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of Victoria**

speed reading

CAMPUS WILDLIFE

Sharing space with rabbits

Sure, they're cute, but campus rabbits are wildlife, not pets, and should be treated accordingly. The university is launching a new information campaign aimed at addressing rabbit overpopulation.

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EMERGENCY ALERTS

UVic tests emergency message system

The first campus-wide test of the university's new emergency notification system occurred Aug. 20. The system allows the university to inform students, faculty and staff of emergencies via email, telephone and mobile text messaging. A repeat test will occur later this fall. **More: www.uvic.ca/alerts**

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Who's on board?

In July, seven new members joined the university's board of governors, which is responsible for the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the university. We profile all members of the board on **page 4**.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Celebrating Bartók

International scholars, composers and musicians will examine Béla Bartók's string quartets Sept. 19–21. The free public conference, "Bartók's String Quartets: Tradition and Legacy," in the Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, will feature an open rehearsal with the Lafayette String Quartet and composer Zoltán Jeney, and two evening concerts (tickets \$19/23 at the University Centre box office). **More: <http://finearts.uvic.ca/music/>**

RBC DONATION

Serving Indigenous learners

A \$600,000 gift from RBC will provide support for UVic's Indigenous Student Summer Camp, which provides an introduction to postsecondary education for Indigenous middle- and high-school students from across BC, and the university's Indigenous Adult Orientation program. **Story on page 5**.

TECH TRANSFER

Ocean tech park coming?

University of Victoria Properties Inc. (UVPI) is looking at the feasibility of building an ocean technology park in North Saanich across from the Institute of Ocean Sciences. The study, which should be completed in the spring, is being funded by Western Economic Diversification Canada, the BC government and UVPI. **More: <http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/>**



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Orientation team gets students connected.

An enthusiastic welcome and a helpful hand are extended to thousands of new and returning students by members of UVic's orientation team. Martina Forster (left), Matthew Liem and Helen Zhao (with mascots) are among the dozens of orientation team members who help students make the most of their university experience by connecting with each other and accessing a wide range of campus resources. Orientation events began at the end of August and continue to mid-September. Details at <http://orientation.uvic.ca/> PHOTO: WILLIE LI

SUSTAINABILITY

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**NUMBER
OF LEED
CERTIFIED
BUILDINGS
IN VICTORIA
OWNED BY
UVIC**

LEED gold to second campus building

The Canada 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 Connelly.

The 8,975-sq-m \$25-million ECS building helps to address a serious space shortage on campus. The six-storey building contains lecture theatres, teaching labs, research labs and administrative and support space for graduate students, faculty and staff. The main floor classes are available to students from other departments and for public lectures and events.

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

The building is 25 per cent 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 ATHLETES IN BEIJING

22

**NUMBER OF
STUDENTS,
STAFF AND
ALUMNI
COMPETING IN
THE BEIJING
OLYMPICS &
PARALYMPICS**

UVic salutes its Olympians

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.

In rowing, Vikes alumni Adam Kreek and Kevin Light won gold medals in the men's eight. Alumnus Mike Lewis took bronze in the men's lightweight four. Alumnae Sarah Bonikowsky, Darcy Marquardt, Romina Stefancic and Buffy Williams were women's eight finalists. Alumnae Rachelle deJong and Anna Marie de Zwager rowed in the women's quadruple sculls. Alumna Lindsay Jennerich competed in the women's lightweight double. Howie Campbell and Al Morrow were in Beijing as rowing coaches and Vikes alumnus Adam Parfitt was rowing manager.

In swimming, student Ryan Cochrane took the bronze medal in the men's 1500m freestyle. Vikes alumnus Rick Say was a finalist in the men's 4x100m freestyle relay. And student Stephanie Dixon will compete in the Paralympics, Sept 6–17.

In track and field, Vikes staff member Brent Fougner served as assistant coach, and Ingrid Ruys, 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 Kabush and Catharine Pendrel.

Congratulations one and all.



UVic student Ryan Cochrane shows the style that earned him Olympic bronze in the men's 1500m freestyle. PHOTO: SWIM CANADA (FILE)

around the ring

United Way campaign kicks off

UVic's billboard thermometers will start heating up again very soon as the university's 2008 United Way campaign kicks off this month. Everyone is welcome to the Campus Campaign Kick-Off BBQ on Sept. 23. This year's campaign goal is to increase participation at all levels. Last year, the campus community raised more than \$250,000 in support of United Way programs assisting those in need in Greater Victoria. Info at <http://unitedway.uvic.ca>

Online Community gets facelift

UVic's Online Community now boasts a more user-friendly interface, a searchable alumni, student, faculty and staff directory plus photo galleries and other social networking capabilities. The Online Community is maintained by UVic Alumni Services, which licenses this technology to eight other Canadian academic institutions. Log on with your Netlink ID at www.olcnetwork.net/uvic and watch for new features including online mentoring, groups, blogs and event management later this year.

Enjoy the rabbits, but don't feed, touch or harass them

Sure they're cute, but they're not pets. They're wildlife. This is the main message behind a public awareness campaign being launched by the University of Victoria. The goal is to change the way people view and interact with feral rabbits on campus. "Rabbits will have a continued presence on the UVic campus, but the status quo is not an option," says Neil Connelly, UVic's director of campus planning and sustainability. "The university is developing a long-term rabbit management plan that is based on a significant shift in how we behave around them." UVic is well known for its feral rabbits, which are pets or descendants of pets abandoned on campus by members of the community. Although many people on and off-campus enjoy the presence of the rabbits, their activities can have a significant impact on human health and safety (the risk of catastrophic injury to athletes from rabbit holes, for example, or disease spread by rabbit feces), and on plants and property. The public awareness campaign is

aimed at eliminating further abandonment of unwanted pet rabbits, reducing human-provided food sources for rabbits, and preventing harassment of and cruelty to rabbits. "Feeding the rabbits helps push their numbers toward an unmanageable level, and the leftovers are creating a ready food source for a growing rat population. Feeding rabbits also increases the risk of rabbit bites and the tetanus that could result. Like other wildlife, rabbits must forage for their food to survive," says Connelly. The awareness campaign also cautions people to not chase, handle or pet the rabbits, and reminds dog owners that their pets are to be kept on leash and under control at all times when on campus. As wildlife, feral rabbits are protected by federal and provincial legislation from acts of harassment and cruelty. Since late 2007 the university has been gathering information on rabbit-related damage and safety concerns, on the significance of rabbits to UVic's sense of community and external image, and on feral animal management issues in other jurisdictions. The

university has also consulted with on-campus groups, residents associations, community organizations and local municipalities. The process included initiating ongoing surveys of the size and distribution of the feral rabbit population in specific areas of campus. "By understanding the population densities we'll be able to explore a number of non-lethal control methods, such as vegetation modifications, to try to manage rabbit activities in key areas such as the athletic fields. These methods will be investigated in the coming months, in consultation with internal and external stakeholder groups and volunteers. The public awareness campaign is the first step." Connelly stresses that the university is not in a position to make a significant financial contribution to this issue. "The university cannot justify diverting substantial funding from its educational mission to deal with what is, in reality, a community-wide issue." For more information, visit www.uvic.ca/rabbits.



You wouldn't feed a raccoon. So please don't feed the rabbits.

Expect to see public awareness campaign materials using this and other animal imagery in posters, bookmarks and brochures.

PLEASE

- Don't abandon your pet rabbit on campus
- Don't pet or feed the rabbits
- Don't chase, harass or handle the rabbits

STUDENT SUPPORT

Getting the Peak UVic experience

BY MELANIE TROMP

Up to 400 first-year residence dwellers are determined to reach new heights this autumn, having signed on to participate in the University of Victoria's first-ever Peak UVic life and study skills program. "Lots of universities do something like a 'Residence 101' and the idea behind Peak UVic is similar, but we're hoping that ours covers a bit more ground content-wise," explains Michelle Maynard, coordinator of residence programs at UVic's ResLife office. "It should help make that transition easier from high school to university, and it covers topics that will help first-year students be more successful in

both their classes and life choices." 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 10 professional weekly lectures and an equal number of small workshop-style group projects to complement the learning objectives of each week's topic. "The smaller study groups will be organized according to the particular classes a student is taking academically—we're hoping to really connect with the academics so that they have a presence in UVic residence," explains Maynard.

Dr. Jennifer White, a faculty member in the School of Child and Youth Care, is one of several academics taking the plunge with Peak UVic this fall, partnering with UVic counselor Rita Knodel and graduate student Jonny Morris to deliver a lecture aimed at creating an open campus community. "It's a one-hour workshop, but we're aiming for more of an active conversation, with students sharing their experiences of being part of a community," explains White, adding that her research has shown that feelings of connectedness and belonging reduce student stress. Maynard cites the results of a smaller program organized by UVic counselor Joe Parsons called "Doing Well, Being Well" as the inspiration to

finally create an expanded version for first-year residence students. "Students who completed Parson's program stayed at UVic, a higher percentage completed their degree and achieved higher grades," says Maynard. "This program will help parents help their students out in the long run." Peak UVic will begin during the first full week of classes in September at a nominal cost of \$60 per student to cover the cost of course materials and photocopying. More at: <http://web.uvic.ca/Peakuvic/> This article is reprinted with permission from "The Fountain," UVic's online parent newsletter, produced by the Student Transition Centre (<http://transition.uvic.ca/fountain/>).

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The room is shrinking and the elephant is growing

BY DR. MIKE VALENTE
(BUSINESS)

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, brief warning signs indicating that perhaps there’s something fundamental underlying these crises, something we’re overlooking, something we’re protecting. But we continue to avoid the beast, pretending to solve these crises when, in fact, all we’re doing is masking the primary source of the problem.

One flicker is global warming. When public opinion began to shift its attention to climate change, scientists introduced three technologies to reduce global warming, one of which was the placement of giant mirrors in space that would reflect sunlight intermittently. While these solutions highlight humanity’s ability to resolve seemingly insurmountable challenges, they send signals that we should continue on as before, because we now have the remedies—however tem-

porary—to address rising demands in consumption. Put differently, the elephant in the room is 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 illuminating the elephant fully will require considering these crises collectively. For instance, the food shortage is partly due to the subsidization of biofuel, which arose from our insatiable demand for

fuel and the impact of such demand on climate change. Our approaches to the food shortage and many other crises ultimately encourage the neglect of the underlying cause: lack of behavioural change. We persist in finding technological solutions and temporary fixes that lie around or beneath the elephant, bumping our head on its massive belly on the way up.

In the past, we’ve relied on technology to avoid radically changing our consumption habits. But with our population swelling, symptoms are becoming multi-dimensional and surfacing simultaneously to the point where, as is the case with biofuel, one band-aid solution contradicts another.

The room is getting smaller and the elephant is getting bigger, yet we still do not want to acknowledge that the latter exists. We fear the discomfort of looking the beast in the eye, the discomfort that’s involved in changing our habits and way of life. The longer we wait, the more painful 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.



Valente. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

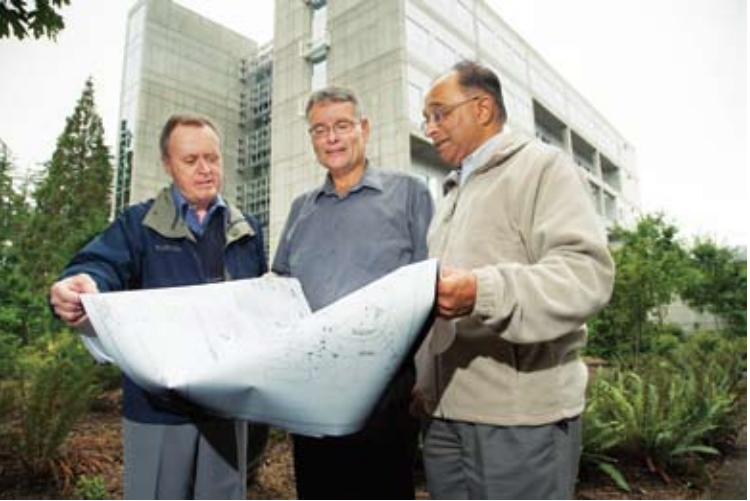
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process which resulted in gold certification. The building was officially opened in October 2006 by Minister of Advanced Education Murray Coell.

The university is also aiming for LEED gold status for two new buildings—the recently constructed Social Sciences and Mathematics Building and the First Peoples House, which should be completed by the summer of 2009.

The Support Services Building, which is scheduled to open later this year, is expected to receive LEED silver status. All new building projects on campus, regardless of LEED status, feature a number of sustainability features including high energy and water efficiency, locally sourced materials, natural landscaping, storm water management systems and enhanced indoor air quality.



L-R: Bentley Sly (manager of grounds), Neil Connelly (director of campus planning and sustainability) and Nazir Jessa (consulting project coordinator, facilities management) made major contributions to achieving LEED gold status for UVic’s Engineering/Computer Science Building. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

Calls for Nominations

CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE SERVICE

Don’t forget to submit nominations for your fellow employees. The 2008 President’s Distinguished Service Awards will once again shine a well-deserved spotlight on University of Victoria staff members making outstanding contributions to the betterment of our university and its community. The nomination deadline is earlier this year (Oct.15), so if you have someone in mind, it’s a good time now to fill in the paperwork. Nomination forms are available at <http://web.uvic.ca/hr/pdsa/>. Visit the same link for information about previous years’ recipients and their winning efforts. The annual award program was established six years ago by President David Turpin to honour UVic’s exceptional employees who help improve the university and community. This year’s winners will be announced at the president’s holiday reception in December.

APPLAUDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Each year, the University of Victoria partners with Leadership Victoria and the Rotary Clubs of Greater Victoria to sponsor an annual award program recognizing those in our community who have effected change and improvement in our civil society. The 2009 Victoria’s Leadership Awards is gearing up for nominations, so stay tuned to Leadership Victoria’s website www.leadershipvictoria.ca for the 2009 nomination form. Victoria’s Leadership Awards program was established in 2004 to salute the outstanding citizens of our community who have led and inspired others to contribute too. Leadership Victoria provides emerging decision makers with opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills.

around the ring

Bridging the Deaf and hearing communities

To mark International Deaf Awareness Week, the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability (RCSd) will host several free, interesting, fun and informative events and activities around campus Sept. 22–26. Attend American Sign Language classes, presentations on Deaf Culture, film showings, a panel discussion, view display tables in University Centre Sept. 22, and participate in a variety of non-verbal activities and interactive sessions. The RCSd sends out a huge thank-you to the main sponsor, the Equity and Human Rights Office. For more information contact Kristi at 472–5557 or kristi@uvic.ca and check the Working for Change calendar at <http://web.uvic.ca/eqhr/calendar/index.htm> and the UVic events calendar <http://events.uvic.ca>.

Your career, Canada’s future

Want to discuss your views on public policy with senior decision makers? Interested in a challenging career that fits with your education? Attend a free co-op and career conference in the SUB Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Co-hosted by UVic and the Government of Canada, the event—“Put Your Talent to Work: Canada’s Future Through You”—will feature federal deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers discussing topics including climate change, homelessness, global trade and human rights. There will also be information booths, mini presentations and job interviews. For more information, or to register, visit www.yourfuturescalling.ca

Engineering Open House

Explore research laboratories, meet professors or try your hand at flying a blimp at the Faculty of Engineering’s 25th anniversary open house on Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Engineering/Computer Science Building. When founded in 1983, the faculty consisted solely of the Department of Electrical Engineering. Now it offers degrees in computer science and computer, electrical, mechanical and software engineering. More info: www.engr.uvic.ca/25

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Board of Governors 2008/09

The board of governors is one of two primary governing bodies of the university. It is responsible for the maintenance and construction of buildings, the employment of personnel and, on the recommendation of senate, the establishment of faculties, departments and programs. The board also administers university assets and approves the university budget framework.



RAY PROTTI, CHAIR—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
A University of Alberta graduate with a BA 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 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 MEHINAGIC, VICE-CHAIR—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Mehinagic holds a BCom (honours) 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-profits for donation matters. Mehinagic is a director of the Queen Alexandra Foundation and was a member of the Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation from 1998 to 2004, retiring as chair. She is currently chair of 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 in 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 an *ex officio* 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 Crease Harman & Co. of Victoria. He has been UVic’s chancellor since January 2003 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 Municipality of Saanich and an honorary judge of the Citizenship Court of Canada. Lou-Poy recently received the Lifetime Public and Community Service Award of the Victoria Chinese Commerce Association. The chancellor is an *ex officio* member of the board.



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 BA 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 served previously as president and managing director of Compaq 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 BA 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, Whistler and the Fraser Valley. During its initial six years, Trilogy developments were valued at more than \$250 million, including the Westin Grand Hotel and OPUS 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 BA 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 PSP Investments and Sky Investment Counsel and head of the management committee of JEA Pension System Solutions. He is a past 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 chartered director (McMaster 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 Chairs 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 BCom and an MSc from the University of Ottawa. He has received honorary degrees from seven universities, including UVic.



LYDIA HWITSUM—ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE
Hwitsum is serving a third term as the elected chief 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’s 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.



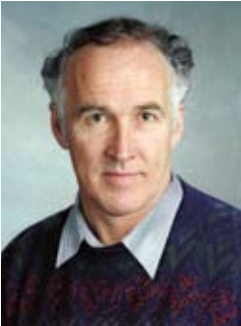
CAITLIN MEGGS—ELECTED STUDENT MEMBER
Meggs is chair of the University of Victoria Students’ Society, having served previously as director of academics. She has been an active volunteer for Common Energy, a climate change organization, working on a Local Food dinner and bringing the campus beyond climate neutral. She is a member of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group coordinating committee and was volunteer coordinator for the Canadian 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-CFS 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 alumnus (1967), he served on the Alumni Association executive and as alumni representative to senate (1981/82). Most recently, Petter has served as president of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC, where he led the campaign for the removal of mandatory retirement, and lobbied for implementation of the Campus 2020 report and to increase core funding for BC universities.



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 SSHRC major collaborative research initiative, and is a co-investigator with the CFI-funded Canadian Century 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 1984 he has written 18 articles on post-secondary education for the Victoria *Times-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 orator, and was the university’s first human rights (harassment) director. She helped found 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 in BC. Whittington’s research and community interests centre on issues of grandparents raising 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.

Students contribute to Kyoto environmental summit

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

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 11 different countries who share a common passion for the environment, and it provided a platform for us to engage in valuable dialogue and debate.

We were selected as two of six students from Canada through an online application process where 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 to greening campuses, and we were fascinated to learn what other universities are doing to achieve sustainable campuses.

A tour of the Kyocera plant offered us insight into renewable technologies with an emphasis on the development of solar panels. On the final day, we heard from several distinguished speakers, including the former Japanese minister of environment and the mayor of Kyoto. Finally, we both formally presented a section of the student proposal to a large audience



L-R: Orr, conference co-ordinator Miyuki Inoue, and Doucette

consisting of government representatives and local business leaders.

Two months prior to the summit, the executive staff from Doshisha University had selected us to chair the second subcommittee. It consisted of all undergraduate students who attended the summit, while the first subcommittee consisted of graduate students and faculty.

This was a challenging leadership role that included creating online topic discussions for other participants, facilitating the online discussions, creating assignments for delegates that would build towards the final proposal, and facilitating discussion sessions during the summit. It also involved making large-scale presentations on the subcommittee's behalf, revising and editing the student proposal, and publicly representing

our subcommittee through various forms of media.

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 we 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.

RBC gift supports Indigenous students



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 standing beside her.

"See the lives that your financial contribution has a made a difference to. I guarantee you that your funding will have an impact on the youth in our community."

The annual camps provide grade 8–12 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 individuals but for the communities that are 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.

Participants in the 2008 UVic Indigenous Student Summer Camp.
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Dr. Myer Horowitz, adjunct professor (education), distinguished lecturer and long-time supporter of UVic's Centre for Youth and Society, received yet another accolade this summer—the prestigious Special Recognition Award of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Horowitz has garnered numerous tributes over a 56-year career as school teacher, teacher educator, university administrator and ardent advocate for children's learning, including eight honorary degrees and his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1990. His lifelong interest in youth in schools has, in recent years, turned to a focus on the necessity for various professional and lay communities to work collaboratively toward improved early childhood education initiatives.

On August 8, 2008 (a very auspicious "Triple 8" date in Chinese culture), the Victoria Chinese Commerce Association hosted the 2008 Golden Mountain Achievement Awards to honour 150 years of contributions to Canadian society by Chinese Canadians. UVic associate professor **Dr. Hua Lin** (linguistics), UVic professor **Dr. Yuen-Fong** (Pacific and Asian studies), UVic geography professor emeritus **Dr. David Chuenyan Lai** (Centre on Aging) and UVic chancellor **Dr. Ron Lou-Poy** were each recipients of the achievement awards. More info: www.150goldenmountain.ca

Dr. Monika Winn (business) has received the Carolyn Dexter Best International Paper award, given annually by the Academy of Management for a paper that offers new insights and observations about a topic of international interest and that represents a collaboration among scholars using creative research methods. Winn and two international colleagues co-authored the paper that discusses organizational response to extreme weather events and seeks to increase our understanding of a business response to climate change. It was selected from among 5,000 papers submitted.

Dr. Geraldine Van Gyn (exercise science, physical and health education) has been awarded the 2007/08 Dr. Graham Branton Research Award from the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education (CAFCE). The award recognizes significant contributions to scholarly research in co-operative education from CAFCE members and is named in honour of Dr. Graham Branton, the program's longest-serving director, who dedicated 17 years to the development of the UVic's Co-operative Education Program. Van Gyn has written a chapter for the Handbook for Research in Co-operative Education and Internships and has been contributing to co-operative education research worldwide for more than 20 years.

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 rotor 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 Québec 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, Québec 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



Crawford PHOTO: DIANA NETHERCOTT

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.”

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SEPTEMBER

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- 25** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Clearihue Building,
Room C112

OCTOBER

- 8** 2:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Strong Building,
Room C130
- 23** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
MacLaurin Building,
Room D116

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

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calendar highlights

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■ **P/op!** Until Sept. 22. Works by internationally renowned artists working in the pop, optical and abstract art genres. Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery.

■ **Copper Thunderbird.** Until Nov. 30. More than 15 paintings influenced or created by internationally renowned Anishnaabe artist Norval Morrisseau. Legacy Art Gallery and Café, 630 Yates St. <http://legacygallery.ca/>

At the theatre
www.phoenixtheatres.ca
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■ **Legoland** Oct. 9–19 By Jacob Richmond. Acclaimed at festivals across North America, this offbeat comedy is a contemporary vaudeville routine, complete with ukulele, puppets and gangster rap.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

■ **Other** 2 p.m. *World Suicide Awareness Day.* Join the NEED Crisis and Information Line to raise awareness about suicide, celebrate life and honour the lives of those affected by suicide. Interfaith Chapel. Info: needcrisis.bc.ca, 250-386-6328 ext. 222

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 co-op projects and enter to win prizes. Student Union, Michèle Pujol Room. Info: www.uvic.ca/coop

■ **Other** 11:30 a.m. *Path to Sustainability: Campus Consultation Session.* Help create UVic's first Sustainability Policy and Action Plan. Strong Building C126. Info: nsdevine@uvic.ca

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music students in a program for various instruments. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-7904

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

■ **Other** 10 a.m. *Business Co-op and Career Fair.* Find out more about co-op and career possibilities and meet representatives from companies and organizations. Student Union, Michele Pujol Room. Info: www.coopcareerfair.com, 250-721-6410

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 4:30 p.m. *Research on Religion and Contemporary Canada: Charting the New Terrain.* Paul Bramadat, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society. Engineering/Computer Science 124. 250-721-6325

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

■ **Symposium** 9 a.m. *Bartók's String Quartets: Tradition and Legacy.* Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall,

MacLaurin B125. Info: <http://finearts.uvic.ca/music/whats-new/bartok/index.html>. 250-721-7904

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music keyboard students. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-7904

■ **Music** 1:30 p.m. *Open Rehearsal.* Lafayette String Quartet and Lansdowne guest composer Zltan Jeney. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

■ **Music** 8 p.m. *Legacy of Bartók Conference.* Bartók's String Quartets: Tradition and Legacy. Lafayette String Quartet. Works by Bartók, Beethoven, Kurtag and Jeney. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. \$23, \$19. 250-721-7904

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

■ **Lansdowne Lecture** 4:30 p.m. *The Influence of Bartók's String Quartets on My Own Compositions.* Zltan Jeney (Liszt Academy, Budapest). Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

■ **Music** 8 p.m. *Legacy of Bartók Conference.* Lafayette String Quartet. Works by Bartók, Jeney and Beethoven. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. \$23, \$19. 250-721-7904

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Piano Master Class.* with Colin Tilney. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-7904

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 4:30 p.m. *Thinking of the Mahdi in 16th Century Western India.* Derryl MacLean, SFU. Engineering/Computer Science 124. 250-721-6325

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

■ **Other** 5 p.m. *Path to Sustainability: Campus Consultation Session.* Help create UVic's first Sustainability Policy and Action Plan. Clearihue C112. Info: nsdevine@uvic.ca

■ **Other** 7:30 p.m. *Third Annual Lafayette Health Awareness Series.* A look at the HPV virus and vaccine. David Lam Auditorium, MacLaurin A144. To register, email: lafayette-health@shaw.ca. Info: <http://finearts.uvic.ca/music/ensembles/lafayette/> 250-721-7904

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music keyboard students. Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-7904

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

■ **Conference/Expo** 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m. *Put Your Talent to Work: Canada's Future Through You.* A federal government co-op and career conference and expo. Student Union Building. www.yourfuturescalling.ca 250-472-4275

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

■ **Lansdowne Lecture/Seminar** 3:30 p.m. *The Building Industry in 2nd Century A.D. Ostia: Materials, Economics, Organisation.* Janet DeLaine, Univ. of Oxford. Clearihue A207. 250-721-8514

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 4:30 p.m. *Religious Diversity and the Limits of the Law.* Lori Beaman, Univ. of Ottawa. Engineering/Computer Science 124. 250-721-6325

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Sebastien Picard, third-year physics and mathematics student, is UVic's first Killam Fellow. He is one of only 30 North American post-secondary students to win the prestigious award this year and will use his \$5,000 fellowship to study for a semester at Clemson University in South Carolina. The bilingual Picard is taking a combined honours physics and mathematics program at UVic. While he's still uncertain about a post-graduation focus, he's interested in medical physics. This is the first year UVic has participated in the Killam Fellowship Program, administrated by the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America.

Ian Madison, a second-year student in political science, is one of five inaugural recipients of the Premier's One World Scholarships. Worth \$20,000 and funded by an endowment established by the BC government, they support students wishing to pursue study abroad. Madison has volunteered or worked in India, Egypt, Israel and Norway and has travelled extensively, including a year-long bicycle trip across South America. He plans to pursue his interest in European studies by enrolling in political science and Danish at the University of Copenhagen.



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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 1998, after working for a time at the Centre on Aging. 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*

University mourns slain student

Members of the university community were shocked and saddened at the death of UVic student Philbert Truong, 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 16, who have been charged with first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF KRISTI FALCONER might include meeting with students with a hearing loss, arranging contracts with professional sign language interpreters, or collaborating with another department to ensure events are accessible and deaf friendly. 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 comments or questions 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 transcribing services. TypeWell transcribing is seamless and anonymous, with the transcriber 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 paces 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 employees who, often working behind the scenes, contribute so much to university life. To suggest someone to profile, please contact Robie Liscomb, editor of *The Ring* (250-721-7640 or robie@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 Tine Lathouwers at tinelath@uvic.ca or 250-472-5462.



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