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SPEED READING

MORE BUS SERVICE

New late-night and express transit options

Starting this week, there are expanded transit options available to and from campus, including a new express bus service along MacKenzie Avenue (16 UVic Uptown Express) and two late-night weekend bus routes connecting downtown and UVic (routes 4 and 14). More: <http://communications.uvic.ca/uvicino/announcement.php?id=432>

CAMPUS UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Help change the future

The UVic 2010 United Way campaign will officially begin with the annual kick-off BBQ on Sept. 21 at lunchtime near the fountain. One person in three in Victoria is assisted by a United Way-funded agency or program. Visit the website for event details, this year's goals and how to follow the campus campaign on Twitter and other social media. More: unitedway.uvic.ca

SUSTAINABILITY

Third campus building achieves gold sustainability standard

In August the Canada Green Building Council recognized UVic's Social Sciences and Mathematics Building, opened in 2008, with gold-level certification in its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building program. UVic's Medical Sciences and Engineering/Computer Science buildings previously achieved LEED gold status. More: <http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/release.php?display=release&id=1154>

THE CITY TALKS

New lecture series focuses on urban topics

UVic's Committee for Urban Studies is launching a new series of free, public lectures in which UVic and visiting scholars will examine issues that confront urban dwellers. "The City Talks" will be held downtown at UVic's Legacy Gallery and Café. The first lecture, on Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m., will feature filmmaker and UBC scholar Leonie Sandercock, who will screen her new documentary film *Finding Our Way* that explores the legacies of colonialism in small-town BC. More: www.thecitytalks.ca

CAMPUS RABBITS

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Preparing a warm welcome

UVic's Student Transition Services staff (L-R: Sue Corner, Dustin Meredith, April McNeil and Melana Mar) and student volunteers collate info packs for more than 1,900 new undergraduate and graduate students who started at UVic this month. On Sept. 7, New Student Orientation featured faculty and campus tours for new students and their parents, plus an opening convocation ceremony where students officially became Vikes. The day ended with the President's Welcome Barbeque and Information Carnival. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

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Theatre prof receives nation's highest academic honour

BY MARIA LIRONI

As a child, Mary Kerr (theatre) spent many hours at her mother's Winnipeg dance studio watching the magic of the stage. "They had footlights where we put the shows on, and I used to sit in the audience at the end of the evening and look at the empty stage. It was my mother who taught me all the worlds that could be created there."

Her imagination has helped Kerr forge a distinguished career as a production designer in Canadian and international theatre, dance, opera, feature film, television, exhibition and special events design. It has also garnered her Canada's highest academic honour, fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), the country's senior national body of distinguished Canadian scholars. In the history of the RSC, Kerr is the only set and costume designer to be inducted into the society.

"It is an honour to be elected by one's peers to a society that contains many of my mentors and colleagues," says Kerr. "I am proud of the academic prestige such election accords my university and look forward to contributing to the national collegium of thought and endeavour that the RSC embodies."

"My training was to be a sculptor or a concert pianist," Kerr recalls. "But whip-lash changed my path and so I ended up at the Medieval Centre in Toronto, and also studied with Marshall McLuhan and Northrop Frye. To pass one course in medieval theatre we had to put on a class show—the PLS Society—and I was chosen as the designer simply because I could draw. The design created a bit of a sensation and one show led to another.



Kerr. PHOTO: JO-ANN RICHARDS

"I've been very, very lucky in that the right people liked what I did and imagined how they could use me."

And so began a lifetime of pouring colour and vibrancy—"kinetic art sculpture" as Kerr calls it—into the Canadian culture. Her award-winning artistically unique sets and costumes have been seen across the globe. They've also appeared on TV.

Kerr has worked in every type and scope of production medium and in collaboration with playwrights, directors, producers, choreographers and performers. This spring she designed *Sweeney Todd* at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton. Her

next project is co-writing a show about writer Bella Chagall, the wife of Marc Chagall and the subject of many of his paintings. Entitled *Bella: The Color of Love*, the cabaret-style musical theatre piece is a joint venture between the Gershman Y, the Philadelphia Theatre Company and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Closer to home, Kerr's costume designs can be seen this fall in the Phoenix Theatre's production of *Yerma*, by Federico García Lorca.

With this appointment, 44 current or former UVic faculty members are fellows with the RSC.

More info: www.rsc.ca

ringers

David Lloyd Johnson (UVic Hon LLD '94) will succeed Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean as the 28th Governor General of Canada on October 1. He has had a long and distinguished career, including service as principal of McGill University and, most recently, as president of the University of Waterloo.

Dr. Steve Perlman (biology) and colleagues had a paper published in July in the international journal *Science*, in which they describe how a species of fruit fly and a bacterium are working together to counteract infection in the flies by a nematode (worm) parasite. "It used to be that almost all female flies infected by the worm were sterile," says Perlman. "But in a matter of decades, the flies have developed a resistance to sterility by carrying the *Spiroplasma* bacterium, which is spreading in this fruit fly species across North America." It's good news for fruit flies—and potentially for us. "Many flies transmit worms that cause disease in humans," says Perlman. "If we can figure out how this symbiotic bacterium affects worms, we could apply this knowledge to medically important diseases in humans."

North to Alaska—by motorcycle



L-R: Lironi and Finnigan. PHOTO: BLACK PRESS

BY HAILEY FINNIGAN (BFA '07)

This summer, Maria Lironi (UVic Communications) and I rode our motorcycles to Alaska. We clocked 8,300 km, explored glaciers, met some wonderful people, had a close encounter with a moose, and—perhaps the most memorable experience of all—rode our bikes through a forest fire at the top of the Cassiar Highway—twice!

What was it like? Wild!

First there was the fuel issue. Motorcycles have small fuel tanks and there are few gas stations on that highway. The last one on the route had run out of gas. So by the time we arrived at the fire barricade we had just enough fuel to get through the fire and not enough to make it back to an open gas station. We had to get through.

But would officials even let us? People had already been waiting days for the right conditions that would allow the barrier to open. They'd run out of food and water.

Luckily, we only had to wait a few hours before a helicopter and two pilot cars escorted our 40-vehicle convoy through the next 77 kms. We sped through the thick smoke, which stung our eyes and made breathing uncomfortable, as ash swirled behind our tires. Trees on either side of the road were on fire and we could hear them exploding beside us. It was exhilarating!

Eventually we made it to the Alaska Highway, where there was gas, fresh air and a banana split for a job well done.

I remember thinking that riding my motorcycle through flames was an epic event—all that was missing was the heavy metal soundtrack—and that I'd probably never have another experience like that again. Little did I know that we'd be doing the exact same thing two weeks later!

We've blogged our trip. If you want to read more: wham2010.blogspot.com

New school's focus is public health

BY CHRISTINE McLAREN

For the first time in 20 years UVic is launching a new school. Starting in September 2011, the School of Public Health and Social Policy in the Faculty of Human and Social Development will offer a Master's of Public Health, a Graduate Diploma in Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts in Health and Community Services through online distance delivery.

The programs—developed in consultation with the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), the Federation of Community Social Services of BC, and members of the public health and the community service sector—advance education and research in the field of public health and support community-based practice in health and social justice.

"The changing healthcare landscape requires a broad range of innovative health programs and research to meet the needs of today's population," says Mary Ellen Purkis, dean of the faculty. "Our graduates will be prepared to make valuable contributions towards the health and well-being of their communities."

Public health education is a well-established field of study aimed at promoting quality of life, reducing premature death, and minimizing the impact of disease, disability and injury through improving programs such as pandemic immunizations, falls prevention research, maternal and child health care, housing and homelessness, addictions and mental health services.

The graduate and undergraduate programs, all offered online with str-

ategically placed on-campus components, will include essential practice experiences in the field.

"The graduate programs offer several areas of concentration in public health that are unique and important in advancing a healthier population," says Irving Rootman, chair of the program's advisory committee and past-vice president of the Public Health Association of BC.

"The distance education model means that those working in the field can increase their knowledge while remaining in the workforce," says Rootman.

The areas of focus for the school include Indigenous Peoples' health, public health informatics, public health nursing, disability studies, gerontology, global health and social policy.

The innovative BA in Health and Community Services provides programming in the management and delivery of services within institutional and community settings.

"Community services require graduates with educational preparation to meet the needs of specific populations as well as the theoretical foundations for developing programs that can be demonstrated to improve social inclusion and reduce social inequities," says Jennifer Charlesworth, executive director of the Federation of Community Social Services of BC.

The Faculty of Human and Social Development has been delivering interdisciplinary health and community service programs in applied and professional practice for over 30 years.

Further information: www.uvic.ca/publichealth

write to us

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correction In the July issue, *The Ring* incorrectly reported that Susan Mehinagic was the current chair of the Foundation for the University of Victoria and the University of Victoria Foundation. She has completed her term of service in these positions and currently Ms. Lisa Hill is the chair of the Foundation for the University of Victoria and the University of Victoria Foundation. Mehinagic is the current chair of the Board of Governors.

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Rabbit trapping resumes

109 campus rabbits off to new homes

Rabbit trapping resumed on campus late last month following a BC Supreme Court decision on Aug. 30 to set aside an injunction that prohibited UVic from trapping and killing the animals that are proliferating on campus. The injunction was obtained by animal rights activist Roslyn Casells on July 30.

While the injunction was in place, UVic continued to communicate with community organizations that applied for Ministry of Environment permits to operate sanctuaries for the rabbits and lined up veterinarians to sterilize the rabbits provided by UVic. "We anticipate that there will be enough capacity in various sanctuaries to handle all the rabbits we intend to trap in the coming weeks," says Tom Smith, UVic's executive director of facilities management.

Currently permits covering three sites in BC and one in Texas have been approved. The permit holders are responsible for covering all costs related to rabbit sterilization and transportation.

As of Sept. 6, 109 campus rabbits had been trapped and provided to sanctuary operators.

The university wants to reduce its rabbit population significantly and hopes to trap 400 to 500 rabbits during September, primarily in the area of the university residences.

"We had hoped to complete our trapping before the students returned to campus," says Smith, "but due to the delay caused by the injunction, we'll suspend trapping during the busy orientation period. We'll keep in touch with the sanctuaries and notify them when trapping resumes."

The burgeoning rabbit population needs to be reduced because it constitutes a safety and possible health hazard on campus and causes substantial damage to campus grounds and vegetation. The rabbits are also migrating off campus and into the neighbouring community.

The rabbits are likely unwanted pets or the descendants of unsprayed or unneutered pets abandoned on campus by members of the community. UVic supports efforts by the BCSPCA to convince districts and municipalities to introduce bylaws prohibiting the sale of unsterilized pet rabbits.

New "Research at UVic" website now online

Research at the University of Victoria has a new online presence. In late August, the new and improved "Research at UVic" website was launched at www.uvic.ca/research.

"This website brings information from three individual research sites into a single, unified website that will better support the needs of researchers and other audiences, as well as address the goals and objectives of the university's strategic plan," says Vice-President Research Dr. Howard Brunt.

Work on the large, complex website began late last year, with prototype pages run through user testing this past spring. It's the first website to be completed in the university's new web content management system, which will be available for broader use this fall.

The new website comprises two major categories of information: "Learn about our Research" and "Conduct your Research."

Pages in the public "Learn about our Research" portion feature a wealth of information about research at UVic, with links to such topics as our areas of research strength, research facts and figures, awards and honours, general news and events, publications, and information for students interested in becoming involved in research at UVic.

The "Conduct your Research" pages feature information about research services specifically targeted to faculty, post-doctoral fellows, staff and student members of the UVic research community. To access these pages, UVic users must log in

using their Netlink IDs.

This section of the website includes information about such topics as funding opportunities, forms and guidelines, processes for submission of grants and contracts, and regulatory approval.

"When you log on to the "Conduct your Research" page, look for the latest announcements feature, where you'll find timely information about internal grant deadlines, grant-crafting workshops and other presentations," says Dr. Rachael Scarth, director of the Office of Research Services.

"We also encourage researchers across campus to visit our new Research Bulletin Board, where they can inform their colleagues of recent publications, available graduate and post-doctoral opportunities, and upcoming lectures and conferences."

A new feature in "Conduct your Research" is a page devoted to research communications. On it, UVic researchers will find a checklist for assessing the news potential of their work, tips from practising journalists on how to do successful media interviews, and links to other research communications resources.

"There are a lot of interesting stories out there that clearly demonstrate how our researchers are making a difference," says Valerie Shore, research communications officer in UVic Communications. "Telling these stories shows that tax dollars are being well-spent and helps attract new research partners and funding. We're good at what we do, so let's tell the world."



Berger. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

At the intersection of religion and the law

BY PATTY PITTS

At first glance the precise, measured world of law seems the polar opposite of the leap-of-faith, sometimes flamboyant world of religion, but law and humanities faculty member Benjamin Berger sees deep similarities between the two.

"Religions comprise deeply-held beliefs about the world and the rituals, practice and social structures that flow from that world view," says Berger. "Exactly the same can be said about law."

His cross appointment with UVic's religious studies program reconciles both of Berger's academic interests. "I had an earlier interest in law when I was growing up, but it was overshadowed by a growing interest in the humanities," says Berger who earned an undergraduate degree in religious studies at the University of Alberta.

Since then his academic career has been in a continual legal trajectory: earning the graduating law gold medal at UVic, clerking for the Chief Justice of Canada, attending Yale as a Fulbright scholar where he earned a master's and a JSD (the equivalent of a PhD) and being appointed to UVic's law faculty seven years ago.

But his interest in religious studies was never far from his mind or his work. Three years ago he initiated a law and religion course and it's been fully subscribed ever since.

"The students in the course have incredibly diverse relationships to the topic and offer a tremendous breadth of insight," says Berger about his classes. "It's a truly enriching

experience to see them exploring new ways of understanding the relationship between law and culture and wrestling with the way that religion inflects how individuals and communities experience the world, including the law."

There's no shortage of "ripped from the headlines" material to fuel discussion in his classes: debates over reasonable accommodation of religious difference; questions about Muslim women covering their faces; the rights of religious children to refuse medical treatment; matters concerning religious instruction and the public school curriculum; issues of the appearance of religious symbols, such as the ten commandments or crucifixes, in public spaces—the "confluence of legal and cultural matters" is in the news every day.

"Irrespective of what anyone might personally believe, one can't sensibly doubt that religion matters, and as long as it matters, the study of it matters," says Berger, who views the interaction of law and religion as an important part of this study. "Religious studies are just unavoidable. The potency of issues around religion and religious understanding is just so palpable now."

Berger doesn't limit sharing his passion for research and teaching to his students. He's also a volunteer member of UVic's Speakers Bureau, sharing his expertise on current issues in criminal law, constitutionalism and law, and religion with members of the community. "The university is an institution that is fundamentally about public service. To advance thinking and add nuance

to debate in the community is at the core of the idea of the university," he says. "Curiosity and public interest drive the topics. The challenge is presenting it in an engaging manner when you're only going to see these people once."

Berger's ability to hold a student audience is not in doubt. He's a former recipient of UVic Law's Master Teacher Award and First-Year Class Teaching Award and earlier this year he was named the 2010 recipient of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers Scholarly Paper Award. Not surprisingly, his paper addressed both constitutional and criminal law in the context of broader social forces, examining the role of mercy and conscience in the criminal justice system.

"Is it solely reason that guides our judgments, or are there emotions, passions, sympathies and other kinds of bases for judgment that contribute to what we think is fair and right in a given circumstance?" asked Berger in his award-winning paper.

The award-winning teacher and scholar says he finds his cross-appointment in the Department of Philosophy "so invigorating. The department is bursting with ideas about the deep questions that matter in our lives."

And he'll challenge his students with those deep questions that encompass Berger's own two abiding passions. "When the classroom experience is at its best, it's phenomenal; even when it's deeply challenging—and it's almost always wonderfully challenging—there's nothing I'd rather be doing.

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The board consists of the chancellor, the president, two elected faculty members, one elected staff member, two students elected from the university's undergraduate or graduate student societies, and eight members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. There is one vacancy among the latter.



**SUSAN MEHINAGIC, CHAIR
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE**

Mehinagic holds a BCom (Honours) from Queen's University and an LLB from the University of Victoria. A fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a member of the Bar Association of British Columbia, she was previously the managing partner of the Victoria office of Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants, where she practiced in the field of personal and corporate taxation. 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 served previously as chair of the University of Victoria Foundation and the Foundation for the University of Victoria. She has completed the Directors Education Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors.



**TONY GAGE, VICE-CHAIR
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).



**DAVID TURPIN
PRESIDENT**

Turpin is the University of Victoria's sixth president and vice-chancellor. Under his leadership, UVic has grown in size and in stature; student financial assistance has more than doubled; sponsored research funding has increased nearly four-fold, reaching more than \$100 million annually; and the university leads the VENUS and NEPTUNE Canada cabled seafloor observatories and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. Turpin is a well-recognized scholar in plant biochemistry and physiology, one of Canada's most highly cited researchers, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a member of the Order of Canada.



**MURRAY FARMER
CHANCELLOR**

Farmer holds a BA in economics from the University of Victoria, completed the Harvard Business School's owner/president executive education program, and is a registered quantity surveyor. He is the president of Farmer Industries Group Inc. and vice-president of Farmer Management Inc., Accent Inns, and Beckton Estates Inc. Farmer has been active in many associations and community organizations and chaired the Canadian Construction Association, the Victoria Foundation and the Royal Jubilee Hospital Foundation.



**JANE BUTLER MCGREGOR
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE**

Butler McGregor currently serves as CEO 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 board 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.



**JAMES COCCOLA
ELECTED STUDENT MEMBER**

Coccola is chairperson of the University of Victoria Students' Society and a former student senator. He is pursuing a double major in geography and political science and served previously on the executives of several student groups.



**JOHN deC. EVANS
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE**

Evans is an experienced real estate developer and the principal of Trilog Properties Corp., headquartered in Vancouver. He has guided many major real estate projects in Canada and the US over the past two decades. Trilog, 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, Trilog developments were valued at more than \$250 million, including the Westin Grand Hotel and OPIUS hotels in downtown Vancouver and Whistler's Marketplace. Evans holds a commerce degree from the University of British Columbia.



**KELSEY HANNAN
ELECTED STUDENT MEMBER**

Hannan is director of finance of the University of Victoria Students' Society, having served during 2009-10 as UVSS director at large. He has worked in the field of sustainable development and is pursuing a degree in political science and economics.



**ERICH MOHR
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE**

Mohr is chairman, CEO and founder of MedGenesis Therapeutix Inc., a privately-held biopharmaceutical company based in Victoria developing treatments for disorders of the central nervous system. Mohr is an internationally recognized expert in experimental therapeutics for central nervous system disorders and sits on a number of medical advisory boards for large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and is a board member of several corporations. Mohr graduated from UVic with a PhD in neuropsychology. He has founded several successful life science companies.



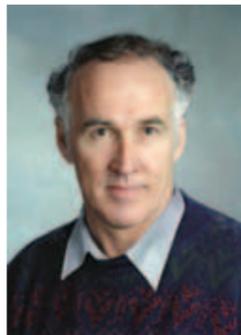
**CHRIS PETTER
ELECTED STAFF MEMBER**

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.



**RAY PROTTI
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 in Ontario and British Columbia and is a member of the board of Canadian Western Bank.



**ERIC SAGER
ELECTED FACULTY MEMBER**

A member of UVic's history department 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.



**BEVERLY VAN RUYVEN
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE**

Van Ruyven is deputy chief executive officer and executive vice-president of BC Hydro. She joined the company in 1997 as manager of Key Accounts and was promoted to progressively more senior management positions including that of acting president and chief executive officer from January to May 2010. She holds a BA from the University of Victoria and completed the Executive Management Program at the Richard Ivey School of Business of the University of Western Ontario. Van Ruyven is past chair of the Western Energy Institute, and serves on the boards of Accenture Business Services for Utilities, Fraser Basin Council and Vancouver Board of Trade Women's Leadership Circle. In November 2009, she was named as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women-Top 100.



**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.

UVic researcher joins maiden voyage of international scientific program

BY KRISTA ZALA

The robot lands on the seafloor with a gentle thud. As its camera slowly swings around, we see a black basalt floor stretching into the darkness. Hundreds of meters above, the ship bobs in the calm waters off Indonesia as its control room bustles with activity. When the first creature pops into view, a new voice chimes in.

“Hey, Santiago, I win. It’s crinoids first,” says UVic marine biologist Verena Tunnicliffe. But she’s not in the control room—she’s not even talking to anyone there. Tunnicliffe, the Canada Research Chair in Deep Ocean Research (biology/SEOS/VE-NUS), is watching the expedition from a station in UVic’s Bob Wright Building and talking to Santiago Herrera, a coral expert on watch at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

Welcome to telepresence: the next generation of scientific cruises. Using real-time video, audio and data, all the action from the seafloor as deep as 3500m is beamed from the robot’s camera to the ship to a satellite to shore stations across the world. Just two scientists are on board the ship; the rest offer their ideas and requests from their sites across North America

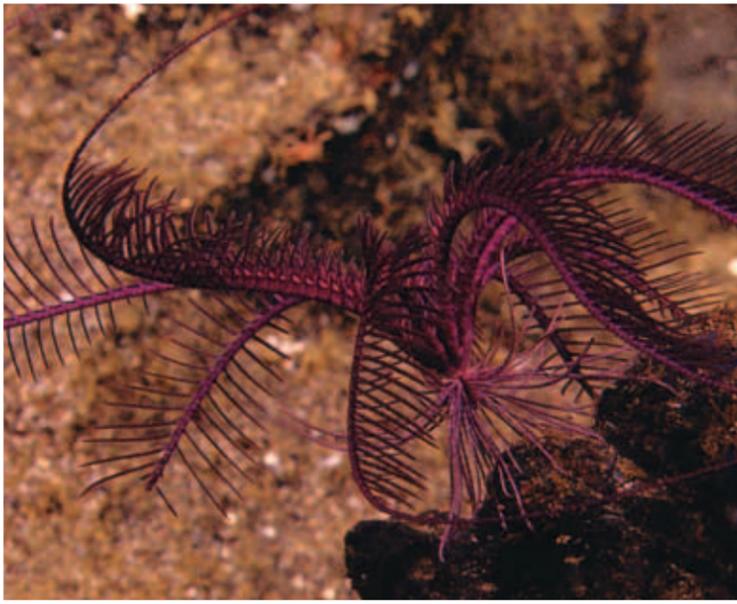
and Indonesia. All input is channeled through the chief scientist on shore to John Sherrin, the scientific coordinator on board the vessel.

“Everything’s buzzing,” says Sherrin, a SEOS grad student in Tunnicliffe’s lab studying hot vents on active marine volcanoes. “The pilots ask what we’re looking at, and when I ask people on shore, I immediately get four answers.”

Telepresence changes the realm of possibilities for scientific expeditions. Researchers and students can join for a few hours or a few days rather than having to commit to weeks at sea. When an unusual species comes into view, a scientist grabs a frame from the streaming video and sends it to a specialist who responds within hours—often within the same dive.

This summer’s cruise marks the maiden voyage for NOAA’s *Okeanos Explorer*, and it explored areas no one has ever seen before to look for hydrothermal vents and seeps that signal new research opportunities in biology, geology and chemical oceanography.

Each dive over the three weeks revealed more marine marvels: thousands of stalked barnacles packed onto sulphur chimneys, lumpy angler fish, delicate sea spiders, massive barrel sponges and slender, long-armed



A purple sea lily filters the current for food 714m beneath the surface. PHOTO: NOAA OKEANOS EXPLORER PROGRAM, INDEX-SATAL 2010

animals called crinoids, related to sea urchins and sea stars. And corals abounded, often with brittle stars or crinoids clinging to them—much to the delight of Tunnicliffe and undergrad Dustin Schornagel, who will study these animals this term.

The cruise had its challenges, of course. The charts for the area were so outdated that the crew mapped the seafloor by night and used the resulting charts for the following day’s dive. Plus, the time difference meant that each day’s dive in Indonesia finished around 2 a.m. West Coast time. The new environment meant dive time was often spent investigating rare and bizarre animals, although the researchers did discover hydrothermal vents on the second day.

But considering the thousands of details to accommodate—the convoluted permits, finicky telecommunications, and unpredictable weather—the cruise was a success: it mapped new regions, discovered dozens of new species, and set the stage for future expeditions.

“The whole operation is brand new, so the fact we can get this much is terrific,” says Tunnicliffe. “It is a wonderful way to bring the deepsea to students at UVic and around the world.”

Read more about the cruise and check out images and video at: <http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/okeanos/explorations/10index/welcome>

More information: <http://publicadmin.uvic.ca/macd>

UVic Speakers Bureau celebrates 30 years of community service

The ethics of police conduct, teen lit and politics, the risks of drinking—these are just some of the 99 new topics, out of a total of 338 topics, that the UVic Speakers Bureau program is offering this year.

Since its inception in 1980, tens of thousands of Victorians have benefited from the free lectures provided by this service.

The bureau is made up of 122 volunteer speakers from among the fac-

ulty, staff and graduate students who teach, conduct research, and study on campus. Every year, bureau members go off campus to speak to a wide range of community groups, schools, clubs and other organizations throughout southern Vancouver Island.

Dr. Marjorie Mayfield, professor emerita of early education and literacy, has been a bureau volunteer since day one. Mayfield talks to parent groups about education and

literacy and speaks to women about travelling.

“I’ve always been a traveller,” says Mayfield. “I went to university in Scotland at 19 and I’ve been travelling ever since. In fact, I’ve lived in the Middle East and in Europe and I’m in the process of booking a trip to Italy.”

Her top travel tip for women? “Go! Usually I speak to groups of older women and a lot of them

are no longer travelling with husbands but they don’t want to travel alone. So my big push to them is just go!”

Other long-time bureau volunteers include Drs. Werner Liedtke, Gerry Ferguson, Eike Kluge, Robert Gifford, Ian MacPherson, Patricia Roy, David Ballantyne and Robert Willihnganz.

More info: www.uvic.ca/speakers

Linguistics student off to Shanghai on Premier’s Scholarship

BY PATTY PITTS

Unlike many students returning to university this fall, Brittney O’Neill doesn’t have to worry about covering her tuition. The third-year UVic linguistics student is heading to East China Normal University in Shanghai as BC’s sole recipient of the 2010 Irving K Barber Premier’s One World Scholarship worth \$20,000.

She’ll spend the next two terms living in the university’s downtown riverside campus taking language classes in the mornings and spending her afternoons studying and exploring

the Chinese metropolis. “I’m looking forward to seeing the silk market,” says the native of Fort St. John. “It’s huge.”

O’Neill studied French in high school, but even though she arrived at UVic with a Premier’s Excellence Scholarship she was concerned her grasp of French might not be good enough.

“So I chose Mandarin because it’s a growing language and would be very useful to know.” While O’Neill finds the UVic campus “a perfect fit, it’s pastoral and laid back,” she’s looking forward to her first trip to China.

While Mandarin will be the focus

of her undergraduate linguistics and Chinese language and literature program, O’Neill is not limiting herself to one language in the future. “I’ve always loved languages and I’ve always vacillated wildly about what I want to do with my life. I’m still that way.” She’s drawn to “obscure” languages such as old Irish and likes “dabbling” in Icelandic and plans to attend graduate school. “I’m considering library science, but I’m interested in everything. I can’t decide what to focus on.”

Among those widespread interests is a “growing addiction” to ballroom dancing, first prompted when she

reluctantly attended a barn dance in Fort St. John. After arriving on campus, a fellow residence student invited O’Neill to join the UVic ballroom dance club, and she divided her summer between academic and dance classes and a dance camp on Gabriola Island.

Dancing the salsa on Shanghai’s famous Bund is just one of the options for O’Neill, whose wide-ranging interests will likely always include some sort of language study. “Every language you know widens your perspective of the world. Why not learn as many as you can?”



O’Neill. PHOTO: TARA SHARPE

ringers

Monica Prendergast (curriculum and instruction, theatre) and **Juliana Saxton** (theatre, emerita) have received the American Alliance for Theatre and Education (AATE) Distinguished Book of the Year award for their edited volume *Applied Theatre: International Case Studies and Challenges for Practice* (Intellect Books). The award is presented each year to the book that best furthers scholarship and enhances theatre practice and studies. With case studies compiled across five continents and 15 countries, the book provides a comprehensive global survey and analysis of cutting edge practices. AATE is a national member-based organization comprised of theatre artists and educators serving the field of theatre and education.

Drs. Zuomin Dong and Curran Crawford (mechanical engineering) are the recipients of the EcoCAR, National (U.S.) Science Foundation’s Outstanding Long Term Faculty Advisor Award and \$10,000 for their work on the EcoCAR project—UVic’s fuel-efficient, low-emission car of the future. The NSF’s citation says they “demonstrated a unique ability to mentor students, provide opportunities in developing advanced technologies, and to learn real-world hands-on engineering skills valuable in the workspace.” UVic’s EcoCAR team placed fourth overall, and won six awards, in the year-two EcoCAR Challenge finals held in May. For more information about the three-year international EcoCAR competition, check out the UVic EcoCAR Team on Facebook.

Tim Lilburn (writing) is one of the judges for the world’s biggest poetry prize—the 2011 Griffin Poetry Prize. “We’re going to be looking at poets from around the world, so it’s a wonderful opportunity to listen in on the nature of contemporary poetry,” says Lilburn. “It’s exciting. I think it will be a lot of fun.” Lilburn’s *Kill-site* won the Governor General’s Literary Award for poetry in 2003. Set in the sand hills of Saskatchewan and Alberta, the book-length poem explores the relationship between European settlers and their descendants in the natural world. More info: www.griffinpoetryprize.com

UVic students Michael Horkoff and Chelsey Lane both received honourable mention for their posters in the division of biochemistry and molecular biology at the Rising Stars of Research National Undergraduate Poster Competition held last month at UBC. The gathering, which showcases undergraduate research in engineering, science and social science, hosted 120 undergraduate students chosen from more than 500 applicants from across Canada.

around the ring

UVic, PEA ratify labour contract

In August, the university and the UVic chapter of the Professional Employees Association ratified a two-year contract within the provincial government's net-zero mandate. UVic's PEA chapter comprises 850 administrative and academic professionals. The new contract is effective immediately and will expire on June 30, 2012. The university remains in negotiations with the Faculty Association. The four CUPE locals on campus will begin negotiating with the university in October.

World Suicide Prevention Day

The School of Child and Youth Care will mark World Suicide Prevention Day on Sept. 10 with a screening of the documentary film, *Left 2 Live*, for students, faculty and invited guests. Dr. Jennifer White will host the screening and discussion of the film with graduate students Linda Finlayson and Jonathan Morris. The film, produced by the BC Council for Families, documents youth experience of loss through suicide of a friend, loved one or sibling. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among Canadian youth ages 15–19, with many more young people engaging in non-fatal suicidal behaviours each year.

BY CHRISTINE MCLAREN

When Health Information Science grad student Tyrone Austen went looking for a master's thesis topic, he wanted to do something that would have impact and make a difference close to home.

"I wanted to work on a project that would provide immediate benefits to the community and improve efforts to address homelessness," says recent master's graduate Austen.

He sought the supervision of Denis Protti from the School of Health Information Science, a pioneer in the field of health informatics research, and Bernie Pauly from the School of Nursing and Centre for Addictions Research of BC. Pauly's work focuses on advancing long-term strategies to address homelessness. She is a member of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness management committee and co-chairs the research, evaluation and data working group.

The coalition needed a method of reporting back to the community, and Austen set out to measure and evaluate the progress of homelessness programs in Victoria. The result was the 2010 Report on Housing and Supports, delivered at the coalition's annual general meeting in June.

"I had the opportunity to experience the community impact of my findings and how they can be used to help improve evaluation of the program," says Austen.

His report card framework provides the coalition with an annual means of evaluating and reporting the effectiveness of progress in addressing



L-R: Roger Girouard, Rear Admiral, retired, member of the leadership council and co-chair of the management committee of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness; Health Information Science grad student Tyrone Austen and Bernie Pauly from the School of Nursing outside the coalition office on Pandora Avenue. PHOTO: CHRISTINE MCLAREN

the complex issue of homelessness in the community.

"This master's thesis was a unique learning opportunity because the research was grounded in the needs of the community and facilitated by a community-university partnership," says Pauly.

Austen determined that better integration of data gathering among the more than 20 agencies addressing the homelessness issue would make

both evaluation and service delivery more effective. Based on these findings, several of the agencies involved in the research have already begun planning to advance their information management capabilities. His findings were broken down into specific areas: emergency shelters, economic factors, housing, outreach and hospital use.

"The data showed that due to Victoria's unfriendly housing market and unbalanced living wage, homelessness

is not a choice," says Austen.

The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness is a community-based partnership of service providers in the non-profit and public sectors, advocates, business representatives and elected municipal officials formed in February 2008 to lead the region's commitment to end homelessness.

More information about the report card findings: www.solvehomelessness.ca/index.html

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New academic offerings this fall

Double master's in nursing and health informatics

In response to the need for clinicians with electronic health informatics knowledge, experience and training, the Faculty of Human and Social Development has created the new double degree graduate program—Master of Nursing and Master of Science in Health Informatics—beginning this fall.

The double degree option enables registered nurses to develop graduate-level competencies in both nursing and health information science. The option will prepare graduates for leadership roles in the rapidly expanding fields of telehealth, implementation of electronic health care records and other areas of emerging health technology.

Developed and jointly administered by the schools of nursing and health information science, the program offers students an MN/MSc in three years, rather than the four or five years that it would typically take to complete each of the degrees independently.

Entry into the program requires a bachelor's degree in nursing and professional experience. All classes will be delivered online, and students will

complete two co-operative education placements in nursing informatics and general health informatics and complete a thesis.

Business launches two new grad programs

UVic Business is welcoming students into the first intake of two new programs launching this year. Its new one-year Master of Global Business begins this month with orientation for 33 students based at UVic until mid-November. Students then travel to National Sun-Yat Sen University in Taiwan and end their classroom studies at the Johannes Kepler University in Austria. As well, four students have enrolled in the faculty's new PhD in International Management and Organization, designed to develop students' competence in research and teaching, preparing them to pursue a productive academic career and contribute to the cutting edge of management thought.

French program redesigned

The Department of French launches a brand new undergrad program this fall. Seeking to allow students to explore the diversity of the French-speaking world through its literatures,

language and cultures, the new program offers more flexibility, intensive courses, hybrid courses (in-class and online), new specialized 400-level courses, and a new field school program to be taught in Sénégal in May 2011. Thanks to this new revamped program, students starting French in first year (with little or no previous experience) can become bilingual and graduate with a major in French in less than four years.

Indigenous Music course

Indigenous Musics of North America is a new course offered by the School of Music and open to all UVic students. Ethnomusicologist Marcia Ostashevski will explore contemporary musical landscapes of various groups of Indigenous North Americans.

She'll show how their performance traditions have been influenced by traditional social values and cultural histories, as well as by encounters and exchanges with other Indigenous groups and with newcomers from Europe and Africa.

Drawing on extensive fieldwork and case studies from several communities, Ostashevski will discuss celebrations, popular music projects, dance, art, and film.

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calendar highlights

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at the galleries

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Exhibit *Graphic Radicals.*

Until Oct. 31. The work of World War 3 Illustrated, a New York artist collective, from the 1980s to the present day, confronting issues such as anti-war protests, squatting in New York, the tragedies of 9/11, racism, prisons and anarchism through posters, graphic illustrations, paintings, banners and other media. Preview the exhibit and add your comments to the mix: <http://graphicradicals.blogspot.com/>. Legacy Gallery and Café, 630 Yates St.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Lecture/Seminar 2:30 p.m. *Hormonal Mechanisms that Control Wood Formation in Trees.* Dr. Roni Aloni, Tel Aviv Univ. Engineering Comp Science 104. 250-721-7094

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Continuing Studies Lecture/Seminar 7p.m. *"Bones" and Bones: Forensic Science Fiction and Fact.* Dr. James Pokine. Social Sciences & Math A110. \$25 plus \$3 HST. 240-721-7797

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Other 10 a.m. *Co-op & Career Info Day.* Find out how co-op works, meet co-op students and staff, see samples of projects and enter to win prizes. SUB, Michele Pujol Rm. 250-721-6084

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. *Wolverines: A Story of Ecological Myths and Economic Realities.* Dr. Jason Fisher. Sponsored by the Dept. of Biology. Fraser 159.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Other 10 a.m. *Resumania.* Want to improve your résumé? Maybe give it a complete overhaul? We're here to help. Clearihue lobby, Strong lobby, Engineering/Computer Science building lobby. 250-721-6084

CAPI Lecture 12:30 p.m. *The Horse that Leaps Through Clouds: A Tale of Espionage, the Silk Road and the Rise of Modern China.* Eric Enno Tamm, journalist and author. Fraser 152. 250-721-7020

Music 12:30 p.m. *Lieder at Lunch with Sharon and Harald Krebs.* MacLaurin B037. 250-721-7904

Centre for Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *Sex, Politics and the "Word of God": Tangled Webs of Uganda's Anti-Gay Bill.* Michael L. Hadley, CSRS Associate Fellow, UVic. Social Sciences and Math A104. 250-721-6325

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Malahat Review Launch and Reading 7:30 p.m. Launch of the summer issue of the UVic-based literary magazine, featuring readings by local authors. Fine Arts 103 and lobby. www.malahatreview.ca/friends/summer2010launch.html

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. *Reports from the Field: Classical Archaeology at UVic.* Brief talks on recent archaeological work. Various speakers. Strong C122. Annual membership to Classical Assoc. of Vancouver Island is \$10 for non-students, contact 250-721-8514

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Anthropology Colloquium Series 11:30 a.m. *First Nations Struggle To Have Their Aboriginal Rights and Title Recognized and Respected in Today's Economy.* Kekiinusuqs, Dr. Judith Sayers, UVic. Cornett B235. 250-721-7046

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Positive Space Network 4:30 p.m. Annual meeting to welcome new volunteers and resource people and elect next year's executive. Graduate Student Society Centre 108.

Cafe Scientifique 6:30 p.m. *Clinical Trial Applied to Cancer Care Delivery—telemedicine or Let your Remote Do the Walking.* Dr. Brian Weinerman. Hosted by the Centre for Biomedical Research. Strathcona Hotel, 919 Douglas St., Maple Rm. 250-472-4067

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Centre for Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *"Une Grande Immodestie et Impuissance de Femme": Gendering Violence During the French Wars of Religion.* Justine Semmens, PhD candidate in history at UVic. Social Sciences & Math A104. 250-721-6325

Lecture/Seminar *Birds of Vancouver Island.* 7:30 p.m. Mike Yip. Sponsored by the Dept. of Biology. Fraser 159.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music students in a program for various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Other 1:30 p.m. *Eva Markvoort Celebration of Life.* Join the UVic's Dept. of Theatre for a celebration of the inspiring—but far too

brief—life of Eva Markvoort (BFA '10). Guests are welcome to attend all or any part of the event as follows: 1:30 p.m.: Documentary Screening, 2:45 p.m. Reception, 3:15 p.m. Celebration of Life. Phoenix Theatre Bldg., Bishop Theatre. 250-721-7991

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. *Whales, Satellites and Cold Lunches on the Edge of Antarctica.* Charles Short, Integrated Land Management Bureau in BC. Fraser 159.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Conference *Canadian Banner Users Conference.* UVic to host the 8th annual Canadian Banner Users Conference in Victoria on Sept. 28–30 at the Victoria Conference Centre. Garry Sagert and Sherri Puentes, co-chairs. Level 1 & 2. To register: \$525 plus taxes. 250-472-5636

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Centre for Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *Gender and the Practice of Torture in Reformation Geneva.* Dr. Sara Beam, CSRS Faculty Fellow, Dept. of History, UVic. Social Sciences & Math A104. 250-721-6325

Lecture/Seminar 4:30 p.m. *Speaker's Club at the LTC.* Come practice your talk, seminar, defense or conference presentation in a safe and friendly environment. Hickman 128. 250-472-5543

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Co-op Education Program & Career Services 9 a.m. *Sustainable Prosperity: How You Can Help the Federal Public Service Make a Difference.* This full-day event features a career expo, discussion panels, information sessions and student research exposition on the topic

of sustainability and career opportunities in the federal government. University Centre lobby and Senate Chambers. 250-721-6084

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Music 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* School of Music keyboard students. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. *The Fate of the Temples in Late Antique Egypt: Destruction or Recycling?* Dr. Jitse Dijkstra, Univ. of Ottawa. Strong C122. Annual membership to Classical Assoc. of Vancouver Island is \$10 for non-students, contact 250-721-8514

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Conference 8 a.m. *Social Media Camp.* A one-day conference featuring speakers from the local region and around the world. For a list of speakers, visit <http://socialmediacamp.ca/speakers/>. Victoria Conference Centre. Registration \$125–175.

OCTOBER 5 AND 6

Co-op and Career Fair. 10 a.m. Students can network with employers from all industries at this full-day event. Student Union Building, Michele Pujol Room. More: www.uvic.ca/coop/ccfair.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Centre for Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4 p.m. *Quoting and Copying: Visual Evidence of Rubens' Scholarly Networks.* Catherine M. Nutting, CSRS Ian H. Stewart Graduate Student Fellow, History in Art, UVic. Social Sciences & Math A104. 250-721-6325



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The new fall term is a season for stellar happenings at UVic, and the Department of Physics and Astronomy has a special space reserved for everyone. The nation's biggest on-campus telescope was hoisted into place July 2010 on the roof of the Bob Wright Centre and will be available for public viewing every Wed. night from 8 till 10 p.m. from Oct. 6 to Apr. 27 (except for Dec. holiday).

The telescope, built by DFM Engineering in Colorado, has a 32-inch mirror. Telescopes are rated by the size of their mirrors, and this one makes UVic's new telescope the country's fifth-largest overall.

Visitors to the astronomy open house can expect to see double stars, visible planets and wispy smudges of nebulae. Clusters of stars and even the Andromeda Galaxy will likely be part of the special show of galactic sights. People of all ages and all levels of cosmological knowledge are welcome, and admission is free. The action takes place from the fifth floor of the Bob Wright Centre; take the elevator on the east side of the building from the main lobby.

More info: senior lab instructor/senior scientific assistant Russell Robb (physics and astronomy) at robb@uvic.ca or 250-721-7750

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For more information, please contact the Director of Health Promotion at 1.800.561.6111 ext 231 or email at ewebb@cbcf.org

around the ring

You can star in UVic Lip Dub

UVic student Shawn Slavin wants his campus to join the world-wide phenomenon of lip-synching to a popular pop song and posting the results to YouTube. Called a “lipdub” the productions usually involve thousands of people singing, dancing and performing. Slavin is inviting members of the UVic community to take their star turn to Michael Bubl s’ “Haven’t Met You Yet” on campus on Sept. 25. Participants should join the UVic Lipdub Facebook group. Production starts at 7:30 a.m. and signs will direct participants to the project site. While costumes and brightly coloured clothing are encouraged, skimpy or dirty and torn clothing along with clothes displaying corporate logos and large text and/or graphics are not. More info: shawn_slavin@shaw.ca or 250-418-5450, www.uviclipdub.com

Eva Markvoort: A celebration of her life

Join the Department of Theatre on Sept. 26 for a celebration of the inspiring—but too brief—life of Eva Markvoort (BFA ’10). A student in the theatre acting program, Eva succumbed to a life-long battle with cystic fibrosis on March 27. Her internationally followed blog 65_RedRoses chronicled her experiences with the disease and advocated support for cystic fibrosis

and the importance of organ donation. All are welcome to join friends, family and faculty at the Phoenix Theatre to pay homage to Eva’s indomitable spirit. At 1:30 p.m., a special screening of “65_Redroses: Every breath counts,” the award-winning documentary about Eva’s life, will be followed by a reception at 2:45 and a celebration of her life at 3:15.

Public Service career fair

Interested in sustainability? Want to interact with federal officials and explore job opportunities within the Federal Public Service? Then attend a free symposium and career fair Sept. 30. The event includes: panel discussions on sustainability and competitiveness, climate change impacts and adaptation, low carbon economy and society, and innovation in resource management; information sessions; student presentations; and the career fair. The symposium runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the SUB’s Michele Pujol room, while the career fair takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Upper Lounge. Seating for the symposium is limited, so register today. www.uvic.ca/coop/federal

In memoriam

Phoebe Noble, former member of the faculty of Victoria College and the University of Victoria, passed away on July 31.

She was a remarkable woman, full of energy—wife and mother, mathematician, superb gardener, lecturer and writer on gardening—who gave so much back to her community. For me and my contemporaries, she was a mentor, colleague and friend.

Phoebe taught mathematics for 33 years after having been recruited to the faculty of Victoria College in 1945. She also took on many administrative positions including Dean of Women, President of the Faculty Association and Head of the Department of Mathematics (twice). She was a leader in the initial push to provide student dorms on campus.

Phoebe also applied her many abilities for the benefit of the wider community. She was a charter member and first President of the Victoria chapter of Zonta International. In 1966 she co-chaired (with husband Jack) the Greater Victoria United Way appeal. Starting in 1990, and continuing for several years, Phoebe organized the restoration of the gardens at Government House.

Phoebe was a passionate teacher and a pioneer in a field that, in those days, few women entered. She often showed up for her math lectures in her black academic gown, not worn out of any pretense of status, but rather for a very practical reason: to protect her clothes from the clouds of chalk dust that resulted from her demonstrations at the blackboard.

Phoebe’s many gardening interests included hardy geraniums, one of which bears her name. When I told her I had two Phoebe Noble geraniums in my garden she replied “That’s too bad! They will take over your garden. I keep mine in check with my lawnmower!”

Phoebe loved scotch. She was one-of-a-kind, and those of us who knew her are all the better for it. Phoebe is survived by her daughter Sandra McDonald.

Submitted by David Leeming, Professor Emeritus, Department of Mathematics and Statistics



day in the life

Mick Scow holding the CELANEN drum created by local master carver Charles Elliot, who gave it to the Indigenous Governance Programs for use as its official logo (more info and video: <http://web.uvic.ca/igov/index.php?page=story-behind-the-drum>) PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

BY MELANIE TROMP HOOVER

A day in the life of Mick Scow—administrative assistant with Indigenous Governance Programs—isn’t greatly different from his days as a master’s student in the same program just a few short months ago.

“I really didn’t want to leave—that’s what motivated me to find work within the program,” explains Scow, who completed his research into community-based resistance of Canadian colonialism this past spring.

“It means continuing discussions that I was fortunate enough to start having with professors and my peers while I was working on my graduate degree.”

Transitioning from student to staff member in July, Scow is the first point of contact for students when they walk in the door. He’s a sounding board—an all-things-to-all-people resource—for the students, faculty and staff associated with the Indigenous Governance Programs.

In the past two weeks he’s attended eight graduate defenses, filed paperwork for these presentations, completed day-to-day administrative

tasks, provided academic and emotional support for the range of people within his program and found the time to put together orientation packages for September’s incoming class.

“It’s definitely a task-oriented position, but I’m fortunate to work closely with the person I’ve replaced,” says Scow. “Right now it’s the calm before the storm.”

Scow believes that the Indigenous Governance Programs—with its focus on Indigenous political and social thought within contemporary contexts—is helping the university build off-campus partnerships with Indigenous communities.

“The people in this program are leaders who apply their knowledge within the communities they come from,” says Scow. “Our main focus is on nurturing relationships.”

Outside of campus, Scow is beginning to lay down roots within the community.

“When you’re in the grad school bubble, it’s difficult to connect with the people outside of the academy that live in this area,” explains Scow. “So I’m hiking with my wife and two dogs and building a relationship with a local

carver and participating in reading circles at bookstores. It’s personally important to me to become engaged and involved in the Indigenous community. I’m trying to walk the walk.”

Born in Nanaimo, Scow is from the Kwakwaka’wakw and Snuneymuxw nations but grew up on Blackfoot territory in and around Calgary. After completing his undergraduate degree in political science at the University of Calgary, he moved west to complete his master’s and live closer to his ancestral homelands.

“When you’re leaving the nest, having those support structures nearby is really important,” explains Scow.

Though a doctorate degree may hold his interest one day, Scow’s immediate future is focused on putting his research to use for new students in the Indigenous Governance Programs.

“I really don’t know where I separate work and pleasure—it’s all pleasurable to me,” laughs Scow.

“To find something you’re passionate about and to be willing to do it even if it wasn’t assigned is to work in an area that you love. This work is just part of who I am.”



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