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Renewed strategic plan approved

The university's renewed strategic plan—*A Vision for the Future: Building on Strength*—was approved by the senate and board of governors in January.

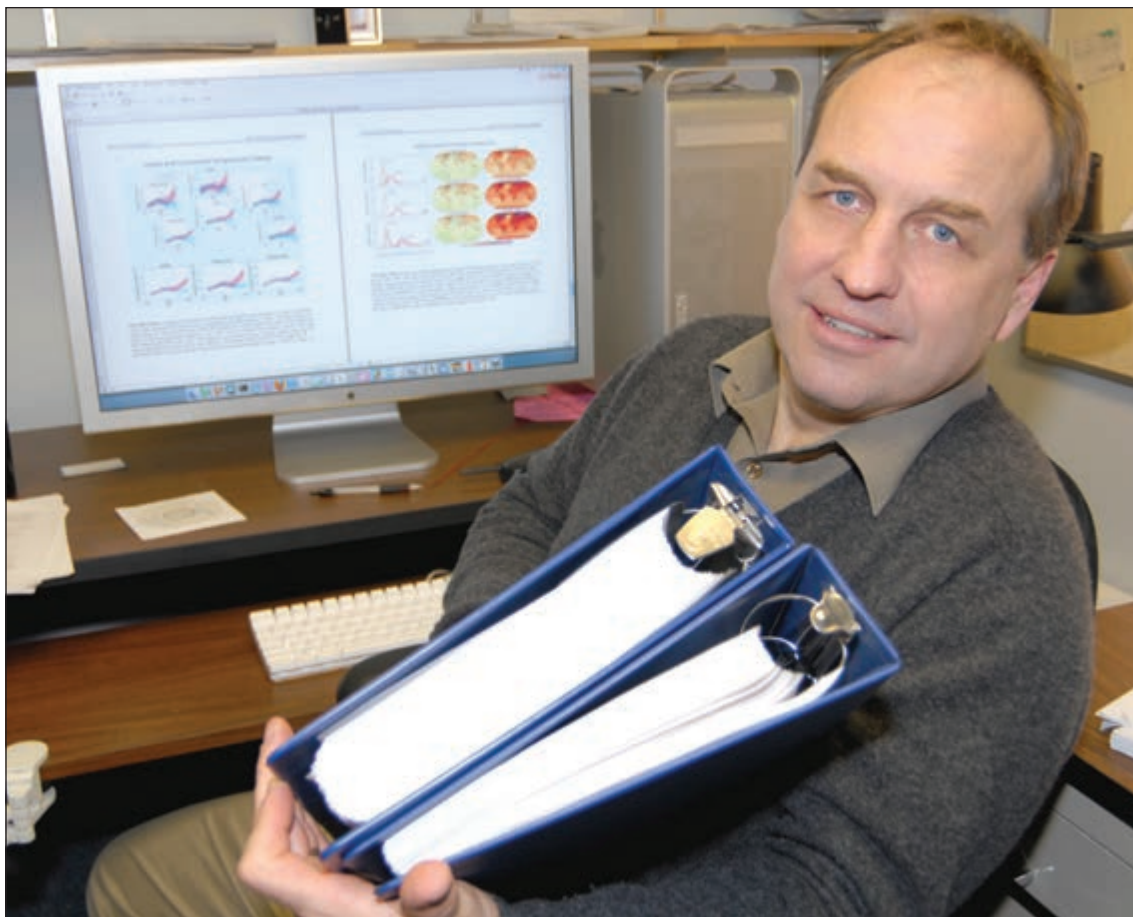
The renewal process, led by the planning and priorities committee, began in the fall of 2005 with the publication of the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan. During the winter and spring of 2006, the committee held over 60 consultations on and off campus, focusing on the future directions of the university. Students, faculty, staff, retirees, alumni and others in the community also provided written input.

The consultations reaffirmed the direction established in *A Vision for the Future* (the university's strategic plan approved in 2002) and endorsed the university's four goals under the headings of People, Quality, Community and Resources. A draft of the renewed plan was prepared over the summer of 2006 and published for comment last fall.

In response to changes in the post-secondary environment, the renewed plan emphasizes the importance of recruiting highly qualified students at all levels and fostering their success, expanding graduate programs, recruiting and retaining outstanding faculty and staff, sustaining momentum in research, and promoting diversity, civic engagement and environmental sustainability.

"A huge number of people participated in the renewal process, for which I'm extremely grateful," notes David Turpin, president and chair of the planning and priorities committee. "I look forward to continuing to work with all members of the university community in the years ahead to accomplish the goals we have established for ourselves."

The strategic plan will be distributed widely beginning in mid-February. In the interim, the text-only version of the final plan is available as a PDF document on the UVic website at <http://web.uvic.ca/strategicplan/>.



VALERIE SHORE

Hot topic

University of Victoria climatologist Andrew Weaver holds up two binders containing the hottest topic on the planet on Feb. 2—the first volume of the latest climate assessment by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Six UVic-based researchers contributed to the IPCC report. As a lead author of the chapter on climate prediction, Weaver became one of the most sought-after media interviews in the world. Over several days, he fielded more than 100 media requests from across Canada and the US and as far away as Ireland, Paris and Chile. For a story on the climate modelling work in Weaver's lab, see p. 2.

Are we killing the world's oceans?

Forum addresses human impacts on the seas

How will global warming affect ocean circulation and sea levels in the centuries to come? Are we destroying the world's coral reefs? Why are dead zones in the oceans on the rise? Can aquaculture be environmentally sustainable? And how are we all responsible for the collapse of coastal fisheries?

Want to hear some answers from world experts? And discuss with them some of the steps we can all take to reverse the damage?

Then plan to attend a Feb. 21–22 public forum at the University of Victoria on "Are We Killing the World's Oceans?" Presented by UVic and RSC: The Academies (formerly



the Royal Society of Canada), the forum will address issues of critical importance to the future of the Earth's oceans.

The event is one of a series of RSC–university Forums on Taboo Topics, intended to provide policymakers and the public with an opportunity to critically examine controversial issues and explore policy solutions.

Speakers will include experts from Canada, Chile, Germany, Scotland and the US. Researchers, government decision-makers, environmental and marine organizations and the general public are invited to attend.

The forum kicks off at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, with a free public lecture by Dr. Daniel Pauly, director of the Fisheries Centre at the University of British Columbia and one of the world's leading fisheries conservation scientists.

Winner of the 2005 International Cosmos Prize for research excellence and the 2006 Volvo Prize as a pioneer

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Champion of human rights to visit

Sally Armstrong delivers "Lived Rights" lecture

Her quest to expose human rights violations and campaign for equal rights for women has taken her to many of the world's most troubled areas and next month Sally Armstrong will speak at UVic about her extraordinary life.

Armstrong will discuss "Human Rights—Human Wrongs" on March 9 at 5:30 p.m. in Fraser 159 as part of the "Lived Rights" lecture series sponsored by the International Women's Rights Project in UVic's Centre for Global Studies.

A former editor of *Homemakers* magazine, a contributing editor to

Maclean's magazine and an Amnesty International Award winner, Armstrong is also the author of *Veiled Threat: The Hidden Power of Women of Afghanistan* and the forthcoming *The Nine Lives of Charlotte Taylor: First Woman Settler on the Minamichi*.

Armstrong's stories and documentary films from conflict zones such as Bosnia, Somalia and Rwanda have earned her many awards. She's served as a director with the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies and the Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre.

Armstrong's 1997 story for *Home-*

maker's on the plight of Afghan women was one of the first stories to be filed from the region following the Taliban takeover. It was one of several hard-hitting stories Armstrong featured in the magazine after becoming its editor in 1988.

Her journalism career started when the former teacher and expectant mother wrote some articles on fitness for *Canadian Living*. Her assignments soon became more varied and topical. In 1998 she was named a member of the Order of Canada and in 2002 she was named as UNICEF's Special Representative to Afghanistan.

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Hunt-Jinnouchi meets with environmental studies graduate student Tom Child, who is researching contaminant levels in Vancouver Island First Nations communities' traditional marine foods.

UVic appoints first director of Indigenous affairs

By Christine Roulston

Frances (Fran) Hunt-Jinnouchi is a strong advocate of listening to a person's needs and then acting accordingly.

"It's important to respond to the students' needs and the needs of the Aboriginal community instead of just saying, 'This is what we have to offer,'" says the newly appointed first director of UVic's new Office of Indigenous Affairs. "Once we understand their needs, things can start to fall into place. It might involve alternative forms of education, such as field centres, where educational programs can be delivered in the community."

It's that kind of forward thinking that makes Hunt-Jinnouchi a perfect fit for the new Office of Indigenous Affairs, which replaces the former

Aboriginal Liaison Office, and 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.

"I feel we are on the threshold of an incredible movement at UVic and I'm looking forward to assisting in the process," says Hunt-Jinnouchi, who puts building relationships with Indigenous students and partnering with Vancouver Island's Aboriginal communities at the top of her priority list.

Hunt-Jinnouchi will also play a key and influential role in developing UVic policy, says Associate Vice-

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Weaving traditional education with hands-on learning

Course instructor Charlene George (third from right) and UVic students put the final touches on the Earth Fibres textiles mural. The art project is part of “Earth Fibres, Weaving Stories: Learning and Teaching in an Indigenous World,” a course Dr. Lorna Williams (curriculum and instruction) designed to expose students to traditional Indigenous learning and teaching practices. Students, artists and mentors worked together with Indigenous fabric and textile arts while learning about the traditional stories and songs associated with each textile piece. The group unveiled the project in a special ceremony on Jan. 12.

Back to the future

UVic scientists use advanced computer models to simulate past climates
—and help shape future climate change policies

Climate changes, that’s a fact. Twenty thousand years ago, Victoria was covered by kilometre-thick ice and the average global temperature was four degrees colder.

Now, with overwhelming evidence that human activities are increasing global temperatures, University of Victoria climatologist Andrew Weaver is asking a key question: can the study of past climate changes help us predict future ones?

Understanding Earth’s climate system is no trivial task. Climate is incredibly complex, involving interactions among the atmosphere, ocean, biosphere and cryosphere (snow and ice surfaces).

One approach researchers can take is to design sophisticated computer models to simulate past, present and future climates. These models act as virtual laboratories, allowing researchers to perform climate experiments that can’t be done in the real world.

At the University of Victoria, Weaver has built one of the most sophisticated climate modelling facilities on the planet, featuring one of the world’s fastest supercomputers. Several years ago, he and his climate modelling group developed an Earth system climate model, now used by researchers around the world to study long-term climate change.

One climate puzzle that Weaver is investigating with the model is how past climate changes are

linked to the global carbon cycle. Carbon dioxide and methane are continuously exchanged among the atmosphere, oceans and biosphere. Understanding this exchange is essential to predicting how increasing carbon emissions will affect future climates.

“We know that carbon dioxide and methane have amplified climate change during glacial cycles,” says Weaver. “We’re using our model to study how the ocean and land plants absorb atmospheric carbon, and to investigate how changes in the carbon cycle have interacted with climatic changes over the last 650,000 years.”

One of the key missing links in the carbon cycle is permafrost, which is basically a huge frozen carbon reserve. “It’s an important part of the carbon cycle and global climate system,” notes Weaver, “yet it has received little detailed attention in the climate modelling world.”

To this end, Weaver’s team intends to be one of the first research groups in the world to add a permafrost component to a model that is fully linked to the carbon cycle.

Permafrost is of special interest to Canada because it underlies more than half the country’s land mass. In a warming climate, melting permafrost will release large amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, further accelerating global warming. It will also result in the loss of wildlife habitat, and disrupt transportation

and northern infrastructure.

Weaver says the next generation of his climate model will address the influence of climate on human evolution—much like it’s now being used to examine the influence of humans on climate evolution.

This and subsequent models will continue to help industry and governments develop realistic policy options for dealing with the inevitable effects of climate change.

Weaver, who is the Canada Research Chair in Climate Modelling and Analysis, was a lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s fourth assessment of global climate, released earlier this month.

“This latest report is sending the strongest signal possible to governments around the world that informed policy is urgently needed to determine a course of action for the future,” he says. “The ecological and socio-economic consequences of inaction will be dramatic, within our lifetimes.”

FastFact

Carbon dioxide is the major greenhouse gas released into the atmosphere by human activities. Since the start of the industrial revolution, carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere have increased by 36 per cent—and are still rising.

Letter

Sharing time between classes

Over the past few years I have noticed an increase in what I shall call, for want of a better term, “techno-rudeness.” The term refers to the following situation, which has occurred during the past three terms. I have just finished lecturing and the time is, say, 20 minutes past the hour. Hardly has the last syllable of my lecture left my mouth when the person who next lectures in the same room rushes in and begins to set up screens and use the podium area, even before I have had time to gather my papers together, turn off overhead projectors, erase boards or whatever. I find this to be discourteous.

I take the view that if there are 10 minutes between classes then five of them are mine and five belong to the next lecturer. I try not to go overtime in classes. But not all our lecture room clocks and our watches agree about the time, so there has to be a little flexibility, but I do want my half of the time between classes.

Dr. Alexander G. (Sandy) Briggs
Senior Instructor, Chemistry Department

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New editor

With this issue of *The Ring*, Robie Liscomb has assumed editorship of the paper. Liscomb has been with UVic Communications since 1987 and has served in a variety of roles, most recently as publications officer. Valerie Shore, who has edited *The Ring* since joining UVic in 1998, will now be the university’s full-time

research communications officer. She will continue to take an active interest in *The Ring*, providing valuable editorial advice and playing a key role in instituting changes to the paper, including a redesign, over the coming months. Please address all editorial correspondence to Liscomb at 721-7640 or robie@uvic.ca.

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in marine ecosystems research, Pauly is a vocal and influential critic of current fishing practices that deplete the Earth’s fish stocks. *Science* magazine refers to him as “arguably the world’s most prolific and widely cited living fisheries scientist.”

In his lecture, titled “Are We Past the Point of No Return in Mining Fish From the Sea?” Pauly will describe how something is “terribly amiss” with the way we interact with the oceans, notably through destructive fisheries.

“The oceans are not ‘dying,’” he says, “but many large fish species are becoming scarcer and the ecosystems in which they are embedded are seriously affected.” He’ll evaluate these trends, and highlight some of the private and government initia-

tives that would help minimize our impact.

The lecture takes place in the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 721-8480 or visit www.auditorium.uvic.ca.

The forum continues on Thursday, Feb. 22 with a full day of speakers and opportunities for questions and discussion.

Registration per person for the forum is \$100, including GST. Tickets for the free public lecture are included in the registration package. Registration is free for the first 50 students to sign up.

For more information or to register for the forum, visit www.uvic.ca/research/oceansforum/ or call 472-4747.

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Bob Reimer

New magnets attract international attention

By Christine Roulston

Researchers at the University of Victoria have discovered new light-weight magnets that could be used in making everything from extra-thin magnetic computer memory to ultra-light spacecraft parts. A paper on the study appeared in the Jan. 18 edition of *Nature*, a prestigious international science magazine.

For decades, researchers have attempted to create an alternative to conventional pure metal or metal alloy magnets, which are heavy, inflexible and can only be produced under high temperatures.

The team, led by UVic chemist Dr. Robin Hicks, discovered a simple method for making a new family of organic-based magnets by combining nickel and one of three different organic compounds. The discovery is the first step in designing the next generation of magnets, which could, in theory, be easily manipulated at room temperature.

“The sky’s the limit for these magnets, in principle,” says Hicks. “Suppose you want to make a particular shape of magnet—these magnets could be dissolved in solution and shaped into a different form.”

“Conventional magnets are a ubiquitous part of everyday life, controlling everything from computers to cars, so I believe these new, highly



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Hicks

processable magnets could have endless applications.”

The serendipitous discovery occurred while Hicks’s postdoctoral student Dr. Raj Jain was working with an established recipe for making low-temperature magnets. Jain discovered that, by altering the ways in which the chemical reactions were conducted, he could make substances with room-temperature magnetic properties. In the months that followed, Jain and Hicks analyzed the magnets to determine that they had in fact created a new form of magnet.

The discovery is an important milestone in Hicks’s research career which, for the past 10 years at UVic, has

focused on manipulating molecules to make new organic compounds that have extraordinary electronic, magnetic or optical properties.

His outstanding contributions to chemistry research were recognized in 2003 with the Award for Pure or Applied Inorganic Chemistry from the Canadian Society of Chemistry and in 2005 with UVic’s Craigdarroch Silver Medal for Research Excellence and the Faculty of Sciences Award for Research Excellence.

Hicks’s team of five graduate students will continue to fine tune this next generation of magnets to further develop their processability and commercial potential.

Support services building taking shape

The new Support Services Building moved one step closer to reality last month, when the design concept was approved by the facilities development and sustainability subcommittee and board of governors.

The new facility will provide administrative and accounting offices and a computing facility outside Ring Road, between Centennial Stadium and the Continuing Studies Building. The two-storey building, featuring two wings joined by a central atrium, will hug the edge of parking lot 4, with the main entrance fronting onto Ring Road.

Like other recent campus construction projects, the building will be designed to meet the silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating Standards. Sustainability features will



Architectural illustration of the future support services building

include a stormwater management system incorporating landscaped retention ponds near the building entrance.

UVic Facilities Management will manage the project, and the design team will be led by CEI

Neilson Architecture. Construction is slated to begin in May 2007, with a proposed completion date of September 2008. For more information and current construction updates, visit the web site at www.uvic.ca/construction/.



Sneak peek offered at university life

Grade-12 students with offers of admission from the University of Victoria, and other high school students curious about student life on campus, are being invited to “Experience UVic” on May 26. This event will give students and their parents the opportunity to tour the campus, take part in mini-lectures, meet with current UVic faculty and students and learn more about student support services.

They’ll also have the opportunity to spend the night in a residence room and receive advice about choosing and registering for their first-year classes.

Plans for the event are still be-

ing finalized, but email notification to students and their families and poster notification to schools in BC, Alberta and elsewhere will begin later this month.

This is the first time in many years that UVic has held a campus visit for prospective students, although it is common practice at other BC universities. UVic does offer campus tours on a regular basis throughout the year to interested individuals and groups, and research shows that students who come to the campus are typically very impressed and much more likely to study at UVic as a result of their visit.

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Ken and Kathy Shields

King and queen of Canadian university basketball have their court

By Pete Lewis

January 20 was a day to remember for the University of Victoria and the Department of Athletics and Recreation, as centre court in the McKinnon Gymnasium was officially named Ken and Kathy Shields Court.

The honour was bestowed upon the long-time UVic coaches for their exceptional contribution to Vikes athletics, the university and basketball in Canada. Combined, the couple coached 35 seasons at the university and captured 15 Canadian Interuniversity Sport championships.

It is a fitting tribute for the pair, as their teams owned the hardwood in McKinnon, as is evidenced by their win-loss record. Over 22 years, Kathy's teams picked up 183 home-court victories, while losing just 12 times. Ken's record is just as outstanding with his squads winning 98 home games and losing only seven in his 13 seasons. Their overall records were just as outstanding as Kathy amassed 337 regular-season wins against 55 losses and Ken at 167 and 23.

The event was held between the women's and men's basketball games that evening. The ceremony began with Ken and Kathy being marched out onto the court through the honour-guard of more than 50 former Vikes players, assistant coaches and trainers. With more than 2,500 cheering fans on their feet, the Shieldses removed the cloth cover off centre court to reveal the freshly painted Ken

and Kathy Shields Court logo.

In their address to the crowd, both were quick to point out that their success was due to their players' hard work and commitment to excellence. Kathy spoke directly to their former players and said, "It is your sweat, your tears, and your blood that are represented in our names on this court."

The ceremony was capped off with a banner raising commemorating the day and a presentation to Ken and Kathy of an exact replica of Ken and Kathy Shields Court.

Earlier in the day, a fundraising luncheon was held at the Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites. All proceeds from the sold-out event go to the Ken and Kathy Shields Basketball Award, which provides financial assistance for student-athletes with the Vikes basketball program.

The luncheon crowd of 250 heard tributes from former players, coaches and the likes of Steve Nash (Phoenix Suns), Donn Nelson (Dallas Mavericks) and Del Harris (Dallas Mavericks). The highlight of the afternoon was a video presented to Ken and Kathy by A-Channel Vancouver Island. The emotional tribute had the whole house in tears as it walked the crowd through their careers as coaches. The tears were a strong sign of the impact that Ken and Kathy had on many as coaches, role models and mentors and of the legacy they have left for the university and Vikes athletics.

Four from UVic honoured for community service

It's common knowledge that UVic people make a difference in the community—and on Jan. 24, four such people were honoured for their contributions with Victoria's Leadership Awards.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Ronald Lou-Poy, UVic's chancellor and a prominent lawyer known for his deep commitment to the Greater Victoria community. As a volunteer, Lou-Poy works tirelessly with the Victoria Police Board, the Kiwanis Club, the United Way, Victoria Crime Stoppers and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.

The Lou-Poy family's generosity is evident though their financial support for the Harry Lou-Poy Infant and Toddler Child Care Centre at UVic, named for Lou-Poy's father, and the May and Ron Lou-Poy Fund of Excellence in the Faculty of Law.

Faculty members Glenn Gallins and Ian MacPherson (retired) were recipients of the UVic Community Leadership Awards, which salutes exemplary leadership in linking UVic and the community for greater public benefit.

Over the past 28 years, thousands of people of limited means in the Capital Region have gained legal information and representation from law students working under Gallins's supervision at the Law Centre. In his role as teacher, lawyer, mentor and administrator, Gallins has been the driving force behind the centre. By passing on his knowledge, skills and values to students, he has helped to build a community in which everyone, regardless of income, can access the legal services they require.

For more than 30 years, Ian MacPherson focused his energies on understanding and improving co-operative organizations and co-



JOHN YANSHIN

L-r: MacPherson, Heaslip, Gallins, Lou-Poy

operative learning in the service of communities. He has also championed a unique relationship between the university and community in Victoria and around the world. In 1999, he established the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies, and he now directs the organization, which conducts research into co-operatives.

Recent UVic political science graduate Ashley Heaslip was recipient of the the Vancity Youth Award. Heaslip has a passion for refugee rights and HIV/AIDS prevention and has worked with the World University

Service of Canada (WUSC), locally, nationally, and internationally. Working with the UVic chapter of WUSC, she has been instrumental in increasing the number of refugee students that UVic sponsors and in increasing the number of WUSC volunteers. In addition, she has raised substantial funds for local AIDS prevention and relief agencies.

The Victoria's Leadership Awards are organized by a partnership among Leadership Victoria, the Rotary Clubs of Greater Victoria and the University of Victoria.

Seeking involved students

UVic's Blue and Gold Awards program recognizes students who make a contribution to improving the quality of life both on- and off-campus, and the deadline for nominations is fast approaching.

Two levels of awards will be presented this year—three awards worth \$2,500 each and five awards worth \$1,000 each. The awards recognize both undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate leadership in voluntary involvement with

campus and community groups, varsity and athletic teams and/or fine arts groups and organizations.

In a change from the nomination process of previous years, students apply directly for the awards this year. Application forms are available online at registrar.uvic.ca/safa/index.html or from the Student Awards and Financial Aid office in University Centre.

The deadline for nominations is March 9. For further information call 721-8426.

Renowned poet joins academic elite

There will be a special event preceding the Feb. 21 free public lecture by fisheries scientist Daniel Pauly (see "Are We Killing the World's Oceans?" on p. 1).

Canadian poet P.K. Page will be inducted as a fellow of RSC: The Academies (formerly the Royal Society of Canada) in a short ceremony prior to the Pauly lecture.

During a long and distinguished career, Page has crossed virtually every boundary as a poet, novelist, script writer, playwright, essayist, journalist, librettist, teacher and artist. She has published over two dozen books, provided librettos for leading composers, and had numer-

ous exhibitions of her art.

Her writing has been recognized with many awards, from the Governor General's Award for Poetry in 1954 to the Terasen Life Time Achievement Award. She was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1977, and raised to a Companion in 1999.

Page received an honorary degree from UVic in 1985.

RSC: The Academies is the senior national body of distinguished Canadian scientists and scholars. Its primary mandate is to promote learning and research in the arts and sciences.

The induction and lecture begin

at 7:30 p.m. in the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium.



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VENUS TEAM

CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF PROJECT

by Deb Smith

At 4:45 a.m. on Feb. 8, 2006, the VENUS instrument platform was plugged into the central node and power was brought up. Data flow verification from the shore station signaled the official launch of the Victoria Experimental Network Under the Sea observatory in Saanich Inlet.

After years of careful planning and preparation, VENUS was at last a reality.

This month, the VENUS team and the University of Victoria are celebrating the first anniversary of one of the world's most advanced cabled seafloor observatories.

The VENUS facility is the only seafloor observatory that provides two-way communication using the Internet. In simple terms, VENUS provides power to ocean science instruments on the seafloor and transmits streaming data, in near real time, back through cables and networks to UVic and the world via its website at www.venus.uvic.ca.

February 2006 was a milestone for the VENUS team. With the help of industrial partners Global Marine Systems Ltd. and North Vancouver's OceanWorks International Inc., the VENUS node, fibre optic cable, and instrument platform were installed in Saanich Inlet.

Later that month, the team boarded the Coast Guard vessel *John P. Tully* with the remotely operated vehicle ROPOS, and attached additional platforms onto the VENUS array—a 15-metre hydrophone array and an Olympus digital still camera. The hydrophone array records ocean sounds and the camera takes high-resolution digital still images and short video clips. The camera sits on a 360-degree pan and tilt that can be remotely controlled over the Internet.

A highlight for the VENUS team was the announcement from the shore station that they had received the first images from the seafloor. Aboard the *Tully*, the anticipation and level of excitement was exhilarating. When the first

images streamed in, the resolution was so good you wanted to reach out and touch the sea life.

VENUS sits at a depth of 100 metres in Saanich Inlet, three kilometres from the dock at the Institute of Ocean Sciences. It hosts a variety of instruments that measure ocean conditions such as oxygen, temperature, salinity, pressure, acoustics and turbidity.

The installation was a significant hurdle for the project, but data validation was critical. The VENUS science group had waited a long time for the first data and scrutinized them continuously.

But as the data flowed in, VENUS project director Verena Tunnicliffe became concerned. She was sure there was a problem, because the data seemed too variable. Then came that "Aha!" moment—the realization that the instruments were correct, and that Saanich Inlet is a far more dynamic place than we had ever imagined. VENUS had yielded its first big surprise.



Dungeness crab

In June, VENUS splashed onto the Internet with its ocean portal. This portal is the VENUS cornerstone. When the first data arrived at UVic, a 20-year archive of continuous ocean data was launched.

"It feels like we have a direct personal link with the seafloor in Saanich Inlet from our computers," says Tunnicliffe. "Every day, we check in to find new surprises and new mysteries. Sometimes, I want to drop everything to look at new data and pictures."

The archive was created by the data management and archive system (DMAS) team, made up of about 20 individuals employed primarily by NEPTUNE Canada.



Herring in Saanich Inlet



VENUS one year after making history



Above, top (l-r): the VENUS camera platform; the *Wave Venture* cable-laying ship during installation; a plumose anemone. Large photo: sealife at the bottom of Saanich Inlet.



Data are displayed as plots covering the last 24 hours (updated every five minutes), a time series for the last week (seven days), the last month (31 days) and the last year.

At the front end of DMAS is the website, where the world can see the sights, sounds and data of the ocean. VENUS has an open data policy, viewable and free to all.

"It's been a challenging but rewarding journey as we've taken the VENUS vision and translated it into an operating coastal observatory," says VENUS project manager Adrian Round. "While it was very satisfying to see the array deployed, a high point was seeing how excited users were about the system and what it will do for their research."

Simon Fraser University criminologist Gail Anderson is one of the first scientists funded outside of the original project to do research using VENUS. Her forensics research using pig carcasses reminds us that there are few boundaries to ocean research possibilities.

This first year has taught us much about the versatility and complexity of our project. Some challenges have included: bringing the hydrophone array back to the dock and having it repaired and redeployed within a few days; the whole system going down



VENUS team members Paul Macoun, Richard Dewey and Adrian Round with the node.

during component failures; and having the camera out of commission for a few months to repair the pan and tilt.

VENUS is now in both a maintenance and installation mode as we get ready to deploy two more nodes. The second VENUS observatory will be installed in the Strait of Georgia, extending from the Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant outfall near Vancouver, later this year.

VENUS is the first of a new breed of cabled ocean observatories. Other planned and proposed systems include NEPTUNE Canada (also led by UVic), the US portion of NEPTUNE, MARS (US), Celtner (Ireland), ARENA (Japan), and the ESONET (European Union). As the first one in the water, VENUS is scheduled to provide testing for some of these other observatories.

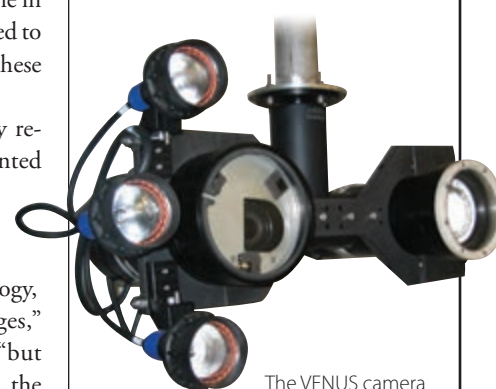
Making VENUS a reality required a special group of talented and committed people who work exceptionally well together as a team. "VENUS appears to be about technology, discovery and new challenges," acknowledges Tunnicliffe. "but like almost everything in life, the

project is really about people."

The VENUS team includes Richard Dewey, Janet Hughes, Paul Macoun, Adrian Round, Verena Tunnicliffe, Jaklyn Vervynck and me.

"VENUS has grown into an amazing 'child prodigy' for a team of proud parents," says Tunnicliffe. "The seed of an idea that was planted seven years ago has struggled and then flourished under the care of a great group. None of us can quite believe how well it's functioning, and how great the potential is that still can be realized."

Deb Smith is manager of marketing and communications for VENUS.



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Preserving Guyana's cultural heritage

By Christine Roulston

Knowledge gained at the University of Victoria may go a long way toward helping preserve the cultural heritage of the small South American country of Guyana.

This week, Nirvana Persaud, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) fellow from Guyana, will complete UVic's Continuing Studies Cultural Resource Management Program. When she returns to her job at the National Trust of Guyana (an agency within the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport) later this month, Persaud will be one of the few people trained in preserving the country's cultural heritage.

"What I have learned in the program will definitely boost our operations at the ministry," says Persaud. "We have a very small staff, and I would like to come up with ways to share my knowledge."

One way Persaud plans to do this is through a research paper she prepared at UVic as part of her UNESCO fellowship. In it, she has devised a plan to manage Guyana's heritage and cultural property. She hopes it will provide the framework



Persaud visits Craigdarroch Castle.

for decision-makers as they move forward in developing a comprehensive cultural heritage plan.

During her six months at UVic, Persaud had a chance to visit several of Victoria's heritage sites. "I would like to incorporate certain aspects of how Victoria has preserved its heritage into the plan," she says. "Incentives for developers and homeowners to encourage them to keep heritage buildings intact, and outreach and fundraising to raise heritage awareness are all good ideas. You don't know what will work until you try it."

However, preserving Guyana's

cultural heritage does present some unique challenges. "The capital, Georgetown, is basically a wooden city," she explains. "That's part of the fantastic thing about it. But fire and termites are challenges for wood buildings. We need to have fire prevention, but so far the funding has been missing."

Persaud hopes in the near future to play a part in Georgetown's World Heritage status bid. "At the moment, we're still lacking some of the resources," she says. "But me being here is a step in the right direction."

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President Academic and Student Affairs Jim Anglin. "UVic has created an office that is situated at the heart of the administrative structure. As founding director, Fran will work on a daily basis with academic and support service leaders across the campus, will sit at the key tables where policies are formulated and programs developed, and will assist with the implementation of new and ongoing Indigenous educational initiatives."


Hunt-Jinnouchi brings to the role diverse experience in Indigenous education. She was director of the

Saanich Adult Education Centre for seven years before becoming acting principal of the K'ak'ot'latsi School in Quatsino, near Port Hardy. She was elected chief of the Quatsino First Nation last year. She has served on several high-profile provincial and national boards and committees, and was founding chair of the Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association. She is a graduate of UVic's School of Social Work and completed her master's degree in adult education at St. Francis Xavier University.

Through her professional experi-

ence, Hunt-Jinnouchi has seen the landscape of Indigenous education evolve. "We've come a long way over the last few decades," she says. "Twenty years ago the goal was to get more Indigenous students to attend university. Now, as more are graduating from undergraduate studies, we need specific graduate-level Indigenous programs to further their education and to provide critical research for Indigenous community development."

Currently, there are an estimated 600 Indigenous students enrolled at UVic.



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Events free unless otherwise indicated. For a complete list of events, see www.uvic.ca/events

Thursday, February 8

UVic Career Fair 2007 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Connections to employers for summer, co-op and career opportunities. Student Union Bldg. **721-8992**

Fraser Lecture 12:30 p.m. *Professional Responsibility—Confronting Injustice: Using a Law Degree To Try and Do Some Good.* Sarah Khan, lawyer, BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre. Fraser 158. **721-8154**

At the Galleries

www.maltwood.uvic.ca
721-6562

Touching Ground: Mexico to British Columbia. Until March 30. A collection of works highlighting Mexican and British Columbian landscapes. Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery.

Art Education Celebrates its 27th Anniversary. Until Feb. 16. A diverse selection of drawings, paintings, prints, ceramics, sculpture and light displays, highlighting the wide range of mediums explored within the department. McPherson Library Gallery.

At the Theatres

www.phoenixtheatres.ca
721-8000

One-Man Star Wars Trilogy. Jan. 25-Feb. 3. UVic theatre grad Charles Ross returns to the Phoenix with his tour-de-force performance that has enthralled audiences across North America.

The Street of Crocodiles. Until Feb. 17. The Department of Theatre presents FIND 2007 (Festival of Innovative and New Drama). The first production of the festival is *The Street of Crocodiles* based on the stories of Bruno Schulz. The author's vivid memories merge with his startling imagination to rally against the harsh times in the sensuous re-telling of stories about his childhood and family in pre-World War II Poland.

Studio Series. March 1-3. A series of short one-act plays written by emerging playwrights from the Department of Writing will be performed and directed by theatre students. The audience can take in one, two or all eight of the plays and, in between, enjoy a Phoenix-style coffee house.

Lansdowne Lecture 7 p.m. *Whose University? Engaging and Developing Communities.* Chris Duke, Univ. of Melbourne and Univ. of Leicester, UK. Strong C103. **721-8462**

Friday, February 9

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music guitar students. MacLaurin B125. **721-7904**

Sunday, February 11

Music 2:30 p.m. *Lafayette String Quartet: LSQ and Friends.* University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$18/\$22. **721-8480**

Monday, February 12

Workshop 4:30 p.m. *Grad Year Connections Workshop: Considering Grad School? Preparation and Planning.* Patricia MacKenzie, UVic. Clearihue A307. **721-8992**

Wednesday, February 14

Islam Awareness Week. 9 a.m. Feb. 14–18. Islam Awareness Week, an annual event aimed at helping others better understand Islam and Muslims. Student Union Bldg., Michèle Pujol Rm.

Thursday, February 15

Workshop 4:30 p.m. *Grad Year Connections Workshop: Take Action!* Meet the ACT program coordinators and find out how this program can help guide you

through an applied approach to developing and managing your career. Clearihue A207. **721-8992**

Lecture/Seminar 6:45 p.m. *Another World Is Possible: What Works To Prevent Violence, Terror, and War.* Dr. Mary Wynne Ashford's latest book. There will be Afghani music and food. MacLaurin A144. **479-9189**

Friday, February 16

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music string students. MacLaurin B125. **721-7904**

Wednesday, February 21

Public Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Are We Past the Point of No Return in Mining Fish from the Sea?* Daniel Pauly, Fisheries Centre, UBC. University Centre, Farquhar Auditorium. **721-8480**

Thursday, February 22

Oceans Forum 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. *Are We Killing the World's Oceans?* Engineering/Computer Science 123. \$100, free for first 50 students. **472-5416**

Friday, February 23

BC Institute for Co-operative Studies Conference 12 p.m. *Ethical Purchasing Forum.* Student Union Bldg., Michèle Pujol Rm. Registration \$75. **472-4539**

Aroundthering

Search for new vice-president research under way

The search for UVic's next vice-president research has been launched under procedures established by the university's senate and board of governors. The successful candidate will succeed Dr. Martin Taylor, who will become founding president and CEO of a new oceans observatories entity on July 1. "Tremendous strides have taken place in research and creative activities at UVic during Martin Taylor's tenure as vice-president research," says Dr. David Turpin, president and chair of the search committee. "His leadership and advocacy have assisted our colleagues' scholarship to flourish. Martin's successor will play a critical role in sustaining and building upon the momentum. The search committee is committed to securing the best possible candidate for the role and welcomes suggestions of individuals capable of fulfilling it." For more information on the search, including the search committee membership, the advertisement and position profile, visit the website of the Office of the University Secretary at <http://web.uvic.ca/univsec/VPREsearch.htm>.

"Well-rounded, Well-grounded: The Whole Person"

That's the title and theme of the ninth UVic women's conference being held on campus Tuesday, Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The keynote speaker at the conference will be Dr. Verena Tunnicliffe, Canada Research Chair in Deep Ocean Research and director of UVic's VENUS project, who will speak on "Voyages of Discovery." Terrie Conway, UVic's director of organization and employee development, will conclude the conference with "The Amazing Spoon Bending Workshop," a fitting send-off on learning how to use your personal "power tools" to continuously create the life you want. In between, workshops offer a variety of choices pertaining to balance: professional, physical and wellness, emotional and spiritual, family and financial. The women's conference offers professional and personal development as well as an occasion to network with others of the campus community, and features the presentation of the UVic Women's Recognition Awards. More information, including online registration, is available at: <http://web.uvic.ca/womenet/>. To register in person, contact registration/reception at the Continuing Studies Building, second floor. The cost of the conference is \$15 for employees and \$10 for students, and includes early morning coffee, lunch, refreshment breaks and a chance to win a door prize. Registration closes Feb. 12; late registration will be available at the door for an additional \$10 only if space permits.

Excellent teachers, distinguished alumni

Deadlines are approaching for the UVic Alumni Association's Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Distinguished Alumni Awards. Nominations close Feb. 28 for the teaching awards and March 30 for the alumni awards. The Alumni Awards for Excellence in Teaching include the Harry Hickman Award (for regular faculty, senior instructors, artists-in-residence and librarians) and the Gilian Sherwin Award (for sessional, senior lab, and lab instructors). The Distinguished Alumni Awards are in three categories: Lifetime of Distinguished Achievement, Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Young Alumni. The awards are for alumni of UVic (or Victoria College and the Provincial Normal School) who have achieved distinction in a career or community service. The awards, along with UVic Sports Hall of Fame inductions (nomination deadline March 31), will be presented at the Legacy Awards dinner in November. Further info and nomination forms: alumni.uvic.ca/awards/alumni.

Graduate student survey coming soon

Graduate students will have the chance to win \$200 toward tuition fees just for participating in an online survey this spring. UVic will be one of 28 Canadian universities participating in the Canadian Graduate and Professional Student Survey from March 19–April 12. The results of the survey will be used to help improve the experience of graduate students in the future. Look for more details on the graduate studies website and in the March issue of *The Ring*.

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 ucocom@uvic.ca) or entered into the online calendar (www.uvic.ca/events). For information call 721-7636.

Publication Date	Copy Deadline
Thursday, March 8	Wednesday, February 28
Thursday, April 5	Wednesday, March 28



Upcoming Events

Feb 9	Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Fraser Valley Cascades	6 & 8 p.m.
Feb 11	Men's Field Hockey — India-A at UVic Turf	1:30 p.m.
Feb 11	Women's & Men's Basketball vs. Thompson Rivers Wolfpack	1 & 3 p.m.
Feb 18	Men's Field Hockey — VRC Jokers-A at UVic Turf	3:30 p.m.
Feb 24	Men's Rugby vs. Abbotsford at UVic Wallace Field	2:45 p.m.
Feb 25	Men's Field Hockey — United Brothers-A at UVic Turf	1:30 p.m.

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Ringers

Revamping UVic's online community has earned information technology coordinator **Greg Churchill** a top award from the US-based Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Churchill was selected as the 2007 CASE District VIII Rising Star for alumni services. The award honours individuals in alumni relations, communications and marketing, and philanthropy, whose early success bodes well for future leadership and achievement. Churchill develops and maintains UVic's online community (OLC) [https://web.uvic.ca/~olcnet/olcnetwork/?portal=40] and is responsible for maintaining sites for other post-secondary institutions that license the service from UVic. He recently introduced new elements to the OLC, built around social networking. The site now rivals Facebook and Myspace while providing a secure environment for 18,000 UVic students, alumni, faculty and staff. He will accept the award at the CASE District VIII Conference in Boise, Idaho, on Feb. 24.

Peter Ciceri, UVic alumni representative on the Board of Governors, has been appointed president of Custom House, responsible for the overall operations and management of the foreign exchange services company. He holds a BA in economics from UVic.

In business there is always room for a second opinion. However, when it came to considering the reappointment of **Dr. Ali Dastmalchian** as dean of the Faculty of Business there was complete agreement. He received unanimous approval on the ballots returned from faculty and has been reappointed for a second five-year term beginning July 1, 2007. Vice-President Academic and Provost Jamie Cassels announced the reappointment saying, "Dr. Dastmalchian has a combination of vision and experience that will continue to bring strong leadership to the Faculty of Business. I very much look forward to working with him for another five-year term."

Dr. Marc Lapprand (French) has been named chief editor for the *Oeuvres Romanesques* (prose works) by Boris Vian (1920–1959) in the prestigious "Bibliothèque de la Pléiade" published by Gallimard (Paris, France). The Pléiade collection, established in 1931, publishes between 10 and 12 volumes per year. They host French as well as international classics such as Austen, Brecht, Faulkner, Garcia Lorca, Pirandello, Swift and Tolstoi. Only the top world specialists are invited to work on such projects, since this collection is considered the richest and most accurate critical edition in French print. The two volumes of *Oeuvres Romanesques* are slated to be out in the fall of 2009.

Dr. Tom Pedersen, dean of science and an internationally recognized authority in paleoceanography (the physical, chemical and biological behaviour of the oceans over time), has been elected a fellow of the American Geophysical Union (AGU). Fellowships are awarded to scientists who have "attained acknowledged eminence in one or more branches of geophysics." The AGU, which represents more than 45,000 scientists from 140 countries, promotes the scientific study of Earth and its environment in space. Pedersen is the only Canadian elected to an AGU fellowship this year.

Naz Rayani, a member of the advisory committee for the UVic Family Centre, recently received the Order of Canada for his outstanding service and dedication to his community. He is a keen advocate for the work of the Family Centre, where the welcoming atmosphere in the neighbourhood house provides families with opportunities to meet other student families, participate in the family programs, or chat with the friendly staff. Owner of Peoples Pharmacy on campus, Rayani is also a key supporter of the UVic Islamic Studies Resource Fund, which helps to raise awareness and understanding of the Islamic faith and culture.

Bill Thomson, director of the UVic campus of the National Coaching Institute and long-time summer studies instructor in coaching studies, has been selected as a member of the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame. He will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in the builder category in May.

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Rose

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF KELLY ROSE is busy, filled with preparing medical charts for clinics, booking student appointments, transcribing medical dictation for psychiatrists and doctors, and giving support to front office staff.

Rose has worked as medical secretary for Student Health Services since 1995. Health services provides a variety of medical services, including access to specialists. Four psychiatrists work on a rotating basis, with one or two normally involved daily in psychiatry clinics. "Usually there are seven or eight students — sometimes more — booked for each clinic. It is a very busy environment."

"From January to April it is flat-out busy, as students feel the pressure to get through their year," says

Rose. "We are here to support each of them through their real-life challenges, stresses and concerns, above and beyond the type of counseling they would receive for academics or career options."

Rose's goal is to support the doctors, students and their families, as well as the nurses, front office staff, community doctors and emergency mental health workers. "UVic has always been a good fit for me, ever changing and challenging me to be my best."

Rose has a "passion for human rights, human dignity and freedom of speech and religion." Currently she is an elected member-at-large with CUPE 951 and is the CUPE 951 good and welfare committee chair. She is also an active member

of the Canada-Tibet Committee raising awareness about conditions in Tibet.

"I feel the university is like a village, with many opportunities to become involved," she says, "I definitely want to stay connected when I retire. For example, I would love to participate in forming a 'booster club' for UVic women's basketball as one of the many things on my 'to do' agenda."

Although the pace can be hectic at times, Rose says it is "essential to have a good sense of humour and appreciate our ability to get the job done in a professional and caring manner...it really means being part of a wonderful team supporting each other in the best interests of the student."

Staff venture virtually across Canada

How do 180 UVic employees walk across Canada in the middle of winter? Virtually, and with a pedometer, website and amazing team spirit.

Over approximately three to six months, 180 employees of the Division of Student and Ancillary Services (STAS) will clip on a pedometer, track their daily steps on www.speakwell.com/ipedcanada (an interactive website designed by former UVic professor Martin Collis) and ultimately trek a distance equivalent to traversing our great white north, all while having fun and learning about their personal health and wellness.

Organizer Julie Sanders of UVic Career Services got the idea for the trek during a leadership course she

was taking. "My goal was to create a dialogue for wellness, empower my colleagues in their well-being and use wellness to unite all 13 departments that comprise STAS," she says. "Those who do take on wellness goals often go at it alone. By uniting all department employees, it creates a strong community where individuals are empowered and supported together in their well-being."

Sanders worked with representatives from each department in STAS to launch her program, Wellness Together WE Stand! in December. Guest speakers Collis and business and life coach Delaney Tosh energized the STAS crowd with a motivational talk centred on wellness and how to set

achievable goals.

The event was such a success that the UVic Department of Housing Food and Conference Services speed-walked right into Collis' on-line pedometer program and have already walked virtually all the way to Halifax.

Conversion charts available on-line allow staff to transfer any form of physical exercise, such as swimming, cycling, yoga and everyday activities such as vacuuming and gardening, into steps.

Sanders and her STAS colleagues launched their collective walk on Feb. 1. "We hope that others on campus might also take this walk on as a fun initiative that promotes well-being," she says.



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