

# in brief...

## U of O prof gets recognition

U of O chemistry professor and photochemist Dr. Juan Cesar (Tito) Scaiano has been nominated for the 2002 Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering.

Tito Scaiano was named the first U of O Distinguished University Professor, a title given to him in recognition of international accomplishments.

Scaiano is one of three finalists to have been announced to receive the award, given by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), which provides grants for university research.

The winner will be announced on Nov. 25, will have their NSERC Discovery Grant increased to \$1 million over 5 years and will receive a medal at an event on the same day.

## New funding for U of O

The Canadian Foundation for Innovation New Opportunities program (CFI) has given the U of O \$494,657 to start up a research lab. The purpose of the lab is to study teaching piano.

CFI is an organization that has given the U of O over \$74 million in funding for research since its creation in 1997.

The piano lab is a \$1.2 million project and the remaining funding will come from

the provincial government and industry.

Gilles Comeau, from the music education and piano pedagogy sector of the music department, explains the lab.

"This is a very exciting grant—this will be the opportunity to do some exciting research," said Comeau. "It is going to be a research lab in piano pedagogy, where we are going to study the learning of piano and what is the best strategy to teach piano."

"This impressive funding is concrete proof that the University of Ottawa's research focus extends beyond technology and medicine research to the humanities and social sciences," added U of O Rector Gilles Patry. \*