International employment program wins national award

by Patty Pitts

Each year, hundreds of UVic students gain a global perspective and valuable work experience as part of the university’s co-operative education international program. Last month, Scotiabank Group and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) recognized UVic’s leadership in providing students with international experiential opportunities by presenting the program with an Award for Excellence in Internationalization.

The award recognizes innovative programs that help students prepare for a more global world. Other recipients of this year’s award are Université Laval, Guelph University and McMaster University. The awards were presented in Ottawa at the Canadian Museum of Civilization on Oct. 27.

“As a Canadian leader in experiential learning, UVic strives to give as many students as possible the opportunity to participate in an international co-op placement,” says UVic president Dr. David Turpin. “In an international placement, they experience other cultures, gain new language skills and acquire an international perspective. I’m very pleased that the outstanding accomplishments by our co-op program are being recognized through this prestigious award.”

With the largest co-operative education program in Western Canada, UVic offers nearly 3,000 students the opportunity to combine study with relevant, paid work terms each year. More than 40 departments in every faculty participate in UVic co-op and almost 14 per cent of all student placements are in international settings, representing 40 countries and 244 employers. Past co-op international work experiences included combining

UVic leads B.C. universities in energy efficiency

by Patty Pitts

ePoints may not be currency on eBay, but UVic can redeem them to improve its energy efficiency even further, thanks to BC Hydro’s ePoints Bonus Program.

BC Hydro has presented UVic with $84,000 worth of ePoints Bonus in recognition of the university’s successful reduction of electrical energy use over the past year. To date, this ePoints award is the highest ever given to a postsecondary institution.

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Aboriginal alumni organize chapter

UVic—in partnership with the UVic Alumni Association and aboriginal faculty, staff and students—hosted the first Celebration of Aboriginal Alumni on Oct. 7 at Mungo Martin House in Thunderbird Park (next to the Royal BC Museum).

More than 100 people attended the event to launch the new aboriginal chapter of the UVic Alumni Association.

The evening included traditional prayers, drumming, songs and words from a variety of alumni, supporters and university representatives.

The chapter will focus on bringing aboriginal alumni and communities together in support of aboriginal students. The new chapter promotes the university’s strategic objective to increase the number of First Nations graduates across all faculties and to strengthen UVic’s relationships with aboriginal peoples.

UVic climate research gets a super-boost

by Valerie Shore

UVic researchers have a new, $12.3-million tool in their quest to understand Earth’s past, present and future climate.

Last month, UVic climatologist Dr. Andrew Weaver took delivery of one of the world’s fastest—as the NEC SX-6 supercomputer—one NEC Corporation supercomputer SX series were instrumental in Dr. Weaver’s choice of this system,” says Tadahiro Kondo, NEC senior vice president. “NEC is excited to provide support to UVic and the climate community in Western Canada for this study.”

“This new supercomputer represents a strategic boost to UVic’s research capabilities and it will further enhance Canada’s capacity to compete effectively in the global technology arena,” says UVic, a Power Smart Partner since 2002, was eligible for ePoints Bonus because it exceeded the minimum annual five per cent energy efficiency reduction campus-wide—a requirement under BC Hydro’s Power Smart Partner Program. The university reduced its electricity use by 5.6 per cent last year. Reducing our operational costs allows the university to redirect funds to other areas.”

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mark has earned UVic in ePoints Bonus dollars that can now be used toward a future BC Hydro approved energy-saving project.

“UVic strives to incorporate sustainability principles through-out its operations,” says facilities management executive director Jerry Robson. “We make a conscious effort to be energy-efficient on campus and through various initiatives. We reduced energy use by over 5.6 per cent last year. Reducing our operational costs allows the university to redirect funds to other areas.”

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School of social work assistant professors Robina Thomas, MSW ‘00 (left) and Jacquie Green, MPA ‘00 were among the faculty, staff, alumni and students who helped launch the new aboriginal chapter of the UVic Alumni Association.
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research, as it puts B.C. and Canada at the forefront of climate change research, and will be a major asset to Canada in international climate treaty negotiations,” says Oak Bay– Gordon Head MLA Ida Chong. Weaver and his colleagues are world leaders in climate modelling. Over the last 10 years, they have developed an ocean systems climate model—made up of sophisticated ocean, sea ice and land ice components—that is now used by researchers around the world.

The new supercomputer—which is made up of 12 components of large refrigerators—will help researchers more broadly modelling the physical aspects of climate change toward models that represent the interactions of economic, social, technological and biogeochemical factors, says Weaver.

“There is new and stronger evidence that most climate warming observed over the last 50 years is due to human activities,” he says. “This supercomputer will allow us to refine models to answer with greater certainty the specific questions posed by industry and government so that they can develop realistic policy options for the future.”

This 15th generation, memory-based supercomputer in Western Canada. Vector computers process data and fetch information from memory in large chunks, as opposed to parallel computers, which process information bit by bit. Vector computing is a huge advantage when dealing with the many variables involved in climate modelling. The supercomputer will speed up climate simulations by a factor of 20. For example, a recent simulation spanning 20,000 years took six months of real time to complete on the UVic group’s current computer system. The NEC supercomputer would process it in a week.

The supercomputer will be used by faculty, post-doctoral fellows, research associates and graduate students at UVic, researchers from other universities in Western Canada, and scientists within the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis (CCMa), a division of Environment Canada housed at UVic. UVic’s climate modelling group consists of three faculty members, seven research associates and 14 graduate students. Members come from diverse backgrounds in physics, mathematics, engineering, oceanography and geology and from all over the world.

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Help the gardens grow

It’s the next best thing to being there. The 2005 Fintry Gardens Calendar is now available in all of its floral glory. This is the third edition of the fundraising effort—featuring the fine photography of UVic alumna Andrea Weaver and the newly arrived supercomputer system.

UVic forms palliative care research teams

by Maria Lironi

UVic professors are leading two Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) projects designed to boost research on palliative care.

The New Emerging Team (NET) grant provides five years of support for the creation or development of teams of independent investigators doing collaborative multidisciplinary research in Canadian research institutions. By providing these NET grants, CIHR hopes to build capacity to do research in palliative care, to build new research teams, and to give researchers a building block for applying for research funding in the future.

Drs. Francis Lau (health information science) and Peter Kirk, research director of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, will use their $1.097-million NET grant to coordinate studies on improving communication between care providers, patients and families.

The six team investigators include Drs. Mary Ellen Purkis (nursing) and Pat MacKenzie (social work). The five collaborators on the team include Drs. Denise Clouter-Fisher (centre on aging/geography) and Janet Bavelas (psychology).

“What we need to tell their physicians the same message that they share with nurses or counselors?” Lau wonders.

Do different care providers communicate in a way that enables meaningful sharing? We need to learn how to communicate with our patients and give them sufficient information about their prognosis and alternatives so that they can make informed decisions.”

The fund for 13 CIHR projects across Canada was announced recently by Tony Lam, “The funding for the CIHR projects across Canada was announced recently by Tony Lam, Minister of State for Families, at the 15th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill, held in Montreal."
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Building legacies: new appointment a boon to UVic fundraising

by Chris Thackray

What does Norma Cameron have to do with your will? Quite a lot, if you're thinking of leaving a bequest to UVic. As the newly appointed manager of planned giving in UVic's development office, Cameron is responsible for managing and expanding a fundraising program that contributes millions of dollars in donations to UVic annually.

Working with individual donors and UVic development officers, Cameron helps arrange donations of financial assets to the university through wills and other financial instruments. Cameron brings a wealth of experience to the job. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, she moved to Canada and began her career in the banking industry. In 1995 she became a consultant with Vancouver-based consulting firm Spectrum Marketing, negotiating strategic alliances between suppliers of branded products and services and many postsecondary institutions in Western Canada. In 1998, she became director of alumni, development and public relations at the University of Prince Edward Island. Prior to joining UVic, Cameron was manager of planned giving at the University of Manitoba.

"Her experience will be a great advantage," says Birgit Castledine, director of central development services. "We look forward to having someone fully dedicated to raising awareness of planned giving and increasing the number of gifts to the university."

Planned giving to a university can be a complicated business, normally involving the administration of the assets of an estate according to the will of a donor. And planned gifts can take many forms.

"The most common form is including a gift in your will," explains Cameron. "In such cases, the most important step is to determine what the donor wants to achieve—the 'why' of the gift. This step is often confused with 'how' the gift is made—whether through gifts of securities, charitable annuities, real estate, trusts, life insurance policies, or simply cash."

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A musical portrait

Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Joseph Kandler (left) and the Johann Strauss Foundation scholarships, which he helped establish, pianist Erin Lahay and soprano Nicole Annis spent part of this past summer in Vienna, Austria, studying with some of Europe’s top musicians. The two UVic music students showed that gratuity to Kandler by presenting a benefit concert in October with proceeds to support the Strauss Foundation’s scholarship program. The foundation recently donated $120,000 to UVic to endow two music scholarships that will be awarded in perpetuity. In addition, Kandler and his wife, Melitta, have donated $20,000 to create two supplemental endowed scholarships for each of the Strauss Foundation Scholarship recipients.

University reviews options for Dunsmuir

UVic is initiating a review of options for the future of its Dunsmuir Lodge Executive Training and Conference Centre and surrounding property. The project will include feasibility studies, a market analysis and consultation and communication with the community about the potential options. The review process is expected to take six to eight months to complete.

CitySpaces Consulting has been retained by the university to manage the project and obtain any subsequent approvals required.

CitySpaces principal Gwyn Symmons is the project lead. “As part of our ongoing asset review process, the university has determined that Dunsmuir Lodge is not financially sustainable over the long-term in its current form,” says Pays Wightman, UVic vice president external relations. “The building needs significant upgrades and its current size and configuration do not allow for optimal use of the facility.”

The options under review include: an increase in the number of bedrooms in the lodge and major upgrades to the facility; potential partnership with a private sector operator to develop and run the expanded lodge; and possible real estate development on the east side of the property, adjacent to Dean Park Estates.

Dunsmuir Lodge is located at 1515 McTavish Rd. in North Saanich. It was donated to UVic in 1985, and has been operated as an executive conference centre since 1987. Aside from the building of an executive classroom, there have been no major upgrades to the facility since it was donated.

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The 15-member board of governors is one of the two primary governing bodies of the university. It includes elected faculty, staff and students, and eight members appointed by the provincial government. Two of the government appointees are nominated by the UVic alumni association. The board administers university assets, approves the university budget, determines fees and student aid, and is responsible for faculty and staff appointments.

Ron Lou-Poy—Chancellor
Lou-Poy is a graduate of Victoria College, holds a law degree from the University of British Columbia, and is currently the senior partner with Crease, Harmon and Co. of Victoria. He's been UVic's chancellor since January 2003. He served two terms on the UVic board of governors, and was an original director of the UVic Innovation and Development Corporation. Lou-Poy's many community involvements include the Victoria Police Board, the Kiwanis Club, the United Way, Victoria Crime Stoppers and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. He is an ex officio member of the board.

Dr. David Turpin—President
Turpin was appointed UVic's sixth president in September 2000. Prior to joining UVic, he was vice-principal academic at Queen's University. During his first term as president, UVic has adopted a strategic plan and a campus plan to guide future development. His presidency has been renewed for a second five-year term, until 2012. Turpin holds a PhD in botany and oceanography from the University of British Columbia and is recognized as one of Canada's most highly cited scientists. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1998. He is an ex officio member of the board.

Trudi Brown, QC—Lawyer
A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Brown has practiced law in the Victoria area since 1973 and is currently a partner in the firm of Brown Henderson. She's a director of the B.C. Law Institute and Pacific Sports Victoria, a trustee of the Nana Foundation, and chair of the National Family Law Program. Brown is president of the Law Society of B.C. and has served as a director of the Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C., the Canadian Bar Association (B.C. branch) and Mt. St. Mary's Hospital.

Peter Ciocci—Business executive
As principal and director of Peter Ciocci & Associates, Ciocci offers business and consulting services to CEOs. Ciocci was previously president of Compass Canada Inc., and has held senior posts with Tandem Asia Pacific Ltd., Hewlett Packard Asia Pacific Ltd, and Japan Unisys. In 1999 he was named one of Canada's top 10 “IT influencers” and one of the country's top 100 business executives by the Globe & Mail. Ciocci holds a BA in economics from UVic and is completing an MBA in counselling psychology from UBC. He was appointed by government as an ex officio representative on the board.

Dr. Tom Cleary—Faculty
Cleary has taught English at UVic since 1969 and is serving a second term as chair of the English department. He's a graduate of Queens College and Princeton University. His studies Restoration and 18th-century literature and his publications include a political biography of British writer Henry Fielding. His honors include a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, a UVic Alumni Teaching Award and a 3M National Teaching Fellowship. Cleary has served as president of the Association of Canadian University Teachers of English and president of the UVic Faculty Association. He is an elected faculty representative on the board.

Murray Farmer—Businessman
Farmer is president of Farmer Industries Group Inc., vice president of Accent Lens & Optical, and vice president of Farmer Management Inc., which provides project management services and oversees a portfolio of company-owned commercial properties. Farmer earned a BA in economics from UVic in 1968, is a registered quantity surveyor and, in 1994, completed the Harvard Business School's executive education program. His community involvements include the Royal Jubilee Hospital Foundation, the Victoria Foundation and the United Way of Greater Victoria. Along with his wife, Lynda, he is co-chairing UVic's capital campaign.

Gail Flitton—Public relations consultant
Flitton is a public relations consultant with 30 years of experience in the development and implementation of communication strategies and plans, specializing in large international events. She has been honored by the Vancouver YWCA as a Woman of Distinction and by the Canadian Public Relations Society as Vancouver Island PR Professional of the Year. Flitton has served on the boards of the Friends of the National Gallery, the Ottawa-Carleton YM-YWCA, the Jack Webster Foundation, and the Victoria 2000 Summer Games. She is a graduate of the University of British Columbia.
"It is important to always give back," says commerce grad Dianne George.

Finding a way to give back to the community is a major theme in the life of Evelyn Adu-Febiri, a new bachelor of commerce grad who specializes in international business. Emigrating with her family to B.C. from Ghana as a five-year-old helped shape her commitment to the practice of volunteering.

"I believe it is important to always give back," explains Adu-Febiri. "If you have certain skills then you have a responsibility to help others out and give of yourself when you can."

While studying at UVic, she’s held down a part-time job, acted as a mentor and peer helper to the Intercultural Association’s immigrant youth group and found time to be part of the AfricanCaribbean Students’ Association. As well, she’s participated in an academic exchange and a co-op work experience in Singapore—all while maintaining a level of scholastics that ensured she would graduate with distinction.

"It is an incredible feeling to know you’re actually impacting people and making a difference just by the way you live your life or what you’re doing," says Adu-Febiri. "It is inspiring to know that others might do something because you’ve done it, and that it can be done."

"I especially like volunteering with youth—that’s the group I love to work with the most—because you can totally influence youth—that’s the group I love to work with," she says. "For example, a five-year-old helped shape her commitment to the practice of volunteering.

Following graduation, Adu-Febiri plans to earn a chartered accountant’s designation and work in finance. Eventually, she might start her own business.

Students with disabilities gain an advocate

by Lynda Hills

Sohreh Hadian is hoping to help UVic operate with its eyes closed. By concentrating on visually impaired students, she researched how universities offer Web-based courses and identified important barriers to accessibility.

"Online learning is a attractive to disabled students," Hadian says. "They benefit from this environment because they can take courses from home at their own pace."

Hadian, who graduates this month with a master’s degree in computer science, has found that one of the key components to online education is accessibility.

"If you don’t have access to something, you can’t use it," she says. "For example, if you have to wait a long time for things like pictures to download, or if you have recurring problems with the server, then that hinders the learning process."

Hadian chose this focus for her work because she had several visually impaired students in her class while teaching computer science at Vancouver Community College. She experienced first-hand the challenges these students face in a conventional classroom setting.

Visually impaired students typically use a software package called JAWS that reads a computer screen out loud. If the learning tools such as WebCT, the browser and the adaptive technology are not integrated properly, it can hinder the learning process.

The study also looked at the instructor’s perspective. For an adaptive program to work effectively, she discovered, it has to be done at the basic design and development level.

For example, three years ago the main UVic website used to be “fuzzy,” she says. It now has larger text and font, allowing JAWS to read it easier. "Now, while peaking to the eye, it’s also more accessible," she says.

Born in Iran, Hadian studied in Georgia and lived in Vancouver before moving to Victoria five years ago with her family. She’s currently an instructor in the computer science department at Camosun College.

While studying for her degree, she taught full-time and looked after her young family.

"It was an exciting and fruitful time, but very long, tiring and, at times, challenging," she says. "I persevered because I picked a topic that was close to my heart."

Hadian found her motivation by concentrating on the disabled students she believed she could help. "I realized I couldn’t wait away from it, I had to get the information out into the community for the sake of my students with a visual impairment."

Grad recognized in his own ceremony

by Lynda Hills

This year’s indigenous students recognition ceremony will have a special guest. Roger John, the man who laid the groundwork for this important ceremony, will be one of the honoured students.

John graduates this month with a master’s degree in counselling psychology.

"Usually I’m the emcee so it will be kind of strange," he says.

John is originally from Shalalth, a small village in the B.C. Interior. He came to UVic in 1989 and graduated with a BA in psychology in 1995. After working at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre as a youth counsellor and family support worker, John returned to UVic as the aboriginal student advisor for the faculty of human and social development.

It was in this role that John established the indigenous students recognition ceremony. Designed to recognize the accomplishments of aboriginal students, the ceremony also provides the opportunity for students to involve their extended families.

"At regular convocation, students were restricted to two tickets and often had to choose between parents, grandparents, children and even their child," he says.

John points out the value of aboriginal students being recognized within their own communities.

"Holding the ceremony in an aboriginal environment is also important. In the summer, the event occurs at an Esquimalt Big House and in the fall it takes place at Wawaditla, another First Nation longhouse."

The ceremony includes First Nations dancers, an opening prayer led by a Coast Salish chief or elder, a feast, and then individual acknowledgements. Students are called up by department or school and given a gift by someone in their department of study.

"Students stand on a blanket as a way of raising them up," John says.

Representatives from UVic’s vice-president academic and provost office and the dean of human and social development are invited to speak. At the end of the ceremony students also have a chance to speak. "It’s their opportunity to thank family," says John.

He stresses the importance of having First Nations children present at the recognition ceremony. "They can see that they can graduate and can still be aboriginal when it’s done," he says.

John’s friendly face can be seen around the UVic campus as he continues to create a welcoming environment. "UVic is a place where aboriginal students can succeed," he says.\n
Grad seeks brighter future for Nigeria’s children

by Lynda Hills

Olusegun Akomas has a long commute—he lives in Ibusaha, Nigeria, but studies at UVic. Akomas, who graduated from UVic this month with a master’s degree in child and youth care, took his courses through the Early Childhood Development Virtual University (ECDUV). He’s a community nutritionist in the Abia State Ministry of Health in Nigeria.

"My work focuses on the reduction of infant and under-five mortality and disease through improved nutritional practices," he says.

Located in the southeastern part of Nigeria, Ibusaha is an urban area with good roads, potable water, an electric public power supply, government and private hospitals, and health centres. The town has primary private and secondary schools and education is free at the primary and secondary levels.

Infant and under-five mortality rates in this developing country, however, are quite high. At 120 million, Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa.

ECDUV is a Web-based graduate degree program being delivered in 10 African nations and five countries in the Middle East.

Akomas first heard of the program when UVic child and youth care professor Alan Peire came to a SINCEF workshop in Nigeria in 2000. "When I found out that I could still do my job and didn’t have to leave my family for the three year period of the course, I got interested," Akomas says.

"I believe that ECDUV was a well-planned program. It is broad-based and addresses issues affecting children in sub-Saharan Africa," he says. "I was enriched by sharing experiences with other learners from various African cultures, as well as the resources and information that I received."

His colleagues in the Abia State Ministry of Health also benefited from the information that she was able to share. "By targeting children’s well-being, there will be a beneficial impact to Nigeria’s social and economic development," she says.

Akomas plans to be at UVic in person to receive her degree on Nov. 10. Then she’ll return to Nigeria and continue to move early childhood development forward in Nigeria.
Biology pair investigates the mysteries of tree sex

For the past five years, undergraduates "squirm" have been foraging on the UVic campus in an effort to unlock the mysteries of tree sex.

Under the direction of graduate students Stephen O’Leary and Brett Poulis, the human squirrels collected conifer cones for a now-done-before experiment. O’Leary and Poulis graduated this month with a PhD in biology.

"When a real squirrel such as a Douglas fir cone, it picks apart each piece to get to the seeds inside," explains O’Leary. "That's what our human squirrels were mimicking."

Conifer fertilization takes place when pollen is blown on the wind and lands on cones. Within these cones are small liquid droplets that capture the pollen and begin the process of reproduction. Until now, the properties of this liquid were a mystery.

"We wanted to find out what is in these droplets, what proteins are present," says O’Leary. "Until now there was no technology to deal with such a small volume of liquid."

Fertilization—or tree sex—takes place for only a week at a time per year. The undergraduate students employed by O’Leary and Poulis collected cones for 10 hours a day, going from tree to tree. The cones were then brought back to the lab and taken apart with tweezers. Next, the students extracted the droplets from the cones with a micropipette.

"Finally, we put all the drops into a container and froze it," says Poulis. "At the end of all that, we have about one to one-and-a-half a milliliter of liquid, depending on the tree."

The pair discovered that components within the liquid protected the reproductive events from bacterial and fungal infection. The liquid may also nourish pollen germination and development. "We were pleased because we knew we were pushing conifer science forward, especially in B.C., where softwood lumber plays such an important role," says Poulis.

Poulis, who earned his undergraduate degree in chemistry and biochemistry at UVic, has seen both sides of tree lore—as a researcher and in summer jobs heli-logging and fighting forest fires. "I like the outdoors, especially since I was born and raised in B.C.," he says.

O’Leary’s appreciation for trees came later in life. Originally from Nova Scotia, he graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with a biology degree. "I spent a summer in the Gulf Islands working on an algae project and decided I wanted to move back to the Pacific Northwest," he says. "I’ve been here for six years now."

In November, O’Leary starts work in Ottawa as a visiting fellow with Agriculture and Agri-food Canada.

For sessional, senior lab, and lab instructors, "squirm" have had broad responsibilities of those positions.

The new, second award is named to recognize non-faculty instructors who carry a lot of the teaching load on campus, much more than they did 20 years ago," says Anne McLaughlin, chair of the UVic Alumni Association’s grants, scholarships and awards committee.

The first award category is designated for regular and limited-term faculty, senior instructors, artists-in-residence or librarians—reflecting the research responsibilities of those positions. The new, second award is for sessional, senior lab, and lab instructors. "Sessionals play a very important role in teaching at the university," says Jamie Cazelles, vice president academic. "Many are superb teachers and we want to recognize them for their skill and contributions."

The university employs 701 regular faculty and 468 sessional instructors. Each award includes a cash prize of $2,000 from the alumni association.

The association is developing specific criteria, and a possible renaming of the awards. The deadline for 2005 nominations is Jan. 31 and nomination forms are online at www.alumni.uvic.ca/awards/legacies. The 2004 winner is Dr. Gweneth Duane (nursing). Her award will be presented during the Legacy Awards on Nov. 16, along with Distinguished Alumni Award winners and UVic Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

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Over the next decade, UVic aims to increase student financial support to a level that places us among Canada’s leading universities in providing financial aid to students. To that end, we intend to raise $50 million from the private sector to fund more scholarships, bursaries and fellowships.

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The write choice

A Uvic poet wins the university’s top faculty award

by Lynda Hills

“It might have all happened because
my Grade 1 teacher gave me a put
on the head and said I could write a
good story,” says an accomplished
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Adams is pleased that the
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Landsewote Lecture 3:30 p.m. Gods, Kings and Communities in the Homeric Age. Thomas Palmaira, Unv. of Texas at Austin. Hickman 110. 721-8518

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UVic Hearts and Hands Craft Fair 10 a.m. Univ. Centre Lobby. 721-3565


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Wednesday, November 17
Asia-Pacific Initiatives Seminar 12:30 p.m. Contemporary Theatre in Thailand. Pornrat Damrhung, Chulalongkorn Univ., Thailand. HSD A206. 721-7820


The Friends of UVic Libraries Lecture 6:30 p.m. Wild Rice at Law. Cecil Branson, QC. Hickman 105. 721-8217

Thursday, November 18
Landsewote Lecture 3:30 p.m. The Australian Indigenous Languages Framework Project: An Inclusive Model for Accommodating. Dr. Rob Amey, Univ. of Adelaide, Australia. Clearihue A111. 721-7424

Landsewote Lecture 5 p.m. Responsibility and Framed Inquiry. Art Marion Young, Univ. of Chicago. Strong C103. 721-8147

Landsewote Lecture 7:30 p.m. What the Greeks Can Teach Us About War. Thomas Palmaira, Unv. of Texas at Austin. Currents A120. 721-8518

Landsewote Lecture 8 p.m. Sound Sculptures and Installations: Trimpin, sound sculptor, Seattle. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

Friday, November 19
Dean’s Lunchtime Lecture Series 12 p.m. Youth and Activism: New Forms of Action and Consciousness for 21st-century Youth and Activism. Speakers: Mike Burnett, Aaron Devor, UVic’s UVic. Downtown. Register 472-4474

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

Landsewote Lecture 3:30 p.m. Kina Language Reclamation: Lessons Learned from Attempts To Re-introduce the Indigenous Language. Dr. Rob Amey, Univ. of Adelaide, Australia. Clearihue A201. 721-7424

Saturday, November 20
Centre on Aging Seminar 9 a.m. ~2:30 p.m. Planning Your Future Health Care. Jay Chalk, public guardian and trustee. Strong C103. Register 721-6369

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Students from the restoration of natural systems program are working on a project called Quercus, aimed at reclaiming Garry oak ecosystems. Because many of these types of meadows have been taken over by invasive species, the project is seeking the most effective way to restore native plants. Quercus comes from the Latin name for oak. Currently, the project is in the stage of soil preparation. Students are experimenting with nine different types of treatments such as mulching, rototilling and solarization. Using a grid pattern, where each grid section indicates a different treatment, squares are tagged and catalogued according to preparation. Afterward, each grid is monitored and re-assessed. Planting is scheduled for this winter.

“The experiment aims to see which kind of treatment works best for re-establishing native plant species,” says Sara Webb, UVic’s sustainability co-ordinator. Quercus is part of the wider five-year Garry oak restoration project undertaken by UVic facilities management and the restoration of natural systems program in the school of environmental studies. Lisa Heinbuch, a former restoration student, formulated the original field trials as part of her studies. Then, through a process called a design charrette—a symposium of professionals, students, faculty and people from the community—an experimental plan was formalized and the project began. At present, biology student Magnus Bein oversees the endeavour. Bein, who also has a diploma in the restoration of natural systems, hopes to foster greater awareness of the need to conserve biodiversity.

“Restoration projects are a testament to the irreplaceability and value of ecosystems,” he says. “They’re impossible to replace and we shouldn’t fool ourselves into believing we can reconstruct ecosystems of the same quality of those that are lost.”

A public event, designed to involve the community, is being organized for late fall. “We’re hoping to attract people of all backgrounds to learn about restoration,” says Webb. “It’s hoped the Quercus project results will help inform other Garry oak projects in the community. “Quercus is a great example of a partnership between an academic unit and an operational side of campus,” says Webb. “It also contributes to the overall ecosystem health of campus.”