



Dixon

THE HEART OF A CHAMPION

by Pete Lewis

It was her performance at the recent Paralympics in Athens that vaulted UVic Vikes swimmer Stephanie Dixon onto the world stage, but it's not the eight medals she won that makes her a champion. For that matter, it really has very little to do with swimming at all.

Stephanie is an elite athlete, pure and simple. Her spirit, passion and drive are what separate her from the rest of the pack. By the way, Stephanie has a disability. She was born with only one leg. But if you see her don't tell her that, because as far as she's concerned, she's an athlete just like everybody else.

Stephanie's success at the Paralympics includes six individual medals—one gold, four silver and one bronze—along with two silver relay medals.

And there are awards on her growing list of accomplishments. In March, Stephanie was named Vikes outstanding female Athlete of the Year in her first season with the university swim program. She met the able-bodied qualifying standard for both Canada West and Canadian Interuniversity Sport and competed at those championships with Canada's best athletes. In 2003, Stephanie received Ontario's female Athlete with a Disability of the Year award. The list goes on.

Peter Vizsolyi has coached

hundreds of swimmers and many Olympians in his 21 years with the Vikes swim program. When he talks about Stephanie he's quick to share that "few have had the toughness and mental fortitude that she has."

Stephanie is in her second year at UVic in pursuit of a BA in psychology.

In the limited time I've known Stephanie, I can't recall a time that she's not had smile on her face. Her teammates and friends rarely talk about her success in the pool, but more about the quality of person she is, the leadership she brings and the role model she's become.

Pete Lewis is public relations co-ordinator in athletics and recreation.

UVic athletes make Olympian effort

UVic athletics has a proud tradition of sending student athletes, graduates and coaches to represent Canada at the Olympics. That tradition continued this August and September in Athens as current and former students and staff took to the pool, the trails and the water to compete for their country.

Leading the charge was UVic graduate and former varsity

rower Barney Williams who won a silver medal in a heart-stopping men's four race against a British team that won by the smallest of margins.

Fourth-place finishes went to UVic grad Alison Sydor in mountain biking, former Vikes rowers and grads Buffy Williams and Darcy Marquardt in the women's pair event and former Vikes rowers and grads Gavin

Hasset and Jon Mandick in the men's lightweight fours. Former Vikes swimmer Rick Say placed sixth in the men's 200-metre freestyle against a field described as the strongest ever assembled for an Olympic swimming event.

In all, more than 20 UVic students, grads, coaches and assistant coaches participated in the 2004 Olympics and Paralympics in Athens.

University seeks feedback on First Peoples House

by Patty Pitts

UVic is ready to unveil a preliminary design for the university's First Peoples House and is looking for feedback on both the design of the building and the suggested site.

Meetings with First Nations leaders are underway in advance of a consultation session for them on campus later this fall with UVic President Dr. David Turpin. Public consultation sessions for members of the community are scheduled for Nov. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Michele Pujol room in the Student Union Building.

The house is one of UVic's strategic plan commitments to increase the number of aboriginal students graduating from all faculties at UVic. It incorporates the suggestions, advice and hopes heard during several initial consultation sessions in 2001 with First Nations leaders, as well as UVic aboriginal faculty, staff and students.

The house is intended to be a welcoming home for aboriginal students and an inclusive and healing place for the local and global indigenous community and non-indigenous people alike.

Alfred Waugh, (Chipweyan Fond du Lac band) of Waugh Busby Architects, is the prime consultant for the project. His design is based on pre-contact longhouses in Coast Salish territory, reflecting the old

and modern traditions of the Coast and Straits Salish peoples. The building's exterior uses cedar and glass planks, representing the old and the new. The design also incorporates influences from the Interior Salish, and other cultures will be represented through art and artifacts displayed throughout the building's interior.

The main entrance is framed by two welcoming figures symbolizing the doorway to the modern First Peoples House and representing the Coast Salish students of the 21st century. Two more welcoming posts frame the doorway to the ceremonial hall.

The house will feature ceremonial, academic and office space. The site recommended by the house project planning committee is near the centre of campus, in the green space between the Cornett and Clearihue buildings. Placing the house near the University Centre, another ceremonial space, establishes an aboriginal presence in the heart of the campus and orients the building toward the east, according to tradition.

The building's design is 70 per cent complete and has been approved subject to consultation. Fundraising for the 12,160 sq. ft., \$5.5 million house has begun. For further information about the house and to provide feedback, visit www.uvic.ca/fphouse.



Artist's rendering of the proposed design of the First Peoples House

Fall convocation honours three lifetime achievers

Fall convocation ceremonies on Nov. 10 and 12 will include honorary degrees for Robert Giroux, a leading advocate for higher education in Canada, children's performer Raffi Cavoukian, and author and retired writing professor Jack Hodgins.

Giroux is president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, a position

he's held since 1995. He's played a significant role in advocating the importance of university research in relation to national goals for innovation and development. He was also a force behind the creation of the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Canada Research Chairs program. He receives an LL.D at the 10 a.m. ceremony on Nov. 10.

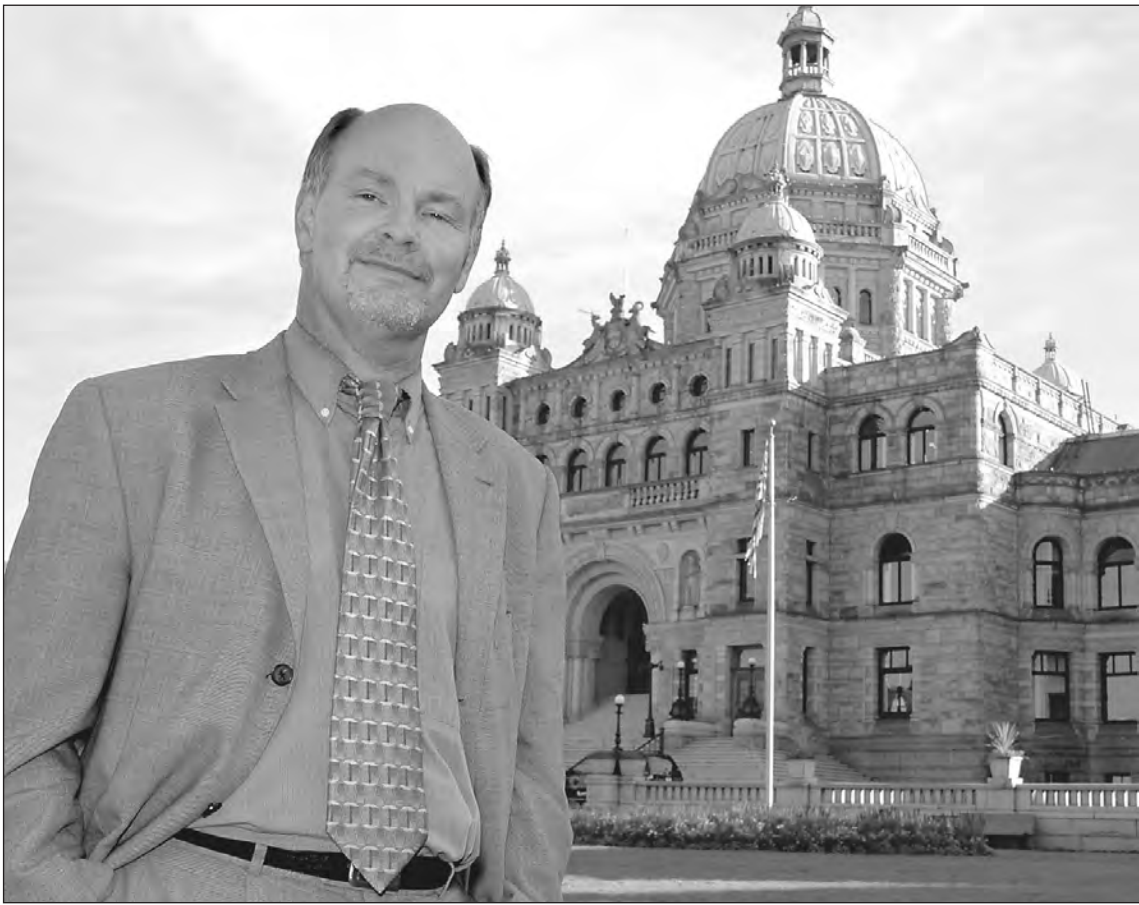
Raffi's honorary music degree recognizes a 25-year career that spans singing, teaching and public service—all dedicated to children's entertainment and education. He's sold more than 12 million copies of his recordings, making him one of the best-selling children's singers of all time. Through his Troubadour Foundation he has supported the

faculty of education's international arts project. He receives a D.Mus at the 2:30 p.m. ceremony on Nov. 10.

Hodgins will receive an honorary doctor of literature for his works of fiction—mostly based on Vancouver Island—and his non-fiction, including a popular handbook for writers, *A Passion for Narrative*, which includes many

of the teaching strategies he used at UVic between 1985 and 2002. Hodgins won the 1980 Governor General's Award for Literature for his novel, *The Resurrection of Joseph Bourne*. He receives a D.Litt at the 10 a.m. ceremony on Nov. 12.

In all, more than 1,100 degrees, diplomas and certificates will be awarded during fall convocation.



Soles

Public servant named to government relations post

Jim Soles has been appointed to the new position of executive director, government relations, for the university.

Reporting to the vice president external relations and working closely with the UVic executive team, Soles will develop and implement a strategic plan to enhance the university's government relations at the provincial and federal levels. His responsibilities include assisting in the pursuit of provincial and national funding and communicating the relevance of research and teaching to governments.

Soles brings to the job extensive experience in B.C.'s postsecondary education sector and in the Ministry of Advanced Education, where he has served for the past two years as assistant deputy minister, the senior public servant with primary responsibility for post-secondary education.

A UVic grad, Soles holds a BA in English (1978) and an MPA (1983).

"We're delighted to welcome Jim back to UVic," says Faye Wightman, vice president external relations. "We look forward to working with him and benefiting from his rich experience and practical knowledge of relations between governments and universities."

"It's become increasingly important for universities to have effective working relationships with governments," says Soles. "I look forward to using my skills as a strategist and, sometimes, interpreter to help UVic continue to build its connections at the federal and provincial levels."

Soles joined the Ministry of Advanced Education in 1986, serving as a manager and director before becoming assistant deputy minister in 2002. His many accomplishments include developing the budget and plans for the creation of the University of Northern B.C. and the university colleges, and overseeing

creation of the B.C. Knowledge Development Fund.

In 1993-94, Soles served the Victoria Commonwealth Games Society as general manager of partner relations, negotiating agreements on funding, facilities, policies and services with all levels of government.

In 2001-02, Soles was vice-president of the University Presidents' Council where he worked to secure government approval and funding for the expansion of medical education and to increase the number of spaces in computer science and engineering.

As assistant deputy minister, he played a primary role in the development of a six-year plan for expanding access to B.C.'s post-secondary system and represented the province on national postsecondary education and research matters through the federal government and the Council of Ministers of Education Canada.

Spam, spam, spam....

UVic e-mail users are finding fewer spam messages in their mailboxes these days, thanks to computer services' successful use of a technique called greylisting.

Although it may initially delay delivery of some e-mail by up to a half-hour, greylisting has raised UVic's ability to block spam. It does so at the server level by temporarily failing the first e-mail between a specific sender and receiver. Since this is a normal occurrence, servers just

queue the e-mail and try sending it again—except those servers sending spam. Storing that many queued messages is too costly to spammers so the first attempt is the last attempt.

Greylisting does not delay internal e-mails and subsequent e-mails between the same sender and receiver, but it is very effective at blocking external messages. Of the 700,000 e-mail messages handled daily by the server, about 80 per cent of it is spam. Prior to

greylisting, UVic was blocking 75 per cent of spam. Now the server can block over 95 per cent of it—the equivalent of an additional 100,000 messages a day.

Greylisting's success may diminish over time as spammers develop new ways to evade it, but computing services will also be working on new blocking techniques. For more information about UVic's approach to e-mail spam and filtering visit www.uvic.ca/spam.

around the ring

Flu easier to prevent than lament

Don't give your friends an early Christmas present this year. Flu season is fast approaching and it's time to protect yourself. Health services encourages everyone to get inoculated. "The flu can be quite serious and spreads rapidly," says health services nurse Donna Denman. "Not getting a shot also puts your co-workers at risk." Faculty and staff can get a shot in the arm during the annual flu shot clinic on Oct. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 in Peoples Drug Mart in the SUB. UVic health services nurses will give injections from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the charge is \$15. Call 721-3400 to book your appointment. Health services will be providing the same service for students by the third week in October. Students can drop in or call ahead. Dates will be advertised around campus and the cost is also \$15. Anyone with chronic health concerns is welcome to come to health services for a free flu shot—faculty and staff included.

It's time for some tips on biking in the dark

When the clocks fall back, cyclists should spring ahead with preparations to make themselves visible during the darker fall months. UVic's facilities management department and bicycle users committee will be operating two cycling stations on campus from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 and 27 at the Henderson entrance to give cyclists tips on improving their visibility in traffic. The stations will offer warm cider, goodies, reflector tape, discount coupons for lights at local bike shops and the opportunity to purchase Mountain Equipment Co-op safety vests. Cyclists can also enter to win draw prizes. Anyone interested in volunteering at the cycling stations is asked to contact Sarah Webb, interim sustainability co-ordinator at 472-5011 or sarahwebb@fmgt.uvic.ca.

With a little help from her friends

Rhonda Rose is digging deep to help a co-worker and her family get through cancer treatments. Fellow groundsworker Beth Lawson, recently diagnosed with leukemia, is scheduled to undergo lengthy chemotherapy in Vancouver. "I'm just trying to help. I've known Beth as long as the 20 years she's worked at UVic," says Rose. She decided to show support by organizing various fundraising initiatives such as a silent auction and benefit concert. A "Walk-around-the Ring" walkathon took place in September. As the cancer treatments are only administered in Vancouver, Lawson, her husband Rob Park, and eight-year-old daughter Hehley, have set up an extra residence in the city. "Hopefully this will work, otherwise Beth is looking at a bone marrow transplant," says Rose. A bluegrass concert, slated for Oct. 24, will take place at Felicitas from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10. The silent auction is planned for late October. Call Rhonda Rose at 213-1474 to purchase tickets and for more information.

Library celebrates book artists

The McPherson Library Gallery is holding an Art of the Book exhibit Oct. 9-27 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists' Guild. Co-sponsored by the Friends of UVic Libraries and the Maltwood Art Museum, the juried exhibition of 74 pieces will feature works of fine book binding, papermaking, calligraphy, fine printing, box-making, and pop-up books. "What better place to celebrate the ingenuity and skills of book artists than in the library," says Wendie McHenry, projects and planning librarian. "People know that the library offers a wide array of services and resources, but fundamentally it is still about books." Special events on Oct. 14 highlight the display. For more information contact Wendy McHenry at 721-8217 or wmchenry@uvic.ca.

Why do we love those scary movies?

From Dracula to Freddy Kruger, Hollywood has happily fed our need to frighten ourselves silly for decades. But what does our continued fascination with monsters who make it to the silver screen say about our society? Author and culture historian David Skal will examine the deeper social meanings behind horror literature and entertainment in two upcoming Lansdowne public lectures based on two of his books. *Hollywood Gothic: The Tangled Web of DRACULA from Novel to Stage to Screen*, on Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Human and Social Development Building, room A240, chronicles the rise of the famous count from his conception in the fevered mind of a Victorian theatre manager to 20th century media myth. *The Monster Show* on Oct. 19 at 12 p.m. in the MacLaurin building, room D283 uncovers a secret history of modern times revealed by the modern anxiety ritual of the horror movie.

Conference offers mentoring opportunities for young women

"Women between the ages of 19 and 29 are usually just starting a career or finishing high school, so it's a real transition period," says UVic student Niki Hodgkinson, who invites her fellow female students to come and meet a mentor at the Leadership and Mentoring Conference on Nov. 4 to 6 at the Harbour Towers Inn. Attendees will network and attend sessions such as financial planning and public speaking. Hodgkinson says the main strength of the conference is meeting the variety of women who offer so many differing skills. "Being around them is really inspiring," she says. Call Tracy Ryan at 418-1849 for more information. Registration forms can be picked up at the Y, or online at www.ymywca.victoria.bc.ca/community_wod.html.

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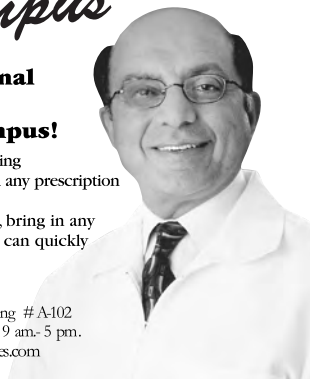
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Following the retirement of long-serving executive director of financial services **Bob Worth**, UVic's financial services is undergoing a reorganization. After a national search, former manager of financial accounting and training **Murray Griffith** is the university's new executive director of financial services after serving in that position in an acting capacity for a short term. **Kristi Simpson** is now executive director of budget and capital planning. Following his retirement in July, Worth was assigned the position of special financial administrator to vice president finance and operations Jack Falk. Among other projects, Worth will recommend a risk management model for UVic and will assist Griffith and Simpson during this transition phase.

UVic's next university secretary will be **Julia Eastman**, currently senior director of universities and colleges in the Nova Scotia Department of Education, on secondment from her position as co-ordinator of policy development at Dalhousie University. She'll assume her new position on Jan. 1. Eastman is also a PhD student at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto. She replaces UVic's current university secretary, Sheila Sheldon-Collyer, who retires at the end of this year.

UVic's **purchasing services** department has been recognized as a fully certified procurement agency by the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council, based in Virginia. "Certification assures our customers, suppliers and stakeholders that public procurement practices and principles are being applied that result in better value and quality service to the organization," says Ken Babich, manager of purchasing services. Babich has also co-authored *Sourcing in the Public Sector*, one of new 14 textbooks to be used by the U.S.-based National Institute for Governmental Purchasing in its training and professional development programs.

A mathematician and an astronomer are this year's winners of the faculty of science's top academic awards. Dr. **David Leeming** (mathematics & statistics) wins the Award for Teaching Excellence, while the Award for Research Excellence goes to Dr. **Arif Babul** (physics & astronomy). Both awards consist of a \$500 cash prize and a commemorative plaque, and were presented to the winners late last month. Babul, who studies the formation and evolution of structure in the universe, has also been awarded a Leverhulme Visiting Professorship, which he'll jointly hold at Oxford University and the University of Durham in the U.K. during part of his upcoming sabbatical. The overriding criteria for selection are the scholar's academic standing and achievement and "the potential for host institution researchers to benefit from the visitor's skills and expertise."

Babul, left, and Leeming.



VALERIE SHORE

UVic experts now a mouse click away

by Valerie Shore

Are you looking for research collaborators from other departments across campus? Are you seeking experts for a peer review committee? Or are you a potential graduate student searching for a supervisor who specializes in your chosen field of study?

Your search just got a whole lot easier.

UVic has launched its first comprehensive online expertise database—a public, searchable catalogue of the more than 700 full-time faculty members at the university. Each entry includes contact information, a description of the person's research interests, community interactions and international involvements.

The database has been developed over the past nine months by representatives from communications, the library, the offices of the vice president research and vice president academic, international affairs, the faculties of science, engineering and graduate studies, and development and external relations.

"This database helps fulfil our commitment to promote and expand the transfer of research knowledge to the community," says Dr. Martin Taylor, vice president research. "We hope it will become an indispensable tool for many users on and off-campus and, at the same time, make people more aware of the depth and breadth of our research expertise."

Key users will include government decision-makers, granting agencies, other researchers, industry, community groups, parents and potential students, the news media, current students, faculty and staff.

"With 29 departments on campus and new faculty being

hired all the time, it's difficult at the best of times

to keep up with who is researching what," says Katy Nelson, information services librarian in the McPherson Library. "We're always trying to develop resources that our clients can use for themselves. This database, with its easy-to-use interface is that kind of resource."

The database will be especially useful for promoting interdisciplinary and international research and forging new research partnerships. For example, a company focused on creating products for the aquaculture sector can use the site to determine which UVic researchers are active in this field, what sub-areas they work on within aquaculture, and what other organizations they're partnered with.

The database is currently accessible at uvic.ca/experts or from the research link on the UVic homepage. More entry points are planned. "Given the broad range of potential users, we'll make all points of entry logical and easy to find," says Rogier Gruys (communications), co-ordinator of the UVic website.

There are several ways to browse the database—by topic, A-Z topic listing, department, expert name, or keywords. Or you can search the database by keyword. "We use everyday topics and keywords," says Web programmer Dave Wolowicz (communications). "We've designed this database to be as user-friendly as possible."

All UVic faculty members have been asked to enter information

in their record and add keywords related to their field of expertise. As of early October, 75 per cent of faculty members had done so.

"We're hopeful that the remaining

www.uvic.ca/experts

25 per cent will see how useful this database can be for them, and fill in the required information," says Dr. Richard Keeler, associate vice president research.

Faculty members were also asked whether they would be willing to be contacted by the news media. Those who answered yes—nearly 200 to date—will be listed on a separate online database accessible on the communications website at www.uvic.ca/mediaexperts. This updates an expert media contact directory managed by the communications department for the last 12 years.

Maintenance of the UVic expertise database is the responsibility of the office of the vice president research. Comments and suggestions should be sent to Nieves Forcada at nforcada@uvic.ca or 721-7971.

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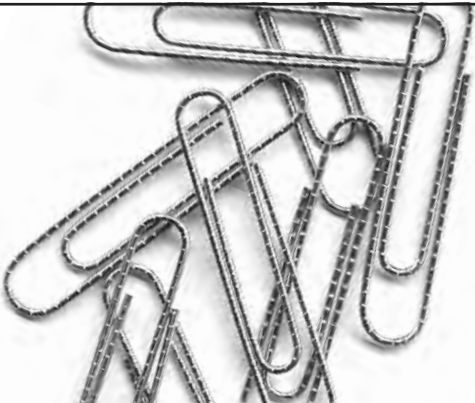
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Neufeld

Master painter gives student the opportunity of a lifetime

by Maria Lironi

UVic visual arts master's student Mark Neufeld will paint and live in Berlin this spring thanks to legendary Canadian painter Joe Plaskett. Neufeld is the first recipient of the inaugural \$25,000 Joe Plaskett Foundation Award—one of the largest in Canada.

The award will be presented annually to a Canadian art student who has recently graduated with an MFA degree or is working toward this degree in the discipline of painting. It enables the recipient to spend a year furthering his or her education in Europe through travel and painting.

Neufeld plans to go to Berlin to check out the work of a new generation of German artists that includes Thomas Scheibitz and Franz Ackerman.

Neufeld was one of 24 painters from Canadian universities considered for the award by a panel headed by Plaskett. In notifying Neufeld of his win, Plaskett wrote: "Your work stood clearly out from the rest in your control, I'd say even mastery, of many of the complexities of the painter's art."

Neufeld's brightly animated,

large-scale paintings depict a series of chaotic rooms culled from film, interior-design magazines and memory, which simultaneously embrace order and destruction to give the viewer a sense of dislocation and vertigo.

Prior to UVic, the graduate of the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design designed gravestones, creating stencils for ornate lettering and images such as angels, rosaries and the Virgin Mary to be transferred into the stone.

"It paid better than art," says Neufeld, who jokingly refers to his "longest running exhibition" as taking place in several Vancouver cemeteries.

Eighty-six year-old Plaskett is known for his colourful palette, light-drenched still-lives, and portraits. He was born in New Westminster but has lived primarily in Europe since the 1950s. Plaskett still produces still life, portraits, and interiors which are part of the public collections of galleries across the country.

The award was presented to Neufeld by Plaskett last month at a ceremony at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design in Vancouver.

It's time to nominate your outstanding co-worker

Want to acknowledge the great work your co-worker is doing? Then go beyond the flowers, cards and chocolates because nothing really says "I noticed" like nominating a UVic staff member for a President's Distinguished Service Award.

Established in 2002 by President David Turpin, the award recognizes outstanding university employees who have helped improve the university and the outside community.

"We have more than 4,000 staff members on campus who not only support the faculty and students, but who also help connect the

university to the wider world," says Turpin. "They make the campus a great place to work and learn, and their enthusiasm inspires the rest of us. So it's only right that we tell these people how proud we are of them and their accomplishments."

The award has two categories: individual or team. Any UVic employee or recognized student organization can nominate an individual, group or team. Winners will receive a plaque and \$1,000 for professional development (\$6,000 maximum limit in the case of team awards).

The nomination deadline is

Oct. 31 and results will be announced at the president's holiday reception on Dec. 15.

Last year's individual winners were Marie Elliott (University Centre Farquhar Auditorium), Lois Jones (human resources) and John Newcomb (geography). The team award went to Murray Griffith, Shannon Hayward, Tracey MacNeil, Neil MacLean and Michele McDonald in accounting, as well as Mary Anne Gotaas and Donna Ratcliffe in the budget office.

More information and nomination forms are available at web.uvic.ca/univsec.

Legacy Awards tickets now on sale

Legacy Awards night is Nov. 16 at the Victoria Conference Centre. Co-chaired by UVic supporters Murray and Lynda Farmer, the annual gala recognizes the outstanding achievements of alumni and professors, athletes and coaches.

Tickets are available from the alumni services office (721-6000) or online (www.alumni.uvic.ca/events). The dinner includes unique prize auctions, and net proceeds from the gala event support scholarships and athletic awards.

This year's Distinguished Alumni award winners are: Allen Halverson, a PE teacher in Parksville, who offers unique training in ecotourism and adventure travel; Eric Jordan, co-founder of PureEdge Solutions, a secure software firm that started at UVic; and Ian McDougall, a jazz

trombonist whose career includes more than a dozen recordings with Rob McConnell's award-winning Boss Brass band.

The Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching goes to nursing professor Gweneth Doane, who considers herself a learner as much as a teacher—one way that her approach to teaching is so effective.

The UVic Sports Hall of Fame inductees are: Al Morrow, national women's rowing coach and an early leader of the UVic rowing program; swimmer Jon Kelly, seven-time CIAU gold medalist

and the 1986 Canadian university swimmer of the year; Debbie Scott, the great track and field and cross-country runner who had 26 Canadian titles and a stunning victory in the New York Mile; and the 1984 Women's Field Hockey team, whose CIAU championship was the first of 10 for UVic.

Tickets are \$130, a portion of which is tax deductible.



THE LEGACY Awards

in memoriam

Dr. **Ralph Allen**, the first chair of UVic's theatre department (1968-72), died in New York City on Sept. 9. Allen was a theatre historian, author, theatre director and playwright. In his short time at UVic he brought international prominence to the department and in 1969, founded Victoria Fair, a three-play classical summer repertory theatre at the McPherson. His Tony-nominated book, *Sugar Babies*, was based and steeped in his empirical knowledge of burlesque. Among his achievements in scholarship and academia, his *Theatre and Drama in the Making*, co-authored with his mentor John Gasner, remains an indispensable resource. Allen's great love for classical theatre was apparent in his directing choices and in the lecture hall, and his dynamic teaching and directing influenced thousands of students throughout the world. "Home art gone, Ralph," and the theatre is darker.

Contributed by UVic colleague and friend, Dr. Harvey Miller.

Help our students. The last group took the money and ran.



Amazing things can happen when gifted students get the support that they need. For example, 26 UVic students and coaches were in Athens competing for Canada at the recent Olympic and Paralympic Games. This achievement would not have been possible without the generosity of donors.

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UVic's student aid package grows stronger, thanks to dedicated staff and generous donors

by Joy Poliquin

THE NEW UVIC STUDENT was in tears. Fall classes were about to begin but she had no money. Her Canada Student Loan hadn't arrived and she had no other source of income. She had no choice, she thought. She'd have to drop out and head back home to Saskatchewan.

Fortunately, for this and many other UVic students in need, there are people across campus and throughout the community working to help. Among them are staff in UVic's student awards and financial aid office, fundraising staff in the development office, and generous donors whose gifts make funding alternatives possible.

"OUR GOAL IS TO HELP students access the financial resources needed to be successful in their studies," says Lori Nolt, director of student awards and financial aid. "We present students with options, and encourage them to apply for scholarships, bursaries and work study positions to help fund their education."

About half of UVic students don't incur any debt during the course of their studies, and manage with savings, summer

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and part-time jobs, and assistance from their families. Those who do accumulate a debt load—an average \$20,000 over the course of a four-year degree program—can seek assistance from the office of student awards and financial aid.

Nolt and her team welcome a constant stream of students into the office, which is located on the upper floor of the University Centre. One of them was the Saskatchewan student, who was given an emergency loan and information on other funding resources.

"We tend to see a lot of students who have underestimated the real costs of getting a postsecondary education," says Nolt. "They arrive in a new city with no idea of the resources available. Our hope is that they contact our office to discuss their options before deciding to quit school."

The cost of tuition and fees for a UVic undergraduate is about \$4,800 for 2004-05. The cost of living for a single student living away from home over an

eight-month academic year is estimated at more than \$14,000 per year, including tuition, shared housing, books and supplies.

In 2003-04, more than 5,000 UVic students applied for government student loans. In addition, 1,884 scholarships were awarded at a total value of \$2.8 million. Almost 1,900 students received bursaries with a total value of more than \$2.6 million. "It's a busy place," says Nolt. "The program is growing, but so is the need. That's the challenge we face every day."

Recent graduate Kathleen Conabree knows first-hand how difficult the struggle can be. While studying for a degree in anthropology the single mother of two worked up to three jobs per term, juggled her family's busy schedule, and maintained an above-average GPA.

"It was scary when I first got here because I didn't know about the resources available," she says. She told the anthropology department about her financial situation and was referred to Nolt, who encouraged her to apply for a variety of bursaries.

"I would never have made it through my degree in four years without the amazing support of Lori and her colleagues in the student awards office," says Conabree, who begins graduate studies in forensic anthropology in England this fall.

Conabree urges other students in need to overcome their shyness at asking the university for help. "Life happens," she says. "You can never predict what kind of financial burden is on the way. I wouldn't have been able to complete my education without bursaries and financial aid."

SUCCESS STORIES like Conabree's are made possible by committed donors who fund the multitude of scholarships, bursaries and fellowships available to students. Linking this private generosity to the needs of the university is the role of the UVic development office.

"Raising funds for student awards is the core fundraising activity at any university," says Birgit Castledine, director of development and gift planning. "Helping students get an education is the one thing that people identify with, whether they're individuals or within corporations."

UVic development staff work one-on-one with individuals, corporations and community organizations to create new scholarships and bursaries for students in a specific department or field.

In 2003-04, the UVic development office raised \$21 million, of which almost \$5

million was designated to student support including bursaries, scholarships and fellowships. "For a donor, the university is a place they can trust, and they know they can invest their money wisely," says Castledine. "Supporting students means supporting the future."

And there's often a link to the past. Donor Barbara Schillinger set up the Margaret Sanson Memorial Scholarship in 1995 in memory of her aunt who taught kindergarten and Grade 1 in Victoria for more than 40 years. "I know how important those first years of teaching are to kids, and my aunt truly made a difference," says Schillinger, "I used to say she taught half of Victoria to read and write."

Schillinger wanted to support students following in her aunt's

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STUDENT AID *FAST FACTS*

- The university will award \$9.9 million in student aid in 2004-05, up by \$2 million over last year. UVic is now in the top 20 per cent of Canadian universities in student financial support.
- UVic plans to raise \$50 million to support scholarships, bursaries and financial aid over the next 10 years.
- Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit, while bursaries are awarded according to financial need.
- UVic's work study program places qualifying students into part-time jobs on campus. Last year, the program's \$655,000 budget funded jobs for 524 students.
- Alumni are generous supporters of student aid. In 2003-04 more than \$940,000 was donated from alumni sources in support of UVic students.
- To apply for financial aid, students can access the student awards and financial aid website at web.uvic.ca/safa/. Students can also drop by the office (University Centre A202).
- To make a donation to UVic's student aid program contact Marilyn Montgomery at 721-7624 or mmontgom@uvic.ca. For more information on fundraising at UVic visit: development.uvic.ca.



DIANA NETHERCOTT

Nolt, advising a student on her financial options.

UVIC WEBSITE PROVIDES ADDICTION INFORMATION

Worried that your son is hooked on crystal meth? Anxious about your co-worker's drinking? Concerned about your own use of prescription drugs?

A new portal created by the Centre for Addictions Research of B.C. (CAR-BC) at UVic can help. The only one of its kind in B.C., the substance information LINK (www.silink.ca) provides "one-stop-shopping" for information relating to substance use.

"This new resource will assist British Columbians in responding to issues involving problematic substance use," says Susan Brice, Minister of State for Mental Health and Addiction Services. "Our government is proud to

support the communication and resource unit at CAR-BC. Its mandate to provide current and accurate information will ensure that every door is the right door for those seeking help with their addiction."

The site is the unit's first project. "What's unique about this site is that it assists people in different service areas—such as teachers, counsellors, medical staff, police officers and concerned citizens—and it covers the entire scope of addictions," says Dan Reist, the unit director. "It's also the only source of substance use information that is selected and developed specifically for B.C."

CAR-BC was established by

an endowment from the B.C. Addictions Foundation in the spring of 2003. Its mission is to facilitate population health research on the understanding, prevention, and treatment of addictions. UVic is the lead agency for this provincial research and applications network, which includes UBC, UNBC, and SFU, as well as government and community agencies responsible for public policy and service delivery.

According to the recently released B.C. Ministry of Health Services document, *Every Door is the Right Door*, approximately 33,000 British Columbians have a dependence on illicit drugs.

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footsteps, so she specified that her scholarship go to a student entering fourth-year in primary education. "It's a living memorial, but it's also a way to support students who need help," she says.

Lois Smith had a similar motivation when she set up the Lois M. Smith Bursary for Athletes to support students who want to pursue sports at the university level.

"So many Canadian athletes struggle to balance school, work and their sport," she says. "I know how difficult that is, and I wanted

to make it a bit easier for someone. I've always said we need to do more for our athletes so I guess you could call it putting my money where my mouth is."

DONORS SUCH AS Smith and Schillinger are essential to the continued support of UVic students. But there's much more to be done, especially for graduate students.

"We compete with other universities for graduate students, so unless we can offer them fellowships or financial assistance,

it's often very difficult for them to choose UVic," says Dr. Aaron Devor, dean of graduate studies.

Every year, the university channels more of its funds toward graduate-level fellowships and scholarships. "It's definitely a priority for us, but there's still a long way to go," says Devor, who works with the development office to encourage donations in support of graduate students.

"An investment in graduate students is a very wise investment," he says. "It's a way to help them achieve their dreams."

Food waste project has grounds for success

by Lynda Hills

Almost 11 metric tonnes of garbage didn't go to the Hartland landfill in August thanks to UVic's new food waste composting project.

Over the course of the 2004-05 academic year, an estimated 150 metric tonnes of waste will be diverted. That's the equivalent of six tractor-trailers full of food discards.

The one-year pilot project, started in April 2004, is an expansion of UVic's commitment to reduce the ecological footprint of the campus. UVic has been composting yard waste, leaves and fallen debris since 1970. In partnership with UVic commerce graduate Jason Adams' company reFUSE, the endeavour widens the university composting net to include food scraps, coffee grinds, fruit pulp, and even paper plates and napkins.

"Our aim is to divert waste from the landfill and reduce our impact in the capital region. This is a great partnership because it works well for the university and well for the company," says interim sustainability co-ordinator Sarah Webb.

Three times a week, reFUSE collects and replaces waste-filled green tote bins from Cadboro Commons, the University Centre and the SUB. Smaller facilities like Mac's Bistro and Nibbles and Bites Café transport their compost to the University Centre for

central pick-up.

"It's really exciting. Our staff has fully embraced the project and done a great job of ensuring that the compost is clean and contamination free," Webb says.

The material is hauled to the reFUSE site where it's blended recipe-like with horse manure and yard trimmings, composted in special containers, and eventually sold to landscaping companies and hobby farms. The end product is appropriately called reSOIL.

Webb sees the enterprise between UVic and reFUSE as a natural one. "UVic is always looking for opportunities to partner with small innovative companies," she says.

reFUSE was established in January 2002. The company employs three people full-time and one part-time. Adams credits his past job experience, as well as UVic's co-op program, with pointing him in the right direction. "My co-op terms were in the hauling industry so it was a great fit to have hands-on experience to help me with future business," he says.

Adams adds that public education and consumer awareness is a huge part of a composting project.

"It's an opportunity to raise the profile about waste management in the region," agrees Webb. "Maybe by composting our food wastes at UVic, we can inspire people to look at their own households."

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www.maltwood.ca
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A Woman's Place. Art and the role of women in the cultural formation of Victoria, 1850s–1920s. Runs until Jan. 11. Maltwood.

The Art of the Book. Exhibit of craftsmanship and creativity in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists' Guild. Oct. 9–27. McPherson Library.

At the Theatres

www.phoenixtheatres.ca
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Amigo's Blue Guitar (Oct. 7–16) Award-winning play by Joan MacLeod takes a warm and humorous look at a B.C. coastal family who takes a refugee student into their home and hearts. Phoenix Bldg. Tickets: 721-8000

Thursday, October 7

Addiction Research Lecture 7 p.m. *From Witches to Crack Moms: A Reading.* Susan Boyd, UVic. Hickman 110. 472-5305

Friday, October 8

Phoenix Theatres Lecture 7 p.m. *Amigo's Blue Guitar.* Playwright Joan MacLeod talks about the play and its beginnings. Phoenix Bldg. 721-8000

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

Tuesday, October 12

Sessions in Spirituality 11:30 a.m. *Peace Building.* Dr. Paz Buttedahl, who participated in the theology of liberation movement in Chile. Hickman 110. 721-8338

Centre on Aging Lecture 4 p.m. *Train Your Brain (you CAN teach an old dog new tricks).* Michelle Bass, UVic grad student, and Guy Pilch, consultant. HSD A240. 721-6369

John Albert Hall Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Justice and Good Manners: When Presence Is Pretense.* Peter Erb, Wilfrid Laurier Univ. HSD A240. 721-6695

Wednesday, October 13

Lansdowne Lecture 7 p.m. *Metaphors in Stone: Rock Art in New Mexico.* Dr. Richard Ford, Univ. of Michigan. MacLaurin D288. 721-5016

John Albert Hall Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Remembrance, Thanksgiving, and Final Release: How Freud Got it Wrong.* Peter Erb, Wilfred Laurier Univ. Fraser 159. 721-6695

Thursday, October 14

Lansdowne Lecture 7 p.m. *The Anthropogenic Landscape: A General Rule.* Dr. Richard Ford, Univ. of Michigan. Cornett B111. 721-5016

Friday, October 15

Dean's Lunchtime Lecture Series 12 p.m. *Economic Growth and Environmental Quality: An Empirical Analysis of the Environmental Kuznets' Curve.* Dr. Nilanjana Roy, UVic. UVic Downtown. Register 472-4747

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

Saturday, October 16

Astronomy Lecture 8 p.m. *Pre-Teen Suns to Distant Exoplanets: Canada.* Dr. Jaymie Matthews, UBC. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 721-7744

Tuesday, October 19

Sessions in Spirituality 11:30 a.m. *Character Development and Spirituality in High Performance Sport.* Dr. Howie Wenger, UVic. Hickman 110. 721-8338

Lansdowne Lecture 12 p.m. *The Monster Show.* David Skal, author. MacLaurin D283. 721-6329

Earth & Ocean Sciences Seminar 3:30 p.m. *Climatically Driven, Large-scale Fluctuations of Kluane Lake, Yukon, During the Last 500 Years.* Dr. John Clague, SFU. Cornett A221. 721-6120

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *The Tangled Web of Dracula from Novel to Screen.* David Skal, author. HSD A240. 721-6329

Wednesday, October 20

Lansdowne Lecture 12:30 p.m. *Epic, Creoles, and Nation in Spanish America.* Dr. José Antonio Mazzotti, Harvard Univ. Clearihue A215. 721-7413

Lecture 4:15 p.m. *The Uproar About Homosexuality: The Reasons Behind the Reasoning.* John Sandys-Wunsch, Thorneloe Univ. Hickman 110. 721-6325

Thursday, October 21

Lansdowne Lecture 10:15 a.m. *Chorality Revisited: Indigenous Chronicles in México and Perú.* Dr. José Antonio Mazzotti, Harvard Univ. University Centre A180. 721-7413

Asia-Pacific Initiative Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Sovereignty Under Test: Transition of Hong Kong and Political Change in China.* Dr. Guoguang Wu, UVic. Strong C108. 721-7020

Friday, October 22

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

Public Administration Seminar 4 p.m. *Exploring the Urban Autonomy Debate in Canada.* Heather Murray, grad student, Univ. of Toronto. Hickman 116. 721-8056

Saturday, October 23

Exhibit 7 p.m. *Mountains Melting: A Photography Exhibit.* An exhibit/sale and silent auction of outdoor apparel to raise funds for the Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship Fund. SUB. 381-6106

Tuesday, October 26

Lansdowne Lecture 1:30 p.m. *Whither Cultural History?* Dr. Carla Hess, Univ. of California, Berkeley. Clearihue A309. 721-7381

Careers Services Forum 5:30 p.m. Wondering how to make your degree work for you? Attend these free forums. Register at: www.stas.uvic.ca/careers. 721-8421

Wednesday, October 27

Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4:15 p.m. *Etienne Gilson* (1884-1978). Simo Knuuttila, Univ. of Helsinki. Hickman 110. 721-6325

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Women in the French Enlightenment.* Dr. Carla Hess, Univ. of California, Berkeley. Hickman 110. 721-7381

Thursday, October 28

Addictions Research Lecture 4:30 p.m. *Preventing Harm From Substance Use: What Works?* Dr. Tim Stockwell, UVic. Strong C122. 472-5305

Sessions in Spirituality 7:30 p.m. *Seeking and Finding the Kingdom.* Laurence Freeman, Benedictine monk and director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. Interfaith Chapel. 472-4159

Friday, October 29

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

Music 8 p.m. *UVic Orchestra Concert.* János Sándor, conductor. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$12/8 721-7903

Thursday, November 4

Asia-Pacific Initiatives Seminar 12:30 p.m. *Chinese Authors of the Mao Era: Writing Outside a Very Small Box.* Dr. Richard King, UVic. HSD A260. 721-7020

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OCTOBER EVENTS

Oct 9th	Soccer (w & m) vs. TWU Spartans Centennial Stadium - 6:00PM/8:15PM
Oct 11/12th	Golf (w & m) UVic Turkey Shootout Cordova Bay Golf Course
Oct 16th	Soccer (m) vs. UBC Thunderbirds Centennial Stadium - 2:30PM
Oct 16th	Vikes New Balance Beacon Hill Invitational Cross Country - Beacon Hill - 12:00PM
Oct 22/24th	Field Hockey (w) Canada West #3 UVic Turf - All day
Oct 30/31th	Rowing (w & m) Head of the Gorge/Elk

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UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN IS OFF AND RUNNING

by Lynda Hills

THE UVIC CAMPUS UNITED WAY campaign is pumping up the volume this year with a goal of \$200,000.

“We’re linking dollars to community need,” says Dr. Rebecca Grant (business), campaign chair. “With one in three Victorians tapping into a United Way service, it’s not just the community outside the Ring Road that benefits from this campaign—it reaches our students, our staff, and our faculty in more ways than we’ll ever know.”

As usual, one of the main focuses of the campaign is the pledge drive. People can donate to the United Way—through payroll deductions or pledge sheets—either all at once, in a few payments, or spread over the entire year.

“It’s difficult to overstate the importance of pledging,” says Grant. “A pledge is a personal commitment that lets us contribute as much as we feel we can give, but also lets us tailor the payments to

our individual circumstances.”

New to the campaign this year is an early-bird draw; people who pledge before Oct. 27 will be eligible for a luxury spa weekend. Later draws will feature an iPod mini, a BC Ferries vacation package with digital camera, a Dunsmuir Lodge getaway, a framed Richard Hunt painting from the Maltwood Gallery, and a red reserved parking pass for the 2005-06 parking year.

Fundraising activities started with Engineering Student Society members pushing a Volkswagen Bug around campus and UVic United Way committee members flipping burgers and serving pop in front of the fountain. Coming up on Nov. 2 and 3, the McPherson gallery will burst with used books, CDs, videos and records—all for the low price of two dollars each. Donations are being accepted now and can be dropped off at the reference desk of the library.

The history department is challenging all the other departments on campus to collect as many pennies as possible for a penny drive. Individual departments will roll their own pennies and take the rolls to the accounting department where they’ll receive a deposit slip for their donation. Slips will be collected and tallied by Donna Trenholm in the dean of humanities office.

The annual Hearts and Hands Craft Fair in the University Centre lobby will bring campus artists and crafters together to offer their

wares on Nov. 16. Gift baskets will be presented for raffle at the craft fair, as well as through health services and the physical education department.

The school of physical education is also linking some of their own philosophies to the United Way campaign. “The idea is that we’re promoting healthier communities through social responsibility,” says assistant professor Dr. Lara Lauzon.

Planned events include an old-

fashioned fitness class, a student residence activity that’s still in the planning stages, and a “Stairway to Health” campaign that will coincide with the book sale. The stairway initiative encourages faculty, staff and students to collect pledges from their friends and colleagues and climb the stairs at the McPherson library.

Grant encourages people to contribute to the United Way’s many worthy causes.

“The satisfaction of knowing that your contribution helped a child deal with the loss of a parent, a street kid reconnect with his family, or a senior receive hot food and companionship is a wonderful feeling,” says Grant.



UVic engineering students push for the cause in the 2004 Bug Push. They raised \$2,000 for the United Way.



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