set up of the showroom. The exercise combined their Retail Merchandising Advanced and Professional Practice classes.

■ Brad Culver (Interior Design), Heidi Overhill (Bachelor of Design) and Kathryn Adams (BAA Illustration) have been nominated in the 2010 Best Lecturer Competition. Twenty semifinalists will be selected from the 332 nominees at colleges and universities across Ontario, and will be announced on December 7. Next, a panel of judges will choose 10 finalists, who will be invited to deliver complete lectures on **Big Ideas** beginning March 6, 2010

■ Recent Media Arts graduate Jake Chirico's film 'The Freshwater Plague' has won Best Documentary at the **Air Canada enRoute Film Festival**. Computer Animation alumnus Alain Huyhn also won for Achievement in Animation for his film 'Intermedium'. The EnRoute festival provides emerging filmmakers with the chance to showcase their work to millions of Air Canada passengers. The films are screened on the personal seatback entertainment system on all Air Canada flights.



Ana Klasnja, (left) Ontario Science Centre curator and BAA Illustration faculty Kathryn Chorney.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Below is an update from Sheridan's Pandemic Emergency Response Team. Since there is no widely available accurate test for H1N1 flu, anyone with the following symptoms is considered to have an 'influenza-like illness': sudden onset of fever with one or more of the following: headache, chills, muscle aches, physical exhaustion, dry cough with subsequent onset of sore throat, stuffy or runny nose and worsening cough. Cold symptoms, sore throat or cough without fever are NOT considered to the flu.

For more information from the Sheridan Pandemic Emergency Response Team visit:  
<http://www.sheridaninstitute.ca/Announce/Pandemic%20Planning>.

## NOVEMBER 2009 ARTS CALENDAR

### ART GALLERY OF ALGOMA

*Sequential Desire*  
Nov 12 - Jan 10  
Paintings, graphic novels and video and more, including the work of Visual & Creative Arts faculty Dan Kennedy.

### BLACKWOOD GALLERY

*Fall In*  
Oct 26 - Dec 13  
Nine artists produce works in response to the previous exhibition *Fall Out*.

### CAMPUS GALLERY

*Collecting Our Thoughts*  
Nov 6 - Nov 20  
Exhibition of various collections from SAAD faculty and staff.

### Contemporary Art Bus Tour

Nov 8, 12:00 - 5:00  
Gairloch Gardens Tour begins at the Royal Ontario Museum with an exhibition and continues to the Doris McCarthy Gallery, Art Gallery of York University and Blackwood Gallery.