



## UVic budget framework focuses on future growth

The University of Victoria Board of Governors has approved a 2007/08 budget framework that provides increased resources for the growth of quality undergraduate and graduate student programs, student recruitment, student financial aid and library resources. The balanced budget framework is based on UVic's priorities for the next three years as identified in the university's renewed strategic plan, passed by the board at the end of January.

The 2007/08 budget framework reflects a projected operating budget of \$267.6 million, which includes a provincial grant of \$149.8 million—an increase of \$9.4 million from 2006/07. In addressing its leading priorities, UVic will invest \$3 million toward the growth of academic programs and the services required to support them, and \$1.5 million in graduate and undergraduate student financial aid, ensuring the university remains a national leader in student financial assistance.

The budget framework is based on a projected growth in the coming academic year of 212 full-time equivalent (FTE) undergraduate student positions and 135 FTE graduate student positions for a total funded equivalent enrolment of 15,619 full-time graduate and undergraduate students—an increase of 347 FTEs over 2006/07. The framework contains a 1.8-per-cent increase in tuition fees, established by the inflation rate set by the BC Consumer Price Index. The increase

brings annual domestic arts and science undergraduate tuition to \$4,491 from \$4,412. Domestic graduate annual tuition rises to \$4,664 from \$4,582, effective May 1.

The increase in graduate student spaces is an initiative funded by the provincial government in recognition of the important role graduate students play in research, teaching and economic development.

"While this budget framework covers the coming year, it positions UVic for the future, as well, by allocating resources to the strategic areas that deserve and require both our immediate and long-term attention," says UVic President David Turpin. "This framework provides for additional students and makes resources available to ensure all students have a high-quality educational experience both in and outside of the classroom."

The framework allocates an additional \$300,000 for library acquisitions, \$200,000 for research information systems and, in recognition of the need for additional revenue sources for UVic to achieve its academic and research goals, \$200,000 to support fundraising for the university's priority areas including student scholarships and bursaries. The university's efforts to recruit and retain outstanding faculty and staff receive an additional \$190,000 to promote UVic's success in an increasingly competitive

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## Integrated planning informs budget process

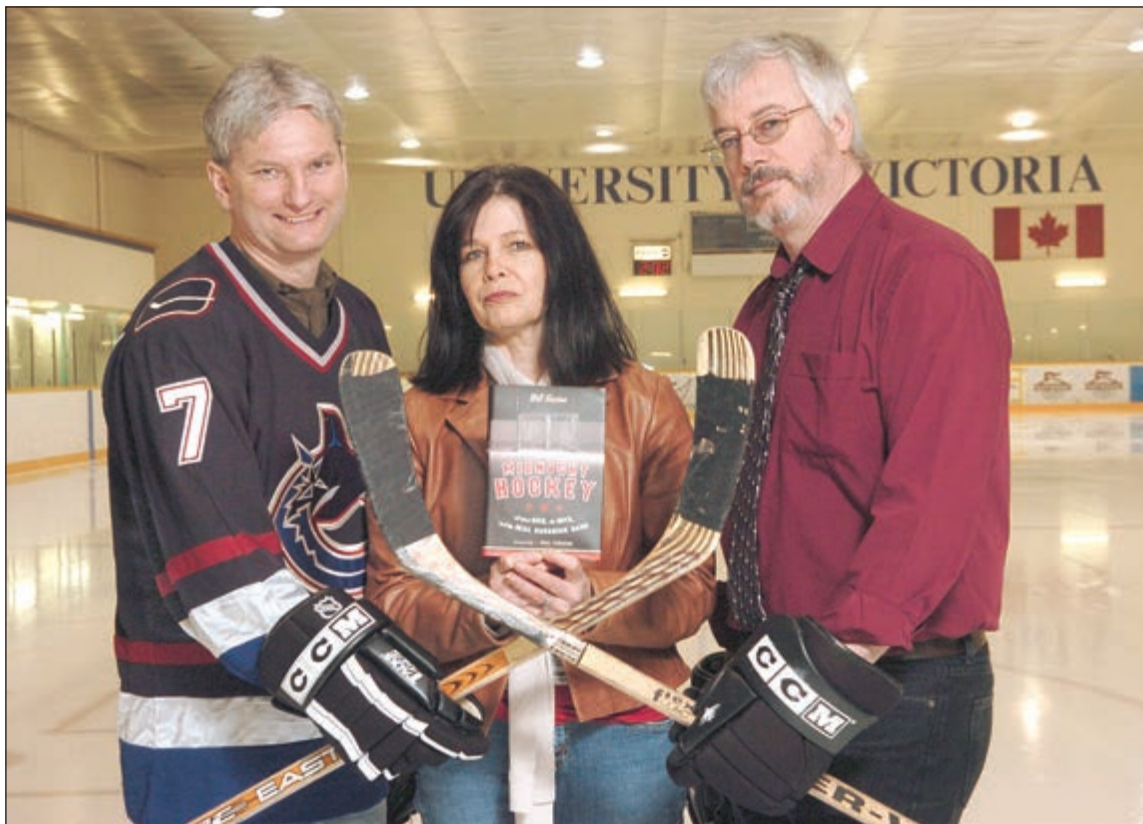
There are only 12 months' worth of revenue and expenditures in UVic's 2007/08 budget framework, but the coming year's funding allocations are the result of an integrated planning process that considers priorities and strategic initiatives for the next two years as well.

Throughout the fall and winter of 2006/07, UVic's vice-presidents engaged in a process that analyzed the goals and objectives in the university's renewed strategic plan in the context of the current environment for post-secondary institutions and identified UVic's highest priorities. They then determined what resources would be required to support strategies to address those priorities over the next three years.

"The budget is the outcome of our planning process," says Vice-President Academic and Provost Jamie Cassels who led the planning initiative. "By looking three years ahead, we can determine how to put the university's strategic plan into action and provide a sense of the resources that will be necessary to accomplish its goals. This gives departments and faculties a better idea of the context and helps them plan more effectively as well."

UVic's strategic areas of focus for the coming three years include: enhancing the quality of teaching and research programs in light of student growth, especially at the graduate level; completing and implementing a strategic enrolment plan to ensure that the best graduate and undergraduate students choose to come to UVic (the plan involves recruitment, financial aid, student success initiatives, and residence expansion); developing initiatives to recruit and retain faculty and staff; expanding on community-based initiatives; increasing assistance to fundraising to support research and students; and developing a longer-term campus plan to address continuing space shortages for teaching, research and graduate students while also ensuring financial and environmental sustainability.

Not surprisingly, UVic's strategic areas of focus and its priorities for the next three years align very closely with the new strategic plan. The integrated planning process is an ongoing one and will continue next year, with further input from the faculties and departments.



(L-r) Dopp, Jackson and Gaston are pumped for this month's conference on the scholarship of hockey.

## Conference presenters face off

By Patty Pitts

Hockey may be Canada's definitive game and arguably part of the country's collective psyche but for many academics and writers, our national sport is also the focus of their research and writing. From April 19–21, men and women from around the world will gather at Victoria's Grand Pacific Hotel for "Canada and the League of Hockey Nations," a UVic-organized international conference examining the game from a variety of perspectives.

Conference organizer Jamie Dopp of the University of Victoria's English department got the idea for the Victoria event after attending a similar gathering in Boston. "I thought, 'Why not do something like that here?' We've had a tremendous response that cuts across many disciplines—English, kinesiology, history, sport management—and it will be an opportunity for people to get together, share new knowledge about the game and talk hockey."

Several UVic researchers will be among the presenters. Writing professor Bill Gaston (who, like Dopp, plays hockey) will discuss his latest book *Midnight Hockey*. Colleague Lorna Jackson (who does not play hockey) will participate on a panel on the challenges of writing about the game. English professor Misao Dean will chair a panel on hockey and gender identity, and her colleague Doug Beardsley will chair a panel on hockey and history. Panel participant and filmmaker Brett Kashmere will show *Valery's Ankle*, his multimedia presentation about the 1972 Summit Series between Team Canada and Team USSR, with a focus on Bobby Clarke's slash on the late Valery Kharlamov's ankle that injured the Soviet star at a pivotal point in the series.

Keynote speakers include: Harley Hotchkiss, part owner of the Calgary Flames and chairman of the NHL board of governors; University of

Alberta political scientist David Whitsom, who is the co-editor of *Artificial Ice: Hockey, Culture and Commerce*; and Stephen Hardy, kinesiology professor and coordinator of the sports studies program at the University of New Hampshire, who's a former editor of *Sport Marketing Quarterly* and has written extensively about early hockey in America.

Presentations will examine the introduction of body checking in atom level hockey, how hockey culture reacts to sport-related concussions, the history of women's hockey, race and hockey, and a dissection of the controversial trade that sent Olympian Chris Pronger from Edmonton to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks last year.

Registration is still being accepted for the conference. Visit [www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=668](http://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=668) for program details and registration information or contact Dopp at 721-7251 or [jdopp@uvic.ca](mailto:jdopp@uvic.ca).

## UVic law team off to world championships in Australia

By Christine Roulston

There's no need for UVic to argue that its client counselling team is the best around. The team's winning record speaks for itself.

Law students Nicole Smith and Brigeeta Richdale recently returned from the American Bar Association's Client Counseling Competition in Dallas, Texas, where they won first place among 192 teams from across North America. The winning team is now headed to the World Client Counseling Competition taking place in Sydney, Australia from April 10 to 13.

What makes UVic's moot team stand out? "It's a combination of fac-

tors," says law professor Andrew Pirie who, along with Steve Perks and Marli Rusen, coached the team. "Nicole and Brigeeta show exceptional communication skills and the ability to empathize with the client. Judges are looking for communication skills, teamwork and legal knowledge."

Mooting as it relates to client counseling involves two students conducting a client interview in front of judges with a client (played by an actor) who is seeking legal advice. The students know only the most basic information about the problem the client will bring forward and have 45 minutes to conduct an interview and offer preliminary advice.

UVic law teams have already won the Western Canada Mock Trial Competition, placed second at the national mock trial competition in Ottawa and second in the Canada round of the Jessup International Moot Competition, qualifying the team for the world finals held last month in Washington, DC.

"UVic law attracts students who are interested in these skills-based activities and we have highly-skilled faculty who are interested in coaching," says Pirie. "We also have incredible support from the legal community, such as Heenan Blaikie, the law firm that supports students in traveling to the competitions."





### Pizza and ice cream for breakfast?

Over 150 student family members and friends joined Musa (above) at the fourth Annual No Foolin’ Breakfast hosted by the UVic Family Centre on Friday, March 30. Everyone enjoyed a free breakfast, musical entertainment, community special guests and some good old April Fool’s antics. The event celebrates the diversity and energy that families and children bring to campus life. Many local businesses, community members and UVic students volunteer their time for this popular event that is held every year around April Fool’s Day.

## Intro to campus life shaping up

The schedule is beginning to take shape for “Experience UVic” on May 26, a day of events providing Grade 12 students who have offers of admission, their parents and other high school students with a taste of campus life.

While the official program won’t start until the afternoon, an “Experience UVic” information tent will open at 9 a.m. at the Student Union Building (SUB) for check-in, and the Bookstore will open an hour earlier than usual, at 10 a.m.

Participants can attend a morning information session on how to register for classes and assemble a timetable, and tour the Medical Sciences Build-

ing and Ian Stewart Complex. The LE,NONET Project will be hosting an open house during the morning for prospective Indigenous students and their families.

“Experience UVic” will officially open over the noon hour in the McKinnon Gym with a brief opening ceremony with presentations by UVic students and alumni.

Volunteers will lead participants to the faculties of their choice to tour facilities, meet students and faculty members and learn more about course options. The information session on registration and timetables will repeat in the afternoon, and participants can

also visit the Student Union Building for an information fair on student services, an informal student coffee-house and presentations for students and parents.

There is no charge for “Experience UVic,” and those wanting to stay longer on campus can also register for “Destination UVic,” which includes residence accommodation and area tours. For more information visit [www.uvic.ca](http://www.uvic.ca) and click on the licence plate.

If you’d like to join the fun and share your enthusiasm for UVic as a volunteer at “Experience UVic” please contact Melana Mar at 472-4618 or [mmar@uvic.ca](mailto:mmar@uvic.ca).

## Paperless process for career planning

Paper-based résumés and job application letters will become relics of the past next month when Project Nova launches uHire, an online system for applying for UVic union and exempt positions, creating and storing résumés and cover letters, and tracking the application process.

The easy-to-use system will be accessible by both on- and off-campus applicants, and users will find that uHire contains features not usually found in online job application programs offered by other organizations and businesses.

“It will keep people connected to UVic,” says Bonnie Hallett, HR manager, employment services. “There will be improved communications with all job applicants. Applicants will

receive instant notification when their applications are received, if they’re short-listed and if a job interview is scheduled.”

UVic staff don’t have to wait until the official May 1 launch date to try out uHire. They can test its résumé building feature now. Staff with a Netlink ID and password can log on at <http://uhire.uvic.ca> to set up their account.

Easy instructions walk users through the process of building an online résumé that can be customized for each job application. Each uHire account has the capacity to store two cover letters as well.

The system’s creators worked extensively with equity groups on campus and in the community to ensure it is accessible to all, including those with

physical and visual disabilities.

Users are also invited to voluntarily supply information to help Human Resources determine its success at attracting applications from various identifiable groups for different employment categories.

Users can customize their uHire accounts to prompt them about job openings in specific job classifications and applicants with second thoughts can also withdraw applications prior to competition closing dates.

Anyone without a computer can still benefit from uHire since the system is accessible from any public Internet access point. Human Resources has installed four stations in its Sedgewick Building foyer to provide on-campus access.

## Digital upgrade for humanities and social sciences research

A national consortium of Canadian universities that has helped make thousands of electronic journals and online databases available to researchers in the sciences, engineering, health and environmental disciplines is about to do the same for the humanities and social sciences.

In February, the Canada Foundation for Innovation awarded \$19.1 million to the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN) to provide desktop access to a wide range of digital research content in the human and social sciences to its members—67 universities, large and small, including UVic. [See *The Ring*, March 2007.]

When leveraged with additional funding from universities and the provinces, the investment is expected to total \$47.7 million.

UVic President David Turpin, chair of the CRKN board of directors, describes the initiative as showing “how Canadian universities are collaborating on a large scale—across institutions, regions and disciplines—to advance research and innovation. CFI’s investment will provide Canadian scholars in the humanities and social sciences with a new level of access to digital resources.”

The initiative promises much more affordable and equitable access to digitized human and social sciences research content, including electronic journals, diaries, audio files, conference proceedings and databases.

Online availability of these resources is also expected to stimulate research collaboration across institutional and disciplinary boundaries and foster development of new methodologies, tools and online communities to address complex issues facing contemporary society.

The rate of digital publication in

the social sciences and humanities, as in other fields, is increasing rapidly. But access by Canada’s 800,000 faculty and grad students in the human and social sciences is uneven. Due to high purchase and subscription costs for e-resources, only the largest institutions in the world are able to supply their researchers with a comprehensive array of online resources in these fields.

This is where CRKN comes in. With its established expertise in content acquisition and its ability to negotiate based on a large membership, CRKN can obtain significant discounts in licensing and purchase agreements with Canadian and international publishers.

“This effectively levels the playing field so that small and medium-sized institutions can afford to provide these resources to their faculty and students,” says UVic’s University Librarian Marnie Swanson, who served for two years on the CRKN board of directors.

“This initiative indicates increased acceptance of the importance and utility of digital resources in the humanities,” says Dr. Andrew Rippin, dean of humanities. “It fits in with so many of the activities in the digital realm going on in this faculty.”

Dr. Peter Keller, dean of social sciences, says “In today’s world of team research and highly mobile researchers, access to publications any time and any place is so important. In our collaborative research environment, we often can’t wait weeks for interlibrary loans in order to discuss current findings. Digital access also allows us to do so much more at no extra cost, such as colour reproduction, animation and hyperlinking.”

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### Advances in Ecological Restoration

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This institute will bring together researchers, scientists, resource managers, resource industries, community leaders, policy makers, and students to learn and share knowledge on innovative techniques, approaches, and theories regarding restoring species at risk. The institute will feature a one and a half-day symposium: ***Saving the Pieces – Restoring Species at Risk*** (including invited speakers, panel discussion, and oral and poster presentations), professional development workshops, field trips, and restoration courses. Participants are invited to attend the full institute or to register for the symposium, specific courses, workshops and events.



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### Can you identify these pebbles?

School of Earth and Ocean Sciences professor Eileen Van der Flier-Keller has authored a guide to pebbles that has become a number-one children's bestseller in British Columbia. *A Field Guide to the Identification of Pebbles*, published by Harbour Publishing, is designed to help children and educators learn about the stories rocks tell and how they formed, as well as some interesting ways we use rocks and minerals. The full-colour, easy-to-use guide provides photos to identify over 28 different types of rocks and minerals from beaches and rivers.

## Climatologist named BC's top academic

by Valerie Shore

The efforts of a University of Victoria climatologist to understand the science of climate and weather—and communicate it to students, policy-makers and the general public—have won him a top provincial award.

Dr. Andrew Weaver, a professor in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, has been named Academic of the Year by the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC (CUFA-BC). The annual award honours a faculty member at a BC university whose academic research or scholarly activity has had a significant impact on the wider community.

“Andrew is being recognized for his work in engaging the public on climate change issues, and for his efforts to make weather science more exciting and comprehensible to elementary and secondary school students,” says Robert Clift, executive director of CUFA-BC.

Weaver is one of the world's leading authorities on climate change and the Canada Research Chair in Climate Modelling and Analysis. Since he joined UVic in 1992, he and his re-

search team have built one of the most sophisticated climate modelling facilities on the planet, featuring one of the world's fastest supercomputers.

Although Weaver is barely in mid-career, he has authored or co-authored more than 170 peer-reviewed papers in climate, meteorology, oceanography, earth science, policy, anthropology and education journals. He is also editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Climate*, considered the highest impact journal in the field.

A firm believer that public policy related to climate change be rooted in science, Weaver has served on many national and international committees. This February, he was one of 14 lead authors—and the only Canadian—of a key chapter on climate prediction in the fourth assessment of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

In recent years, Weaver has delivered hundreds of keynote addresses, lectures and presentations to technical and non-technical audiences around the world. He is also a frequent media commentator and editorialist.

The CUFA-BC award recognizes in particular the network of solar-powered weather monitoring stations

that Weaver and colleague Ed Wiebe have installed on the rooftops of more than 70 schools on southern Vancouver Island. The network, a partnership with several school districts, collects real-time weather information (available at [www.victoriaweather.ca](http://www.victoriaweather.ca)) and integrates it into the school curriculum.

“Physics and mathematics are often perceived as difficult and irrelevant,” says Weaver, who visits classrooms as often as he can. “What better way to demonstrate the relevance of science to kids than weather, something we see and feel every day?”

Weaver is the fifth UVic faculty member to be named Academic of the Year since the award was created in 1995. Previous winners were Nigel Livingston, director of the University of Victoria Assistive Technology Team (2005), environmental studies professor Nancy Turner (2002), chemist Reg Mitchell (2000), and child and youth care professor Sibylle Artz (1998).

CUFA/BC represents approximately 4,200 university professors, instructors, academic librarians and other academic staff at five BC universities.

## Aroundthering

### May means plant sale, garden tours

The ever-popular UVic Plant Sale will be on May 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the McKinnon Gym. Organized by the Finnerty Garden Friends, the sale will include almost everything for the garden: alpiners, annuals, hanging baskets, shrubs, trees, vegetables and a lot more. There's also a kid's section and a silent auction. It's best to arrive early to take advantage of the selection, and bring a carrying box or two as well. Visa, Mastercard and Interac accepted. Net proceeds from the sale support Finnerty Gardens. On May 13, Mother's Day, you can get a free guided tour of the site courtesy of the Finnerty Garden Friends. The tours will be offered between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., starting from the entrance to the Interfaith Chapel. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served.

### Get ready for Bike to Work Week

This year's Bike to Work Week will be from May 28 to June 3, but it's not too early to get your teams organized. And registration will open online by April 17 at [biketoworkvictoria.ca/](http://biketoworkvictoria.ca/). Last year, UVic fielded 56 teams with more than 500 riders in the citywide initiative to encourage physical activity and promote bicycle commuting.

### Fundraising easy as pie

Once again, the University of Victoria Engineering Students Society's Order of Pi has orchestrated an extremely successful fundraising campaign with its “Cream Pie a Friend for Charity” event last month. This year the Order of Pi creamed 85 people and raised \$2,759 for the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children. During the five-day event a donation of at least \$10 from an “accuser” brought a team of musical monks, equipped with the latest in medieval pieing equipment, to a location chosen by the accuser. When the accused was found guilty of the charge he or she received a cream pie in the face. To be found innocent, the accused had to donate \$5 more than the previous donation and lay charges against someone they knew to be deserving of the justice of Pi. The Order of Pi has been the society's annual fundraiser since 1993. For more information visit [www.engr.uvic.ca/~pi](http://www.engr.uvic.ca/~pi).

### Engineering students design the future

A unique design that allows video game enthusiasts to exercise while playing video games was just one of 13 projects on display when UVic's fourth-year electrical and computer engineering students presented their final design projects last month. Other projects on view included: a monitor to keep track of household power consumption; a chip that recognizes user-spoken commands in real time and issues commands to household appliances; a solar-powered LED flasher system to improve school zone indicators; a device to catalog and track artwork; and a campus navigation system designed for hand-held wireless devices. Awards were given for the best designs by the local chapter of the international organization, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. For a complete list of projects and awards visit [www.ece.uvic.ca/499](http://www.ece.uvic.ca/499) and click on “current projects.”

### Lock your car

Campus Security Services is advising those parking at UVic to take extra precautions, as car thefts on campus have increased over the past month. Tom Downie, assistant director of Campus Security, says people should use a visible anti-theft device, avoid leaving valuables in the vehicle, and make sure to lock their doors. Campus security is continuing to patrol parking lots on a regular basis.

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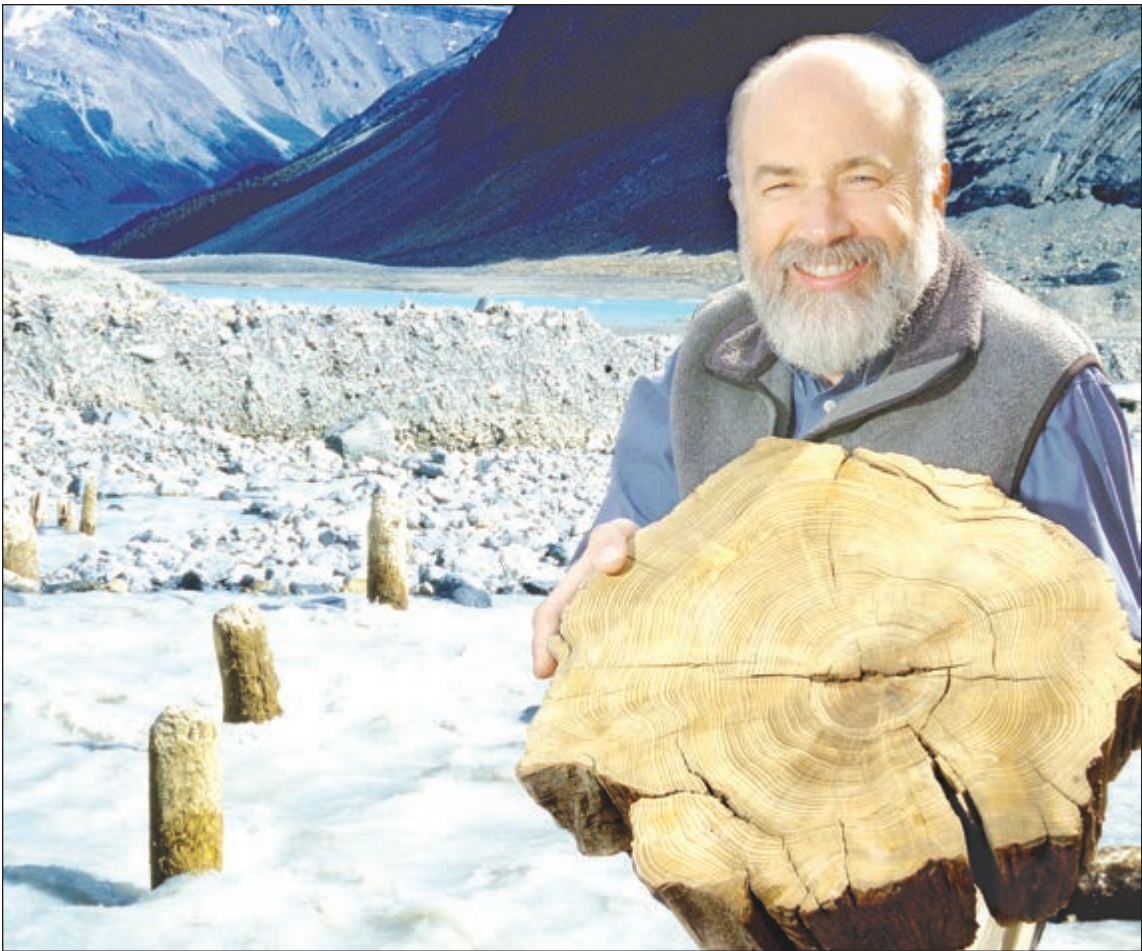
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# Geographer tracks climate change through tree fibres

By Suzanne Smith

Trees hold answers to many questions on climate change, and a new facility that opened in January in Vancouver will give University of Victoria geographer Dan Smith and his graduate students the opportunity to expand their research in this area.

The EvaluTree facility is a joint initiative of UVic, the University of Northern British Columbia and FPInnovations (<http://www.paprican.ca/>). Located at FPInnovations' Vancouver laboratory, the multi-million-dollar facility includes state-of-the-art instruments that use advanced x-ray technology to study wood fibre.

Smith and his graduate students will use the instruments located at the EvaluTree facility and a filmless

x-ray densitometer in UVic's tree-ring laboratory to examine the quality and characteristics of wood fibres in living trees and in the remains of trees once buried by glaciers.

"Because the characteristics of wood fibres vary in response to changes in climate, our studies will provide insights on past and ongoing climate changes," explains Smith. "If wood fibre properties respond to seasonal climates, this research could give us greater insights into long-term changes in our climate as well as changes in the weather over the growing season."

Silviscan, one of the instruments available to Smith and his graduate students at the EvaluTree facility, is one of three in the world. "This is an exceptional opportunity for our

graduate students to have access to leading-edge technology," says Smith. "It has the potential to revolutionize the way we study climate change in our forests."

For the past decade, Smith's research team has been studying the annual growth rings of trees. These trees provide detailed information about the movement of glaciers over time and the associated changes in climate. With the capabilities of this new research facility, Smith hopes to discover whether tree fibres provide a better measure of climate change than annual tree rings.

Funding for the EvaluTree facility was provided by the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the British Columbia Knowledge Development Fund.

# Most home caregivers coping well

By Beth Haysom

University of Victoria gerontologist Dr. Neena Chappell has good news for governments preparing to cope with the demands of an aging population—caregivers for seniors living in their own homes are doing just fine, thanks.

This was one of the findings in a three-year study of Vancouver Island caregivers undertaken by Chappell for the UVic Centre on Aging and presented recently to the Senate Committee on Aging in Ottawa.

Contrary to the widely-held belief that people caring for the elderly in their homes are close to burnout and living stress-filled lives, the in-depth study of 91 caregivers in Greater Victoria, Duncan and Nanaimo showed that most are coping well.

"In fact, for the most part, they are astonishingly resilient," says Chappell, who is the Canada Research Chair in Social Gerontology and an internationally-recognized leader in the field of seniors' issues. "They (caregivers) may be burdened, but at the same time, their quality of life is often good; they're proud of what they're doing and feel fulfilled."

This is important information for government and agencies providing resources for a society in which about 25 per cent of its population will be over 60 by 2020, says Chappell. "Politicians are afraid that offering more supports for caregivers will open the floodgates of demands," she says. "But the good news is that all the evidence points to the fact that this is not going to happen."

Chappell's advice to government and seniors' support agencies is to target resources for the minority of seniors' caregivers who are struggling to cope and to ensure that home support provided generally for seniors

also takes caregivers' needs into account.

She recommends more practical assistance with seniors' physical needs, such as transport, housework and bathing, that will help them remain in their homes longer supported by informal caregivers and save the government money spent on long-term care.

Chappell's book *Aging in Contemporary Canada*, just released in its second edition, includes a chapter that focuses on social supports for older adults. Her findings from the Vancouver Island caregivers study are expected to be published in Health Watch and other academic journals.

The study focused on caregiver coping skills in terms of burden, stress, self esteem and life satisfaction. Several caregivers

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offered suggestions for staying positive: don't go it alone; get counseling if you need it; involve the recipient of care in decisions; make a point of remembering the personality of the recipient in their younger days; take the time to listen well; and take time for yourself.

For her next project Chappell wants to continue her studies of filial piety—the concept, widely-accepted in Asian society, that young people have a duty and obligation to care for their elderly relatives—and how it affects attitudes to aging in Canada and Hong Kong.

"People tend to think that elderly people in Canada, as in other western societies, are independent of their families. It's another misconception," says Chappell. "In fact most Canadian families do look after their aging parents and do it very well."

The study "Caregiving: Why Some Cope Well" was funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

# Inaugural award honours social work grad

Miki Hansen, BSW '88, received the inaugural Alayne Hamilton Community Social Worker Award at a ceremony hosted by the UVic School of Social Work and the BC Association of Social Workers March 28.

Hansen graduated the same year that World AIDS Day was conceived and adopted by 140 countries meeting at the first World Summit of Ministers of Health on the AIDS epidemic. Today, as executive director for AIDS Vancouver Island, Hansen is keenly aware of the scourge this disease has raked on the global community. She has just returned from Libode, South

Africa, where AIDS Vancouver Island is working on a project focusing on bereavement support for children affected by HIV and AIDS.

The award is named in honour of the late founder of the Family Violence Project, the BC Violence Against Women in Relationship Committee and the Ending Relationship Abuse Society of BC, who died in August 2006. Over 75 attendees were a testament to the loss that is felt throughout the social work community. "This award is our way of thanking Alayne for her passionate contributions to social work education and her commitment to

social justice," said Barb Whittington, award committee member and professor in the School of Social Work.

Other nominees included: Tomoko Okada, UVic Family Centre; Brenda Macevicius, Esquimalt Neighbourhood House; David Turner, Professor, UVic School of Social Work; Jani Cardinal, Alzheimers Resource Centre; and Sandee Mitchell, Camosun College First Nations Program.

"I am humbled to be among this group of nominees, and my personal connection to Alayne and her family makes this tribute especially sweet," says Hansen.

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environment, while \$200,000 more is allocated to student recruitment initiatives aimed at attracting the best graduate and undergraduate students to the university.

The budget framework includes modest increases in child care, housing and parking fees. Revenue from parking funds the highly successful transportation demand management

(TDM) program, which has led to a 30-per-cent reduction in traffic to campus over the past 10 years—despite a 15-per-cent growth in the student population.

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# PEREDO HONoured FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESEARCH

By Dianne George

Dr. Ana Maria Peredo (business) is taking special delight in her research fieldwork these days. She was recently able to visit the communities that gave rise to her unique field, but also, because of the extent of her research publications, she has won the 2007 Western Academy of Management Ascendant Scholar Award.

"I am honoured to receive this award. The Western Academy of Management is very generous in its recognition of my research, and I am very grateful," says Peredo. "I would also like to recognize my mentor, UVic Business professor Dr. Craig Pinder, who is a terrific support."

Much of Peredo's research looks at the role that cultural and social values play in the economic well-being of a community. She is heavily influenced by her early experience as a journalist working in her native Peru and as a graduate researcher in anthropology, working in Andean communities.

"I found myself drawn into a deeper consideration of the way that forms of exchange are embedded in social networks and rituals. I came to see that the market economy is just one of several economic systems rooted in the social and cultural mix of rural communities.

"I am convinced that a key to interrupting the cycle of poverty and privation lies in taking full advantage of the resources that poor people often have in themselves and, notably, in their communities," she says.

To illustrate her point, Peredo describes the experience of the people in a village named Chaquicocha, with whom she has been conducting research for 15 years. The villagers faced growing hardship as a result of land degradation and increased demands of a growing population. With a strong tradition of communal action, they came together to consider what they might do to supplement their living. They came to see that the location of their village could be a solution. Located half-way between a major city and smaller villages, the community established a weekly trade fair and rented space to people from their own and neighbouring communities. Renters used the spaces to sell or exchange a variety of goods and services, and the community used the rental revenue to supplement their agricultural income and help fund the school and the health centre.

"What I bring is the belief that they have rich resources in themselves. Relying on donations and

hand-outs is not sustainable. By encouraging them in their efforts to draw on their social and cultural heritage, I can support them in realizing the possibilities they have in themselves."

Peredo is one of four scholars presented with the 2007 Ascendant Scholar Award, which recognizes outstanding young researchers no more than seven years out from their PhD program who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in research. Since gaining her doctorate in 2001, Peredo has written or co-authored more than a dozen research articles pertaining to the

issue of sustainable community development.

In addition to examining social and Indigenous forms of entrepreneurship, Peredo has work involving a number of SSHRC grants under way. Two of these look at the role of co-operatives in rural and remote BC. The central theme is to determine how communities are responding with new business ideas to the challenges of resource depletion in fishing and forestry activities. A companion grant will allow her to develop teaching cases to support new learning in this area.

"In many ways, my overall aim

remains what it has been from the beginning: to find ways of addressing poverty that are sensitive to local culture and endowments. But the ways of understanding that aim are modified regularly by what I read and hear and think. What seems to remain constant is the idea that understanding and nurturing a form of locally rooted entrepreneurship is a key element in dealing with want. That keeps me excited about the research I do, and the teaching connected with it," she says with eyes sparkling with the passion she brings to her work.



Peredo (in ball cap and striped shirt) visits people in the desperately poor Andean village of Pataquehaur. She has worked with similar communities that have improved their circumstances through communal action.

## UVic researchers contribute to International Polar Year

By Christine Roulston

Two University of Victoria scientists have received federal funding to conduct cutting-edge research in the Arctic.

Dr. Jay Cullen, faculty member in earth and ocean sciences, and Alana Kronstal, master's student in the Studies in Policy and Practice program, will be contributing research towards the International

Polar Year (IPY), a large scientific program focused on examining physical, biological and social issues in the Arctic and the Antarctic.

IPY is organized from March 2007 to March 2009 through the International Council for Science and the World Meteorological Organization and involves over 200 projects, with thousands of scientists from over 60 nations.

"IPY takes place only every

50 years, and this year, as climate change has moved to the forefront it's exciting to be a part of this," says Cullen. "Nowhere are the effects of climate change more pronounced than in the polar regions."

Cullen is part of an 11-member research team from six institutions that will study climate change and its effect on Arctic sea ice cover.

Sea ice plays an important role in the biological productivity of

the Arctic. The growth of marine algae is highest at the ice edge during the brief summer period. Algae provide the main source of nourishment for fish—algae can also serve to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

"Will the Arctic be as productive as the climate warms?" asks Cullen. "That is what we want to determine. We know as sea ice melts more light reaches the water, spurring the growth of algae. We also know that more productivity in the ocean means less carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. But we're not sure if, on the whole, ice melting will enhance this carbon dioxide exchange or have the opposite effect."

Specifically, Cullen will look at how melting ice cover may affect the distribution of iron in the ocean, an element that all organisms, including algae, need to survive.

On the social side of life in the Arctic, Alana Kronstal is part of a team looking into how rapid industrial development and climate change in the North impacts residents' health and well-being.

Growing up in Yellowknife, Kronstal witnessed first-hand the impacts of new development.

"I wondered why certain groups benefit while others do so poorly

in the face of wealth and development," she says.

After completing a BSc in health promotion, she returned to the North to work in community-based research in the Northwest Territories and Yukon.

Before beginning her master's at UVic, Kronstal began to look into how she could get involved with an IPY project. She is now a co-investigator on a multidisciplinary project led by a Canadian-Norwegian research team studying the risks and benefits of oil and gas activity on people in the Arctic using a multiple securities perspective.

"Multiple securities means looking at human security in a broad context," says Kronstal. "Instead of just focusing on things like national security, it takes into account various faces of security, such as human health and environmental security."

Kronstal's contribution to the project involves examining how changes in the Arctic are affecting front-line community health practitioners. "They are the people who are witnessing the effects of this first-hand," says Kronstal. "They have a tremendous expertise that needs to be shared."

For more on IPY, visit <http://www.ipy.org/>



Kronstal and Cullen



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## Warm welcome for new director of Indigenous affairs

Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi (above left) was welcomed as director of UVic's Office of Indigenous Affairs at a celebration March 8 at the University Club. BC Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations Shawn Atleo (at right) attended, as well as many students and members of the Indigenous community. The Office of Indigenous Affairs, which replaces the former Aboriginal Liaison Office, has an expanded role and mandate in keeping with the university's goal to be the university of choice for Indigenous students. Both the office and position are unique among BC universities and reinforce UVic's strong commitment to Indigenous education.

## Masterminds

Lectures and art by UVic retirees to nourish the mind and soul

It's not a quiz show, but a chance for you to learn from a lifetime of research, creativity and involvement by active University of Victoria retirees. The UVic Retirees Association and the Centre on Aging—with support from the university—are presenting a series of four lectures and an art exhibit. The Masterminds 2007 lecture series will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Hickman Building, room 105.

On April 11, Dr. Elizabeth Tumasonis will speak on "Is There Art After 60? Late-Life Style in Art.. Her lecture will survey the later works of long-lived artists such as Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Goya, Monet, Picasso, Matisse and

O'Keeffe, who created some of their most beautiful, powerful and innovative works after 60.

"Does Air Travel Make You Sick? Air Quality in Small Spaces" will be the topic of Dr. Martin Hocking on April 18. He will discuss aircraft cabin air quality and ventilation and briefly relate this information to other enclosed spaces, such as submarines and spacecraft.

Dr. Mary-Wynne Ashford will speak on "War as a Preventable Disease" on April 25. She will discuss the role of a civil society in preventing war.

"The Curious Mind: An Exploration of the Creative Process" will be the topic of Dr. W. D. (Bill) Valgard-

son on May 2. He will focus on the inner workings of the creative process, and helping writers and others to maximize their potential.

Please register for the lectures by calling 472-4473 and plan to arrive early, because seating will be limited.

In addition, the UVic Retirees Association is hosting an art exhibit from April 13 to June 7 in which the diversity and talents of 22 artists will be showcased at the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery. The gallery is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to all of the Masterminds events is free. For more information visit [www.uvic.ca/masterminds](http://www.uvic.ca/masterminds).



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**Masterminds: An Art Exhibition by UVic Retirees** April 13 to June 7. The diversity and talents of 22 artists will be showcased at the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. University Centre Bldg.

**Artists at Work: Photographs of BC First Nations by Ulli Steltzer.** Until June 1. Black and white portraits of North West Coast carvers, weavers and other First Nations artists. McPherson Library Gallery.

**All Sorts.** April 20–27 Visual Arts graduation exhibition featuring painting, photography, sculpture, video, digital media, and installations from over 40 graduating students. The opening on April 20 at 7 p.m. will have live music, as well as food and beverages. Regular viewing April 21–27, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visual Arts Bldg. 813-1832

Tuesday, April 10

Stressed? Come walk the Labyrinth. Find some calm in the midst of a stressful day. Simple instructions for meditative walking of the labyrinth are posted. April 10–12, 16–19, 23–26. Interfaith Chapel. 721-8338

**Psychology Lecture** 3 p.m. *Taoist Psychology: A New Social-cognitive Model for Understanding Mental Well-being and Interpersonal Harmony.* Key Sun, PhD, MSW, visiting scholar at UVic. Cornett A228. 721-7537

Wednesday, April 11

**Masterminds Lecture** 7 p.m. *Is There Art After 60? Late-life Style in Art.* Dr. Elizabeth Tumasonis, former chair of UVic's Dept. of History in Art. Hickman 105. Register 472-4473 [www.uvic.ca/masterminds](http://www.uvic.ca/masterminds)

Saturday, April 14

**Memorial Colloquium** 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Peter Smith Memorial Colloquium in Classical Literature.* University Centre Bldg., Senate Chambers. 721-8514

Monday, April 16

**Engaging Disability Lecture** 7 p.m. *Growing Human Rights in Canada: Disability, Dignity and Respect.* Jim Derksen, disability policy consultant and teacher, Univ. of Manitoba. University Centre Bldg., Senate Chambers. 721-6297 [www.uvic.ca/disinst](http://www.uvic.ca/disinst)

Wednesday, April 18

**Masterminds Lecture** 7 p.m. *Does Air Travel Make You Sick? Air Quality in Small Spaces.* Dr. Martin Hocking, prof. emeritus in UVic's chemistry dept. Hickman 105. Register 472-4473 [www.uvic.ca/masterminds](http://www.uvic.ca/masterminds)

Monday, April 23

**Engaging Disability Lecture** 7 p.m. *Wearing My Heart on My Sleeve: Unfolding the Politics of Clothing Among Women with Disabilities.* Kathryn Church, School of Disabil-

ity, Ryerson Univ. University Centre Bldg., Senate Chambers. 721-6297 [www.uvic.ca/disinst](http://www.uvic.ca/disinst)

Wednesday, April 25

**Masterminds Lecture** 7 p.m. *War as a Preventable Disease.* Dr. Mary-Wynne Ashford, Adjunct Prof. in UVic's School of Child & Youth Care. Hickman 105. Register 472-4473 [www.uvic.ca/masterminds](http://www.uvic.ca/masterminds)

Monday, April 30

**Engaging Disability Lecture** 7 p.m. *Breast Cancer Narratives and the Maintenance of Ignorance.* Dr. Judy Z. Segal, UBC, member of

the President's International Advisory Committee of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and a Distinguished Scholar in Residence of the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. University Centre Bldg., Senate Chambers. 721-6297 [www.uvic.ca/disinst](http://www.uvic.ca/disinst)

Wednesday, May 2

**Masterminds Lecture** 7 p.m. *The Curious Mind: An Exploration of the Creative Process.* Dr. William Valgardson, prof. emeritus in UVic's writing dept. Hickman Bldg., 105. Register 472-4473 [www.uvic.ca/masterminds](http://www.uvic.ca/masterminds)

When is the next Ring?

Calendar items should be sent by 4 p.m. on the copy deadline date shown below to UVic Communications (Sedgewick C149, fax 721-8955, e-mail [ucom@uvic.ca](mailto:ucom@uvic.ca)) or entered into the online calendar ([www.uvic.ca/events](http://www.uvic.ca/events)). For information call 721-7636.

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Thursday, July 12 .....	Wednesday, July 4

Podcasting the UVic Experience



UVic Communications, students from the professional writing department and the folks at CFUV, have collaborated to produce a pilot UVic podcasting program this spring. Called UVic This Week, the five-minute cast covers happenings on campus and upcoming events and takes listeners deeper into the UVic experience.

The "Who's Who" feature segment introduces those behind the campus scene, and "Question of the Week" samples students' responses to timely topics from

dealing with daylight savings time disorientation to coping with end-of-term stress.

The goal is to showcase the elements that comprise the UVic experience and explore what makes the University of Victoria distinct.

A new cast is posted on UVic's homepage each Wednesday and can also be accessed at <http://communications.uvic.ca/podcasting> along with past casts. Based on the success of the spring pilot, the program will be launched in September after a summer hiatus.



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# Ringers

**Dr. Aaron Devor** has been reappointed for a second five-year term as dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective July 1. Devor joined UVic in 1989 to teach in the Department of Sociology and received his doctorate from the University of Washington shortly thereafter. He served as associate dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences from 2000-02 and as dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies from 2002-07. His scholarship has been recognized by his election as a Fellow of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, and his teaching has been honoured by his selection as a 3M Fellow of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

**Wendy Gedney** (education '83) was honoured at a Faculty of Education recognition reception March 16 as the recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Education Alumni Award. Her contributions to the field of elementary teaching and learning are legendary. She has found a way to integrate music, sports, environmental awareness, global arts, the importance of poetry, living in a multi-cultural society, gardening, global citizenship, being hip and having fun into her classrooms at Doncaster Elementary, James Bay Community School, Lampson Street School, McKenzie Elementary and Gordon Head Elementary. She is the founding chair of the Faculty of Education Alumni Chapter and has volunteered for the Royal Jubilee Hospital, the Labatt's Briar, Commonwealth Games, B.C. Festival of the Arts, Babe Ruth Baseball Tournaments and B.C. Summer Games. Other honorands included recipients of the faculty's Award of Teaching Excellence: **Drs. John Durkin and Brian Harvey** (educational psychology and leadership studies).

Multimedia artist **Luanne Martineau** (visual arts) has been honoured with a \$12,000 VIVA award from the Jack and Doris Shadbolt Foundation for the Visual Arts. They are given annually to two mid-career artists who have demonstrated strong creative potential and a long-term commitment to their craft.

**Akshay Rathore** (electrical and computer engineering) has been selected to be listed in Marquis' 25th silver anniversary edition of *Who's Who in the World* and the 2008 edition of *Who's Who in America*. Both publications will be released this fall. Rathore is included in these print directories on the basis of the reference values of his achievements and research contributions. Last year he was listed in the 2006 edition of Marquis' *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*. He is currently pursuing a PhD in the area of power electronics with fuel-cell applications. Marquis' publications chronicle the world's foremost inventors, award-winners, industry executives, educators, writers and philosophers whose efforts are advancing human knowledge.

It's that time of year again and with it comes the wind up of the 2006/07 athletic season for the **University of Victoria Vikes**. The men's basketball team finished their Canada West regular season with a 20–3 record, ending their outstanding season with 11 home court wins, earning them a spot in the CW Final Four in McKinnon Gym. With a season riddled with injuries, the women's basketball team battled hard through their regular season and threatened to topple the top-ranked SFU Clan in the Pacific Division finals before losing the series 2–1. In track, the UVic men's 2 x 800 relay team took their second consecutive CIS gold medal. Mark Chenery also claimed silver in the pentathlon. In the pool, Mackenzie Downing swam her way to four silver medals at the CIS Championships while rookie Matt Pariselli claimed silver in the 1500-metre event. Wrapping up the season, the men's golf team continued their success with rookie Steven Lane claiming two individual titles along with the team's overall win in the Warrior Invite earlier this month. The UVic men's hockey team finished their inaugural season with a first-place finish in the newly established British Columbia Intercollegiate Hockey League.

# Inmemoriam

Zoë Read, who was in her final year of studies in biology and psychology, died March 13. Zoë was from Salmo, BC, and transferred to UVic in 2005. She was a vibrant young woman who embraced life with an infectious smile and laughter in her eyes. Zoë had an ebullient personality and was ready to explore life and all it had to offer. She was also a dedicated student who immersed herself in her studies. For an instructor, it was a pleasure and a treat to have her as a student. Zoë had an inquisitive mind and always wanted to get to the bottom of things. Even when faced with having to understand complex concepts and having to memorize a lot of details, she never lost her sunny disposition, ready smile and sense of humour. For her colleagues, she will be missed not only as a friend but also as a valued member of study groups, some of which she organized, and as an active contributor to group projects. She touched everyone whom she met and brightened their day. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF DON BRENNAN is spent multi-tasking: serving people in line, answering phones, tracing books, handling email requests about renewing or recalling books and selling vending cards for copiers and printers. Brennan is a library assistant in Access Services, working primarily at the main loan desk. His is the voice on the public address system announcing the library closing every night. “At the loan desk, time goes fast. On an average day, we check in or out more than 2,500 books and answer about 1,800 questions. Our job is public service,” he says. Staff take turns “discharging” books: checking them when they are returned, readying them for

shelving. Claims return processing involves searching for a book that may have been returned but slipped through the system without being checked off. “With over 1.9 million books and approximately 33 miles of shelving, this can happen,” Brennan explains. “If a borrower tells us they returned the book, we search for it. We either find it or we contact them again, diplomatically, to confirm they did return it. It can be delicate.” Don started at UVic in 1984 as a mature student in theatre and writing, did a co-op in journalism and was active at the *Martlet*. He started working at the library in 1989 to pay off his loans. The loans are gone, but he finds the library a stimulating

place to work. “It’s a great resource; a real hub. I have a real respect for borrowers doing their own scholarly endeavors—whether it’s an eminent researcher or a pensioner looking for historical data from their hometown. There are so many people who come here for the sheer love of learning.” Outside work, Brennan teaches guitar and performs occasionally on guitar, Appalachian dulcimer and Irish bouzouki. He also loves sketching and has produced a series of greeting cards of island scenes. “People ask if we get to read books all the time because we work at the library. I think we all have a shelf of library books at home we intend to read, but don’t often get around to it!” he laughs.

## UVic takes the prize at national engineering competition

By Maria Lironi

A group of computer, electrical, mechanical and software engineering students—known as UVic’s Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Design Team (AUVic)—has won two national engineering awards. The students are building an autonomous underwater vehicle—a submersible robot that is capable of completing intelligent tasks without aid from human operators. AUVs are used extensively in science, industry and the military. Scientists use AUVs to study the ocean and the ocean floor. Oil and gas companies employ AUVs to make detailed maps of the seafloor before they start building subsea infrastructure. These maps allow for cost-effective installation

of pipelines with minimal disruption to the environment. A typical military mission for an AUV is to map an area to determine if there are any mines. The team took its project to the Canadian Engineering Competition (CEC) last month in Saskatoon and won first place in CEC’s innovative design competition as well as a special award for technical excellence. “As individuals who work on this project day and night it was exciting for us to not only see our work pay off but to see the excitement it aroused throughout the entire competition,” says AUVic team leader Matt Burdyny. “It has been exciting to watch the AUVic team mature under Matt’s leadership,” says Dean of

Engineering Dr. Michael Miller. “This interdisciplinary student-led project expands greatly on the students’ educational experience combining technical, communication and project management tasks. It shows what our excellent students are capable of.” The CEC is an annual event attended by 150 engineering students from across Canada. It promotes communication, design, and ingenuity—encouraging students to develop their professional skills in a competitive environment. The event also fosters an important link between Canadian engineering students, industry, government and academia. For more information about AUVic visit [www.engr.uvic.ca/~auv/](http://www.engr.uvic.ca/~auv/).



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