THE HEART OF A CHAMPION
by Pete Lewis

It was her performance at the recent Paralympics in Athens that vaulted UVic's 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 truly 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.

Hundreds of swimmers and many Olympians in his 21 years with the Vikes swim program. When she talks about Stephanie's quick to point out that 'ten years 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 her, 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.

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.

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 Baneym 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 Baffy Williams and Darcy Marquardt in the women's pair event and former Vikes rowers and grads Gavin Haslet and Jen Mandick in the men's lightweight fours. Former Vikes swimmer Rick Soy 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.

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 work's 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 Reservation of Joseph Brant. He receives a D.Lit 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.
**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 level. 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 post-secondary 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).

“With the 2004-05 budget in effect, the Ministry and university are in a position to start focusing on developing the university's government relations program and enhancing our relationships with governments,” says Soles. “I look forward to working with my colleagues in the government relations office and within the ministry to structure government relations to be an integral part of the university's strategic plan.”

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 a manager of partner relations, negotiating knowledge on funding, facilities, policies and services with all levels of governments.

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 post-secondary education and research matters through the federal government and the Council of Ministers of Education Canada.

**Flu easier to prevent than lament**

Don't give your friends an early Christmas. 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 Demner. “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 People's Drug Mart in the SUB. UVic's 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 be thinking about how 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 Saturdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 and 28 at the Henderson entrance to give cyclists tips on improving their visibility in traffic. The stations will offer warm cider, cookies, 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 door prizes. Anyone interested in volunteering at the cycling stations is asked to contact Sarah Webb, interim sustainability co-ordinator at 472-5011 or sarahwebb@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 chemotherapy in Vancouver in November.

“We're delighted to welcome Jim back to UVic,” says Fay 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.”

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**Spam, spam, spam….**

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

Although it may initially delay delivery of some e-mail up to a half-hour, greylisting has reduced UVic's ability to block spam. It does so at the server level by temporarily failing to deliver 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.
UVic experts now a mouse click away

by Valerie Shore

Are you looking for research collaborators from other depart-
ments 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
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.

“OfWeek this database helps fulfills 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 gov-
ernment 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 pro-
moting interdisciplinary
and international research
and forging new research part-
nerships. 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
(comunications), co-ordinator
of the UVic website.

There are several ways to browse
the database—by department,
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
Wielockers (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
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 re-
sponsibility of the office of the
vice president research. Comments
and suggestions should be sent to
Nieves Forcada at nforcada@uvic.ca
or 721-7971.
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 called 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 urnate 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-lifes, 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.

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 PJ 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 Bob McDowell’s award-winning Boss Brass band.

The Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching goes to nursing professor Gennetra 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 inducators are: Al Manners, legendary 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.

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

Dr. Ralph Allan, 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 Gas- snor, 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 colleagues and friends, Dr. Harvey Miller.

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 Fanzahur Auditorium), Luis Jonez (Human resources) and John Newcomb (geography). The team award went to Murray Gotaas, Shannon Hayward, Tracey MacNeil, Neil MacLean and Michele McDonald in accounting, as well as Mary Anne Ranulf and Donna Ranulf in the budget office.

More information and nomination forms are available at web.uvic.ca/univec.
Our goal is to help students access the financial resources needed to be successful in their studies.

Eight months into a new academic year is estimated at more than $14,000 per year, including tuition, shared housing, books, and supplies. In 2003-04, more than 3,000 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 firsthand 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 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, UVic's development office raised $2.1 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 footsteps.

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.

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Health and Addiction Services.

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by Lynda Hills

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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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- **721-6502**

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- 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

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**Tuesday, October 12**
- **Sessions in Spirituality** 11:30 a.m. Peter Building. Dr. Pas Buttrolah, who participated in the theology of liberation movement in Chile. Hickman 110. 721-8338

**Center on Aging Lecture** 4 p.m. Train Your Brain (you CAN teach an old dog new tricks): Michelle Bass, UVic grad student, and Guy Pitch, consultant. HSD A240. 721-8369

**John Albert Hall Lecture** 7:30 p.m. Justice and Good Manners: When Presence Is Present. Peter Erb, Wilfred Laurier Univ. HSD A240. 721-6995

**Wednesday, October 13**
- **Landsdowne 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 Restace: How Proud Gay is Wpovg. Peter Erb, Wilfred Laurier Univ. Frazer 159. 721-6695

**Thursday, October 14**
- **Landsdowne Lecture** 7 p.m. The Anthropogenic Landscape: A General Rule. Dr. Richard Ford, Univ. of Michigan. Cornett B111. 721-5016

**Drain’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

**Friday, October 15**
- **Friday Music** 12:30 p.m. School of music string students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

**Tuesday, October 19**
- **Sessions in Spirituality** 11:30 a.m. Character Development and Spirituality in High Performance Sport. Dr. Horse Wong, UVic. Hickman 110. 721-8338

**Landsdowne Lecture** 12 p.m. The Monster Show. David Skal, author. MacLaurin D285. 721-6329

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

**Landsdowne Lecture** 7:30 p.m. The Tangled Web of Encoda from Novel to Screen. David Skal, author. HSD A260. 721-6329

**Wednesday, October 20**
- **Landsdowne Lecture** 12:30 p.m. Epic, Creoles, and Nation in Spanish America. Dr. José Antonio Mazzotti, Harvard Univ. Clearance A215. 721-7413

**Saturday, October 13**
- **John Albert Hall Lecture** 7:30 p.m. The Uproar: About Homosexuality: The Reasons Behind the Reatating. John Sandsys-Wiunch, Thornech Univ. Hickman 110. 721-6325

**Saturday, October 21**
- **Landsdowne Lecture** 10:15 a.m. Choralody Recitied. Indigenous Chronicles in Mexico and Peru. Dr. José Antonio Mazzotti, Harvard Univ. University Centre C100. 721-7413

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

**Friday, October 22**
- **Friday Music** 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. 721-8956

**Saturday, October 23**
- **Exhibit** 7 p.m. Mountain Meblng: A Photographic Exhibit. An exhibit selling and silent auction of outdoor apparel to raise funds for the Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship Fund, SUB 381-6106

**Tuesday, October 26**
- **Landsdowne Lecture** 1:30 p.m. Whither Cultural History? Dr. Carla Hess, Univ. of California, Berkeley. Clearance A509. 721-7381

**Careers Services Forum** 9:30 p.m. Wondering how to make your degree work for you? Attend these free forums. Register at: www.ats.ucir.ca/careers. 721-8421

**Wednesday, October 27**

**Addictions Research Lecture** 4:30 p.m. Parenting From Judgemental. What Works? Dr. Tim Stockwell, UVic. Strong C122. 721-5005

**Sessions in Spirituality** 7:50 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**
- **Friday Music** 12:30 p.m. School of music brass students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7903

**Music** 8 p.m. UVic Orchestra Concert. Janis Sandor, conductor. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. 3120. 721-7903

**Thursday, November 4**
- **Asia-Pacific Initiative 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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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 fliping 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 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.

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