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Ottawa invests \$41.7 million in ONC

As *The Ring* went to press, the federal and BC governments announced a total of \$41.7 million in new federal funding to support the ongoing operating costs of the ONC Observatory, which is managed for UVic by Ocean Networks Canada (ONC). The funding is awarded through the Canada Foundation for Innovation's (CFI) Major Science Initiatives program, which supports a portion of the operating costs of selected big science projects across Canada. Development of the ONC Observatory has been made possible with capital funding from the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia. The 800-km NEPTUNE Canada regional network and the nearly 50-km VENUS coastal network—which together make up the ONC Observatory—stream live data from instruments at key sites off coastal BC via the Internet to scientists, policy-makers, educators and the public around the world. <http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/>

50TH ANNIVERSARY RAP

Hear the master of geek rap

Baba Brinkman will commence an off-Broadway run in November, but you can see him at UVic first. The UVic grad (MA in English specializing in Medieval and Renaissance literature) is best known for his hip-hop theatre shows that interpret the works of Darwin and Chaucer. "Geek rap," as Brinkman calls it, is a popular form of communicating academic subjects. On Oct. 24, he'll make an exclusive appearance at his *alma mater* in support of UVic's 50th anniversary. Info will be available at: <http://bit.ly/Oct24Events> and www.bababrinkman.com/



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Elder-in-residence Ron George (Cowichan) tends the pit cook fire. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

Anniversary Festival a feast of fun

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Live music, games, life-size puppets, visitors, volunteers and ballroom dancers... UVic's 50th Anniversary Festival on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28–29 was a scene of celebration in the quad. Performers including The Chantrelles, Carmanah, Hayley and Acres of Lions created a party atmosphere as over 100 showcases—tours, talks and open houses—took place all over campus and visitors sampled the offerings of more than 30 faculties and departments.

The Island Savings Family Zone near the MacLaurin Building was a hive of activity, with inflatables, experiments, face painting, games and performances. At the tents in the quad, visitors of all ages found out more about UVic, competed in skill-testing

quizzes, and enjoyed barbecue fare and the family atmosphere.

"We are delighted that we were able to open the doors of the campus to the community during the festival," says Joy Davis, Interim Director of Ceremonies and Special Events. "It was wonderful to see so many alumni, staff, faculty, current students and community members enjoying themselves and celebrating together."

UVic's 50th birthday party kicked off Friday, Sept. 28 with a succession of local bands playing from the roof of the SUB, recreating a 1960s piece of campus history. The line-up for 50th anniversary cupcakes snaked along Ring Road while students enthusiastically signed UVic's giant birth-

day card. At the first-ever Coast Salish pit cook outside First Peoples House (pictured above), a crowd of people enjoyed the stories of members of UVic's Elders' Voices and sampled vegetables that were layered and cooked in a traditional fire pit.

The inaugural alumni Homecoming—welcoming UVic grads from 1963 to 2011—took place concurrently over the festival weekend. It featured special alumni talks, pub gatherings, a reunion dinner at the University Club and Vikes Retro Party at the McKinnon Gym.

Check the website at www.uvic.ca/anniversary for details of upcoming 50th anniversary events and lectures. UVic is celebrating its 50th anniversary now through June 2013.

Permafrost thaw will speed up global warming, predicts study

BY VALERIE SHORE

The thawing of permafrost in Canada's Arctic and other northern latitudes will significantly accelerate the rate of global warming in the coming decades, predicts a new study by three researchers from the University of Victoria's School of Earth and Ocean Sciences.

In the study, which was published online in September by *Nature Geoscience*, doctoral students Andrew MacDougall and Chris Avis, along with climate scientist Dr. Andrew Weaver, used UVic's world-renowned coupled global climate model—a sophisticated computer model used to simulate climate systems—to estimate

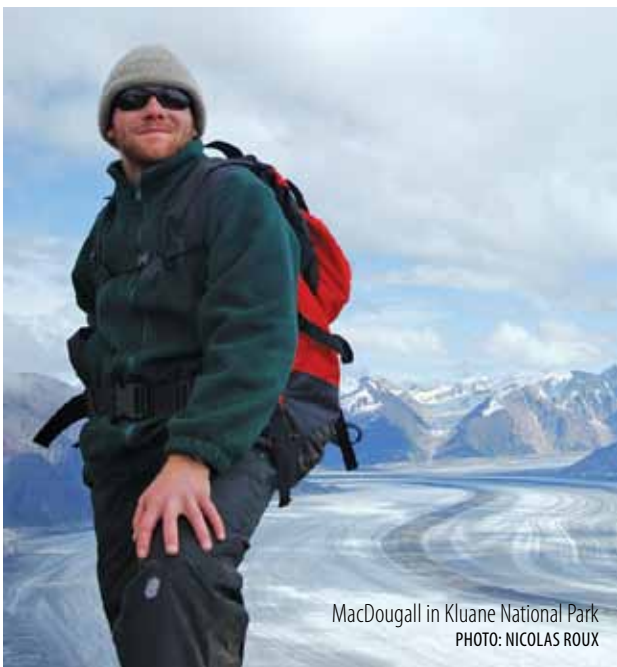
the effects of permafrost thaw on global temperatures.

Permafrost is permanently frozen soil, sediment or rock. It's estimated that about 18.8 million sq km of northern soils hold about 1,700 billion tonnes of organic carbon, or frozen compost—the remains of plants and animals that have accumulated over thousands of years. That's about four times more than all the carbon emitted by human activity in modern times, and twice as much as is currently in the atmosphere.

The new study predicts that by the end of this century, permafrost could release between 68 and 508 billion additional tonnes of carbon into the at-

mosphere, raising global temperatures by an average of 0.4 to 0.8°C. When combined with observed warming since pre-industrial times and committed warming in response to existing greenhouse gas levels, this suggests the planet is heading toward a 1.8 to 2.3°C rise in temperature—even if we start reducing emissions immediately.

"Our analysis shows that limiting global warming to less than 2°C—as identified in the 2009 Copenhagen Accord—is less and less likely," says MacDougall. "It's clear that if we want to avoid the more dire effects of climate change, we need to start reducing our emissions immediately and aggressively."



MacDougall in Kluane National Park
PHOTO: NICOLAS ROUX

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Rita Fromholt, sustainability coordinator with the Office of Campus Planning & Sustainability, recently completed training with former US vice-president Al Gore to become a certified "climate leader" and deliver Gore's updated climate change presentation to audiences on campus and in the community. She was one of 1,000 trainees from 58 countries, including 115 Canadians, who were selected through a competitive application process to receive the free training and commit to making at least 10 volunteer presentations within the first year. The presentations provide information on the causes of human-induced climate change, its current effects—including extreme weather events—and offer realistic solutions. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your class or group, contact Rita at ritaf@uvic.ca.

Dr. Lorna Williams (curriculum and instruction), Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge and Learning, received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in August for her work in Indigenous education and the support of Indigenous youth in international relationship development. She was nominated by Victoria MP Denise Savoie.

Letters welcome

The Ring welcomes letters to the editor on issues of direct concern to the university community. Letters should be signed with university community affiliation noted, not exceed 500 words in length and not be submitted to other media outlets. The editor reserves the right to select letters for publication and to edit for style, grammar and length.



LABOUR RELATIONS

Major progress in labour negotiations as talks continue

As *The Ring* went to press, negotiating teams from the University of Victoria and CUPE campus locals 917 and 951 were still involved in bargaining. The parties had returned to the bargaining table during the week of Sept. 18 to address a variety of the non-monetary issues remaining from their last bargaining session in June.

"We were pleased to be back at the table," says Kane Kilbey, UVic's associate vice-president human resources. "We made great progress in a very short time. In the first week we signed off more than 20 pages of non-monetary items with CUPE 951." Kilbey says that the university also inked more than 20 pages with CUPE 917 during five days of bargaining, with a sixth day scheduled to deal with the remaining non-monetary items.

CUPE 917 represents athletic department, food services, grounds maintenance and janitorial employees, security officers and trades people, while CUPE 951 represents office employees, library assistants, technicians and child care workers.

The university and representatives of CUPE 4163 (Components 1 and 2), representing teaching assistants and English language instructors, also settled several outstanding non-monetary items in their negotiations last month. To date, members of CUPE 4163 have not taken a strike vote and are not in a legal position to take job action.

CUPE local 951 has implemented an overtime ban and work-to-rule campaign, and both locals have been

involved in rotating pickets at a number of campus buildings since moving into a position to take legal job action on Sept. 5. The two CUPE locals have suspended picketing while talks are under way.

In June, the university put an offer on the table including 2 per cent on July 1, 2012 and 1.5 per cent on April 1, 2013, and committed to continue the strong job security provisions in the existing agreements.

The provincial government and BCGEU announced a tentative agreement on Sept. 28, which provides for a 4 per cent wage increase over two years and continues existing job security provisions. The agreement is currently undergoing ratification.

"With the BCGEU agreement settled, the union and university are identifying bargaining dates this month to address the monetary issues. We are looking forward to tackling these together and getting an agreement," says Kilbey.

This fall the university is also involved in bargaining with the Professional Employees' Association and expects to begin bargaining with CUPE 4163 (Component 3) representing sessional instructors in the coming weeks. The university and the Faculty Association have mediation scheduled later in October.

The latest updates on the status of negotiations and job action can be found at www.uvic.ca/info/jobaction/ and www.uvic.ca/info/bargaining/index.php.

UVic gets go ahead for new CARSA facility

On Sept. 17, Saanich Council gave the green light for UVic to move ahead with the new Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities and related parkade. Councillors unanimously voted in favour of the necessary development variances while also commending the university for thorough public consultation.

"A great deal of effort went into getting it right with UVic's extensive five-step consultation process on this project," says Kristi Simpson, UVic's associate-vice president of financial planning and operations, "and we

are particularly grateful to the community members and consultative partners who assisted us over the course of these past few months. We look forward to breaking ground on this exciting new facility."

UVic's Facilities Management department is coordinating the preparation of the final building plans. Tenders are scheduled to close in December 2012, with construction starting as early as January 2013 at the site, which is currently parking lot no. 3.

Visit www.uvic.ca/carsa/ for more info on the new facility.



Location map with footprint of new CARSA facility (cross-hatched section)



L-R: Flagg and Hargrove with their Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals. PHOTO: PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS AL VAN AKKER, HMCS MALAHAT

Student reservists receive Jubilee medals

BY MITCH WRIGHT

Two University of Victoria students were recently recognized with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for their community contributions.

Ryan Flagg and Nicholas Hargrove are both members at *HMCS Malahat*, the Royal Canadian Navy's reserve division in Victoria, as well as undergraduate students at UVic. They received their medals Sept. 15.

Flagg, a master seaman with the Naval Reserve, is in his final year of study for a bachelor of engineering degree, while Hargrove, a petty officer second class with the reserves, is in his fourth year working toward a combined biology and psychology degree.

Flagg earned the recognition primarily for his military reservist role at *HMCS Malahat*, which he joined in 2002, and work with the UVic Aeronautical Engineering Research Organization (AERO). As AERO president from 2009-11, he led a student team in designing and building unmanned aircraft for national competitions.

"There are a lot of outstanding and hard-working people at *HMCS Malahat*, so it means a lot to me that they have put my name forward for this honour," Flagg says.

Flagg also works with the NEPTUNE Canada ocean network, part of the University of Victoria Ocean Networks Canada Observatory, and two days after receiving his medal flew to Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, to

spend two weeks installing a small underwater observatory. He and another engineering student previously designed, built and installed a similar project as a prototype in Mill Bay, off the Brentwood College School dock.

Hargrove was recognized for his dedication to the reserves and volunteer involvement with Cridge Brain Injury Services, where he works with a group of men to help them access recreation and social activities in their community. As a research assistant at UVic, he studies the effects of stress on learning and memory.

He joined *HMCS Malahat* in 2002, sailed for three years aboard *HMCS Edmonton*, and also held staff and instructor positions at CFB Esquimalt.


While honoured to be among the 60,000 Canadians receiving the Queen's Jubilee medal, Hargrove downplays his community efforts.

"I don't consider my contributions to be exceptional. Like many students at UVic, I have a part-time job and volunteer regularly with a charitable organization," Hargrove says. "I find the time I spend with these remarkable gentlemen to be intensely rewarding, and I am constantly humbled by their resilience, optimism and determination to live whole and meaningful lives, despite the bad luck that has befallen them."

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was created to mark the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne.



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Falling back in love with the beautiful game

BY NATALIE WISE,
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Heading into her final year of high school, University of Victoria Vikes women's soccer player Jaclyn Sawicki was checking out possible scholarship opportunities in the United States when she experienced something that causes many young, talented, high performance athletes to quit sports that they once loved.

"I was just burnt out, I was sick of doing the same thing everyday. There had been so many years of playing soccer, and I guess I wanted something more," she says.

Up until being scouted for the Whitecaps development program at the U17 and U18 levels, Sawicki, from Coquitlam, BC, had been selected to play for a BC team every summer while also playing for her hometown's club side.

Although Sawicki had always known that she would go on to pursue a post-secondary education, soccer was no longer a priority until she spoke to Tracy David, head coach of the Vikes women's soccer team.

"I just thought that Victoria was the perfect balance—getting the university experience, being away from home and still getting to play.... My team is my second family. There were 11 rookies in my first year, and we spent a lot of time together. I think that's part of the reason why we're so strong this season; we've spent the past two years growing as a team."

In grade 12, Sawicki had been identified for the national team pool of players, and this past summer, the third-year midfielder was selected to be a part of the Under-20 Canadian National Team travelling

to Japan to compete in the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup.

Sawicki spent the 2012 UVic spring semester juggling her Vikes commitments with scholastic duties, as well as a demanding junior national team training schedule.

In July, the team went on back-to-back trips to Montreal, Italy and Switzerland before a two-week rest and then finally landing in Japan.

The Canadian women won their first game against the Argentinians but then dropped to second place in their pool after losing to Norway. A match against Korea DPR resulted in a loss for Canada, and the team did not qualify for the second round of competition.

For Sawicki, finding a balance between school and soccer can be a challenge. "When I'm away it's definitely hard to do work, being on tour is really exhausting. When I'm here and when I'm with the Vikes it's fine because I have my routine and they're so supportive."

Playing with the Vikes has rekindled Sawicki's love of the beautiful game and she would not trade these past two years for anything: "I don't regret my decision at all, I've met so many awesome people and I love my team. If anything, they've made me love the game even more."

The Vikes have not yet lost a match this season, and with a record of 6-0-1 they are right on track for a Canada West league title. The Vikes' only draw comes from their first game against the reigning CIS National Champions, the University of Alberta Pandas.

They will be looking to cap off their year with a national title as they host the 2012 CIS Women's Soccer Championships from Nov. 8-11.



Sawicki in action with the national U20 team. PHOTO: GORDON LEE



McQueen at Hallmark card launch. PHOTO: HEIDI BADA

Staffer's bird has a beak for business

BY MITCH WRIGHT

Success is in the cards for UVic law librarian's assistant Mary McQueen.

McQueen secured a \$10,000 investment, for a 25-per cent stake in her business, through the popular CBC television program *Dragons' Den*. An episode featuring McQueen and her lovebird Luigi, whose passion for shredding paper provides the raw material for his owner's Hand and Beak greeting-card creations, was taped in Toronto last spring and aired Sept. 26.

The investment from David Chilton, author of *The Wealthy Barber*, resulted in a national distribution deal through Hallmark Canada, which unveiled a six-card collection by McQueen the same day the TV episode aired.

Even better: proceeds from sales of McQueen's cards will benefit the non-profit organization Make-A-Wish Canada.

More photos from the launch by Heidi Bada (UVic BA '09, psychology/sociology, and current political science major): <http://bit.ly/HeidiPics>

How inventive is UVic?

We get top marks for inventiveness, according to a new report by The Impact Group.

The report tracks the number of invention disclosures at 28 Canadian universities in 2010 to determine how adept or prolific they are at producing inventions. "Invention disclosures" refers to the requirement that researchers disclose to their institution all ideas arising from their research that may have commercial potential. Every patent begins its life as a disclosure, although most disclosures don't get that far.

When invention disclosures are measured against total research funding, UVic is second in the country, with one disclosure per \$1.49 million of funding. When invention disclosures are compared to the number of full-time faculty members, UVic comes in

third, with nearly one disclosure for every 10 faculty members. That's double the Canadian university average.

On average, UVic logs about 63 invention disclosures per year. Those that have led to successful commercialization—such as a patent or spin-off company—include Sophiris Bio (drug therapeutics), Plurilock (data security), MRM Proteomics (medical diagnostics) and Dynamic Systems Analysis (engineering software), among others.

"This study is one more measure of how committed our faculty and student researchers are to sharing their ideas and innovations with the wider community for the benefit of society," says Dr. Howard Brunt, UVic's vice-president research.

Impact Group report: <http://bit.ly/InventiveUVic>



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Five members of the university have been selected by the Business Council of BC to participate in the Next Leaders Council. The group of 50 emerging leaders includes Associate University Secretary **Carrie Anderson**, Associate Vice-President Student Affairs **Jim Dunsdon**, Assistant Treasurer **Andrew Coward**, Department of Sociology Chair **Pat Hier** and Department of Greek and Roman Studies Chair **Cedric Littlewood**. They will be involved in directing the creation of the Next Leaders Forum to engage emerging leaders in shaping the future of public policy and economic development in Western Canada. More: www.nextleaders.ca

Teresa Dawson has been reappointed director of the Learning and Teaching Centre for an additional five-year term that began July 1. "Under her leadership, the Learning and Teaching Centre has made significant contributions to undergraduate and graduate student learning, to the development of faculty and instructors, and to supporting excellence in the design and delivery of academic programs," says Associate Vice-President Academic Planning Catherine Mateer.

Dr. Valerie King (computer science) has been named to a five-member expert panel convened to study what internet voting could mean for BC. King conducts research in randomized algorithms, data structures and distributed computing. She and four others on the independent panel will examine the pros and cons of the potential implementation of internet-based voting for provincial or local government elections. Existing laws do not permit internet voting at either the municipal or provincial level. Chief Electoral Officer Keith Archer announced the panel Sept. 10. It includes Archer as chairman, King, UBC associate professor Konstantin Beznosov, East Kootenay Regional District administrator Lee-Anne Crane, and former BC auditor general George Morfitt.

Lynne Marks, chair of UVic's history department, recently received a notable recognition of her achievements to date. She is this year's recipient of the Marion Dewar Prize, awarded to an outstanding scholar based on the strength of research, teaching and administrative work during her or his career to date. UVic Dean of Humanities Dr. John Archibald applauds her efforts and as "a fine ambassador" for the university. The annual prize—created in 2004 in tribute to feminist activist and former Ottawa mayor Marion Dewar—is presented by the National Capital Committee on the Scholarship, Preservation and Dissemination of Women's History to Canadian historians who specialize in women's history.

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Mental health info fair

Everyone is invited to *Out of the shadows and into the sunshine*, a mental health information fair on World Mental Health Day, Wed., Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SUB's Michele Pujol Room. Free one-on-one confidential screenings for depression, anxiety and risky drinking will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. A wide range of local and provincial advocacy groups, service providers and community agencies working for mental health and inclusion for all people living with mental illness will be represented. Live music by Sing Your Joy, the Gettin' Higher Choir and the Eclectics, and great door prizes! More info: web.uvic.ca/eqhr/mhtf.htm

The Dead live on, online

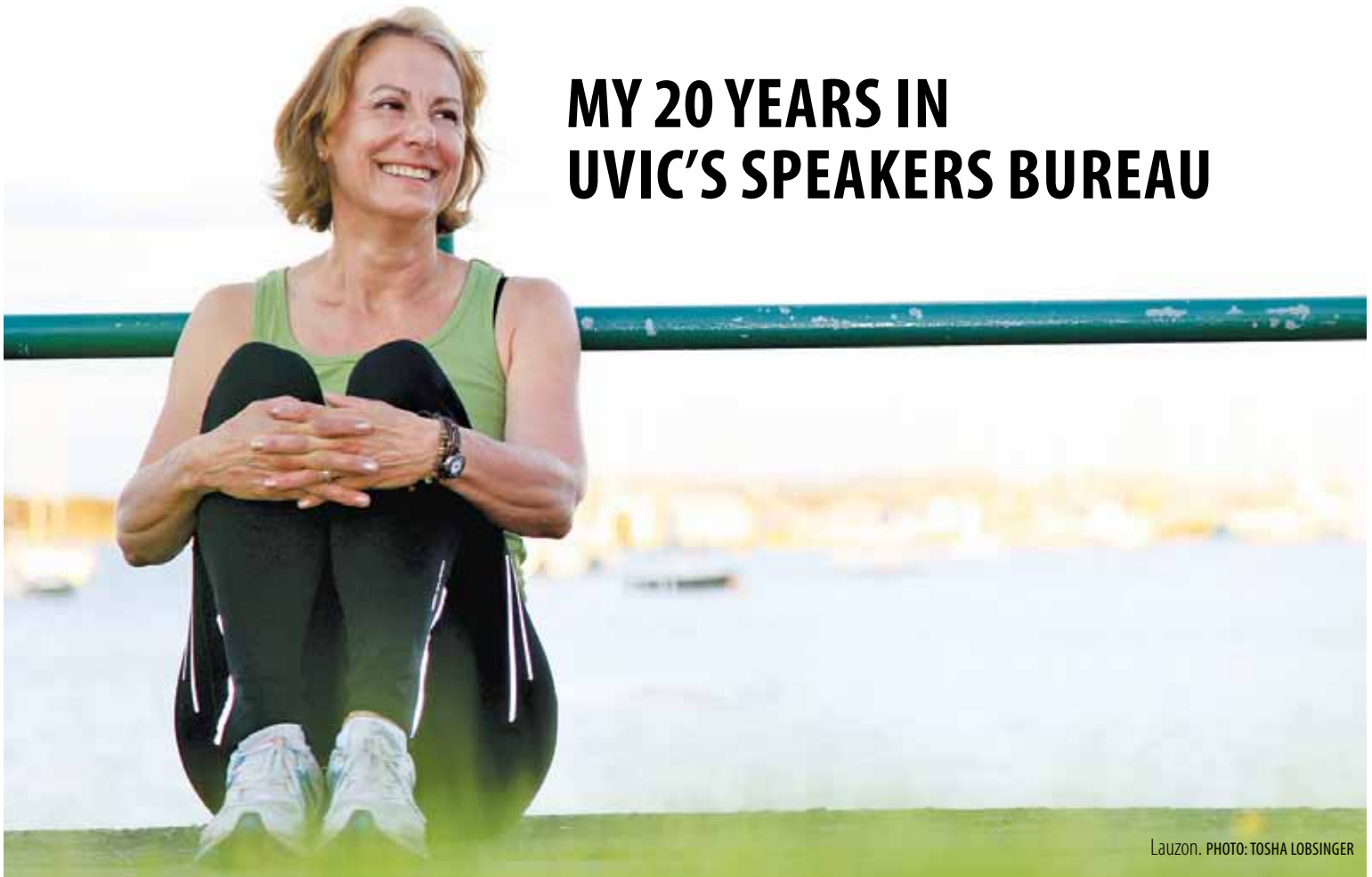
University of Victoria Libraries present a public talk by Robin Chandler, who served as the project manager of digitization for the Grateful Dead Archive (GDA) and creation of the project website. The GDA documents the Grateful Dead's 30-year history from 1965-1995. The Grateful Dead Archive Online (www.gdao.org/) was made accessible to the public in June of this year and contains nearly 24,000 items and over 50,000 scans selected from the GDA that showcase the archive's many thousands of photographs, fanzines, posters and fan recordings of concerts. Considered a socially constructed website, there is lots of community sharing where users can tag items, leave comments, submit their own photographs and memories. The band would approve. Chandler's free public talk is Oct. 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Cinecenta (wear your favourite tie-dyed garment and win prizes).

Drop, cover and hold on

Do you know what to do if your office, classroom or home starts shaking due to an earthquake? The entire province is invited to participate in the Great BC ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 10:18 a.m. We encourage all students, faculty and staff to participate in UVic's campus-wide drill. Please wear something red on Oct. 18 and practice the Drop, Cover and Hold On procedure wherever you are at exactly 10:18 a.m. The drill may be announced in your building. Check the website at <http://ohs.uvic.ca> for more information. If you have any questions please contact Daphne Donaldson, manager of emergency planning at ddonald@uvic.ca.

Flu shots coming soon

Beginning Oct. 23, seasonal influenza shots will be available at Health Services located in the Petersen Health Centre. Call 250-721-8492 to book appointment with a nurse. Flu shots will also be available Wed., Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Campus View Room of the Cadboro Commons Building. \$20.00, cash only; bring your medical card (care card). For information about the flu or flu shot clinics being held in November: www.health.uvic.ca



Lauzon. PHOTO: TOSHA LOBSINGER

MY 20 YEARS IN UVIC'S SPEAKERS BUREAU

BY DR. LARA LAUZON

As a long-time UVic student and current faculty member, I am excited to participate in the ongoing celebrations that have been planned for UVic's 50th Anniversary. I am also delighted to help celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the UVic Speakers Bureau. The bureau is a community service provided by volunteer speakers from among UVic faculty, staff, graduate students and retirees who teach, conduct research, study and work at UVic. I have come to discover that this is the only university-wide bureau of its kind in Canada.

My participation with the bureau began in 1992 as I was completing a master's degree in the School of Physical Education (now the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education). A new initiative for graduate students that began as a vision of Dr. Gordana Lazaravich, dean of Graduate Studies from 1992 to 2002, and a partnership with the UVic Speakers Bureau was getting under way. Lazaravich invited graduate students to join the bureau as a way to share their knowledge and research with members of our com-

munity. Thinking back, I imagine that she might have had a hidden agenda—that of finding a way to help the graduate students prepare for their oral examinations and enhancing the connection between UVic and the Greater Victoria community all at the same time. My participation with the bureau has had a major impact on my academic and professional career.

One of my first talks was to members of the Corporation of the District of Saanich Health and Safety Committee. The topic: Employee Health. I did spend an inordinate amount of time preparing overheads, recipe-card presenter notes and a handout for a 45-minute session. My presentation skills also needed some polish. However, the audience was attentive, interested and excited about using some of the strategies I offered to help them "work well." The participants also commented on how the UVic Speakers Bureau was providing such an important community service.

Throughout October of this year I will be sharing my thoughts on health, wellness and potential with employees at the Pacific Forestry Centre, the Geological Survey of Canada Centre and a group of soon-to-be retirees at

the Department of National Defence (DND). Being a member of the UVic Speakers Bureau has allowed me to grow and develop as a public speaker. It has afforded me an opportunity to represent the University of Victoria and promote active living throughout Greater Victoria and Southern Vancouver Island.

When colleagues or graduate students ask me why I continue to present sessions on behalf of the UVic Speakers Bureau, I tell them that I value the opportunity to connect with people from so many organizations. I also tell them that I have discovered so many different places in Greater Victoria that I truly did not know existed. I share stories of helping participants of the Rod and Reel Club learn how to stretch after a long day of fishing. I express my gratitude for the thanks I received from the young mom's group at the Boys and Girls Club after a session about family wellness. I speak about the joy shared by members of the First Metropolitan Friendship Club who attended a session titled Taking Risks and Coping With Change. I talk about the power of health and wellness education and how one retiree group now begins

their monthly meetings with a short walk. They also serve healthy snack food in addition to the sugary sweets they were accustomed to.

The four key areas of the UVic Strategic Plan are People, Quality, Community and Resources. As a UVic Speakers Bureau member, I have the privilege to represent UVic, share stories about health and wellness research and celebrate the amazing students I meet and teach each year. Being a member of the UVic Speakers Bureau helps me support all four key areas of our strategic plan.

Join in on the 30th anniversary celebration of the UVic Speakers Bureau by checking out the website www.uvic.ca/communications/speakers-bureau/ and booking a session for your department, school or unit. Or consider signing up with the bureau as a speaker and share your expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge with your community.

Dr. Lara Lauzon is an assistant professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. Her teaching and research focus on student, teacher and workplace health and wellness.

UVic ecologists form their own academic ecosystem

BY MITCH WRIGHT

There is a strong desire for ecological knowledge at UVic, and ecologists located across campus are fulfilling the need.

"There is a massive demand for ecology courses and research opportunities, both from undergraduates and grad students," says Dr. Brian Starzomski (environmental studies). "It is a priority on campus, and we just want to advertise that."

To help get the word out, a new Ecology@UVic group started in September to bring together faculty members, grad students and post-doctoral fellows dispersed throughout various departments.

Because UVic's ecological expertise is so widely spread across campus, people didn't often get a chance to gather in one place to share ideas, discuss challenges or just socialize—until now. The vision for Ecology@UVic is to provide a forum for discussion and collaboration, as well as to enhance

the already outstanding ecological research that takes place here.

"A lot of very interesting and amazing ecology goes on at UVic, but it wasn't really as connected as it could be, which is important. A lot of insight comes from interdisciplinary interaction, especially on applied ecological problems," says Dr. Chris Darimont (geography), one of three main organizers of the group along with Starzomski and Dr. Julia Baum (biology).

The trio—all new to campus in the past three years—started thinking seriously about forming the group last spring, but also note that the idea had percolated for years at UVic; it just needed a push forward.

The group's website currently lists 35 faculty members of the group, which plans bi-weekly meetings for journal-group discussions and informal seminars.

"Those meetings will create the ideal environment for stimulating discussion and spurring greater collaboration, which is beneficial both



Student Leah Meth on part of the canopy research platform at Bamfield during a Coastal Biodiversity and Conservation course. PHOTO: LEAH METH

for professors and students," says Baum. She adds that having a formalized venue and website also create an increased profile for the ecology work occurring at UVic, which aids in attracting new grad students and post-doctoral fellows.

"Just having these young, bright minds all together and providing a

collegial environment to network, to solve problems, sows the seeds of collaboration, which are important in every scientist's life," says Darimont. "It's very much something we designed in large part for the value it's providing for students."

More information: <http://web.uvic.ca/~ecol/index.html>

Turning the wheels of change

BY ROBIE LISCOMB

In the recent past, colonizers used education—most notably in the form of residential schools—as a powerful weapon in an effort to destroy Indigenous cultures. In late August, more than 250 people from 33 post-secondary educational institutions across Canada gathered at the Chilliwack campus of the University of the Fraser Valley—in traditional Stó:lō territory—to explore ways to make post-secondary education serve Indigenous students and their communities better.

Over two days, administrators, faculty members, students, community members and Elders discussed ways to better integrate First Nations values and culture into post-secondary institutions. Participating from UVic were AVP Academic Planning Dr. Catherine (Katy) Mateer (VPAC), Acting Director of the Office of Indigenous Affairs Ruth Young, Aboriginal Service Plan Manager Gina Starblanket, Dr. Robina Thomas (social work), LE, NONET Academic Lead Dr. Rob Hancock (anthropology), and Trevor Good, graduate student in the Master's of Social Work Indigenous stream.

"Indigenizing the academy" was the explicit theme, and topics discussed included recruitment and retention of Indigenous students and faculty, curriculum transformation, support services and facilities, governance issues and relations with Indigenous communities.

"What 'Indigenizing the academy' means to me is how we engage with one another, learn from each other, and work together to address the

needs of Indigenous students and communities," says Mateer, who points out that it concerns everyone, not just Indigenous peoples. "It's important, for example, that every postsecondary student have an understanding of Indigenous cultures."

The gathering was the first of its kind and a venue for sharing best practices.

"The conference was a good opportunity to see what's going on at other postsecondary institutions," Mateer says. "I feel that we at UVic have come a long way, but there's still so much more that we could do."

"People came up to me after the sessions to ask about what UVic is doing," says Hancock. "UVic is seen as a leader in a number of areas. But it's important that we keep our focus not just on what we're doing well, but on what's left to do. There's no point in recruiting more and more Indigenous students if we're not going to change the institutional culture." In that regard, Hancock suggests that the task would be better conceptualized as decolonizing the campus rather than Indigenizing it.

Indigenous students still face stigma and prejudice that institutions must address. "In the sessions with students that I participated in," says Good, "the discussion kept coming back to horror stories they had personally experienced. A friend of mine says 'Big wheels turn slowly,' but not so long ago our people were underneath those wheels. There's a lot of work to be done in creating safe spaces and safe pathways through postsecondary education," Good says.

The participants from UVic came



A detail from *S'wex*, a print created for the "Indigenizing the Academy Gathering" by Jonathan (Jonny) Williams, Stó:lō artist from the Chiyó:m First Nation.

back with several ideas of things that others have done that the university could consider here. Starblanket pointed out that some institutions have a mandatory Indigenous Studies course. Trent's Department of Indigenous Studies is now over 40 years old and includes a PhD program, whereas UVic has only an Indigenous Studies minor. Although UVic is a leader in terms of undergraduate scholarships and bursaries for Indigenous students, more financial aid is needed at the graduate level. Other institutions have a more extensive network of Indigenous advisers across the academic landscape. And several UVic participants voiced concern about the long-term sustainability of Indigenous cultural and support components that are dependent on outside funds or special-project dollars rather than ongoing core funding.

"I left the conference with more questions than answers," says Thomas. "Where is UVic in terms of our institutional culture? Where do we think we are and where could we be? We need to dare to dream and have a vision."

One thing to our advantage, Thomas points out, is the level of goodwill and investment in the issues here at UVic. "We are able to sit together and have this frank conversation," she says. "We've developed a level of respect for each other and our differences."

UVic's strategic plan (Objective 3) includes, among other things, an institutional commitment to "programs of recruitment, retention, education and services for Indigenous students in all faculties." A new section of the UVic website has recently been launched that serves as a portal to academic programs and courses with an Indigenous focus, research related to Indigenous cultures and issues, services for Indigenous members of the university, and partnerships between Indigenous communities and the university. www.uvic.ca/partners/indigenous/

Ring Retro

An Indian in law: 'They don't know a damn thing about us'

BY SHARON McMILLAN

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Sharon Venne has no qualms about stating why she is attending UVic as one of the first two Native Indian students to be accepted by the Faculty of Law.

"I am here to learn the rules of the game, so I can return to my people and teach them the rules of how to function in the law, how to play the game."

Venne, in an interview, said that Native Indians at a university usually have a strong sense of identity and purpose. ...

"I must always be aware that I am trying to do something, not for me but for my people. I see our future in Canada as concerned with the law. I am going to return to my reserve and try to work there. The Indian people have the only laws contained under a specific act, and my people have to

learn how to use these laws to advantage. Many Native customs may be able to fit into the common law."

The attitudes of people at the university toward native people seem to be the same as those of the nation in general. "People always say that they know a lot about Native Indians but really they don't know a damn thing about us," said Venne. ...

History is a familiar subject to Sharon. She graduated with honours at UVic in Canadian Indian History last spring, the first Native Indian in Canada to graduate with this specialty. ...

The difficulties of being a Native student at a university are hard to pinpoint. "There was a time when it was a shock for Native students to be at a university, both for them and the Euro-Canadian students. Now the last bastions of Canadian universities, law and medical schools, have accepted Native students, it will cease to be such a shock."

When asked if she had run into problems at any point in her post-secondary education, Sharon referred again to the problem of retaining a sense of identity. Many people expect Indians to deny their heritage, forwarding such comments as, "You're not really an Indian, are you?" and seem shocked when it is freely admitted.

"Why should we deny it? Just because White people have developed the misconception that Native people want to have the same values and lifestyles as them? The Native Indian perception of things hasn't changed for a couple of hundred years. We know who we are." ...

Venne is a member of the Petequakey band, also the name of the reserve. It is the Cree name for the sound of the wings of Canada geese in flight.

Venne was a reporter for the *Vancouver Sun* for three summers, and after graduating with an honours BA

she applied to and was accepted by three law schools. UVic was the final choice because she likes Victoria, prefers a small campus and already knew people who are going here.

"Mainly, though, it was because the UVic law department is developing good ideas, has innovative concepts."

Since 1976, Sharon H. Venne has gone on to become an accomplished lawyer and internationally recognized advocate for the rights of Indigenous Peoples. She worked at the United Nations prior to the establishment of the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples in 1982. She has written numerous articles and edited materials related to the rights of Indigenous Peoples and has lectured in Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, France, Italy, Hawaii, United States and Canada. She is an Indigenous Treaty person (Cree) and by marriage a member of the Blood Tribe within Treaty 7.

around the ring

UVic's first local community market

Campus Sustainability Day is Oct. 24, and the university is marking the day by hosting UVic's first local community market featuring fresh local, organic produce and locally made food products, jewellery and crafts. There will also be live music, displays from campus and community organizations involved in healthy eating and food security issues, a pumpkin carving contest and door prizes. Join students, staff, faculty and community members in the Michele Pujol Room of the SUB on Oct. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information: action@uvic.ca

Student Affairs seeks survey feedback

Student Affairs is conducting a review of the implementation of the Resolution of Non-academic Misconduct Policy, which was introduced by the Judicial Affairs Office in August 2011. Faculty, staff and students are invited to review the implementation report and submit their feedback using the online survey available at www.uvic.ca/judicialaffairs. Survey respondents will be entered in a draw to win a \$50 gift card from the UVic Bookstore. To submit feedback without completing the survey, please contact sapolicy@uvic.ca or call 250-721-6397. The deadline for feedback is Nov. 1, 2012. Survey feedback will be incorporated in the final report, which will be presented to the Board of Governors and Senate later this fall. The Judicial Affairs Office works directly with the university community to resolve non-academic student conduct concerns in a consistent manner.

Child Rights Institute moves

After more than a decade of partnership with UVic's Centre for Global Studies, the International Institute for Child Rights and Development (IICRD) has relocated to downtown Victoria and joined the offices of a partnering agency also involved in international development. IICRD will be working with Royal Roads University to develop interdisciplinary educational programs with a concentration in child rights and is currently collaborating on a doctor's degree of social sciences. IICRD will continue to deliver programming overseas in Southeast Asia, South America, Africa and with Aboriginal communities in BC, focusing on child protection and community development. More: <http://www.iicrd.org/>



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ONC to monitor ocean turbines in Bay of Fundy

Canada's efforts to demonstrate world leadership in tidal energy research and technology are taking a significant step forward, as the UVic-led Ocean Networks Canada's Centre for Enterprise and Engagement (ONCCEE) partners with researchers and industry to design and install the world's first cabled underwater monitoring platform specifically for extreme, high-flow tide conditions.

Nova Scotia's Bay of Fundy is home to the world's highest tides, and the site of FORCE (Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy), Canada's leading test centre for in-stream tidal energy. ONCCEE is developing an environmental monitoring system for FORCE—a requirement for their research using sea floor turbines.

"This program will demonstrate how world-leading Canadian technologies and expertise in ocean observing systems can be applied to support the validation of technologies to monitor in-stream tidal energy projects in high flow environments," says

ONCCEE director Scott McLean. "As a collaborative, cross-country initiative, the program will build Canadian expertise in this important emerging global market sector."

The monitoring program, announced on Sept. 13, is supported by \$10 million from the Government of Canada, Encana Corporation, FORCE participants, and ONCCEE.

ONCCEE, based at UVic, is a Centre of Excellence in Commercialization and Research funded by the Canadian government in 2009 under the Networks of Centres of Excellence program. It has a mandate to generate socio-economic benefits from Canada's investments in UVic's Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) Observatory and its two networks, VENUS and NEPTUNE Canada.

The monitoring platform, based on ONC's world-leading technology, will be connected to the FORCE observation facility by submarine cable. Data from the site will be publicly available via the internet.

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The University of Victoria: A Community of Communities.

To Oct. 15. A selection of historic and contemporary photographs of life at UVic over the past 50 years, taken from Ian MacPherson's book *Reaching Outward and Upward: The University of Victoria 1963–2013*. Maltwood Prints and Drawings Gallery at the McPherson Library.

Building the University Art Collection: 50 Years.

To Oct. 27. In conjunction with the university's 50th anniversary celebrations, recently retired Director Martin Segger guest curates this exhibition and reflects on collecting and curating the University of Victoria Art Collections over the past 35 years. Legacy Gallery 630 Yates St.

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The Mystery of the Hungry Heart Motel.

October 11–20. Written and performed by Chris Wilson (BFA '08) and Peter Carlone (BFA '08). Alumni Peter N' Chris return to UVic to present their acclaimed physical comedy spoof of a classic whodunit detective story. You'll "die" laughing! Tickets 250-721-8000.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4:30 p.m. *One Word, Multiple Meanings: Early Muslim Treatments of Polysemy in the Qur'an*. Prof. Andrew Rippin, UVic. Social Sciences & Math A104. 250-721-6325

Lecture/Seminar. 7 p.m. *Carbon Democracy: Energy and Democratic Politics*. CCCBE Distinguished Speaker Dr. Timothy Mitchell, renowned scholar on political economy. Wright Centre B150. 250-722-4539

Lecture/Seminar. 7 p.m. *With New Eyes To See: Engaging Communities on Climate Change with Visual Learning Tools*. Dr. Stephen R.J. Sheppard, UBC. Wright Centre. A104. 250-853-3678

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Music. 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. Featuring School of Music guitar students. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Lansdowne Lecture. 7 p.m. *Regional Heritage Foods and Climate Change*. Dr. Gary Paul Nabhan, Univ. of Arizona. Wright Centre A104. 250-721-6124

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Lecture/Seminar. 3:30 p.m. *Alan Turing Celebration Lecture*. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of the "father of computer science" and Leslie Valiant world-renowned for his work in theoretical computer science will speak as part of the UVic 50th Anniversary celebrations. Engineering Comp. Science 124. 250-472-5854.

Astronomy Open House. 8 p.m. This event is held every Wednesday from 8–10 p.m. from Oct.–April. Wright Centre 5th floor. To confirm: 250-721-7700 or email at physgen@uvic.ca

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Music. 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. Featuring School of Music voice students. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Music. 8 p.m. *UVic 50th Anniversary Signature Event, featuring Eve Egoyan, piano*. MacLaurin B125. Tickets \$25. 250-721-8634

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Music. 8 p.m. *Guest Concert: Bruce Dickey, cornetto*. Orion Series in Fine Arts. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-8634

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Cafe Scientifique Lecture. 6:30 p.m. *Your Brain on Hormones*. Dr. Nancy Sherwood, UVic. RSVP required: cfr@uvic.ca or 250-472-4067. Strathcona Hotel, 919 Douglas St. 250-472-4067

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

CAPI Lecture. 12:30 p.m. *Mongolia, Mining and Unavoidable Issues*. Ivan Somlai, Director—Global Collaboration and CAPI Associate. MacLaurin D116. 250-721-7023

Music. 12:30 p.m. *Lieder at Lunch with Sharon & Harald Krebs*. Bug Songs, with special guest Anne Grimm. MacLaurin B037. 250-721-8634

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Lecture/Seminar. 4 p.m. *CCCBE Speaker Series*. Dr. Lorna Williams, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge and Learning, UVic. Wright A104. 250-472-4539

Studies in Religion & Society Lecture. 4:30 p.m. *Social Imaginaries in Colonial India: An Analysis of the Influence of the Bhakti Movement*. Rinku Lamba, Jawaharlal Nehru Univ. Social Sciences & Math A104. 250-721-6325

Lansdowne Lecture. 7:30 p.m. *What Is Wrong with the World, and Who Is to Blame?* Dr. Michael Tooley, Univ. of Colorado at Boulder. Social Sciences & Math A102. 250-853-3120

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Music. 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. Featuring School of Music woodwind students. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

Lecture/Seminar. 2:45 p.m. *The Vancouver Island School-based Weather Station Network*. Ed Wiebe, UVic. Social Sciences & Math B215. 250-721-7327

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Music 8 p.m. Faculty Chamber Music Series. 50: *God('s) Particle in Music*. To commemorate UVic's 50th Anniversary, distinguished faculty members present a mind-blowing concert challenging the laws of physics. MacLaurin B125. Tickets: \$17.50 & \$13.50 250-721-8634

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Lansdowne Lecture. 9:30 a.m. *La Habana: Construcciones de la ciudad en literatura (Havana: Constructions of the City in Literature) [in Spanish]*. Abilio Estévez, Havana, Cuba. Clearihue C108. 250-721-7413

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Studies in Religion & Society Lecture. 4:30 p.m. *mazinimnensikaan: Performing Ojibwe Spirituality Through the Art of Traditional Beading*. Celeste Pedri, CSRS Artist in Residence, UVic. Social Sciences & Math A104. 250-721-6325.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Lansdowne Lecture. 9:30 a.m. *La literatura en tiempo de crisis (Literature in time of crisis) [in Spanish]*. Abilio Estévez, Havana, Cuba. UVic Centre A180. 250-721-7413

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. Featuring School of Music Chamber Singers. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Lecture/Seminar. 7:30 p.m. *Roman Toga and Greek Pallium: Male Dress and Ancient Identity*. Prof. Kelly Olson, Western Univ. Clearihue A212. 250-721-8514.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Other. 7 p.m. *Department of Writing: Alumni Reading*. Hickman 105. 250-721-7306

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Lecture/Seminar. 12 p.m. *Promoting Capacity for Early Childhood Development in Africa*. Prof. Alan Pence, UVic. HSD A373. 250-472-4912

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Studies in Religion & Society Lecture. 4:30 p.m. *Are Good Intentions Enough? On the Place of Knowledge in Buddhist Ethics*. Martin Adam, UVic. Social Sciences & Math A104. 250-721-6325

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Music. 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. Featuring School of Music string students. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

Lecture/Seminar. 2:45 p.m. *Antarctica—Science or Tourism?* Hugh French, UVic. Social Sciences & Math B215. 250-721-7327

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The board consists of the chancellor, the president, two elected faculty members, one elected staff member, two students elected from the university's undergraduate and graduate students and eight members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two of whom are appointed from among persons nominated by the Alumni Association.



SUSAN MEHINAGIC, CHAIR

Order-in-council appointee

Mehinagic holds a BCom (Honours) from Queen's University and an LLB from the University of Victoria. A fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a member of the Bar Association of British Columbia, she was previously the managing partner of the Victoria office of Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants, where she practiced in the field of personal and corporate taxation. Mehinagic was a director of the Queen Alexandra Foundation and the Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation. She served previously as chair of the University of Victoria Foundation and the Foundation for the University of Victoria. She has completed the Directors Education Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors.



ERICH MOHR, VICE-CHAIR

Order-in-council appointee

Mohr is chairman, CEO and founder of MedGenesis Therapeutic Inc., a privately held global biopharmaceutical company based in Victoria developing treatments for disorders of the central nervous system. Mohr is an internationally recognized expert in experimental therapeutics for central nervous system disorders and has served as an adviser to several of the global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. He has extensive experience as a board member both in the private and not-for-profit sectors. Mohr graduated from UVic with a PhD in neuropsychology. He has founded or co-founded several successful life science companies.



DAVID TURPIN

President

Turpin is the University of Victoria's sixth president and vice-chancellor. Under his leadership, UVic has grown in size and in stature; student financial assistance has more than doubled; sponsored research funding has increased nearly four-fold, reaching more than \$100M annually; and the university leads the Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) Observatory and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. Turpin is a well-recognized scholar in plant biochemistry and physiology, one of Canada's most highly cited researchers, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a member of the Order of Canada.



MURRAY FARMER

Chancellor

Farmer holds a BA in economics from the University of Victoria, completed the Harvard Business School's owner/president executive education program, and is a registered quantity surveyor. He is the president of Farmer Industries Group Inc. and vice-president of Farmer Management Inc., Accent Inns, and Beckton Estates Inc. Farmer has chaired the Canadian Construction Association and provided volunteer leadership for many local organizations, including the Victoria Foundation, the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre Campaign and the Royal Jubilee Hospital Foundation. He received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2007.



NAV BASSI

Elected staff member

Bassi is the director of Academic & Administrative Services for University Systems at the University of Victoria, as well as the chief technology officer for the Gustavson School of Business. Previously, he was responsible for building a project management office for University Systems. Bassi holds a BSc in computer science and an MBA (service management) from UVic, as well as a Master's Certificate in project management and the Project Management Professional (PMP) credential. He has taught management information systems for the Gustavson MBA Program and economics for the Division of Continuing Studies at UVic. Bassi is also a member of the University of Victoria Senate elected by the Convocation.



JANE BUTLER MCGREGOR

Order-in-council appointee

Butler McGregor serves currently as CEO of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Prior to this she served on the board of directors of Pacific Opera Victoria before stepping in as interim executive director during a transitional period. Previously she lived in the United States for 13 years where she helped found two new non-profit organizations and served on the board of several others. Before moving to the US she served as the corporate director of human resources for the Jim Pattison Group in Vancouver after managing guest relations and VIP services for Expo 86. She has a BA in psychology from the University of British Columbia.



PETER DRIESSEN

Elected faculty member

Driessen was appointed at UVic in 1985 and is currently professor in engineering with cross-appointments in music and computer science. His teaching and research interests include music technology, sound recording, audio signal processing and multimedia. He has over 100 publications and 14 patents and holds research funding from NSERC, SSHRC and the Canada Council for the Arts. Driessen served previously on the Board of Governors during 2005-2008. He served as vice-president of the Faculty Association for two years ending in April 2012 and served on the University Senate for five years.



TONY GAGE

Order-in-council appointee

Gage holds a BA in economics from the University of Victoria and an MBA (finance) from the University of British Columbia. A chartered financial analyst (CFA), Gage is a director of PSP Investments, chair of Sky Investment Counsel and head of the management committee of JEA Pension System Solutions. He is a past chair of the board of Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management. His career at Phillips, Hager and North spanned more than 20 years including five years as president and chief executive officer. He is a member of the Association of Investment Management and Research (AIMR) and an accredited chartered director (McMaster University).



LUCIA HEFFELFINGER ORSER

Elected student member

Orser is in her second term on the board of directors of the University of Victoria Students' Society and is currently the executive director of external relations. She is pursuing a degree in women's studies and a minor in public administration. Orser has experience in community organizing, government relations and student advocacy initiatives. Orser will be serving a one-year term as one of the two student representatives on the Board of Governors for the upcoming year.



MICHAEL KENNEDY

Order-in-council appointee

Kennedy is vice-president and regional leader of Stantec Consulting Limited in British Columbia. Over the course of his 20-year career, he has worked on a variety of major infrastructure projects in Canada, the US and Europe. Kennedy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management from the University of Manchester, is a member of the UK-based Chartered Institute of Building and is a project management professional. He is a founding executive committee member of the BC District Council of the Urban Land Institute and in 2007 he was the recipient of the Business in Vancouver "Forty under 40" award. Kennedy is a member of the board of governors of the Business Council of British Columbia and the board of directors of the BC Cancer Foundation.



LINDSAY LeBLANC

Order-in-council appointee

LeBlanc holds a BCom (Honours) from the University of Northern British Columbia and an LLB from the University of Victoria. She was admitted to the British Columbia bar in 2006. A partner with the law firm of Cox, Taylor, her practice focuses on property land development, corporate and commercial law, estate planning, foreclosure, and administrative and municipal matters. LeBlanc has served as director at large on the Aboriginal Law Student Scholarship Trust Committee of the Canadian Bar Association and as legal director of the Vancouver Island Sexual Health Society and was treasurer and director of the Victoria section of the Canadian Bar Association, Young Lawyers.



TRIBESTY NGUYEN

Elected student member

Nguyen holds a BSc in microbiology from the University of Victoria and is currently completing a concurrent biology degree. He is heavily involved in non-profit work, currently sitting on the board of directors for both the University of Victoria Students Society and Global Brigades Canada, for which he has organized three annual medical trips to Honduras with Canadian doctors and nurses—treating over 3,000 people who would otherwise have no access to medical care. Nguyen is seeking to pursue a career in medicine and enjoys being involved with grassroots organizing and community work.



RAY PROTTI

Order-in-council appointee

A University of Alberta graduate with a BA and MA in economics, Protti was previously president and CEO of the Canadian Bankers Association. Before that, his positions in the federal public service included director of the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service, deputy minister of Agriculture and Agri-food and of Labour Canada. Protti chaired the board of the Institute of Corporate Directors' Corporate Governance College and co-founded the International Banking Federation. He has served on the boards of many not-for-profit and arts organizations in Ontario and British Columbia and is a member of the board of Canadian Western Bank.



BEVERLY VAN RUYVEN

Order-in-council appointee

Van Ruyven holds a BA from the University of Victoria and completed the Executive Management Program at the Richard Ivey School of Business of the University of Western Ontario. She was previously deputy chief executive officer and executive vice-president of BC Hydro, having joined the company in 1997 as manager of Key Accounts and been promoted to progressively more senior management positions including that of acting president and chief executive officer from January to May 2010. Van Ruyven chaired the board of the Western Energy Institute and served on the boards of Accenture Business Services for Utilities, Fraser Basin Council and Vancouver Board of Trade Women's Leadership Circle. Currently she is on the board of the Inner Change Foundation. She was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2009 and 2010.



BARBARA WHITTINGTON

Elected faculty member

Whittington is an associate professor who has served as director of the School of Social Work, faculty coordinator of the UVic Family Centre and university orator, and was the university's first human rights (harassment) director. She helped found the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment in Higher Education, the UVic Employee and Family Assistance Program and was appointed to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee for the selection of Supreme Court Justices in BC. Whittington's research, professional practice and community interests centre on issues of grandparents raising grandchildren, social justice, trauma, emergency response and restorative justice practices. She received the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence and most recently the UVic Women's Recognition Award.

Being funny and surviving the Fringe circuit

BY ADRIENNE HOLIERHOEK

How do you know when something's funny? UVic theatre alumni Chris Wilson and Peter Carlone get a pretty good idea when they're writing comedy sketches together. The first sign? If they're falling on the floor laughing at it themselves!

But even these now-seasoned funny guys, who were nominated for the Comedy Network's Canadian Comedy Award for Best Sketch Troupe this year, say that "You never really know it's funny 'til you play it in front of an audience... but if we're laughing out loud, it's been a pretty good indicator that they will be too. We've learned to trust that instinct," says Wilson.

After graduating in 2008, the two best friends morphed into the comedy duo and started doing professionally what they began in university: writing comedy together. They found that their harebrained sense of humour, absurd pop culture references and laugh-out-loud physical gags had a real following. "Our first show was met with just enough success to keep us going. So the following year, we retooled our script and took it on a full cross-Canada Fringe tour."

They now have four smash-hit shows that have toured across the North American Fringe festival circuits and sketch comedy festivals garnering awards like the Just for Laughs Best of Comedy in Montreal, Best of the Fest in Winnipeg and Pick of the Fringe in Vancouver.

It's a busy life on the road, touring from one Fringe to the next, from Montreal to Victoria from May through September, with other SketchFests from Seattle to Chicago during the rest of the year. With almost 200 performances under their belt, that's a lot of fast food and a lot of time spent together. "We're pretty much like brothers now. We fight

like brothers too, but Peter's just like family to mine and vice versa," says Wilson.

From Oct. 11 to 20, Wilson and Carlone get a rare opportunity. They'll return to their *alma mater* and to the Department of Theatre stages to be guest presenters in the annual Spotlight on Alumni, a program that welcomes graduates back to present current work as part of the Phoenix Theatre season.

They'll be presenting their third play, "Peter N' Chris and The Mystery of the Hungry Heart Motel," where the dynamic duo takes on a psycho-killer and spoofs the entire "whodunit" detective story genre, with hilarious shout-outs to *The Hardy Boys* and *The Shining*. While here, they'll also have an opportunity to mentor current students and share what they've learned at talkback sessions after the preview shows.

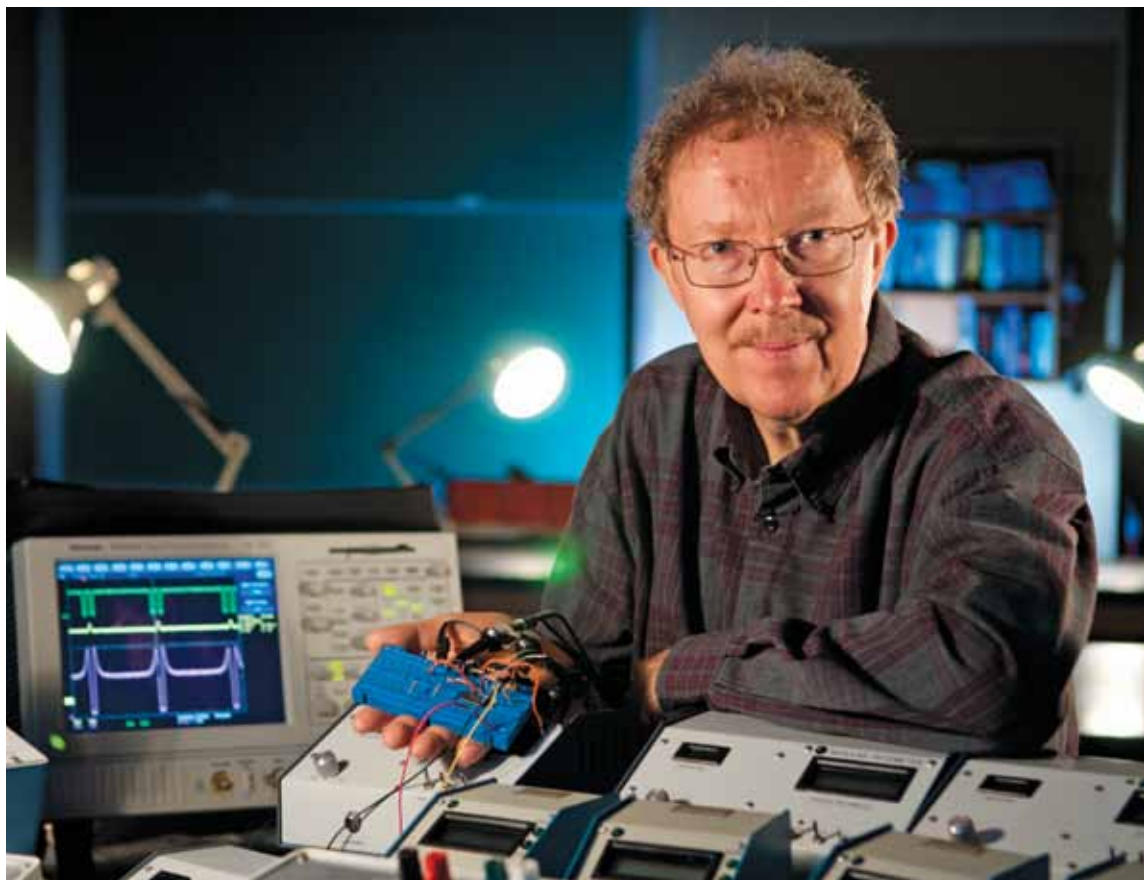
What will they tell these younger versions of themselves? "I would tell them to try every different kind of theatre you can, because need to find what you love doing, and then do it!" says Wilson "University is a unique time in your life. You should make as many mistakes as you can while you're at the Phoenix."

Referencing his many collaborations with other theatre grads as well as his friendship, now comedy partnership, with Carlone, Wilson adds his other words of advice, "The people you go to school with now are the people you may be working with in the future, and you never know which one of them it might be! Make good friends while you're here. You may just have them for life."

"Peter N' Chris and The Mystery of the Hungry Heart Motel" runs at the Phoenix Theatre from October 11-20. Visit www.phoenixtheatres.ca or call 250-721-8000 for more information.



L-R: Peter Carlone and Chris Wilson in "Peter N' Chris and The Mystery of the Hungry Heart Motel" PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER KATTNER AND PETER CARLONE



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day in the life

Working in the Department of Physics and Astronomy Electronics Shop is Neil Honkanen's dream job. "Where else could you design computer-controlled cable testers for the Large Hadron Collider at CERN (where they believe they have discovered the elusive Higgs Boson) one day and help an honours student design a brain-wave simulator the next?" he asks. "Working with sharp, young students every day, I know that the future is in good hands."

Honkanen is this year's recipient of the Faculty of Science Award for Excellence in Service.

When he started working at UVic 30 years ago, maintenance of electronic equipment dominated the job. Now, however, design work occupies most of the time of the three-person shop.

"It's a wonderful feeling to be able to take a concept that someone has brought you, prototype it, and then produce a finished product that al-

lows students and researchers to push back the frontiers of knowledge," says Honkanen.

The wide variety of work—with both labs and researchers—makes Honkanen's job challenging and never boring. Examples of his projects include designing electronics hardware and driver software for the automation of the department's 20-inch Lorenz telescope, which has gathered several hundred thousand photographs of the night sky. He also designed a variety of computer-controlled cable testers for the UVic ATLAS group, which enabled them to measure and log the characteristics of 2,000 cables for one of the detectors used in the Large Hadron Collider.

Over the past three decades, Honkanen has seen a tremendous change in electronics. Programmable hardware, such as microcontrollers, is one area that has greatly reduced the time that it takes to develop a design. "Rather than committing a design to hardware, which is very difficult to modify when changes are required, the design is in software where changes are very easily made," he explains.

When microcontrollers first became available, Honkanen spent six

months of his own time exploring their uses and benefits before recommending that the shop go down this path. Now microcontrollers are used in most designs of any sophistication.

For Honkanen, what makes his job a pleasure every day is the people he works with. "It doesn't get any better than this—to work with people who are passionate about what they do and know how to work well as a team," he says.

"Looking at retirement in a few years, I am very pleased to see that the Electronics Shop is in very good hands with the young technologists that I am now working with," he says. "They are as passionate about their work as I am about mine."

Honkanen has two grown kids and three grandkids. In his spare time, you will find him sailing around Vancouver Island or exploring Europe by bicycle with his wife, Laurie. "There isn't enough time in a lifetime to do all I would like to do, but I'm giving it a good try. Quite a few years ago, I was determined not to wait until retirement to enjoy life—as the future is always uncertain—and in that regard I would say that I have succeeded."

It's time to support the United Way

The annual UVic United Way campaign got off to an early morning start Oct. 3 with a breakfast for leadership donors at the University Club. More than 200 UVic employees are leadership donors who contribute more than \$500 per year (per person) to the United Way of Greater Victoria.

"We thank all the leadership donors for their strong support—bringing this group together and recognizing their generosity was a great way to begin our campaign," says Mary Ellen Purkis, UVic's dean of human and social development and 2012 chairperson of the campaign steering committee. "UVic is consistently one of the top three United

Way donors in the Greater Victoria area, and we are confident that our community will continue to support this important cause."

UVic faculty and staff will receive pledge forms via campus mail during October and are encouraged to return them as soon as possible for a chance to win great prizes. Employees can choose to donate via payroll deduction using the pledge forms. Online donations are also accepted at <http://bit.ly/UVicUnitedWay>.

Fall United Way fundraising events at UVic include the Plasma Car Races on Oct. 30, the UVic Libraries Book and Record Sale on Nov. 16 and 17 and

the Hearts and Hands Craft Fair on Nov. 20. Check the website for details of these and other events at www.uvic.ca/unitedway/.

In 2011 UVic raised more than \$270,000 for the United Way of Greater Victoria, which assists people in need in our communities. Nearly 128,000 Victorians are helped by United Way-supported programs and services delivered through 67 agencies. The United Way is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

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