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## SPEED READING

### IN MEMORIAM

#### University mourns former chancellor

Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan, UVic's Chancellor from 1979 to 1984 and one of Canada's foremost wildlife biologists and conservationists, died April 18. A celebrated researcher, teacher, mentor and conservationist, McTaggart-Cowan received an honorary degree from UVic in 1985 and served on the university's board of governors and alumni board of directors. Story p.2

### GREEN TRANSPORTATION

#### EcoCAR off and running

UVic's fuel-efficient, low-emission car of the future and the students who built it will compete in the year two EcoCAR Challenge finals May 17–27 at the GM Desert Proving Ground in Arizona, and in California. The 20-member UVic team is comprised of engineering, business and humanities students. Its Extended Range Electric Vehicle (E-REV) runs on electric power and E85 fuel. Last year, the team placed second in the EcoCAR Challenge, with top-place honours in technical reports, computer modeling, electrical systems and media relations. Visit: [www.ecocar.uvic.ca](http://www.ecocar.uvic.ca)

### HEALTH RESEARCH & EDUCATION

#### New position focuses on health

Dr. Michael Hayes has been appointed to the new position of director of health education and research, effective July 1. Currently a professor in Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Health Sciences, Hayes is a noted researcher in the social geography of health, disabilities, and health and public policy. At UVic, he will advocate for, promote and co-ordinate health research and training. Story p.3

### LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS

#### Bargaining update on the Web

With new contracts due for six university employee groups this year, UVic has established a bargaining website to provide university community members with background information and updates on the various negotiation processes. The negotiations will involve three CUPE locals (917, 951 and 4163) as well as the faculty association and the PEA. The bargaining info website includes information on the economic and financial contexts for negotiations, the principles and provincial rules under which bargaining is taking place, and activities and agreements in other publicly-funded sectors. Visit: [www.uvic.ca/bargaininginfo](http://www.uvic.ca/bargaininginfo)



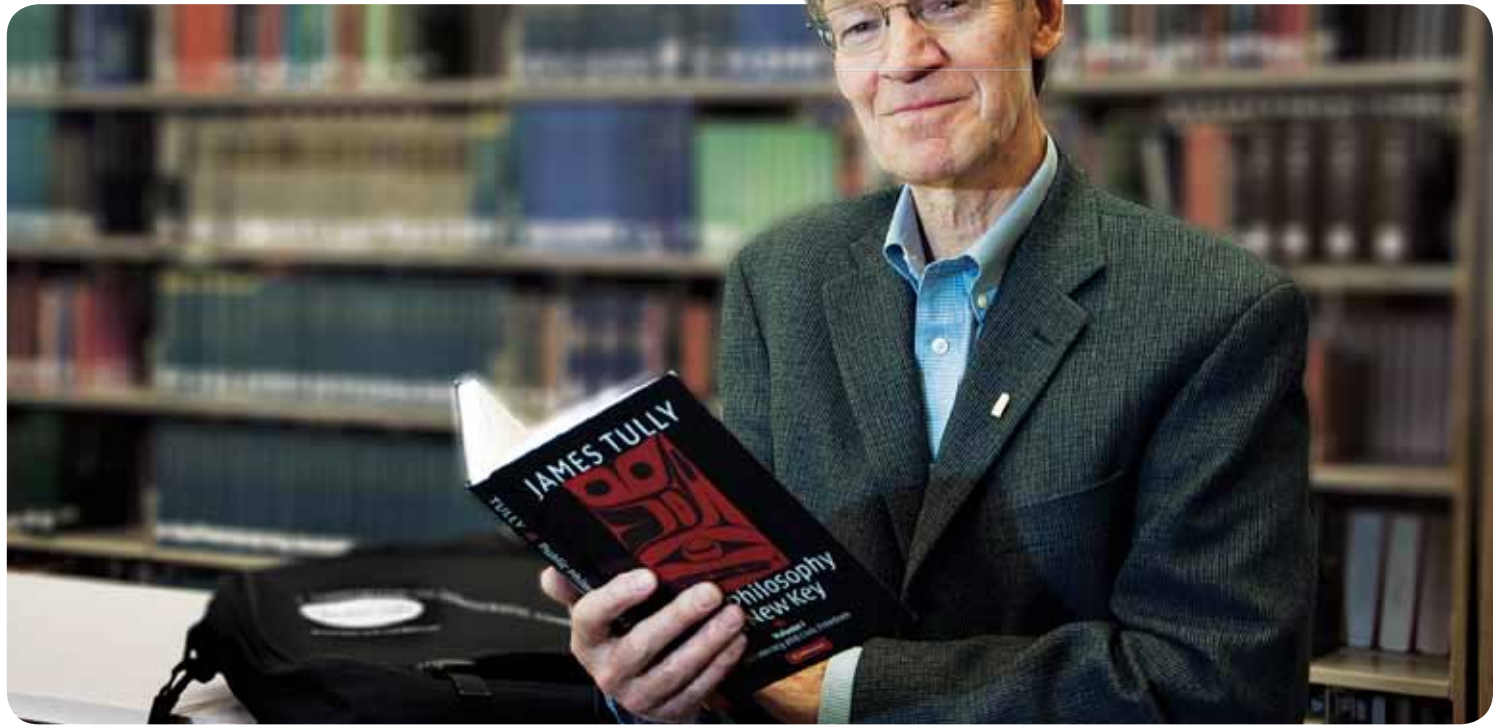
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Tully in the Diana M. Priestly Law Library. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

### FACULTY HONOURS

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## Killam Prize awarded to people's advocate

BY TARA SHARPE

TULLY IS THE FIRST UVIC FACULTY MEMBER TO RECEIVE A KILLAM PRIZE AND THE ONLY SCHOLAR IN WESTERN CANADA THIS YEAR TO WIN THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

UVic political philosopher Dr. James Tully is one of this year's five winners of the prestigious \$100,000 Killam Prize, awarded annually by the Canada Council for the Arts. Tully, one of the foremost political theorists of our age, received the 2010 Killam Prize for the Humanities on April 13 for his distinguished career and exceptional contributions to Canadian scholarship and public life.

Public philosophy and diverse democratic constitutionalism are common phrases in Tully's lexicon, but he can quickly translate unwieldy theoretical dis-

course into plain language. After all, he has made his life's work writing and speaking about "the people."

"I am an academic deeply immersed in the tradition of Western political reflection," says Tully. "But I'm also committed to encouraging my fellow researchers to write not only for academics but also for a public audience."

Tully is the author or editor of nine books and over 100 articles and public lectures that have been translated into several languages. His most recent work, *Public Philosophy in a New Key* (two volumes), has already prompted a number of special workshops and panels.

A Fellow of the Royal Society and the Trudeau Foundation, Cambridge-educated Tully has held positions at McGill University and the University of Toronto, and is UVic's Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Law, Indigenous Governance and Philosophy.

At the heart of his work—from minority rights and the rights of Indigenous peoples to global inequality and the environmental crisis—is Tully's focus on public philosophy, civic freedom and the capacities of individuals to act co-operatively and effectively in addressing the complex chal-

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## Expert on Indian federalism to be next VPAC

BY MARIA LIRONI

Dr. Reeta Chowdhari Tremblay is UVic's next Vice-President Academic and Provost, effective January 1, 2011. She will take over the position from Jamie Cassels, who has been Vice-President Academic and Provost since 2001.

"Dr. Tremblay's international knowledge and experience will stand our university in excellent stead in this era of internationalization and globalization of higher education," says UVic President David Turpin, who chaired the selection committee. "People who have worked with Dr. Tremblay attest to her openness and collegiality, her leadership and vision, her commitment to quality, her outstanding problem-solving, team-building and administrative skills, her principle-based approach to decision making and, last but not least, her great sense of humour."

Tremblay is currently vice-president academic and pro vice-chancellor pro tempore at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

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"Besides the obvious challenge of stepping into the shoes of such a distinguished administrator as Prof. Jamie Cassels, UVic finds itself in an increasingly competitive yet promising international and domestic environment. The uppermost goal in the provost's agenda has to be not only to maintain but to enhance the quality of education the students receive and the academic excellence of the university," says Tremblay. "I view this as a collective enterprise which in order to succeed will require the engagement of the entire university community."

"UVic has a tremendous reputation and I'm very excited about becoming part of the university."

Prior to her current appointment, she served as dean of arts at Memorial from 2006 to 2009. From 1998 to 2005, she was chair of the Department of Political Science at Concordia University.

Born and raised in India, Trem-

blay earned a BA (Hons) and MA from the University of Kashmir, MPhil from Jawaharlal Nehru University, and MA and PhD in political science from the University of Chicago before beginning her academic career as political scientist. She is North America's leading authority on the secessionist movement of Kashmir and on Indian federalism. Her research deals with identity-based politics, public policy and popular culture.

She is frequently called upon by governmental agencies and the media for her expertise in the South Asian region and serves on the editorial boards of several prestigious journals in political science and Asian studies.

Her most recent publications are *Human Rights: A General Overview* (2008) and *Kashmir's Secessionist Movement Resurfaces: Ethnic Identity, Community Competition, and the State in Asian Survey* (2009).

Tremblay is president-elect of the Canadian Political Science Asso-



Tremblay

ciation—the leading organization for political scientists in Canada—from June 2010 to May 2011. She will take over the presidency in the academic year 2011–12.

Tremblay is married to retired economist Michel Tremblay, and her son, Arjun Tremblay, is a political science doctoral student at the University of Toronto. More information: [www.mun.ca/vpacademic/tremblay\\_vpa.php](http://www.mun.ca/vpacademic/tremblay_vpa.php)



# ringers

Distinguished Professor **Lorna Crozier** (writing) won the Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Prize for her volume of poignant recollections *Small Beneath the Sky* at the 2010 BC Book Prize awards banquet in early April. The UVic writing department was also well represented in the list of finalists: alumnae **Carla Funk, Deb Willis, Robin Stevenson** and **Rachel Delaney**, and UVic PhD student and writer **Sylvia Olsen**.

**Dr. Mary Ellen Purkis** has been reappointed dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development for a term of five years, commencing July 1, 2010. In recommending her reappointment, the review committee described her leadership as "outstanding," and praised her "strong and effective advocacy for all the schools and programs in the faculty, her vision and success in generating new programs and resources... and her consultative and respectful nature, energy and enthusiasm." Purkis holds an RN and BN from the University of Calgary, and an MSc in Nursing Education and a PhD in Nursing from the University of Edinburgh.



PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

## Whale surfaces at First Peoples House

The university's most distinctive new building now has a unique piece of art rising from the pond outside its windows. A cast bronze sculpture of a grey whale's tail poised to slap the water, by Northwest Coast artists Calvin Hunt and John Livingston, was unveiled at the First Peoples House open house celebrations on April 9.

The 636-kilogram sculpture, nearly two metres high, was cast from a full-size red cedar carving by Hunt and Livingston. Artisan Norm Boulet supervised the mold making, assembly of six section castings and finishing of the bronze work.

From the glass-front reading room, students have an unobstructed view of the glossy black sculpture, which is sited to give the impression that the whale is diving under the House. "It provides a focus for the public platform and amphitheatre that overlooks the water feature on the west side of the house," says UVic's art collections director Martin Segger.

Other works of art in First Peoples

House include welcome figures at the building's eastern entrance carved from yellow cedar by Doug LaFortune (Tsawout) and contemporary house posts inside the main entrance by Charles Elliott (Tsartlip). Xwa-lack-tun (Squamish Nation) carved the doors to the ceremonial hall, which feature designs of a Thunderbird and Salmon on the exterior and Thunderbird and Killerwhale on the interior. Coast Salish artists Rande Cook, Moy Sutherland and Luke Marston contributed the designs for the sandblasted and hand-painted red cedar panels set on cedar beams that punctuate the walls of the ceremonial hall, while screenprints by a number of renowned Coast Salish, Salish and Cowichan artists hang in the building's main corridor.

A binder containing profiles of the artists and descriptions of their work is available inside First Peoples House at the Office of Indigenous Affairs reception desk during business hours. For more information, contact the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery at 250-721-6562.

## write to us

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# in memoriam

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He received an honorary degree from UVic in 1985 and also served on the university's board of governors and alumni board of directors.

In 2005 the Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan Professorship in Biodiversity Conservation and Ecological Restoration was established at UVic with a \$750,000 donation from the provincial government. Subsequent donations from the Habitat Conservation Trust, BC Hydro and many private donors increased the value of the professorship to \$1 million.

In 2009, the professorship was awarded for the first time to Dr. Brian Starzomski who described McTaggart-Cowan as "a wonderful researcher, teacher, mentor and conservationist, and it's my hope to follow in his footsteps."

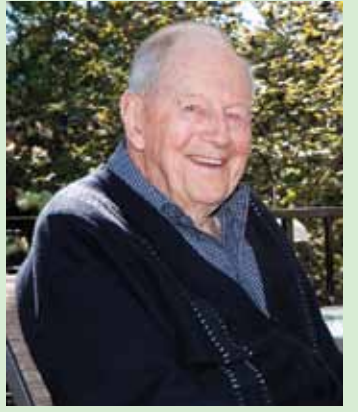
As well, over the years a University of Victoria residence and two scholarships have been named in his honour.

McTaggart-Cowan was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1910, and immigrated to Canada at age three. His mother encouraged an early interest in natural history, an interest that grew as he did. A groundbreaker, he has influenced generations of wildlife scientists and shaped public policy on wildlife in this province.

During his 35 years as a professor at the University of British Columbia, McTaggart-Cowan became renowned through his studies and publications and was a forerunner to David Suzuki, hosting his own television series and producing more than 100 documentaries on wildlife and conservation in Canada.

His extensive public service contributions include: founding member of the National Research Council of Canada; chair of the Environment Council of Canada; inaugural and 19-year chair of the Public Advisory Board of the BC Habitat Conservation Trust Fund; an instrumental member and later chair of the internationally acclaimed *Birds of British Columbia* authors team; and long-serving director of The Nature Trust of British Columbia. McTaggart-Cowan's awards and distinctions also include Orders of Canada and British Columbia.

He spent his entire life as a learner and educator. In his own words, "Evolution is never finished, and this applies equally to ideas and to organisms."



McTaggart-Cowan. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

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lenges of the day. Public philosophy as applied by Tully is a new kind of political and legal approach that explores how civic struggles take place around public problems; the history of their formation; and the possibilities of addressing them democratically and effectively by citizens and governments.

Modern treaty negotiations with Indigenous peoples, citizen forums on proportional representation, the Québec Commission on reasonable accommodation, the World Social Forum, and consultations with local communities, non-governmental organizations and social movements are all attempts to make the exercise of political power more democratic and responsive through civic participation.

"Internationally, global governance institutions make decisions that adversely affect the lives of millions of people, yet they have little or no effective voice," says Tully.

With the potential democratic power of the internet, Tully thinks it is a good time for public philosophy. Vocal communities can be quickly galvanized after convening on the internet and through social media. The struggle to manage local freshwater supplies, the efforts by grass-roots

organizations to combat climate change, and threats to food security and the commons—these are some other examples of areas where Tully thinks public philosophy can be applied so citizens can continue to act for themselves without waiting for their governments, or by prompting governments to act.

Tully also points out that UVic is leading the way. "Civic engagement is a signature area for UVic," says Tully, citing UVic's Office of Community-Based Research (OCBR) and the Centre for Co-operative and Community-based Economy.

"Universities such as UVic are not only developing specialized knowledge in these areas of global problems. They are also realizing that they can learn from the creative generation of practical knowledge by citizens' organizations and local communities around the world. We are establishing unique relationships of mutual learning between academic research and community-based groups of various kinds."

Tully, a professor in UVic's Faculty of Social Sciences (political science), is cross-appointed to UVic Law, Indigenous Governance and UVic's Faculty of Humanities (philosophy). More: <http://bit.ly/9eaAZn>

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# Looking at health across the lifespan and the disciplines

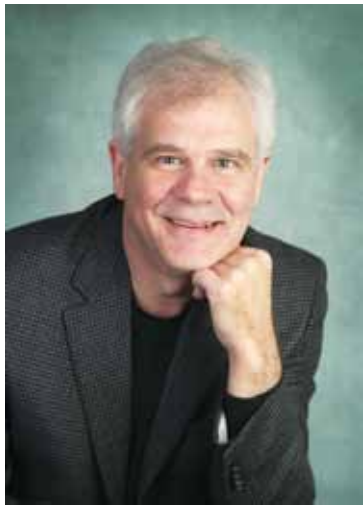
BY MARIA LIRONI

UVic does a lot of health education and research. It's diverse, interdisciplinary and it's a huge task to coordinate. Enter UVic's inaugural director of health education and research, and chair of the Health Education and Research Council (HERC), Dr. Michael Hayes.

"Having Michael Hayes in this new position allows the university to not only enhance its role in this sector, but also provide a greater depth of knowledge and more learning opportunities for its students," says Vice-President, Research, Howard Brunt.

Hayes takes on the new role as of July 1 and will spend much of his time advocating for, promoting and coordinating UVic's health research and training, and liaising with external health-related research and service agencies.

"One of the challenges we face in our culture is an understanding of health from a life course perspective, or how all the factors that affect people over a lifetime influence health



Hayes. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

outcomes," Hayes explains. "The interplay between biology and the lived experiences of individuals profoundly shapes the health outcomes of populations. Strategies that focus on the prevention of illness and the promotion of health are required, in addition to effective interventions that remediate illness or provide comfort and the maintenance of function when

people do experience illness. Health involves more than just the provision of health care.

"No one individual is going to truly understand the full scope of the lifetime health perspective. So we need to create a community of scholars and pool of knowledge among researchers. One of the ways to do this is by promoting interdisciplinary studies involving humanities, social sciences, life sciences and health professions, and this is already happening at UVic."

Hayes is currently a professor in SFU's Faculty of Health Sciences—a faculty that he helped to develop—and has been associated with that university since 1988.

His research interests involve social geographies of health, disabilities, and health and public policy. He has been the principal investigator of a number of studies including the Urban Structure, Population Health and Public Policy Project, a three-year study that estimated variations in health status throughout the Vancouver census area. He was also principal investigator of Telling Stories: News Media,

Health Literacy and Public Policy, a study that investigated how health is presented in Canadian newspapers.

Health education and research at UVic is broadly represented across all 10 faculties, multiple health-related research centres and the Island Medical Program, with particular strengths in the training of health care personnel, social dimensions of health, Aboriginal health, health informatics, health-related ethics and policy, and biomedical research.

Hayes already has connections with UVic, both academic and personal. His third edited book with UVic geographer Leslie Foster is called *Too Small To See, Too Big To Ignore: The Health and Well-being of Children in BC* ([www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wgs/wgsc35.html](http://www.geog.uvic.ca/dept/wgs/wgsc35.html)). His personal connection is with CanAssist, which adapted a trike so that Hayes' 16-year-old son, Oliver, could have improved mobility. Hayes says one of the many reasons he is so excited about coming to UVic is this personal connection with Nigel Livingston and the CanAssist team.

## ringers

**Dr. Marilyn Callahan** (social work, emeritus) has been awarded the 2009 Canadian Association for Social Work Education Award for Excellence, given annually to a Canadian academic in social work. Her most recent book, *At Risk: Social Justice in Child Welfare and Other Human Services*, co-authored with a colleague at York University, examines how risk assessment has infiltrated many human services, including child welfare, and how the science and application of risk assessment tend to protect organizations rather than the individuals they serve.

**Sonya Chandler** (nursing '02) is the School of Nursing Alumni Award of Excellence recipient for 2010. The award will be presented at an event to commemorate National Nursing Week (May 10–16) May 12 at the University Club. Chandler was elected to Victoria city council in 2005 and is currently serving a second term. She works with the Victoria Youth Clinic, an interdisciplinary medical clinic for high-risk, street-involved youth, and with the YW-YMCA of Victoria supporting women who are pregnant and parenting in vulnerable situations. She is a breastfeeding advocate and was instrumental in the development of the Small Steps edible landscape garden at city hall where the harvested food is provided to the Our Place drop-in centre for the homeless.

**Dr. Abdul Roudsari** is the new director of the School of Health Information Science. Before joining UVic, Roudsari taught at a number of post-secondary institutions in the United Kingdom and most recently as a professor of health informatics and director of the Centre for Health Informatics at City University London. His current research focuses on electronic health care, telecare, e-health and advanced methods for the acquisition, processing and interpretation of data from the electronic patient record. As a member of the UK Council for Health Informatics Professions, he is committed to promoting the evolution of health informatics as a key profession within the health service field.

# Alex Campbell named Distinguished Entrepreneur

BY DIANNE GEORGE

The accolades continue to build for Victoria's Dr. Alex Campbell Sr., OBC. The University of Victoria's Faculty of Business and its board of advisers have selected him as its Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year for his achievements in the retail food industry and as an outstanding philanthropist.

The annual award acknowledges an inspirational entrepreneur who has had a significant and positive impact on the global community through his or her business leadership. In 1999 Campbell received the Order of BC and in November 2009 was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Victoria, the university's highest form of recognition.

"We're delighted Alex Campbell has accepted this award," says Dr. Ali Dastmalchian, dean of business. "He's renowned for his commitment to service excellence and for putting his customers first. He is an excellent role model for our students and a wonderful benefactor to many worthy organizations."

Campbell has had a long association with the Faculty of Business. He was one of its first advisory board members, sitting from 1991 for almost eight years.

Campbell is the co-founder, chairman emeritus and former president and CEO of Thrifty Foods. The grocery legend began in 1977 when he and Ernie Skinner opened the first Thrifty Foods store in the Fairfield neighbourhood of Victoria. The enterprise grew to include 20 stores across Vancouver Island, Salt Spring Island and the Lower Mainland. Thrifty Foods employs more than 3,700 staff, making the company the largest private employer on Vancouver Island. The store that began it all is now one of the top grocery stores in Western Canada in sales per square foot. In 2007, Campbell sold the business to Sobeyes, a chain of grocery stores with roots in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, and similar values.

From the beginning, Thrifty's has been famous for its generous community support. Thousands of seniors have benefitted from Sendial, a program where volunteers shop

for food and arrange for delivery to housebound seniors. Every year, the company supports literacy through the *Times Colonist* Book Drive and 400 community groups receive five per cent of cardholders' grocery purchases through the Smile Card program. Campbell's leadership of the BC Cancer Foundation's Advisory Council helps the foundation's efforts to raise \$2 million annually to support cancer research on Vancouver Island.

Campbell's accomplishments in building Thrifty Foods have earned him many accolades including National Entrepreneur of the Year for Service Excellence, Pacific Retail Entrepreneur of the Year, and the Food Industry Association of Canada's Knight of the Golden Pencil, among many others.

"Perhaps what most sets Alex Campbell apart from other entrepreneurs was an early commitment to corporate social responsibility," says Dr. Brock Smith, business professor and champion of the faculty's entrepreneurship program. "Long before that phrase was coined, Alex Campbell did right by people, his suppliers



Campbell. PHOTO: MICHAEL TOURIGNY

and his community in recognition that honour, fairness and helping others are hallmarks of a leader and the duty of successful companies." Smith says that Campbell was an innovator and early adopter of practices such as "fair trade" dealings with suppliers, employee minority share ownership, employee home ownership grants, buying local and developing carbon-neutral strategies.

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## around the ring

### UVic a top green employer

UVic has been recognized as one of Canada's 50 greenest employers by the editors of the Canada's Top 100 Employers project. "The award recognizes UVic's strong commitment to integrating sustainability initiatives throughout our operations and across our campus, guided by the university's sustainability policy and action plan," says Neil Connelly, director of campus planning and sustainability. The reasons for UVic's selection include support for sustainable transportation options, new green buildings, a campus program to use green cleaning products, creation of native plant demonstration gardens, food waste composting initiatives, recreation programs and facilities and a green vehicle fleet. Details: <http://www.eluta.ca/green-at-university-of-victoria>

### Plaque marks campus's military roots

As part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Queen's Own Rifles, the regiment's honorary colonel, Paul Hughes, unveiled a new plaque near the campus bus terminal (formerly the site of the Gordon Head Barracks) on April 20. For years, Gordon Head served as a signals station and later, in World War II, as an officer training school. The 2nd Battalion, the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, moved into the barracks in 1955 when it returned from Korea. The role of the camp changed significantly in 1957 when the battalion was deployed to Germany for NATO duties. The battalion was the last army unit to occupy what was to become a major part of the UVic campus.

### Textbook buyback supports local causes

The UVic Bookstore recently ran a promotion for its textbook buyback program in which students could vote on which of three UVic community causes they would like to support with a donation. One per cent of buyback sales was set aside and divided according to the votes as follows: \$1,085 to the UVic Family Centre, \$1,032 to Emergency Tuition Assistance Bursaries and \$988 to the UVSS Food Bank.

## FIRST-PERSON SINGULAR

# Valuing the "relentless quest for knowledge"

BY LUCINDA CHODAN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, *TIMES COLONIST*

Aeronautical design. The relationship between literature and religion. Semiconductor crystal growth. Those disparate topics—and their impassioned advocates at the university—are among the dozens of fascinating subjects I have encountered as a member of the selection committee of the Craigdarroch Research Awards.

For someone who has an undergraduate degree in education and post-graduate credits in literature and classics, it has sometimes been a stretch. Each nomination is accompanied by reams of documentation, and the fields of research are often arcane (my high school physics teacher would be dumbfounded to learn that I had ever contemplated the term "liquid phase electroepitaxy"). But the process has been well worth the candle.

Every year, it has been a reminder of the value of an institution like the University of Victoria. The medal recipients are among the best academics in their fields, not just in Canada but internationally, and their research has contributed to the betterment of society.

Three examples demonstrate how. That semiconductor crystal growth I mentioned earlier? It's integral to the functioning of cell phones and solar panels, among other things, and the research of Dr. Sadik Dost, last year's gold medal winner, has played an important role in their development.

Dr. Cecilia Benoit, a two-time medal-winner, has used community-based research to improve the lives of such vulnerable populations as First Nations women, homeless youth and sex workers.

And Dr. Nigel Livingston was honoured last year for his work with CanAssist, an uplifting program that engages hundreds of volunteers



Times Colonist editor in chief Lucinda Chodan discusses a news story with senior news editor Phillip Jang. PHOTO: DARREN STONE, *TIMES COLONIST*

inside and outside the university to help develop services for people with special needs.

Those three individuals are among more than a dozen medal recipients I have had the great privilege of selecting. And there are at least another dozen nominees whose research is making similarly important contributions to our understanding of our community, our planet, our universe.

The Craigdarroch awards are an important way for the university to reinforce the value it places on research to its academic staff. But the awards are also an opportunity to tell the larger community what is happening on campus and why it matters.

Expressions like "town and gown" and "ivory tower" are sometimes used to draw a line between the

larger community and institutions of higher learning. The latter is especially dismissive—it suggests that the university is somehow out of touch with the real world.

These awards give lie to that suggestion. The work of each medal recipient has had an impact on our lives and those of our fellow citizens around the world. The awards ceremony gives the university a chance to convey that message to the larger community.

For me, the process of selecting the recipients of the Craigdarroch awards has also been a reminder of humankind's restless, relentless quest for knowledge. As Shakespeare wrote in *Hamlet*, "What a piece of work is a man, how noble in reason, how infinite in faculties."

The rest of the quotation is just as

stirring—you can look it up yourself with a click of the mouse, thanks to a beautiful and comprehensive website called Internet Shakespeare Editions, the brainchild of Dr. Michael Best, one of the Craigdarroch recipients this year.

It has been an honour to serve on the awards selection committee for the past three years, and I am delighted to be returning again next year as the "civilian" on the committee. And if anyone is interested in tips on liquid phase electroepitaxy, I know just the person to talk to.

*Lucinda Chodan is editor-in-chief of the Times Colonist. For the last three years, she has served as the nominee of the President and the Vice-Chancellor on the Craigdarroch Research Awards selection committee.*

## Climate change and the media

### Scientists, scribes and spinmeisters

BY PATTY PITTS

If Canadians complained as much about a lack of science reporting as they did about hockey coverage, climate change stories wouldn't get bumped off the front page, says one of Canada's foremost science reporters. Peter Calamai, a long-time journalist for the *Toronto Star*, made his remarks to an overflow crowd in the Bob Wright Centre last month as part of "Climate Change and the Media:

Scientists, Scribes and Spinmeisters," a public panel discussion organized by UVic's Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) and moderated by UVic's Vice President, Research, Howard Brunt.

"You have a personal responsibility to become knowledgeable and aware of the issues [discussed] here tonight," said Calamai about the need for public engagement on media coverage of science. He was sitting on a panel with PR executive Jim Hoggan, author of

*Climate Cover-Up*; *Times Colonist* Editor-in-Chief Lucinda Chodan; and PICS Director Dr. Tom Pedersen.

Calamai also challenged researchers to do a better job at communicating their work, while admitting that he lacked the evidence to know what it takes to engage people in science. "Part of that involves the media. Reporters need capacity and training for insightful coverage."

Chodan spoke of the challenges she faces in balancing competing news interests, navigating a rapidly changing media platform and ensuring reporters have the expertise to cover climate change, which is "at the contours of science and politics, and the most difficult to cover."

She reminded the audience that reporters are "gifted generalists" who are committed to balance and fairness but who are also "almost genetically or by training" attracted to a dissenting position.

Achieving balance and fairness is problematic, said Hoggan, when positions are presented by official-sounding organizations that are, in fact, lobby groups backed by industries. With the science around climate change getting stronger, says Hoggan, why is there "an industry devoted to climate change confusion?"

He talked about a group called the "Friends of Science," funded by the Alberta oil and gas industry, and



described them as an "astroturf" group that looks green but is "100 per cent fake." He criticized the fact that lobby groups in Canada and the United States have to disclose who they work for, but "astroturf" groups don't.

"By trusting no one we lose an opportunity to solve this very important problem," said Hoggan. "Journalists need to ask about the qualifications of their science sources and the funding behind their groups."

Pedersen was critical of columnists that confuse opinion and fact and "cherry pick" short-term climate trends to use in their arguments against the existence of climate change. "It takes 30 years to define a trend," he said. "To make a trend where no actual trend exists suggests something is happening when something is not."

He also urged researchers to speak out about inaccurate reporting. "Scientists are complicit by not being more outspoken or more accessible."

Video of panel discussion: <http://www.pics.uvic.ca/events.php#cm>



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# CRAIGDARROCH RESEARCH AWARDS 2010

The 2010 Craigdarroch Research Awards, which recognize research excellence at UVic in six categories of achievement, were presented at a celebration event on April 27. This year featured presentation of the inaugural award for excellence in artistic expression, acknowledging a significant body of work that furthers our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

## CRAIGDARROCH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

### Lafayette String Quartet

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For almost 20 years, violinists Ann Elliott-Goldschmid and Sharon Stanis, violist Joanna Hood and cellist Pamela Highbaugh Aloni—collectively known as the Lafayette String Quartet—have been making beautiful music together as artists-in-residence in UVic's School of Music. The quartet is renowned for its musical vitality, technical mastery and insightful interpretation of classical to contemporary works. At UVic, the quartet's widely respected coaching and teaching skills programs in Canada.



Lafayette String Quartet. PHOTO: FRANCES LITMAN



Pearson. PHOTO: ARNOLD LIM PHOTOGRAPHY

## CRAIGDARROCH GOLD MEDAL FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN RESEARCH

### Dr. Terry Pearson

Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology

African sleeping sickness, a parasitic disease spread by tsetse flies, has shaped the history of the African continent and continues to kill in periodic epidemics. Biochemist Terry Pearson has devoted much of his career to thwarting the deadly parasite-borne disease, which afflicts hundreds of thousands of Africans every year. He is an international leader in the use of immunological approaches to disease, with more than 130 publications, three patents and two inventions to his credit.



Storey. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

## CRAIGDARROCH SILVER MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

### Dr. Margaret-Anne (Peggy) Storey

Dept. of Computer Science

The rapid growth of computing and web-based technologies is resulting in an overwhelming wealth of data. As a world expert in collaborative and visual software tools, Margaret-Anne Storey focuses on the interplay between technology, human behaviour and social structures to design software that helps people organize, analyze and better comprehend information. Her research has been applied in many areas, including software engineering, biomedicine and education.



Benoit. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

## CRAIGDARROCH AWARD FOR SOCIETAL CONTRIBUTION

### Dr. Cecilia Benoit

Centre for Addictions Research of BC /Dept. of Sociology

Over the past 20 years, Cecilia Benoit's community-based research with vulnerable populations has helped improve the lives of those who live outside the mainstream. Working closely with those on the front line of service delivery, she considers what material and emotional resources are needed to address social inequities and develops client-centred models of care for street-involved youth, sex workers, substance-using pregnant women and other stigmatized groups in BC and other regions of Canada.



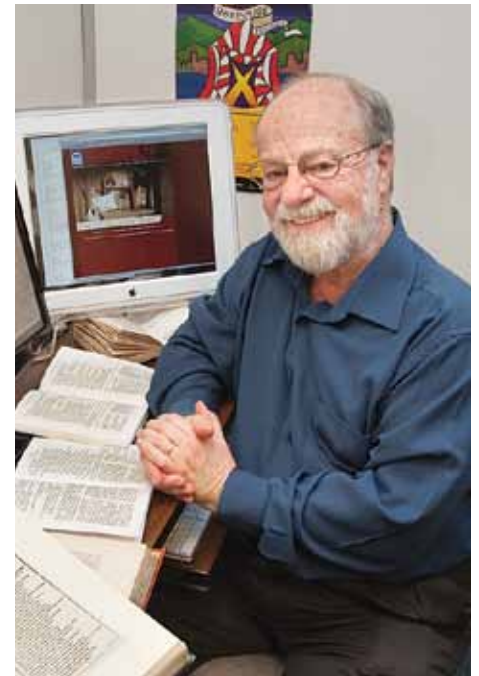
Chappell. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

## CRAIGDARROCH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATING RESEARCH

### Dr. Neena Chappell

Centre on Aging/Dept. of Sociology

Sociologist Neena Chappell gazes into our future to see how the health care decisions we make today can meet the needs of Canada's aging population tomorrow. Chappell studies quality of life for seniors, caregiving, and the health care system and related policies. Through her exceptional ability to communicate her research—via community linkages, media interviews, publications and speaking engagements—Chappell is influencing the public, the media and decision-makers in Canada and around the world.



Best. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

## CRAIGDARROCH AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### Dr. Michael Best

Professor emeritus, Dept. of English

The genius of Shakespeare has reached across centuries and cultures and now, thanks to the vision of Michael Best, the widely popular Internet Shakespeare Editions (ISE) website gives fans, scholars and actors around the world unprecedented access to the works of Shakespeare. With the help of UVic's Innovation and Development Corporation, the ISE was established in 1999 as a non-profit organization affiliated with the university and has grown to become an international organization of over 60 scholars, student assistants, and volunteers.



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## ringers

**Exchange for Change**, a group of seven incoming exchange students from UVic's partner universities, raised \$630 for Our Place Society through a bake sale in February and an International Movie Night in March. Last fall, a group of eleven Exchange for Change students raised \$750 for Our Place through a Culture Carnival and also collected donations of over 100 pairs of socks and 30 sleeping bags for this charity. Exchange for Change is organized under the auspices of International and Exchange Student Services.

Distinguished Professor **Larry D. Yore** (curriculum and instruction) spoke in January at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, to first-year engineering students on Becoming a Professional Engineer. He also made several presentations on technological literacy and related language strategies to improve learning and communication success. He and Sharyl Yore presented an academic writing workshop in March at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth.

**Dr. Michael Prince**, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, participated in a panel discussion in Ottawa in March to advise the Canadian Human Rights Commission on how to reduce the number of complaints it receives from people with disabilities.

# Are You Sitting Down?

## Theatre students take cancer to the stage

**BY MICHAEL CALLADINE,  
SECOND-YEAR THEATRE  
STUDENT**

"Are you sitting down?" These four words often precede the delivery of unfortunate or life-altering news. Therefore, it was appropriate that the students in my Theatre 235 applied theatre class chose these words for the title of our play about cancer survivors.

Applied theatre is the use of theatre for educational purposes, social change or community building. In this course, taught by sessional instructor, Emily Story, we were hoping our applied theatre play would achieve all of the above.

Over a four-month period, ten students developed the play based on interviews with cancer survivors and their supporters using a form of "reminiscence theatre." Several people in our group had intimate experience with the horrors and heartache of cancer. We interviewed 16 volunteer cancer survivors in an intimate and personal setting so as not to overwhelm those who had very graciously donated their time and stories. Through this process we discovered some common threads to people's experiences.

Next, a group of us created visual imagery and text that we felt best represented the stories we heard and presented them to the group as a whole. We began devising dramatic scenes through specific tasks and feedback from our instructor. While based on actual events, only a couple of our scenes were close to the original. Our goal was to create metaphors for the subject matter that would, in turn, offer a sense of distance or protection for

the real person's experiences.

Even though my own experience with those close to me fighting cancer has not always been a solemn affair, I was expecting to find these conversations to be raw, emotional and full of tears. What we all discovered were stories of hope and laughter. Most of the survivors had found a way to find the humour in their situations. While devising the play, we reflected this. Although the subject was serious, we integrated this same sense of humour into many of the scenes. Organically, our play began to take shape, and Catherine Traer-Martine, counselor with the Vancouver Island Cancer Centre complimented us, saying it, "was fresh, poignant, powerful, moving, touching, and funny!" And after several rehearsals, it was ready for its first public performance.

On April 11 we performed *Are You Sitting Down?* for an audience of more than 40 survivors and their supporters at UVic's Harry Hickman Building. I was terrified, hoping that they would be able to see the humour in so much of what we heard from their own voices, yet concerned that our words might open wounds not yet fully healed by time. The response was, thankfully, entirely favourable. A talkback session offered after the play was gracious and heartwarming and belied my fears.

One of our interviewees and cancer survivor, Tracie Clayton, revenue development officer for the Canadian Cancer Society, said, "I was so touched by not only the commonalities in each person's journey, but also the uniqueness. The group developed and superbly executed a very interpretive and creative view of the big C."



Sunstrum with Cambodian children's artwork PHOTO: CRYSTAL BERGERON

## Helping Cambodia's beach children

**BY CRYSTAL BERGERON**

First-year UVic teacher education student Karley Sunstrum has always been a firm believer in the power of paying it forward. An overseas teaching adventure to South East Asia in 2007 coupled with a challenge from her UVic PE142 (Human Wellness and Potential) instructor inspired her to do something for others. "I knew after my first trip to Cambodia that I wanted to help and become involved, I just didn't know exactly how," she says.

While in Cambodia, Sunstrum discovered the "Cambodian Children's Painting Project," or CAPP, a grass roots organization that works with impoverished children in Sihanoukville, Cambodia. "CAPP is a program that allows children to create, dream and imagine. Many of the children come from broken homes and families, and spend long days on the beach selling goods. The beach environment is unsafe for children, so CAPP offers a safe haven for creativity while also providing meals, fresh water, health care and education. The children paint pictures that are sold to local

tourists through their school gallery. Proceeds are split between the child and a savings account for their education," explains Sunstrum.

Upon her return to Canada, Sunstrum came up with the idea of hosting local fundraising exhibits of the children's work and sending the proceeds back to CAPP to finance their education. Her most recent exhibit of 125 paintings took place in the Faculty of Education's A. Wilfrid John's Gallery March 15-19 and raised over \$2,000.

"Since I was a little girl I've always wanted to be the kind of person who makes a difference," she says. "The impact these children have had on my life is incredible, they're so alive in my heart. It's like I'm living my dream!"

Faculty of Education Associate Dean (Teacher Education) Dr. Kathy Sanford summed it up stating, "Karley, like so many of our exceptional students in the faculty, does extraordinary things to improve educational conditions for children everywhere. She exemplifies how teachers of tomorrow are actually changing the face of education, today."



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Volunteering at Experience UVic is a great way to get prospective students excited about our university before they arrive on campus in September, and it provides you with the opportunity to share your UVic spirit and earn a volunteer t-shirt.

More information about Experience UVic: [www.uvic.ca/experience](http://www.uvic.ca/experience)

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# calendar highlights

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For a complete list of events, visit the online calendar at [www.uvic.ca/events](http://www.uvic.ca/events)

## at the galleries

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■ **Exhibit.** *British Sporting Art: Works from the S.W. Jackman Collection.* To June 6. Oil paintings, watercolours and sketches of beloved pastimes of the English upper class of the 19th century. Legacy Art Gallery and Café, 630 Yates St. 250-381-7670

■ **Exhibit.** *Regarding Wealth.* To June 6. What does wealth mean to you? *Regarding Wealth*—featuring works from UVic's Michael Williams Collection, including works by artists Norval Morrisseau, Ken Flett and Michael Lewis—reflects the many layers of wealth found within our community and challenges traditional concepts of wealth. Legacy Art Gallery and Café, 630 Yates St. 250-381-7670

### THURSDAY, MAY 6

■ **Lansdowne Lecture** 8 p.m. *Biodiversity and Recipe Contest for Sustainable Livelihoods and Biodiversity Conservation of the Adi Peoples of Eastern Himalayas.* Dr. Ranjay Singh, senior scientist at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Haryana, India. Wright Centre B150. 250-721-7354

### MONDAY, MAY 10

■ **Conference** 11 a.m. *Forests, Genetic Diversity, and Climate Change.* Forest Biology Symposium and Western Regional Meeting

of the Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists. Strong Bldg. 116. 250-721-7119

### THURSDAY, MAY 13

■ **Other** 9:30 a.m. *CBR Skills Building: Vancouver Island Workshop.* Researchers, First Nations, faculty, students, community, government, businesses and the general public are welcome to attend these workshops held on three island campuses. Dr. Budd Hall, Maeve Lydon and Dr. Lorna Williams, UVic. Cadboro Commons Bldg. Pre-registration: [ocbreg@uvic.ca](mailto:ocbreg@uvic.ca) or call 250-744-9304

### MONDAY, MAY 17

■ **Biology Lecture** 2:30 p.m. *The Molecular Ecology of Adaptation and Environmental Sustainability.* Dr. Bryan Neff, Univ. of Western Ontario. Engineering Comp. Science Bldg. 108. 250-721-7094

### TUESDAY, MAY 25

■ **Lansdowne Lecture** 7 p.m. *Can Today's Legal Frameworks Protect Animals?* Dr. Cary Wolfe, Bruce and Elizabeth Dunlevie Professor, Rice University, Houston, Texas. SSM Bldg. A102. 250-472-4496

### SATURDAY, MAY 29

■ **Other** All day. *Experience UVic 2010.* A free one-day event that gives prospective students and their parents an opportunity to find out about life at UVic. Meet faculty members, staff, students and UVic alumni; visit and learn about the faculties; speak with advisors about choosing classes; get information and advice about financial aid options. SUB Bldg. 250-472-4512

# When the emergency hits...

Emergency Preparedness Week (May 2–8) is the perfect time to enhance your emergency preparedness at home and at work. After Gavin St. Michael of UVic's emergency planning office challenged members of the university safety committee to follow the Emergency Management BC guide, *26 Weeks to Family Emergency Preparedness*, committee co-chair and Associate Vice-President Human Resources Kane Kilbey took the time to work through the 26 steps.

"My wife ran a family daycare, so she always had a kit set up for the daycare kids and us. It contains first aid supplies, blankets, emergency contact information, water, a radio and can opener," Kilbey says. "Since the challenge started, we've added more water, replaced the batteries, and at the prompting of the cat, added a big bin of dog food. We still need to add a change of clothes and some food and find a larger bin." Kilbey's family also has a tent trailer fully stocked with emergency supplies, more water and a propane stove. He also plans to talk to



Kane Kilbey, co-chair of the university safety committee and AVP Human Resources recently added more water and dog food to his emergency supplies under the watchful eye of Molly.

neighbours to discuss emergency preparations and the possibility of sharing supplies.

"Take action and do at least one thing—complete an emergency contact card or put a flashlight near your

bed—just in case," says Manager of Emergency Planning Daphne Donaldson. "You'll be one step closer to being self-reliant during an emergency."

More info: [http://ohs.uvic.ca/emergency\\_management/index.php](http://ohs.uvic.ca/emergency_management/index.php)

## Further steps to preparedness:

- Sign up for the UVic Emergency Alerts notification system. Enter a personal mobile phone number to receive emergency text messages on your mobile phone. If you're already registered, please check that your contact details are current. Visit [www.uvic.ca/alerts](http://www.uvic.ca/alerts)
- Follow UVic's new Twitter emergency notification account: [uvicemerg](https://twitter.com/uvicemerg)
- Enter the prize draw to win an iPod Nano. Visit UVic's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/universityofvictoria](http://www.facebook.com/universityofvictoria) and look for posts about Emergency Preparedness Week. Click on "Like" to be entered in the draw (you need to be a Facebook member first).



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## day in the life

PURSE. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

BY BRAD MICHELSON

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF Chris Purse begins and ends with an exhilarating 3-km bike ride.

"I've ridden a bicycle to work almost every day since late May 2003," says Purse.

When Purse started attending UVic 30 years ago, he was a commuter student. For seven years, he drove back and forth every day from his family's home in Sooke. "I was putting a lot of kilometres on my car," explains Purse.

After graduating, he and his wife landed teaching jobs in the Northwest Territories. The community was small and, out of convenience, they began walking to work because starting a vehicle in that harsh winter was more effort than it was worth.

Two years later, they moved to a

larger northern community, this time off the highway system. This left them without their vehicle. To replace it, they bought a snowmobile, thinking it would be a good vehicle to get to and from their school. Unfortunately, their second-hand snowmobile proved to be even more stubborn to start than the car. So, they just continued walking to work.

Eventually the couple invested in an ATV before moving to a third community, and even then, they still chose to walk to work due to the limited ATV season each year.

In September 2002, Purse moved back to Victoria with his wife and son. They were living in a home at the edge of downtown when he was hired by the Office of the Registrar in February 2003; he is now the Manager of Student Support and Transfer Services.

"I supervise many of the front-end services for undergraduate students in the Registrar's Office," he explains. "I work with staff members who assist students with registration problems, issue official transcripts, put the course grades on the student record, prepare the exam schedules, get transfer credit articulations for new and continuing students, and greet students at the front counter and on the phone. We also supervise exams for other post-secondary institutions in my unit."

When he started working on campus, Purse decided not to tie up the family car with his commute but to bus to work in the morning and walk home in the afternoon. "I found that that was working really well. I did that for about four months, and then I started riding a bicycle to work after we moved closer to the campus," said Purse. "I was really a novice cyclist when I started but I have a lot more experience now."

Purse has barely used a private vehicle to get to or from work in more than 20 years. And he still enjoys lots of exercise and fresh air on his daily bicycle commute to campus.

## BIKE TO WORK WEEK

### Gear up/ Team up

Thinking of making a greener commuter choice? Bike to Work Week from May 31 to June 6 is the perfect time to join the thousands of other students, staff and faculty who ride to campus.

To register your team, visit [www.biketowork.ca/victoria](http://www.biketowork.ca/victoria). If you'd like to participate but don't have a team in your work area, contact Rita Fromholt at [ritaf@uvic.ca](mailto:ritaf@uvic.ca) or 250-853-3758.

UVic will again host two celebration stations, on June 1 from 7-9 a.m. and June 3 from 3-5 p.m. at the fountain. Drop by for refreshments, information and networking with other cyclists.

The Bike-to-Work Victoria Society will offer free one-day safety courses on campus on May 8 and May 16. Or sign up for a one-hour cycling safety course May 27 (4:30 p.m.) or June 2 (noon).

Bike tune-ups will also be available by donation at UVic's new Bike Kitchen, a self-service bike repair kiosk located outside the Student Union Building at the old bus loop. The bike kitchen is open 24 hours a day for students and staff to make quick repairs to their bikes. Basic tools, compressed air and clamps are available on site 24 hours a day and full tool kits will be available for loan from SUBtext (inside the SUB). More info: [web.uvic.ca/sustainability/](http://web.uvic.ca/sustainability/)



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## UVic participates in first RecycleMania

From Jan. 17 to Mar. 27, the University of Victoria took part in RecycleMania, a friendly competition and benchmarking tool designed to help colleges and universities promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. UVic participated for the first time in the informal benchmark division, reporting recycling and waste data along with more than 600 North American colleges and universities.

"Even though UVic was not in the competitive division this year, we had outstanding results in a number of benchmark areas," says Waste Reduction Coordinator Nadia Ariff. "Next year we'll have better reporting procedures,

and I would like to work toward becoming one of the top Canadian universities in the competition division."

According to the benchmark division results, UVic recycled more waste per capita than 60 per cent of the participating schools, and more organic waste per capita than 75 per cent of the schools. UVic diverted the most organic waste per capita of any participating Canadian university. "Our food services outlets deserve a huge amount of credit, as they are operating on a zero waste philosophy," notes Ariff.

More: [www.recyclemaniacs.org/](http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/) and look under Results/Benchmark Division.

## around the ring

### Food, residence services reorganize

Following a comprehensive review of Housing, Food and Conference Services and the need to move forward with renewal and expansion plans for these areas, Student Affairs has developed two new units, Residence Services and University Food Services, to deliver these critical campus services. The changes will help ensure that our residences and food services meet UVic's recruitment and retention objectives. Search processes have recently concluded and Thomas Bain has been appointed director of University Food Services and Kathryn MacLeod, director of Residence Services. Info: <http://housing.uvic.ca/> and <http://unfs.uvic.ca/>

### Corridor of consultation

In consultation with communities and stakeholders, Saanich municipality is developing a 20- to 30-year vision for the Shelbourne corridor (an area 500m on either side of Shelbourne St. from North Dairy Rd. to Feltham Rd. and including the four commercial centres of Hillside, Shelbourne Village, University Centre and Feltham Village). UVic's Office of Community-Based Research and the Department of Geography are inviting the UVic community to help create a vision for the future of the Shelbourne corridor by participating in the online survey at [www.saanich.ca](http://www.saanich.ca).

### Sort it out: Promising results from recycling pilot study

From September to November 2009, Facilities Management staff coordinated a pilot recycling study in five campus buildings. The goal was to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill through new sorting procedures and public education. During the study period an estimated one additional tonne of recyclable material was diverted from the landfill. "We are encouraged by these results and are now looking at ways to implement more effective waste reduction and recycling programs across campus," says Waste Reduction Coordinator Nadia Ariff. UVic's sustainability action plan calls for a 75-per-cent waste diversion rate by 2012. More info: <http://communications.uvic.ca/uvicino/announcement.php?id=402>

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