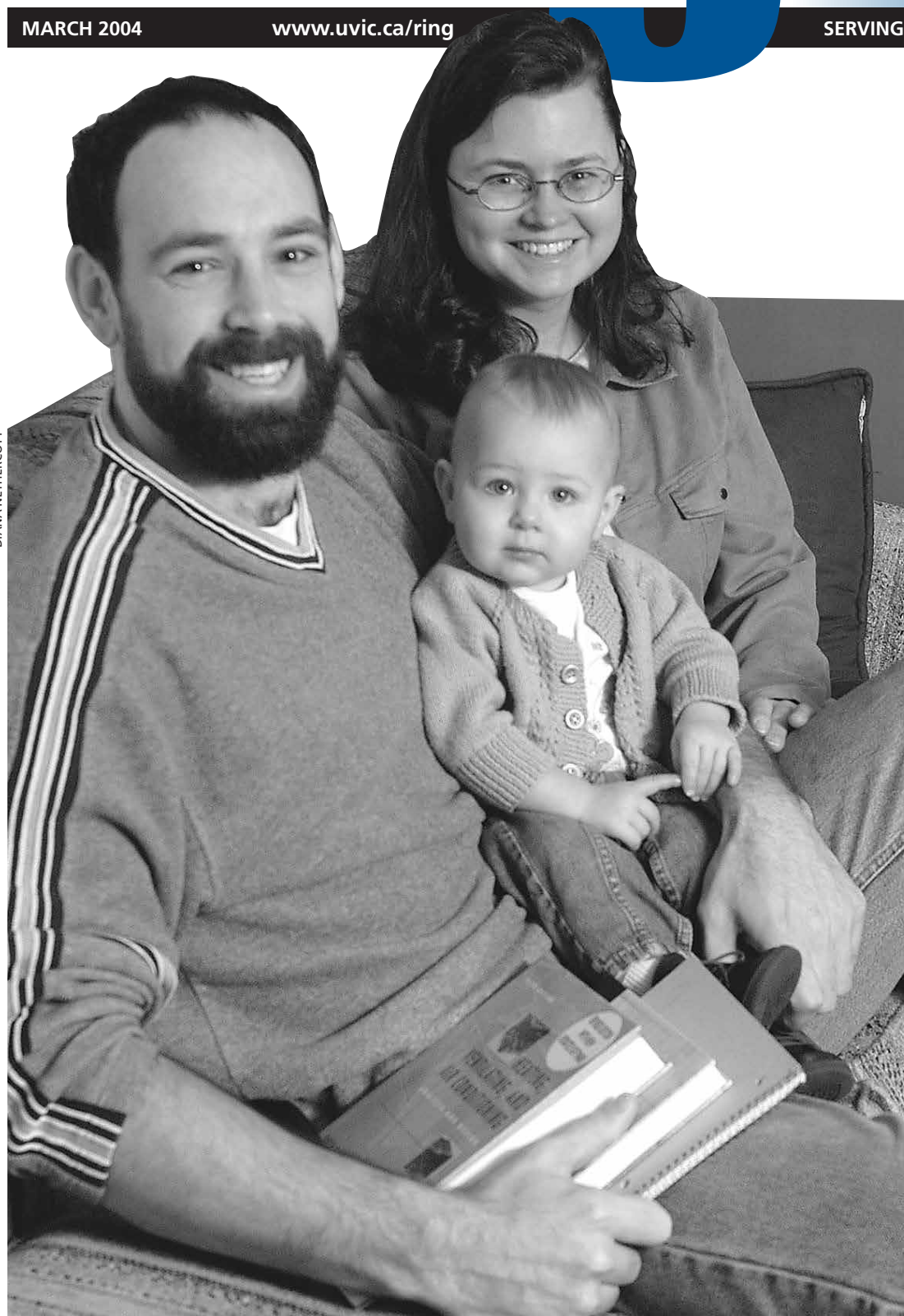


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Colin and Lori Harraway with daughter Siobhan

Alumni lend a hand to students with families

by Mike McNeney

On a winter Wednesday morning Lori Harraway carries her 15-month-old daughter Siobhan to join the group that has gathered at the UVic Family Centre's Breakfast Club—the new and popular neighbourhood meeting place for dozens of students with children.

Harraway and her husband Colin, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student, are among families from 21 countries living in the 180 units of the Lam Family Student Housing Complex. Preparing a bagel for hungry Siobhan, Harraway says living on campus is like night and day compared to off-campus housing. "It's a big difference. You get to know your neighbours and (Colin) can actually come home between classes instead of spending all that time on buses."

Colin agrees, adding that the main advantages of living on cam-

pus are the "quality of the place, the price and the location. I can come home for lunch without it becoming a three-hour ordeal." The family has a modern two-bedroom with den for a little more than \$700 a month. They endured the waiting list for family housing—usually between 18 months and two years—before taking up residence last September.

The Breakfast Club, located in one of the family housing complex's ground floor suites, began late last year and its popularity has grown quickly. Staff co-ordinator Martha McAlister says on average 30 parents and kids are using the service. It's a once-a-week drop-in offering good food, coffee and a friendly atmosphere for families who share the combined emotional and financial pressures of school and raising young ones.

Now, with a new grant of \$10,000 from the UVic Alumni Association, the Family Centre is

expanding its program, building on the success of the Breakfast Club and adding the equivalent of one more full day of staff time per

SEE FAMILY CENTRE P.6

Ice cream for breakfast?

On April Fool's Day, why not! UVic's Family Centre invites all students with children to join in the fun at its "No Fooling" breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on April 1. Look for the big tent outside the centre (on Lam Circle at the entrance to family student housing). The celebration and recognition of students with families features breakfast treats, prizes and surprises. Drop by on the way to school or classes. The event is sponsored by UVic, the Family Centre and the UVic Alumni Association. For more information call 472-4062.

B.C. budget adjusts funding, replaces grants

The Feb. 17 provincial budget contained two announcements which directly affect UVic.

Finance Minister Gary Collins confirmed that funding for advanced education will be increased by \$105 million over the next three years to create 12,000 more student spaces and improve access to higher education in B.C.

The increase responds to the shortage of student spaces at B.C. universities and the growing demand for a university education among B.C. youth. The additional funds will begin to flow in the 2005-06 fiscal year.

The budget speech also announced the elimination of the current student grant program and its replacement by expanded access to student loans and new assistance such as loan remissions or completion grants. The funds from the grant programs will be "refocused" and directed to postsecondary institutions to create the additional spaces and mitigate tuition increases.

The elimination of the grant program has caused concern among student leaders. UVic President David Turpin met with UVSS representatives on Feb. 19 and has also talked to a number of students who called his office.

"A funded increase in future capacity for universities is good news for the many qualified students who

haven't been able to gain admission to a B.C. university because there wasn't enough space," says Turpin. "Students, however, are clearly concerned about the impact that the elimination of the grant program could have on low-income and high-need individuals.

"We're urging the government to move quickly to design the loan remission and completion grant programs so that students and universities can understand how they would work," he says. "We've also expressed a desire to have universities involved in the development of the new programs to ensure the needs of financially vulnerable students are recognized."

Turpin also says that UVic will continue to work toward its goal of moving into the top rank of Canadian universities in terms of financial support for its students.

Of the university's more than 18,000 students, approximately 1,400 received grants under the B.C. or the Canada Study grant programs last year, for a combined total of \$3.3 million in government grant assistance.

As *The Ring* went to press, UVic was awaiting its annual budget letter from the Ministry of Advanced Education detailing its provincial funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Vice president academic Jamie

SEE B.C. BUDGET P.2

Board approves campus planning report

UVic's board of governors has endorsed a number of changes to the university's campus planning structures and processes.

At its Feb. 9 meeting, the board approved in principle the report from the campus development committee (CDC) review team and asked the university's executive to develop specific initiatives for implementation. According to UVic President David Turpin, an action plan should be ready for presentation to the board later this spring.

The CDC review was one of the key action steps of *Campus Plan 2003*, adopted by the board last May. The review team, made up of Dr. Marsha Hanen, Tom Austin and Dr. Eric Higgs, director of UVic's school of environmental studies, was asked to consult widely on the role and structure of the CDC over the summer and fall and to make recommendations for campus planning processes that would harmonize future growth and development

with the university's commitment to promote sustainability in campus planning.

The team's report, *Planning Possibilities: Pathways for Constructive Change*, contained 21 recommendations grouped under five themes: improving communications and consultation; strengthening capacity; re-aligning administrative structures; re-aligning the advisory governance model; and improving committee practices.

The report's major recommendations included: replacing the CDC with a campus planning committee and a sub-committee on facilities development and sustainability; increasing staff resources for planning and sustainability; establishing and monitoring measures for sustainable performance; and creating a template for future planning processes.

The report is available online at www.uvic.ca/campusplan/cd-review.



Vautier

New book shares the poetry of Paris—through Quebec eyes

by Patty Pitts

Paris has moved many a visitor to write songs and poems, but the City of Light enjoys a special relationship with Quebec poets. Sharing the same language as the city on the Seine gives these *écrivains* and *écrivaines* a deeper access to the Paris soul while maintaining their Québécois perspective.

Now English-speaking readers can share the Paris experience with some of Quebec's best-known poets thanks to an English translation of *Paris Québec* by UVic faculty members Drs. Stephen Scobie and Marie Vautier.

English professor Scobie first discovered an original copy of the anthology while researching a new book about Canadians in Paris. Wanting to use the material as part of his academic

work, Scobie completed a "rough translation" of the poems and asked Vautier, a colleague in the French department, to review it.

"She made quite a few notes on my translation and we got to talking about it and I can't remember who first suggested that we attempt to get the translation published," says Scobie.

Victoria-based Ekstasis Editions agreed to publish the translation and work began in earnest. "It was a long, long process of exchanging drafts one poem at a time, one line at a time. It became a fully collaborative translation, often accomplished over a bottle of French wine," says Scobie. "I honestly can't remember who translated what."

"It was an absolutely exhilarating experience with language," agrees Vautier, who was born in Quebec. "Neither of us could

have done the work without the other one."

When both translators were unsure about a word or a phrase, they were able to contact the original writers, two of whom—Denise Desautels and Claudine Bertrand, the editor of the original anthology—travelled to Victoria for a series of events to launch the book on Feb. 23 and 24.

It took nearly two years for Vautier and Scobie to bring *Paris Québec* from a mutual musing to an actual book. Now anglophones can join the French-speaking world in sharing the personal, political, whimsical and satirical Parisien experience.

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Cassels says that UVic's ongoing interest in the affordability of university education will continue. "We've put \$4.4 million more into student financial assistance over the past two years to buffer students from the impact of tuition increases. We've also said that any increase in tuition for 2004-05 would be accompanied by a substantial increase in financial support for students.

"Once we receive more specific information about the changes in funding from the provincial government we'll want to work it into our budget preparations for 2004-05. Restored funding for UVic will mean that we'll be able to get the tuition increases down below the 28 per cent level we were having to look at."

Cassels says that UVic will continue studying the impact

of changes in tuition levels and financial assistance on the socio-economic mix of students at the university. UVic has tracked these factors back to 2000-01.

UVic is providing more than \$10 million in scholarships, bursaries, fellowships and assistantships to its students in the current year.

Diversity Month celebrates our differences

by Linda Sproule-Jones

March is Diversity Month at UVic. With International Women's Day on March 8, and the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21, the university community is planning a wide range of activities to highlight diversity issues throughout the month.

Diversity Month began as Diversity Week at UVic in 1998 after the distribution of the *Voices for Change* report, which looked at racism, ethnocentrism and cultural insensitivity at UVic. That was followed in 2000 by a report on the experiences of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited and queer members of the UVic community.

Both reports have helped raise awareness of diversity issues on campus and served to promote UVic's goals of inclusiveness, safe and supportive environments, and equity for all.

Action and education on these issues take place throughout the year, but Diversity Month provides a special opportunity to promote recognition and understanding of diversity on campus.

The month's events are posted online at www.uvic.ca/events. Everyone on campus is encouraged to participate and to commit to actions that will achieve our goals and promote a respectful and inclusive community.

Linda Sproule-Jones is co-director of UVic's equity & human rights office.

High-tech facility offers survey research assistance

by Marni Friesen

UVic's new survey research centre has the power to save population researchers time and money, says its manager Tom Ackerley.

While the centre is affiliated with, and housed in, the centre on aging in the Sedgewick building, it is available for use by all groups on campus and for researchers from other organizations.

The \$500,000 centre, which officially opened last September, is the result of a proposal by Dr. Neena Chappell, past director of UVic's centre on aging. Funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the B.C. Knowledge Development Fund and UVic, with equipment provided by Telus, the centre can accommodate 24 interviewers at once.

Administrative or student groups can use the centre's technology for projects such as satisfaction surveys or performance evaluations. "Just about every department on campus has some type of survey research going on that we can help with," says Ackerley.

The centre uses a combination of Web-based technology and state-of-the-art computer-assisted telephone interviewing software, which automatically dials numbers, either randomly or from researcher-provided target lists. Once an interview is underway, the software lets interviewers enter information directly into custom-created data-

bases during interviews.

This increases accuracy and cuts down considerably on the extra time and money spent on traditional paper-and-pen surveys, where data has to be entered after the fact, says Ackerley. "As soon as the surveys are in, it's possible to start analysing the results without the usual data management and verifying steps."

He estimates that researchers who use the centre instead of more traditional survey models can save between 25 and 50 per cent of data collection and labour costs.

Heather Wilson Stroscher, a research co-ordinator with the centre for community health promotion research, recently used the centre to conduct a Web-based survey to identify gaps in research knowledge about school health. "We simply wouldn't have had the capacity to build a Web-based survey on our own," she says.

Centre staff can help researchers design and implement user-friendly telephone and Web-based surveys. The centre will either provide its own trained interviewers or allow a researcher's own students to conduct the research using its equipment.

For more information on the survey research centre, visit www.coag.uvic.ca/src.htm or call Tom Ackerley at 472-5250.

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SSHRC seeks feedback on new core values

by Patty Pitts

Echoing the complaint of a well-known comedian, one of Canada's largest granting agencies feels it isn't getting any respect.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) turns 25 this year and wants Canadians to better understand the relevance of SSHRC-funded research and the benefits they gain from it.

"SSHRC wants to be more accountable to the community and to increase the impact the projects it funds has on people's lives," says associate dean of social sciences, Dr. Helena Kadlec, UVic's representative in a cross-Canada consultation process between SSHRC and the country's 80 universities and colleges. "It wants to increase the flow of new knowledge to society and see it used and translated into policy."

In SSHRC's most recent annual report the council's president, Dr. Marc Renaud, says "... we must be willing to test our ideas by asking, 'How is this relevant?' As an organization, SSHRC is asking this very question about its own work."

SSHRC is comfortable with its core values of research excellence, competitive funding, inclusiveness, innovative continuity and account-ability. But it wants feedback on two new values: interactive engagement (creating more linkages between researchers at different universities and communities) and maximization of knowledge impact

(having the agency become an active player from knowledge development to utilization).

Members of the UVic community have multiple opportunities to provide feedback, starting at an information forum with the SSHRC board at UVic on Friday, March 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the senate chambers (University Centre A180). Feedback can also be e-mailed to Kadlec at ascdss@uvic.ca, to individual faculty representatives, or to SSHRC directly by responding to the invitation to participate in the agency's transformation on its Web site at www.sshrc.ca.

Following the March 5 forum, UVic is hosting a research fair until 5 p.m., providing SSHRC board members with a small sample of research projects underway at the university.

"It's a great opportunity to tell SSHRC that UVic is already heading in the same direction outlined in the new core values," says Kadlec. "There are a great many interdisciplinary and community partnerships among SSHRC-funded researchers. But we also want to recognize the value of individual, basic research which ultimately has a positive impact on society."

The value of UVic's SSHRC grants has been rising steadily in the past three years from \$1.27 million in 2001-02 to \$1.9 million in 2003-04.


ringers

Dr. **Betty Hanley** (curriculum and instruction) is the recipient of the Jubilate Award, presented biennially by the Canadian Music Educators Association (CMEA) for outstanding contributions to music education in Canada. A faculty member at UVic since 1987, Hanley teaches music foundations and choral music in the elementary, secondary and graduate programs. She has been extremely active in the CMEA through her work in organizing symposia and conferences and co-edited a book to mark the organization's 40th anniversary.

The following chair appointments were recently approved by the board of governors: **Lorna Crozier** (writing) for a three-year term that began last September; Dr. **Will Hintz** (biology) and Dr. **Kathy Gillis** (earth & ocean sciences), both for four-year terms that began Jan. 1; and Dr. **Lloyd Howard** (Hispanic & Italian studies) for a two-year term effective July 1. Since Jan. 1, Dr. **Sibylle Artz** has been serving an 18-month term as interim director of the school of child and youth care.

Dr. **Stephen Tax** (business) has been named a Fellow of the Center for Services Leadership (CSL), a U.S.-based centre for business executives, professors and students interested in how firms compete through service. Operating out of the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University, CSL has long been a leader in developing knowledge about services as a source of profit, and customer focus as a key business strategy.

Anne Wortmann, an investment advisor with RBC Dominion Securities, has been elected to the board of the University of Victoria Foundation for a three-year term. Throughout her career she has held various positions with several major investment firms in Canada and spent six years with B.C.'s provincial treasury. The University of Victoria Foundation is responsible for managing more than \$90 million in over 700 endowment funds. The foundation board uses investment counsel to advise on fund management.



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Weight centre on the move

Western Canada's largest fitness and weight centre, currently housed in the Ian H. Stewart Complex, will move temporarily while the facility undergoes seismic upgrading. The 18,000 sq. ft. of equipment will be transferred to the complex's field house section while the upgrade is underway. The move, expected to take about a week, will take place in early April. The equipment will be moved back later in the summer. The fitness and weight centre is located in a former curling rink built in 1967. "We'll need to close down the weight room for a few days while we move and re-install the equipment, but we felt it was important to provide continued access to all the equipment while the upgrade takes place," says Jim Hays, athletics and recreational services facilities co-ordinator.

Book launch marks debut of new centre

The question of whether technology enhances or diminishes life and contributes to a pervasive sense of unease will be discussed at a combination book launch and presentation by Dr. Arthur Kroker, the director of UVic's new Pacific centre for technology and culture (PACTAC), on March 10 at 4 p.m. at UVic's Technology Enterprise Facility (2300 McKenzie Avenue), room 170. Kroker's book *The Will to Technology and the Culture of Nihilism*, will be available in hard copy and for multimedia exploration at www.ctheory.net which will also host live-streaming of his presentation. PACTAC will examine the social and political consequences of emergent biotechnologies, Internet culture and the impact of information technology on contemporary culture. Kroker is UVic's Canada Research Chair in technology, culture and theory.

Speaker tackles human-non-human relationships

Much-published historian and feminist theorist Dr. Donna Haraway from the University of California at Santa Cruz will deliver the next President's Distinguished Lecture "We Have Never Been Human: Companion Species and Other Mess Mates," on March 17 at 8 p.m. in Fraser 159. The presentation is open to the public, but seating is limited. Haraway's work focuses on the cultural, historical, and technological relationships humans have with animals and machines. Haraway will also deliver a Lansdowne lecture, "We Have Never Been Human: Canine Insight on Acquiring Genomes in Technoculture," on March 18 at 1 p.m. in the Centre for Innovative Teaching, room 105.

Forum looks at results of academic integrity survey

You answered the survey, now find out how your fellow students, faculty members and teaching assistants responded at a campus-wide forum on UVic's recent academic integrity survey on March 19 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Centre for Innovative Teaching, room 105. Dr. Geri Van Gyn, the director of UVic's learning and teaching centre which co-ordinated the survey, will be in attendance, along with Dr. Don McCabe of Rutgers University, whose survey formed the basis for the one used by UVic. Initial survey feedback and qualitative responses and a comparison of general trends among UVic and other surveyed institutions will be provided at the forum.

Law plays 24-hour Hockey for Hope

No ice? No problem for the dedicated bunch of hockey players from UVic law who plan to play Canada's game for 24 consecutive hours for a good cause. This year's "UVic Law Hockey for Hope Campaign" begins at noon on Saturday, March 20 and continues until noon the next day in the Centennial Stadium parking lot across from the Fraser Building. This year's teams hope to double last year's \$9,000 in donations and raise \$20,000 for the Victoria Women's Transition House and increase awareness about domestic abuse. Spectators at the "rink" are welcome, along with teams eager to take turns playing throughout the 24-hour event. For more information contact Stephanie James at 598-1615 or sjames@uvic.ca.

Symposium showcases UVic water expertise

March 22 is World Water Day—a chance to reflect on the importance of conservation, preservation and protection of water resources and drinking water supplies. To raise awareness of water issues and of UVic's growing expertise in water-based research, the geography department is hosting a World Water Day Symposium on March 22, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Cornett B129. Among the speakers will be Dr. Terry Prowse (geography), Dr. Rick Nordin (biology) and Dr. Andrew Weaver (earth & ocean sciences). The campus community and general public is encouraged to drop in. For program details visit www.geog.uvic.ca/worldwaterday or call 216-3506.

Lace up those walking shoes

The ninth annual Michele Pujol Queer and Allies Walk will take place on March 22 at 1 p.m. in front of the Student Union Building. The walk is held in memory of the late women's studies professor. Walk route maps will be distributed at the start of the event and at its conclusion, trans storyteller Ivan E. Coyote will give a reading at 2 p.m. Following the reading, the women's centre will hold a coffeehouse. For further information contact Inika Arentsen or Robina Sidhu at the women's centre at 721-8353.

Fish stories on Knowledge Network

Dr. Craig Hawryshyn's (biology) research into the role that ultraviolet polarized light plays in the navigational behaviour of migrating fish will be featured on an upcoming episode of *The Leading Edge: Innovation in B.C.* The Knowledge Network-produced series focuses on research and innovation in the province's postsecondary institutions. The March 23 episode will feature Hawryshyn's research into how salmon navigate. It will be broadcast at 7:30 p.m. and repeated the following Thursday at 1 p.m. and Tuesday at 2 p.m. on Channel 4 in Victoria.

One-stop campus furniture shopping

Whether you need to update sagging chairs or furnish entire new buildings, facilities management's new furniture co-ordinator, Kim Fawthorpe, is the person to call. As the new point of contact for all furniture acquisitions on campus, Fawthorpe maintains a uniform look for new furniture across campus. Beyond aesthetics, she makes sure equipment is built to last, addresses ergonomic concerns, and takes advantage of economies of scale wherever applicable. "It's about ensuring that every dollar the university spends on furniture is done wisely," says Fawthorpe, whose current projects include second-floor renovations in the University Centre and planning for the new Island Medical Program and engineering buildings. Faculty and staff planning to buy new furniture should contact Fawthorpe at 472-5320 or kfawthorpe@fmgt.uvic.ca.

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Malahat shines its light on Canada's literary landscape

by Ellen Reynolds

Named after the sacred mountain of the Malahat First Nation and the rollercoaster roadway familiar to all Vancouver Islanders, UVic's literary journal *The Malahat Review* has negotiated the twists and turns of Canada's literary landscape for over 35 years.

Since its first issue in 1967, *Malahat* has journeyed from a loftier European tradition of *belle lettres* to become an accessible forum for mainly Canadian poetry, short fiction and essays. Award-winning Canadian and international writers regularly grace its recycled, acid-free pages.

Malahat recently embarked on yet another journey when editor Marlene Cookshaw turned the driver's seat over to John Barton, a poet and former editor of the Ottawa-based poetry journal, *ARC*.

"For me, to become editor is a kind of homecoming, as I was a student of its founder, Robin Skelton, more than 20 years ago," says Barton. "I think of *Malahat* as being at the pinnacle of Canadian literary magazines, with a real role to publish the best of the country's poetry and fiction in all its diversity—formally and thematically—alongside writing from elsewhere for readers in Canada and around the world."

Cookshaw, also a poet, began as editorial assistant at *Malahat* 18 years ago and became editor in 1998. The current issue (#145) published in December, was Cookshaw's last one as editor and includes poems by UVic philosophy professor and



Barton

Governor General's Award-winner Jan Zwicky, and a story by Patricia Young, UVic alumna and author of eight books of poems.

Most issues of the journal contain a 50/50 split of short fiction and poetry—50 to 70 unsolicited manuscripts arrive at the office every week. In addition to strongly promoting Canadian content in the journal—about 75 per cent of

contributors are Canadian—during her term as editor Cookshaw has focused on diversifying the way material is selected.

"Board members are all volunteers and they do the majority of reading. It really is a labour of love," she says. "Everyone on the board is a good reader and writer and it's been important to me that they have a strong role in the selection process.

It gives breadth to what's published. The range of voices is lively and I think that's been reflected to some extent in our awards over the last few years."

Each year the best of Canadian short fiction is published in *Journey Prize Stories*, an anthology of selected submissions to the annual \$10,000 McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize. Five *Malahat* writers have won Journey Prizes over the years and stories by *Malahat* writers have appeared in 13 of the 14 annual anthologies published.

In 2003, *Malahat* won the Western Magazine Award for fiction for the sixth time. It is also a three-time winner of the Magazine of the Year award. *Malahat* poems have often won National Magazine Awards and, in 2000, *Malahat* writer Mary Swan won the prestigious O Henry Prize in the U.S.

About once every three to five years, a special issue of the journal throws the regular format for a creative loop. The most recent example was the fall 2003 issue (#144), co-edited by Cookshaw and UVic writing professor Lorna Jackson, who is also a member of the editorial board.

The issue, which contained 116 pages of essays about the art of book reviewing in Canada, received a

warm response from readers and was the subject of a *Globe and Mail* article in November 2003.

Another way the journal has attracted attention recently is with the reintroduction of public readings by *Malahat* writers. Assistant editor Lucy Bashford organized two readings in 2003 and another takes place on March 6 (8 p.m., Grad Centre, room 114) featuring readings by Ramona Dearing, Patricia Young, Lorna Jackson and Rob Finley.

"One of the things that happens with print is you tend to get lost in the production of it because it's not a public thing," says Cookshaw. "Public readings give *Malahat* and its writers—new and established—more exposure and broaden the interest in contemporary Canadian literature."

New editor John Barton looks forward to adding his vision to *Malahat's* future. "I hope to build on Robin's legacy and upon the very real contributions made by the editors who came after him—and with luck add something new that will excite reader interest."

A subscription to *Malahat* is \$35 per year or \$60 for two years. For more information visit www.malahatreview.ca.

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Survey examines barriers to degree completion

by Maria Lironi

Do university students who are at the margins of society find it harder than most to complete their degrees? According to a recent survey commissioned by the senate committee on the university budget, the answer is "yes."

The committee's *Student Survey on Barriers to Completion* compared the experiences of "non-traditional" students—single parents, people with disabilities, gays and lesbians and transgendered persons, mature students, aboriginals, international and part-time students—to the experiences of "traditional" (full-time students between the ages of 18-21 years) to determine if "non-traditional students" had a higher risk of not completing their degrees.

The survey was administered to all students registered in the 2002-03 winter session, and to part-time students who had left UVic within the last two years. The results show that for all of the non-traditional students surveyed, lack of finances was the biggest barrier to completion of their degrees, followed by academic concerns and lack of support within the program.

Issues cited included: course accessibility; course timing and availability; lack of communication, support and encouragement; and lack of flexibility in practicum and co-op placements, especially for distance students. As well, one of the outstanding issues raised in the study was the plight of single parents

who were unable to take advantage of employment opportunities because of parenting.

Personal circumstances and family and community issues were third on the list when it came to barriers. Included were family responsibilities, language and cultural differences, and stress and health issues.

"Respondents seemed to recognize how much universities generally are struggling with tight financing," says committee chair Peter Liddell. "Most of them described major steps they've taken to deal with rising costs. A number indicated they would be prepared to do more if the private cost of higher education rises further. At the same time, the survey gave us some clear indications of areas for improvement."

Students also suggested how the university could help. Their advice ranged from increasing the amount of available financial aid to establishing a financial advising centre. They also suggested numerous academic changes, including improvements to the availability and timing of courses.

Based on these and other suggestions, the committee made several recommendations to the president. The senate passed these recommendations at its January meeting. To view the recommendations and the entire survey report visit: web.uvic.ca/univsec/governance/SCUBReport.html.

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Funding extended for water usage project

A UVic project aiming to increase the efficiency of Canada's urban water use will continue for a second year, thanks to a \$142,000 grant from the Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation.

The project on urban water demand management, carried out through UVic's POLIS project on ecological governance, addresses the regulatory and policy reforms needed to improve on Canadians' record as being among the world's most wasteful water users.

In its first year, POLIS released two reports: *Flushing the Future: Examining Urban Water Use in Canada* and *What the Experts Think: Understanding Urban Water Demand Management in Canada*, which received widespread national media coverage.

"We're extremely grateful for

this vote of confidence from the Gordon Foundation. It will allow us to continue our work and hopefully contribute to new policies and models that help shift Canada from simply searching out new sources of water to a demand management approach," says Dr. Michael M'Gonigle, the POLIS project eco-research chair.

Led by researchers Oliver Brandes and Keith Ferguson, the urban water demand management project will soon release its third report—a detailed policy agenda for federal, provincial and municipal governments. Further research will examine the broader relationship between urban centres and water, extending the examination to areas such as food and fuel products that come from water-intensive processes.

Teacher training project benefits Argentina's poorest kids

by Ellen Reynolds

In Argentina, some teachers work at two or three schools, catching taxis between classes, and still earn wages well below the poverty line.

For the past three years, some of these so-called "taxi teachers"—as well as other teachers and school administrators in Rosario, Argentina—have received much-needed assistance thanks to a project co-ordinated by UVic education professor Dr. Thomas Fleming. The three-year training initiative was scheduled to end in 2004 but, due to delays caused by recent political instability in Argentina, the project will likely be extended by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) until 2005.

"Like many countries, Argentina has modernized its curriculum but, for various reasons, hasn't been able to modernize the instructional methods, partially due to the public sector meltdown in the mid-'70s to mid-'80s," says Fleming.

Since February 2002, teachers and principals from B.C. have been travelling to Argentina to provide seven-day training sessions for groups of 300 to 350 people. Originally, the project focused on six schools (Grades 6 to 9) in Rosario's most disadvantaged areas but, since then, many of the Canadian instructional methods have been shared among many other schools

in Santa Fe province.

"We're working with the poorest, toughest schools in the region of Rosario. There wasn't a book in some of these schools," says Fleming. "The impact for these kids is huge. For poor children, school is one of the few places they can be successful." The provincial government in Buenos Aires has expressed interest in introducing the project to that province as well.

Fleming is hopeful that the project's successes and interest from education officials in Argentina will translate into programs that will continue once CIDA's funding runs out.

"It's a big challenge to reform teaching practices but it's worth it when you can have creative teachers who can involve children in their own learning," he says.

Donated resources, including books and computers, come from various sources, including UVic. Used computers discarded from a recently refitted UVic lab are piled up in Fleming's office as he searches for funding to send them to Argentina.

Once that's done, Fleming, who enjoys the balance of alternating practical projects with research on educational history, will probably be found in the archives working on his next book project.



A LEG UP ON LIVING

A campus security services employee sets his sails for Paralympic gold

by Mary-Lou Leidl

"It was a bonehead move that changed my life for the better," says the burly but fit 50-year-old sitting at the Finnerty Express coffee shop. Pat Shade won't elaborate on the 1981 motorcycle collision that left him a single-leg amputee, but he's emphatic when he says that if he were to change anything in his life that accident would not be it. He's got too much else going on to feel sorry for himself, or to think of himself as disabled.

Apart from his full-time job as an alarms system programmer and office clerk at campus security services, Shade runs his own canned music company, works as a deejay in a local nightclub, trains at the gym three days a week and ferries his two boys back and forth from the hockey rink. He says he sees his wife maybe twice a week. On top of that he's competed in three triathlons. "I like to keep busy," he admits.

Shade's eyes widen when he talks of his latest challenge: sailing. "It's totally outside of what I normally do," he says. But he's a firm believer in lifelong learning. "If you're not learning, you're not living."

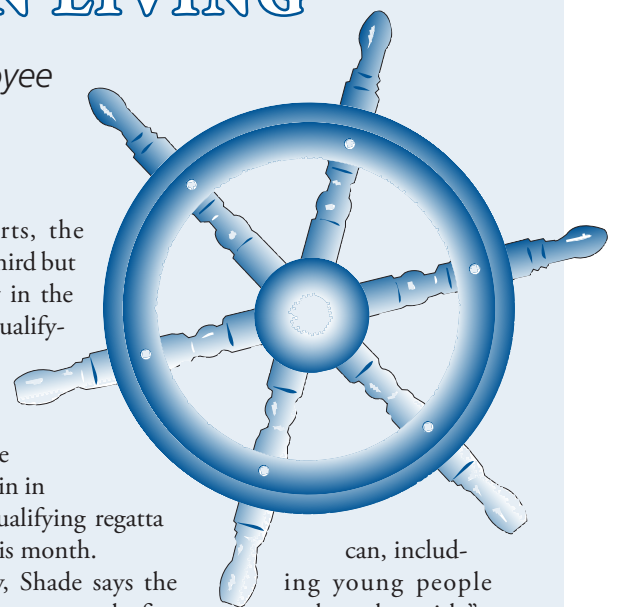
Last October Shade joined Victoria-based Team Sail Mentor, a three-member team whose goal is to represent Canada in the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, Greece. Despite

its best efforts, the team placed third but didn't qualify in the first of two qualifying regattas in January. But Shade isn't fazed. The team sails again in the second qualifying regatta off Florida this month.

To qualify, Shade says the strategy is not to race to the finishing line, but to put as much distance as possible between his team's boat and those of competing Canadian teams. "The dynamics of a regatta are really complex. You have 15 little wars going on and everyone's using everyone else to get there. First place is not the ultimate goal; that's what makes sailing a mental game." The team earning the lowest score over the course of the two events heads to Athens in September.

Rules require that competitors sail without their prosthetics; otherwise they're technically able-bodied. But Shade sees it as a bonus. "It's an ironic twist," he muses. "When I sail with it it's in the way; without it it's a breeze. Besides, you never know when you have a rope wrapped around your leg, or if you're stepping on a hand or a toe."

It's not just the thought of going for the gold that keeps Shade and his team motivated. "We hope to mentor others," he says. "We want to introduce the sport to as many people as we



can, including young people and youth-at-risk."

Shade and his teammates joke about their disabilities in such a way that most would consider politically incorrect. "It's our way of coping," he says. "If you can laugh at it, it's not a problem."

Shade takes that light-heartedness everywhere. "He keeps the office laughing," says Sheilaigh Allan, his supervisor in campus security services. "But he's always challenging people, because he's always challenging himself."

Shade is also the recipient of the 2004 International Community for Relief of Starvation and Suffering (ICROSS) Canada Humanitarian Award for his work co-ordinating UVic's contributions of "lost and found" bicycles to ICROSS. In Africa, health care workers use bicycles to transport medicine to remote areas.

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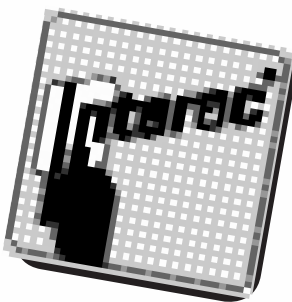
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Vice president wins business award

Faye Wightman, UVic's vice-president external relations, is one of five winners of the 2004 Influential Women in Business (IWIB) Award, presented by *Business in Vancouver* magazine.

Wightman has a wealth of experience heading non-profit foundations and working in government relations and corporate development. Before coming to UVic, she spent 14 years as president of the B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation where she increased annual revenue 650 per cent over 10 years. For the past four years, she has also participated in the SFU peer

support group for women entrepreneurs.

"The biggest challenge to women in business," says Wightman, "is to recognize that their strengths and attributes, as women, are very effective in a business setting. You don't have to give up these traits in order to be successful." The award was presented at a Vancouver luncheon on Feb. 19.

"Faye fits the bill of an influential woman in business not just because of her success in business, but also because of her advocacy for women in the workplace," says IWIB organizer Cheryl Carter.

Study links teen depression to gender and smoking

Teenaged girls suffer depression at almost twice the rate as boys, and teen smokers are more likely to be depressed than their non-smoking peers, according to a study by Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater (psychology) published in the *International Journal for Behavioural Development*.

The study used survey data from 1,322 Canadian adolescents aged 12 to 19 who participated in a four-year National Population Health Survey in the late 1990s.

Almost 10 per cent of teen girls and three to five per cent of boys reported a major depressive episode each year.

"Depression in teens can be related to other problems such as eating disorders, substance abuse, early pregnancy, and difficulties in school and personal relationships," says Leadbeater.

"The early teenage years are a critical time for identifying and treating young people, and especially young women, who may be at risk," she says. Subjects who were 12 and 13 at the onset of the survey showed an increased rate of depressive symptoms over the

four-year-period of the study.

Leadbeater's study also looked into risk factors for teen depression such as obesity, physical activity, lack of social support and smoking habits. These factors were not gender-specific in triggering depression. For both sexes, smoking and social support were the strongest predictors for depression over time.

Surprisingly, says Leadbeater, high body mass index is not a reliable sign of risk for depression. "It may be that subjective perceptions of appearance are more important than actual body weight," she says.

The study found a decisive link between smoking and depression. Smokers are 40 per cent more likely to experience a major depressive episode than non-smoking teens.

"It may be that adolescents who are already vulnerable to depression because of family history or other stresses are more likely to begin smoking and become addicted," suggests Leadbeater. "Perhaps vulnerable teens are more likely to take up smoking because of that short-lived feeling of well-being induced by cigarettes."

Family Centre gets a boost ...CONTINUED FROM P.1

week. That mainly means more flexible opening hours to adapt to hectic schedules. One possibility is the addition of a weekly movie night. The centre, which also provides a small food bank and clothing exchange, receives additional support from Dairyland and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

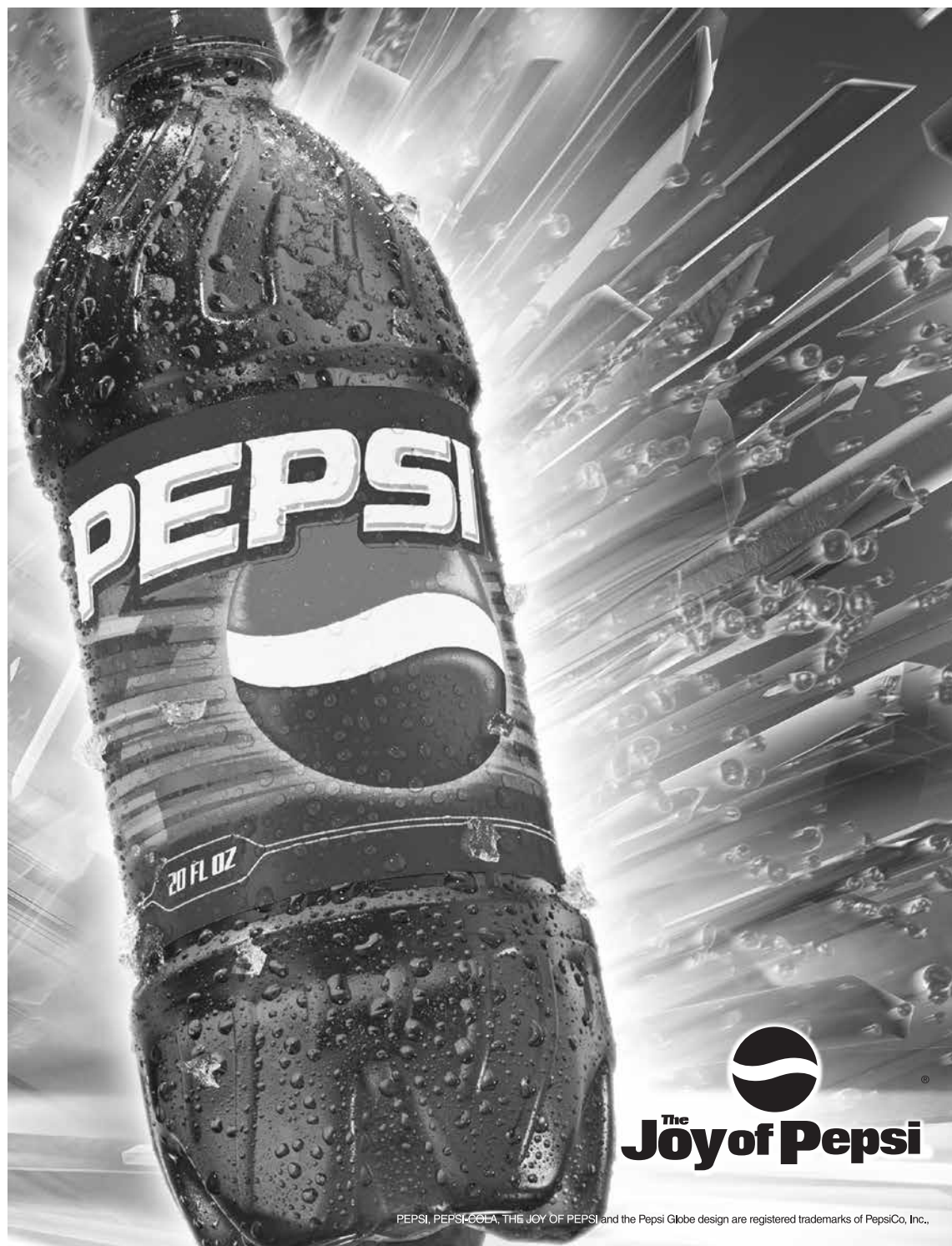
Above all, the centre is trying to make families feel welcome on campus. They are very much "an invisible minority group," according to Dr. Barb Whittington, a social work professor and the centre's faculty advisor. The centre is a multi-disciplinary initiative of the faculty of human and social development.

In a new report called *Who Cares?—The experiences of students with children at the University of Victoria*, Whittington and McAlister examine the needs of student families and the role of the university in meeting those needs.

Whittington says non-traditional students come to university "with

a dream but it's a different dream. Peoples' lives don't go according to the same plan." The report makes eight recommendations, including: the university should collect information from new students, asking them whether they have children; information about housing, childcare, financial aid, family counselling and program requirements should be more easily available before students with children arrive at university; and increase funding and facilities for childcare.

The report also identifies several areas of campus that are already family-friendly, among others: the bookstore's family corner and children's book selection; campus security's Halloween parties and Christmas hampers; and "superb," if limited, childcare services.



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Indigenous Governance Lecture 7 p.m. *Indigenous Journeys Beyond the Fringe: Myths, Apologies, and Invisibility.* Dovie Thomason, Lakota and Kiowa Apache Nations. Centre for Innovative Teaching, room 105. 721-6438

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Should Hate Speech Be Free Speech?* Dr. Wayne Sumner, Univ. of Toronto. Elliott 167. 721-7512

Friday, March 5
Open House 10 a.m. Society for Students with a Disability. SUB B102. 472-4389

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

Lansdowne Lecture 2:30 p.m. *The Secret and Not So Secret Worries of Women in Academia.* Dr. Emily Toth, Louisiana State Univ. Centre for Innovative Teaching 105. 721-6158

Lansdowne Lecture 2:30 p.m. *He-donism Revived?* Dr. Wayne Sumner, Univ. of Toronto. Clearihue A303. 721-7512

Lansdowne Lecture 2:30 p.m. *Why Act Ethically? Hope and a Critical Ethics for Teachers and Learners.* Dr. Donald Blumenfeld-Jones, Arizona State Univ. Strong C108. 721-7759

Wednesday, March 10
Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *Anti-Semitism in the Film of the Third Reich, 1933-1945.* Jennifer Lee, UVic grad student. Strong C116. 721-6325

Political Science Seminar 4 p.m. *The Will to Technology and the Culture of Nihilism.* Dr. Arthur Kroker, UVic. Technology Enter-prise Facility 170. 472-5285

Thursday, March 11
Law Seminar 7:30 p.m. Spring 2004 Community Forum: *Same-Sex Marriage: Equality for*

Lesbian and Gay People. Speakers: Donald Casswell and Dr. Lisa Mitchell, UVic. Fraser A159. Register 472-4747

Friday, March 12
Fridaymusic 12:30 p.m. School of music percussion students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

Global Studies Seminar 6 p.m. *Advocating Women's Rights in Canada and the World.* Susan Bazilli and Marilou McPhedran, international women's rights project. Fraser 159. 213-6552

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Discipline, Department, Profession.* Dr. Masao Miyoshi, Univ. of California. Univ. Centre A180. 472-4677

Wednesday, March 17
CAPI Brown Bag Seminar 12:30 p.m. *New Approaches to Rural Development in Marginal Asia.* Stephen Tyler, IDRC. Strong C130. 721-7020

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Fantasizing the Family: Historical Perspectives on Families Over Time.* Dr. Alison Mackinnon, Univ. of South Australia, Clearihue A207. 721-7381

President's Distinguished Lecture 8 p.m. *We Have Never Been Human: Companion Species & Other Mess Mates.* Dr. Donna Haraway, University of California, Santa Cruz. Fraser 159. 721-7004

Orion Lecture 8 p.m. *Is It Cold in Here?* Tania Kitchell. Fine Arts 103. 721-8020

Thursday, March 18
Lansdowne Lecture 1 p.m. *We Have Never Been Human: Canine Insight on Acquiring Genomes in Technoculture.* Dr. Donna Haraway, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz. Centre for Innovative Teaching 105. 721-7235

Centre on Aging Lecture 1 p.m. *Mixed and Multi-Methods in Aging Research: What, Why and How?* Laura Funk, grad student, UVic. Human & Social Development A260. 721-6369

Friday, March 19
First People's Student Symposium 12 p.m. Native Student Union showcase undergrad academic achievements. Univ. Centre A180. 472-4394

Dean's Lunchtime Lecture 12 p.m. *Storming the Art System.* Dr. Allan Antliff, UVic. UVic Downtown (910 Government St.) Register 472-4747

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Public Administration Seminar 4 p.m. *The New Governance of Public Money.* David Good, UVic. Strong C112. 721-8056

Monday, March 22
World Water Day Symposium 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. A series of speakers involved in water-related science at UVic. Cornett B129. 216-3506

Political Science Seminar 2:30 p.m. *Bio-Ethics and the Management of Organic Production.* Bradley Bryan, UVic. Cornett A317. 721-6430

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Light Environments and the Continued Existence of Species.* John Endler, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara. Human & Social Development A240. 721-7142

Tuesday, March 23
Lansdowne Lecture 4:30 p.m. *The Physician as Reader, the Patient as Narrator.* Dr. Martin Winckler, publisher, France. Human & Social Development A240. 721-7364

Wednesday, March 24
CAPI Research Roundtable 4 p.m. *Opium for China: Drugs, Commerce and Colonialism Over the Long 19th Century.* Dr. Gregory Blue, UVic. Strong C126. 721-7020.

Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *Papuan Youth and HIV/AIDS Moralities in Indonesia.* Jenny Munro, UVic grad student. Strong C116. 721-6325

Thursday, March 25
Sessions in Spirituality 11:30 a.m. *Keys to Transforming Both Soul and Civilization.* Dr. Elaine McCreary, B.C. Min. of Advanced Education. Grad Centre 108. 721-8338

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *World War II and the American Arts in Crisis.* Dr. Dickran Tashjian, Univ. of California. MacLaurin A144. 721-7942

Friday, March 26
Fridaymusic 12:30 p.m. School of music composition students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

Music 8 p.m. *An All Canadian Concert for Winds.* UVic Wind Symphony. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$10/8 721-7903

Wednesday, March 31
Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *Re-envisioning Identity: The Cinematic Shaping of Irish Society.* Rachel Holmes, UVic grad student. Strong C116. 721-6325

Lansdowne Lecture 7 p.m. *After All Those Years of Studying Adolescents and Substance Abuse: What Will I Do When My Children Become Teen-agers?* Dr. John Schulenberg, Univ. of Michigan. Centre for Innovative Teaching 105. 721-5305

Thursday, April 1
Lansdowne Lecture 2:30 p.m. *The Transition from Adulthood as a Turning Point: A Developmental Perspective on Substance Use and Abuse.* Dr. John Schulenberg, Univ. of Michigan. Centre for Innovative Teaching 110. 721-5305

Political Science Seminar 2:30 p.m. *An Arendtian Perspective on Cosmopolitan Democracy.* Ronald Axtman, Aberdeen Center for Globalization Studies, Wales. Cornett A229. 721-6430

Friday, April 2
Fridaymusic 12:30 p.m. School of music students in a program for various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

You'll FIND plenty at the Phoenix this month

UVic's theatre and writing departments are teaming up once again to present the Festival of Innovative and New Drama, currently underway at the Phoenix Theatre until March 20.

Introduced a year ago, the FIND Festival is a celebration of new Canadian drama by established and emerging playwrights. Theatre students in all specializations, from acting and directing to design and production, get the chance to bring the works to the stage.

Kicking it all off is *Wanted*, Sally Clark's newest play set during the Klondike gold rush. Clark is serving as playwright-in-residence while teaching dramatic writing. It's an ideal arrangement that highlights the festival's spirit of collaboration between the theatre and writing departments. It also provides a fresh look at the play, which has only been performed once before. *Wanted* runs until March 13.



Representing the three mainstage plays in the FIND Festival are: (l to r) Karen Taylor in *Wanted*; Marisa Smith in *Electra*; and Leah James in *Rodeo Star*.

Also new is the sexually charged mystery *Rodeo Star* by Toronto's Paulino Nunes, running until March 6. And the festival's innovation shines through with a new look at Sophocles' ancient tragedy, *Electra*, by director Britt Small. It runs March 10-13.

Wrapping up the festival will be staged readings of six plays written by department of writing students. All the plays will be presented in back-to-back fashion, augmented by a Phoenix-style coffee house.

Says theatre chair Brian Richmond, "We're creating a Fringe Festival atmosphere around the readings this year. It's great for audiences and it provides students with the challenge of working under pressure and turning productions around quickly and creatively."

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Speak the Dance

A new technology helps children with Down Syndrome discover the joy of dance

By Mary-Lou Leidl

UVic researchers are using the same technology that gave life to Gollum in *The Lord of the Rings* to help kids with Down Syndrome (DS) discover the joy of dance.

Speak the Dance uses motion-capture technology to help kids learn to play and dance while improving their social and motor skills. UVic neuroscientist Dr. Naznin Virji-Babul, research director of the Down Syndrome Research Foundation and Centre for Human Movement Analysis (CHUMA) at the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health, co-ordinates this innovative language and movement program.

"Our objective is to help these kids develop and maintain an active lifestyle, and to give them the confidence to participate more fully in the community," says Virji-Babul. "The motion capture technology is a tremendous help in understanding and evaluating movement."

Using small round reflective markers taped to specific joints of

the body, several infrared cameras, and a computer to track and record movement in 3D space, Virji-Babul and her team can evaluate individual movement and develop a personal program to help children become more socially and physically active.

Individuals with DS, which occurs in about one out of every 600 live births in Canada, are at greater risk of obesity and its associated medical complications. Apart from its social stigma, obesity can have a negative effect on the development of motor skills, leading to a sedentary lifestyle with fewer opportunities for social interaction.

Unlike conventional movement therapy programs that focus on developing muscle tone, strength and co-ordination skills separately, Speak the Dance incorporates motor and language skills with a focus on movement and communication.

Dance instructor Jane Henderson and Kelby MacNayr, a graduate of UVic's school of music, use movement, music, drums and language stimulation to help kids learn about their bodies, and to communicate



Seven-year-old Zola Auld watches herself dance as UVic's Virji-Babul looks on.

and interact with other kids, both in and out of the program.

For parents raising kids with DS, the program is a boon. Ann Auld, a fourth-year UVic writing student, enrolled her seven-year-old daughter, Zola. "It's fun," she says. "And it's an opportunity to pass on ground-breaking research to other

families."

Vincenza Gruppuso, a recent PhD graduate in cognitive psychology, is just as enthusiastic. Her six-year-old Marc has been attending the program since it started in September 2002. "Because of his medical history he's very cautious about his physical movements, but

this has been phenomenal in building his self confidence," she says.

Over the next few years Virji-Babul and her research team—which includes CHUMA clinical co-ordinator Lynn Purves, Dr. Doug Nichols of UVic's school of physical education and Dr. Anne Jobling of the University of Queensland—will continue to work toward a program that is long-term, sustainable and accessible to others through a manual and CD.

Speak the Dance is funded by the Victoria Foundation and supported by UVic's school of physical education. The Queen Alexandra Foundation provides major funding for CHUMA.

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Video game study seeks teen volunteers

Can playing computer and video games help teenagers deal with real-world problems? Three UVic psychology researchers need help to find out. Drs. Michael Masson, Daniel Bub and Christopher Lalonde are looking for 100 boys and girls between the ages of 12-16 to take part in their study. Participants will be given a game to play on their computers at home over a six-week period. Then they'll be invited to UVic for a one-hour session to demonstrate their skill at the game, as well as carry out a number of other skill and knowledge-based tasks. "Our study presents an unusual chance for kids to be encouraged by their parents and teachers to spend some time playing computer games," says Masson. "It's for a good cause and, if our hunch is right, they'll learn some new and useful skills in the process." For more information visit www.uvic.ca/psyc/games or call 721-7545.

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