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Economic Diversification Canada, the BC spring, is being funded by Western which should be completed in the Institute of Ocean Sciences. The study, building an ocean technology park (UVPI) is looking at the feasibility of University of Victoria Properties Inc.

T E C H T R A N S F E R

The University of Victoria continued its Olympic tradition at the Beijing Olympic Games and Paralympic Games with 22 UVic students. Vikes alumni and staff taking part in the competition and winning medals for Canada.

The Canadian Green Building Council has conferred gold-level status in its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating program on UVic’s Engineering/Computer Science Building (ECS). This is the second building on campus to receive LEED gold status. The Medical Sciences Building was the first. As well, UVic’s Vancouver Island Technology Park is rated gold. In all, UVic owns three of the seven LEED-certified buildings in Victoria.

"UVic’s green building and renovation program is one part of its broader commitment to sustainability," says UVic’s Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability Neil Connolly.

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Leaping like a rabbit,塩野田（前）與安藤（後）

The building is 25% more energy efficient than the Model National Energy Code. It uses a heat recovery system from re-circulated waste water, has showers for cyclists and pedestrians, bike parking and bike lockers, and low-flow toilets and faucets. It optimizes daylight—the majority of occupied spaces have access to natural light. It also uses locally sourced materials and is built on a former parking lot. As well, the building is fully accessible by people with physical disabilities.

UVic’s Department of Facilities Management managed both the construction of the building and the LEED application.

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UVic salutes its Olympians

In track and field, Vikes staff member Brent Fougner served as assistant coach. And Ingrid Rys, also of the Vikes staff, was track and field manager.

In kayaking, UVic student Ryan Cuthbert competed in the K-2 doubles 1000m.

Alumna Monica Pinette competed in the women’s modern pentathlon.

And competing in mountain biking were alumni Geoff Kabash and Catherine Pendrel. Congratulations one and all.

UVic student Ryan Coughran shows the style that earned him Olympic bronze in the men’s 1500m freestyle.

PHOTO: Swim Canada (file)
This year’s program, co-partnered with Counselling Services, will explore a number of topics that range from exam prep and campus community-building to sexuality and personal wellness.

“The course will be comprised of professional workshops and an equal number of small workshop-style group projects to complement the learning objectives of each topic week,” says Maynard.

“Navigating the ever-changing market”

A longtime resident and UVic grad, Dave is helping local residents and new-comers to navigate their way through the real estate market. Whether buying or selling, he will assure smooth sailing. Just ask his many clients at UVic.

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The elephant in the room is becoming restless. Brief flashes of light illuminate its presence, yet we continue to ignore it. The realities of poverty, disease, climate change, environmental devastation—and now food shortages—represent flickers of light, seemingly insignificant challenges. They send signals that we should continue on as before, because we now have the remedies—however temporary—to address rising demands in consumption. Put differently, the elephant is in the room and ignored.

The latest flicker is the food crisis. Experts attribute its presence to the use of valuable crop land for biofuel, climate change, meat consumption and high oil prices. Yet how do economists, politicians and nongovernmental organizations propose to address the crisis? Instead of dealing with the underlying problems, they commit billions in food aid and focus on new irrigation systems and the use of fertilizers in Africa. The warnings and the elephant’s tremors grow stronger, yet we do nothing.

The elephant represents our consumption habits, our daily behaviours and way of life. We maintain a perceptual disconnect between these behaviours and the looming catastrophic social and environmental issues. Political bodies shift focus to the food crisis, as if this problem were isolated from other crises. But the food crisis is only one symptom, and illustrating the elephant fully will require considering these crises collectively. For instance, the food shortage is partly a result of the subsidization of biofuel, which is masking the primary source of the crisis. Between these crises, we struggle to find band-aid solutions to these problems.

The room is getting smaller and the elephant is growing bigger, yet we still do not want to acknowledge that the latter exists. We fear the discomfort that’s involved in changing our habits and way of life. The longer we wait, the more environmental the beast’s stampede and the more irreversible its growth. It is time to face the elephant and look ourselves in the eye by taking responsibility for our contribution to these crises.

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RAY PROTTI, CHAIR—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
A University of Alberta graduate with a B.A. and MA in economics, Protti was previously president and CEO of the Canadian Bankers Association. Before that, his positions in the federal public service included director of the Canadian Social Security and Intelligence Service, deputy minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and of Labour Canada. Protti chaired the board of the Institute of Corporate Directors’ Corporate Governance College and co-founded the International Banking Federation. He has served on the boards of many not-for-profit and arts organizations, including Ryerson University, St. Joseph’s Health Care Foundation, Toronto Community Foundation, Opera Lyra Ottawa and Theatrefront.

SUSAN MEHNAGIC, VICE-CHAIR—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Mehnagic holds a BSc (hons) from Queen’s University and an LLB from the University of Victoria. A chartered accountant and a registered trust and estate practitioner, she is the managing partner of the Victoria office of Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants. She practices in the field of personal and corporate taxation with a focus on estate and succession planning and the not-for-profit sector, including structuring of not-for-profit for donation matters. Mehnagic is a director of the Queen’s Alexandra Foundation and was a member of the Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation from 1998 to 2004, acting as chair. She currently chairs the University of Victoria Foundation and the Foundation for the University of Victoria.

DAVID TURPIN, PRESIDENT
Turpin is the University of Victoria’s sixth president and vice-chancellor. Under his leadership, UVic has adopted a strategic plan as well as a campus plan; UVic has grown in size and stature; student financial assistance has more than doubled; sponsored research funding reached more than $100 million in the last academic year; and the university leads NEPTUNE Canada and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. Turpin is a well-recognized scholar in plant biochemistry and physiology. The president is on an office member of the board of Governors.

RONALD LOU-POY, CHANCELLOR
Lou-Poy is a graduate of Victoria College, holds a commerce degree and a law degree from UBC, and is currently senior partner with Couse Raman & Co. of Victoria. He has been UVic’s chancellor since January 2001, and has served two terms on the board of governors. Lou-Poy’s many community involvements include the Kiwanis Club and the United Way. He is a member of the Order of Canada, a freeman of the City of Victoria, a life member of the Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation from 1998 to 2004, acting as chair. He currently chairs the University of Victoria Foundation and the Foundation for the University of Victoria.

JANE BUTLER MCGREGOR—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Butler McGregor currently serves as executive director of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Prior to this she served on the board of directors of Pacific Opera Victoria before stepping in as interim executive director during a transitional period. Previously she lived in the United States for 13 years where she helped found two new non-profit organizations and served on the boards of several others. Before moving to the US she served as the corporate director of human resources for the Jim Pattison Group in Vancouver after managing guest relations and VIP services for Expo 86. She has a B.A in psychology from the University of British Columbia.

PETER CICERI—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Ciceri is president of Custom House Global Foreign Exchange. An experienced corporate director and senior executive, he was lead director and chairman of Sierra Wireless from 2002 to 2006. In addition, Ciceri has served previously as president and managing director of Companq Canada Inc. and held senior posts with Hewlett Packard Asia Pacific Ltd. and Japan Unisys. In 1999, he was named one of Canada’s top 10 “IT influencers” by the National Post and one of the country’s top 100 business executives. Ciceri serves on the Premier’s Technology Council of BC and holds a B.A in economics from the University of Victoria and an MA in counseling psychology from the University of British Columbia. He is an alumni representative on the board.

JOHN deC. EVANS—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Evans is an experienced real estate developer and the principal of Trilogy Properties Corp., headquartered in Vancouver. He has guided many major real estate projects in Canada and the US over the past two decades. Trilogy, which Evans founded in 1991, is active in real estate development, acquisition and asset management in Vancouver and Whistler and the Fraser Valley. During its initial six years, Trilogy developed projects of more than $20 million, including the Westin Grand Hotel and SOPU hotels in downtown Vancouver and Whistler’s Marketplace. Evans holds a commerce degree from the University of British Columbia.

TONY GAGE—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Gage holds a BBA in economics from the University of Victoria and an MBA (Finance) from the University of British Columbia. A chartered financial analyst (CFA), Gage is a director of PIP Investments and Sky Investment Council and head of the management committee of PA Pension System Solutions. He is a part-time chair of the Board of Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management. His career at Phillips, Hager and North spanned more than 20 years including five years as president and chief executive officer. He is a member of the Association of Investment Management and Research (AIMR) and an accredited charted director (McMillan University).

ROBERT GIROUX—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Giroux is chair of the Canadian Council for Learning and a prominent advocate for higher education in Canada. From 1995 to 2004, he served as president and CEO of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada in Ottawa. He was also a force behind the creation of the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Canada Research Council Program. Prior to joining the AUCC, Giroux held senior posts in the federal public service including secretary of the Treasury Board and president of the Public Service Commission. Giroux holds a BSc and an MSc from the University of Ottawa. He has received honorary degrees from seven universities, including UVic.

LYDIA HWITSM—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Hwitsum is serving a third term as the elected chair of Cowichan Tribes. She was a member of the First Nations Summit Political Executive from 2002 to 2004. Since 2000, Hwitsum has worked for Indigenous and women rights at the United Nations. She attended the Beijing Plus five conference and the first sitting of the permanent forum for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and served on the board of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. Hwitsum holds an LLB, a Certificate in Administration of Aboriginal Government and a Diploma in Public Sector Management from UVic. She also studied Native law and conflict resolution.

CAITLIN MEGGS—ELECTED STUDENT MEMBER
Meggs is a chair of the University of Victoria Student’s Society, having served previously as director of academics. She has been an active volunteer for Common Energy, a climate change organization, working on a Local Food dinner and bringing the campus beyond climate neutral. She is a member of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group coordinating committee and a volunteer coordinator for the BC Blood Services on campus. She has served on the provincial executive of the BC Canadian Federation of Students and on many UVic committees. She is a fourth year student in political science and environmental studies who transferred from McGill University.

RICHARD PARK—ELECTED STUDENT MEMBER
Park is an undergraduate biology student at UVic. During his time at UVic, he has contributed to university life in many ways, including as a student senator (2006/07, 2007/08), as a member of the UVSS Board of Directors, and as a member of UVic’s Planning and Priorities Committee and numerous other committees. In addition, he has participated in numerous sports and recreational activities and volunteered with campaigns and events including the Canadian Federation of Students’ Day of Action, the BC UVic We Ride transit campaign and other University of Victoria Students Society events.

CHRIS PETTER—ELECTED STAFF MEMBER
Petter has held a variety of positions as a professional librarian and archivist at UVic since 1975. For the majority of his UVic career he has worked in the Libraries’ Special Collections and Archives and most recently with digital projects. A UVic alumus (1987), he served on the Alumnae Association executive and as alumni representative to senate (1989/90). Most recently, Petter has served as president of the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment in Higher Education and most recently the UVic Women’s Recognition Award.

ERIC SAGER—ELECTED FACULTY MEMBER
A member of the UVic’s Department of History since 1983, Sager is a historian of Canada and author or editor of nine books and over 40 articles. He was director of the Canadian Families Project, a SSHR, major collaborative research initiative, and is a co-investigator of the CHI-funded Canadian Centuries Research Infrastructure Project. Chair of the history department from 2000 to 2005, he has also served on the Faculty Association executive, the University Review Committee, the Campus Development Committee, and the Humanities Faculty Advisory Committee. Since 1996 he has written 14 articles in post-secondary education for the Victoria Colonist. Sager has a PhD from the University of British Columbia.

BARBARA WHITTINGTON—ELECTED FACULTY MEMBER
Whittington is an associate professor who has served as director of the School of Social Work, faculty coordinator of the UVic-Family Centre, university aeator, and was the university’s first human rights/harassment director. She helped founded the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment in Higher Education and was appointed to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee for the selection of Supreme Court Justices BC. Whittington’s research and community interests centre on issues of grandparents caring for grandchildren, social justice and school restorative justice practices. She received the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence and most recently the UVic Women’s Recognition Award.

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This past June, we were privileged to represent Canada at the first annual World Student Environmental Summit in Kyoto, Japan. The summit involved over 50 students from 15 different countries who share a common passion for environmental sustainability. We were required to demonstrate our involvement with green projects both on campus and within the community. Since we both possess a keen interest in environmental sustainability, we jumped at the opportunity to participate in a global event to learn more about current environmental issues and develop action plans to combat global climate change.

The three- and a-half-day conference was tightly scheduled and we found ourselves getting less than five hours of sleep each night. It began with a welcome reception where we were all dressed in traditional Japanese clothing. This was a unique experience for us and truly reflected the Japanese respect and admiration for their traditional culture. The next two days involved heated discussion sessions focused on solutions for greening campuses, and we were fascinated to learn what other universities are doing to achieve sustainable campus environments.

A tour of the Kyocera plant offered an insight into renewable technologies and provided specific examples of green initiatives and projects that we have successfully implemented, including several projects that the Business Sustainability Club organized last year. At the summit, we were able to establish the International Student Environmental Network (ISEN), a platform for students to share ideas and knowledge about sustainability actions to help us work together to combat climate change.

The major outcome of the summit was a student proposal which was presented to the G8 Leaders Hokkaido Summit in Toyako in July. We helped divide the proposal into three major sections based on the 3-C Principles of Conserve, Create and Collaborate. We made major contributions to the Conserve and Collaborate sections and provided specific examples of green initiatives and projects that UVic has successfully implemented, including several projects that the Business Sustainability Club organized last year.

At the summit, youth delegates all came together to establish the International Student Environmental Network (ISEN), a platform for students to share ideas and knowledge about sustainability actions to help us work together to combat climate change. Overall, this was an amazing opportunity and experience that we will both remember for a very long time. It was our first international conference and provided us with deep insight into other countries' cultures and sustainability initiatives. The conference has inspired us to continue interacting with students from around the world and strive to create a sustainable world together. The demanding nature of our leadership role before and during the summit has provided us with a valuable skill set that will greatly contribute to our academic and career goals. We both hope to pursue master's degrees in sustainable business and continue our environmental work.

The noon-hour feast at the Esquimalt Big House to close this year’s UVic Indigenous Student Summer Camp was more than a chance for the high school students to celebrate their week-long experience. It was also an opportunity to recognize a $600,000 gift by RBC to the camps and UVic's Indigenous Adult Orientation Programs which are held in the fall.

With RBC’s Vice-President of Commercial Banking Tom Siemens looking on, Director of UVic’s Office of Indigenous Affairs Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi gestured to the 30 young people sitting beside her. She said, “The lives that your financial contribution has made is a difference to us. I encourage you that your funding will have an impact on the youth in our community.”

The annual camps provide grades 9-12 Indigenous students, some from remote areas of the province, the chance to come to campus and have an introduction to the opportunities presented by a post-secondary education. The students meet Indigenous faculty and attend workshops on a variety of subjects including robotics, computer science and law.

“We are very grateful to RBC for securing the funding for these vital programs,” said UVic President David Turpin. “The bank’s gift will strengthen and expand our programs and encourage Aboriginal young people to continue their education.”

Speaking at the closing ceremony, Hunt-Jinnouchi explained that the programs have a “ripple effect.” The students tell their peers, who also become inspired and motivated to attend university.

“We believe in UVic and the promise of higher education not only for those involved,” said Siemens. “I hope to see great things coming from both programs in the years to come.”

One of UVic’s goals is to build on its commitment to Canada’s First Peoples by increasing the number of Indigenous students graduating from all faculties at UVic and fostering a welcoming and accessible learning environment. The number of Aboriginal students at UVic has increased by more than 700 per cent since 1999, with over 600 Aboriginal students attending classes on campus.

RBC’s gift will provide $100,000 a year to the programs for the next six years.

Students contribute to Kyoto environmental summit

BY JILL DOUCETTE (4TH-YEAR BIOLOGY) AND CHANTAL ORR (4TH-YEAR BUSINESS)

RBC gift supports Indigenous students

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**THE PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY:**
Campus Consultation Sessions

UVic’s Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability wants your ideas to help make our campus a sustainable one. We are in the middle of a year-long process to create the university’s first Sustainability Policy and Action Plan. Please join us for a consultation session to discuss your ideas, find out what is already happening, and help us plan for the future. Your feedback will be incorporated into the sustainability policy and action plan. Now is a good time to make a difference.

**SEPTEMBER**

9 11:30 – 1:20 p.m., Strong Building, Room C126
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23 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Health Admin Building, Room D016

For more information, please contact Naomi Devine at 250-507-2589 or ndevine@uvic.ca

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**GOING WITH THE WIND**

Using wind as a viable source of energy is more than just a lot of hot air

**BY TARA SHARPE**

Curran Crawford is not afraid of a little wind. Air in all its gusty glory is as necessary to his research as it is to the wings of an airplane.

Crawford, a faculty member in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, designs rotors blades for wind generators.

“Back in the days when ships moved by sail alone, seafarers relied on the wind to bring them home,” says Crawford. “I think wind is going to show us the way once more, at least as one reliable option for renewable and sustainable energy.”

Not that long ago, Crawford was a graduate student studying aerodynamic wing design for aircraft, but soon altered course to a cleaner use of energy.

While a PhD student at Cambridge University, he developed the sophisticated computer modeling system which is now at the core of his current research at UVic.

Crawford has a one-metre blade sitting on his office desk built from coordinates supplied to a UK company that manufactures small wind turbines for individual homes and farms. He’s currently working on several other proposals, including a possible project with a Quebec company that manufactures one- to two-megawatt machines, each with the capacity to supply 1,000 homes with power.

An upcoming addition to his lab will be a nifty gizmo with a complicated name—a “rapid prototyping machine.” Its action is similar to piping decorations onto a cake: Crawford enters a particular set of coordinates and the machine spits out a small plastic test blade.

The real deal is much larger, generally measuring between 25 and 50 metres in length, and made out of wood, fibreglass or carbon composites. These massive blades are usually mounted in pairs or as a trio on towers that can reach up to 150 metres high. The blades turn a shaft that powers a generator, which produces the electricity.

The world’s biggest wind-energy producers are Germany, the US, Spain, Britain and Denmark. In Canada, Quebec and Alberta are the leaders, but BC has lagged behind. That may soon change, predicts Crawford.

“Our province has a deeply entrenched hydro power legacy from the 1970s,” he says, “but with a growing population and a concurrent rise in energy demand, wind is ready for the taking.”

There are criticisms related to wind farms, including concerns about noise, bird migratory paths, Aboriginal traditional lands, private-interest investment and taxpayer subsidy. These issues can be addressed with responsible development and siting, says Crawford.

The variable power from wind generation is not necessarily difficult to address either. “Consumers usually require the most energy in the coldest months, when the wind is fiercest,” says Crawford. “And we can store three years’ worth of hydro-electric energy to fill in the gaps during less windy times of the day or year,” Crawford explains.

Location is crucial. According to Crawford, prime sites are on hilltops in remote areas or out at sea, both of which are far from the transmission grid and hard to access.

Emerging initiatives include a wind project near Chetwynd in the Peace River district, a wind park near Dawson Creek, a wind farm near Prince Rupert and a potential island project in Hecate Strait.

“We seem to be taking a leadership role in BC on a number of fronts with respect to global change and sustainability,” says Crawford. “Let’s not wait to power a societal transition to a sustainable future.”
SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

Landowwe Lecture 4:10 p.m. The Influence of Bartók’s String Quartets on My Own Compositions. Zhou Jerry (Queen’s University, Kingston). Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-7904

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

Other 10 a.m. Path to Sustainability Campus Consultation Session. Help create UVic’s first Sustainability Policy and Action Plan. Strong Building Cost. Info: nrmdev@uvic.ca

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

Music 12:30 p.m. Lunch at lunch. An exploration of the German Lieder repertoire with Sharon and Harold Nott. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

Other 10 a.m. Co-op Info Day. A full-day event. Come and learn about how co-op works, meet coop students and staff, see samples of 10-10 projects and enter to win prizes. Student Union, Michelle Papill Room. Info: www.uvic.ca/coop

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University mourns slain student

Members of the university community were shocked and saddened at the death of UVic student Philibert Toung, who was shot and killed July 19 in downtown Victoria. The shooting took place on View Street some time after the closing of the Red Jacket nightclub, where the 20-year-old third-year psychology student had been with friends earlier. Two other young men were also shot and later treated in hospital.

Victoria police arrested two men, aged 22 and 36, who have been charged with first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF KRISTI FALCONER

Falconer, who began working for UVic in September 2005, is the interpreter coordinator and a student advisor in the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability. She is the primary liaison for students who require accommodation based on their hearing loss. She works to provide such accommodations as sign language interpreters, oral interpreters or captioning services for faculty who have a student who is deaf or hard of hearing in their course.

A sign language interpreter interprets everything heard in the classroom into American Sign Language (ASL) and any questions or comments the deaf student has signed into English. An oral interpreter assists students who use hearing aids and rely on lip-reading. For captioning services, UVic is among several institutions in BC that provide TypeWell transcription services. TypeWell transcription is seamless and anonymous, with the transcription typing into a laptop wirelessly connected to the student’s laptop. The student is able to sit wherever she or he wants without worrying about trying to lip-read a faculty member who walks back and forth, has a heavy accent or a beard and moustache.

“In an ideal world, all courses would be universally designed to be accessible to every student on our campus,’’ says Falconer.

Falconer and Judy Nazar from the Humanities Computing and Media Centre have successfully proposed ASL courses for credit which will begin in September 2009. They are also working to establish Canada’s first minor in Deaf studies at UVic, to teach the next generation of teachers, child and youth care workers and other professionals about the Deaf community, language and culture.

Falconer, who was born and raised in Victoria, devotes time and energy into funding several projects for a small village on the island of Zanzibar in Tanzania. These include providing porridge to 300 pre-school children three times a week and teaching the five deaf children in the village their native Tanzanian Sign Language. She organizes an “Amazing Race for Africa” and silent auction every fall to raise money for these projects.

The Day in the Life series features the diversity of UVic employers, who, often working behind the scenes, contribute so much to university life. To suggest someone to profile, please contact Robbi Lissimb, editor of The Ring (250-721-7640 or robbe@uvic.ca).

Active U rewarded for connecting sole mates

UVic’s Active U wellness initiative recently received a major funding boost—a $4,000 grant from the Active Communities Initiative of the BC Recreation and Parks Association.

The Active U program, launched last March, encourages members of the campus community to get active and enhance their overall well-being. The Active U website (http://activeu. uvic.ca/) tracks participants’ progress as they virtually walk (cycle, do yoga, swim or garden) around Vancouver Island.

More than 120 Active U members and five teams have already logged enough steps to circle Vancouver Island. In just five months, 732 Active U participants have collectively logged over half a million kilometers.

Upcoming Active U events include the CIBC Run for the Cure, hosted by the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, at UVic’s Centennial Stadium Oct. 5. To join the Active U team, contact Team Captain Tina Latheswee at tinalatheswee@uvic.ca or 250-472-5462.

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In memoriam

Moira Hill died on July 10, following a courageous battle with cancer. Moira joined the team at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society in 1996, after working for a time at the Centre on Ageing. For eight years she served as CSRS’s senior secretary, a role she performed with expert competence and a deep sense of purpose and caring. Moira had personal warmth in abundance. All were welcomed and made to feel important. As the centre grew during this period and gained in reputation, so many faculty members, students and scholars across Canada and internationally came to associate the CSRS with the friendly and efficient service she provided. Moira took a special interest in the graduate students who held fellowships at the centre, always ready with a smile and a kind word to ease the hardships of graduate life. In recognition of this, the Moira Hill Graduate Student Book Prize was established in 2006, to be awarded each year to a graduate student fellow who makes an outstanding contribution to the life of the centre. Moira spent her final years at home in the care of her close and loving family, who were the great joy of her life. Memorial contributions to the Moira Hill Book Prize fund may be made care of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society. Contributed by Leslie Kenny, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

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