Maclean's moves UVic up in rankings

The University of Victoria moved into second place in the comprehensive category in the 2005 version of Maclean’s annual ranking of Canadian universities.

UVic, third in this category for the past two years, placed second to the University of Waterloo and ahead of Simon Fraser University and the University of Guelph which tied for third.

“We’re always ranked among the very top of Canadian universities and this is yet another indication that people are viewing the quality of the teaching and research environment here at UVic very highly,” says university President Dr. David Turpin. UVic took top spot in medical and science grants and for the average entrance grades of its students and placed second in the proportion of students who have grades higher than 75 per cent upon admission and for its operating budget.

“UVic is just doing so well,” says Maclean’s editor-at-large Ann Dowsett Johnston in an interview with the Victoria Times Colonist. She described the university’s rise in the rankings as “significant … If you look at how [UVic] is functioning, they are attracting really smart students.”

Maclean’s rates the country’s universities in six categories. It classifies comprehensive universities as those with significant research activity and a wide range of programs but lacking a medical school.

UVic research leads the pack

When it comes to geoscience research, University of Victoria scientists are at the top of the class.

Scientific articles produced by UVic geoscience researchers drew more citations per paper than any other university in Canada in the field. Using that yardstick—citations per paper—UVic also scored well in the fields of space science (second) and mathematics (third). Citations per paper are one of the best indicators of quality and impact of research.

The results are in the September/October edition of Science Watch, the publication of U.S.-based Thomson Scientific, which examined the performance of Canadian universities in 21 fields over the past five years.

“I’m delighted to see these results,” says UVic dean of science Dr. Tom Pedersen. “They confirm what all members of the faculty of science know well—that our researchers are outstanding. But these results also present a challenge—our excellence is a well-kept secret and shouldn’t be.” The Science Watch data will assist in making the nation more aware of the exceptional quality that characterizes science at UVic.

Two other UVic faculties also fared well in the national citations per paper analysis. The university came second in the field of education, and third in the field of engineering.

And the university’s research effort was a whole shining in the annual ranking of Canadian universities by Research Infosource, which draws on Statistics Canada and the Research Infosource Canadian university research and development database. It named UVic the top comprehensive research university in Western Canada in its 2005 rankings.

“These achievements highlight the rapid growth in our contributions of UVic research in areas such as ocean sciences, climate change, community-based research, and aboriginal studies,” says Dr. Martin Taylor, UVic’s vice president research. In determining the rankings, Research Infosource awarded half the points based on financial indicators: total sponsored research income per full-time faculty position, and research income per full-time graduate student. The other half was based on the number of publications per full-time faculty member.

This year’s ranking reported that total research funding to Canadian universities hit $5 billion for the first time. To view the entire rankings and analysis visit www.researchinfosource.com.
Five legendary Vikes athletes who excelled in national and international competition will be formally inducted into the UVic Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 22 during the annual Legacy Awards dinner gala at the Victoria Conference Centre.

The Hall of Fame was created in 2002 to honour athletes, coaches, teams and administrators who have contributed to the success of sports and athletic programs at the university.

The 2005 inductees are:
- Rochelle Low (BSc ’93), a field hockey player with a habit of scoring dramatic goals. Low helped the Vikes capture three national championships. She was a member of the 1992 Canadian Olympic team.
- Pamela Leila Rai (BSc ’98), a 4x100m medley team member that won bronze at the 1984 Olympic team. She was part of the 4x100m medley team that won bronze at the 1984 Olympics. She’s a member of the BC Sports Hall of Fame.
- Robbie Parris (BA ’79) was known for his exciting ball-handling skills, dedication and a work ethic that set the standard for Vikes basketball. He was selected first or second-team Canada West All-Star in each season he played and his jersey (#20) was retired by the Vikes in 2004.
- Eli Paupitre (BA ’85) led the Vikes to national championships in each of his five seasons, starting with the university’s first national title in 1979-80. In 1984, Paupitre was drafted by the Seattle SuperSonics of the NBA. He played in two Olympics and four world championships. UVic’s all-time leading scorer, his jersey (#41) was retired by the team in 2004. He’s also a member of the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame.
- Mark Wyatt (MEd ’90), one of Canada’s greatest rugby players. While honing his prolific kicking skills at UVic during the mid-’80s, the fullback began to make his impact in international competition. He played in the first two rugby World Cups, and was the captain of the 1991 team which made Canada’s best-ever showing in the tournament. He was named to the world all-star team (the All-World XV) on three occasions.

The Legacy Awards celebrate distinguished alumni, excellence in teaching, and student community service, as well as hall of fame inductors. Proceedsr support scholarships and athletic awards.

McPherson library has had a face-lift.

The library has been undergoing renovations since 1998 and to celebrate the new look and the upcoming "Old Bremner at UVic," a three-day open house for residents and UVic community members will be held on Nov. 9 to showcase what the library has to offer for all members of the university community.

Initial renovations included the installation of compact shelving in the lower level. "We had run out of space and there were books on the floor," says Wendy McHenry, assistant university librarian. "The compact shelving has allowed us to accommodate the growing print collection. While this collection continues to grow, the acquisition of online resources is nicely rising. In addition to more than 10,000 e-journals, the library now provides nearly 300 online databases."

For many academic libraries today, there’s a need to create new learning spaces—often called information commons—that provide high-end technology and a wide range of academic support services for faculty and students. “Our objective was to consolidate services on the main floor, improve sight lines and create an information commons that would allow students to do most of their work in one place,” says McHenry.

The final phase of renovations has added more than 350 new study spaces on the main floor, including 40 new computer workstations and another print station. The entire building is wireless. Two classrooms were built during the renovations; one for students learning library skills, and one for NOVA training. The latter will become a library classroom in three years.

Signage has been added so that students can find their way easily to current periodicals, reference, maps, reserve, the loan desk and other sections of the library. Four group study rooms and two rooms for students with disabilities were added.

"Before, the only resource room was on the second floor, which was not very accessible," says McHenry. "We also had to create a space to handle all the new acquisitions of the library. We decided to re-locate all the acquisitions to one part of the library.

"The Means Centre, funded by a $5 million donation from the William C. Means family with another $10 million from private donations and the provincial government, will expand the library and include a cafe, an enhanced information commons, and a media commons, among other things.

"Apart from the need to provide space for the collection, the changes will enhance the learning environment of the university community," says McHenry. "The increasing number of people using the library suggests that we’re on the right track.”
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University awards two honorary degrees

Two lifetime achievers—an astronaut and an eco-forester—become honorary UVic graduates at this month’s fall convocation. They are Bjarni Tryggvason (below left), a Canadian Space Agency astronaut whose research has contributed widely to space-based experiments, and Merve Wilkinson, a Ladysmith eco-forester known for his lifelong commitment to sustainable logging practices. To find out more about them, visit ring.uvic.ca/05oct06/news/honorary.html. In addition to honorary degrees, 1,264 degrees, diplomas and certificates will be awarded to students at the four ceremonies on Nov. 9-10.

In July, the university made arrangements so that a terminally ill mother would have the opportunity to see her daughter graduate. The special convocation ceremony at the Interfaith Chapel was one of the last, deeply meaningful experiences the family would share before Patricia Ann Cafik succumbed to cancer. Yvonne Harrison, who that day received her doctorate in public administration, wrote the following as a way of expressing her gratitude—on behalf of herself and her mother.

In the book, Final Gifts by hospice nurses Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley, final gifts are those that reflect understanding or awareness of the special needs of the dying. This letter is a thank you to the University of Victoria for the “final gift” they gave my mother before she passed away from cancer this past summer. The university went above and beyond the call of duty when it awarded my doctoral degree outside of convocation.

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Seeing me graduate was a special gift to my mother, particularly because she placed such a high value on education. When we learned she had cancer, I often wondered about whether she would live to see me graduate. I knew my fears would be realized soon after successfully defending my dissertation at the end of June when we received the news that her cancer had progressed and that she had little time. Ever the optimist, my mother refused to believe the news and even told my brother that it was her wish to see me graduate in November. When my brother told me her wish, I responded by asking the university if they could award my degree before her passing.

The university’s response was overwhelming. With attention to every detail, Chancellor Ron Lougheed conferred my degree in a private ceremony in the Interfaith Chapel in mid-July. About a week before my mother died in August, when we were alone and she was very quiet, she took a long look at a picture of the ceremony that she kept on a table beside her. She said, “Yvonne, I am so grateful that I saw you graduate.”

It was such a lovely ceremony and I am so happy that the university was able to do that for us. Please thank them for me.

It has been a couple of months since my mother passed away. Just the other week my father talked about the ceremony and the “wonderful gift the university gave mother.” He also wanted to thank UVic.

I understand that the awarding of a degree outside of convocation is not something that a university does very often. Please know how very grateful we are to you for your “final gift” of humanity in recognizing and responding to the special needs of our family during a very difficult and sad time.

I have since moved to Seattle to take up an academic position at Seattle University, a Jesuit institution. During a mass to celebrate the new academic year, I reflected upon this act of humanity and the gift UVic has given me: to challenge minds and change worlds in ways that really matter. Please know that I begin my academic career with this gift in mind.
ENGINEERING GRAD’S FUTURE COMBINES TWO Passions

Like most graduating students, Lauren Woolstencroft can focus on her future now that she’s finished with school. Unlike most graduating students, however, her future will include the 2006 Paralympics in Torino, Italy.

“My winter will consist of living out of a suitcase, training and skiing for the next six months,” says the downhill racer. “As soon as the snow falls here, I’ll be in the snow all the time.”

Woolstencroft started skiing when she was four and ski-racing when she was 14. She won two gold medals and one bronze at the 2002 Paralympics in Salt Lake City.

Though she was born missing both legs below the knee and her left arm below the elbow, Woolstencroft doesn’t feel that she faces additional challenges. “I don’t really know any different. Maybe if I had broken my leg, it would be more difficult, but to me this is normal.”

Woolstencroft graduates from U Vic this month with a degree in electrical engineering, a field she chose because it’s so broad. “I was always interested in math and science in high school,” she says. “This is a natural application of those two fields, and there are lots of career opportunities when you graduate.”

Woolstencroft has a job lined up next June with BC Hydro in Vancouver as an engineer-in-training. “I did my co-op term with BC Hydro,” she says. “I really enjoyed working there and Vancouver is a really exciting place. I’ll work toward my professional designation as an engineer there.”

It’s possible that 2006 will be her last year in the Paralympics, although she doesn’t rule anything out. “I was fortunate in school; I could take a semester off for training, which is full-time, but it’s not as easy with a career. Being on the team is a huge commitment. I don’t think I’m ready to jump into work and skiing, but I won’t say it’s not happening.”

GRAD BALANCES WESTERN LAW AND ABORIGINAL TRADITIONS

When Lucy Bell headed for university, it was a chance to get away from her life on a First Nations reserve in Port Hardy. But as time went by, she realized education was more than a ticket out—it gave her the power to change things.

“At first, I wanted to get away, although it was hard to leave my family,” says Bell, who is a member of the Gwa’lyul Nuuwhuusum Band. “But as I worked through my degree, it became more of a way to change things on the reserves, so that kids don’t have to deal with things that past generations had to go through. I see myself helping in small ways, especially with the children and according to what my community asks of me.”

Bell graduates from UVic this month with a BSc in biology and acceptance into UBC’s medical school. “I hate to hear people labelled as can’t-do,” she says. “I’ve worked with so many kids who have shown a huge improvement that they never thought possible. All they needed was perseverance and the support of people who see the potential, not the obstacle.”

Martin’s work with children came largely from Sandalwood Martial Arts, a non-profit club she co-founded in 2001 and where she volunteered as an instructor. “It’s truly a community-based school, as we encourage all our students to contribute to their communities. We don’t just teach them how to kick and punch.”

Ultimately, Martin hopes to contribute to the wider community as a doctor of internal medicine specializing in infectious diseases. “It’s been a long-term goal of mine to be a doctor, and I became interested in infectious diseases through my co-op terms.”

Martin spent one term working with UVic Biochemist Bill Kay doing basic research on the salmonella bacterium. For the other three terms, she was at the National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg working with genetic components of such deadly pathogens as the Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus and helping with diagnostics during the Canadian SARS outbreak.

Most recently, she analyzed samples from the Marburg virus outbreak in Angola. “That was a tragic outbreak,” she says. “Uprands of 50 per cent of infected people died. It really helped to solidify my interest in becoming an infectious disease specialist.”

Although strict precautions are taken when working with lethal viruses, Martin acknowledges there are still risks. “I think that awareness of the personal risks motivates me to help find suitable treatments for those affected,” she says. “These diseases can affect us all, and we want to make a difference in helping find treatments and cures.”

CO-OP TERMS INSPIRED BIOLOGY GRAD TO WORK WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Nurse practitioners are graduating from UVic for the first time this fall, and Celina Evanson is proud to be one of them.

“When I went into the nurse practitioner program, my goal was to provide primary health care in rural B.C. I’m now doing that, and I feels good to be one of the first. We’re paving a new road.”

The new occupation of nurse practitioners is being introduced in B.C. to improve access to health services. Nurse practitioners are advanced practice registered nurses who can provide a range of primary health care services. They can diagnose and treat common illnesses, order tests, prescribe medications, and refer to specialists. They can also help patients with chronic problems such as depression, hypertension, diabetes and asthma.

Evanson recently moved to Vanderhoof, B.C., to take a job with the Northern Health Authority. She’ll be working at a diagnostic and treatment centre in nearby Fraser Lake.

“I’ve been very well-received in the north in this new health care role,” she says. One of the best features of UVic’s nurse practitioner program is that it’s offered through distance education, she says. She lived in Grand Forks, B.C. and was employed as a supervisor for Options for Sexual Health (formerly Planned Parenthood) while she completed the master’s program.

Evanson first gravitated toward nursing while working in industrial first-aid. She completed an undergraduate diploma program in nursing through Vancouver General Hospital and went on to a job in a surgical unit there. She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing long-distance through UVic in 1996, and spent a few years involved in medical nursing.

“I’ve done public health nursing, community nursing, emergency room nursing, and acute care nursing. I was doing quite a bit of community development work, which was interesting, but it was then that I discovered my passion for clinical nursing.”

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES FIRST CROP OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS
Have you ever wondered what conductors are actually doing as they wave their arms about during a live orchestral performance? Now’s your chance to find out.

Tania Miller, music director of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, will be delivering the President’s Distinguished Lecture, “The Quirks and Quarks of Conducting an Orchestra,” on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Miller, the youngest music director of a major Canadian orchestra and the first woman in the country appointed to lead a major orchestra, will unmask the secrets of live performances and offer a behind-the-scenes look at how a conductor shapes an orchestra.

“Many people are curious as to what influence a single conductor has over a sea of musicians,” she says. “They think, can’t the musicians play on their own? What is the conductor doing with his or her hands? How useful is the conductor, anyway?”

“Conductors are these wonderful characters that influence people on a musical and personal level and connect with the audience as well. I love to tell a few stories about famous conductors and comments that they make.”

Miller says listeners should come to the lecture ready to learn how to conduct. “I’ll do a little bit of teaching the audience how they can conduct. It will be interactive and the audience does not have to know anything about music.”

Miller grew up in the small community of Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, where she played piano and organ at church. She came into conducting gradually through church and as a music educator. She has a degree in piano performance and music education from the University of Saskatchewan, and a master’s degree in conducting and a doctorate of musical arts in conducting, both from the University of Michigan.

“I love to conduct,” she says. “Each performer has a task, but it’s the conductor who is at the centre of the storm.

“The Quirks and Quarks of Conducting an Orchestra” takes place in the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium from 8–9:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. For more information, contact Sharon Richmond at 721-7005.

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Wadi to Jebel: Humayuna – Landscape of Culture (until Dec. 31) Artifacts and photographs consolidating 2,000 years of culture at Humayuna. The artifacts represent a selection of archaeological findings unearthed by UVic professor John Oleson. McPherson Library Gallery.


At the Theatres
www.phoenixtheatres.ca 721-8000

Metamorphoses (until Nov. 28) Ovid’s collection of Greek and Roman myths is transformed into theatrical magic and Roman myths is transformed into theatrical magic and Gallery.

Tuesday, November 15
UVic Hearts and Hands Craft Fair 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Featuring UVic artisans. Proceeds from table fees and raffle tickets are donated to the UVic United Way Campaign. University Centre. 721-6566.


Sessions in Spirituality 4 p.m. A Muslim Scientist: An Oxymoron? Dr. Aaf Bubel, a practicing Israeli Muslim and UVic astrophysicist. Interfaith Chapel. 721-8538

Wednesday, November 16

Brown Bag Lunch Series 12:15 p.m. Effective Research Fundraising. Graduate Student Centre 108. 721-6543

Lansdowne Lecture 12:10 p.m. Theatre, Beyond Words: Paulette Halldorsson, performer, director and teacher. Phoenix Theatre. 721-7993


Thursday, November 17

President’s Distinguished Lecture 8 p.m. The Quirks and Quarks of Conducting an Orchestra. Tania Miller, music director, Victoria Symphony Orchestra. University Centre Auditorium. 721-7005.

Friday, November 18


Music 12:10 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of music percussion students. MacLaurein Bldg. 721-7904.

Tuesday, November 22

Asia Pacific Initiatives 12:30 p.m. Of Malay-Muslim Spirits, Edhno-cultural Politics, and Malaysian Capitalist Modernity. Dr. Beng-Lan Goh, UVic. Strong C300. 721-7020

Earth & Ocean Sciences 3:30 p.m. The Artistic Future: Looking for Change in all the Wrong Places. Dr. Robie MacDonald, Institute of Ocean Sciences and UVic. Coombe Bldg. 721-6120.

Sessions in Spirituality 4 p.m. What the Bleep do I Know About Art? Margery Gibson, visual artist. Interfaith Chapel. 721-8538.

Wednesday, November 23

Brown Bag Lunch Series 12:15 p.m. Thethis/Nemesis. Graduate Student Centre 108. 721-6543


Thursday, November 24

In Pursuit of Knowledge Lecture Series 9:30 a.m. A Cosmic Census: From Galaxies to Dark Energy. Dr. Sara Ellison, UVic. Commons Block, Haro room. Register 721-4747

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. The Space of Culture, The Culture of Space. Dr. Sechichi Makino, Columbia Univ. ClearHeav A207, 721-7481

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. Before the Legends: Domitius Pilaite in Medieval Art. Dr. COLUMban. Princeton Univ. Hickman 110. 721-6791.

Friday, November 25

Deans’ Lunchtime Lecture Series 12:30 p.m. Doing Enough and Doing It Well: Commitments to Care for Our Parents. Laura Funk, good student, UVic. UVic Downtown. Register 721-4747.

Music 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of music composition students. MacLaurein Bldg. 721-7904.

Tuesday, November 29

UVic Golden Key 9:30 p.m. International Student Exchange Workshop. Find out how to be come an exchange student in a foreign land. Elliott 100. besuvin@uvic.ca

Earth & Ocean Sciences Lecture 7:30 p.m. The Aspects of Euphroniation of Bottom Sediment and Overlying Water in the Southern Coastal Area of the Korean Peninsula. Dr. Sung-ae Kim, Gyeongsang National Univ., Korea. Cornett Bldg. 721-6120

Lansdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. “King Kong” and the Rise of the Mummies. David Skal, author, UVic. Fine Arts 109. 721-7936

Wednesday, November 30


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SPECIAL EVENT:
Sunday, November 13: Last Worlds workshop Distinguished guest speaker, Rabbi Riccardo Di Segui, Chief Rabbi of Rome. Last chance to register—call now! 472-4747 or online at www.continuingstudies.uvic.ca

WELCOME DENTAL PROFESSIONALS!
The Division of Continuing Studies is hosting its seventh annual Current Concepts in Dentistry from November 10 to 13. Dental professionals from across North America will be attending a series of workshops given by leaders in the field. See www.continuingstudies.uvic.ca/fttt/c/dental/

COURSES RUNNING IN NOVEMBER:
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NEW SCHOLARSHIP!
If you’re considering our Certificate Program in Environmental and Occupational Health, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety now offers the Dr. Dave Martin Scholarship Award (three awards of $1,000 each). You must enroll in the program to be eligible. Look for application details at www.continuingstudies.uvic.ca/courses

Application deadline: January 31, 2006

SPRING 2006 CALENDAR COMING!
The Continuing Studies Spring 2006 Calendar will be published in early December, 2005.

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Winter 2005–06 Ring Schedule

Calendar items should be sent by 4 p.m. on the copy deadline date shown below to UVic Communications (Sedgewick C149; fax 721-6955; uvic.milexpo@uvic.ca) or entered into the online calendar (www.uvic.ca/events). For more information call 721-7215.

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Thursday, Dec. 1 Wednesday, Dec. 7
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Laptop up for grabs for United Way pledgers

By Pattie Pitts

Canadian Forces veterans and service men and women suffering from the effects of post-traumatic stress and other mental health issues will soon have a new service to assist them.

A $30,000 donation from the Royal Canadian Legion has established a community counselling clinic in partnership with UVic’s departments of educational psychology and leadership studies. UVic education graduate students will benefit from practicum positions in the pilot project which, unlike counselling services offered by the military, will also offer assistance to military family members and group counselling for female veterans.

“We’ve very excited about this project,” says Dave Simdar, second vice president of the Royal Canadian Legion’s B.C.-Yukon Command. “We’ve been wanting to help veterans of all kinds who are in distress. Those who are still in the military are often reluctant to seek counseling. Others may have gone through their entire career without seeking any help. The older members of the legion wanted to use these funds to provide a legacy for the younger vets and their families.”

The clinic, in space provided by Legion Branch #127 in its James Bay facility, will assist a potential membership of 10,000 veterans and serving members in southern Vancouver Island.

UVic education professor Dr. Tim Black will direct the program. He became interested in the effects of trauma when he worked with a $50 Smile Card from Thrifty Foods in the Thanksgiving draw. The library’s annual book sale took place Nov. 1–2. Nearly $5,600 was raised from the sale of 32 books, CDs, videos, and records. Village Greens’ Smoothie Day also raised a total of $480.

Get ready to do some holiday shopping on Nov. 15 at the Hearts and Hands Craft Fair in the lobby of the University Centre.

The campaign will end Dec. 12. For more information or to donate, visit unitedwayvic.ca.

Legion addresses veteran peacekeeping trauma

By Patty Pitts

The Royal Canadian Legion, B.C.-Yukon Command, is awarding $249,078 over three years to Dr. Stephen Evans on Vancouver Island.

Structural biologist Dr. Stephen Evans is researching a new way to kill bacteria by focusing on enzymes that synthesize large molecules out of sugar. “Bacteria and viruses use different sets of tools to replicate. Until recently, there were fewer than 2,000 people from the UVic community responded to an e-mail survey on a potential name for the portal. Eighty-two per cent chose “Advisors” as their first or second choice. « Continue reading »

Web portal takes shape, team needs volunteer testers

UVic’s new web portal continues to develop on schedule. Through the portal, faculty, staff and student users will be able to access the resources and information relevant to their role, including building blocks and more than 2,000 people from the UVic community will own and use this portal.

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