Dr. Valene Kuehne, UVic’s associate vice-president academic planning, has been appointed acting vice-president external relations, effective July 1. She replaces Faye Wightman, who is leaving the university at the end of June to become the president of the Lower Mainland-based Vancouver Foundation.

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The new chairs are:
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- Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Canada Research Chair in Complexity of Communications, is a leader in the field of network science and has made significant contributions to the understanding of complex networks.
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McKinnon Gym performs its annual makeover—from athletic den to plant nursery—on Mother's Day, May 8 when UVic's popular plant sale makes its annual return.

Administrative review will ensure UVic ready for future

The search for UVic's new vice-president external relations will soon be launched under procedures established by the university's board of governors in 2001. UVic President David Turpin is in the process of convening the required 11-person search committee composed of faculty, board of governors, alumni, deans council, undergraduates and graduate student, and external relations staff representatives, as well as an individual drawn from the ranks of the executive directors on campus. Turpin will chair the committee. The search committee is responsible for establishing the selection criteria, seeking the names of suitable candidates from the university community and advertising the position externally, creating the short list of candidates, ensuring that final candidates meet with relevant constituencies and members of the board of governors, and recommending a preferred candidate to the president. The board makes the appointment decision. More information about the search procedures, including how members of the community are selected, is available through web.uvic.ca/uvic-policies/pol-100-1078VPDER.html.

Celebrate Mother's Day at UVic plant sale

The sale's team of more than 100 community volunteers will prepare tables packed full of native plants, perennials, and hanging baskets—almost anything for a beautiful garden.

With UVic's continued growth in complexity and size, Presidents David Turpin has requested a review of the senior administrative structure at the university to ensure that UVic is better able to meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff.

It's an ideal time to look at the roles, responsibilities, and structures of the senior portfolios reporting to the president, says Turpin. In such a dynamic, and competitive environment for universities, UVic needs to have everything in place to take full advantage of the opportunities in front of us and keep us moving ahead on the university's strategic plan. Turpin conducted a similar review shortly after taking office in fall 2000. The review begins this month and will be conducted by Glenn Harris and Alice Manoff of Leading By Design. Harris was vice president finance and administration at the University of Alberta and Western Ontario, and is course director for the Centre for Higher Education Research and Development's senior university administrators course. He was employed as a consultant for a strategic planning process in UVic's division of external relations in 2002-03. Manoff was the founding vice president academic at the Technological University of B.C., president of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (now NSCAD University), associate dean at the University of Calgary, and department chair at the University of Western Ontario.

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Computing, seeks to distinguish problems that are easy to solve using a computer and those that are inherently difficult. The research is relevant to other areas of computer science and to electronic security questions, such as the protection of e-mail. Srinivasan is a faculty member in UVic's department of computer science.

Dr. Margaret-Anne (Peggy) Stetzer, Canada Research Chair in Human Computer Interaction for Software Engineering, designs and builds innovative software tools to help people manipulate large bodies of information and solve complex tasks. Her work emphasizes the interplay between technology, human behavior and social structures. Stetzer is a faculty member in UVic's department of computer science.

Dr. Kim Venn, Canada Research Chair in Observational Astrophysics, uses large telescopes and light-separating instruments to analyse the chemical composition of stars to study galaxy formation and evolution. Venn is currently on faculty at Macalester College in Minnesota. She'll join UVic's department of physics and astronomy in September.

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New business competition seeks bright ideas

by Nadine Tirin

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nity to bring their ideas to the mar-
ketplace, thanks to a student business
plan competition being launched by
UVic's Innovation and Development
Corporation (IDC).

In the annual IDC Challenge, stu-
dent teams will compete for more
than $18,000 in cash prizes before a
panel of entrepreneurs, business
experts and investors. The contest is
open to Grade 11 and 12 students, and
full-time university and college
students in any age group, discipline
or program.

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fice, IDC is the link between UVic
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network with Vancouver Island's entrepreneurial
community, meet potential
teachers and learn more about
the competition.

Registration and brief summaries of
business concepts will be accepted
until May 31. Students have the
summer to develop their full business
plans, which are due by Aug. 31.
Participants can take part in IDC
workshops, meet mentors and partici-
pate in networking events. Any team in the competition's
technology category will have the
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Linguists, historians gather for Chinook conference
Chinook jargon was once widely used in the northwest by 100,000 indigenous
cultures. A forum where people who are working on Latin American issues can meet," says
Pierre-Olivier Pineau. For more information visit webuvc.ca/spanish or contact Pineau at
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Summer camps turn kids on to science
Registration has begun for the popular Scien-
tyme summer camps at UVic. The camps are run by UVic science, engineering and education
students committed to hands-on learning that stimulates children's interest in science,
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Linguists, historians gather for Chinook conference
Chinook jargon was once widely used in the northwest by 100,000 indigenous
cultures. A forum where people who are working on Latin American issues can meet," says
Pierre-Olivier Pineau. For more information visit webuvc.ca/spanish or contact Pineau at
ppineau@uvic.ca.

Summer camps turn kids on to science
Registration has begun for the popular Scien-
tyme summer camps at UVic. The camps are run by UVic science, engineering and education
students committed to hands-on learning that stimulates children's interest in science,
engineering, math and technology. Campers can learn to build a solar-powered car, mix
their own electronic tunes, or try their hand at computer animation. Children can get that
hands-on exposure, robots, microscopes, and some

Survey sets direction for alumni association
The UVic Alumni Association has
completed its most extensive survey
of members and is using the results
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A UVic cross-cultural psychologist seeks to improve the lives of children in tsunami-ravaged southeast India

DIAMOND IN THE RUFF

by Patty Pitts

U Vic’s resident political pundit退休 after 36 years in "the most wonderful job in the world."

Norman Ruff was a veteran po- litical scientist in 1983 when a reporter called him for the very first time. Premier Bill Bennett’s restraint was a lot like serial murder; it gets easier the more you use it,” he says. The reporter asked him about his thinking for the electoral boundary commission (IBCRD) travelled to the area to assess the psychological impact of the tsunami on the children and make recommendations on how IICRD could assist the other agencies.

"There was very heavy damage in the area," recalls Cook after returning from India to his Pender Island home. "Fishing boats had been smashed and pieces littered the beach as far as a mile inland. There was scarring on the palm trees 30 feet up the trunks from the surge of the water."

The culture of family closeness in the area means few youngsters lack loving relatives to care for them in the wake of the disaster. But Cook witnessed clear evidence that the children are still suffering from shock. They cry easily, have difficulty sleeping, and don’t want to play on the beach that was once a magnet to them. Cook believes the key to the children’s psychological healing lies in that which frightens them the most. Previous IICRD initiatives to help local children traumatized by war were rooted in the nature that surrounded the youngsters. Cook is proposing to use the devastation of the tsunami as an opportunity to take the Cud- dalore youth and children life-options previously denied them.

"I am hopeful," he says, while planning a return trip to the area later this month. "We’re already see- ing a weakening of political support for the relief effort but I believe that the surge of global goodwill towards the stricken area will continue to pro- vide momentum to ongoing assistance such as ours. Then we can leverage that support to make a long-term dif- ference in these children’s lives."

One of his first students was Murray Coell, and George Abbott, Petter, Gretchen Brewin and Dave Zimhets. Ruff watches his former students Court judge. Others include current provincial ministers Colin Hansen, Murray Coell and George Abbott, the man behind the premier, Marty Brown, and former ministers Andrew Peters, Gerethen Brewin and Dave Zimhets. Ruff enjoys being a political pund- it, but it’s not the only thing he does. He recalls with satisfaction his role, along with UVic geographer Bill Ross, in overhauling B.C.‘s election map in 1987.

"We maintained there wasn’t prop- er representation and took our claims to the electoral boundary commission around the same time that the B.C. Civil Liberties Association launched a similar approach in the C.C. Supreme Court. The chief justice at the time, Beverly McLachlin, struck the map down, agreeing that it could be drawn better ‘as these two UVic professors have shown.’"

Ruff was a consultant to the Wood Commission that reviewed the provincial elections map in 1988-89 and served on the royal commission that resulted in collective bargaining for provincial civil servants. He also served on a federal commission that re-drew the federal election map. Born in Barking, England and educated at the University of South- ampton, Ruff came to Canada in 1961 and earned an MA in political science at McMaster University and a PhD at McGill.

Ruff’s post-retirement plans in- clude finishing his book, Ruff’s Guide to B.C. Politics, and travelling to New Zealand to observe the country’s fourth election with the mixed member system. He says, “I try not to keep my distance from politicians and be an objective observer rather than a participant.”

When asked what he’ll miss most when he leaves UVic, Ruff doesn’t hesitate. “Teaching, and the contact with students. I learned a lot through student questions. They come at things in a different way, making the classroom an intellectually stimulat- ing place.”

"This is the most wonderful job in the world. I get paid to indulge my intellectual curiosity."

The department of political sci- ence has established a scholarship in Ruff’s name to be awarded annually to the best undergraduate student in Canadian politics. To contribute to the scholarship or for further information contact the political science department at 472-5458.

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A destroyed fishing boat in Chithrapettai village in the Cuddalore district of India.
Project Nova introduces a web portal on campus

Following a spring launch by UVic President David Turpin, the implementation phase of Project Nova’s campus-wide systems renewal is now underway.

Stage one involves the design and implementation of a unique university web portal, which offers a personalized, single point of access to university information, and the ability to target campus and personal areas of interest.

The portal, using Luminis software, is being deployed by the Nova core team with support from SunGard SCT, the main supplier of technology for Project Nova’s campus-wide upgrade of university information systems and services.

Last month, a series of workshops was held to introduce the concept of the web portal and gather feedback regarding portal features that will best address UVic’s particular needs. SCT was onsite to help facilitate many of the meetings and several sessions were held to gain a broad perspective about the needs of the diverse university environment.

“A web portal is a bit like a shopping mall,” says Luminis specialist Barbara Jamelli-Sefchik, “People can choose where to shop, which services they want to use, or simply browse around,” she explained.

Key features for the UVic portal will include one-stop, password-protected access to a broad range of university information, and the ability to target campus and personal announcements and customize portal content depending on the recipient’s role on campus.

While the portal development is in progress, plans are being made for campus training and awareness opportunities. Although using a web portal is easy for anyone familiar with computers, there are exciting possibilities for applying the technology such as developing group sites and personalizing the portal.

After thorough development, testing and training, the customized portal will be available for campus users early in the new year. It will operate in conjunction with the main UVic website, which will continue to be the university’s public face.

For more information on Project Nova and the “Luminis” implementation visit the Project Nova website at www.uvic.ca/nova/.

Thank you to 162 UVic volunteer speakers

For 24 years the UVic Speakers Bureau has matched faculty, staff, and graduate students with community organizations and schools throughout southern Vancouver Island.

Since last September, the bureau has provided speakers for 383 engagements. The UVic volunteer speakers offered to share their expertise and enthusiasm on 400 topics as far-ranging as art and architecture, fitness, animals and plants, parenting, computers, world cultures, social and justice issues, wellness, travel, history, employment, and world affairs.

To see the full list of speakers, visit: communications.uvic.ca/sb/thankyou.php.

It’s not too late to sign up as a member of the 2005-06 UVic Speakers Bureau. For more information, call Mandy Crocker (communications services) at 721-8587 or e-mail speakers@uvic.ca.

External relations scores big at CCAE awards

Staff in the division of external relations will be accepting four national awards at the end of May when the organization representing university alumni, communications, fundraisers and advancement staff holds its annual conference in Banff.

UVic Report 2004 earned the gold award for best institutional annual report. UVic Report was produced by communications services, with project management by Robie Sinclair and design by Maldavis Group International.
UVic alumni services will pick up three awards. The launch of the aboriginal alumni chapter last October in Mungo Martin House, near the original alumni chapter last October in Mungo Martin House, near the original alumni chapter last October in Mungo Martin House, near the University of Victoria, has produced an alumni magazine that earned the gold medal. The colourful celebration, organized by acting manager of alumni communications Karen Whyte, was named best event by CCAE judges.

In the best magazine category, the UVic Times alumni magazine earned a bronze medal on the strength of its 2004 editions. It marks the first appearance of the Times among the country’s share of top-ranked university magazines. The magazine is edited by Mike McNenery and designed by Clare Humble.

Earlier, alumni services director Don Jones was named this year’s winner of the CCAE’s Outstanding Achievement Award.

Gifts that make the grade

Of all the examples of giving at UVic, perhaps no philanthropic gesture is more moving than that of students donating lunch to support their fellow students. The Education Students Association (ESAs) has long worked in the service of its fellow students, and recently, they showed their support by donating $3,500 to the faculty of education.

The donation is an annual tradition of ESA. The student representatives, ESA’s, have been put toward the purchase of much-needed resources and equipment for teacher education, upgrading computer software and hardware in the learning commons curriculum labs, French language study books at supplies and equipment, materials for music education, and upgrading equipment in the school of physical education. As student representatives, ESA’s are on the front line when it comes to understanding the needs of their peers,” says Catherine McLaurin, development officer with the faculty of education. “Their gift is special in that it really captures the spirit of giving. When students make the effort to be generous to fellow students, it’s an incredibly caring gesture and a tremendous example of their leadership and dedication to UVic.”

Correction: Anyone wishing to contribute to the John Carling Fraser Scholarship (which ends at 4:30 pm, not 7:30 pm) as printed in the March edition of The Ring, the scholarship, which was named in memory of a UVic graduate student, will disburse $5,000 to a third- or fourth-year biology or biochemistry and microbiology student who excels academically and is actively involved in service to the community.

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Heartfelt letter leads to international award

by Patty Pitts

A UVic graduate student’s heartfelt letter home about how her struggles with Canadian culture provided a surprising academic advantage has won her the inaugural International Student of the Year Award from the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE).

Mika Oshige, a master’s student in educational psychology from Nagoya, Japan, received a $1,000 prize for the award.

CBIE invited international students to write a letter telling family or friends what it’s like to study in Canada. Five hundred students sent entries from across the country, representing visiting students from around the globe.

Oshige originally came to UVic with plans to be an interpreter and earned an undergraduate degree in linguistics and linguistics. In her letter she describes how her daily attempts to unravel Canadian culture increased her awareness of being in a minority “both ethnically and cognitively.”

“Because of my unique experiences, I became interested in studying how cultural and societal belief systems influence human social development,” wrote Oshige. “In the end, my original goal of becoming an interpreter took a different form. It’s [as] an interpreter of human minds rather than human languages.”

Oshige hopes to stay in Canada after completing her graduate studies under Dr. Lily Dyson (educational psychology & leadership studies) in the faculty of education.

CBIE established the new award in honour of Elizabeth (Liz) Paterson who, for 25 years, served as director of the International Student Centre at the University of Toronto. The program is supported by the Elizabeth Paterson Endowment Fund.

The full text of Oshige’s winning letter, and those of students whose entries earned an honorable mention, can be found at www.cbie.ca.

At the Galleries

www.maltwood.ca

Sunday, May 8


Trackside Art Gallery Exhibition: Original works by young B.C. artists. The works are destined for enlargement and display in the outdoor Trackside Art Gallery in Esquimalt this September. The theme this year is the environment. McPherson Library Gallery. May 5–June 2.

Monday, May 16

Community Health Promotion Research Lecture 4 p.m. First Things First: Why Primary Health Care is the Key to Reform. Dr. Michael Rachlis, author of Prescription for Excellence, How Innovation is Saving Canada’s Health Care System. Hickman 105. 472-4104


Thursday, May 5

Lansdowne Lecture 6 p.m. Transforming the Culture of Learning. Dr. Sheryl Bond, Queen’s Univ. Hickman 128. 724-3076/4028

Friday, May 6


Hispanic & Italian Studies Workshop 8 a.m. First UVic Latin America research group workshop on multidisciplinary issues on Latin America MacLaurin D116.

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Commuters gear up for annual pedal-fest

Ladies and gentlemen, don’t start your engines. Instead, hop on your bike and pedal your way to UVic during the 11th annual Bike to Work Week, May 30 to June 5.

“Many people find that once they start biking to work, they get into the habit,” says UVic sustainability co-ordinator Sarah Webb. “Bike to Work Week encourages people to get on their bike during a week where they have the support of their co-workers and the focus is on fun.”

This is UVic’s fourth year as an official sponsor and its eighth year as a participant. Last year, UVic pedalled in record numbers, with 51 campus teams and almost 700 participants. Organizers are currently looking for team captains.

“Team captains act as our sales force, getting people signed up, letting participants know about events, and providing advice to new cyclists,” says Webb. “Coupled with a free BBQ for UVic participants, and cycle support stations with juice and cookies. Bikers can have their UVic passport stamped every time they visit a station, and at the end of the week the passport can be handed in for a special prize draw.”

“Bike to Work Week is not about winning the Tour de France,” says Webb. “It’s about getting on a bike, enjoying the week, and having fun with your colleagues.”

For more information visit www.biketoworkvictoria.ca or call Webb at 472-5011 for a team captain’s package.

Pull on your rubber boots and help out at the annual Bowker Creek clean-up and rubber duck race on May 14.

“Weekend,” says UVic sustainability co-ordinator Sarah Webb. “Hundred of yellow ducks are sent down the newly cleaned creek to see which one floats the fastest to the finish line.”

The clean-up is led by the Oak Bay High Environment Club and is part of the Bowker Creek watershed renewal initiative, a partnership between UVic, the Friends of Bowker Creek, the Capital Regional District (CRD), and the districts of Saanich, Victoria and Oak Bay.

The Bowker Creek watershed begins on UVic land and runs out to the ocean via Oak Bay. “Healthy watersheds are critical in urban areas,” says Webb.

“Providing habitat for wildlife and creating greenways for people to enjoy benefits the community and our local environment.”

The official launch of the initiative took place in April with speakers, crafts, information displays. Four interactive signs were posted around the region. “Increasing public awareness is a big component to protecting a watershed,” says Webb.

She adds that individual actions can make a difference when it comes to protecting watersheds.

“Everyone can help reduce water-based pollution by washing their vehicles with biodegradable soap and on their lawn instead of their driveways, eliminating the use of pesticides and herbicides in their gardens, and ensuring oil lids from cars are repaired immediately.”

These actions may seem small, cumulatively they have a positive impact on the creek. For more information on the Bowker Creek clean-up visit www.crd.bc.ca or call 360-3302.

Webb gets ready for the May 14 rubber duck race.