



## Turpin re-appointed for second term

Dr. David Turpin has been re-appointed to a second five-year term as UVic's president and vice-chancellor.

The unanimous decision by the board of governors followed an in-depth performance review by a 20-member re-appointment committee and consultation with a number of community leaders.

"The university is fortunate to have a leader who is recognized internationally as an outstanding scholar and who has proven himself to be a dynamic administrator capable of developing consensus and respect even while making tough decisions in difficult times," says board chair Eric Donald.

Turpin's second term will run

until Aug. 31, 2010. The review committee remarked that comments on Turpin's leadership were "exceptionally consistent, noting that he is thoughtful, strategic and enthusiastic, with hardly a criticism among them. He is praised for his vision, his commitment to excellence, his ability to develop and implement strategic plans, his communication skills... his personal dynamism and persuasiveness."

The review committee report can be viewed at [web.uvic.ca/univsec/index.html](http://web.uvic.ca/univsec/index.html).

"It's a tremendous honour to be a part of this great university," says Turpin. "Working together, the university has accomplished a great deal and, personally, I'm looking forward

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## UVic leads study on drinking water contamination

An international research team led by UVic aquatic ecologist Dr. Asit Mazumder (biology) has been awarded a three-year \$703,000 grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to study how molecular and biochemical tools can be used to track bacterial and chemical contamination in drinking water.

With the increasing exposure of Canadian community watersheds to various land uses—such as livestock farming, manure application, agriculture, recreation and sewage—the risks of water contamination with

fecal bacteria are increasing rapidly, says Mazumder.

The study—which is being supplemented with \$180,000 from Health Canada and \$500,000 from Agriculture Canada and the beef and cattle industry—will examine the validity of various techniques used for tracking *E. coli* outbreaks in the food industry, to see if they can be applied to drinking water contamination incidents such as the Walkerton, Ontario, outbreak in 2000 that killed seven people.

There are more Walkertons out there waiting to happen, warns

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### That's the spirit!

UVic's record \$178,626 United Way campus campaign in 2003 was due in large part to the number of leadership donors—individuals who donated at least \$500. As a result, UVic was one of two recipients of the United Way Leadership Campaign Spirit Award displayed here by leadership committee chair Dr. Rebecca Grant (business). UVic was the only organization in the region to have a leadership committee. Campaign donor and retired UVic faculty member Dr. Alex McAuley was the winner of a new computer from the UVic Computer Store in the campaign draw while dean of science Dr. Tom Pedersen won a deluxe weekend at Dunsmuir Lodge. Several other staff and faculty members shared a variety of other draw prizes ranging from bookstore merchandise, library vendcards and Vikes tickets, to continuing studies and food services gift certificates. The 2003 United Way campus campaign easily surpassed its goal of \$150,000, raising 32 per cent more than the 2002 campaign.

## Survey to gauge awareness of academic integrity on campus

by Patty Pitts

The term "academic integrity" means different things to different people and UVic hopes an online survey of its students, faculty and teaching assistants will provide valuable feedback on how all the values associated with student learning are regarded at the university.

The survey is accessible on the Web for a one-week period, from Feb. 2 to 9. Eligible respondents will receive a prompt directing them to the survey when they sign on with their UVic ID.

The survey evolved from one created by Dr. Don McCabe at Rutgers University, who is the

president and founding member of the Center for Academic Integrity. It is being co-ordinated at UVic by the learning and teaching centre (LTC) with the endorsement of UVic's vice president academic and undergraduate and graduate student societies.

"Academic integrity describes the fundamental values of respect, trust, honesty, fairness and responsibility we strive for in our learning and teaching practices and in our research," says Dr. Geri Van Gyn, director of the LTC. "It's about adhering to UVic's academic standards for writing, speaking, listening and researching, but I'm not sure we've done a good enough

job at informing our students about our standards. Certainly the data from previous research in other institutions have shown this to be the case."

Van Gyn hopes the survey will help determine how well-informed UVic students—and their instructors—are about academic integrity and their views on academic misconduct.

UVic joins 10 other Canadian universities, a Canadian college and more than 100 American colleges that have already participated in McCabe's study. In addition, a random sample of 2,000 UVic students will be requested to complete the survey in a sub-study of

McCabe's research. One thousand students will receive a paper copy of the survey; the remaining 1,000 will complete it online. This group will be part of a comparison study investigating if the format affects the survey responses.

All responses will be completely confidential and anonymous. Web-based survey data is sent directly to McCabe who will strip all surveys of their Internet addresses. UVic has no access to any information about who has completed a survey. Paper surveys will contain no codes or labels to indicate a tracking system.

Everyone who completes a survey is eligible to enter a draw for

a new Acer Centrino computer from Discovery Computers in the Student Union Building, but even the winner's name will be kept confidential unless permission is given to release it.

"The results of the survey will be made public before the end of this term and we'll examine the data over the summer to determine how it might inform UVic policies, resources and orientation programs for students, faculty and teaching assistants," says Van Gyn.

For more information about the survey visit the LTC's Web site at [www.uvic.ca/terc](http://www.uvic.ca/terc).

## ringers

Dr. **Howard Brunt**, associate vice president research at UVic since 1998, is moving to Prince George where he's been named vice-president academic and provost at the University of Northern British Columbia. Brunt joined UVic's school of nursing in 1990 and for the past decade has been working alongside geneticists, physicians and nutritionists conducting cardiovascular research among the Hutterites of Alberta. He's also a leader in the development of the Canadian International Nurse Research database, a global resource for nursing research, and was the founding co-ordinator of the nursing research unit at UVic. He'll begin his new job on Aug. 1.

Dr. **Jim Anglin**, director of the school of child & youth care from 1989-94 and 2002-03, is now associate vice president academic and director of international affairs for a five-year term that began Jan. 1. Anglin holds an MSW from UBC and a PhD from Leicester University and joined the UVic faculty in 1980. His academic interests encompass a wide range of policy issues relating to children, youth and families and he has extensive experience collaborating across cultures and nations. He has made presentations in more than 20 countries on issues related to his research, and over the last nine years, has consulted in South Africa, providing policy analysis, leadership training and program assessment to NGOs and the national government's inter-ministerial committee on young people at risk.

For the third time in five years, a UVic business student is the winner of the B.C. Export Excellence Award. The \$3,000 award recognizes **Rene Gauthier's** leadership and excellence in international studies while contributing to B.C.'s export community. Gauthier is also co-owner of a successful Victoria-based business, Sitka Surfboards, as well as a line of clothing for clients around the world. The Export Awards are presented every year by the Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise in partnership with Canadian Manufacturers Exporters British Columbia division.

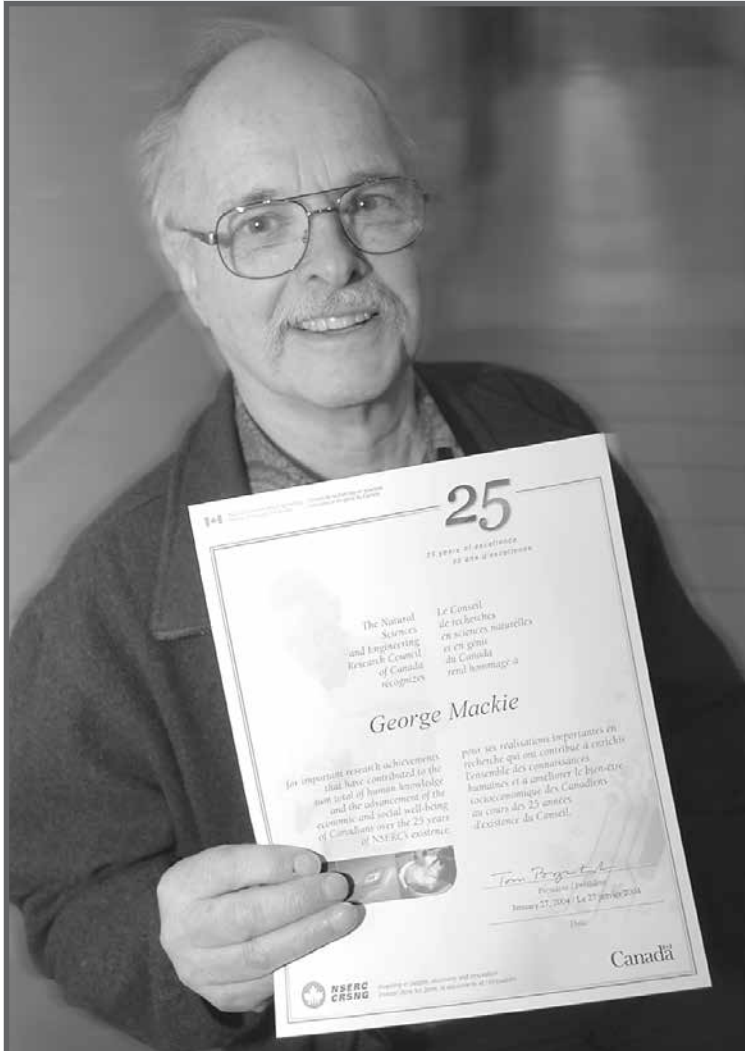
**Faye Wightman**, vice president external relations, is one of 12 finalists for the 2004 Influential Women in Business Awards. The annual awards are presented by the Influential Women in Business Association in partnership with *Business in Vancouver* magazine. Nominations are made by members of the business community and a jury selects the finalists. Five winners will be named at the awards luncheon in Vancouver on Feb. 18. Past winners include UBC president Martha Piper and CBC Canada chair Carole Taylor.

Dr. **Stan Dosso** (earth & ocean sciences) has won the 2004 Medwin Prize in Acoustical Oceanography from the Acoustical Society of America for his work on using sound in the ocean to determine physical properties of the ocean environment (the seabed, water column and sea ice) and of natural and manmade acoustic sources (such as ice cracking, and ships and submarines). Dosso's work focuses on the mathematical aspects of ocean acoustics.

**Jamie Cassels**, vice president academic and provost, can now add the initials QC after his name. The Queen's Counsel designation is an honour conferred on outstanding members of the legal profession to recognize exceptional merit and contribution. Cassels has been a faculty member in UVic's law school since 1981 and has written widely on a number of legal topics. He was dean of law from 1999-2001.

The faculty of business is recognizing its faculty's teaching talent: Dr. **Chris Janssen** receives the MBA Excellence in Teaching Award, the annual award presented by the MBA Students' Council; **Bill Buckwold** and Dr. **John Kyle** are winners of the Commerce Student Society's Excellence in Teaching Award; Dr. **Ron Mitchell** receives the faculty's Research Award; Drs. **Mark Colgate** and **Elango Elangovan** are winners of the faculty's Teaching Award; and Drs. **Tim Craig** and **David McCutcheon** receive the faculty's Service Award. The Staff Service Award goes to **Jane Collins**.

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## 25 years of NSERC support

Professor emeritus Dr. George Mackie (biology) holds up a certificate recognizing 25 continuous years of research grants from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). The federal granting council—the country's largest—is currently celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Mackie was one of UVic's 40 "25-year grant holders" who were acknowledged at a celebratory reception on Jan. 27. Actually, Mackie—who does basic research on primitive nervous systems in marine invertebrates such as sponges and jellyfish—is the veteran NSERC grantee at UVic. He's held research grants every year since 1959 when they were still administered by the National Research Council and he was a freshly minted faculty member at the University of Alberta. He's applied again for the coming year. "My research has always been my hobby," smiles Mackie, who has published about 150 papers—so far. "I'm 74 and enjoying it and still able to do good stuff," he says. Among Canada's comprehensive universities, UVic consistently ranks number one in size and number of NSERC grants per faculty member. It's estimated that in the last 10 years alone, UVic researchers have attracted more than \$100 million in funding from NSERC in areas as diverse as genetics, cosmology, climate change, and alternative energy systems.

## Faculty of business gets windfall donation

The faculty of business has received one of its largest-ever single donations—a gift of \$500,000—to support new scholarships and programs for undergraduate business students.

Mary Orr of Vancouver made the gift as a memorial to her husband Thomas Frederick (Bill) Orr, a well-respected leader in the Vancouver business community.

Orr says her grandson, currently a business student at UVic, inspired her to make the gift. "I've seen first-hand how he has benefited from the business education he has received at UVic," she says. "We need leaders in the business world with a broad-based education, and I can see he is having an excellent all-round experience at UVic. I want to help future students have that same opportunity."

"We're very grateful to Mrs. Orr," says Dr. Ali Dastmalchian, dean of business.

"The gift was a wonderful tribute to her husband, and will contribute to the faculty's vision of being recognized locally and globally for leadership and excellence in research and business education."

The faculty has established the Thomas (Bill) Orr Endowment to support scholarships for bachelor of commerce students who combine academic excellence with involvement in UVic athletics or campus organizations, and to enhance teaching, research and programs that address the development of well-rounded leadership skills.

## Video raises awareness of diversity issues

A video called *Diversity & Inclusion: Challenges in Learning & Teaching* is usually shown in workshops for instructors to increase their skills in handling diversity. Stephen Hume, an instructor in the English department, has taken the critical-incident video into the classroom with his students.

Hume showed three video clips to international students in the faculty of business. The clips dealt with how to integrate international students into classroom discussion, how to deal with language that stereotypes, and how to accommodate religious beliefs.

The main message the students say they took from the video is that they can speak up and let someone know when they find remarks to be offensive. Hume is now planning to show the video to one of his English classes, made up primarily of Canadian students, to see if there are similar or differing views.

March is Diversity Month at UVic. Last year, more than 40 events were presented on campus to foster equity and diversity at UVic. Anyone planning an event is asked to contact 721-8486 or equity@uvic.ca so that it can be included in a calendar of events.

## Drinking water

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Mazumder. Hundreds of Canadian communities endure frequent boil-water advisories. In B.C. alone, an estimated 300-400 communities are on boil-water advisories at any given time.

"Tracking the source of contamination is a huge public health issue in this country," he says. "Unless we know the source of the contamination, we can't control it. But to date, the science is not there. We hope to change that."

Current bacterial source tracking techniques include DNA genetic markers, comparative genomics, antibiotic resistance profiling and toxin biomarkers. Test sites will be

in several multi-use watersheds in Victoria and the north Okanagan and on Saltspring Island.

The CIHR-funded study will also assess the impact of various land use activities on fecal contamination of drinking water and what happens to contaminants once they're in the source water ecosystem. "Knowing the sources of contamination is not good enough," explains Mazumder. "We need to know the environmental variables that regulate the movement, viability and outbreak potential of these contaminants."

The interdisciplinary study team involves researchers at UVic, UBC, the University of Washington and

Indiana University, with in-kind support from Environment Canada and the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.

Mazumder heads the NSERC research chair on the environmental management of drinking water, based at UVic, which conducts interdisciplinary studies on a wide range of issues related to drinking water, watershed management, fisheries and land-use activities.

"This CIHR grant is a significant step forward for this lab," he says, "because it acknowledges the important implications our work has for human health."

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# New program seeks to revitalize aboriginal languages

by Patty Pitts

As a child attending the Duncan Indian School, Hul'qumi'num linguistic consultant Ruby Peter would sit on the swings and secretly spin tales. "I used to tell the younger kids Indian stories in my language. But we had to keep a look out for the teachers. If they caught me speaking Indian, I'd be punished."

Peter no longer has to hide her pride in her language and, thanks to a new Community University Research Alliance (CURA) partnership with UVic, she'll join other members of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group (representing six communities), the First People's Cultural Foundation (FPCF), the First Peoples' Heritage Language and Culture Council and the Saanich Native Heritage Society (representing seven communities) in studying and revitalizing their native languages.

The five-year, \$901,720 CURA grant, funded through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, will link UVic researchers with First Nations community members and elders. Together, they'll create new programs, evaluate current ones and set up systems to keep the revitalized languages

thriving in the future.

"This CURA responds to a passionate need and desire on behalf of the communities to help their languages live again," says linguist Dr. Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins, the project's lead researcher. "The researchers will be directed by the communities. The CURA will assess the community needs and determine how all the partners can best work together."

All the First Nations partners have various projects underway. Collaborating with UVic linguists and others, the Hul'qumi'num have developed a dictionary and a written system for their oral language. The Saanich Native Heritage Society, with assistance from the FPCF, is ready to have the Saanich language, SENÇOÏEN, available online as part of the Foundation's First Voices project.

The researchers and partners will use the CURA to co-ordinate existing community projects and identify opportunities for new programs. Some of the proposals being considered include language camps, language fairs and mentoring programs involving elders.

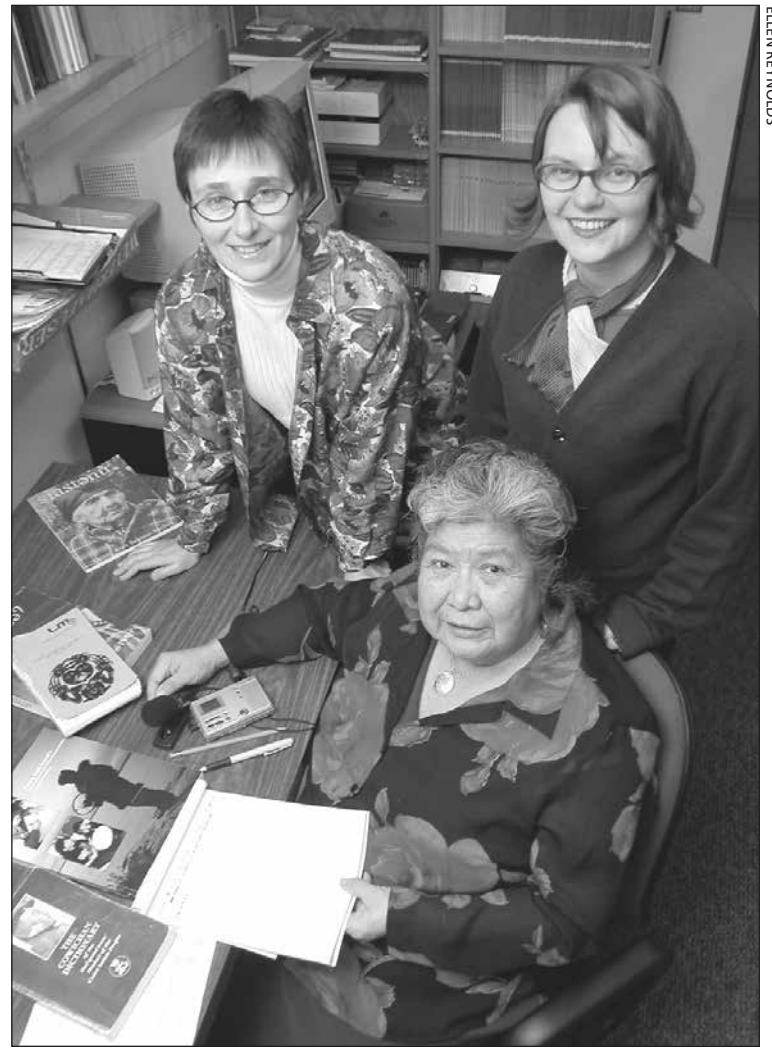
"I'm looking forward to being able to work with UVic linguistic experts

along with our own SENÇOÏEN experts to be able to complete some of the work we started here on the grammar of SENÇOÏEN," says John Elliott, a teacher at the Saanich Tribal School and chairman of the Saanich Native Heritage Society.

In addition to making the Saanich language available online, the society is developing a dictionary and refining a curriculum guide. Some of the first children taught SENÇOÏEN at the school are now young parents, teaching the language to their own youngsters.

Hul'qumi'num elder and language teacher Florence James of the Penelakut Tribe hopes the project will expand opportunities to teach adults their own history in their own language. "Part of my work is to introduce the oral history, the way we learned when we were kids. This is what the students really enjoy. Most don't learn their history in the traditional way and then the chance to pass it along to their children is lost."

Czaykowska-Higgins says the CURA project will revitalize more than words. "Language is tied to culture. You can't separate the two. When a language thrives, so does the culture."



Clockwise, from top left: linguist Czaykowska-Higgins, UVic researcher Suzanne Urbanczyk, Ruby Peter.

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to achieving even more in the coming years. I'm particularly grateful for the support and encouragement I've received from members of the university community."

During Turpin's first term UVic completed a strategic plan, *A Vision for the Future*, and a campus plan to guide future growth. The university also partnered with UBC and UNBC to expand UBC's faculty of medicine and bring the Island Medical Program to campus. It started

construction on a new engineering and computer science building as part of the provincial government's initiative to double the number of student spaces in high technology provincially.

Student enrolment, student financial assistance, the number of faculty positions and sponsored research funding all increased during this period. The university established a number of new degree programs, especially at the

graduate level, and became the lead Canadian institution in the \$300-million NEPTUNE project, an international effort to create an extensive cabled network monitoring the ocean floor from California to Vancouver Island.

The campus grew, too. New buildings include the Technology Enterprise Facility, linking UVic research with business development, and the state-of-the-art Continuing Studies Building. Construction started on a series of residence buildings that will increase student housing by 600 beds by August 2004. This will enable UVic to make an offer of residence housing along with all offers of admission to first-year students.

Turpin chaired the 2002 Greater Victoria United Way campaign that raised a record-breaking \$4.1 million for local social organizations.

Turpin, 47, holds a PhD in botany and oceanography from UBC. Widely regarded as one of Canada's pre-eminent scientists and an accomplished teacher, Turpin came

to UVic from Queen's University in Ontario, where he held a number of senior administrative posts including vice-principal (academic) and dean of arts and science.

His many awards include the Queen's Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, fellowship in

the Royal Society of Canada, the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship as one of the country's outstanding young scientists, and the American Botanical Association's Darbaker Prize in Phycology.

## Chancellor named to Order of Canada

UVic Chancellor Ron Lou-Poy is one of 102 people recently appointed by the Governor General to the Order of Canada—the country's highest award for lifetime achievement.

Named in the category of voluntary service, Lou-Poy is cited for his involvements with organizations such as the Chinese Heritage Foundation, Crime Stoppers, the Victoria Police Board, the Kiwanis Club and the McPherson Foundation. "[Lou-Poy] exemplifies the adage that to give to one's community is both a responsibility and a privilege,"

reads the citation.

Lou-Poy is a third-generation Victorian, graduate of Victoria College (UVic's forerunner), and the senior partner with Crease Harman and Co. of Victoria, the oldest law firm in the province. He was installed as UVic's ninth chancellor in June 2003.

Lou-Poy is also a committed fundraiser. Notably, he contributed to the successful reconstruction of the Gate of Harmonious Interest, which stands as a symbolic entrance to Victoria's Chinatown, the oldest in Canada.

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So now that you almost have that degree, what do you do with it? Don't wait until graduation to find out. UVic career services and AIESEC Victoria, a student organization, holds its annual Career Fair on Feb. 11-12, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Michele Pujol room of the Student Union Building. Reps from more than 40 companies, educational institutions and government agencies will be on hand to answer questions, offer advice and get you started on the path to that dream job. Whether it's piloting a plane, managing a hotel, practising homeopathy, teaching English abroad or continuing on with a postgraduate degree, there are plenty of job and educational opportunities to check out. "It's a big mix," says Goldee Salcedo of career services. "And it's a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with reps who are there to give students direction and guidance." For dates and times contact career services at 721-8992 or drop by the career services office in the Campus Services Building, room 110.

**Language centre moves across campus**

The English language centre has a new home. It has moved from University House 3 to the second floor of the new Continuing Studies Building at the intersection of Ring and Gabriola Roads. The centre provides English-language programs for international and Canadian students, from beginning levels to university admission preparation. For more information about the centre visit [www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/](http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/).

**Using technology to teach**

"IT Week is an opportunity to learn about the latest and greatest in instructional technology," says Dr. Geri Van Gyn, director of UVic's learning and teaching centre. The week-long event runs from Feb 16-20, and offers some hands-on experience to faculty and grad students who plan to teach with the new technology. The week launches with a panel discussion on "The Tantalizing Potential and Frustrating Challenges of Instructional Technology Use in Higher Education," Monday, Feb 16, 12-1:30 p.m. in CIT, room 128. In other sessions, learn everything from how to have effective online discussions with your students to grade management to the latest perspectives on IT teaching and learning. For more information visit: [web.uvic.ca/terc/resources/2004ITWeek.htm](http://web.uvic.ca/terc/resources/2004ITWeek.htm).

**Lawsuits for laughs**

UVic law faculty and students will join local lawyers in playing lawsuits for laughs in an upcoming production of "The Man Who Came for Dinner," this year's presentation by Lawyers On Stage Theatre (LOST). The former Broadway hit, made into a 1941 film, is the story of celebrity personality Sheridan Whiteside who is confined to a house in a small town as a result of an accident. He threatens to sue and the audience is treated to his comic interaction with a wide cast of characters. Performances are on Feb. 27 and 28 at the McPherson Playhouse. Funds raised will benefit Kaleidoscope Theatre's work with young audiences. Among the familiar faces in the cast are UVic law faculty member Andrew Pirie and students Wendy Baker, Stephanie Drake, Jonas Gifford, Jason Glabb, Natasha Kisilevsky, Michael Mitchell and Vici Hill. Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students/seniors, and are available from the McPherson box office or from Pirie at 721-8179.

**Williams art legacy travels to Vancouver**

Vancouver residents will have a chance in March to view more than 30 pieces from the vast collection of art left to the university by Michael Williams. "The Williams Legacy: Contemporary Art of the Pacific Northwest" begins March 8 at the HSBC Pendulum Gallery in downtown Vancouver and continues through March 19. A reception with UVic President David Turpin for Vancouver-based alumni and co-op employers is on March 10, presented by the Vancouver branch of the UVic Alumni Association, the UVic co-op education program and the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery. HSBC is the exhibit's sponsor. Among the major works selected for the exhibition are: "Blue Sky," a Pierre Trudeau portrait by Myfanwy Pavelic; "Hockey Owl," by Jack Shadbolt; and a Haisla mortar and pestle circa 1700, from Kitimat. When Williams passed away in 2000 he left the university with \$17-million in commercial and residential property and an extensive, eclectic mix of contemporary art, First Nations artifacts and antiques.

**Don't put off reading this**

Do you cram for exams? Finish your course papers at the last minute? Use fax or e-mail to submit your grant proposals? Defer tasks to such an extent that you miss deadlines and feel anxious about getting your work done? Then you are a procrastinator. But fear not. There's good news—you can get the help you need to kick your habit right here on campus by attending counselling services' procrastination group. "Everyone procrastinates and for most people it's not a serious problem," says Dr. Joe Parsons, who facilitates the group. But when putting things off until the last minute starts to affect your performance or creates anxiety, then procrastination is a problem. Here are the warning signs: missing deadlines, having trouble starting projects, skipping classes, poor marks, guilty thoughts and feelings, making excuses, and spending time on unimportant tasks. The procrastination group meets for an hour every week. It's free and open to UVic students, staff and faculty. For more information visit [www.coun.uvic.ca/groups/ProcrastinationGroup.html](http://www.coun.uvic.ca/groups/ProcrastinationGroup.html).

**Meeting offers update on Clearihue repairs**

Clearihue's D-wing is showing its age but is structurally sound, despite dropping some of its stucco cladding on the walkway below. "There's some evidence of deterioration in the cladding and we're investigating the extent of the problem which is purely cosmetic," says Jerry Robson, executive director of facilities management. "The building is not leaking. It's structurally sound, but we will be constructing some covered walkways as protection from any debris that may drop while we're working on the building." Facilities management is planning an information session to update faculty, staff and students on the state of Clearihue and the upcoming repairs. It will be held in Clearihue C112 from 4 to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 5. For more information call 721-7591.

**Still time to nominate a Woman of Distinction**

The deadline is fast approaching to submit nominations for this year's YM-YWCA Women of Distinction Awards, which celebrate excellence among the women in our community. All the selected nominees in 10 categories will be recognized at a nominees' reception in April and again at the awards celebration in May. UVic is once again sponsoring the science, information technology and research category. Other categories encompass arts, culture and heritage, communications, community and neighbourhood enhancement, health, sport and fitness, education, training and development and workplace innovation. There are also lifetime achievement and young woman of distinction awards. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. Feb. 27. Nomination forms are available by calling the Y at 386-7511 or by visiting the Web site at [www.ymywca.victoria.bc.ca](http://www.ymywca.victoria.bc.ca).

**Budget targets improved programs and services**

There's always room for improvement. That's why every year UVic takes a good long look at itself, reassesses its requirements and puts money and resources into areas that need them.

At its March 2003 meeting, the UVic board of governors approved the 2003/04 budget framework, which sets out the basic financial direction of the university for the following year. That framework is then implemented in a detailed budget that reveals a number of improvements to the way the university does business.

The university is required by law to balance its budget. In the detailed budget, revenues and expenditures increased by \$17.8 million. The sources of the new revenue were a \$1.6 million government grant, and the remaining \$16.2 million came from both tuition increases and expanded enrolments.

About half of this money was used to meet contractual obligations and inflation-related increases (e.g., salaries, pensions, utility increases). The other half was used for growth and improvement in programs and services. Here are some of the ways these new funds are being used:

**Student financial aid, \$1.4 million:** More students are able to attend the university thanks to a substantial increase in scholarships and bursaries. This year also saw the start of a financial assistance program for international students.

**Human and social development, \$1.35 million:** The school of nursing is hiring more faculty and adding programs to meet its increased undergraduate enrolment and develop a nurse practitioner graduate program. As well, the department of health information sciences, school of social work, and the school of child and youth care are hiring new faculty. In addition

to important expansions in the undergraduate programs, these schools, as well as public administration, are making significant improvements to their master's programs.

**Engineering, \$1.2 million:** This was year two of the "Double the Opportunity" program, aimed at doubling enrolments in computer science, computer and electrical engineering, and related disciplines. The major increase required large investments in new faculty and teaching assistants, technical staff, and equipment. The faculty of fine arts is also benefiting from this money by developing a new curriculum in digital video.

**Administrative support services, \$785,000:** A portion of this money is supporting the implementation of the university's information technology plan and the development of a comprehensive e-strategy. Funding is also going toward career and student services, risk and emergency planning, sustainability, government relations, and technical support for accounting.

**Computing and system services, \$740,000:** These funds cover the rising costs of equipment maintenance, software licensing and rental fees. The division is hiring an associate director to help with the ever-growing need to maintain and improve UVic's "infrastructure."

**Libraries, \$579,712:** Funds are going toward new subscriptions, 16 new computers and hiring an information services librarian.

**External relations, \$550,000:** UVic is strengthening fundraising by increasing base funding for development officer positions.

To see the complete report on revenues and expenditures visit: [web.uvic.ca/vpac](http://web.uvic.ca/vpac).

**UVic on Knowledge Network**

The impact of climate change, the possible benefits of video games and the recollections of First Nations children as depicted in their recovered art will all be featured in upcoming broadcasts of *The Leading Edge: Innovation in B.C.*

The Knowledge Network-produced series about research and innovation at B.C.'s postsecondary institutions will feature several UVic researchers this month.

On Feb. 10 geographer Dr. Dan Smith will discuss how climate change affects glaciers while environmental economist Dr. Cornelis van Kooten will discuss the econom-

ic impact of climate change.

On Feb. 17 psychologist Dr. Michael Masson will discuss his project exploring whether computer and video games can make children more literate. The Feb. 24 episode will feature anthropologist Dr. Andrea Walsh and her work with the Osoyoos band to preserve rediscovered art created by their children in the 1930s.

*The Leading Edge* airs on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and repeats the following Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Tuesdays at 2 p.m. on Channel 4 in Victoria.



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# Two more faculty join Distinguished Professor ranks

An expert on the delivery of municipal services and an authority on First Nations plant use have been awarded UVic's highest academic honour.

Dr. Jim McDavid (public administration) and Dr. Nancy Turner (environmental studies) have been named UVic Distinguished Professors.

The five-year award is bestowed on a faculty member who "has achieved great distinction in teaching and scholarly research and has made substantial contributions to the university and the wider community." The award provides a salary stipend and an annual research allowance.

"This is the university's way of recognizing faculty members who excel all-round—individuals who are gifted classroom teachers, internationally respected scholars, and committed citizens of the university community," says vice president academic and provost Jamie Cassels.

Candidates are nominated by their faculty, with nominations adjudicated by the vice-president research and the vice-president academic. The final selection is made by the vice president academic.

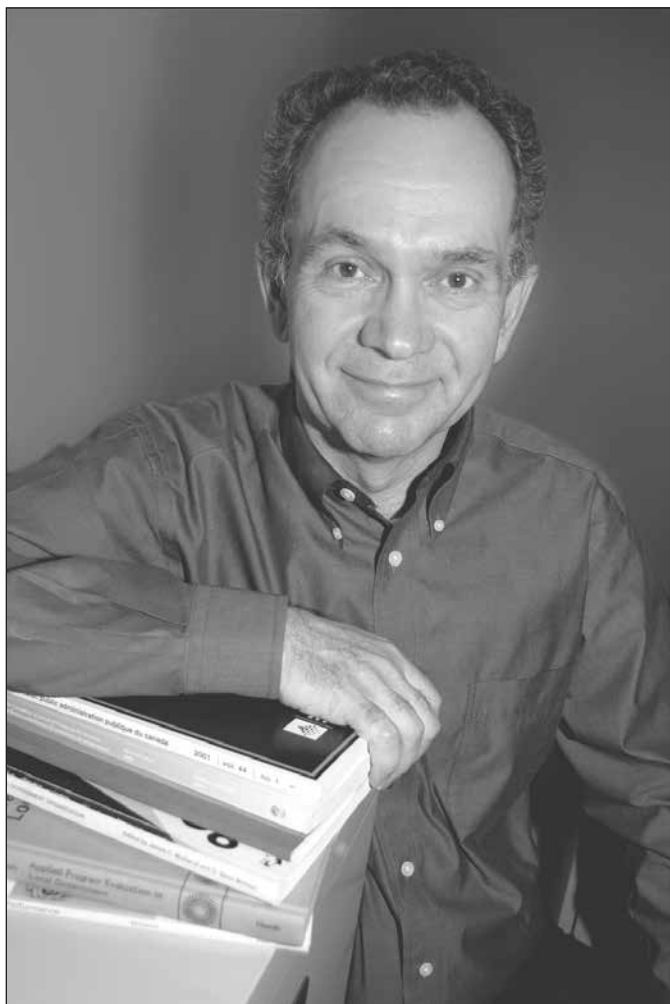
No more than three per cent of UVic regular faculty members can hold Distinguished Professor-

ships at any time, and the positions will be distributed among all faculties at the university.

"We're very proud of the accomplishments of Jim and Nancy," says Cassels of the two new Distinguished Professors. "They are precisely the kind of teachers and scholars that UVic is honoured to number among its finest."

The award was created in 2002. The other winners to date are Gerry Ferguson (law), Angus McLaren (history), John Oleson (Greek & Roman studies), Jim Tully (political science) and Larry Yore (education).

VALERIE SHORE



McDavid

Jim McDavid recalls how excited he was as a second-year university student taking political philosophy at the University of Alberta. "The class members ranged from Marxists to Burkean conservatives, and we had many heated debates that would extend for hours after class," he recalls. "I knew then I always wanted to be connected to a university."

McDavid has moved well beyond that goal to become one of Canada's leading public administration scholars in the fields of performance measurement and management, program evaluation and the delivery of local government services. His current research focuses on two questions: how elected legislators use public performance reports to influence policies and programs; and what factors predict the efficiency of local government services.

This expertise is invaluable to governments and communities. "In spite of all the emphasis on accountability, we know very lit-

tle about how legislators actually use performance reports," says McDavid. "My research helps to fill that gap." His work on the performance of core services such as police, fire and waste management is linked with UVic's local government institute, of which he is co-founder and co-director.

McDavid has produced a stream of scholarly publications, as well as reports for governments, associations and other research agencies in Canada and the U.S. He also routinely communicates his findings to broader audiences in newspapers, trade magazines and newsletters.

"Jim is a calm person with a sharp and logical mind who approaches any issue with analytical rigour," says Dr. Michael Prince, acting dean of the faculty of human and social development. "These same characteristics are evident in his scholarship and research."

McDavid joined UVic as an associate professor in the school of public administration in 1980,

was promoted to full professor in 1991, and served as dean of the faculty of human and social development from 1991-96. He has also served as the school's graduate advisor and currently sits on several faculty and university committees.

In 1993, McDavid won the Excellence in Teaching Award from the UVic Alumni Association for his outstanding work as an educator. "His courses are continually in demand," says Prince. "Although difficult, they're highly stimulating, rewarding and practical."

McDavid says the Distinguished Professorship will allow him to expand his research on performance management over the next five years. "UVic is a first-class place to work," he says. "During my time as dean I learned to appreciate the diversity and richness of our faculty. It's a privilege to be here and an honour to receive this award."

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Turner

"It's a total surprise to be rewarded like this for doing what I love to do," says Nancy Turner of her new Distinguished Professorship. "It really makes me appreciate being a part of this university."

Turner is a leader in the field of plant knowledge and traditional plant use by First Nations in western North America. Her work with First Nations communities in the documentation and, in some cases, rediscovery of their cultural heritage has helped to formulate and develop major public policy decisions on land use and economic development issues.

"Nancy is considered by her peers as the foremost ethnobotanist in Canada who has devoted her career to understanding the cultural context of plant uses," says Dr. John Schofield, dean of social sciences. "Her research with First Nations cultures has set the standard for collaborative research with indigenous people and demonstrates how important

their knowledge of native plants and ecological interactions are for understanding the environment in those areas."

Turner, who holds a BSc from UVic and a PhD from UBC, began her career in the early '70s as an independent researcher affiliated with the Royal B.C. Museum. By the time she joined UVic in 1991, she was a widely acknowledged expert on the ethnobotany of B.C.

"I've been really lucky in learning from a whole generation of very knowledgeable First Nations elders, many of whom have now passed away," she says. "One of my real desires is to work with aboriginal elders to assist in any way I can to perpetuate their critically important knowledge."

Much of Turner's career has been spent doing just that. She presents workshops to communities on the ethnobotany of their area. She's the author or co-author of dozens of articles, monographs and books. She's also a teacher, public lecturer, media commen-

tator, and supervisor of a team of graduate students working on various issues related to ethnobotany, conservation biology and the sustainable use of plants.

Her many honours include: the UVic Distinguished Alumni Award (2003), the Lawson Medal from the Canadian Botanical Association (2002); Academic of the Year from the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C. (2002); election to the Royal Society of Canada (1999); and the Richard Evans Schultes Award (1997) from the U.S.-based Healing Forest Conservancy.

Turner says her research focus is now moving into "pulling together the things I've learned to see patterns in the way knowledge is learned and shared in relation to the natural world and how it works." She is writing three more books, including a guide to the culturally important plants of Haida Gwaii, due out this spring.

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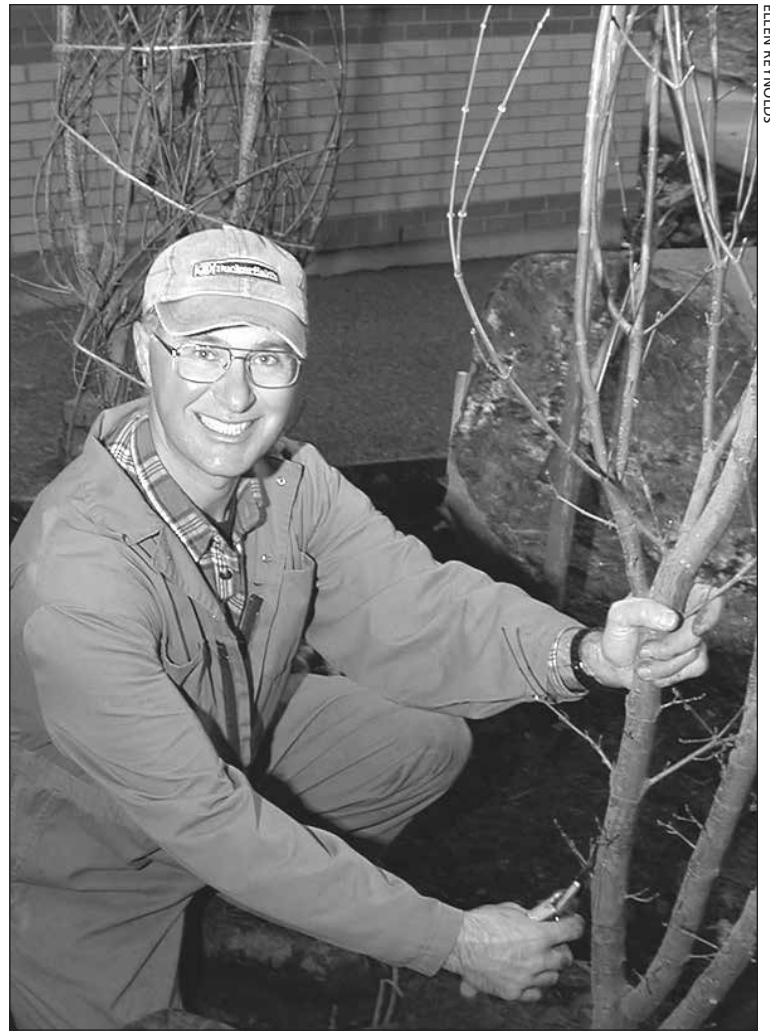
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## Plants on the move

Don Fleming, a grounds worker in facilities management, prepares a native vine maple tree for replanting near UVic's new Continuing Studies Building. It's one of a number of native plants and shrubs that have been relocated to other sites on campus in preparation for construction of the new engineering and computer science building.

## in memoriam

**Terry Johnson** died suddenly on Dec. 28. Terry retired from the faculty of education in 2001 and was actively continuing his work as an author and consultant on children's literacy and literature at the time of his death. His impact on tens of thousands of students, teaching professionals and academics over a 35-year career is particularly noteworthy. His passion was the creation of instruction that was theoretically sound and engaging for children. He conducted hundreds of professional workshops and lectures across North America, Australia and England. Terry's 1985 book *Literacy Through Literature*, co-authored with Daphne Louise, is a recognized classic text on literacy instruction. Terry was a gifted teacher and an inspiring and provocative colleague. Fortunately, his impact on literacy education continues through the many thousands of educators and children who continue to implement his ideas today.

*Contributed by faculty colleague Robert Anthony.*

**Marion Small**, an associate professor of art education in the faculty of education, died on Dec. 29. Marion enjoyed a long and active career and served as chair of the department of art in education (now curriculum studies) for several years. She was a respected administrator and teacher who provided a strong role model for hundreds of undergraduates. Marion was an active contributor to faculty art exhibitions and her ideas often depicted the wide open spaces of prairie Saskatchewan where she lived before coming to Victoria in 1937. Marion taught in B.C. public schools for more than 20 years, earned bachelor and master's degrees, and then joined UVic's education faculty in 1963 where she remained until her retirement in 1986. She would often visit her colleagues long after retirement and it was obvious she missed the hustle and bustle of teaching and the milieu of university life. Marion was devoted to excellence in teacher education and will be missed.

*Contributed by faculty colleague Bill Zuk.*

**Doug Morton**, professor emeritus of visual arts, died on Jan. 4. Doug was a major figure in Canadian art and arts education. He began his artistic career as a member of a group of young painters based in Regina in the early 1960s who gained national and international recognition as the Regina Five. He was a gifted and prolific abstract artist, and his many exhibitions over five decades had a broad influence on fellow artists and generations of students. Doug had an equally distinguished career as an instructor and academic administrator. He began his academic career at the Regina campus of the University of Saskatchewan (later the University of Regina) and in 1970 was appointed to the faculty at York University, where he also served as associate dean of fine arts. In 1980 he joined UVic as dean of fine arts, and served in that position until 1985 when he became the first president of the Alberta College of Art. Doug returned to UVic in 1988 and retired in 1992.

*Contributed by colleagues Tony Welch and Don Harvey.*

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**RODEO STAR** March 3–6. An exploration of the relationship between a seemingly lonely businessman and a prostitute. Previews March 1 & 2 at 8 p.m. Matinee March 6 at 2 p.m.

**Saturday, February 7**

**MUSIC** 12:30 p.m. *Chamber Music Series*. School of music performance faculty. MacLaurin B125. \$12/8. 721-7903

**Sunday, February 8**

**CONTINUING STUDIES LECTURE** 2 p.m. *Violence and Double Talk: Reflections on the Peace Process in Northern Ireland*. Dr. Patrick Grant, UVic. Fraser 159. \$16.05. Register: 472-4747

**MUSIC** 2:30 p.m. *Another Vocal Extravaganza! Singers from the school of music in songs, arias and ensembles*. MacLaurin B125. \$12/8. 721-7903

**Monday, February 9**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURE** 2:30 p.m. *Personal Safety and the Child-Victim Citizen*. Dr. Xiaobei Chen, UVic. Cornett A317. 721-7486

**LECTURE** 7:30 p.m. Author Barbara Coloroso on her upcoming book, *Just Because It Isn't Wrong Doesn't Make It Right: From Toddlers to Teen—Teaching Kids To Think and Act Ethically*. Proceeds go to HIV/AIDS relief in Africa. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$35 (604) 871-1881

**Wednesday, February 11**

**STUDIES IN RELIGION AND SOCIETY LECTURE** 4 p.m. *Can the Religions Live Together?* Dr. Harold Coward, UVic. MacLaurin D116. 721-6325

**WOMEN SCHOLARS LECTURE** 7:30 p.m. *Danger in the Underground—Plant Roots Fight Back*. Carol Peterson, Univ. of Waterloo. Strong C116. 721-7117

**Thursday, February 12**

**SESSIONS IN SPIRITUALITY** 11:30 a.m. *Why Tie Bells on Your Camel? The Spiritual Influence of Music*. Peter Brimacombe, UVic. Grad Centre 108. 721-8338

**DEANS' LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES** 12 p.m. *International Law and the Emerging Global Business Civilization*. Dr. Claire Cutler, UVic. UVic Downtown (910 Government St). Register: 472-4747

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 8 p.m. *Performing Beowulf*. Benjamin Bagby, performance artist. MacLaurin B125. 721-6271

**Sunday, February 15**

**CONTINUING STUDIES LECTURE** 2 p.m. *Religion, Terrorism and Human Rights*. Dr. David Little, Harvard Divinity School. Fraser 159. \$16.05. Register: 472-4747

**Monday, February 16**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURE** 2:30–4 p.m. *Women's Revolution in the Iranian Revolution and Crisis of Islamic Fundamentalism in Iran*. Haideh Moghissi and Saeed Rahnema, York Univ. Strong C108. 721-7486

**PANEL DISCUSSION** 12–1:30 p.m. *Are We Facing Insurmountable Opportunities?* A discussion on the challenges of using instructional technology in teaching. Centre for Innovative Teaching 128. 472-5076

**Wednesday, February 18**  
**BIOLOGY GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM**

9 a.m.–12:15 p.m. and 1:15–4 p.m. Highlights of current research by biology grad students. Continues Feb 19. Centre for Innovative Teaching 105. 721-8858

**Monday, February 23**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE LECTURE** 2:30 p.m. *Economic Crisis and Human Rights in Argentina*. Dr. Michelle Bonner, UVic. Cornett A317. 721-7486

**Tuesday, February 24**

**WOMEN SCHOLARS LECTURE** 12:30 p.m. *Gender and Professionalism: A Comparative Study of the First Women Lawyers*. Mary Jane Mossman, Osgoode Law School, York Univ. Fraser 158. 721-6390

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 1:30 p.m. *La Justice sociale à l'épreuve de la diversité culturelle et identitaire* (lecture in French). Dr. Suzanne Crosta, McMaster Univ. Clearihue A201. 721-7364

**CAPI BROWN BAG SEMINAR** 4 p.m. *National Identity in Crisis?* Indonesian National Culture. Michael Bodden, UVic. Strong C112. 721-7020

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 7 p.m. *The Output Hypothesis: Theory and Research*. Dr. Merrill Swain, Univ. of Toronto. Strong C103. 721-7424

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 7:30 p.m. *Why Do We Hate You? The Passions of National Identity and Ethnic Conflict*. Ronald Suny, Univ. of Chicago. Clearihue A307. 721-7316

**Wednesday, February 25**

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 7 p.m. *Enriching the First-year Experience: On Inquiry and Problem-Based Learning*. Dr. Suzanne Crosta, McMaster Univ. Centre for Innovative Teaching 128. 721-7364

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 7:30 p.m. *National History and the New Canadian War Museum*. Dr. Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier Univ. Centre for Innovative Teaching 105. 721-7381

**LECTURE** 7:30 p.m. *Reading John Cannon's Chronicles*. Dr. John Money, UVic. Clearihue A127. 472-4677

**Thursday, February 26**

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 11:30 a.m. *A Language Learning Strategy: Production Before Comprehension*. Dr. Merrill Swain, Univ. of Toronto. Clearihue C112. 721-7424

**SESSIONS IN SPIRITUALITY** 11:30 a.m. *The Rights of Women in Islam*. Zainum Bahadshah, UVic student.

Grad Centre 108. 721-8338

**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 12:30 p.m. *Meaning What You Say*. James Boyd White, Univ. of Michigan. Fraser 158. 721-8147

**Tuesday, March 2**

**GERMANIC AND RUSSIAN STUDIES LECTURE** 7:30 p.m. *Nicht nur für Schwindelfrei!* (lecture in German). Dr. Reinhard Illner, UVic. Centre for Innovative Teaching 110. 721-7320

**Wednesday, March 3**

**HUMANITIES CENTRE LECTURE** 12 p.m. *Same Term, Different Concepts: Rethinking Rights Talk*. Cindy Holder, UVic. Clearihue C305. 472-4677

**Thursday, March 4**

**SESSIONS IN SPIRITUALITY** 11:30 a.m. *The Enneagram of Personality Types and Living Presence*. Dr. Penny Whillan, Victoria teacher. Grad Centre 108. 721-8338

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**CAPI BROWN BAG SEMINAR** 3 p.m. *Cambodian Reconciliation and the Khmer Rouge Tribunal*. Youk Chhang, Documentation Centre of Cambodia. Fraser 158. 721-7020

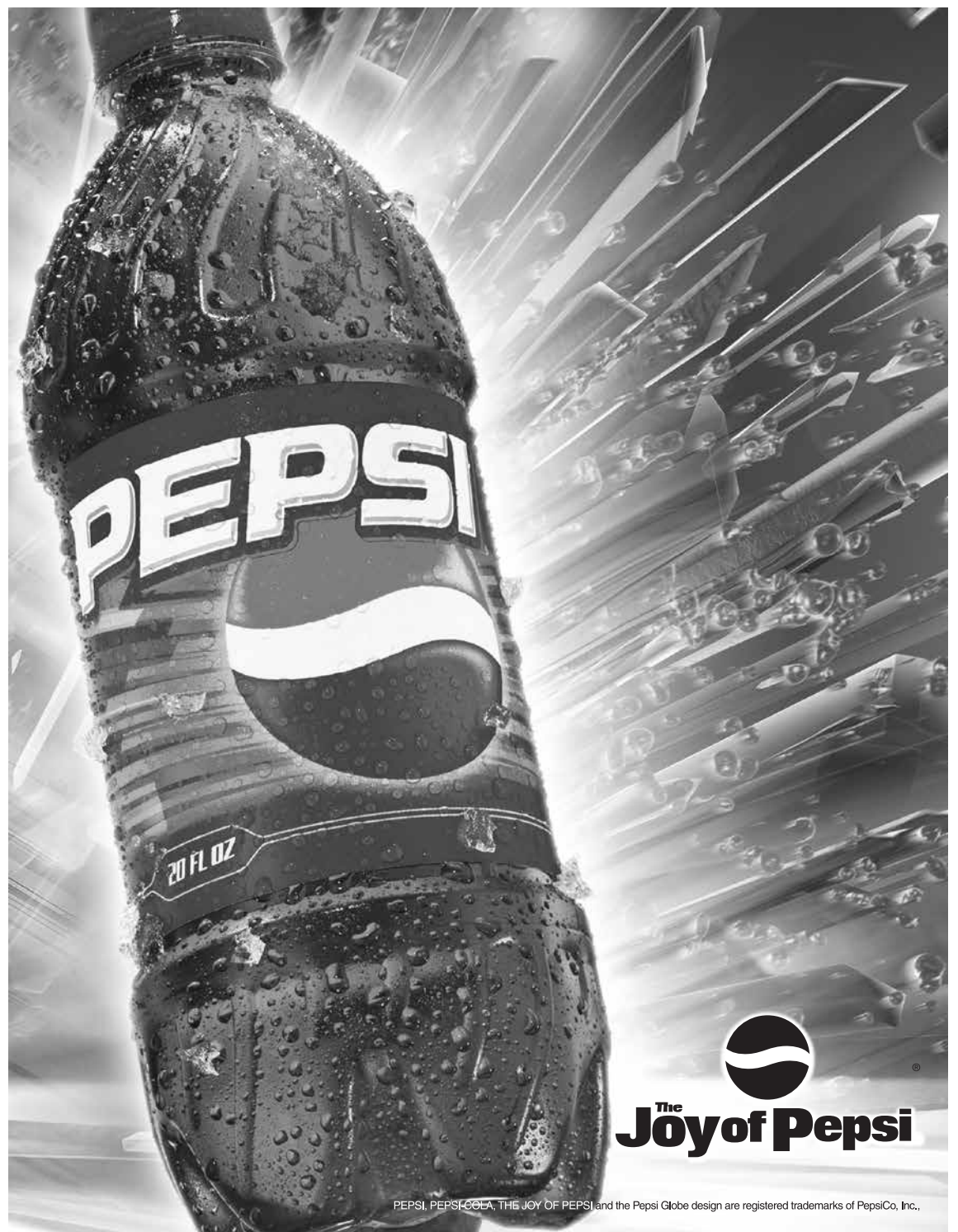
**LANSDOWNE LECTURE** 7:30 p.m. *From Book to Screen: Problems Tolkien Set for Jackson*. Thomas Shippey, St. Louis Univ. Fraser 159. 721-7235

**Friday, February 6**

**BECK LECTURE** 11:30 a.m. *Talking Ships*. Dr. John Lindow, Univ. of California, Berkeley, Cornett B115. 721-7247

**DEANS' LUNCHTIME LECTURE** 12 p.m. *Judges as Mediators: The Changing Face of Public Justice in Canada*. Andrew Pirie, UVic, and Judge Hugh Landerkin, Provincial Court of Alberta. UVic Downtown (910 Government St). Register: 472-4747

**MUSIC** 8 p.m. *20th Century Wind Classics*. UVic Wind Symphony conducted by Eugene Dowling. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$10/8. 721-7903



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# Library's comfy new chairs are a popular choice

They may just be the hottest seats on campus—comfortable options for students spending hours studying in the McPherson Library.

Twenty-eight new armchairs recently added to the main floor study space are rarely empty and there's one group of students who can take much of the credit for helping to take some of the sting out of studying.

A donation of \$15,000 from the UVic Student Ambassadors Association helped pay for the high-grade black vinyl chairs and 10 cube tables. The library paid the balance of the furniture's \$21,000 cost.

The chairs have proven to be so popular that even a student who helped organize the purchase has rarely had an opportunity to try

them out. "It was okay during the first week—I got to sit in one briefly," says biology undergrad and SAA director Magnus MacNab.

"We were looking for a long-term gift to students," says MacNab, adding that the 20 active members of the SAA—a service club affiliated with the UVic Alumni Association—hope the furniture helps to raise their group's profile on campus.

The project was spearheaded by MacNab, SAA President Emerald Kim and alumni programs manager Linda Nicoll. Most of the funds came from the SAA's successful diploma frame and flower sales at spring and fall convocation ceremonies.



Left to right; MacNab, McHenry and Kim.

Among the new chairs are eight Technion armchairs with laptop computer trays. The study area is also equipped with Internet portals and AC outlets.

The popularity of the new furniture is part of a larger trend at the library. "We're noticing more and more people," says Wendie McHenry, head of access services. "The reference desk, the loan desk—it's never been this busy. It's never empty."

Recent renovations, including attractive new flooring, have created a welcoming, spacious feel to the library's main floor. Dozens of new computer stations in the "information commons" have replaced the card catalogues of yesteryear.

Wireless computer networking is now available on the third floor and third floor mezzanine, with additional service areas to be added later.

Another prized addition to the main floor study area is an impressive old-growth wooden round table, rescued from the Ministry of Forests storage area for the mere cost of transportation—\$170.

**SAA Cleans-up...** The Student Ambassadors Association welcomes volunteers for its annual Campus Clean-up Day, March 6, beginning at 10 a.m. E-mail [saa@uvic.ca](mailto:saa@uvic.ca) for more information.

# Astronomer discovers stellar case of "cannibalism"



It's a galaxy-eat-galaxy universe out there and there's evidence right in our own galactic backyard, according to new research by Dr. Julio Navarro (physics & astronomy) and colleagues in the Netherlands and Australia.

In a paper published Jan. 20 in *The Astrophysical Journal Letters* the team concludes that the star Arcturus—the fourth brightest star in the night sky—is an alien star from another, smaller galaxy that was swallowed up about 10 billion years ago by our own Milky Way galaxy.

The new finding challenges the traditional theory of galaxy forma-

tion, which says that they develop in isolation following the collapse of a giant cloud of gas and dust. "This may be too simplistic," says Navarro. "Instead, the formation of all galaxies may be punctuated by distinct merger events in which smaller galaxies are disrupted, trapped and swallowed."

When galaxies merge, their stars don't collide—they're far too small—but retain for a long time traces of their previous identity in the form of similar dynamic properties.

Using sophisticated computer simulations, Navarro and his colleagues argue that the peculiar movements of Arcturus and several other associated stars indicate they didn't originate in the Milky Way.

"The main clue is that they follow paths that differ strongly from that of our sun, which, like the majority of stars in the Milky Way, moves on a roughly circular orbit around the centre of the galaxy," says Navarro.

It's possible that the Milky Way acquired a large fraction of its stars

through such intergalactic cannibalism. In fact, there's evidence that, even now, the Milky Way is busy devouring the Sagittarius dwarf galaxy, which in a few hundred million years will have been disrupted beyond recognition.

Arcturus is a mere 36 light years away from Earth—very close in astronomical terms. In B.C., it is currently visible in the early morning eastern sky as the dominant star in the constellation of Bootes—the Herdsman that chases across the sky after the Great Bear, Ursa Major.

"It's oddly gratifying to think of stars visible to the naked eye, such as Arcturus, as silent night sky witnesses of the eventful formation history of our Milky Way," says Navarro, a theoretical cosmologist who studies the evolution, structure and dynamics of galaxies. His work was featured in a *National Geographic* article, "Galaxy Hunters," in February 2003.

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