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 March 3 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 help determine how it might inform UVic policies, resources and orientation programs for students, faculty and teaching assistants,

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Jamie Cassels, vice president academic and provost, can now add the initials QC after his name. The Queen’s Counsel designation is an honour afforded 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 dekan of law from 1999-2001. The faculty of business is recognizing its faculty’s teaching talent: Dr. Chris Jackson, who was 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 James Collins.

Drinking water

Maxzumder. 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 contaminant 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 continued from p.1 in several multi-use watersheds in Victoria and on 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 Maxzumder. “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, 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.

Maxzumder 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 importance of water-related research to our work has for human health.”

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 25th anniversary and Mackie was one of UVic’s 40 “25-year giant 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. He has been director of the UVic Biology Department, a deputy vice-president 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 $110 million in funding from NSERC in areas as diverse as genetics, cosmology, climate change, and alternative energy systems.
New program seeks to revitalize aboriginal languages

by Patty Pitts

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s a child attending the Duncan Indian School, Hal'quum'nu linguist Ruby Peter would visit 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 Re-

search Alliance (CURA) partnership with UVic, she’ll soon be conducting a complete language audit of the Hal’quum’nu Sanhi Treaty Group for the University of Victoria’s Indigenous Research Centre.

The first project’s lead researcher is linguist Dr. Ewa Czaykowska-Higgins, whose work involves interviewing elders and language teacher Florence James of the Penelakut Tribe. The project will expand opportunities to teach adults their own history in their own language. “Part of my work is to intro-

duce 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 tradi-

tional 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.”

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 life-

technology. Proponent of community languages, UVic linguist Czaykowska-Higgins, the project’s lead researcher. “The researchers will be directed by the community itself. 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 and others, the Hal’quum’nu have developed a dictionary and a written system for their oral language. The Saanich Native Heritage Society, with assistance from the FPCE, is ready to have the Saanich language, SENÇOÏEN, available online as part of the Foundations First Voices project. The researchers and partners will use the CURA to co-ordinate existing community projects and identify opportunities for new pro-

grams. 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 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.”

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ing 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. A vision; and a campus plan to guide future growth. The univer-
sity also partnered with UBC and UNBC to expand UBC’s faculty of medicine and bring the Island Med-
ical 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 dur-

ing this period. The university established a number of new de-

gree programs, especially at the graduate level, and became the lead Canadian institution in the $500-million NEPTUNE project, an international effort to create an extensive cabled network monitor-

ing 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 new residence building 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 mil-

lion for local social organizations.

Turpin, 47, holds a PhD in bot-

any and oceanography from UBC. Widely regarded as one of Canada’s pre-eminent scientists, and an an-

accomplished teacher, Turpin came

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 Excel-
lence in Teaching, fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada, the EWR Steacie Memorial Fellow-

ship as one of the country’s out-

standing young scientists, and the American Botanical Association’s Drahbraker Prize in Phy-

ology.

President earns citation honour

UVic President David Turpin has been named a “highly cited researcher” (plant and animal science) category by Thomson ISI. The designation means that Turpin’s research has been extensively cited by other scientists in their publications. Citation is an important measure to use a researcher’s influence through time. In compiling the list, ISI analyzed some 19 million articles to determine the most highly cited researchers in 21 broad categories in the sciences, medicine, physical sciences, engineering and social sciences. Researchers are selected for inclusion based on the total number of citations received by their articles within a given category.

The online database, HighlyCited.com, enables researchers from throughout the world to identify individuals, departments and laboratories that have made fundamental contributions to the advancement of science and technology in recent decades.

The ISI database for the expanded plant and animal science category that will feature Turpin is currently under development. Turpin joins Dr. Don Vandenberg (physics & astronomy) as the second “highly cited researcher” at UVic.

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Budget targets improved programs and services

There's always room for im-proovement. That's why every year UVic takes a good look at itself, reassesses its requirements and puts money and resources into areas that need them best. 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 uni-versity 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 the new money was used to meet contractual obligations and inflation-related increases (e.g., salaries, pensions, utility increases). The remaining half was saved for growth, improvement in programs and services. Here are some of the ways the 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 the growing need for nurses.
- University services, $785,000:
  - Student financial aid.
  - Career services and AIESEC Victoria, a student organization, holds its annual Career Fair on Feb. 11-12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

UVic on Knowledge Network

The impact of climate change, the possible benefits of video games and the recollections of First Na-tions children as depicted in their recovery are all featured in upcoming broadcasts of The Leading Edge: Innovation in B.C.

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

On Feb. 10 geographer Dr. Dan van Kooten will discuss the econom-ic impact of climate change. On Feb. 17 psychologist Dr. Mi-chael Masson will discuss his project exploring whether computer and video games can make children more violent. On Feb. 24, cultural impact of climate change. On Feb. 24, anthropologist Dr. Andrea Walsh will discuss her project exploring whether computer and video games can make children more violent. On Feb. 24, anthropologist Dr. Andrea Walsh will discuss her project exploring whether computer and video games can make children more violent. On Feb. 24, anthropologist Dr. Andrea Walsh will discuss her project exploring whether computer and video games can make children more violent. On Feb. 24, anthropologist Dr. Andrea Walsh will discuss her project exploring whether computer and video games can make children more violent. 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Two more faculty join Distinguished Professor ranks

A s 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 at all endeavors—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 Professorships 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 Olsson (Greek & Roman studies), Jim Tully (political science) and Larry Yee (education).

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 little 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, and 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.”

Nancy 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 Schellie, 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. She’s been very 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 older 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 commentator, and supervisor of a team of graduate students working on sustainable use of plants, 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.
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 masters 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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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 project 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 undergraduate 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 Emil 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 Clean-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 for more information.