Get a flu shot—
not the flu!

University of Victoria employees are encouraged to participate in an influenza immunization clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., as part of a UVic emergency exercise.

The one-time clinic is voluntary, but your participation will lessen the impact of influenza on campus, and help UVic prepare to assist you in the event of an emergency. Please contact your supervisor before attending—all supervisors have received notice of this event.

Vouchers with a $20 value to cover the cost of one influenza inoculation will be mailed to all UVic, see the announcement on the UVic website at www.uvic.ca.

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New LEEF chair taps into underwater research

Dr. Christoph Borchers, formerly a scientific star from the U.S., has been appointed the University of Victoria’s (UVic) new Leading Edge Endowment Fund (LEEF) BC Leadership Chair in Marine Ecosystems and Global Change. Based at the University of Victoria, Borchers will conduct research with a global impact, contributing directly to a better understanding of variations in fisheries yields and how human-induced climate change is influencing the oceans.

In announcing the appointment, Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell expressed his pleasure at Juniper’s return to the West Coast. “With a researcher like Kim Juniper, a body of work will be developed in British Columbia that will not only increase our knowledge of the marine environment, but our skills in managing it.”

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UVic attracts scientific star from the U.S.

by Valerie Shore

The University of Victoria has attracted one of the world’s leading protein chemists to head the UVic-Genome British Columbia Proteomics Centre. Dr. Christoph Borchers, formerly director of the UNCE-Duke Proteomics Facility at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a pioneer in the burgeoning field of proteomics research, assumed his new post as director of the UVic centre in September.

"This is a tremendous scientific gain for BC and for Canada," said Dr. Martin Taylor, UVic’s vice-president research. "Borchers is a star in his field who was attracted to UVic by the exceptional proteomics research capacity that we have established in partnership with Genome BC. We are extremely pleased to have a scientist of his caliber."

"As an investor in, and supporter of, the proteomics centre we are delighted that a scientist of Dr. Borchers’s stature has been drawn to the vibrant life sciences cluster emerging on Canada’s West Coast," says Dr. Don Riddle, chief scientific officer for Genome British Columbia. "He is committed to maximising the capability of the centre to play a key role in public health and education in the province and in Canada."

Proteomics is the study of the structure and function of proteins. Just as every living thing has a complete set of DNA known as its genome, we all carry a full complement of proteins known as the proteome—the enzymes, antibodies and molecules that make up our cells.

Proteomics research is applicable to just about every area of biotech—such research, including health, agriculture, fisheries and forestry. In medicine, it is fundamental to the development of new diagnostic tests and drugs to detect and treat diseases such as cancer.

The UVic-Genome British Columbia Proteomics Centre is a state-of-the-art proteomics facility situated at the UVic-owned Vancouver Island Technology Park. It is the longest-running protein research facility in Canada, providing analytical services to more than 200 academic, industrial

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UVic shines in national research ranking

The University of Victoria remains the top comprehensive research university in Western Canada, according to the 2006 ranking of the country’s top research universities by Research Infosource. In the annual ranking, UVic placed 19th behind the University of Waterloo and the University of Guelph in the comprehensive category. UVic also ranked third last year behind the same two universities.

The University of Toronto topped the medical/doctoral category, while Ottawa’s Carleton University ranked first in the undergraduate category.

Among the top 50 universities overall, UVic placed 19th, up one spot from 20th last year. UBC placed fifth, while SFU was 22nd and UNBC was 43rd.

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On Oct. 18, Juniper was back at IOS, this time for his announcement as the Leading Edge Endowment Fund (LEEF) BC Leadership Chair in Marine Ecosystems and Global Change.

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Current budget agreement No. 40014024
Over the last five years, the UVic Hearts and Hands Craft fair has proven to be a successful annual event on campus, offering unique gift-giving ideas before the winter holidays and raising nearly $2,000 for the United Way of Greater Victoria.

But it’s not simply the combination of high-quality crafts and charity that make it a winning affair; it’s the infectious enthusiasm of one of the craft fair’s founders, Helen Rezanowich.

The UVic staff member of 17 years has been making jewelry out of silver, glass and stone beads for the past six. Her office as secretary in women’s studies is a welcoming environment, full of jewelry, artwork, laughter and helpful information courtesy of Rezanowich.

“The craft fair started out with just three women, all support staff, who realized that we’re all talented people, so let’s try to sell our crafts and link up with the UVic United Way campaign,” says. Along with Rezanowich, founding members include Debra Rentney (human resources) and Annette Barath (psychology). This year’s committee is composed of Lynn McCaughery (career services), Sheila Adams (medieval studies), and Rezanowich.

Why the desire to connect with the United Way? Rezanowich says the organization touches countless parts of society in Greater Victoria.

She was introduced to the United Way while training to volunteer as a CUPE 951 union counselling referral officer, a role similar to that of peer counselor.

Since the craft fair’s inception, proceeds from raffle tickets and the United Way’s Tim Hortons Café have helped “craft” winning United Way fundraisers for free, and the ZAP copy centre designed a poster for free, and the ZAP copy centre designed a poster for free, and the ZAP copy centre designed a poster for free, and the ZAP copy centre designed a poster.

“About 20 vendors register for the event, all either UVic staff, faculty, students or alumni. The vendors each donate items for gift baskets, which are raffled off by the organizers. The craft fair is really a campus-wide endeavor,” says Rezanowich. “The Fabricator Apparel studio provides a great venue, facilities management staff on site and all the tables for free, graphics services design a poster for free, and the ZAP copy centre donates the printing. This event would not be possible without the support of so many people at UVic.”

This year’s craft fair, which takes place Tuesday, Nov. 21 in the University Centre lobby, features a variety of wares including cards, soap, jewelry, handmade teddy bears, and smoked salmon products.

“The craft fair is just one of the many initiatives raising money on campus for the United Way. UVic’s United Way campaign has raised over 70 per cent of its $220,000 goal. Main events have included fundraising barbecues, the library book sale and the Engineering Students’ Society Bug Bash. The campaign wraps up on Dec. 1. To donate, visit http://unitedway.uvic.ca/index.html.

The university would like to hear your views on its discrimination and harassment policy.

The policy was first adopted in 1991. The current version, approved in 2002, sets out steps for preventing and addressing issues of personal and human rights discrimination and harassment on campus.

“The policy is now due for review and the university’s educational equity and employment equity advisory groups and review steering committee are seeking input from the campus community.

According to Cindy Player, UVic’s director of human resources, “this is an important opportunity for people to express their views on the current policy and how it can be improved. We really want to hear what people have to say.”

To view the current policy, visit web.uvic.ca/uvic-policies/pol-1000/1100HPP.html.

To provide feedback, please email your comments to policy@uvic.ca, fax them to 250-721-6223, or mail to the University Secretariat, University of Victoria, PO Box 1700 STN CSC, Victoria, BC, V8W 2Y2.

The deadline for comments during the review period is Nov. 30. A revised draft policy will be made available for review and comment early in 2007. For more information visit web.uvic.ca/universalsite/
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Proteomics is difficult and expensive, and that we need very sophisticated tools and highly skilled people to do it. The centre houses protein separation, analysis and synthesis technologies, along with several powerful mass spectrometers—sophisticated instruments that can identify a protein, or part of a protein, by its molecular weight. The centre currently employs eight staff, and more will be added, including three top research scientists from North Carolina.

Borchers plans to broaden the scope of the centre to include metabolomics (the study of smaller molecules produced by proteins during metabolism), transcriptomics (the study of genes and, bioinformatics (the science of analyzing biological data using advanced computer techniques).

“This is a more holistic, systems biology approach that will allow us to address a range of biomedical problems,” says Borchers. “Proteomics research is going to have a huge impact on science and on our lives, and I see great potential for this centre and UVic to lead the way.”

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To determine the rankings, half the points awarded were based on two financial indicators: total sponsored research income and total research income per full-time faculty position. The other half was based on the total number of publications, the number of publications in leading journals per full-time faculty member, and publication impact.

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Victoria doctor named BC’s top physician

Dr. Darlene Hammell has been honoured by her peers as one of Canada’s Family Physicians of the Year for her work as a Victoria area doctor, leader, teacher and mentor of medical students and residents.

The national College of Family Physicians of Canada awards 10 top awards – one per province – each year. The BC Chapter chose Hammell in recognition of her exemplary work as a clinician and for her service to the community through her teaching, mentorship and activism including voluntary work overseas.

“I was stunned and thrilled when I heard about this (the award),” says Hammell. “I love the work I do and have done for 32 years—the development of a doctor-patient relationship, the teaching and passing on of knowledge. It is a joy to see these aspects of family medicine being celebrated by this award.”

Hammell has taught postgraduate students (residents) through her family practice for the past 19 years. In 2004 she joined the UBC Faculty of Medicine MD undergraduate program, where she was responsible for IMP student affairs.

“Dr. Hammell is an inspiring leader, mentor and role model for medical students contemplating a career in family practice,” says Dr. Oscar Casiro, associate dean of IMP and head of the Division of Medical Sciences at UVic. “We’re delighted to have her contributions recognized by this tremendous honour.”

As a strong advocate of education in her clinical practice, Hammell organized the first women’s health forum with Victoria physicians at UVic. For several years Hammell was also active in the Canadian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War organization, now known as Physicians for Global Survival. She has volunteered her medical services to developing countries. Next year she plans to go to Ecuador to assist doctors in a small Catholic hospital.

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Hammell, now the assistant dean of student affairs for the Island Medical Program (IMP), based at the University of Victoria, has taught postgraduate students (residents) through her family practice for the past 19 years. In 2004 she joined the UBC Faculty of Medicine MD undergraduate program, where she was responsible for IMP student affairs.

In addition to the honorary degrees, 1,282 degrees, diplomas and certificates are being awarded to students this fall.

The convocation schedule is as follows: Nov. 14, 10 a.m.—education, humanities and science; 2:30 p.m.—human and social development, continuing studies; Nov. 15, 10 a.m.—social sciences, and law, 2:30 p.m.—business, engineering, and fine arts.

StatsCan data now at researchers’ fingertips

Researchers wishing to gain access to Statistics Canada confidential data files no longer need to leave the city or even the campus.

The University of Victoria Branch Research Data Centre (RDC) in McPherson Library opened this fall. It offers researchers full access to Statistics Canada social survey data in a secure environment that protects the confidentiality of survey respondents.

Most major Canadian universities now have research data centres or are part of a consortium of universities operating a single site within a given community, says RDC’s academic director, Douglas Baer. “This new site will attract researchers in diverse areas, including labour force dynamics, population health, gerontology, addictions, poverty, volunteering and organizational studies.”

The UVic branch is affiliated with the Inter-University Research Data Centre (IRDC) at the University of British Columbia. Until now, researchers wishing to access Statistics Canada confidential data files had to travel to the main site at UBC, hampering the use of Statistics Canada data among UVic researchers.

Faculty and graduate student researchers interested in using the centre must submit a proposal outlining the nature of the research and the files that will be required. The proposal is submitted through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council website, with an approval process that takes six to eight weeks.

The UVic Branch RDC is a part-time facility, with hours determined by researcher demand and the extent of operating cost financial contributions.

For further information on the centre, call 250-853-3196 or visit http://web.uvic.ca/rdc.

University awards four honorary degrees

Four lifetime achievers—a national science leader, a Coast Salish linguist, a journalist and an artist historian—become honorary UVic graduates at this month’s fall convocation, Nov. 14–15. They are: Canada’s national science advisor, Arthur Carney; Coast Salish linguist Earl Claxton Sr.; journalist Edith Iglauer; and art historian Maria Tippett. To find out more about them, visit ring.uvic.ca/06oct05/honorary.html.
Artists studies bringing Indigenous law to the forefront

by Christine Roulston

As a child, Kimma Bluesky was a building Anishinaabe artist from Sandy Lake, a remote Indian reserve in northwestern Ontario. She was also a brilliant student determined to understand the injustices made against her people.

Her drive led to her admittance to Lerner B. Pearson College of the Pacific near Victoria, which accepts 200 students a year from around the world based on merit and potential. There, she sought to raise awareness among her international peers about the many social issues facing Canada’s Indigenous peoples.

Bluesky continued on to the University of British Columbia, focusing on anthropology and Native studies. Before completing her BA, she was accepted into UVic, where she earned an undergraduate degree in law. She graduates this month with a master’s degree in law.

“When I was younger I wanted to do law because of the injustices our people have suffered, but as I progressed through law school it became more about expressing our own traditional laws,” she says.

As a result, Bluesky chose to focus her thesis research on activist legal traditions of Anishinaabe, Northwest Coast and Maori peoples. She studied how painting, sculpture, carving and other forms of art reflect ideologies of Indigenous peoples and their laws.

“My research is about recognizing, affirming and strengthening our laws,” says Bluesky, who remains committed to that art. Her works now are displayed in many prominent places, such as the home of former Supreme Court Justice Girard LaForest.

She says then-superintendent John Burrows and James Tully were inspiring throughout her research. “Their work is enabling students like me to pursue Indigenous law-directed research.”

Bluesky recently began a PhD at UBC, concentrating on developing Indigenous legal theories around artistic traditions.

Graduate finds niche combining travel and studies

by Christine Roulston

Shari Holmes-Salzman admits she wasn’t always thrilled about university.

The student, who had spent much of her childhood travelling around the world with an organization promoting peace, failed to see the real-world value in many of her classes. She took several semesters off to travel. It wasn’t until her upper-year studies that she became academically motivated—so much so that this spring she’s heading to South Africa to take part in a project inspired by UVic’s professor Dr. Harold Foster.

“I took Dr. Foster’s medical geography course, and his work in Africa, which involves supplying villages with nutrients to help fight HIV/AIDS, won me over,” she says.

“I talked to him about the project and he said once you’ve finished university, keep this in mind.”

Now, the new geography and history in art graduate, along with friend and UVic alumna Nicole Wunensche, is preparing to run across South Africa to raise funds for Port Alfred, a small community in South Africa impacted by HIV/AIDS. Following the fund-raising run, the two will volunteer for a year in the village, teaching maternal health courses and assisting with health education in schools.

Holmes-Salzman’s future plans involve a graduate degree in urban planning, specifically low-income housing, an area of study inspired by yet another UVic geographer, Dr. Larry McCann.

The White Rock native, who currently lives in Calgary, is thankful for everything she gained at UVic and believes people have a responsibility to use what they learn to help others.

“I think it’s important to apply the things we learn in life to a real-world context rather than memorize it all just for a test,” she says. “Knowledge is power and when it comes to problems that affect the whole world, it’s absolutely necessary that the people that can help, do.”

Graduate steps up to real-world challenges

by Christine Roulston

Rapid promotion, Nick Clewley jokes, is what he enjoys most about his first real job.

It’s no wonder. After finishing an exchange in France last December, the Victoria native was hired as marketing co-ordinator in UVic’s marketing department. After just five months on the job, an abrupt turnover occurred in the department, requiring Clewley to take on the responsibilities of the director, providing marketing and branding guidance to departments across campus.

Clewley graduates from UVic this month with a degree in commerce.

“Despite his young age, increased workload and short time in the work force, colleagues and others from across campus have constantly remarked on Nick’s leadership skills, abundance of marketing knowledge and positive attitude,” says Dr. Valerie Kuchie, UVic’s vice-president external relations.

Clewley was also given the responsibility to train a new staff member, marketing co-ordinator Carmen Koning. “Nick’s a brilliant mentor,” Koning says. “He’s always willing to give credit where credit is due, but at the same time he’s imparting regarding the outstanding materials that he produces.”

How did the recent graduate cope so well with the added responsibility? “You don’t really have the time to think about it,” says Clewley.

Clewley credits his co-op placement in UVic’s marketing department with providing him with real-world experience in the workplace. There, he learned a great deal from the former director of marketing, John Morton.

Recently, a new director of marketing was hired, allowing Clewley to focus more exclusively on his “official” job as marketing officer. The 24-year-olds plans on staying in the role for a while.

“The marketing department touches all parts of campus and you meet a lot of interesting people,” he says. “You get to be creative but you’re also meeting a need and providing a valuable service.”

Degree was “an adventure” for co-op grad

by Joy Poliquin and Briony Smith

As Kevin Shier graduates this fall, he knows he’s well equipped for the next step. In fact, he’s already secured his first full-time job.

Shier’s four-month work term, at Eagle-Picher Energy Products Corp. in Surrey, helped him to secure a full-time job with Hinz Automation in Calgary, working as a project engineer for Hinz Automation in Calgary, and acted as sole production supervisor for 30 union employees at a General Motors plant in Oakville, Ontario.

That’s not bad for 16 months of co-op work terms.

During his four-month work term at GM, Shier was responsible for operating production, scheduling employees and payroll, and ensuring production never stopped.

He also helped institute a new program to encourage workers to reach their targets for each shift. It led to the first new production record in years.

“There was a sense of mutual respect, which in turn, resulted in increased quality and fewer employee sick days,” says Shier. “I may not have had a direct effect on productivity, but I was able to use my teaching and training to have an indirect effect. The co-op program helped me build these skills.”

Shier’s supervisor at GM, shift manager Tim Beckner, has nothing but good things to say about Shier. “He increased productivity by 25 per cent, helped work in some new processes, and gathered information from workers. By the end of his term, he seemed like someone who had been there three to five years.”

Shier is ready for his next adventure, having secured a full-time job with Hinz Automation in Calgary, where he worked during his final co-op work term.

“The day after I completed my work term, I switched over to being a full-time employee,” he says. “I wouldn’t be where I am today without the co-op program. It has definitely helped me to develop my career and opened doors that I would not have otherwise known existed.”

Co-op FastFacts

- Kevin Shier is one of thousands of co-op graduates who have translated their co-op experiences to career success.
- Former co-op students include Brad Forth (engineering), former president and CEO of Power Measurement (now Schneider Electric), Paul Rau (philosophy), president of tech company 2020 Research Ltd; Tom Giffiths (business), chief financial officer for the Health Management Association; Janet Wells (writing), editor of British-Columbia Magazine, and Dr. Jean Whilf Hegman (recreation and health education), a UVic faculty member.
- For more information about the UVic Co-op Program, email info@coop.uvic.ca
Project Nova team “hits its stride”

by Melanie Groves

Project Nova, the initiative being led by Computing and Systems Services (CASS) to replace the university’s administration systems with state-of-the-art information systems, is moving closer to bringing the campus community together online.

Project teams are currently in the implementation phase of the identity management, uSource portal, finance, human resource and payroll, student and facilities management modules. According to Garry Sager, Project Nova co-director, the six project teams “have hit their stride. They’re working very hard and making excellent progress.”

The online web portal, uSource, became available to staff, faculty and students in the spring, uSource provides users with customizable one-stop shopping to the university’s online systems and services, including email and the calendar. Students can now access their personal records, including transcripts and financial information, plus link to online registration and course tools such as WebCT. The latest version of uSource, released in September, includes a number of improvements, including nine new research-related channels, enhanced teaching and learning content, and more customization of the My Space tab.

Group Studio, the uSource tool that allows users with similar interests to communicate and share resources on university-related topics, now boasts over two dozen groups. Group interests range from academic and administrative committees to bird watching. Users can join an existing group or start a new one.

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The next major step for Project Nova is the implementation of the new Banner payroll and human resources system (HRIS) in January. More information about the new features of HRIS will be available later this fall.

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Career Services Lecture 9:30 p.m.
Working to Canada: How To Get an Off-Campus Work Permit. A workshop for international students. Clearihue A27. 721-8414
John Albert Hall Lecture Series 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 3
Music 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of Music woodwind students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904
Landsdowne Lecture 7:30 p.m. From Little Bang to the Big Bang. John Ellis, European Organization for Nuclear Research, CERN. MacLaurin A144. 721-7698
VPFLG Lecture 7:30 p.m. Ending War. Living Peace. Claude Achlin Thomas, Vietnam veteran, Zen Buddhist monk. Interfaith Chapel. 721-8839

Saturday, November 4
Sessions in Spirituality 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 7
Asia Pacific Initiatives Lecture 12:30 p.m. Trans-Pacific Migrations and Transformations. Sharon Lee, Portland State Univ. and UVic. Strong C122. 721-7904
International and Exchange Student Services Lecture 3:30 p.m. Academic Success: Some Tips for International Students. Register: chapman@uvic.ca. Clearihue A27. 721-8459

Wednesday, November 8


Thursday, November 9
Social Sciences Lecture 7:30 p.m. Clarifying the PR Pollution on Climate Change. Jim Hoggan, president of one of Canada’s leading public relations firms. MacLaurin A144. 472-4496

Friday, November 10
Music 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of Music brass students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

Wednesday, November 15
Influence Immunization Clinic for UVic Employees. 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. McKinnon Bldg. See announcement on www.uvic.ca.

Friday, November 17
Music 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of Music percussion students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

Tuesday, November 21
Hearts and Hands Craft Fair 10 a.m. An annual craft fair benefitting the United Way. Univ. Centre Foyer. 721-6648

Asia Pacific Initiatives Lecture 12:30 p.m. Thailand Aquaculture Management Project. A Thai University’s Experience with Canadian Networking. Kashane Chalermwat, Burapha University, Thailand. Strong C128. 721-7904

Friday, November 24
Music 11:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. School of Music composition students. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

Friday, December 1
Memorial Service 11:30-12:20 p.m. Making National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and honouring the women killed at Montreal’s École Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989. Ziggurat in front of MacLaurin Building. 721-6248

Music 12:30 p.m. Fridaymusic. Univ. of Victoria Chamber Singers. Bruce Moore, conductor. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

Sunday, December 3
Music 2:30 p.m. Take Xmas Reprise. Eugene Dowling, conductor. MacLaurin B125. 721-7904

Music 8 p.m. The UVic Lieder Singers and Kinderschen. Halilujah—music by the masters and traditional favourites. MacLarin B125. Tickets 811/31 616-0099

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by Mike McKinney

She was the first female student to earn the UBC law faculty’s gold medal. That was in 1951. Today, at age 88, Constance Isherwood regularly makes her way from her downtown law office.

Equally admired by her fellow members of the bar and the many community groups to which she’s loaned herself, Isherwood now has another accolade to add—recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement from the UVic Alumni Association. Isherwood—along with fellow recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards, Alumni Awards for Excellence in Teaching, and the new inductions into the UVic’s Sports Hall of Fame—will be honoured at the Legacy Awards dinner on Nov. 21 at the Victoria Conference Centre before an expected crowd of 500 university supporters. This year’s Legacy Awards are co-chaired by longtime friends of UVic, Mel and Carmella Cooper.

Isherwood attended Victoria College in 1947–48. After UBC she returned to Victoria to work at a time when you could count on one hand the number of female lawyers in the city. In 1964 she and her husband established their law office, which continues to offer client services in wills, estates, mortgages and family law.

For 26 years, Isherwood has been chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of B.C. She wrote the original constitution of the UVic Alumni Association and was president of the Family and Children’s Service of Victoria. Along with Isherwood, the Legacy Awards will spotlight several other outstanding achievers.

Distinguished Alumni Awards go to Dr. Andrew Weaver (BSc ’83), who has emerged as one of Canada’s foremost authorities on the science of climate change; and David Garrison (BEng ’74) and Shannon Hunt (MA ’95), co-creators and publishers of YES Mag (The Scientific Magazine for Adventurous Minds) for ages 9 to 14 and KNOX! (The Scientific Magazine for Curious Kids) for ages 6 to 9.

Winners of the Alumni Awards for Excellence in Teaching are Dr. Ed Ishiguro (biochemistry and microbiology) and Kelli Fawkes (chemistry). For the May 2006 edition of The Ring (uvic.ca/06may05) for details on their teaching accomplishments.

New inductions into the UVic’s Sports Hall of Fame are Kirsten Barnes (rowing), a two-time Olympic gold medallist; Gerald Kazanowski (basketball), a key member of four national championship Vikes teams and a 10-year national team vet; Luanne Krawetz (basketball), a pivotal member of three national championship teams at UVic and the country’s most outstanding player in the 1982 season; Howard Petch, a former UVic president (1975–90) who set the foundation for the university’s athletics program; and the 1975 men’s soccer team, winners of UVic’s first national university sports title.

Construction program is on schedule

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Legacy Awards honour the best of the best

New building opens for a new generation of engineers

The six-storey building contains lecture theatres, teaching labs, research labs and administrative and support space for graduate students, faculty and staff. The main floor classrooms are available to students from other UVic departments and for public lectures and events.

The building is aiming for Gold certification in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) BC green building rating system. In August, the nearby Medical Sciences Building was awarded Gold LEED certification.

Sustainable features of the building include a dual plumbing system that uses recycled water from the nearby sandstone aquifer facility, a partial green roof planted with natural grasses, natural landscaping to promote storm water retention, and extensive use of recycled materials.

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The new Engineering/Computer Science Building was officially opened last month by Minister of Advanced Education Murray Coell.

The 8,975-sq.-metre, $25-million building contains cutting-edge sustainable and technological features, giving faculty, students and staff light-filled, energy-efficient facilities in which to conduct research, learn and work.

“The teaching and research facilities in this building provide much-needed additional space for engineering and computer science students and other departments,” says UVic President David Turpin. “The university is very grateful to the provincial government for its support of our researchers, graduate students and undergraduate students by providing funding for this outstanding new building.”

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