



NEPTUNE installation begins

*Cable being laid for first regional cabled
seafloor observatory*

After several years of intensive planning and design, the installation of UVic-led NEPTUNE Canada, the world's first regional cabled seafloor observatory, began last month in the waters off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

UVic President David Turpin, Vice-President Research Martin Taylor, NEPTUNE Project Director Chris Barnes and other dignitaries welcomed approximately 200 guests aboard the Alcatel-Lucent cable-laying vessel *Ile de Sein* on August 22 for an advance viewing of the NEPTUNE Canada cable system and installation equipment. Federal Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn, Provincial Economic Development Minister Colin Hansen, scientists, engineers, project officials and members of the media toured the vessel at Ogden Point. The highlights included a massive 30-tonne plough used to rake a narrow trench along the seabed and bury the powered fibre-optic cable.

Also on display was a small-scale model of a 6.5-tonne undersea "node," five or six of which will regulate and distribute the power and high bandwidth communications flowing through the 800 km of thin cable. This high-speed delivery system will operate more than 200 sampling instruments and sensors.

On August 23, with well over 100 onlookers watching from land, the cable installation began off the Port Alberni waterfront. One end of the cable was floated ashore (an

important measure that prevents damage to both seabed and cable itself) to the landing position at UVic's Port Alberni shore station. Then the ship headed down Alberni Inlet and into the Pacific Ocean, spooling out the cable directly onto the seabed until the ship was out of the mouth of Barkley Sound, at which point the plough was set to work burying the cable to ensure it will remain undisturbed by ocean activity. The ship is following a pre-determined route counterclockwise around the large network ring that reaches far out into the ocean off BC's coast. For an animated video of the deployment process, please visit <http://communications.uvic.ca/media/neptune/>.

The voyage to lay and partially bury the loop of cable and its signal amplifiers, as well as the branching units and 125 km of spur cable for future node locations, is expected to take approximately seven weeks. Next month, the other end of the cable will be connected to the shore station when the ship completes the loop installation.

During its lifespan, NEPTUNE Canada will lead to a better understanding of fish migrations, ocean climate change, plankton blooms, underwater volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and the processes that cause them, and help warn of approaching tsunamis.

The seafloor observatory will also promote new developments in various fields such as marine technology,

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BC children's representative to deliver President's Distinguished Lecture

The province's first representative for children and youth, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, will deliver a President's Distinguished Lecture, "Rights and Wrongs: Leading the Way for Children," on Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. in the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium.

Turpel-Lafond is a graduate of Osgoode Hall in Toronto, and Cambridge and Harvard law schools. She has practised and taught law and served as a criminal law judge in youth and adult courts. Turpel-Lafond has worked to develop partnerships to better serve the needs of young people in the justice system and remains active in her First Nations Community. Her many honours include being named by *Time* magazine as one of the "Top 20 Canadian Leaders for the 21st Century" in 1999.



Turpel-Lafond

In her presentation she will identify and discuss problems that exist around the treatment of vulnerable children and propose a plan to better protect them. Turpel-Lafond was named to her current position in November 2006.



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Orientation team has all the answers

An enthusiastic welcome and a helpful hand to thousands of new and returning students are extended by members of UVic's orientation team. L-R (front): Team captains Hanyue Zhang, Melanie Tremblay and Aruba Nurullah; (rear) volunteer Robert Robertson and his brother, Student Transition Centre staffer George Robertson show off their "Ask Me" buttons. A third Robertson brother, Steven, is also an orientation volunteer this year.

Taylor heads new ocean networks entity

After completing nine years as vice-president research, Dr. Martin Taylor has, as of Sept. 1, assumed new responsibilities as founding president and CEO of Ocean Networks Canada (ONC), a new, not-for-profit organization created by the university to govern and manage the UVic-led international ocean observatories VENUS and NEPTUNE Canada.

"Martin has overseen tremendous research growth at UVic and played a key role in positioning the university as one of the country's leaders in oceans research," says UVic President David Turpin. "I can think of no better person to lead this new organization, created to help the university's ground-breaking ocean research

projects achieve their full potential."

"I feel very privileged to take up this position and look forward to building on the administrative responsibilities for VENUS and NEPTUNE Canada that I had as vice-president research," says Taylor. "I consider it an honour to continue to work with these projects' talented teams of researchers, technical staff and students and their colleagues across Canada and around the world. I welcome the challenge of building the partnerships with government, industry and the public sector that are essential for these world-leading facilities to realize their full potential."

Among the primary objectives of ONC are securing sustainable

financial support for the on-going capital and operating costs of the observatories, promoting the economic development and commercialization opportunities of the science and technologies, and developing the public policy and public education applications of the research. ONC will also collaborate closely with the Ocean Observatories Initiative in the US which is responsible for the US component of the observatory.

Succeeding Taylor as vice-president research is Dr. Howard Brunt, who served as UVic's associate vice-president research from 1999 to 2004 and as provost and vice-president academic at the University of Northern British Columbia from 2004-07.

Live theatre with a healthy twist

Students team up for Health Care Challenge

By Christine McLaren

You've got a patient, you've got a problem and you've got a live audience watching you solve it. That's the pressure two teams of health discipline students will face in the second annual UVic Health Care Team Challenge at Cinecenta theatre Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

UVic theatre students will set the stage for the audience with a live performance that introduces the clinical case. Within a limited time the student teams, joined by health care professionals from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, must demonstrate

the best collaborative approach for the best patient outcome.

Students from nursing, psychology, health information science, education, social work, child and youth care and medicine will be challenged on the spot to demonstrate best practices while collaborating effectively with teammates from other disciplines. Each question in the clinical case study, designed by faculty members and local practitioners, must be resolved in four minutes. The teams are charged with describing their course of treatment to the audience and, as new developments in the case are revealed, the teams must adapt

to ensure a successful outcome. On completion of the challenge the teams will field questions and comments from the audience.

The Interprofessional Education (IPE) project is a two-year project funded by Health Canada that partners Vancouver Island health agencies with post-secondary institutions to support interprofessional education and practice. The IPE project identifies health settings where health care teams, together with educators, support students to gain competencies in interprofessional collaboration.

For further information on the IPE visit www.hsd.uvic.ca/ipe/ipenews.php.



L-R: NEPTUNE Canada Associate Director Science Mairi Best, NEPTUNE Canada IT Associate Director Benoît Pirenne, NEPTUNE Canada Project Director Chris Barnes, UVic Vice-President Research Martin Taylor, and President David Turpin stand beside the steel plough on the *Ile de Sein's* deck.

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fibre-optic communications, sensors and robotics.

NEPTUNE Canada and the UVic-led VENUS project serve to strengthen the university's reputation and secure its position at the forefront of oceanic research and technology. Once operational, NEPTUNE Canada's subsea "window" into some of the last unexplored places in the world will be accessible

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for more than 25 years. Its instruments, sensors, video cameras and robotics, operating many metres under the ocean's surface, will relay information and images via the Internet to UVic's shore station and the NEPTUNE Canada control centre at UVic, and will be made available online to scientists around the world as well as to students, museums, libraries, schools, policy-makers and

the general public.
The NEPTUNE Canada team includes members from 12 other Canadian universities and is funded through significant grants from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the BC Knowledge Development Fund.
Further details about NEPTUNE Canada and VENUS are available at www.neptunecanada.ca/ and www.venus.uvic.ca/.

Law prof elected new RSC Fellow

University of Victoria law professor John Borrows has been named the university's newest fellow of the RSC: The Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada (formerly the Royal Society of Canada), membership in which is considered the country's highest academic honour.
Borrows' citation describes him as "widely regarded as the leading Aboriginal legal academic in Canada" who "works tirelessly with the Department of Justice, inquiries, treaty and mediation negotiators, and Aboriginal organizations to promote dialogue among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada and internationally."
Borrows holds five degrees and is a fellow of the Trudeau Foundation and a recipient of a National Aboriginal Achievement Award. He is UVic's Law Foundation Chair in Aboriginal Justice.
"I'm grateful to UVic and the law school for providing such an excellent learning environment," says Borrows. "Their support of my work on Aboriginal issues is a tribute to the university's encouragement of teaching and scholarship in this area."



Borrows

The RSC, with a membership of 1,700 fellows, is Canada's senior national body of distinguished Canadian scientists and scholars. Fellows are selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to the natural and social sciences and in the humanities. The society's primary objective is to promote learning and

research in the arts and sciences.
The election of Borrows brings to 44 the number of current and former UVic faculty members chosen as fellows. This year's new fellows will be inducted to the society at a ceremony in Edmonton on Nov. 17. For more information, visit the RSC website at www.rsc.ca.

Calls for nominations

Honour greatness, celebrate our values
That's what you do when you nominate someone to be considered for a University of Victoria honorary degree. The senate committee on honorary degrees and other forms of recognition encourages all members of the university community to submit nominations by Sept. 28 for recipients of honorary degrees to be conferred during the 2008 Spring Convocation. The nomination package must include one nominating letter, two supporting letters and the candidate's CV. People with a connection to BC and those of minority or diverse backgrounds that might otherwise escape the committee's consideration are particularly welcome. Nominees should not be informed that they are being recommended for this honour. Further information is available via links from <http://web.uvic.ca/univsec/governance/honorarycriteria.html> and by contacting Nancy Pye in the University Secretary's office at 721-8104 or nancypye@uvic.ca.

Acknowledge exceptional service
Have your co-workers made exceptional contributions to the university community? Recognize their hard work by nominating them for a President's Distinguished Service Award. The annual awards, established five years ago by President David Turpin, honour UVic's outstanding employees who have helped improve the university and the outside community. Any UVic employee or recognized student organization can nominate an individual, group or team. There are two types of awards: the Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes individuals, and the Team Award for Innovation, which recognizes a team or group. Winners receive a commemorative plaque and \$1,000 for professional development (\$6,000 maximum for team awards). The deadline for nominations is Oct. 15, and the winners will be announced at the president's holiday reception in December. Nomination forms and more information are available at <http://web.uvic.ca/hr/pdsa>.

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McRae appointed co-op director

Norah McRae is the new executive director of the University of Victoria's Co-operative Education Program. McRae has been employed at UVic since 1992, first as coordinator of the Arts Co-op Program and, from 1998 to 2007, as manager of the Business Co-op and Career Centre. She also serves as an editor for the *Asia Pacific Journal for Co-operative Education* and contributes regularly to the research initiatives of the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education. Her six-year term began July 1.

United Way kicks off

UVic's United Way campaign kicks off this year with a barbecue on Sept. 26, and Clint Hamilton, UVic's director of athletics and recreation, is chairing the campus campaign's steering team. "The community is important to me and to UVic, and I'm happy to be involved in finding ways to support our community through the United Way campaign," he says. Other UVic staff involved this year are Mark Roman (computing and systems services), Linda Metters (accounting), Justin Kohlman (marketing), Susan Fiddler (co-op), Janice Johnson and Garry Sagert (both of Project Nova). UVic accounting retiree Neil MacLean is also on the steering team.

Trade in your parking permit and join the Car Share Co-op

Do you drive to campus because you occasionally need access to a vehicle? The university and the Victoria Car Share Co-op (VCSC) are launching a pilot program for full-time continuing faculty and staff. The goal is to reduce the number of employees who bring their cars to campus in order to run personal or business errands during the day. In exchange for giving up your current annual parking permit and committing to using sustainable transportation, you will get a free membership in the Victoria Car Share Co-op. Participants must meet eligibility requirements and pay for their own use and administrative fees.

The VCSC will add two new vehicles to the UVic campus, bringing the total to three vehicles on campus. Participants will also have access to the rest of the VCSC fleet in greater Victoria. For more information, contact UVic Sustainability Coordinator Sarah Webb at 721-6678 or swebb@uvic.ca. Or visit www.uvic.ca/sustainability to download your application form.

Deaf awareness activities

Do you want to learn sign language, learn more about the Deaf community and gain a greater understanding of Deaf culture? In honor of International Deaf Awareness Week, the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability (RCSd) will be hosting several free, interesting, fun and informative events and activities around campus during the week of Sept 24-28th. The events include: film showings of "Through Deaf Eyes" and "Beyond Silence;" American Sign Language (ASL) classes; presentations on "Communicating with the Deaf Community;" "Deaf Culture" and "Historical Perspectives in the Deaf Community;" display tables; and a variety of non-verbal activities and interactive sessions set up around campus. Look for events and activities posted on the Working for Change calendar at <http://web.uvic.ca/eqhr/calendar/index.htm> and on the UVic Events Calendar Page <http://events.uvic.ca/calendar.php>. The RCSd sends out a huge thank-you to the main sponsor, the Equity and Human Rights Office. Info: 472-5557 or kristi@uvic.ca.

Tremendous tree tour

A campus tree walk is now available to anyone who wants to enjoy some fresh air and experience the diversity of trees on UVic's property. This summer, UVic's Centre for Forest Biology mapped out a campus walk that loops between the Cunningham Building and Finnerty Gardens, identifying 40 trees of interest or historical significance. Each tree is marked either with a sign post near the base of the trunk or with a sign around the trunk of the tree. A pdf file of the map is available on the centre's website: <http://web.uvic.ca/forbiol/news/Treewalk.pdf>.

Political science, law profs honoured with alumni teaching awards

Recipients share ability to create hands-on learning environments

By Mike McNeney

Dr. Michael Webb (political science) and Prof. Glenn Gallins, QC, (law)—each known for his ability to inspire students by creating opportunities to learn by doing—are the recipients of the 2007 Alumni Awards for Excellence in Teaching, presented by the UVic Alumni Association in co-operation with the Learning and Teaching Centre.

Webb, winner of the Harry Hickman Award (the category designated for regular faculty members), emphasizes experiential learning, particularly in his guidance of the Model United Nations Club.

Gallins receives the Gilian Sherwin Award (for instructors) for his long-standing leadership of law students who gain skills by representing clients of the Law Centre Clinical Legal Education Program in downtown Victoria.

Webb and Gallins each receive a \$2,000 cash prize from the alumni association and their photographs will join the portrait gallery of the award's 37 past recipients, featured in the main stairwell of the McPherson Library.

An alumnus who supported Webb's nomination wrote that he gives his students the "gift of an ethical, well-informed, well-structured and hard-won education."

Under Webb's mentorship, the UN club makes an annual trip to New York City to participate in a model United Nations assembly alongside hundreds of other delegates from dozens of other universities.

Webb says there's nothing like taking the students to a centre of global power for the experience of simulated diplomacy and the learning that comes from debating policy with other well-prepared delegations.

"It's a really good way for people to see how different interests interact and how difficult it is to make a difference," says Webb. "These are eye-opening experiences."

In class and in his role as undergraduate advisor, Webb provides extensive written and verbal feedback to his students, strives to connect theory with contemporary issues, and encourages open discussion, even in large lecture classes.

"Political science is a controversial field and I originally tried to stay out of the fray, but students found that boring," says Webb. "Now, I'll take a stand (on contemporary issues) but at the same time I make it clear that students don't have to agree with me. The whole nature of the beast is debate."

As for Gallins, his nomination was supported by—among many others—a Victoria lawyer and law alumnus who wrote that Gallins has "helped shape countless of us into better students, better lawyers and better people."

Since it was established in 1978, more than 1,200 UVic law students have completed the Law Centre's four-month program. For three terms each year, a new team of 14 law students signs on and—after a one-month skills immersion, or "boot camp"—effectively forms a law firm under Gallins' direction.

Gallins says his biggest reward is working with students individually and watching them gain skills and confidence. One recent student overcame her extreme fear of public speaking to reach the point where she can confidently stand before judges and represent clients in BC Provincial Court. "It's opened the gate for her career," Gallins says.

The centre handles about 1,800 criminal, civil and family law cases in a year, and clients are people of limited means. Law students provide information, advice and representation. Gallins says students experience the application of the law "rather than imagine it" in a classroom.

As well, he developed the "GLENN" index. Named by former students, it stands for General Legal Enquiry Network Nexus, a computer-based bank of how-to materials for nearly all of the work the Law Centre students may find themselves doing.

"All the classes I conduct, whether (in) areas of substantive law or the development of lawyering skills, have two fundamental objectives," he says. "Teach students how to become problem solvers and to meaningfully reflect upon how the law impacts individuals and society."

Webb and Gallins will be formally recognized at the Legacy Awards dinner on Nov. 20 at the Victoria Conference Centre along with recipients of the alumni association's Distinguished Alumni Awards and new inductees into the Vikes Athletics' Sports Hall of Fame. Tickets for the awards dinner will be available later in the fall.

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Ken Babich, director of purchasing services at UVic, has been honoured with a leadership and excellence award from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP). Babich's contributions to the field of purchasing include co-authoring a textbook on the subject, teaching purchasing courses across North America since 1990 and playing an instrumental role in establishing the local chapter of NIGP. Babich, who was presented with the award in July by NIGP's president, led the way for all UVic's purchasing officers to achieve their Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) certification. The National Association of State Procurement Officials, NIGP and the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council now recognize UVic as a fully certified agency.

The Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science (CSBBCS) recently recognized UVic psychology graduate students **Andreas Breuer** and **Christopher Warren**. The students, who presented at a recent CSBBCS conference, won for best student paper read at the conference and best student poster. The CSBBCS is a non-profit organization which works to advance Canadian research in experimental psychology and behavioural neuroscience.

UVic swimmer **Mackenzie Downing** won three medals for Canada at this summer's FISU Summer Universiade, an international multi-sport event with 10,000 participants. Downing won gold in the 100 m butterfly, silver in the 200 m butterfly and bronze in the 4x100 medley relay. Eight Vikes travelled to Bangkok, Thailand to represent Team Canada in this year's games: golfers **Anne Balser**, **Christina Spence** and **Jade Dennill**; women's soccer players **Liz Hansen** and **Carey Gustafson**; men's middle distance runner **Geoff Martinson**; women's swimmer Mackenzie Downing; and swim coach **Peter Vizsolyi**. The 24th Summer Universiade was held Aug. 8 to 18, and Canada won 16 medals, the most the country has won at the games since 1991.

And at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janiero in July, UVic grad **Monica Pinette** qualified for the Beijing Olympics by winning the women's silver medal in modern pentathlon, which includes running, swimming, fencing, equestrian and pistol shooting; and UVic Business student **Monica Kwan** won silver and bronze in fencing.

Dale Gann, vice-president of the UVic-owned Vancouver Island Technology Park (VITP), has been appointed president of the newly formed Canadian Association of University Research Parks (AURP Canada). He will also serve on the board of directors for the association, which will represent 25 Canadian science, technology and research parks. AURP Canada will promote the development and operation of parks and will advocate to government on behalf of the association's members.

Environmental psychologist **Dr. Robert Gifford** has been recognized as a fellow by the Association for Psychological Science (APS) for his distinguished contributions to psychological science. APS is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing scientific psychology and furthering its representation both nationally and internationally.

Prof. Wolfgang Hoefler—recognized as a world-class scholar, author, educator, technical leader and editor in microwave engineering and computational electromagnetics—received an honorary Dr.-Ing. degree from the Technische Universität München (TUM) in Germany in May for his extraordinary accomplishments in the area of electromagnetic field theory. The chair for high frequency engineering at the TUM has collaborated with Hoefler since 1990 and has hosted him several times as a visiting professor. Originally from Rhineland, Germany, Hoefler joined UVic in 1992 where he directed the Computational Electromagnetics Research Laboratory until his retirement as professor emeritus in July 2006.

UVic bioethicist **Dr. Eike-Henner Kluge** has been awarded the Abbyann D. Lynch Medal in Bioethics by RSC: The Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada. The award recognizes a major contribution to the field of bioethics by a Canadian. Kluge, the author of seven books and over 60 articles on biomedical ethics, was the first expert witness in medical ethics recognized by the Canadian courts. Some of his significant contributions to the field of bioethics include being the founding director of the Canadian Medical Association's Department of Ethics and Legal Affairs, acting as an advisor to federal and provincial ministries of health, and preparing a commissioned study on human tissue banking for the federal government.

Dr. Rob McPherson (physics and astronomy) has been elected spokesperson of ATLAS Canada, a collaboration of about 40 faculty members, two dozen postdocs and 50 grad students from 11 Canadian universities making major contributions to the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Switzerland. As spokesperson, McPherson represents Canada at CERN, particularly regarding international funding and policymaking needed to run ATLAS, the premiere project in the next generation of particle physics experiments. ATLAS Canada was founded in the early 1990s by UVic's Dr. Michel Lefebvre.

Dr. Frank Van Veggel (chemistry), an international leader in photonic materials research, has been renewed for another five years in his position as Canada Research Chair in Supramolecular Photonic Materials, first granted in 2002. Van Veggel develops leading-edge optical devices and biolabels—molecules that emit light and sometimes indicate tumour cell locations—and determines how signalling occurs between cells. As a tier-two recipient Van Veggel is considered one of the "stars of tomorrow" and his award will provide him with funding for five years. The position is jointly funded by the Canada Research Chairs Program and the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

Dr. Ian Walker (geography) has been recognized by the Canadian Geomorphology Research Group for his outstanding research. Walker is the recipient of the J. Ross MacKay Award. The purpose of this award is to encourage and foster geomorphology research in Canada and recognize young scientists in the field.

There's a UVic presence in this year's Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock cycling team that will be wending its way across Vancouver Island from Sept. 22 to Oct. 6. Third-year UVic student and cancer survivor **Emily Young** is one of ten guest riders and Constable **Brad Walsh** of the Saanich Police, a UVic grad and former Campus Security officer, is also on the team. Read their profiles and sponsor them with a donation on the web at www.kintera.org/faf/home/.



Kids have fun at Face Camp while helping psychologists with cognitive research.

Kids enjoy “face time” with psychology researchers

By Courtney Tait

How do you convince 60 kids to spend a sunny July afternoon volunteering for cognitive research?

Make it fun. Hire a clown. Call it Face Camp.

This summer, under the direction of UVic cognitive neuroscientist Dr. Jim Tanaka and developmental psychologist Dr. Ulrich Mueller, honours psychology students Kim Maynard and Natalie Huxtable organized the department's first-ever kids camp, an event with a two-part goal: to collect research data while engaging children in the science of face recognition.

Sporting matching t-shirts labeled “Face Expert,” the kids—aged seven to nine—rotated through Cornett building “face stations,” where they constructed Picasso-esque cubist faces, pinpointed expressions on Face Bingo cards and—the hands-down crowd favourite—watched their computerized photos morph with celebrity mugs like Harry Potter and Avril Lavigne.

While recognizing faces and understanding facial expressions comes naturally for most of us, this area is a struggle for kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asberger's Syndrome, developmental disorders that impair social interaction. Current research suggests that these populations may perceive faces as just another object, with no more significance than a table or tree. In an effort to help these children develop their face recognition skills, Tanaka—in

collaboration with the Yale Child Study Centre—has spent the last five years developing Let's Face It! (LFI), a series of computer games that involve labeling facial expressions and interpreting facial cues. Initial use of the games by autistic kids has shown positive results, indicating for Tanaka the importance of further research.

“We want to understand how the development of face processing unfolds with age and experience,” he says. “To understand the deficits of special populations like kids with autism, and how to improve that, first we have to know how face recognition works in typically developing children.”

Enter Face Camp's assessment station. Using a computer game from the LFI series called “Same Different,” the kids examined a sequence of 128 identical pairs of houses, some of which had features such as windows altered to look slightly different. Through assessing if the houses matched, the kids tested their object recognition skills. They did the same with faces. By comparing test results, Tanaka and his honours students hope to begin tracing the trajectory of face recognition across the age span.

Funded by the National Science Foundation and held twice this summer, the one-day camp also featured prizes, a closing-ceremony slide show and a clown called Amigo, whose step-by-step make-up application revealed how to emphasize facial expressions. Twenty volunteers, including mem-

bers of UVic's Visual Cognition Lab, community professionals and high school students, pitched in as camp leaders and station presenters. According to a follow-up survey put out by Huxtable, the event was a hit. “The kids felt important from the beginning,” she says. “They didn't want it to end.”

Interest in Face Camp has already been expressed by both Burnaby's Down Syndrome Research Foundation and Recreation Integration Victoria, a group that helps people with disabilities participate in community recreation. Ideally, Tanaka hopes to hold future camps that integrate kids with and without deficits.

“We'd like to take Face Camp on the road,” he says. “The goal has shifted from purely data collection to sharing the science, getting kids excited not only about face recognition, but about psychology and cognitive science.”

Another on-campus camp—this one aimed at kids aged nine to 13—is slotted for November. Maynard and Huxtable plan to incorporate data compiled from the camps into their honours theses.

“There isn't a lot of extensive research that establishes facial recognition trends in children,” says Huxtable, “so that's our main focus. The more we can practice putting Face Camp on, the more potential we have to make it something that can continue for years. If it can help kids with autism, that would be even better.”

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Funding boost for assistive technology development

UVATT renamed CanAssist

By Jessica Gillies

CanAssist, the UVic team dedicated to developing technology, devices and services to help people with disabilities, got a funding boost July 16 from the BC government. The not-for-profit organization, formerly known as the University of Victoria Assistive Technology Team (UVATT), received a grant of \$750,000 from the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance and the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

“This means that we are going to be able to continue providing assistance to 200 or 300 individuals a year,” says CanAssist Director Nigel Livingston. “We believe that our program is unique in North America in combining the extraordinary resources within both the university and greater community

to address a key societal need—that is, the provision of support for those with disabilities. There is absolutely no doubt that without government support, this program could not have achieved the success that it has.”

Employment and Income Assistance Minister Claude Richmond says, “We’re helping this group of people participate and be more fully active in the workplace and in everyday life. We, the government, want to make sure that these opportunities continue to be available to people with disabilities.”

CanAssist’s new name better describes the scope of the team’s work, says Livingston. “We provide more than just technology—we provide technology and services.” The “Can” in the name also refers to Canada, he says, which “reflects the fact that, whilst a lot of our work is done in Victoria and on the island, we also

help people across the country.”

Since its formation in 1999, the team, made up of faculty, students and volunteers, has worked on over 140 projects, including tricycles for children who are visually impaired, eye-tracking systems that allow people with extraordinarily challenging disabilities to “type” with their eyes, umbrella holders for wheelchairs and walkers and classroom noise meters to aid children who are hearing impaired.

“CanAssist got started,” says Martin Taylor, UVic’s vice-president research, “to meet genuine and profound needs in our community. CanAssist exemplifies the University of Victoria’s three research priorities: research and technology development, the integration of research and teaching and the translation of knowledge for the benefit of the communities we serve.”



April Proudlove, assisted by Chris Newcombe, speaks to the audience during the July 16 CanAssist announcement. A UVic student and CanAssist volunteer, Proudlove has helped CanAssist develop the dynamic keyboard she uses to communicate. Newcombe joined CanAssist as a volunteer in 2005 and worked as a CanAssist employee this summer.

Evening, Saturday parking fees introduced

Effective Sept. 1, 2007, the University of Victoria began charging for parking in all campus parking lots on evenings and Saturdays. There is no charge for parking on Sundays.

A flat \$2 fee is now in effect Monday–Friday from 6 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. the following day, and on Saturday (24 hours). These changes do not affect monthly, term or annual parking pass holders.

The revenue from pay parking offsets the cost of sustainable transportation programs at UVic, including subsidized student and employee bus passes and

cycling facilities. It also pays for the cost of parking operations.

“Our sustainable transportation programs have resulted in a 23-per-cent reduction in single vehicle traffic to campus since 1996,” says Neil Connelly, director of campus planning and sustainability. “Previously the subsidization of sustainability initiatives fell solely on those parking during the day. With these new fees, the subsidization is shared more equitably.”

Permits can be purchased with coins or credit cards through automated machines at campus entrances

and in parking lots. The cost for a full day (24 hours) of parking on campus will not exceed \$6. As a convenience for frequent users, prepaid value cards (offering a \$24 value for \$20) are available through Campus Security Services. Parking permits may also be purchased at the University Centre box office at the same time tickets for on-campus events are purchased.

For more information about UVic parking policies and fees, contact Campus Security Services at 721-6683 or visit <http://web.uvic.ca/security/parking/index.html>.

Forget milk, got grit?

UVic staff member runs across the Gobi for fun and fundraising



L-R: MacKay, Carrigan and Peterson at the Gobi March finish

By Angela Voht

A little grit and determination will get you far; in the case of Rob MacKay, (athletics and recreation) and Julie Sanders, (career services) it got them to China’s Gobi desert. In June, MacKay put his penchant for challenge to the utmost test in a grueling seven-day foot race over a 250 km course of wild terrain and extreme temperatures.

But for MacKay it was only natural to take his past experience in another extreme race—the Sahara’s Race des Sables in 2005—and apply it to the Gobi March. Upon deciding he was up for another high-calibre challenge, he got in touch with fellow Victorians Donna Carrigan and Donald Peterson, who had already expressed an interest in trying a team run with him. The team soon decided to run for a cause, and have raised more than \$5,000 for breast cancer prevention and research, with donations still coming in to the Victoria Chapter of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Prior to the march, the three had been spotted running the streets of Victoria dragging tires behind them as part of their training. That rigorous training regime led to a spectacular journey for MacKay, his two team members, and Sanders, who went along as team support. And while it couldn’t be called leisurely or luxurious, it was an adventure fit for the telling.

As team support, Julie Sanders put her perspective of the race nicely, “The uniqueness and vibrancy of the culture, combined with our enthusiasm for the team’s trek really made it the experience of a lifetime. And I got to accompany Donald’s daughter, who is only twelve. Seeing her taking it all in and growing from the experience was wonderful. We had a great time.”

Indeed, Sanders’ version of the trip included everything from surly camels and markets burbling over with nuts, raisins and Pashmina shawls, to the speckled green vistas of desert oasis.

The Gobi March began and ended in Kashgar, an ancient city in the far western province of Xinjiang, China, that boasts one of the oldest continuous markets in the world. A true ethnic mosaic by virtue of the natural inter-

section of paths that lead from China, Mongolia, Persia and Rome, Kashgar is home to many ethnic groups—Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, Tajiks, Uzbeks, Uighurs and Han Chinese.

Gobi Marchers found themselves crossing areas of the Karakorum highway, the original path of the first Silk Road travelers. And for its part, as the largest desert in Asia, the Gobi boasts some of the highest mountains in the world. The raw terrain is stark, and the vast desert includes everything from freezing rains and “blizzard in the pass” conditions to extreme heat that got as high as 52 degrees Celsius, and settled, on average, at about 35 to 40 degrees each day. Add to that strong winds often blowing the air thick with swirling sands and torrential rains that flooded tents, and you get the picture—this was no walk in the park.

In fact, MacKay almost bowed out of the race after a bout of intestinal illness brought on by unfriendly microbes in the only water supply—river water. But after three IVs in the medical tent, he got up the next day and did 80 km in good form. Running about six hours on an average day, the team was meant to remain within 75 m of one-another, but MacKay eventually came to be running by himself for the longer 80 km leg of the race when his team members succumbed to hypoxia and other challenges common to such extreme conditions.

Ultimately, through wild temperatures and sole-destroying (that’s the foot version) conditions, MacKay completed the 250 km of Gobi terrain and made good time in spite of his body’s occasional protest.

“The real challenge is in your head,” explains MacKay. “Physical conditions are gruelling, but in the end it comes down to how well you can control your mind. When you’re out there in the middle of the desert a strong will is everything.”

And at times the days were lonely. With no one in sight from horizon to horizon on an 80 km day, and medical tape holding the soles of your feet on, you might just start to wonder exactly how you got into such a tight spot in the first place. But as MacKay proved, strong will can often manage anything.



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The Hold of Our Hands: Art from the Robin and Sylvia Skelton Collection. To Nov. 15. Part of a campus-wide celebration of Robin Skelton's creative life and contribution to the university community. Maltwood Art Museum & Gallery. University Centre. **721-6562**

The Mac: A Tribute to Dr. D.L. MacLaurin. To Sept. 30. Ruth MacLaurin pays tribute to the educational contributions made to UVic by her late uncle. McPherson Library Gallery. Main floor. **721-6562**

Monday, September 10

Info 1 p.m. *Considering a Career in Business?* Faculty, staff and students will discuss the UVic Bachelor of Commerce program. Cornett A120. **472-4170**

Tuesday, September 11

Info 10 a.m. *Co-op Info Day.* Find out how co-op works, learn about job opportunities, see samples of co-op projects and enter to win great prizes. Student Union Building, Michèle Pujol Room. **721-6600**

Music 12:30 p.m. *Guest Recital.* Melissa Plagemann, mezzosoprano. Bruce Vogt, piano. MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Admission by donation. **721-7904**

Wednesday, September 12

Music 8 p.m. *Faculty Recital.* Colin Tilney, fortepiano. MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. \$15, \$11. **721-7904**

Thursday, September 13

Lecture 12:30 p.m. *No More Walkabout Long Chinatown: Asian Involvement in the Solomon Islands.* Prof. Clive Moore, Univ. of Queensland. Strong Building C130. **721-7020**

Friday, September 14

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music students in a program for various instruments. MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Admission by donation. **721-7904**

Monday, September 17

Lecture 7 p.m. *The Climate Crisis: Is There Hope?* Brian Gordon. Fraser Building Room 159. **721-8338**

Music 8 p.m. *Graduating Recital.* Pianist Christopher Wong, MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Admission by donation. **721-7904**

Wednesday, September 19

Lecture 4:30 p.m. *Religion and Spirituality in the Workplace.* Mario Fernando, Univ. of Wollongong. Strong Building C118. **721-6325**

Friday, September 21

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music keyboard students. MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Admission by donation. **721-7904**

Lecture 4:15 p.m. *Porcelain Fetishism and Fantasies of the Maternal in Early Modern England.* Dr. David Porter, Univ. of Michigan. Fine Arts Building Room 103. **721-7942**

Distinguished Professors Lecture 7:30 p.m. *Family Trees: The Inter-war Flirtation of Eugenics and Environmentalism.* Dr. Angus McLaren (history). Strong Building C103. **721-7013**

UVic students present...
Al Gore

Fourth-year UVic students Jeff Jacobson, Stefan Krepiakovich and Justin Yorke are all commerce minors, but they've just landed a major contract. The trio, through their newly-established company DSJ Communications, have persuaded former US Vice-President Al Gore to come to Victoria to discuss climate change and make his pitch to citizens to get involved to mitigate its effects.

The university is the presenting sponsor of "An Afternoon with Al Gore" which will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre on Sept. 29. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and

the famous Fairmont Empress tea will be included in the ticket price. UVic President David Turpin will speak at the event and moderate a question-and-answer session with Gore following his approximately hour-long presentation.

"It was a long shot, but I just thought it would be unbelievable to bring him here," says Jacobson.

Tickets start at \$199 and are available from selectyourtickets.com. UVic students will be able to purchase tickets on campus to view a closed circuit feed of Gore's presentation in the conference centre lecture theatre for \$23 (\$33.50 for staff).

Sunday, September 23

Welcome 9 a.m. *Family Welcome to UVic.* Pancakes and children's entertainment starting at 9:30 a.m. Student Union Building, Michèle Pujol Room. **472-4512**

Music 7:30 p.m. *Lafayette String Quartet and Friends.* Guest artists Luba Edlina Dubinsky, piano; Yariv Aloni, viola; Paula Kiffner, cello. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. **721-8480**

Monday, September 24

Music 12:30 p.m. *Piano Master Class.* Colin Tilney. MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Admission by donation. **721-7904**

Thursday, September 27

Music 8 p.m. *Guest Recital.* Martijn Tellinga, electroacoustic music. MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. **721-7904**

Friday, September 28

Music 8 p.m. *Faculty Recital.* Patricia Kostek, clarinet; Rob Hunter, transformational actor/dancer; Kirk McNally, electronics, portable sound environment; Daniel Tones, percussion and melodica. MacLaurin B125, Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. \$15, \$11. **721-7904**

Strange bedfellows?
Eugenics and
environmentalism

Dr. Angus McLaren (history) will deliver his University of Victoria Distinguished Professors Lecture entitled "Family Trees: The Inter-war Flirtation of Eugenics and Environmentalism" Friday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Strong C103.

The mention of eugenics conjures up memories of the 1933 BC legislation that allowed for the sterilization of the "feeble-minded." In the inter-war years many across the Western world believed that such radical measures were justified to protect the community from the "unfit."

In contrast, environmentalism is associated with such progressive goals as conservation, reforestation and wilderness preservation. Accordingly, it comes as somewhat of a surprise to discover that in the 1920s and 30s eugenicists supported such campaigns. In this lecture, McLaren will draw on the works of inter-war English writers to tease out the reasons why those preoccupied with protecting racial stocks would be drawn to movements seeking to protect natural habitats.

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Inmemoriam

Brenna Innes, a 21-year-old University of Victoria student planning to enter her third year of an undergraduate program in computer science in the fall, died tragically on August 6 as the result of a house fire. Brenna was an all-star athlete with a passion for both soccer and basketball. Her academic excellence led to an NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award for the summer, where she impressed her supervisor with her work ethic and abilities, finishing in just two weeks a task that was expected to take all summer. Her job involved enhancing the functionality of a java program created to aid chemists in visualizing and investigating fullerenes (molecules composed of all carbon atoms which have potential applications in drug research and for creating lightweight materials with high tensile strength). Some of her work will likely be published in the future. At her memorial service, Brenna was remembered as a generous, thoughtful, friendly, compassionate, fun-loving young woman with a bright future. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends and others who got the chance to know her. In Brenna's memory, the Brenna Innes Memorial Scholarship Fund is being established at Point Grey Secondary School. Donations can be made care of the Vancouver School Board, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6J 5K8.

Contributed by Dr. Wendy Myrvold, NSERC Undergraduate Research Award supervisor for Brenna Innes.

Chelsea Robinson, poised to begin her fourth year of study at the University of Victoria, died tragically August 6 in a Victoria house fire. Chelsea came to UVic from Sechelt, BC, where she graduated with honours from Chatelech Secondary School. Chelsea had declared psychology as her major field of study. She had advanced to the stage in her academic program where she would take classes on specialized topics in psychology. This year would have seen Chelsea learning about child and adolescent development, sharing her ideas in class discussions, researching questions that sparked her curiosity, thinking ahead to graduation, considering her vision of a fulfilling life journey. This would have been Chelsea's year to define her career aspirations, to pursue research opportunities in the Psychology Department, to engage in seminar discussions, to look ahead and consider where she might go with her UVic degree. It was to be a year of looking forward, anticipating possibilities, and defining future dreams. With great sadness our university community shifts to a new school year mindful of Chelsea's absence. Chelsea will be missed. The Chelsea Elizabeth Robinson Memorial Bursary has been established to be awarded to a graduate of Chatelech Secondary School. Donations may be made to School District No. 46, attention John Pritchard, PO Box 213, Gibsons BC V0N 1V0.

Contributed by Dr. Elizabeth Brimacombe, chair of the Department of Psychology.

Wesley T. (Ted) Wooley, professor emeritus in the Department of History, died on May 26. Ted served the university with distinction for 35 years (1968–2003). He was a meticulous and thoughtful scholar of American diplomacy in the turbulent period after World War II, committed to scrupulousness and fairness in his assessment of the past as he was in teaching and administration.

As a dedicated and deeply respected teacher, Ted enthralled several generations of students—particularly in his pioneering course on America in Vietnam. In 1999 *Maclean's* magazine listed him as one of UVic's most popular teachers. On his retirement the department created the Ted and Jane Wooley Scholarship to support outstanding students in American history.

Ted's contribution to the department and the university was wide-ranging and profound. He served three terms as chair of the department, leading it through critical years of growth and renewal. He served on and chaired numerous university committees and was a long-standing member of senate. He was also assistant to former Vice-Presidents Murray Fraser and Sam Scully.

Ted fought a long battle against recurring brain tumors with remarkable frankness, courage and humor. He will be remembered for his precise, soft-spoken and gentlemanly administrative manner, his consummate love of teaching, and the ever-present sailor's cap he wore when crossing campus. He will be greatly missed.

Contributed by colleagues David Zimmerman and Tom Saunders.

Students organize benefit events for house fire victims

After a fierce house fire raged through a house on Villance Street in August, killing UVic students Brenna Innes and Chelsea Robinson and injuring students Joseph Brooker and Jesse Dill, fellow UVic students decided to organize a couple of fund-raising events to assist UVic students who lost everything in the fire and help cover medical expenses not covered by insurance.

Sociology graduate student Jordan Hanford is holding a silent auction in the main entrance of the Student Union Building from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 7. He's collected a wide variety of donated items ranging from gift certificates from restaurants and stores to spa, outdoor adventure and tattoo packages.

"I'm very impressed and excited by the amount of support from the UVic

community and the community at large," says Hanford of the response to requests for items. Proceeds will assist the UVic students who were residents of the house and lost their belongings in the fire.

UVic student Sarah Collins has organized a benefit to be held in Felicita's the same evening in memory of Innes and Robinson and to raise funds for the house residents. Admission will be \$2 and some of the pub staff have offered to donate their tips from the night to the benefit. Funds raised will also be directed to scholarships established in memory of the young women killed in the fire.

The event at Felicita's will only be open to UVic students and close friends of the students affected by the fire. UVic identification will be required at the door.

Faculty tackle problem of child soldiers

By Jessica Gillies

School of Child and Youth Care faculty members Philip Lancaster, Marie Hoskins and Sibylle Artz spent a week in Ghana over the summer with one goal in mind: eradicating the use of child soldiers.

The trip, which brought together about 45 people from around the world to work on crafting a plan for stopping child soldier recruitment, involved a five-day problem-solving and brainstorming exercise designed to find solutions to the complex problem of child soldier use.

"The school's practical experiences with youth violence, gangs and the aftermath of war make this initiative a natural fit," says Artz. It's estimated as many as 300,000 children in more than 30 countries serve as soldiers, human mine detectors, porters, spies and messengers in suicide missions.

"The trip was just one step of a very long journey," says Lancaster, an adjunct professor who was a military assistant to Romeo Dallaire during the Rwanda genocide. "The Ghana exercise gave us a lot of input from some of the key players, and what we'll try and do next is develop that into a written document, kind of like a handbook. We'll put that out to the participants for comment, bring it back in for finalization, take it to the field as a draft, and offer it up as a work-in-progress solution."

Lancaster's work with Dallaire and over 10 years of field research in the area of child soldiers inspired him to work toward solutions to this grave situation for many children around the world.

"Children are still being recruited to play military roles in adult conflicts, yet international attempts to keep children safe from this sort of abuse are largely ineffective," he says. He believes that effective co-ordination of services and organizations generates a "unity of purpose" that may help to end this harmful practice.

Lancaster says a key part of the exercise was getting people to realize that the UN missions that can stop child soldier use are made up of people with different interests, backgrounds and skills working together.

"Whatever we do has to be something that is agreed upon by all the main players, and we think our best hope of getting that is having them involved in developing a solution."

Hoskins says, "What stands out for me among so much learning is the complexity of the issues surrounding the use of children in armed combat, the need to be culturally attuned to the local political, economic and religious contexts, and the absolute necessity of having a well-integrated mission to implement a holistic approach when working with children and communities."

Each day, participants had different tasks to focus on.

"What we were trying to simulate was quite close to what actually has to be done on the ground," says Lancaster.

On day two, after a day of registration and introduction, participants were asked to come up with a disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) process for child soldiers who were part of a group that had agreed to be demobilized.

On days three and four, the task was to figure out how to rescue and put children from active, armed groups who were not part of a peace agreement through a similar DDR process.

On their last day, the participants discussed conclusions and ways their plans could work in many different situations. Ultimately, they want to develop a long-term strategy that will eliminate child soldier use in areas with UN missions and that will protect children from recruitment after the UN leaves the area. Then, if these efforts are successful, they can move to places with no UN missions.

"The experience highlighted for me just how vitally important it is for those of us involved in international work such as this to learn how to take a supportive back seat and make room for those closest to the problem to take over the driver's seat," says Artz.



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Magassa

Meet UVic’s new human rights educator

By Jessica Gillies

As he settles into his new position as UVic’s human rights educator, Mousa Magassa is most looking forward to helping people work together.

“I see my role as someone trying to work with everyone in the university as a communication facilitator,” he says. “I’m the kind of person who always thinks that there’s an alternative solution when there’s a relationship with a problem.”

Magassa has an extensive history of helping people work out their problems. He earned a bachelor’s degree in conflict resolution in South Africa, where he worked in the field of demilitarization and peace education. Then he earned a master’s degree in human security and peace building at Royal Roads University.

Most recently, Magassa worked with an immigrant servicing agency in Vancouver, helping immigrants and refugees settle in and adapt to Canadian culture. He designs and teaches workshops for community agencies on intercultural communication, conflict resolution, anti-racism and diversity and communications and human rights. He also facilitates courses at UBC’s Centre on Intercultural Communication and does

mediation work for Family Services in Vancouver.

“I’ve always been attracted to the relationships between people and how to help them,” he says. “I like learning more about the challenges that people face and how they can connect.”

Magassa will work with the equity and human rights team to raise awareness of human rights issues in order to increase diversity and create fairer and more inclusive work and study environments at UVic. He will provide information, advice and training to the university community, develop working relationships with other departments and groups, and make sure everyone at UVic is fully informed of policies to prevent and address all forms of discrimination and harassment.

Magassa plans to set up workshops about human rights, discrimination, harassment and other related issues. He says he looks forward to having people come talk to him about any problems he can help with.

“It’s quite exciting to look ahead. This will be a great opportunity not only for me to share what I know, but for people to teach me things, which I will appreciate.”

Magassa can be reached at 472-4114 or mmagassa@uvic.ca.

A day in the life



Pirro provides smiling service at the Commons caf.

A DAY IN FILOMENA PIRRO’S LIFE includes ringing in all kinds of food items as hundreds of students pass by. Pirro has been a cashier in the Cadboro Commons cafeteria for 17 years. Normally she works from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, although in the summer she may work weekends or the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift.

The cash machines have changed over the years and are easier to operate, but the students remain the same. “They are good kids,” she says, “I get to know them by name and some of them call me ‘mom.’”

Since the Commons is the residential cafeteria, most of the students pay for their food with their meal card, but the cashiers also handle debit cards, Diner Plus cards or cash.

The summer is less busy, but there are more international students in the cafeteria. “It is nice to meet people from different places. I love it here,” she says, “I like kids. It’s not so great when there are food fights, but that hasn’t happened in a long time.”

Pirro is originally from south Rome in Italy, where her father was a tailor and her mother was an embroiderer. She moved to Montréal where she lived for 26 years before coming to Victoria, “for the winter and the weather.” When she moved here, she looked for work in a tailor shop. As nothing was available, a friend told her there might be jobs at UVic. “I decided to come here for a couple of years,” she laughs, “I’m still here!”

When she’s not at work, she likes to garden, growing figs and peaches,

tomatoes, basil and other spices. She loves to cook and makes her own pasta. She harvests figs in July and August to eat, make jam and share with neighbours and colleagues. She is looking forward to retirement and spending more time in the garden. “Now everything has to be done in a hurry.” But until then, “I like to see the kids happy and I like it when they call me ‘momma.’”

The Day in the Life series features the diversity of UVic employees who, often working behind the scenes, contribute so much to university life. If you would like to participate in this ongoing series or would like to suggest someone to profile, contact Linda Sproule-Jones at 721-8786 or sproulel@uvic.ca.

Let’s clear the air

Before you light up, move 10 m away from campus buildings

It’s hard to imagine that early students at the University of Victoria were almost as likely to encounter cigarette smoke in the classroom as in a parking lot. Health and safety practices, and research on the health hazards of second-hand smoke, have come a long way since the 1960s.

As of Sept. 1, smoking is prohibited within 10 m of campus buildings and structures, including outdoor patios, stadium areas, bus stops, fountains and bike shelters. This policy change is consistent with local and provincial clean air regulations and helps improve air quality and reduce the effects of second-hand smoke.

“The university is committed to providing a safe and healthy campus environment for students, employees and visitors,” says Peter Sanderson, associate vice-president human resources. “Smoking has been prohibited in all university buildings and

vehicles for some time, and we are now responding to staff and student requests to reduce their exposure to second-hand smoke near buildings.”

The policy change was supported by a task force made up of UVic staff, student, management and union representatives.

Medical evidence indicates that exposure to second-hand smoke is hazardous to health and can cause disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers.

Resources for students, faculty and staff who want to quit smoking are available through UVic Health Services (<http://health.uvic.ca/self-help/smoking.html>) and the UVic Department of Occupational Health, Safety and Environment (<http://ohs.uvic.ca/healthpromotion/smoking.html>). Or visit www.quitnow.ca, a comprehensive website operated by The Lung Association of British Columbia.



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