



New building program will ease space crunch

It's no secret to students filing into crowded classrooms, researchers seeking out lab space and staff creating offices wherever they can that UVic is facing a serious space shortfall. With enrolment increasing by another 1,900 full-time students by 2010, campus administrators are planning several new buildings to address the need for more teaching, research and administrative space.

As part of "Building the Future," UVic has approached the provincial government to approve funding for a new science building, an expansion of the McPherson library, and a new classroom/faculty building.

Other projects also in the planning stages include a support services building that will free up space within Ring Road and the First Peoples House to create a welcoming and supportive environment for UVic First Nations students that respects their culture and values.

"The upcoming new construction gives us an opportunity to take a coordinated approach to the next phase of UVic's development," says Jack Falk, vice president finance and operations. "Planning the construction, selecting sites and choosing building methods and materials will reflect the implementation process and growth management principles laid out in

UVic's campus plan."

The university's current inventory of space is more than 17,000 net assignable square metres (NASM) less than the amount suggested by the Ministry of Advanced Education's B.C. space standards—the equivalent of the space inside both the library and the Human and Social Development Building. Without additional facilities, and with the addition of 1,900 FTEs, the space shortfall would grow to more than 29,000 NASM.

The building program will also reflect the university's commitment to transportation demand management and avoid increasing the land footprint for parking by redistributing parking space. Since the two potential sites for the classroom/faculty building identified by the facilities development and sustainability sub-committee are parking lots D and E, this could involve building a parkade.

A stakeholder consultation session on Feb. 8 at 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. (with a presentation at 12:45 p.m.) in MacLaurin D116 will offer information about the building, the rationale behind the site selection and possible responses to the loss of parking areas.

See next month's *Ring* for more details on projects planned for "Building the Future."

TWO FACULTY MEMBERS HONOURED FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

A biologist who helps build devices for the disabled and a social work professor who has contributed to a broader understanding of poverty and inequality are this year's winners of University of Victoria Community Leadership Awards.

The two awards salute exemplary leadership in linking UVic and the community for greater public benefit. The awards were presented to Dr. Nigel Livingston and Dr. Marge Reitsma-Street at the Victoria Leadership Awards fundraising luncheon on Jan. 26.

Livingston is as comfortable on a platform towering over a stand of second-growth Douglas fir as he is in a ground-level lab scrutinizing the reactions of seedlings to controlled climate conditions. But his research abilities aren't limited to the lab. As founder and director of the University of Victoria Assistive Technology Team (UVATT), Livingston has led an ever-

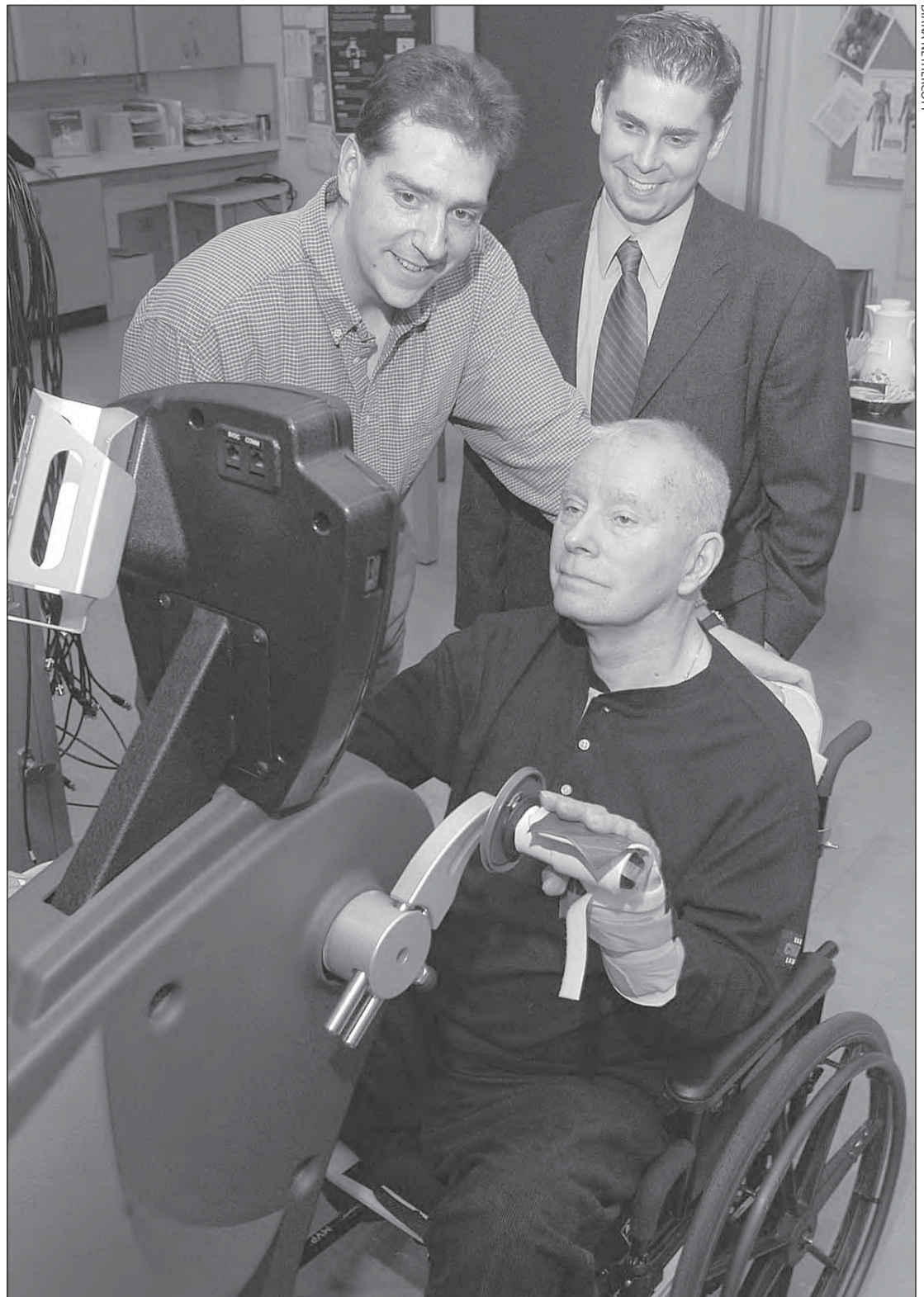
expanding group of faculty, staff and students who are developing customized devices for the disabled.

Created in 1999, UVATT includes more than 40 faculty, staff, graduate

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Reitsma-Street



Zehr works with 68-year-old stroke victim Brian Wright, while Rhodes looks on.

New physical education labs redefine rehabilitation

by Patty Pitts

People who lose mobility through stroke or a spinal cord injury and people with lots of ability but no motivation are the focus of research being conducted in two new labs in the faculty of education's school of physical education.

Kinesiologist Dr. Paul Zehr is using hand-cycling machines and treadmills to determine the role the spinal cord plays in stimulating the nerves needed for rhythmic movement, such as walking.

In an adjacent lab, exercise psychologist Dr. Ryan Rhodes is studying what motivates people to commit to an exercise program. He's using exercise bikes connected to video games so that users must pedal faster to advance the game.

"We all know that physical activity plays an important role in preventing chronic diseases, but participation rates in B.C. remain low and appear to be decreasing

among children and adolescents," says Rhodes. While his research linking exercise and video games targets a specific group—young sedentary males with an interest in video games—his work has applications beyond the able and unmotivated.

Zehr recognizes that motivation is also a key factor for those trying to overcome a disability through a rehabilitation program and yet, "there's very little research on the effectiveness of follow-up therapy programs and why people are motivated to participate."

Zehr welcomes the opportunity to partner with Rhodes, who will conduct psychological assessments of Zehr's participants to determine which exercises they like most and why.

"I don't regard the central nervous system as something that's hard and broken. I consider it to have plasticity, with the capacity for re-organization and re-growth," says Zehr about the theory behind his approach to rehabilitation.

"For example, walking uses both arms and legs. The muscle stimulation from the nervous system is similar for both sets of limbs. Following a stroke, the spinal cord is still intact. I believe we can adjust exercise devices to engage the limbs that are still active to stimulate the spinal cord to send impulses to the stroke-affected areas."

Zehr is hopeful the same approach will help those with spinal cord injuries. Some of his research funding comes from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation with the remainder from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. and Yukon, the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

Rhodes is funded by NSERC and MSFHR, the B.C. Ministry of Health Services, the B.C. Knowledge and Development Fund and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Veterans oral history project launched

by Beth Haysom

A new university and community partnership will ensure that the voices and memories of Vancouver Island veterans are preserved for future generations.

The veterans oral history project, initially offered as a special course last year, is now a regular part of UVic's history curriculum, thanks to a partnership with the Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island, a non-profit organization that includes serving and retired officers of the Canadian and Allied forces and the RCMP.

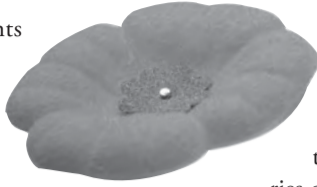
The project enables undergraduate students in the new "Veterans and Oral History" course to interview and archive the personal stories of veterans, including peacekeepers and veterans' families. The institute is matching 10 history students currently in the new course, with veterans according to their areas of interest. Their stories will be available in UVic's library as research

material for other students and historians.

"The veteran's record of oral history is vitally important, because it's their own story," said B.C.

Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo at a special ceremony with university staff, veterans and students. "In some cases, they've now revealed what was once too painful to speak about in the years immediately following the conflicts in which they participated. We're indebted to every veteran who has contributed their personal memories to the history of our province and country that they have served with such distinction."

Campagnolo was on campus to honour history professor emeritus Dr. Reginald Roy, who served with the Cape Breton Highlanders and helped to write the official Canadian history of World War II. As a professor at Victoria College and UVic from 1958 to 1988, Roy encouraged his students to use oral history



as a research tool. Now his earlier research, and the oral histories collected by the

new project housed in UVic's McPherson Library special collections, will be named "The Reg Roy Military History Collection."

"I'm proud to recognize Prof. Roy for his valuable contribution to UVic and for his part in helping to preserve this country's collective historical memories," says UVic President David Turpin. "The foundation he has laid in partnership with the university and the veterans in our community will allow this significant work to endure."

The institute is fundraising for the course and is helping the UVic library index the materials to make them publicly available. Eventually, it hopes to expand the project up island to interview veterans living in Nanaimo, Courtenay, Comox and Campbell River.

Practise safe computing—and win

Every day UVic's computing services department detects and deflects up to 200 malicious e-mail and network attacks.

"Ninety per cent of the e-mail that comes to UVic's e-mail servers is unsolicited," says Darin Lee, computing user services technical analyst. "This includes 3,000 virus-infected e-mails per day and a very significant proportion of spam, or unsolicited bulk e-mail."

To raise awareness of workstation security and the launch of a computer security "best practices"

website, computing and systems services is sponsoring a campus-wide iPod Mini giveaway contest. The contest is called *Secure Your Tunes: Practice Safe Computing and Win an iPod Mini!*

To be eligible, students, faculty and staff can log on to helpdesk.uvic.ca, read the best practices information, and correctly answer five questions. The contest draw date is Feb. 11.

According to Lee, universities around the world are trying alternate ways to focus attention on the importance and relative ease of

keeping computers safe. He suggests that all computer users keep up with software patches and update anti-virus software daily.

"It reduces the total cost of ownership of a machine," he says. "If your security practices are good, it lowers the chance of having to pay people to service your computer and clean off viruses."

Lee notes that if no security precautions are taken and a virus attacks a computer, the owner could lose any work stored on the hard drive. "A virus can wipe your computer clean."

Ringers

Two Vikes swimmers have received major accolades in the past few weeks. Early in January, the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) named Paralympic student-athlete **Stephanie Dixon** one of Canada's Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity. Dixon, a psychology major, won eight medals at the 2004 Paralympics held in Athens last September. Humanities student **Mackenzie Downing** has made a real splash in her first season with the Vikes. At the Canada West Swimming Championships on Jan. 21-23, Downing earned four gold medals and was named Canada West's Female Rookie-of-the-Year for swimming. Both student athletes are now preparing for the upcoming Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championships to be hosted by the University of Alberta on Feb. 25-27.

Law professor **Rebecca Johnson's** book *Taxing Choices: The Intersection of Class, Gender, Parenthood, and the Law*, has won the 2003/04 Harold Adams Innis prize from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The book won in the category of best aid-to-scholarly-publications, program-funded English language book in the social sciences. *Taxing Choices* explores a high-profile conflict between class and gender claims.

An essay by Dr. **Eric Sager** (history) is among those included in *Innovation, Essays by Leading Canadian Researchers* published last fall by the Canada Foundation for Innovation. Sager writes about his involvement in the Canadian Families Project, a major collaborative initiative funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The project studied Canadian families in the past to help inform public policy in the future. Sager is part of a team of scholars, the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project, that is using 20th-century censuses to study Canadians and Canadian families over the last 100 years.

For the fourth time in six years, a UVic business student is the winner of the B.C. Export Award for International Business Studies. The award recognizes **Shona Sinclair's** leadership and excellence in international studies while contributing to B.C.'s export community. Sinclair participated on the 2002 Junior Team Canada Trade Mission where she researched market opportunities and contact information for local forestry and constructions companies wishing to do business in China.

PROJECT NOVA IS A GO

by Beth Haysom

It's all systems go for Project Nova, the major overhaul of UVic's dated and stand-alone information technology.

The university has contracted SunGard SCT and affiliates to be the main supplier of the new technology that will eventually benefit everyone on campus. Phase two, the implementation stage of the \$20-million, multi-year undertaking, will begin right away.


"This is a bold decision that will make UVic a leader for its campus-wide technological capabilities," says Jack Falk, vice president finance and operations, who is chair of the Project Nova steering committee. Falk is overseeing the project in consultation with Jamie Cassels, vice president academic.

The steering committee, made up of 22 members representing all the key areas of campus that will benefit

from the upgrade—including facilities management, finance, payroll, human resources, alumni and donor information and student records—voted unanimously for the SunGard SCT "Banner" systems after months of exhaustive evaluation.

"It has been a tremendous amount of hard work," says Falk. "I want to thank the members of this committee and the team of eight core reviewers for the excellent and thorough job they have done. It's their huge commitment and dedication to this project that has brought us to this point."

Project Nova staff members are now working with the SunGard SCT team to develop plans for the gradual integration of the new systems over the next three years or so. Watch the website at web.uvic.ca/nova for more information on Project Nova's progress.



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New medical students fulfil longstanding dreams

by Beth Haysom

When students arrived last month for their first classes at the new Island Medical Program (IMP) UVic campus, it was the fulfilment of a 135-year dream for Vancouver Island.

"This is historic," said UVic president David Turpin, welcoming the first cohort of 24 student doctors who will study in Victoria and communities around Vancouver Island as part of an expansion of the UBC faculty of medicine.

"In 1870 as John Sebastian Helmcken negotiated B.C.'s entry into Confederation, the case was made for a medical school in Victoria," Turpin told them. "It was agreed that a resolution would be drafted conveying the obligation to build such a school... Since that time many others have sought to see medical education here in Victoria. You can imagine my great pleasure in seeing that vision become a reality."

On day one the new student doctors proved themselves worthy pioneers when all 24 of them managed to get to UVic in time for their inaugural ceremony in spite of a snowstorm that shut down much of Victoria and made the university campus look more like a scene from the movie *Dr. Zhivago*.

Already, after just a few weeks, the new students—14 women and

10 men—have made themselves at home. The new Medical Sciences Building headquarters is bustling with student doctors, lecturers, and staff and its much-touted technology is being put to the test to link UVic with the other faculty campuses at UBC and the University of Northern British Columbia.

"I always dreamed there would be doctors educated here in Victoria. It's wonderful to see it finally happen."

"We have got off to a good start. There have been a few wrinkles to iron out but the new technology is working and our students are settling in well," says Dr. Oscar Casiro, UBC associate dean and head of the Island Medical Program. "This is largely thanks to such an enthusiastic welcome from the program staff, UVic and the wider community."

At the inaugural ceremony, Casiro announced endowments from the estate of the late Robert Ford, Dr. Bruno and Catherine Freigang and Dr. Robert and Patricia Young, and thanked them for their generosity in helping to establish bursaries and scholarships for IMP students.

The program has also evoked a strong and positive response in the medical community and attracted large numbers of local physicians to leadership and teaching positions. "We get almost daily phonecalls from Victoria and up-Island communities. Right now we have more doctors interested in helping with the program than students," says Casiro.

A large plane tree in the UVic campus quadrangle may help the class of 2008 to remember their roots. The seedling—from the descendant of a tree on the Greek Island of Cos where Hippocrates sat and lectured his students—was planted on the university grounds in May 1970 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Victoria Medical Society.

UBC professor emeritus and renowned medical historian Dr. William Gibson helped plant the tree as the head of the society at the time. The 92-year-old former UVic chancellor also braved the snow to welcome the IMP pioneers. He gave each a package of seeds taken from the UVic tree and a poster depicting the tree in each of the four seasons as a reminder of their medical heritage and tradition.

"I always dreamed there would be doctors educated here in Victoria," said Gibson, mingling with the new students following their first-day ceremony. "It's wonderful to see it finally happen."

Volunteer patients needed

Say "Ahhhhh," please.

Student doctors at the new Island Medical Program are looking for volunteer patients so that they can practise their bedside manner and examination skills. Program coordinators aim to establish a roster of about 70 people of all ages, including children, who are willing to fake a few aches and pains and undergo non-invasive examinations for the sake of training future doctors.

"It will be just like going to a regular doctor's office and we need people who are comfortable with being examined by a group of medical students," says Janice Valdez, patient coordinator. "This is a valuable com-

munity service because volunteer patients can make a real difference in the quality of service that these doctors of tomorrow will provide."

Student doctors in the program do much of their clinical training in the community. Practice sessions involving volunteer patients are between 1 and 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Volunteers, who will be needed for a couple of hours at a time, will get a \$15 honorarium toward travel and parking expenses.

To volunteer as a patient, or for more information, contact Janice Valdez at 472-5524 or e-mail jvaldez@uvic.ca.



Island Medical Program students and their tutor enjoy having hands-on practice with volunteer patient Allen Paul at the Jubilee Hospital. Posing for a fun photo, from left to right (top row): Ben Wilson; Dr. Derek Carroll, tutor; Candy Cheng; Jennifer Phillips; Genevieve Tam; and, kneeling in front, Amanda Fiander and Gentson Leung.

Maintaining positive attitude is theme of women's conference

by Lynda Hills

Inspired by UVic athlete and Paralympian Stephanie Dixon's words, *You Can! It's All in Your Attitude*, the UVic Women's Network presents the eighth annual Women's Conference on Feb. 16.

"Our goal is to bring men and women from all sectors of the university together," says co-chair Kathy Harris (purchasing). "We want to say to people on campus that this is their conference, and that we support them by offering all of these learning opportunities for a nominal fee."

The conference is subsidized by

the president and vice-president's office and is slated for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. The cost is \$15 for faculty and staff, and \$10 for students. The fee includes lunch and nutrition breaks.

Participants can choose from a list of 16 workshops with subjects ranging from finding your balance in life to Taiko drumming. "We try to make it entertaining as well as informative," says Harris. "People often have difficulty picking a workshop because there are so many choices."

The conference includes a presentation of the UVic Women's Recognition Awards, which cel-

brate women who have made an exceptional impact on the UVic community. The keynote speaker is UVic student Stephanie Dixon, winner of eight medals at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens and five at the 2000 Sydney Paralympics.

"It's the first time we've ever had a student as a keynote speaker," says Harris. "We're very proud to have her, Stephanie is such an accomplished person and she's only 20-years-old."

For more information and to obtain a registration form visit web.uvic.ca/womennet/. Individual workshops are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Gifts that make the grade **A⁺**



UVic's **faculty of business** excels at giving students the "international experience." Now, thanks to an annual gift of \$12,500 from **Po Ting Ip**, a new exchange program will allow business students, faculty and researchers to attend Lingnan University in Guangzhou, China. UVic business now boasts one of the largest international exchange programs in Canada. Lingnan University, founded in 1888 is one of the region's top comprehensive schools with a focus on education relevant to the working world of Hong Kong. Guangzhou, a vibrant port city of 6.5 million with a history dating back over 2500 years, is one of the most important centres of foreign commerce in south China.

Graduate scholarships and fellowships make excellence possible—they help UVic attract and retain top scholars. That's why UVic alumnus David Bate, (B.A.'91; LL.B '94; M.P.A. '95) CEO of Brookwood Capital Corporation, and his wife Joanne, director of global investment banking at HSBC, created a new endowment for the **David and Joanne Bate Scholarship** in the **school of public administration**. The endowment will fund a scholarship for the returning MPA student with the highest grade point average in the previous year. "I am a better person and a better professional because of the education I received at UVic," says David Bate. "In particular, the school of public administration gave me insights into the power of public policy and enhanced my ability to positively influence the development of international communities. I appreciate the early direction and foundation I received at UVic, and I hope this scholarship helps others toward the same result."



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Aroundtherring

UVic law is back on top

UVic's faculty of law is once again ranked as the best law school in Canada according to recent law grads who responded to this year's annual survey in *Canadian Lawyer* magazine. Respondents were asked to rate curriculum, faculty, facilities, students, and practice relevance in awarding UVic the top grade. "The grads agreed that the school's strongest feature is its people, both the faculty and fellow students, and that says it all," says UVic law dean Andrew Petter. Respondents applauded the faculty's "excellent teachers with a deep commitment to school and students . . . they make themselves available to students." UVic has been rated number one in Canada in the survey eight of the past 10 years.

Wanted: your honorary degree suggestions

What do Sir Edmund Hillary, Diana Krall, Stephen Lewis, Robert Bateman and Silken Laumann all have in common? They're among the more than 300 artists, scientists, teachers, historians, politicians, athletes, business leaders, civil rights activists and other lifetime achievers who hold an honorary degree from the University of Victoria. And now you have a chance to influence who joins this illustrious list. The senate committee on honorary degrees and other forms of recognition is seeking nominations. Any member of the UVic community can nominate an individual for an honorary degree. Documentation should include a letter of nomination, a curriculum vitae, and at least two letters of support. Send nominations by 4:30 p.m. March 1 to Chancellor Ron Lou-Poy, c/o the office of the university secretary, room 410, Business and Economics Bldg. For more information visit web.uvic.ca/univsec/governance/honorarycriteria.html or call 721-8101.

Network your way to a great career

Are you a student or graduate interested in finding out more about career options? Check out Career Fair 2005, "Your Future @ Work" on Feb. 9-10 in the Michele Pujol room of the Student Union Building, 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. "Career fairs offer an invaluable opportunity for students to practise the networking and research skills that are essential to a work search strategy these days," says Jennifer Margison, manager of career services. "Students need to look beyond the products and services that an organization represents to see where their skills and interests might fit. High-tech companies may be recruiting software engineers, but they also employ staff in human resources, communications and marketing." The fair also features summer employment options and internship programs. For more information visit www.uviccareerfair.com.

Grad student research goes on display

What role could plant estrogen play in treating breast cancer? How do pollutants affect the immune system of harbour seals? And how do trees defend themselves against insects? These are some of the ongoing research projects to be showcased at the annual UVic biology graduate symposium on Feb. 14-15. The symposium runs 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Feb. 14) and 9:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (Feb. 15) in room 105 of the Hickman Building and is open to the community. "The university is a public institution and this symposium is one small way for us to give back to our community and share the knowledge we've gained so far," says organizer Rebecca McMackin. Over the two-day period, 35 graduate students will present their work in 15-minute intervals and another 24 students will present posters in room 110. The talks are aimed at a non-scientific audience. For more information call 721-4284.

Kaleidoscope Theatre gets legal lift

UVic law students and law professor Andrew Pirie will join senior members of Victoria's law community in this year's Lawyers on Stage Theatre (LOST) performance in support of Kaleidoscope Theatre Productions. A cast of 50, including 18 members from Kaleidoscope's Young Company, will present the stage adaptation of Robert Fulgham's popular book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* at the McPherson Theatre on Feb. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. This play has been well-received for the humorous way it delivers its messages. A silent auction and reception will follow each performance. Last year's LOST production raised \$10,000 for Kaleidoscope. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. Ticket vouchers can be obtained by contacting Pirie at 721-8179 or apirie@uvic.ca or through the McPherson box office at 386-6121.

Nominations invited for alumni awards

Every award begins with a thoughtful nomination and the UVic Alumni Association is inviting nominations for its premier award programs—the Alumni Awards for Excellence in Teaching and the Distinguished Alumni Awards. The process is capped off in November with formal award presentations at the annual Legacy Awards gala at the Victoria Conference Centre. The teaching awards have two categories: the Harry Hickman Award (for a regular faculty member, librarian or artist-in-residence) and the Gilian Sherwin award (for sessionals, lab instructors and limited-term faculty). Each award includes a \$2,000 cash prize and portraits of the winners are displayed in the McPherson Library. Nominations close Feb. 28. The Distinguished Alumni Awards are synonymous with the inspiring talent, effort and influence of the university's graduates—locally and worldwide. Up to four awards will be presented (including youth and lifetime achievement awards). Nominations close March 31. Nomination guidelines and forms are available from the alumni services office or online at www.alumni.uvic.ca/.

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McIvor

Study evaluates new model for reviving endangered languages

by Lynda Hills

Saving a dying language is no easy task, but two First Nations communities in B.C. have created a model to do just that.

Called "language nests," the programs are based on a Maori language revival initiative from New Zealand. The term refers to childcare programs for pre-school children taught exclusively in a heritage language.

For her master's thesis, UVic child and youth care graduate student Onowa McIvor chose to study Lil'wat and Secwepemc language nests to inspire other First Nations communities looking for ways to revive their languages.

Of the approximately 50 indigenous languages in Canada, over half of them are in B.C. According to language theorists, only three are expected to survive Canada-wide: Cree, Ojibwa and Inuktitut. None of these is historically rooted in B.C.

"We know that language and culture are inextricably linked," McIvor says. "If the youngest members of a community are not learning the language then the language will die."

McIvor examined each of the Lil'wat and Secwepemc community's language revival stories, the resources they used, how they kept the program going and how they overcame barriers. Her passion to protect languages comes from personal experience; it took just one generation for her family to lose their aboriginal language.

"My grandparents spoke Swampy Cree but grew up in the era of assimilation. They were told that maintaining their language would hinder their children's future," she says. "Consequently, they were fluent Cree speakers but never spoke

it to their children, a story all too common in Canadian aboriginal history.

McIvor discovered that one of the main barriers to language revival is a lack of government support. As the Ministry of Health licenses most childcare programs in B.C., workers must have early childhood educator certification (ECE). Through ECE certification, childcare programs are eligible for subsidies and other types of funding, such as capital-cost start up money. But language nests don't quite fit the mold of other childcare programs.

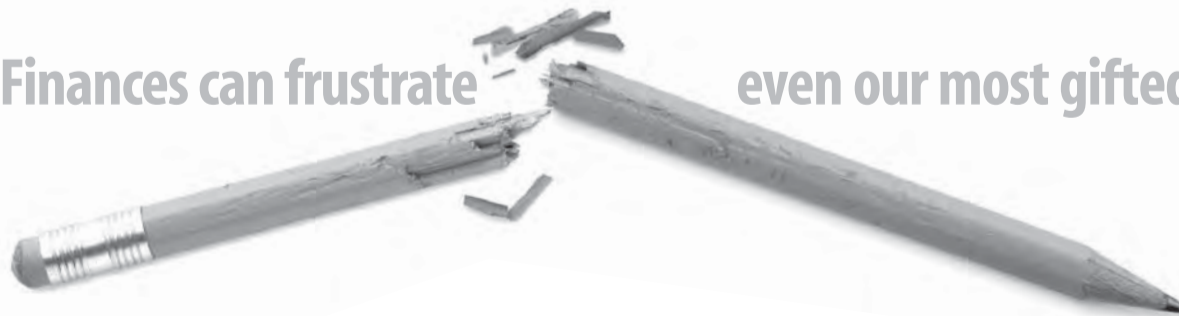
"This doesn't mean they are a less-quality program, they're just different," she says. "Because you need traditional language speakers to be the main caregivers, those people wouldn't necessarily have ECE-certified training."

In the Secwepemc community, for example, there are two kinds of people working in the language nests: elders who are traditional speakers and "middle-generation" women with education degrees. However, because they don't have ECE certificates, the program is not eligible for funding.

"It's quite ridiculous to think about sending either elders or those with bachelor degrees back for a one-year college course to teach them how to raise children," McIvor says. "As one community participant put it, 'We have been raising our children for thousands of years. We don't need anyone to tell us how to do it.'"

McIvor believes that, despite funding challenges and even resistance within their own communities, the Lil'wat and Secwepemc nations offer inspiration and hope to other indigenous communities in Canada who want to save their languages.

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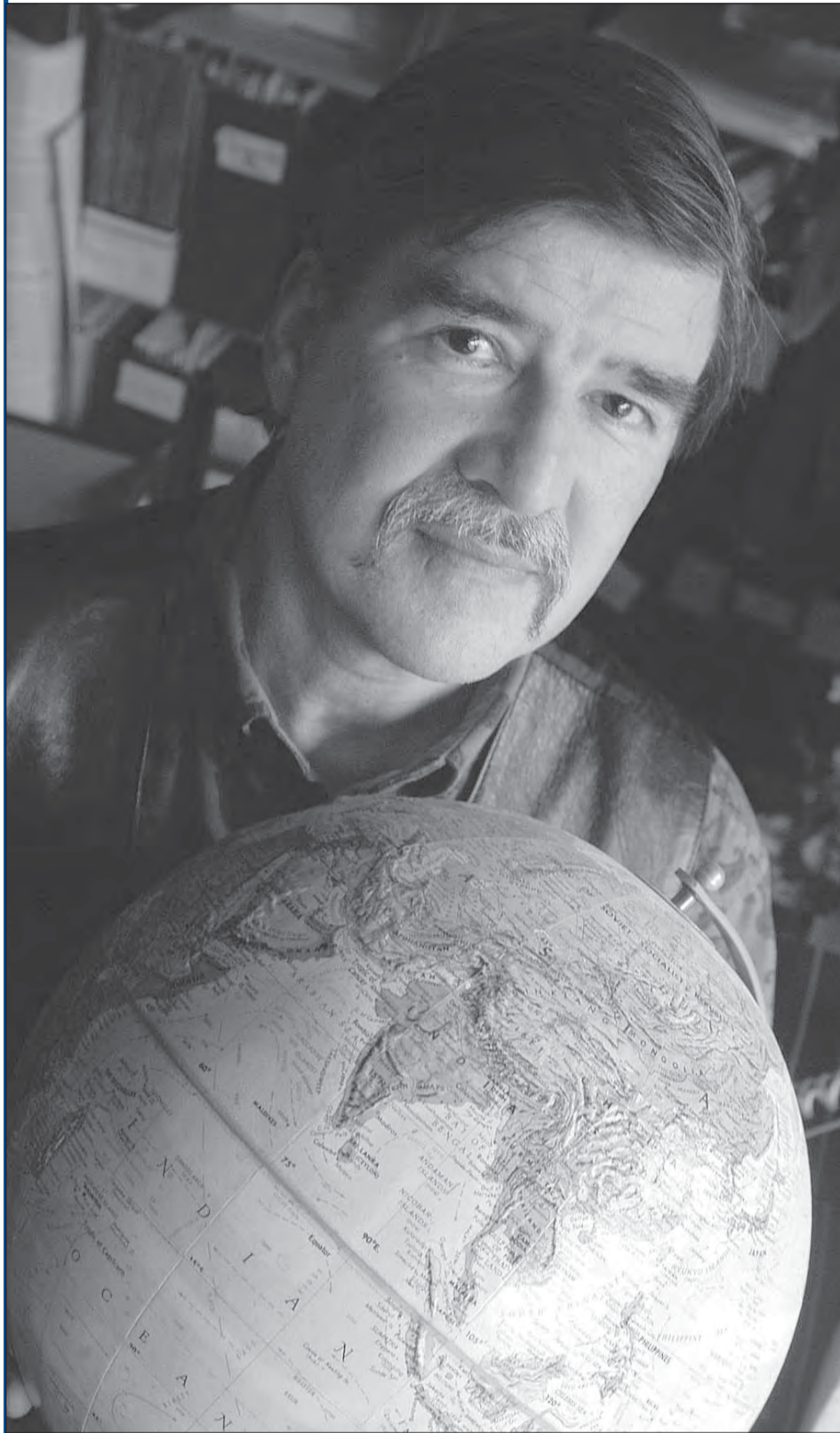
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Dearden

UVic researchers help tsunami victims turn to nature to rebuild their shattered lives

by Patty Pitts

Of all the images to be transmitted out of South Asia in the wake of the devastating Boxing Day tsunami, it's the photos of hollow-eyed children that are the most haunting. Youngsters who saw family and friends swept away by the huge waves and whose homes and schools and entire families were destroyed by the sea.

In just a few minutes, an entire generation was left to deal with grief, despair and uncertainty at a shockingly young age.

Dr. Philip Cook, executive director of UVic's International Institute for Child Rights and Development (IICRD), has seen this scale of emotional trauma before—among the AIDS orphans of South Africa and shell-shocked youngsters in war-torn Chechnya. Although it was nature that wreaked such havoc on the lives of children in Thailand, Indonesia and India, Cook says it's through nature that these same youngsters will begin the long process of healing.

"Reconnecting children to the natural world is the first step to reconnecting children to the human world," says Cook. He leaves soon for India as part of an initiative sponsored by Save the Children Canada to train teachers in tsunami-affected regions of India on ways to reach youngsters through nature-based therapy.

"This approach has been used very effectively with AIDS orphans in Africa and by aboriginal teams with abused First Nations children in Canada," he says. "In some cultures, discussing psychological issues does not come easily. Using an indirect approach leads to further, deeper discussion."

Cook has seen the healing power of nature among bombed-out apartments in Chechnya cities. Aid workers created small, formal gardens in the rubble and invited storytellers and artists to entertain the understandably skittish children.

"The kids started growing flowers and making their own art," says Cook. "It's been proven that children's development is tied to their capacity to explore the natural world."

We see a positive improvement in their self-esteem, a feeling that they're in control of their lives. Children have a capacity for resilience and a relationship with the natural world enforces this."

The tsunami also destroyed livelihoods and caused serious environmental damage. UVic geographer and conservationist Dr. Philip Dearden has spent years assisting residents in developing countries create desperately needed employment without sacrificing sustainable practices.

Dearden and his research team have worked on many coastal conservation projects on Thailand's Andaman coast. They were doing an assessment of tourism impacts on reefs for the Thai government when the tsunami struck.

"There's a significant relationship between poverty and the environment," he says. "When the environment worsens, people get poorer and then, in their desperation to make a living, they damage the environment even more."

Under Dearden's supervision, UVic grad students are working in Thailand to understand some of the environmental impacts of the tsunami and how to rebuild livelihoods in a way that doesn't further erode the natural environment.

"Many of the resorts destroyed in the tsunami in Thailand were built illegally on property that was designated as parkland," says Dearden. "There's an opportunity here for governments to re-assert their claim to protected areas, but they must also find alternative employment for the residents whose livelihoods depended on those businesses."

Dearden has also been involved in coastal and development projects in Sri Lanka, including field surveys of the heavily damaged Tamil-controlled territory on the east coast and extensive work in the national park system, including the hard-hit Yala National Park.

He'll return to Sri Lanka in the spring to assist in the reconstruction effort, focusing on the country's national parks and the redevelopment of ecotourism businesses that were levelled by the tsunami.

NEPTUNE: our eyes and ears beneath the sea

Providing an earlier warning of tsunamis is one of the goals of the North-East Pacific Time-series Undersea Networked Experiments (NEPTUNE) project off the B.C., Washington and Oregon coasts.

NEPTUNE is a joint U.S.-Canada venture, led in Canada by UVic and funded by \$62.4 million from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and the B.C. government. When complete, the project will be the world's largest cable-linked ocean observatory, using 3,000 km of fibre optic cable and 30 or more seafloor "laboratories," or nodes, from which land-based scientists will control sampling instruments, video cameras and remotely operated vehicles.

Information and images collected by NEPTUNE will flow instantly to shore where they will be relayed via the Internet to researchers, educational institutions, science centres and the public. In this way, NEPTUNE will give us a better understanding of earthquakes and the processes that cause them, and warn us about approaching tsunamis.

The first phase of NEPTUNE, off the B.C. coast, is scheduled to be fully operational by fall 2008. To find out more about NEPTUNE and its research themes, visit www.neptunecanada.ca.



Want to learn more?

On Feb. 8, UVic's Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) and Camosun College present a public panel discussion on what is needed to help affected regions in South Asia recover from the tsunami tragedy. **Reconstructing the Region** takes place at 7:30 p.m. in room 100 of the Fisher Building at Camosun College. Speakers are Andrew Harding (UVic law and CAPI) and Helen Lansdowne (CAPI and Camosun). Call 721-7020 for more information.

The Geological Association of Canada, the National Geographic IMAX Theatre, and UVic's Centre for Earth and Ocean Research (CEOR) are sponsoring a public lecture titled **Earthquake and Tsunami Hazard on Canada's West Coast** on Feb. 17, 8 p.m. in the IMAX Theatre. Speakers are Dr. Garry Rogers (Geological Survey of Canada) and Dr. Fred Stephenson (Fisheries and Oceans Canada). The lecture is appended to the 7 p.m. showing of the IMAX film, **Forces of Nature**, to which admission will be half-price. For more information on tickets call 480-4887. For more information on the lecture call 721-8848 (CEOR).

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and co-op students from a wide range of disciplines, as well as hundreds of undergraduate students. To date, the team has developed more than 25 new technologies, ranging from tricycles for visually impaired children to complex brainwave and eye-tracking communication systems.

UVATT is now so widely known that requests for devices come from across Canada and around the world. It has also established links with such agencies as the Neil Squire Foundation in Vancouver, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Cambridge University and the Australian National University in Canberra.

"While many wonderful people have contributed hugely to the UVATT initiative, it is Nigel's passion and vision that have enabled it to become what it is today," says Dr. Doug Tolson, vice-president of UVic's Innovation and Development Corporation (IDC). "It's my belief that UVATT, in the not-too-distant future, will become a national showcase example of university-community relations."

As a professor of social policy and social work in the faculty of human and social development, Reitsma-Street is an internationally respected scholar in the areas of poverty, social justice, unpaid work of women and housing.

Reitsma-Street's close ties with the community are evident in her involvement with a multitude of committees and organizations, including the city of Victoria's housing advisory

committee, the United Way of Victoria, the Women's Housing Action Team and the Capital Urban Poverty Project. Her social policy expertise is frequently sought by mayors and MPs, boards of directors and front-line practitioners.

Reitsma-Street is also a prolific writer. Over two decades she has published and presented more than 200 papers to academic, professional, policy, political and public audiences in Victoria, Canada, the U.K. and Australia. Her publications on community action research are particularly valued by cooperatives, coalitions and indigenous and women-centred communities.

"Marge is committed to scholarship for practical use," says Mabel Jean Rawlins-Brannan, executive director of the Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria. "Throughout the capital region we have benefited from Marge's leadership. Today, there is a broader understanding of poverty and inequality, and these issues are more firmly on the public and political agenda."

The Victoria Leadership Awards are co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Victoria-Harbourside, Leadership Victoria and UVic. They honour outstanding citizens who contribute to the community and inspire others. Other 2005 award-winners are: Langford fire chief Bob Beckett and social worker Barbara Smith (Rotary Community Leadership Awards) and businessman Mel Cooper (Leadership Victoria Lifetime Achievement Award).

Unique partnership supports UVic engineers

by Chris Thackray

Thanks to an unusual and creative partnership between UVic, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and a prominent member of the business community, engineering students are getting financial support and an additional boost from on-the-job training.

Three years ago, Dr. Eric Manning, professor and former dean of engineering, and Alan Crawford, UVic honorary degree recipient and a distinguished leader in the Canadian electronics industry, collaborated to create the MacDonell/McGeer Scholarships program. The program, a first for UVic, has helped promising students tap into a pot of scholarship money that often goes unspent at NSERC, and has provided a blend of academic study and practical experience for which UVic is renowned.

This year, Tara Kannagara, a second-year engineering student, won the McGeer award and Nainesh Agarwal, a second-year PhD computer engineering candidate, was the recipient of the MacDonell award. The awards were presented at a special ceremony and dinner in Victoria on Jan. 14.

"The awards reflect commitment to the idea of investing in education and hands-on learning," says Manning. "And they're named for two

important people who had a formative influence on young talent in the sciences: Dr. MacDonell, a prairie dentist, and Dr. Pat McGeer, a former B.C. cabinet minister, UBC professor and leading medical neurologist."

The story begins with MacDonell, a dentist in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, who offered to teach some local boys Morse code. The boys—young Alan Crawford among them—found it tedious, hard work and wanted to quit. But the good doctor patiently persisted until Crawford mastered the code well enough to get his amateur radio licence. This inspired him to study physics, and was the beginning of his distinguished career as an entrepreneur and leader in Canada's electronics industry.

"I met Alan Crawford when he was a member of council at NSERC in the 1970s," Manning continues. "I told him that when I was a scientist at Bell Telephone Labs the company had a first-rate education program. Newly hired engineers with a bachelor's degree were offered the chance to take a master's degree at full salary, all expenses paid." The two thought it was a great way to develop talent in the industry.

Crawford wondered if NSERC funding might be used to supplement funds from the private sector to achieve the same thing. Crawford and Manning cooked up the idea of a postgraduate NSERC scholarship

supported by funds from a Canadian company. The scholarship would also include on-the-job training. "NSERC loved the idea, and the Industrial Postgraduate Scholarship (IPGS) was born."

Ultimately, it proved difficult to find Canadian companies that were willing to put up money for the scheme. "Allan Crawford has been a great friend of UVic for many years, and I explained to him the trouble we were having getting even a modest contribution from industry for the IPGS."

Crawford and Manning then came up with a scholarship funded by one of Crawford's group of companies which would make up the necessary contribution. "We consulted with NSERC who thought it was a really creative and effective way to use the IPGS program—and so the MacDonell Scholarships were created."

Crawford also funds the McGeer undergraduate scholarships coupled with paid co-op work terms at one of his companies.

"We strive to combine excellence in academics with hands-on experience to give students the skills they'll need to succeed," says Manning. "The MacDonell/McGeer awards give us the ability to do that. And thanks to the mentorship and generosity of leaders like Alan Crawford, students are making great advances through our co-op program."



Dr. Nigel Livingston

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A Gentle Migration: Studio Works 2004. Paintings by Mark Laver. Until Feb. 21. McPherson Library Gallery.

25th Annual Art Education Faculty Exhibition and Retrospective Honouring Marion Small. Until Feb. 24. Maltwood Art Museum & Gallery.

At the Theatres

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Hippies and Bolsheviks (until Feb. 5) Phoenix graduates in a 1970s flashback about dodging the American draft, communal life and love in a fast-changing world.

Fen (Feb. 24-March 5) A story of grace, humour and courage about a group of women farming the lands in England's Fen Country.

Thursday, February 3

Canadian Blood Services Donor Clinic 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Michele Pujol room, SUB.

Friday, February 4

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of music students in a program for various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

Music 8 p.m. *Chamber Music Series*. Music of the last century. MacLaurin B125. \$15/10.75. 721-7903

Saturday, February 5

Music 8 p.m. *VoiceFest*. Featuring singers from the school of music. MacLaurin B125. \$15/10.75. 721-7903

Monday, February 7

Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *The Proposed Whistle-blowing Legislation for the Federal Public Service*. Edward Keyserlingk, federal public service integrity officer. Co-sponsored by faculty of law. Strong C113. 721-6695

Tuesday, February 8

Sessions in Spirituality 11:30 a.m. *Spirituality and Pain*. Sue Morrison, nurse and pain management specialist. Hickman 110. 721-8338

Centre for Earth & Ocean Research Seminar 3:30 p.m. *Recent Observations from the Canada Basin (Arctic Ocean)*. Dr. Fiona McLaughlin, UVic. Cornett A221. 721-8848

UVSS Women's Centre Lecture 7 p.m. *Defining Choice: Revisiting the Connection Between Women's Rights and Abortion*. Dr. Gillian Caulder, UVic. Strong C105. 721-8353

Asia Pacific Initiatives Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Asian Tsunami: Destruction & Recovery, Part Two: Reconstructing the Region*. Camosun College, Lansdowne campus, Fisher 100. 721-7020

Wednesday, February 9

UVic Career Fair (Feb 9-10) 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. *Your Future @ Work*. SUB, Michele Pujol room. 721-8992

Music 12 p.m. *Bach Competition Winners*. Winners of the 2005 solo Bach competition. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

Religion & Society Lecture 4:15 p.m. *Remembering Faithfully: A Comparative Study of Ancestor Worship in Two Villages in Central Vietnam*. Anne Nguyen, UVic. Hickman 110. 721-6325

Orion Lecture 8 p.m. *Revolutionaries and Dropouts*. Dr. Felicity Scott, Univ. of California, Irvine. Hickman 105. 721-8014

Thursday, February 10

English Workshop 10 a.m. *Learn to Write the Perfect Thesis Statement*. Dr. Stephen Ross, UVic. MacLaurin D110. Info: gkihs@uvic.ca

Lansdowne Lecture 7 p.m. *Global State Formation for Whom?* Christopher Chase-Dunn, Univ. of California-Riverside. Strong C116. 721-4949

Friday, February 11

Deans' Lunchtime Lecture Series 12 p.m. *Thinking "The Rule of Benedict" Within Modernity*. Tim Lilburn, UVic. UVic Downtown. Register 472-4747

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of music brass students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

Asia-Pacific Initiatives Lecture 12:30 p.m. *Work & Life in the Asia-Pacific*. CAPI interns and CUSO overseas volunteers share their experiences. Strong C122. 721-7020

Sunday, February 13

Studies in Religion & Society Distinguished Lecture 2 p.m. *Stem Cells, Cloning, and Justice in Health Care*. Dr. Karen Lebacqz, Pacific School of Religion, California. Hickman 105. \$16.05 472-4747

Wednesday, February 16

UVic Women's Conference Starts 8:30 a.m. Open to faculty, staff, students and alumni of UVic. Registration closes Feb. 8. Keynote speaker: Stephanie Dixon, Paralympics champion. Univ. Centre Auditorium. \$10/15. 472-5166

Friday, February 18

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of music percussion students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

Monday, February 21

Women's Studies & UVSS Women's Centre Lecture 8 p.m. *Sounds Siren Red*. Queer performance artist Anna Camilleri presents a one-woman show to launch her new book, *I Am a Red Dress*. Hickman 105. 721-7378

Tuesday, February 22

Sessions in Spirituality 11:30 a.m. *The Prosperity of Humankind: The Remedy for the New Millennium*. Colin Owens, educator and network administrator. Hickman 110. 721-8338

Wednesday, February 23

Religion & Society Lecture 4:15 p.m. *Sundays Are So Different Here*. Lynne Marks, UVic. Hickman 110. 721-6695

Thursday, February 24

In Pursuit of Knowledge Morning Lecture Series 9:30 a.m. *Riding Einstein's Beam of Light*. Dr. Arthur

Kroker, UVic. Cadboro Commons, Queenswood/Arbutus Room. \$16.05 472-4747

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Black Internationale: Notes on the Chinese Jazz Age*. Dr. Andrew Jones, Univ. of California, Berkeley. Strong C108. 721-7480

Friday, February 25

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of music voice students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

Music 8 p.m. *University of Victoria Wind Symphony*. Dr. Gerald King, conductor. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$13/10.75. 721-7903

Saturday, February 26

Asia Pacific Initiatives Symposium 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. *B.C.-China Scholars Symposium*. Univ. Centre A180. Register 721-7020

Lansdowne Lecture 1 p.m. *Playthings of History: Children and Commodities in Republican China*. Dr. Andrew Jones, Univ. of California, Berkeley. Univ. Centre A180. 721-7480

Sunday, February 27

Religion & Society Distinguished Lecture 2 p.m. *Human Dignity and Human Clones: Making Laws in a Pluralistic Society*. Dr. Tim Caulfield, Univ. of Alberta. Hickman 105. \$16.05. Register 472-4747

Tuesday, March 1

World Year of Physics 2005 Public Lecture 7:30 p.m. *The Quantum and the Cosmos: Completing Einstein*. Dr. Edward Kolb, Univ. of Chicago and Fermilab Particle Astrophysics Center. Fraser 159. 721-7699

Wednesday, March 2

Economics Seminar 12:30 p.m. *Tax Competition and Tax Incentives*. Dr. Elisabeth Gugl, UVic. Business & Economics 363. 721-8540

Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4:15 p.m. *Bioethics and Legality*. Bradley Bryan, UVic. Hickman 110. 721-6695

Lansdowne Lecture 4:30 p.m. *Dostoevsky and Love*. Mayroslav Shkandrij, Univ. of Manitoba. Strong C122. 721-7316

Thursday, March 3

Lansdowne Lecture 7 p.m. *The Art of David Burliuk, Father of Futurism in the Russian Empire*. Mayroslav Shkandrij, Univ. of Manitoba. Strong C116. 721-7316

Spring 2005 Community Forum 7:30 p.m. *The Sex Trade. Confronting Abuse: At Work and in the Home*. Drs. Hulya Demirdirek and Annalee Lepp, UVic; Jody Paterson, PEERS. Fraser A159. Register 472-4747

Beck Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Magical Forces in Old Norse Mythology*. Dr. Birna Bjarnadóttir, Univ. of Manitoba. Clearihue A127. 721-7236

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Addictions centre offers sober advice

"One in five British Columbians will experience a substance use problem sometime during their life. Maybe it will be you or someone you know. Someone you love. You'd be surprised how much help is out there, and how important you can be." So reads a series of ads, entitled "You Are The Link," by the UVic-based Centre for Addictions Research of BC (CAR-BC). "We want to increase public awareness around the many issues related to the problematic use of psychoactive substances," explains CAR-BC's communication and resource director Dan Reist. The year-long print and radio campaign is a collaborative project supported by BC Partners for Mental Health and Addictions Information. It was launched in November. For more information, go to www.youarethelink.ca.

Next step: United Nations

Last November, more than 60 high school students from southern Vancouver Island tested their diplomacy skills and discovered the inner workings of the United Nations as they took part in UVic's Model United Nations Conference. The event was hosted by the student-run Model United Nations Club. The club's mission is to raise awareness about the activities, processes and challenges faced by all countries in the UN. Each year, it sends several delegations to various national and international conferences which simulate the activities of the UN.

Blue and Gold committee seeks student stars

For many UVic students, their campus experience isn't limited to the classroom. They also demonstrate leadership by volunteering for community groups, competing on varsity teams, and performing in choirs or with other fine arts groups. The Blue and Gold awards recognize these outstanding students and nominations for the awards are now being accepted. This year, three awards worth \$2,500 each and five awards worth \$1,000 each will be presented. Undergraduate students must carry a minimum of nine units in the year in which they are nominated and must normally have a cumulative GPA of 5.0. Graduate students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and have a cumulative GPA of 5.0. Nomination packages are available online at web.uvic.ca/safa or by calling 721-8426. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 11. Recipients of the \$2,500 awards will take part in the Legacy Awards ceremony in November.



Siobhan Arnatsiaq-Murphy, Akitsiraq law student and skilled drum dancer, at a welcome ceremony for the students at Mungo Martin House.

Future Akitsiraq law grads get first look at campus

After nearly four years of classes in Iqaluit, Nunavut, studying for a UVic law degree, the inaugural class of the Akitsiraq law program has finally seen its Victoria campus.

Almost all of the Inuit students visited UVic in late January, meeting their "southern" classmates and taking advantage of the Priestly Law Library to conduct research. Half of the class is remaining on campus for the rest of the term.

The law program is the first of its kind in Canada. Through it, Inuit students—the future lawyers who will guide the development of their young territory—earn a UVic law degree in Nunavut's capital city of Iqaluit. Law professors from across the country have travelled to Iqaluit to teach in the program which is a partnership between UVic, the Akitsiraq Law School Society and Nunavut Arctic College.

Many of the students, some of them parents, are mid-career learners with varied life experiences. One of them, Madeleine Redfern, has already distinguished herself by being chosen to clerk with newly appointed Supreme Court of Canada Justice Louise Charron following graduation in June.

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