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SPEED READING

UVIC'S FUTURE

Renewed strategic plan approved

UVic's renewed strategic plan, *A Vision for the Future—Building on Excellence*, has received the approval of the university's governing bodies. The University Senate endorsed the plan at its Jan. 6 meeting, and the University of Victoria Board of Governors approved it on Jan. 31.

The new plan, which will guide the institution's evolution for the coming years, resulted from an extensive consultation process involving the campus and external communities that took place throughout 2011.

"Speaking both for myself and on behalf of the Planning and Priorities Committee, I would like to thank everyone who has engaged in this process of review and renewal of our strategic plan," says UVic President David Turpin. "Your ideas, efforts and contributions have resulted in a document that will serve the university well as we celebrate UVic's 50th anniversary and look ahead to face the challenges and opportunities of the future."

The renewed University of Victoria strategic plan will be made available in print and on the UVic website in the coming weeks.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

UVic releases report on CARSA and parkade consultation

UVic will soon commence, with the surrounding communities, on a more in-depth and widespread consultation process on the university's proposed Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) and adjoining parkade. The upcoming process incorporates the recommendations from HB Lanarc, a community engagement and municipal planning firm that the university commissioned to assist it in developing a new consultation process for the project. More: <http://bit.ly/xrD4fQ>



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Grant, showing some of his medical photographs. PHOTO: ARNOLD LIM

TED GRANT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Behind the scenes with Island Medical Program students

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NUMBER OF GRADUATES TO DATE FROM THE ISLAND MEDICAL PROGRAM AT UVIC, ESTABLISHED IN 2004 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PRACTICE IN UNDER-SERVED AREAS OF BC

His most famous photo is of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau sliding down a banister. But of all he's shot in 60 years as a photographer, Ted Grant's favourite work is the photo series he has done of doctors and nurses at work.

It's a project that began 30 years ago as Grant was lying on a gurney about to head into surgery at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. "I was on the table and all of a sudden I thought 'What a great place to shoot. There are lights, there are people, there are all kinds of things going on.'"

Later that year Grant asked the surgeon if he could follow him around with a camera for a week. The surgeon agreed. Two books and a Bravo documentary resulted from the subsequent years of shooting that included hospitals across Canada and the US. In the last five years he started photographing Island Medical Program students studying to be doctors at the University

of Victoria.

The result is *The Silent Observer*, an exhibit of 30 digital black-and-white photos of the students that Grant followed through their days and photographed. The exhibit opened Feb. 8 at Maltwood Prints and Drawings Gallery at the McPherson Library.

As a freelance photojournalist from the 1960s through 1990s, Grant travelled the far reaches of Canada shooting photo essays for the National Film Board and shooting world events for *Weekend Magazine* and *The Canadian Magazine*. He lost hearing in one ear while shooting the 1967 Six Days War in the Middle East. He covered every Winter and Summer Olympic Games from 1972 to 1992. Over 280,000 of his images are held in the National Archives of Canada and another 100,000 are in the National Gallery of Canada. UVic awarded him an honorary doctorate of laws degree in 2008.

It was during the 1968 Liberal convention that Grant took his famous shot of Trudeau sliding down a banister in the Chateau Laurier hotel. He was the only photographer present when Trudeau made his move.

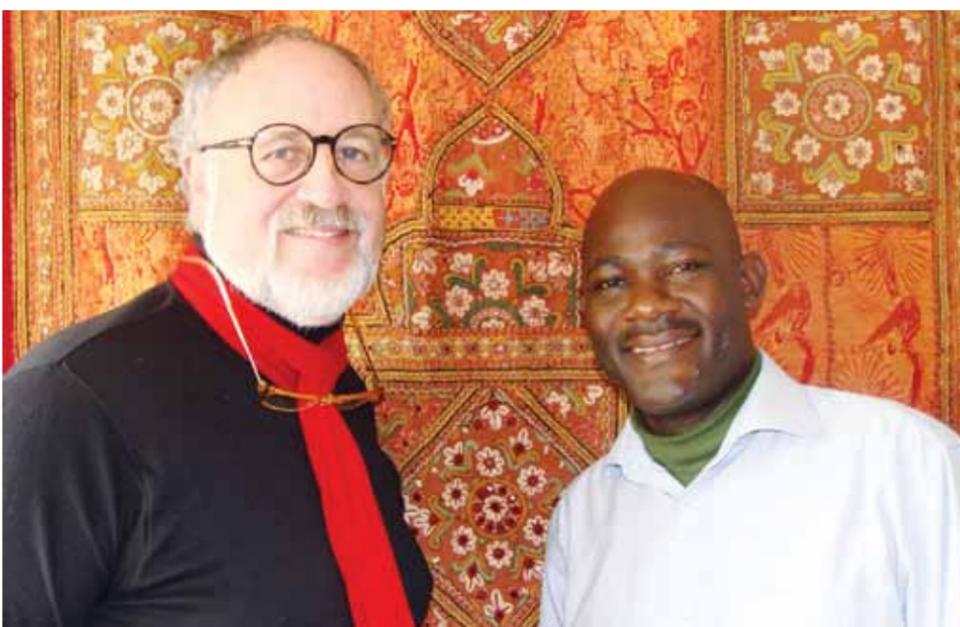
"I heard people start to laugh and turned around and there he was. I went 'Oh my God! Click!'"

Working with medical students was no different than working with world leaders, says Grant, now 82. It's a relationship based on trust, one in which he stays respectfully in the background with a trio of Leica digital cameras around his neck.

"I shoot by what I feel. There isn't anything analytical going on. It's like 'Geez, look at that.' Click."

He took photos of medical students in class at UVic as well as on rounds at two

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Hall and Ugandan PhD student Bananuka Twine. PHOTO: CHRISTINE MCLAREN

Public Admin home to new UNESCO Chair

BY CHRISTINE MCLAREN

The past few months have been quite remarkable for Budd Hall, professor of community development in the School of Public Administration.

In December, he received an honorary degree from St. Francis Xavier University for his outstanding academic service in the area of international development and adult education.

Then Hall received notice of his appointment as a UNESCO Chair. UNESCO is dedicated to promoting collaboration among nations, and Hall's prestigious Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education provides new opportunities for his leadership in building community research capacity in the global south.

"We are pleased to contribute to, support and influence the global partnerships that have been forged by Budd, whose contributions to community-based research are well known to our faculty and the UVic community," says Mary Ellen Purkis, dean of the Faculty of Human and Social Development. "This chair is a perfect fit for our faculty, where community engagement and social responsibility are central to all our programs."

Hall, who has worked in Nigeria, Tanzania, Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Thailand, Yemen, Uganda, England and the United States, has done both theoretical and practical work for almost 40 years in various aspects of community-based adult

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Round and round we'll go

There's a traffic roundabout in the planning stages for the intersection of McKenzie Ave. and Finnerty Rd., at the campus exit near the BC Transit bus terminal. It's part of Saanich municipality's McKenzie upgrade project, which has been in the works, with input from UVic, since 2002. Following an information session held in the SUB last year, Saanich is proceeding with detailed designs. More info and links to concept drawings: www.saanich.ca/services/engineering/projects/mcgill.html

Thanks for the memories

In January, the university and local community enthusiastically took up the challenge and submitted more than 220 engaging Great Moments to be considered for posting on UVic's 50th anniversary website. A selection committee will review all submissions before determining those which best define our top moments. "We plan to share many of the Great Moments that meet our selection criteria during the anniversary celebration period, September 2012–June 2013," says Anniversary Events Manager James Burrough. Visit the anniversary website for interesting articles and background on UVic's past 50 years. uvic.ca/anniversary

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Victoria hospitals and at teaching clinics up and down Vancouver Island.

Medical student Amy Jean Singleton-Polster (IMP Class of 2012) says she was nervous at first as Grant followed her and another student as they conducted a foot care clinic at Our Place, a Victoria homeless shelter.

"But it became easier, and he snapped away as we washed and clipped. He was always very professional yet fun to work with," she says.

Grant's favourite shot from the project is of freckle-faced student Anna Isbister (IMP Class of 2009) examining a patient's eyes. "Her eyes are beautiful and so intense; there is almost a full frame of her face and the instrument she's using—so cool."

The Silent Observer runs until April 2 at the Maltwood Prints and Drawings Gallery in McPherson Library. An opening reception with Ted Grant in attendance will be held Tuesday, March 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. More information: uvac.uvic.ca



The last professor. PHOTO: TED GRANT

The Island Medical Program (IMP), based at UVic, was established in 2004 to increase the number of new physicians in BC and encourage them to practice in under-served areas of the province. The IMP is one of four distinct geographical sites of the distributed UBC MD Undergraduate Program, the others being the Northern Medical Program at UNBC, the Southern Medical Program at UBC-

Okanagan and the Vancouver Fraser Medical Program at UBC-Vancouver.

The four-year medical program at the IMP strives to provide students with a medical education that reflects the health-related challenges facing mid-sized urban Island communities, as well as smaller, remote and coastal communities, which include both elderly and Aboriginal populations.

UVic's Division of Medical Sciences supports both medical education and the university's ongoing commitment to an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to health research.

The division is home to faculty, clinicians and graduate students working on leading-edge research, with a focus on neurosciences. Scientists and students in this research

area are studying fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), inherited developmental disorders, Alzheimer's disease, stroke and how the process of aging changes the brain. Other division scientists are conducting clinical research in anesthesiology, cardiology, psychology and community genetics—the latter with a focus on Northern and Indigenous health issues.

Report outlines progress towards sustainability

The University of Victoria has a reputation as one of the most sustainable campuses in Canada, but have you ever wondered what it takes to create and maintain a sustainable campus?

The recently published *Progress Report on Campus Sustainability 2009–2011* summarizes efforts since 2009 to achieve the goals and targets of the *Sustainability Action Plan: Campus Operations, 2009–2014*, a strategic plan to guide the university's approach to sustainability in operations. And much of the news is good.

The Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability works collaboratively with departments and units across campus to make the plan's goals a reality, and UVic has made progress in many areas including sustainable transportation, purchas-

ing, food, green buildings and water management.

UVic successfully became a "carbon-neutral" campus at the end of 2010 by conducting a comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory, achieving reductions and efficiencies where possible and purchasing offsets.

The new South Tower residence building, completed in 2010, is targeted to achieve the gold standard in the LEED green building rating system, joining five other LEED gold buildings on campus.

The Revolving Sustainability Fund, established with initial capital funding of \$250,000, gave out the first loans in late 2011 that will reduce water consumption in chemistry teaching labs and electrical consumption in building operations.

Other accomplishments over the past two years include the creation of Sustainability Action Teams in buildings across campus, a shift to providing fair-trade certified products in all campus food outlets, the adoption of a triple-bottom-line framework for major purchasing decisions and the preparation of an integrated energy master plan for the campus.

In other areas, such as waste management and energy use, work is ongoing to address sustainability challenges and meet the ambitious goals of the Sustainability Action Plan. For example, as of late 2011 the campus waste diversion rate was 64 per cent, creeping upward toward the overall goal of 75 per cent. A recent campus waste audit report recommended increasing the

composting of food waste, paper towels and paper cups as a possible way to reach that target.

To read the progress report and find out more about other sustainability initiatives, visit www.uvic.ca/sustainability.

UVic sustainability videos

A 50-minute video recording of a presentation by Neil Connelly, director, Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability, for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, Jan. 2012, is available at www.pics.uvic.ca/webstream.php#connelly.

UVic sustainability coordinators Rita Fromholt and Dan MacKinnon provide an overview of UVic's sustainability initiatives in a short video available at <http://youtu.be/Nhoryzuhl1A>.

January break-in and theft of personal information

It's been weeks since a break-in at the University of Victoria's Administration Services Building resulted in the theft of personal information of current and former UVic employees, but the impact is still being felt on campus.

"We take this theft very, very seriously," says UVic President David Turpin. "When employees provide us with their personal information, they expect it to be safe. Once again, I want to recognize all the concern, frustration and inconvenience this break-in has caused. This should never have happened, and I want to assure our community we are working very hard to ensure something like this does not happen again."

On the day following the January 7–8 weekend theft UVic notified all of the 11,845 affected individuals via email or hard copy notice and provided recommendations based on expert advice about what steps employees could take to protect themselves against fraud and the potential misuse of the stolen information. The university also established a privacy breach website at www.uvic.ca/info-breach. The website, which received more than 12,000 visits the first week, continues to be updated as new information becomes available.

A dedicated telephone line and email address to answer questions and

provide information were also put in place the first day. In the first week of operation alone, staff handled more than 550 phone calls and 650 emails.

"The shock of the theft was one of the biggest challenges, not only for the people calling us but for all of us as well," said Klaudia Fetcas, manager of UVic's payroll department.

The numbers of employees and former employees affected led to many visits to the payroll office, which remained open on Saturday, Jan. 14. Many staff who attempted to get through by phone to credit bureaus TransUnion and Equifax to activate the recommended fraud alerts on their credit accounts experienced lengthy and frustrating delays.

UVic notified local financial institutions about the theft and advised them to expect increased business in the days following the announcement about the break-in.

"All the banks and the credit unions in Greater Victoria provided tremendous support for our employees, and we have sent them personal letters of thanks for their assistance in the busy days following the announcement of the privacy breach," says UVic's Vice-President Finance and Operations Gayle Gorrill.

One of the financial institutions that assisted many UVic employees

was the Coast Capital Savings branch at Shelbourne and Cedar Hill Road. "I certainly knew that many of our clients are UVic employees, and we staffed up knowing that we would need the extra help as people closed old accounts and opened new ones," said branch manager Sue Alain.

UVic has arranged for credit monitoring services to be available for 12 months for those affected by the security breach. The university will cover the cost for those who enrol in the service. Instructions on how to access the two companies offering the monitoring service are on the privacy breach website.

UVic is also cooperating fully with an independent investigation initiated by the Office of the Information Privacy Commissioner of BC and continues to cooperate with the Saanich Police investigation into the theft. As of press time, Saanich Police have ruled out a connection to the UVic theft in three of the four fraud/identity-theft cases brought to their attention by concerned employees. The fourth case is a particularly complex one that occurred on Jan. 9 and involved online purchases where a link to the UVic theft may never be definitively proven or ruled out.

From time to time the police release information publicly about

the investigation when they think it is in the public's best interest or assists their investigation. UVic attempts to include this information on the privacy breach website as soon as possible.

Turpin commissioned an external review by internationally recognized expert and former BC Privacy Commissioner Dr. David Flaherty to examine the security of sensitive information at UVic. The review will provide a report—expected in about four months—to UVic's president and Board of Governors with recommendations on the physical and electronic security of sensitive personal information in the custody or control of the university.

At Flaherty's recommendation, the university is also carrying out an internal assessment as part of the process. It will be led by Prof. Jamie Cassels of UVic's Faculty of Law, under Flaherty's guidance. Cassels will be able to call upon individuals within the institution with intimate knowledge of existing policies, procedures, and practices related to this matter.

Terms of reference for the external review and the associated internal assessment are posted on the privacy breach website. Members of the UVic community are invited to send comments and suggestions to Cassels at privacyreview@uvic.ca.



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Batman, Iron Man and me

BY DR. E. PAUL ZEHR

The tipping point for me was a Friday afternoon five years ago. I was sitting in my office searching Google Scholar for publication information on one of my recent papers. My most heavily cited paper at the time had about 150 citations. In my scientific domain, anything over 100 was considered a very high-impact paper. But what if that number really means that only 150 people read my paper? Was 150 readers an acceptable impact?

For me, the answer was no. My “normal” science wasn’t having enough of an impact on society. What I needed to do, I thought, was approach a wider audience more directly.

That’s when I decided to make the dissemination of science to the general public a major part of my activities as a scholar and academic. The decision has taken me down the road to becoming an author of books aimed at increasing scientific literacy.

Shifting gears from my normal academic writing took a bit of thinking. I am a research scientist in the area of neuroscience, kinesiology, and the wonder of the human body. I knew that communicating with the public and popularizing science would be rewarding. What I had to think through was how best to provide relevant and timely links between scientific concepts and public interests, in an accessible and engaging way.

Which is what brought me face to face with Batman and Iron Man.

Science fiction and superhero movies are extremely popular and represent opportunities for exploring scientific concepts in a pop-culture setting that is comfortable and familiar. The result for me has been two books: *Becoming Batman: The Possibility of a Superhero* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008) and *Inventing Iron Man: The Possibility of a Human Machine* (Hopkins, 2011).

Both icons are pitched as real humans who used training (Batman) or technology (Iron Man) to achieve extreme outcomes that seem believable.



Zehr. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

In my books I have essentially asked: Is it really scientifically possible? And if so, how would it work, and what would it mean?

In my books, science concepts are explained using the physical and technological marvels of the fictional characters to expose the real-life workings of the human body. “Neuroscience Core Concepts” from the Society for Neuroscience and the “Core Principles of Physiology” from the American Physiological Society served as guides. Those concepts range from the organization of the nervous system to pathophysiology of concussion and on to neuroprosthetics and brain-machine interface.

I have received countless emails and letters from people who have read my Batman and Iron Man books, and many of the readers thank me for improving their knowledge of how their bodies work. Over and over they write things like “I never knew

muscles worked like that,” or “I didn’t know my bones could change.”

A recent email confirmed that my decision five years ago was the right one. It read, in part: “For the past few years I have been on a journey to get in shape. ... After reading your book I began to do more research and became motivated to better my physicality. ... It was very inspiring, and it got my butt off the couch. This may seem a bit funny but ever since I was a young child I wanted to be Bat-

man. As of now I know I can never go out and fight crime but at least I feel in shape enough to. Thanks for writing this great book.”

An e-mail message won’t get me another grant, or a raise. But it does make me feel good about my own contribution to society and how the full effect of my own career may one day be weighed up and assessed.

That’s the kind of impact I can live with.

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UVic plays host to a science communication conference May 25–27. “How To Talk about Science” is an interactive event focused on disseminating science to schools, the general public, and the media. See <http://cbr.uvic.ca/conferences> for more information.

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Celebrating UVic authors

UVic Libraries and Bookstore invite everyone to come out March 8 from 7–9 p.m. to the University Club and celebrate UVic authors who have published in 2010. The event is part of IdeaFest, which shines a spotlight on UVic’s research strengths and creative endeavours. The evening will feature readings by four authors. John Borrows (law) will read from *Drawing Out Law: A Spirit’s Guide*; Carla Funk (writing) will read from *Apologetic*; Robert Budd (history) will read from *Voices of British Columbia*; and Peter Stephenson (anthropology) will read from *Zombie Factory*.

The Accidental Collector

As part of UVic Libraries’ lecture series on collectors and the joy of collecting, Ron Greene will speak on “The Accidental Collector” Feb. 15 from 2–4 p.m. in room A003, Archives and Special Collections Classroom in the Mearns Centre for Learning/McPherson Library. A lifelong resident of Victoria, Greene spent his business career with Capital Iron, which was started by his father in 1934 and which he ran until 1997. His interests include local history, numismatic history, and heritage buildings.

Kudos coming for community heroes

Local community leaders are lauded every year at the Victoria Leadership Awards. UVic is a founding partner of the VLA awards program, with the University of Victoria Community Leadership Awards (up to two per year) acknowledging leadership in linking the university and the community for greater public benefit. On Jan. 19, in advance of the gala awards event, Leadership Victoria announced its Lifetime Achievement Award recipient: local philanthropist and businessman Naz Rayani. The 2012 VLA gala reception takes place Feb. 21 at the Fairmont Empress. Biographies of the 2012 nominees—including David Chuenyan Lai, Ali Dastmalchian, Mary Ellen Purkis and Andrew Weaver, to name just a few from UVic: <http://bit.ly/emtrZZ>

Change starts here: UVic and the United Way

The final fundraising tally for the 2011 UVic United Way campaign came in at \$271,165, with a cool \$36,641 raised at on-campus events from July through December. The campaign also welcomed 62 new donors.

“The generous sponsors and large team of volunteers from the UVic community—the committee members, event coordinators and

participants—should be very proud,” says UVic campaign chair Charles McQuade. “Our fundraising efforts help the United Way make a huge difference in our community each and every year.”

The UVic Libraries United Way Booksale, coordinated by Jean MacGregor (UVic Libraries) raised the most money of any United Way campaign special event in Victoria,

bringing in over \$20,000 from sales of donated books, records and DVDs. The mammoth event could not happen every year without an army of dedicated volunteers, including members of the UVic Vikes, UVic student ambassadors and even *Times Colonist* booksale volunteers.

Unsold books from this year’s sale were all donated to non-profit organizations (Better World Books,

Our Place and Women in Need).

United Way donations help the nearly 128,000 Victoria residents who benefit from United Way-supported programs and services delivered through 67 agencies.

Visit the UVic campaign site at <http://unitedway.uvic.ca/> for more information, and watch for the 2012 UVic United Way campaign kick-off in September.

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Total Payout to Age 100		\$165,514	\$153,409	\$142,396	\$130,478	\$125,554	\$118,635
Accelerated Payout:							
Income over 5 years				\$1,781			\$106,850
Income over 10 years				\$949			\$113,909
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...payments cease at death		\$416	\$459	\$523	\$629	\$726	\$896
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As part of UVic's Alumni Week celebrations (Feb. 6–12), 12 UVic grads were honoured with Distinguished Alumni Awards Feb. 8 at the University Club: **Hon. Marion Buller Bennett**, BA '75, LLB '87, Provincial Court judge and first female First Nations member of the BC judiciary; **Hon. Thomas Crabtree**, LLB '83, Chief Judge, Provincial Court of BC; **Dr. Bruce Crawford**, BSc '65, influential medical educator and space science researcher; **Esi Edugyan**, BA '99, Giller Prize-winning novelist; **Lise Haddock**, BSW '88, Executive Director, Lalum'utul'Smun'eem Cowichan Tribes Child and Family Services; **Simon Ibell**, BA '02, founder, iBelieve Foundation for curing mucopolysaccharidosis II (MPS II or Hunter syndrome); **Dr. Mark Lewis**, BSc '87, leading mathematical biologist, focused on ecological issues; **Margaret Lucas**, Cert. '95, Victoria business community leader and manager, Hotel Rialto; **Robert Wiersema**, BA '93, best-selling author and Bolen Books event coordinator; **Jody Wilson-Raybould**, BA '96, Regional Chief of BC, Assembly of First Nations; **Lauren Woolstencroft**, BEng '05 multi-gold medalist, Paralympic skiing; and **G. Andrew Work**, MBA '02, Executive Director, Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. More: <http://bit.ly/zylTKO>

Melanie Seibert (writing) has been selected for the Berton House Writers' Retreat in Dawson City, Yukon. Only four writers a year are chosen for this coveted three-month residency at the childhood home of iconic author Pierre Berton. Seibert's term runs April to June 2013. The UVic MFA alumna was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for best master's thesis for her first book, *Deepwater Vee* (which charts some of Canada's most threatened rivers), which was also a finalist for the 2010 Governor General's Literary Award for Poetry. For more than 10 years, Seibert has worked as a guide on wilderness rivers across the North from Alaska to Nunavut, making her a natural for this remote retreat.

The **UVic Law team** brought home the coveted Spirit Cup from the national Law Games, which attracted more than 600 law students from 16 law schools to UBC for four days of academic and athletic competition and camaraderie for four days in early January. The Spirit Cup is awarded to the team that does best overall in the competition. <http://bit.ly/y4Fsun>

Ideal teachers share best practices

BY TARA SHARPE

Great teachers help shape lives. That's why movies like *Finding Forrester*, *Dead Poets Society* and *To Sir, With Love* can resonate so deeply. Now, a new initiative launched in January 2012 by UVic's Learning and Teaching Centre is helping inspire the next generation of university professors.

Teaching excellence is a top priority at UVic, and at the end of January, past recipients of UVic teaching awards opened their classroom doors for two days to graduate students for a firsthand experience of excellent teaching in action.

Nearly 100 graduate students participated in the Sharing Best Practice event on Jan. 30 and 31. They attended 29 undergraduate classes ranging from introductory psychology and political ecology to minority language issues and advanced thermodynamics.

"Ironically, teaching is often a solitary activity for teachers themselves, one we don't share enough with others. I want to thank these brave colleagues for so generously opening their classroom doors so that others can learn from them," says Teresa Dawson, director of the Learning and Teaching Centre and a senior instructor in UVic's Department of Geography.

The award-winning instructors who led the classes included Mary Sanseverino (computer science), Martin Smith (psychology), Judith Mitchell (English), Gregory Rose (Greek and Roman studies) and David Blades (curriculum and instruction), to name only a few.

Cynthia Korpan, TA Training Program Manager, who organized the event, says, "Observing someone else teach allows beginning teachers



Graduate student Jeff Pufahl, left, discusses teaching with Martin Smith. PHOTO: BETH DOMAN

to watch real-life teaching situations. During this event, graduate students were exposed to different classroom management strategies, student interactions, and new approaches to teaching. The outcome is that graduate students will be better prepared for when they teach undergraduate students."

On Jan. 31, PhD candidate Catherine Nutting (history in art), a recipient of UVic's 2011 Andy Farquharson Award for graduate student teaching, sat in on Sanseverino's first-year class on computers and information processing. Computer Science 105 gives students the chance to develop a range of technical problem-solving abilities and is composed of two topics related to computers and the computing environment: one addresses the

"what" and the other the "how" of computing.

"I was able to observe how the professor introduced topics, organized her time on key concepts and kept students engaged," says Nutting. "I noticed how comfortable she was in the classroom—how she used the classroom technology and didn't waste time fiddling with the projector, etc. I noticed her use of clear graphics combined with her verbal explanations. She brought in objects to pass around that related to her topic; she used i-clicker questions; and she shared her own interest and excitement in topics."

Master's candidate Jeff Pufahl (theatre) attended a first-year psychology class taught by Smith who, as a UVic Teaching Professor, is

recognized by the university as exceptional in teaching not just with a teaching award but also with this specific designation. "It was great to see Martin use so many different teaching techniques to engage the students and keep the content interesting. His mastery of the technology was remarkable and he was pretty funny as well," says Pufahl.

An earlier *Ring* story on teaching assistants (TAs) at UVic is available at <http://bit.ly/wlg6eu>. Information about UVic's teaching award winners can also be found at the *Ring* website, including last year's winners: <http://bit.ly/yXBGHP>.

A UVic-produced video from two of the classes will also be available shortly on the UVic YouTube channel. <http://www.youtube.com/uvic>

Writing contest reflects diversity

BY MEL GROVES

Coming out, homelessness, mental wellness, child labour... entries in the 2011 Diversity Writing Contest left few stones unturned on the themes of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Congratulations to the winning writers, who were recognized during the opening reception of the Provost's Diversity Research Forum on Jan. 23 in First Peoples House.

Aysia Law, a second-year creative writing student, took home first place in the fiction category with her story "Cold Snap." Her piece was inspired by an experience she had when buying food for a homeless man in Vancouver.

Kathleen Murdock was second with "Dear Grade-Seven Self."

In the personal narrative category, Jerold Flexer, an undergraduate

student with an interest in writing, film and language, placed first with "Victory, My Son."

Natasha Clark was second for her piece "How I Found Unconditional Inclusion."

First-year MFA student Kyeren Regehr claimed first prize in the poetry category for her poem "Bittersweet Bean." Her work has appeared in literary journals including *The Malahat Review*, *Grain* and *Room Magazine*, and has been shortlisted for several literary awards.

Michelle Zakrisson placed second for her poem "On Paper."

The winning entries in each category are available on the website at <http://library.uvic.ca/events/writingcontest/>.

First-prize entries will also be published in *Multiplicity*, the university's diversity newsletter: <http://bit.ly/wR5M5n>

New fund greenlights campus sustainability projects

Sometimes simple ideas have big payoffs. The inaugural recipients of the university's new Revolving Sustainability Fund grants successfully pitched projects that will save the university enough energy and water, in less than five years, to pay for themselves in reduced utility costs.

The Department of Chemistry will replace the current lab aspirators with portable electric vacuum pumps. The current aspirators use a vacuum filtration system, requiring a constant flow of water at a maximum rate, whereas the new models use no water at all. The total funding for this project is \$30,600 with annual estimated utility savings of \$8,395 and a payback period of 3.6 years.

The second funded project will result in the replacement of the carbon monoxide sensors in the University Centre Parkade. The existing fans run 17 hours a day, whether they're needed or not. With the new system, fans

will only operate as required to keep the level of carbon monoxide in the parkade at a safe level. The \$8,000 project is anticipated to result in annual energy savings of \$2,920, and a payback period of 2.74 years.

"The \$250,000 sustainability fund was established last year in response to the objectives of UVic's Sustainability Action Plan," says Dan MacKinnon, UVic sustainability coordinator. "The fund gives everyone an opportunity to make a positive impact and reduce the carbon footprint of our campus." The fund is one of the first of its kind at a Canadian post-secondary institution.

Call for applications

The next deadline for applications to the Revolving Sustainability Fund is Feb. 29. For more information contact Dan MacKinnon at danm@uvic.ca or 250-721-6678, or visit www.uvic.ca/sustainability.



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CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL STAFF

Three individuals and one innovative team have received a President's Distinguished Service Award for their outstanding contribution to the betterment of the university and its community.

"Our university is about people, and our strength is our people," says UVic President David Turpin. "We are very fortunate that our community is full of great people, who are very committed to our university—very committed to what they do, focusing on what they can contribute. I am pleased to congratulate this year's award recipients, and thank them for everything they do to make UVic a diverse, dynamic and welcoming university for our students and a stimulating and supportive place for our faculty and staff."

The three individual awards are for outstanding contributions to the learning and working environment. The team award recognizes a team or group for innovations that improve an education, administrative or other organizational process through creative approaches.

This year, the Team Award for Innovation was presented to the WITS Programs Team (psychology). The individual award winners are: Leah Stone (enrolment services), First Five Years: Outstanding Contribution; David Nelles (earth and ocean sciences), Award for Outstanding Service; and Diana Walton (nursing), Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Individual Award for Leadership

Diana Walton, Academic Administrative Officer, School of Nursing

On most days, Diana Walton is the first to arrive and the last to leave the School of Nursing office. As academic administrative officer, she oversees operations that support over 700 students, 17 staff, 30 regular faculty and numerous sessional and adjunct faculty members.

And she's garnered the respect and admiration of everyone in the school.

"Diana inspires those with whom she works to influence change in a participatory manner, and her energy, enthusiasm and commitment to UVic are phenomenal," says Rosalie Starzomski, associate director of research and scholarship.

A 20-year employee at UVic, Walton started her career working part-time for nursing distance education and has held her current role since 2005. On top of managing accounts and budgets, preparing schedules for approximately 220 course sections per year, providing orientation for sessional faculty and contributing to committees, she fosters a strong sense of community in the School of Nursing with her natural leadership skills.

"I can think of no one who provides positive regard for students, faculty and staff as consistently as Diana. In all of the varied situations in which we find ourselves, Diana strives to bring an affirming and encouraging attitude to our workplace and to make our school inviting and supportive to all," says Noreen Frisch, director of the School of Nursing.

First Five Years—Outstanding Contribution Award

Leah Stone, Mature Student Recruitment Manager and National Student Recruitment Acting Manager Enrolment Services, Division of Student Affairs

Leah Stone knows how to create transformative student experiences. The key ingredient is team spirit, and Leah's got it in spades.



WITS team. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

As a UVic undergrad and a member of the women's varsity rowing team, she pulled with her team to row the Thames while the Queen of England looked on. Now, as a manager in enrolment services, Leah not only shows prospective students how they can explore their goals and ambitions, but also keeps her own team inspired.

In her first five years at UVic, Leah has been described as an effective leader with an incredible vision, a proactive style and an unflappable commitment to a service focus. According to Lori Nolt, director, Student Awards and Financial Aid, "Leah has established a campus-wide reputation as a creative and innovative professional and has made an enormous contribution to improving service delivery."

Leah's accomplishments include increasing enrolment through personalized and service-focused outreach; instigating improved collaboration among UVic partners for unified service; leading campus-wide professional development in student recruitment; and representing a unified UVic voice as an executive member and planner with Post-Secondary Institutions of BC (PSIBC) and as the BC coordinator for Canadian University Events (CUE).

"Leah is the kind of leader who creates a culture of trust, consistency and collaboration in our institution," says Kathryn MacLeod, director, Residence Services.

Individual Award for Excellence in Service

David Nelles, Senior Laboratory Instructor, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences

Drilling a well on campus or coordinating an international field school in Europe is all in a day's work for David Nelles. A senior laboratory instructor in the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences (SEOS), David ensures the school's extensive lab- and field-based programs deliver outstanding learning experiences for students.

David not only oversees earth and ocean sciences field schools, but also instructs and develops labs and lab manuals; schedules, oversees and mentors graduate teaching assistants; and advises on and coordinates student award nominations—including overseeing the establishment of two 30-metre wells on campus which provide SEOS students practical experience in groundwater analysis.

"We used to joke that David Nelles was the next step in human evolution because he could be everywhere at once," notes one SEOS undergraduate student. On field trips, "Dave walked



Nelles. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES



Walton. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES



Stone. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

twice the distance of any student, going back and forth to answer questions and pointing out interesting features in the rock."

Above all, David's commitment, his efforts and innovations and his genuine enthusiasm for studying and understanding the earth are invaluable to the experiential learning and ultimate success of SEOS students.

Team Award for Innovation

WITS Programs Team

Bonnie Leadbeater, Dorian Brown, Kathreen Riel, Emilie Gladstone, Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Shelley Booth, Tracy Desjardins, David Guilbault, Russ Gothard, Alison Lynch Richard, Rachel Yeung Thompson (Department of Psychology)

An inter-professional and interdisciplinary team is nurturing positive social interactions and social responsibility to reduce bullying and peer victimization in elementary schools.

Started in 1998 in response to the death of Reena Virk, this collaboration with the Rocksolid Foundation of Victoria now includes national partnerships and collaborations

for integrated support programs for children and adults in their homes, schools and communities.

Lead by UVic's Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater, Co-Director of the BC Child and Youth Health Research Network, the WITS Programs team is comprised not only of UVic students and researchers, but also of community leaders from the Rock Solid Foundation, a graphic artist, and an Aboriginal teacher and instructional technologist. Their recent innovation, a state-of-the-art interactive website, makes the evidence-based WITS programs accessible beyond urban centres to rural and remote areas of Canada.

The new WITS website (www.witsprogram.ca) extends the reach of the program, helping more children and their families and teachers to use their WITS: to walk away, ignore, talk it out and seek help to deal with peer conflicts. And the new online training ensures the continued growth of the WITS program across Canada, with over 600 people participating in the WITS Online Teacher Accreditation Training program since September 2010.

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The **POLIS Water Sustainability Project** (Centre for Global Studies) was chosen as one of five featured projects in a national publication celebrating the best and brightest Canadian water champions. Water's Next is an annual publication of *Water Canada* magazine that highlights significant achievements and contributions to Canada's waterscape. The article features an interview with POLIS' Oliver M. Brandes, highlighting the project's success at bridging policy and grassroots action. <http://watersnext.com/2012/polis-water-sustainability-project/>

Gustavson School of Business BCom students took top honours in academic case competitions and were first-place finishers in two other significant categories at the annual Jeux De Commerce (JDC) West Business Competition. JDC West is the largest student-run business competition in the West and is a three-day event that took place Jan. 14 and 15 at the University of Alberta. This year, over 500 business students from 11 western universities participated. Gustavson students earned a first for non-profit, a second in human resources and took a third in accounting. The team of 47 students also placed first in participation, which recognizes the efforts of the entire team based on attendance, sportsmanship and citizenship, and they won a first in "social" which resembles an "Amazing Race" style of competition.

An Introduction to Islamic Archaeology (Edinburgh University Press, 2010) by **Dr. Marcus Milwright** (history in art) has been named an Outstanding Academic Title of 2011 by the magazine, *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*. Peer reviewed by Harvard archaeology professor C.C. Lamberg-Karlovsky, Milwright's textbook is described as "an outstanding introduction that can be read with profit by general readers as well as professionals . . . highly recommended." Milwright, director of UVic's Medieval Studies program, is also speaking at an international conference devoted to the Hajj at the British Museum in March prior to an April residency at the Shangri La Centre for Islamic Arts and Cultures in Honolulu.

While Department of Writing journalism instructor **Sean Holman** didn't win the J-Source Canadian Newsperson of the Year award for which he had recently been nominated, the jury did recognize Holman with a "special mention" for his "innovation in delivering and gathering the news" through his watchdog site www.publiceyeonline.com. His nomination reads, in part: "Unattached to any major media, Sean has consistently held the BC provincial government's toes to the fire, breaking stories constantly that other media do not discover . . . the fact he has done this without the accoutrements of a media outlet speaks volumes for his abilities and his commitment to our profession." J-Source has been honouring excellence in journalism since 2008.

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Department of Writing instructor **Madeline Sonik** has been shortlisted for the \$25,000 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction for her 2011 book *Afflictions & Departures*. This nomination comes on the heels of her inclusion on the BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction longlist for the same book. One of only five (coincidentally all BC) authors on the Taylor Prize list—alongside Wade Davis, Charlotte Gill, J.J. Lee and Andrew Westoll—Sonik received praise for her “startlingly original” book that “defies all our expectations of memoir . . . droll, tragic and absolutely compelling . . . a visceral portrayal of a family imploding.” The winner will be announced on March 4.

Dr. Larry Yore (education) was awarded the 2012 Distinguished Contributions to Science Education through Research Award by the Virginia-based National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST). “This award is a nice way to end a formal career,” said Yore, who retired from UVic this year and is now a Distinguished Professor Emeritus. “It also encourages me to stay active in research and validates the area of research that looks at language’s roles in constructing, reporting and persuading others about the importance of making science accessible to everyone.”

Lululemon founder named Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year

BY DIANNE GEORGE

Chip Wilson, founder and chair of the board of directors of yoga-wear giant Lululemon Athletica, has been named UVic’s Gustavson School of Business Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year.

“Chip Wilson exemplifies the values of a visionary entrepreneur,” says Peter B. Gustavson, founder and chair of the Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award (DEYA) Committee. “He turned a passion for health and fitness into a world-wide movement and has inspired countless others through his unique outlook and commitment to quality. His values permeate everything he does,” says Gustavson.

May (Hao) Cheung, a 2010 Gustavson MBA grad hired at Lululemon as a business solutions specialist, confirms that it’s not just the yoga wear that has to be a good fit at Lululemon. Their extensive hiring process connects with the company’s emphasis on culture. Cheung had five phone interviews before being asked to a face-to-face interview, which lasted three hours and involved four people.

“I am grateful to be part of this amazing company that Chip Wilson started not so long ago,” says Cheung. “I have to admit, I still get starstruck whenever I see him walking down the hallway or by my desk. Working at Lululemon, I get to live and breathe the company’s strong corporate culture every day.”

Examples of the culture are everywhere in the head office. They all sit together in an open area—even directors; fitness classes are available throughout the day along with health

and fitness benefits. Cheung says it’s also about entrepreneurship, quality and fun.

“The culture creates such an amazing work atmosphere when everyone is so passionate about their work.”

“We tell our students to do something they are passionate about,” says Dr. Ali Dastmalchian, dean of the business school. “Chip is an excellent role model for them—he’s built an enormously successful organization doing what he loves.”

Wilson founded Lululemon in 1998 and opened its first store in Kitsilano in 2000. The company now has 191 stores and showrooms across Canada and the US and in Australia, China and New Zealand. Before creating Lululemon, he founded Westbeach Snowboard Ltd., a Vancouver-based surf, skate and snowboard retailer, prior to that he worked in Alberta’s oil and gas industry.

Wilson, who says he lives and breathes the athletic clothing business, also gives back to community. He established the annual “Chip’s Not Dead Yet Memorial Mile” run to raise funds for the BC Children’s Hospital and the imagine1day charity that works to provide every child in Ethiopia a quality education.

Wilson studied at the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary where he graduated with a BA in economics; his wife Shannon holds a UVic BFA (1996) and a post-degree teaching certificate (1998).

Wilson is the ninth DEYA recipient. His vision and entrepreneurial accomplishments will be celebrated at the annual gala on June 7, 2012 in Victoria.

Wilson joins a select circle of dis-



Wilson and Cheung. PHOTO: JACQUELINE JENNINGS

tinguished entrepreneurs: JR Shaw, founder of Shaw Communications Inc. (2011); Alex Campbell, co-founder Thrifty Foods (2010); Sir Terence Matthews, a technology entrepreneur and investor in telecommunication ventures (2009); Clive Beddoe, a founding shareholder and executive chair of WestJet (2008); David Black, founder of Canada’s largest privately owned

newspaper publishing company (2007); Gwyn Morgan, who established EnCana Corp. as the country’s largest energy company (2006); Dave Ritchie, chair emeritus of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (2005); and Jeff Mallett, former president and chief operating officer of Yahoo (2004).

For DEYA gala tickets contact 250-721-7406 or atannas@uvic.ca.

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Spend a week this spring exploring the breadth and depth of UVic’s research and creative activities at the university’s inaugural IdeaFest, running from March 5–10 in every corner of campus.

Led by the Office of the Vice-President Research with participation and support from nearly 30 faculties, departments, schools and centres, this week-long festival is a chance for faculty, staff and students to take a deeper look at the fascinating and world-changing ideas being produced at UVic.

“This festival shines a spotlight on the voices, values and experiences that shape our unique identity and community,” explains Howard Brunt, vice-president research.

“Student and faculty researchers and artists have been translating their passion, intellectual energy and expertise into discoveries that are improving and enriching people’s lives—a



fact that deserves to be celebrated and explored across our entire community.”

Intended as a pilot year for an even bigger festival during the university’s 50th anniversary period in March 2013, IdeaFest 2012 will feature many of UVic’s most pioneering ideas presented using a healthy mix of media, including interactive lectures, interdisciplinary hot-topic debates, performances and exhibits, panel discussions, tours and web-based storytelling.

Examples of some of the ideas up for discussion during the festival include Islamic finance, ecological

governance, health literacy, creativity, socially responsible business, water issues, the Occupy Movement, aging, digital humanities, the Arab Spring and whether or not the book—in its print form—is on death’s door.

The full program of IdeaFest activities—including updates and additional events as they are scheduled over the month of February—is available for browsing at www.uvic.ca/ideafest. With over 30 events in the schedule, the hardest part will be figuring out which idea to start your personal journey of discovery with.

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■ **Exhibit** *The Emergence of Architectural Modernism II: UVic and the Regional Aesthetic in the Late 1950s and 60s.* Until Feb. 26. Legacy Art Gallery, 630 Yates St. 250-381-7645

■ **Exhibit** *Divergence: Insights into Studio Practices.* Feb. 29 to April 14. From the studios of 19 UVic art education instructors in the Faculty of Education. Legacy Art Gallery, 630 Yates St. 250-381-7645

■ **Exhibit** *The Silent Observer.* Until April 2. Photographs of Island Medical Program students at work by Ted Grant. The Maltwood Prints and Drawings Gallery at the McPherson Library. 250-381-7645

at the theatres

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■ **Theatre** *Eurydice.* Feb. 16–25. By Sarah Ruhl. Directed by Jeffrey Pufahl (MFA candidate). In this whimsical, vibrant, and heartfelt contemporary twist, Eurydice encounters talking stones and a playfully sinister underlord determined to woo her. Once in the underworld, Eurydice tries to reconnect with her long-lost father and struggles to regain memories of her life as a daughter and Orpheus's bride. \$13–22. Phoenix Theatre. 250-721-8000

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

■ **Orion Lecture** 3:30 p.m. *Harmony and Cadence in Gjerdingen's 'Prinner.'* William Caplin, James McGill Prof. of Music Theory. MacLaurin B120. 250-721-8634

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 7:30 p.m. *We Are All Treaty People: New Models for a Shared Future.* The Royal Society of Canada Governor General Lecture Series presents Dr. James Miller, Canada Research Chair, Native Newcomer Relations; Univ. of Sask. Fraser 159. 250-472-5416

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 12 p.m. *Universal Design for Learning and Assistive Technology.* iLearn: iPads in the Classroom. MacLaurin D211. 250-721-7817

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* Featuring School of Music guitar students. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-8634

■ **Music** 8 p.m. *UVic Wind Symphony.* Gerald King, conductor. University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$5–14. 250-721-8480

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

■ **Music** 8 p.m. *Faculty Recital: Guitarworks.* Alexander Dunn, guitar, with Anne Grimm, soprano. MacLaurin B125. \$17.50–13.50. 250-721-8634

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

■ **Music** 2:30 p.m. *Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra.* Director: Yariv Aloni. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$10–25. 250-721-8480

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 1 p.m. *Inclusive and*

Respectful Workplaces: Rooting Out Personal Harassment. Sedgewick C168. 250-721-8488

■ **Music** 8 p.m. *The Sojourners.* Marcus Moseley, Will Sanders and Ron Small. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$25. 250-721-8480

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

■ **Research Conversation** 12 p.m. *Restorative Justice: Deliberative Democracy in Action.* Tara Ney, UVic. Human & Social Development A373. 250-721-6441

■ **UVic Libraries' Lecture Series** 2 p.m. *The Accidental Collector.* Ron Greene. Mearns Centre, McPherson Library A003. 250-853-3612

■ **Other** 8 p.m. *Astronomy Open House.* Wright Centre, 5th Floor. 250-721-7700

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

■ **Music** 2:30 p.m. *Victoria Symphony Classics 3.* Victoria Symphony Orchestra, Tania Miller, conductor. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$18–53. 250-721-8480

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 7:30 p.m. *Campaign To End the Blockade of Gaza: Canada's Role.* Ehab Lotayef, Montreal-based poet and long-time solidarity activist will share his account of the Freedom Waves to Gaza aid flotilla. Hickman 105. Admission by donation. 250-721-7573

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 7:30 p.m. *Conversations with Activists Part 2—VIPIRG: Community Based Research as Community Organizing.* Cheryl Bryce and Mark Willson, interim research coordinators at VIPIRG. Hickman 105. 250-721-7573

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

■ **Other** 10 a.m. *Welcome Centre open house.* www.uvic.ca/welcome or brocca@uvic.ca. Univ. Centre Bldg. 250-721-8109

■ **Studies in Religion & Society Lecture** 4:30 p.m. *Tell the Truth and Shame the Devil: Satire in Early Modern England.* Terry Sherwood, CSRS Associate Fellow, UVic. Engineering Comp Science 124. 250-721-6325

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 8 p.m. *Visiting Artist program presents Daniel Barrow.* Montreal-based artist Daniel Barrow uses obsolete technologies to present written, pictorial and cinematic narratives centering on the practices of drawing and collecting. Visual Arts A162. 250-721-8011

■ **Other** 8 p.m. *Astronomy Open House.* Wright Centre, 5th Floor. 250-721-7700

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

■ **Music** 12 p.m. *Guest Recital: Reveille—Awakening the Trumpet's Potential.* Featuring Timothy Quinlan, Aaron Hodgson and Louis Ranger, trumpet. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 4 p.m. *Commodity Chain Initiatives, Power and the Democratic Promise.* Dr. James Lawson, UVic. Social Sciences & Math A104.

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 7:30 p.m. *How the Earth Became a Collection of Land Uses: Urban Planning and Law in Historical Perspective.* Mariana Valverde. www.TheCityTalks.ca. Legacy Art Gallery, 630 Yates St. 250-381-7645

■ **Classical Assoc. of Vancouver Island Lecture** 7:30 p.m. *Religious Toleration in*

an Age of Empire: What Can we Learn from the Romans? Dr. Eric Orlin (Univ. of Puget Sound). Strong C116. 250-721-8514

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 12 p.m. *Universal Design for Learning and Assistive Technology.* For One and All: Kurzweil Basics. MacLaurin D211. 250-721-7817

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* Featuring School of Music woodwind students. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

■ **Music** 8 p.m. *Vocal Showcase.* Students from the studios of Benjamin Butterfield, Susan Young and Anne Grimm performing works by J.S. Bach. MacLaurin B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8634

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

■ **Music** 7:30 p.m. *University of Victoria Chamber Singers: Awaken Spring!* Brian Wismath, conductor. MacLaurin B125. \$10–\$15. 250-721-8634

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

■ **Lecture/Seminar** 5 p.m. *You Say Goodbye, We Say Hello! Robots, Theatre and the Future of Humanity.* Brazil-based electronics artist and robotics researcher Zaven Parè and UVic Japanese theatre specialist Cody Poulton discuss recent collaborations in theatrical productions using robots and androids. Hickman Building. 250-721-7664

■ **Cafe Scientifique** 6:30 p.m. *Death, Dying and Palliative Care.* Dr. Kelli Stajduhar (UVic). RSVP required cfr@uvic.ca or 250-472-4067. Strathcona Hotel, 919 Douglas St. Maple Rm. 250-472-4067

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BY PHIL SAUNDERS

When you enter the Jack Petersen Health Centre, you will be standing in a reception entrance filled with a half dozen students waiting to see a healthcare professional. This is the home of University Health Services. It's also where Sara Wegwitz has been working for most of her career in health care.

Wegwitz, a 1998 graduate of the UVic nursing program, spent the first part of her nursing career getting clinical experience in a coronary/cardiovascular care unit in Phoenix, Arizona. She then moved to Vancouver where she obtained her critical care certification and worked in an ICU. In 2002 Wegwitz returned to Victoria, began teaching nursing at Camosun College and discovered a passion for educating. She returned full circle to UVic in 2005 as an RN health educator and advocate for healthy living at UVic.

"I feel like it's my M.O.," she says, with a twinkle in her eye. "I've found something that I'm really passionate about that combines with my deep-seated desire to serve, contribute and make a difference in the lives of people."

As UVic's nurse educator, Wegwitz works with nursing students to promote healthy living and wellness on campus.

"Working with this demographic means I can reach young people at



L-R: Wegwitz and third-year nursing students Christina Verhagen and Megan Peters. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

a formative stage of their lives," she says. "And being healthy and well is the foundation for a life well-lived."

Her mission to help people live healthier isn't limited to her role at UVic. She also offers a community education program at the Burnside Gorge Community Centre called *Tailor-making a Healthier You—Finding Your Fit*, which gives participants a chance to explore their personal health and wellness, identify what is holding them back and try on different tools and strategies to find their personal health fit.

"My message is that being well and healthy is so easy and attainable

for anyone," she says. "It's being sick, tired and stressed out that's hard work. There are specific small things you can do over time that will add up cumulatively and lead to extraordinary results."

In addition to collaborating with other members of student services units on initiatives and providing strategic support to her director, a large part of what Wegwitz does is working with nursing students and other student groups on campus.

As I arrive to speak with her she is busy with two students putting together promotional packages for Sexapalooza, a three-day event Feb. 7-9

being put on by the UVic Students' Society to raise sexual health awareness.

When not at work, volunteering for Leadership Victoria or socializing, Wegwitz is on her bike commuting to and from work or careening around Victoria.

"When I clip in, it's like I'm four years old again," she says, a smile spreading across her face. "The opportunity to be free, go fast and have fun—to have an adventure, experience nature...it's a feast for the senses."

She describes a trip she took nearly nine years ago—travelling alone by bike up the West Coast of Ireland—as

the greatest vacation she's ever had. "The people there are so friendly. They constantly apologized for the weather, but, being from Victoria, the rain didn't bother me too much."

University Health Services is expanding its population health approach with a number of programs, including the unveiling of the UVic Collaborative Eating Disorders Clinic later in February, a mood disorders clinic and a chronic care clinic. And check out the monthly Student Health 101 e-magazine, where this month, UVic students talk about healthy relationships: <http://read101.ca/uvic.html>

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learning and participatory research. This unique chair will be shared with Dr. Rajesh Tandon, a UVic honorary degree recipient and president of the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) based in India.

"As an early priority we want to give visibility and provide support to community-university research partnerships in Africa that focus on poverty reduction, sustainability and other complex issues," says Hall.

One of the first outcomes of the appointment is the arrival of Bananuka Twine, a Commonwealth Research Scholar and Ugandan adult educator and community development worker based at Makerere University in Kampala. Twine will be named as a "fellow" of the UNESCO Chair and will be studying at UVic for six months.

"I am so fortunate to work with Budd, who is an internationally recognized researcher in adult education, and to have the opportunity to increase linkages with other universities through the networks that he has helped establish," says Twine, who is working towards his PhD in adult education at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa.

Hall's recent involvement with a network of institutes from around the world on the Global Alliance of Community Engaged Research (GACER) will be a central part of the work that Tandon and Hall will undertake. GACER has brought the issue of global pressure for social and economic change to the attention of universities.

This global network of institutes, located at UVic and headed by Hall, put out a communiqué in November urging universities around the world to respond to the global phenomena associated with the emerging citizen movements such as the Occupy Movement and the Arab Spring, and outlined the need for universities around the world to address issues of sustainability, poverty and social justice through increased community engagement.

As he sets his sights on a leadership role in the world conference on higher education in Barcelona set for 2013, Hall will continue to address the importance of social responsibility in higher education through shared global networks, and our students, our university and our world will be better for it.



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