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SPEED READING

Search the new libraries website

UVic Libraries launched a new website on August 27. Complete with a fresh look and feel, clear navigation, improved searching, integration with the main UVic website and plenty of important content describing the services and collections we provide. All website users can look forward to improved access to relevant resources, information and library services.

Thunder Fest and President's Run Series

This Friday, Sept. 6 Vikes Athletics and Recreation are pleased to host the fourth annual Thunder Fest from noon to 4:30 p.m. outside the UVic Student Union Building. Thunder Fest is an opportunity for the UVic student body to kick off the varsity athletic season and gain information about campus and recreation. Also at noon, UVic President and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jamie Cassels will lead the first of an open *President's Run Series*, encouraging everyone of all fitness levels on campus to enjoy an active, healthy living style.

Celebrate award-worthy teaching

The UVic Alumni Association and the Learning and Teaching Centre invite nominations for the prestigious Harry Hickman Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching (faculty) and the Gilian Sherwin Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching (instructors). The awards include a \$2,000 cash prize and the recipients' photos are permanently displayed in the McPherson Library alongside more than 40 other accomplished teachers who have received the award since 1989. Nomination forms are available at alumni.uvic.ca. **Deadline: Oct. 18.** The awards will be presented during Alumni Week 2014, Feb. 2–8.

Nominations for honorary degrees

Members of the university community are encouraged to nominate candidates to receive an honorary degree from UVic. Honorary degrees allow the university to recognize and honour individuals who have achieved great things, and to celebrate our shared values. Nominated candidates may be from any place and of any nationality, but the university particularly encourages the nomination of individuals with BC or UVic connections, and people of minority and diverse backgrounds who might otherwise escape our consideration. *The next deadline for nominations is September 13, 2013, and full information is available at bit.ly/uvic-honorary*



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President Jamie Cassels and students at orientation event. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

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**NEW UVIC
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS
ARRIVING IN
2013-14 —
13% MORE THAN
LAST YEAR.**

Engagement: the key to a full student experience

BY KIM WESTAD

It can take Anas Cheema an hour to walk across campus—the 22-year-old economics student seems to know every second person and has a friendly greeting for them all.

It wasn't always this way for Cheema, who came to UVic in 2011, not knowing anyone. The international student from Pakistan spent his first few months on campus feeling lonely, isolated and stressed.

"I was so excited to come to UVic because of the beauty of its natural setting and the smaller class sizes and the friendly

sort of energy, but it was still very daunting when I got here," Cheema said. "After a while, I looked around and thought, 'What can I do?'"

Making the connection

Cheema remembered how welcoming the international student association had been to him in Malaysia, where he went to university the year before. So he started the first international student club at UVic. With more than 1,600 international students from 100 different countries at UVic, the club grew quickly and now has 800 members.

That sense of reaching out and engaging with others led to Cheema looking for more opportunities on campus and off for different experiences. All of it has enriched his experience at UVic, he said.

What Cheema has done is often called "student engagement", a phrase with growing importance on campuses worldwide. Studies and anecdotal evidence show that students who do more than hit the books during their post-secondary years tend to have a better experience on campus, and out in the world when they finish. For

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An ocean full of change at Ocean Networks Canada

BY VIRGINIA KEAST

Having established the world's first and largest comprehensive underwater cabled ocean observatories, Ocean Networks Canada continues to expand the scope of its activities. This summer and fall, ONC is taking part in a major cruise investigating low-oxygen zones, adding new capabilities to its Arctic node, participating in a major international trade mission and making substantial enhancements to its website.

A monthlong cruise chasing "dead waters"

Since mid-August, ONC has been leading a scientifically oriented month-long expedition to study low-oxygen waters off the coast of Vancouver Island. The mission's first leg is now complete, after two weeks of tracing the pathways of potentially harmful low-oxygen waters as they flow from the deep ocean toward our coast. The team of seven Canadian scientists, four technicians and five students have been on board the RV Falkor, the 272-foot, \$62 million ocean research vessel provided by the Schmidt Ocean Institute—a private

foundation established by Google co-founder Eric Schmidt and his wife, Wendy.

"This was a remarkable opportunity for our research community, to gain access to this world-class ship and conduct unrestricted observations in our local waters," reflects Dr. Richard Dewey, who served as Chief Scientist during the first leg of the journey. "The ship is extremely well equipped, and the crew and officers were consummate professionals. We traversed over 3,400 km and collected 2,800 water column profiles."

Principal investigator Professor Jody Klymak from the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences was also on board working with UVic's moving vessel profiler, an impressive workhorse on this expedition. Acting as part of the science team, UVic student Brianna Cerciewicz experienced the thrill and hard work of her very first cruise and blogged her shipboard adventures on the ONC Wiring the Abyss website.

The Falkor is now berthed at Victoria's Ogden Point to re-mobilize for the second half of the expedition, which will run until September 18. For the second leg, the vessel will host another team of scientists who will re-visit the pathways with a focus on how ecosystems may be impacted. They'll also



The ONC team at Cambridge Bay, with the mini-node.

watch the seafloor via ROPOS, a remotely operated submersible that streams live video during its dives to the seafloor. This portal to the ocean is open to everyone via the internet at WiringtheAbyss2013.ca

Arctic mini-observatory gets a reboot

Built with the same world-class technology as the VENUS and NEPTUNE observatories, the mini-observatory at Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, has just

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UVic alum new Audain Professor

Local Kanien'kehaka (Mohawk) multimedia artist **Jackson 2Bears Leween** has been named the recipient of the 2013–14 Audain Professorship in Contemporary Art Practice of the Pacific Northwest for the Department of Visual Arts. Having recently completed his PhD here at UVic, Leween is the first UVic alumnus to take on the prestigious year-long position, which was most recently held by acclaimed Tlingit/Aleut artist **Nicholas Galanin**. Meanwhile, previous Audain professor and Governor General's Award-winning performance artist **Rebecca Belmore** will be returning to campus in early 2014 to dance the initiation of the world's biggest button blanket, which will be created this fall in collaboration with History in Art professor **Carolyn Butler-Palmer**, local Tahltan artist **Peter Morin** and UVic students.

CARBC research shows how province can improve alcohol-related policies

BY MITCH WRIGHT

British Columbia comes in second among Canadian provinces for policies aimed at reducing alcohol-related harms and costs, but the impressive ranking belies the fact that even the national leaders are nowhere near achieving an ideal score.

In earning the ranking, BC achieved just 53 per cent of a perfect score. It also lags at or near the bottom in two of the most important policy categories, although the province does rank first in five categories and second in two others.

The findings are included in research from the University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research, which released its summary report *Reducing Alcohol-Related Harms and Costs in British Columbia*, just as the province announced on Aug. 6 it will undertake a major review of liquor licensing laws this fall.

The report compares the 10 provinces in 10 policy dimensions deemed most effective in achieving public health and safety benefits. The research highlights current policy strengths in BC and offers recommendations to turn unrealized potential into actual gains.

BC ranks ninth and 10th in the two most important policy categories—pricing and regulatory controls. The contradiction of a low overall score earning such a high ranking also indicates there are substantial opportunities for BC and all provinces to take further action.

“Our study shows that BC is doing many things right, but could be doing much, much better,” says Kara Thompson, a psychology doctoral candidate who co-authored the report while working with CARBC director Tim Stockwell. “The fact that we are at or near the bottom in the two more important policy areas is significant. That is where the province can and should be focusing attention to achieve the most impact to reduce alcohol-related harms and costs.”

Specific measures suggested for BC to address its weakness in pricing and regulatory control policies include: increasing minimum prices to \$1.50 per standard drink; adjust alcohol prices to keep pace with inflation; placing restrictions on discounted alcohol sold below minimum price; adjusting prices for alcohol content to make higher strength products more expensive; reducing access to alcohol through channels such as online sales or delivery services; and increasing

spending on social responsibility messaging.

“The provincial government’s plan to review liquor licensing is timely and necessary,” says Thompson. “What we’ve shown in highlighting these strengths and weakness in alcohol policies is that there is still considerable room to do more, especially in the areas of pricing and control. Implementing these recommendations would be a significant leap toward improving the balance between public access and better protecting public health.”

The CARBC comparison of BC alcohol policies with those of other provinces uses results from a comprehensive national study funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and builds on a model implemented by MADD Canada. The national study was led by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in Ontario in collaboration with a Canada-wide network of alcohol and health experts, including from CARBC.

The 10 policy dimensions included in the assessment are based on rigorous systematic reviews of the effectiveness of alcohol-prevention efforts.

BC ranks first in policy dimensions on drinking and driving, marketing and advertising, legal drinking age and server training, and is also the only province to earn a perfect score in any category, which it achieved for its policies on screening, referrals and brief interventions. BC also ranked second for the physical availability of alcohol and for its provincial alcohol strategy.

Thompson notes that despite those highlights, alcohol consumption in BC has been above the national average for the past decade, and both consumption levels and the rate of hospitalizations for alcohol-related conditions have increased since 2002. And with BC ranked second while achieving just 53 per cent of the ideal score, it’s clear even those provinces leading the way have a lot more work to do, she says.

Some other recommendations for improvement in BC’s alcohol-related policies include: reducing hours for on- and off-premise establishments; implementing remaining drinking and driving countermeasures recommended by MADD Canada; restricting quantity of alcohol advertisements; consideration of increasing legal drinking age to 21; improving server training; developing an alcohol-specific provincial strategy; and implementing mandatory warning labels on alcoholic beverage packaging.

Hark! The Shakespeare celebrations approach!



BY SUSAN HENDERSON

All the world’s a stage—and in September and October, UVic will be a major player in a six-week, city-wide celebration of the works of the Bard. Shakespeare Onstage-Offstage will bring exhibits and special events to libraries, theatres, art galleries, classrooms, concert halls and pubs on campus and around the city.

UVic Libraries, a lead partner in the celebrations, will host a major exhibit in collaboration with the UVic English Department and the Legacy Art Gallery: *Shakespeare’s “Big Books”* will bring together all four 17th-century Shakespeare folios (including the famous First Folio) for the first time in BC. This Legacy Art Gallery exhibit, curated by Erin E. Kelly and Janelle Jenstad from the Department of English, is possible because of generous loans of Folios Two and Four from the Legislative Library of BC and Folios One and Three from the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto.

When Shakespeare died in 1616, only about half of his plays had been printed, all in quarto or octavo volumes—traditional large and medium book sizes named for the number of pages printed and folded together within the book.

Soon after, his friends and fellow actors began amassing manuscripts and print editions with the aim of compiling all of his dramatic works. John Heminges and Henry Condell, along with a consortium of printers, produced a magisterial folio volume of 36 plays, replete with dedicatory poems and a portrait of Shakespeare.

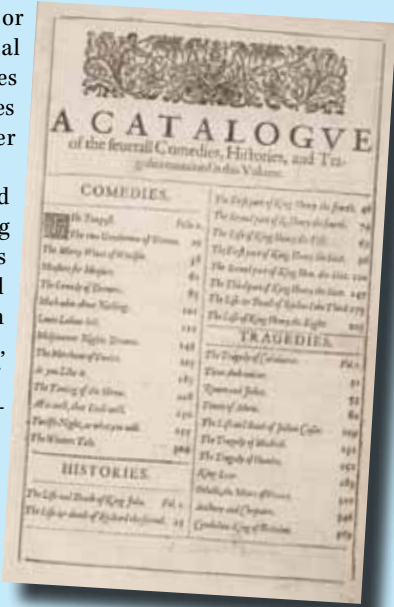
Scholars refer to the 1623 collection of Shakespeare’s

plays in one volume as the First Folio. It preserves the earliest surviving text of 18 plays. Without this Folio, we would not have *Macbeth*, *The Tempest*, *As You Like It*, *Twelfth Night*, *Antony and Cleopatra* or *Julius Caesar*.

This book has long fascinated different groups of people. Editors search it for clues about the plays. Actors and directors believe it offers hints about performance. Collectors value it as one of the most important books in the English language.

Another exhibit, *Falstaff and Music*, opens September 16 and will trace the history of Skakespeare’s vain, inept, comic knight through a display of rare books, scores, and performance artifacts from the University of Victoria’s Special Collections in the Mearns Centre of Learning—McPherson Library.

More Shakespeare Onstage-Offstage event information can be found at www.uvic.ca/library/featured/events and ise.uvic.ca/onstageoffstage.



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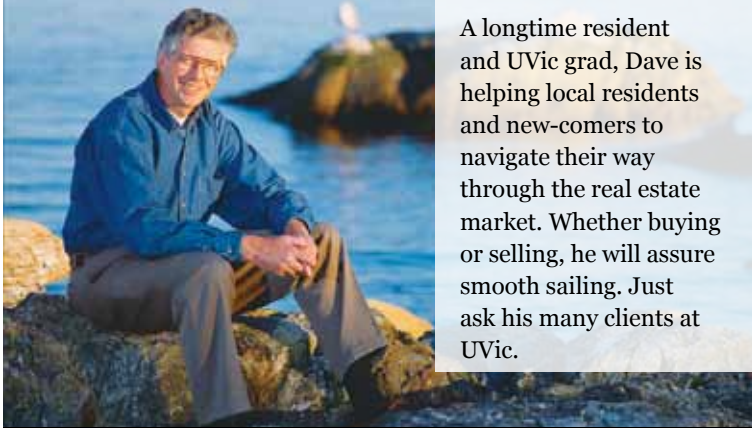
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Study seeks consistency in concussion data

BY MITCH WRIGHT

It's game night at the local rink and cheering parents pack the stands as young players churn up and down the ice. Every scoring chance is hailed with roars of support. The barn falls eerily silent though, as one young skater racing for a puck loses an edge and slides headlong into the boards. He gets to his knees unsteadily, then stands wobbly-legged and obviously shaken, and is rushed off the ice by coaches as white-faced parents are sprinting to meet them in the dressing room. They're already worrying about concussion, a scourge throughout sports, but getting particular attention in the hockey world.

But if this young skater has sustained a mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), as it's also known in scientific circles, it's already too late to start evaluating the injury. Without baseline data on basic cognitive function, doctors, parents and coaches face a difficult task determining how severe the injury is, or if and how well a patient is recovering.

University of Victoria researcher Dr. Brian Christie is investigating whether video game-style software might offer a solution.

Christie, a professor in the Division of Medical Sciences and director of UVic's new Neuroscience Graduate Program, is part of a team of researchers across Canada recently awarded \$1.4 million over five years by the Canada Institutes of Health Research to conduct just that type of research. The goal is to standardize the terms and tools used to describe concussion patients to facilitate data comparisons across sites, and enhance investigations into long-term effects.

"There is enormous interest in concussion, both from a research perspective and from the public, and we've seen our project garner huge community engagement just by word of mouth," says Christie, who was invited to speak on the subject at last fall's Wickfest, an annual women's hockey festival hosted by three-time Olympic hockey gold medallist Hayley Wickenheiser.

Christie was already working on a similar study, which will now feed



Christie. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

into the CIHR-funded project, looking to validate a testing protocol for gathering accurate baseline information on cognitive function in youth hockey players. That effort partnered with the Victoria Racquet Club minor hockey program to test approximately 200 youth players ages 6 to 17 over the past year, using the Neurotracker software donated by Quebec-based Cognisens Inc.

Major professional sports leagues—including the NHL and NFL—use the program to improve athletes' performance, but its potential as a low-cost, accessible option to accurately assess concussion symptoms and severity in youth athletes has Christie interested.

The game involves a screen with eight balls on it, with participants asked to track four as they move randomly about the screen. With each successful trial, the balls move faster and more difficult to follow. The recorded results could offer reliable baseline data on a number of different cognitive and perceptual abilities.

"Anytime they get a concussion, their ability to perform the game drops dramatically—almost in half—and as

they return from a concussion we can see their speed in following the balls come back up," says Christie.

Once reliable baseline data is established, it's easier to determine if a player has sustained a concussion. Christie says it could also facilitate active recovery, through repeat testing to track cognitive improvements. Because the program involves testing a large group across a wide age range, it will result in year-by-year comparisons and longitudinal data, Christie says, adding that the UVic Vikes rugby team also began testing last year.

Standardized data will also help scientists better understand the symptoms that are the best prognostic indicators for poor recovery from concussion, Christie says. That knowledge will provide clinicians across Canada with more confidence in their diagnoses and empower doctors, parents, players and coaches to make better decisions about treatment, including when it is appropriate and safe for a patient to "return to play."

"The majority of the traumatic brain injury research out there right now is based on adults, so we're always speculating that maybe children have

the same recovery times," says Dr. Chand Taneja, a pediatric clinical neuropsychologist with the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health/Vancouver Island Health Authority. As the only practising board-certified neuropsychologist on Vancouver Island, Taneja sees most of the Island's children referred due to neurological impairment. She is also involved in the CIHR-funded research project.

Christie, whose research also investigates how developmental disorders affect learning and memory processes, also believes there might be potential for the software to facilitate better perceptual awareness in developmental disorders like autism and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, as well as having benefits for elderly drivers.

Christie spoke to parents, players and coaches about concussions during this week's Ryan O'Byrne Charity Camp hosted at UVic's Ian H. Stewart Complex, where the Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman also played minor hockey. The Neurotracker program was also be demonstrated during O'Byrne's youth camp, with both guest coaches and camp participants given an opportunity to try it.

Archaeology students discover ancient clam gardens on Russell Island

BY ANNE MACLAURIN

A dozen university students spent part of their summer exploring ancient First Nation villages in the Southern Gulf Islands and discovering 1,000 year old clam gardens on Russell Island — and earned course credit doing it. The UVic "Archaeology of the Salish Sea" field school provided an opportunity to learn scientific methods and techniques and learn from and listen to Coast Salish Elders.

"Archaeology is a very "hands-on" type of social science," said instructor Eric McLay (PhD candidate) "students learn critical thinking and practical skills by "doing" even if it means getting a bit dirty."

The Archaeology Field School included university students from UVic, SFU and University of Ottawa, instructor Eric McLay and teaching assistant David Fargo (MA graduate student). Also this year, two Coast Salish interns were employed by Parks Canada — Philip Joe Sr. from Cowichan Tribes and Brandon Wilson from Tsartlip First Nation. Both men are also hereditary grave

workers in their communities and have previous experience in archaeological field research. They played an important role in advising the field school in Coast Salish cultural protocols when dealing with archaeological matters.

"For me, the main highlight of this field school included working with First Nations peoples," said archaeology student Anglea Dyck. "Learning how to be culturally sensitive while doing hands on work was invaluable; we did everything from surveying to excavation to mapping."

Excavation of the ancient clam gardens on Russell Island presented students with an opportunity to gain practical training in identifying, recording and mapping archaeological sites. Students were also challenged to interpret archaeological data to understand the ancient past to figure out how and when the clam gardens were built. The island was once home to an aboriginal community and the clams may have been used for trade.

McLay hopes to publish the findings on Russell Island in a joint re-



Clam garden excavations on Russell Island.

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Globe writer named next Southam Lecturer

Acclaimed local journalist and author **Tom Hawthorn** (*Globe and Mail*, *Boulevard*, *The Tyee*) has been announced as the latest Harvey Stevenson Southam Lecturer in Journalism and Nonfiction for the Department of Writing. The award-winning Hawthorn follows most recently in the footsteps of 2013 Audain lecturer and local CBC Radio host Jo-Ann Roberts. Hawthorn's most recent book, *Deadlines: Obits of Memorable British Columbians*, was based on his Globe obituaries, but his Winter 2014 course will focus on the exciting world of sports journalism—a topic he also knows well. Hawthorn will present the perennially popular Southam Public Lecture in early 2014.

A new horizon for pioneering UVic oceanographer

The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research has named an initiative proposed by **Verena Tunnicliffe** to a short list of seven projects from Canada and around the world selected for Phase 2 consideration in the institute's Global Call for Ideas. The institute received more than 280 project submissions including proposals in the social sciences, medicine, health, the biological and physical sciences, humanities, policy and engineering to tackle complex questions of global importance. Tunnicliffe—a founding director of the Ocean Networks Canada observatories—and her colleagues at Memorial University, Université de Québec and Université Laval propose to develop a Canadian-led global initiative to discover and understand the key biological and physical processes in marine ecosystems that lead to better models to predict and sustain their ecological and economic importance to society.

POLIS director recognized for natural resource leadership

In August, the Real Estate Foundation of BC recognized **Oliver M. Brandes**, co-director of the POLIS Project at UVic's Centre for Global Studies, as their first Water Leader awardee. REFBC supports non-profits pursuing sustainable land-use practices that contribute to healthy communities and natural systems, and freshwater sustainability is a key priority. POLIS has received REFBC funding for its work identifying the needs of BC's freshwater community, and recommending priorities for building leadership for freshwater protection in the province.

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Tim Kulchyski, Cowichan Tribes fisheries officer. PHOTO: MITCH WRIGHT

Support for Indigenous mapping initiatives

BY MITCH WRIGHT

Any map is only as good as the data with which it's created.

For the Cowichan Tribes, Google maps—likely the most turned-to source of basic location information—showed empty, unused land where in fact hundreds of people, buildings, landmarks and other facilities reside.

Google was aware such gaps existed, particularly for First Nations lands, but the data to fill in the blanks wasn't available through its usual channels such as government and other official sources.

Recognizing the challenge, Google proposed a solution. Cowichan Tribes, BC's largest First Nation, and thousands of other First Nations across Canada, the U.S. and overseas took part when Google hosted its first Indigenous Mapping Day on Aug. 9, United Nations International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Four Cowichan Tribes members took part in a MapUp event at the University of Victoria anthropology department's ethnographic mapping lab, organized by anthropology assistant professor Dr. Brian Thom and UVic cartographer Ken Josephson.

The all-day event started with an hour of live training via webcam with Google staff, with whom Thom has worked since 2009 through his involvement with Google Earth Outreach and the Google Trainers Network—which develops training and research techniques for Indigenous land use mapping to support First Nations initiatives.

The training session was followed by a full day of adding and correcting location information to Google's basemap, using Google Map Maker.

"For us, there are some basics like identifying buildings and roads. Our information doesn't necessar-

ily get out there and community members don't necessarily know the process for getting it out there," says Tim Kulchyski, a biologist with Cowichan Tribes. "This is a way to do mapping on a smaller, low-key scale where we can do it ourselves."

The goal is to enable First Nations to update basic information about their communities (while avoiding any sensitive or traditional information) and fill in the gaps on the map, says Thom, who is also a partner in UVic's Community Mapping Collaboratory, a SSHRC-funded initiative under Dr. Peter Keller.

"It's an empowering tool, really," says Kulchyski. "It's one of the most effective ways to communicate with people and to relate a huge amount of information. This is going to help develop a more informed baseline for everything."

Filling in those gaps in public information is also another way to dismantle some of the walls that exist between cultures, Thom adds, by sharing basic knowledge about the First Nations community and educating the general public (Cowichan's map updates include several traditional Hul'qumi'num names and locations of many important places in the community) in non-intrusive way.

With interest from other First Nations on the Island and Lower Mainland, Thom expects to help make additional similar events happen. Thom also met with Stz'umunis First Nation in Ladysmith, who sent some of its community's data to enter during the workshop.

"There was definitely a desire to do more, it's just a matter of keeping the ball rolling," he says, adding that Cowichan Tribes members headed home with great skills they can share and a long list of previously collected GIS data that they plan to make available to the world through Google Maps.



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BOARD OF GOVERNORS UPDATE

The University of Victoria Board of Governors is one of two primary governing bodies of the university (the other being the UVic Senate). The board is responsible for the management, administration and control of the property, revenue and business affairs of the university.

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. A chair and vice-chair are

elected annually to one-year terms.

This fall sees several changes in the leadership and membership of the Board of Governors. Erich Mohr was elected to succeed Susan Mehinagic as chair, and Beverly Van Ruyven was elected vice-chair. The board also welcomes two new order-in-council appointed members, Ida Chong and Tracy Redies, as well as one new student member, Emily Rogers. Lucia Heffelfinger Orser returns for a second term, having been re-elected by members of the student societies. In addition, President Jamie Cassels joins the Board as an ex officio member.

"Having been a student at UVic and having served on its board since 2010, I know what a terrific university this is and am delighted to have the opportunity to lead the board this year," says Dr. Mohr. "I look forward to working with President Cassels, my other Board colleagues and the other members of the university community."

More information about the board, including the roster of current members, the meeting schedule and minutes from past meetings: www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/governors/

New members of the Board of Governors 2013–14



Chong

IDA CHONG

Order-in-council appointee

Chong first entered public life as a municipal councilor in Saanich (1993–1996) and director at the CRD (1995–1996). Most recently, she served as MLA representing the constituency of Oak Bay-Gordon Head (1996–2013). She has been minister responsible for 10 different portfolios including Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Science and Universities; Healthy Living and Sport; Advanced Education; Minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative, Seniors and Women's Issues. In addition to her role as Minister she served on the Cabinet Committee for Climate Action and 12 years on BC's Treasury Board. A professional accountant, she is a fellow of the Certified General Accountants Association. For nearly 20 years, she was senior partner in a practice based in Saanich catering to small and medium-sized enterprises.



Redies

TRACY REDIES

Order-in-council appointee

Redies is President and Chief Executive Officer of Coast Capital Savings Credit Union. She holds a BA with a double major in Economics and Asian Studies from the University of Victoria and an MSc in Business Administration in International Trade and Finance from the University of British Columbia. She received a Distinguished Alumni award from the University of Victoria's Faculty of Social Sciences and was recognized during UVic's 50th anniversary celebrations as one of 50 Alumni Who Made a Difference. A four-time recipient of WXN's Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 award and past inductee into the Top 100 Hall of Fame, Redies is on the Board of Governors for Canada's 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures and the Business Council of British Columbia. She is a director of the C.D. Howe Institute and Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation.



Rogers

EMILY ROGERS

Elected student member

Rogers is completing the final year of her Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree at the University of Victoria. She served as the Chairperson of the University of Victoria Students' Society in the 2012–2013 academic year and is currently serving her third term as a Student Senator representing the Faculty of Human and Social Development. Rogers has extensive volunteer, community organizing and government relations experience, and she is particularly passionate about mental health awareness and advocacy. Rogers will be serving a one-year term as one of the two student representatives on the Board of Governors for the upcoming year.

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passed its first annual check-up. An ONC engineering team hoisted the undersea platform onto the town's busy dock for maintenance and performed equipment upgrades including a new hydrophone for listening to the sounds beneath the surface of the Arctic Ocean.

BC ocean technology explores commercial opportunity abroad

Across the Pacific Ocean, ONC's Innovation Centre (formerly ONCCEE) is on a two-week trade mission to explore the commercial potential of the many engineering breakthroughs which made the observatories a reality. The first stop is Shanghai, for the inaugural International Oceanology exhibition, as China ramps up its plan for a "Blue Economy" focused on ocean resource and technology development. In Shanghai, BC's Min-

istry of International Trade hosted a BC Pavilion for eight organizations to highlight our province's expertise in the ocean sector. The ONC delegation then visited five major cities spanning the eastern coast, to further explore partnership opportunities.

A new look for ONC—and a new website

At the northern periphery of the UVic campus, the remaining staffers who hadn't rushed off to the Arctic, or to China, or to explore water columns in the Northeast Pacific Ocean have been busy creating a brand new look for ONC, to accompany its new five-year strategic science plan and new organizational structure. Much like other changes afoot at ONC, the new website is designed to increase capacity, improve access and better encourage public engagement for the world-leading ocean observatories.

The new oceannetworks.ca site brings together four previous sites and improves access for everyone—from researchers to teachers, industry partners to citizen scientists.

Oceans Alive ready to take TV audiences to the deep

Later this month, after years of planning and polishing, the work of ONC will be brought to television audiences as well—appearing on ShawTV and online, in a series of programs designed to deepen public awareness of ocean science and its relevance to our changing world. The resulting television series integrates social media, mobile apps and interactive games to lead people into the world of the deep sea. The first Ocean Alive! special will be broadcast on ShawTV and online at oceannetworks.ca on Sept. 24. A sneak peak appears at vimeo.com/67918755

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many students, it is defined simply as “get involved.”

UVic President Jamie Cassels knows and supports the importance of those words.

“By choosing UVic, you have the opportunity to learn from internationally respected professors and to work and learn side by side with students from across Canada and around the world,” Cassels said.

“I encourage you to get involved—in the classroom and beyond. You are surrounded by faculty and staff members who want you to succeed and who are there to provide support and encouragement. But at the end of the day, the quality of your UVic experience will also be a result of your



Cheema PHOTO: MITCH WRIGHT

own efforts. Make the most of this life-changing opportunity by working hard and taking part—and have some fun along the way.”

Cheema, for example, has taken that sense of involvement out to the community in a big way: he recently finished cycling across Canada to raise money for the SOS Children’s Villages, a charity that helps abandoned and orphaned children in 133 countries. He raised more than \$5,000 for the charity, made friends across Canada and learned a lot about himself – especially after his bike and all his belongings were stolen from a Winnipeg McDonald’s late one night.

“I was so upset at first, but I had determination and I knew I wasn’t going to give up,” Cheema said. Eight separate people and several businesses offered up their own bikes for Cheema—and he finished his journey on a new Cannondale given by a bike shop, rolling into Halifax on Aug. 14, accomplishing his goal in two months.

Sharing skills, making community

Cheema’s might seem like an extreme example of involvement—not everyone has the kind of enthusiasm needed to bike 6,000 kilometres—but the resulting sense of balance and connection with the world around you that can be achieved while getting a post-secondary education is a connection that’s also echoed by Rebecca Harvey.

Harvey went to college in her hometown of Cranbrook, and never felt the need to look beyond already established support networks of friends and family. That all changed when she transferred to UVic two years ago.

A school is more than its courses

New students face many stressors, said Kate Hollefreund, events coordinator with UVic student recruitment. “Students are often nervous and anxious—and they want to succeed,” Hollefreund said. “They may have seen their big brothers and sisters come out of university and not get jobs right away. That adds to their stress.”

The new student orientation held on Sept. 3 was geared to ease some of those concerns, as well as providing a sense of community for students. More than 2,600 new students attended the rousing event, listening to a keynote address by Craig Kielburger, co-founder of Free the Children and Me to We, and a welcome from President Jamie Cassels.

Students met the deans of their faculty, toured the areas where they’ll find most of their classes, stopped by the First Peoples House and visited the Mearns Centre for Learning. The day ended with a welcome barbecue at the UVic fountain featuring a photo booth with Cassels and Thunder, the mascot.

It’s meant to be fun, but with needed information available as well, Hollefreund said.

“A lot of students don’t seek out support until they need it. They might not realize from the get-go that you need to get involved, to make friends and build that support network early. If you do have those dips in the road on your path, they won’t be as deep and they’ll be easier to come out of if you have a support network in place.”

That support network can be as simple as teammates on an intramural team, or fellow volunteers at CFUV or the friends made eating in residence.

Prof. Lara Lauzon in UVic’s School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education has seen firsthand the challenges students face on campus, and the benefits of involvement at school and in the community.

Lauzon teaches a first year class that requires students do a group community service project.

“A lot of them hate the idea of a group project,” Lauzon said. She does it on purpose to make students engage with each other in a large class—something that can be difficult to do—and then to have to work collaboratively for the good of the community.

Students help at foodbanks, do clothing drives, beach clean-ups, composting—and end up enjoying it.

“Many of them come to me later and say, “To be honest, I didn’t want to do this project.” By the end, they’re just transformed. They say it changed their life not just because of education, but because of engagement.”



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Director’s appointment a national milestone

BY TARA SHARPE

The University of Victoria marked a major milestone this month with the appointment of Kundoqk, Dr. Jacquie Green (Haisla), as the first Indigenous director of UVic’s School of Social Work and the first Indigenous director of any mainstream post-secondary social-work program in Canada.

“I know it means a lot for our people, to see ourselves reflected in leadership roles such as director,” she says. “I also feel very privileged for the international work I’ve done in the past, and I want to continue to focus on these relationships in my new role.”

She is committed to decolonization, cultural renewal and growing the Indigenous space at UVic and beyond. Kundoqk’s research interests include decentralizing social work programs with Indigenous peoples. In March, she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation within her home community of Kitimaat Village in northern BC. In a recent Faces of UVic Research

video (bit.ly/Kundoqk), she also discusses her graduate work as project manager for the Indigenous Child Well-Being Research Network and her vision for the future of Indigenous youth. Kundoqk belongs to the Haisla, Kemano and Tsmishian peoples.

Situated on traditional Coast and Straits Salish territory, UVic is recognized for its commitment to and expertise in innovative programs and initiatives that support Indigenous students and communities.

“We are so privileged to have a strong leader in our School of Social Work: one who has a deep appreciation of the educational needs for students and the social and cultural needs of practitioners working with First Nations communities,” says Dr. Mary Ellen Purkis, dean of UVic’s Faculty of Human and Social Development.

A profile of Kundoqk’s path from Kitimaat, the role of Haisla Nuuyum (traditional way of life and laws), and her aims for the future can be found at <http://ring.uvic.ca/news/kundoqk-bringing-nuuyum>

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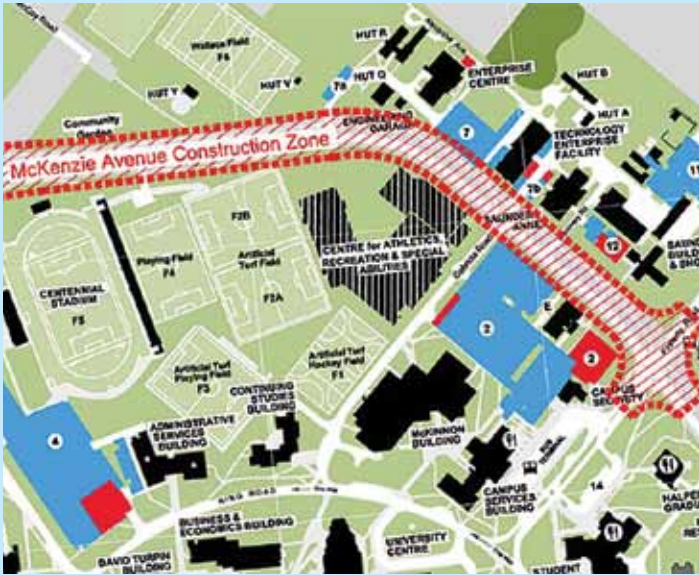
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McKenzie Avenue undergoing upgrades

Access to the University of Victoria campus will be vastly improved and safer when major upgrades along McKenzie Avenue by the District of Saanich are completed later this fall.

UVic acknowledges there will be disruptions during construction and is advising that people consider alternative routes to and from the university until the work is complete. For everyone's safety, people are urged to use caution in construction areas, follow posted signs and the direction of traffic controllers.

"We appreciate people's patience with the inconvenience as the work by Saanich on Mackenzie Avenue progresses," says Ron Proulx, executive director of facilities management. "These improvements will benefit the students, staff and faculty who work and study at the university, as well as the neighbouring community, for years to come."

The work is intended to make McKenzie Avenue a more effective multi-use transportation corridor with improved overall safety, efficiency and aesthetics. New buffered bikes lanes in both direc-

tions will increase cyclist safety on what was previously a narrow road, while wider pathways on both sides of McKenzie Avenue and at McCoy Road are expected to benefit pedestrians.

For motorists, a new roundabout at Finnerty Road and new centre turn-off lanes are designed to keep traffic flowing smoothly. Landscaped medians and new trees are being planted by Saanich in partnership with UVic to further 'green' the corridor. Saanich also considered sustainability in planning its project, by better managing and treating storm water runoff along the enhanced corridor.

Unrelated to the work on McKenzie Avenue, effective Sept. 3 BC Transit will redirect all McKenzie-bound buses enroute to the university directly to the Finnerty exchange, rather than around Ring Road. Those buses will get priority through the construction zone.

More information about the McKenzie Avenue upgrades is available on the District of Saanich website: saanich.ca/services/engineering/projects/.



Caitlin Harvey with program participants in Uganda.

Building community coaching rugby in Africa

BY ALI LEE, VIKES COMMUNICATIONS

In June 2013, two University of Victoria Vikes student-athletes travelled to Uganda, siezing an opportunity to represent the Vikes and BC rugby programs internationally, while volunteering with Gainline Africa. Rugby players Sofija Novakovic and Caitlin Harvey left the island for 20 days to venture to Africa, supporting Gainline Africa's international development work using the sport of rugby to support healthy communities.

Gainline Africa, a Canadian organization, is based in the formerly war-torn Gulu region of northern Uganda, where the organization works closely with a local club team known as the Gulu Elephants. The majority of the Elephants partner with high schools in the local area, gathering volunteers to help coach boys and girls after school. Both Novakovic and Harvey were the on-site Canadian coaches, educating the local coaches, as well as coaching the youth and highlighting their experiences in Canadian rugby.

"Running around with the boys and girls from these schools reminded me

of why I fell in love with rugby in the first place," said Harvey upon return from the trip. "It was refreshing to revisit the grassroots of rugby and remind myself that the most important aspects of any sport involved a passion for the game and teammates you play for."

The eye-opening experience was two-way, as both Vikes became leaders, coaches and role models immediately to the many aspiring rugby players who would often have to borrow cleats or just play barefoot. Gainline Africa helped organize donations from rugby associations in Canada, supplying jerseys and equipment to the program.

Both Harvey and Novakovic had to fundraise money for their trip down to Africa, a process which cemented their dedication to Gainline Africa and their passion for expanding the reach of rugby. Gainline Africa's mission is to empower youth and improve their community's quality of life through the sport of rugby.

At one of the practices in Kitgum, the rugby team was sharing the playing field with three other local schools and teams. At one point the

football team tried to take priority of the field since they had almost triple the number of players. The relentless rugby youth still wanted to practice and stayed until late training with Harvey and the other coaches in the end zone of the field.

"The fact that the students wanted to continue training until they couldn't anymore spoke volumes to me and shows just how resilient and passionate they really are," remarked Harvey.

Both Harvey and Novakovic will return to the Vikes for the upcoming 2013-14 season. Novakovic, a psychology and sociology major, has played rugby for over eight years, while Harvey has played since grade nine and is majoring in bio-psychology.

"The coaching tour was an excellent learning opportunity for both of us and was a great opportunity to give back to those who are less fortunate," added Novakovic. "We will also gain some great skills to bring back to our team in Victoria."

For more information about Gainline Africa visit www.gainlineafrica.org and to read more about the Vikes visit govikesgo.com

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■ **Exhibit.** *Core Samples: Visual Arts Faculty 1963–1985.* To Oct. 26. This exhibition presents the history of UVic's Visual Arts department; from its earliest days as a breakaway department from the Faculty of Education, to its strong reputation for innovations in painting, printmaking, photography and sculpture. Legacy Art Gallery, Main Gallery, 630 Yates St. 250-721-6562

■ **Exhibit.** *Shakespeare's Big Books.* Sept. 21–Oct. 23. The Shakespeare First Folio (First Collected edition of his plays) is one of the Western world's best-known and most iconic books. Discover why these folios have held people's fascination through the centuries and enjoy and opportunity to see all four 17th century folios together for the first time in BC. Free and open to the public. Legacy Art Gallery, Main Gallery, 630 Yates St. Free and open to the public. 250-721-6562

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

■ **Other.** 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m. *New Student Info tents.* Welcome Centre student ambassadors will staff two information tents from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Petch Fountain and Ziggurat. 250-721-8949

■ **Other.** 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. *Registration Help.* The Welcome Centre's student ambassadors will provide registration assistance for new students who are experiencing difficulty in registering for, or adding/dropping courses online. Sep. 3–6. University Centre Welcome Centre. 250-721-8949

■ **Student life.** 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. *UVSS Pool Party.* Come jump in the pool at Ian Stewart for DJ's, volleyball and a good old-fashioned pool party! Ian Stewart Complex. Free with Student ID. events@uvss.ca

■ **Student life.** 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. *UVSS Movie in the Park—Mean Girls.* Kick Off just wouldn't be Kick Off without the annual UVSS Movie in the Park... or should we say... Mean Girls! Come out and enjoy this classic on our giant inflatable outdoor screen! The Quad. Free with foodbank donation. events@uvss.ca

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

■ **Other.** 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. *Registration Help.* The Welcome Centre's student ambassadors will provide registration assistance for new students who are experiencing difficulty in registering for, or adding/dropping courses online. Sep. 3–6. University Centre Welcome Centre. 250-721-8949

■ **Athletics.** Noon. *President's Run.* Run with UVic's president and help promote active living! The first run takes off from the Thunder Fest festival at 12pm. Thunderfest is from noon–5 pm, but the run begins at noon and wraps up after a 4–6 km route.

■ **Athletics.** 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. *Thunderfest.* Join Vikes Athletics and Recreation, in collaboration with the UVSS & Res Life, as we host the 4th Annual ThunderFest outside the SUB building. Games, demonstrations, food & Bands on the Roof highlight this afternoon of fun! Student Union Building. Free. 250-472-4038

■ **Student life.** 8:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. *Blue & Gold Party.* A school spirit themed party in the newly renovated Felicita's! Featuring Jake McFadden, The Elixxxirs, & Everybody Left. Student Union Building—Felicita's. Must be 19+ w/ valid ID. \$7. events@uvss.ca

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

■ **Student life.** 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. *Capture the Flag.* UVSS' second attempt at breaking the world record. Let's do it this year! The Quad. Free. events@uvss.ca

■ **Student life.** 6:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. *Campus Kick Off Finale!* Join us for two Campus Kick Off Finale events: one all-ages event in Vertigo Lounge and one 19+ in the newly renovated Felicita's! Student Union Building. events@uvss.ca

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

■ **Other.** 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. *Grad Student Welcome.* Orientation and welcome events for new graduate students to UVic. Students will have the opportunity to connect with other grad students, learn about graduate support services, and meet with various faculty members. Free, but please pre-register for one of the two sessions online. nsoreg@uvic.ca

■ **Other.** 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. *Registration Help.* The Welcome Centre's student ambassadors will provide registration assistance for new students who are experiencing difficulty in registering for, or adding/dropping courses online. Sep. 3–6. University Centre Welcome Centre. Free. 250-721-8949

■ **Music.** 8:00 p.m. *Graduating Recital: Chao Chen, piano.* Chao Chen presents her Masters of Music graduating recital for piano MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. Free. 250-721-8364

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

■ **Other.** 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. *Grad Student Welcome.* Orientation and welcome events for new graduate students to UVic. Students will have the opportunity to connect with other grad students, learn about graduate support services, and meet with various faculty members. Free, but please pre-register for one of the two sessions online. nsoreg@uvic.ca

■ **Other.** 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. *Registration Help.* The Welcome Centre's student ambassadors will provide registration assistance for new students who are experiencing difficulty in registering for, or adding/dropping courses online. Sep. 3–6. University Centre Welcome Centre. Free. 250-721-8949

■ **Career info.** 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. *Co-op and Career Info Day.* Student life is great, but what comes next? Discover career services and programs (including the co-op program) and learn how to gain work experience that's relevant to your degree! Student Union Building—Michele Pujol Room. Free. 250-721-8840

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. *Café Scientifique—“New geometric patterns which lie between boredom and confusion”* Public Lecture/discussion led by Dr. Ian Putnam—Dept of Mathematics and Statistics, UVic. Hermann's Jazz Club, 753 View St. Free. To reserve seats, go to <http://cafescisep10.eventbrite.ca/> 250-721-7744.

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. *Natural History Night—Salmon Confidential.* This is a film about the search for what is killing BC's wild salmon. The film documents Morton's journey as she attempts to overcome government and industry roadblocks thrown in her path and works to bring critical information to the public in time to save BC's wild salmon. Fraser Building 159. Free. 250-479-6622

■ **Music.** 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. *Faculty Concert Series: Suzanne Snizek, flute.* With Michelle Mares (piano) and Joanne Hood (viola). Performing works by J.S. Bach, M. Weinberg, H. Busser, R. Hansler, S. Glick, and N. Macura. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. \$17.50 & \$13.50. 250-721-8364

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

■ **Music.** 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. *Lieder at Lunch with Sharon & Harald Krebs.* An exploration of the German Lied repertoire with Sharon and Harald Krebs. The traditional Unterwegs (On the Road) recital. Bring your lunch! MacLaurin Building B037. Free. 250-721-8364

■ **Other.** 5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. *MBA Face-to-Face Information Session.* Take this opportunity to connect with representatives from the UVic MBA program. Come out to discover how our MBA program can help you further your education and advance your career. Can't make it? We also offer online information sessions. Business and Economics Building Room 209. Free. 250-853-3749.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. *Meeting of Classical Association of Vancouver Island.* The Classical Association of Vancouver Island is UVic's organization for people interested in the Greek and Roman worlds. Monthly lectures by local and international scholars take place at UVic. All members of the Victoria community are welcome to attend the lectures. University Centre Room A180. Free, but there is a \$10 Annual Membership Fee to join the Association (CAVI). 250-721-8514

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. *A Dialogue on Aging, Developmental Disabilities and Dementia.* The workshop will cover issues related to the changing nature of Canada's population and the emerging 'grey wave', fundamentals of how people with lifelong neurodevelopmental disability are affected by aging, and thoughts about how assessment is carried out with older adults with neurodevelopmental conditions who experience functional decline. David Strong Building, Room C122. Free but donations to IASSID Academy are welcome. royibrown@shaw.ca

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 3:00 p.m.–4:20 p.m. *Human Optophysiology.* Cornett Building Room A228. Free and open to the public. 250-721-8593

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

■ **Music.** 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. *Faculty Concert Series: Alexandra Pohran Dawkins – Oboe & English Horn.* With guests Jane Hayes, piano & Catherine Lewis, soprano. UVic's Alexandra Pohran Dawkins, oboe and English horn, is joined by pianist Jane Hayes and soprano Catherine Lewis in arrangements of songs by Schumann and Dvořák as well as newly created work with actor Jan Wood. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. \$17.50 & \$13.50. 250-721-8364

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

■ **Lecture/Reading.** 11:30 a.m. *Bev Sellars, author and chief of the Soda Creek Band, will read from her recent memoir, They Called Me Number One, and speak about her experience in the Williams Lake Residential School.* A special event co-presented by the Dept. of History and the Indigenous Studies program. First Peoples House Ceremonial Hall.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

■ **Other.** 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. *BCom Information Session.* Designed especially for students, families and advisors with lots of information and discussion about the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) program. David Strong Building C118. Free and open to the public. 250-472-4728

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Dr. Richard Zare – Chemical 'Fizzics' & the Chemistry of Drink. Chemistry is all around us, not just in a laboratory. Some great examples are the drinks we consume. This lecture is about

drinks; alcoholic, carbonated, or otherwise. Join us as we ponder such questions as why James Bond prefers to have his vodka Martini shaken, but not stirred. University Centre Farguhar Auditorium. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance. Limit of 4 tickets per person. 250-721-8480.

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. *Botanizing in the Altai Mountains and Far Western Russia.* Ken Marr and Richard Hebda visited Russia in 2010 and 2011 to collect selected species of circumboreal arctic/alpine plants that also occur in British Columbia. They analyzed the DNA of these species to attempt to understand the migration pathway of alpine species into BC following the last ice age and to evaluate evidence for the existence of full glacial refugia within the borders of BC. Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature House Lecture Room. Free and open to the public. 250-472-6622

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

■ **Music.** 8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. *Guest Lecture: Abbie Conant—Trombone.* World-renowned German trombonist, Abbie Conant, presents the lecture *Alone among men: my relationship with the Munich Philharmonic*, in which she recounts her 13-year struggle as a female trombonist with the orchestra. Sponsored by the UVic Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture Series. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8364

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

■ **Music.** 8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. *Guest Performance: Music for the End of Time, Abbie Conant, Trombone.* World-renowned German trombonist, Abbie Conant, performs *Music for the End of Time*, a new music theatre work composed by husband, William Osborne. Sponsored by the UVic Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture Series. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8364

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

■ **Music.** 12:30 p.m.–1:20 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* Take an afternoon break to enjoy a concert of varied repertoire and instruments featuring School of Music students. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8364

■ **Music.** 8:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m. *Guest Performance: Aletheia, Abbie Conant, Trombone.* World-renowned German trombonist, Abbie Conant, performs the world premiere of *Aletheia*, a new music theatre work composed by husband, William Osborne. Sponsored by the UVic Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture Series. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8364

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 3:00 p.m.–4:20 p.m. *Decision-Making in Sub-Tasks.* Speaker: Jose Fernandes. Free and open to the public. 250-721-8593

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

■ **Other.** 11:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. *Vikes Rec Sport Swap.* This trade-show like event is an opportunity for students to sell their used sports equipment, as well as buy new equipment from a variety of sports-related business vendors. Students can drop off their used items between 9–11 a.m. in the Michele Pujol Room of the Student Union Building (SUB). Free and open to students. stevier@uvic.ca.

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. *Applications of Unmanned Vehicle Systems to Wildlife Research and Management in the 21st Century.* Small unmanned vehicle systems (UVS), formerly exclusive to militaries, are rapidly advancing in sophistication and availability to civilians. UVS provide great potential for wildlife research and management with spe-

cies such as nesting birds, spawning salmon and orangutans. Join Dr. David Bird to explore possible applications of UVS of all types and sizes to help meet the needs of today's wildlife biologists and managers and to delve into the limitations faced by those wishing to utilize UVS. Fraser Building Room 159. Free and open to the public. 250-479-6622

■ **Music.** 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. *The Galiano Ensemble of Victoria – Potpourri.* Yariv Aloni, director. The invigorating Tango Ballet by Ástor Piazzolla, Leoš Janáček's delightful Idyll and a string arrangement of Mozart's beautiful Serenade, K. 361. Individual tickets available at Ivy's Books and Munro's Books. Advance tickets by phone (250-704-2580) or email (galianoensemble@gmail.com). More info at: www.galiano.ca. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. Seniors \$30 / Adults \$33 / Season \$85. 250-721-8364

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

■ **Music.** 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. *8th Annual Lafayette Health Awareness Forum.* Aging well: What you can do today! A free forum sponsored by the Lafayette String Quartet. Do lifestyle factors delay, or even prevent, age-related declines in memory and health? How will aging look in the future? Will recent generations have more health risks than earlier born generations? We know from a number of longitudinal and intervention studies that engagement in physical, mental and social activities have important influences on cognitive aging and overall health. MacLaurin Building David Lam Auditorium Room A144. Free admission. 250-721-8634

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. *CSRS Public Lecture Series.* Old Religions in New Cities, New Religions in Old Cities: Lessons for and from Canada. Paul Bramadat, CSRS Director. In this session, Paul Bramadat will present a lecture on the key changes in the Canadian religious landscape (based on the most recent statistical data). The talk will be followed by brief responses from local religious leaders and a moderated discussion about the implications of religious changes for complex urban settings. Legacy Gallery, 630 Yates St. Free and open to the public. 250-721-6325

■ **Music.** 12:30 p.m.–1:20 p.m. *Fridaymusic.* Take an afternoon break to enjoy a concert of varied repertoire and instruments featuring School of Music students. MacLaurin Building—Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, Rm B125. Admission by donation. 250-721-8364

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 3:00 p.m.–4:20 p.m. *Heirarchical control over effortful behaviour by anterior cingulate cortex.* Speaker: Clay Holroyd. Cornett Building Room A228. Free and open to the public. 250-721-8593

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. *The end of China's one-party state: a predicable event?* This lecture, part of CAPI's annual Albert Hung Chao Hong series, will analyze the drivers of China's possible transition, explore possible pathways to democracy, and analyze some of the critical consequences of this revolutionary change. Dr. Minxin Pei currently serves as the Director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies at Claremont McKenna College. In 2008, he was listed as one of the top 100 public intellectuals by *Prospect* magazine. Hickman Building Room 105. Free and open to the public. Please pre-register by emailing capi@uvic.ca. 250-721-7020

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

■ **Lecture/Seminar.** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. *Perspectives on China's Transition.* CAPI China Chair, Guoguang Wu, is bringing together leading scholars in the fall for a keynote lecture, and a workshop entitled, "Perspectives on China's Transition."

day in the life

BY LINDSAY GAGEL

Did you know that there’s a team of people here at UVic ready and willing to answer any computer questions you might have? It’s the Computer Help Desk, led by manager Marcus Greenshields.

At 6’4” Marcus is a big presence at the unit, tucked away in the basement of the Clearihue Building. He’s been at UVic since 2003, as both student and staff member, and over the years has built meaningful and lasting friendships with students, staff and faculty.

As Help Desk Manager, Marcus supervises nearly 20 students per term. These include full-time co-op students and part-time students. “We work around their class schedules and try to be as accommodating as possible,” he explains.

September is a busy month for Marcus and his staff. “Last year we saw over 5,000 contacts at the Help Desk,” says Marcus modestly. “We help a lot of people.” These people include faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members—anyone affiliated with UVic who has a computer problem is welcome to contact the Help Desk.

Best part about Marcus’ job? “I really enjoy the variety. I have the chance to wear a senior technical hat in the morning, address an information security issue mid-day and be part of a project to implement a new service



Greenshields helping a client. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

in the afternoon.” After a thoughtful pause Marcus’ face lights up with a big grin: “I also love teaching, tutoring and mentoring awesome staff.”

The value of mentoring is not lost on Marcus. He was fortunate to be former university president Dr. David Turpin’s mentee in the UVic Mentoring Program and is now co-chair of the program. “The energy of each group of mentees is really inspirational. It reminds me what a great community we have at UVic.”

In addition to supervising students, Marcus is a student himself.

Since 2010 he’s been attending UVic part time, earning a computer science degree.

Marcus started his undergraduate program in 2003 but put his education on hold as he became more involved in the Help Desk. Returning to school wasn’t easy, but Marcus was determined. He finished his last course this summer and will convocate in November.

Even though he’s soon to have a degree hanging on the wall, Marcus doesn’t foresee many changes in his job role. “My day-to-day won’t change

too much, but I’ll be able to take the skills and knowledge I learned in school and apply them to work.”

Without homework and studying to occupy his free time, Marcus enjoys cooking, woodworking, swimming and the great outdoors. One of his favourite summer activities is camping with friends, most of whom are fellow UVic staff members. He’d spend his winters camping too, if his friends would join him.

“I was shocked to learn my friends here never went to winter camp!” Marcus laughs as he recalls fond memories

from his teenage years. Growing up in the small town of Fort St. John in northeastern BC, Marcus spent many winters at camp: cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and building quinzhees (which, Marcus explains keenly, are shelters made by piling a mound of snow and then hollowing out a hole to sleep in—very cozy).

Despite Victoria’s lack of winter activities, Marcus is content to stay put. He’s built some great connections at UVic and enjoys the many aspects of his job. According to Marcus, “Victoria just feels like home now.”

CanAssist engineering now available to campus units

BY ANNE TOLSON

Campus units and departments who require customized engineering services for their projects and research can look a bit closer to home, thanks to new equipment and new capacity at UVic’s own CanAssist.

CanAssist has developed technologies for people with disabilities since 1999, earning a sterling reputation in the process. Now the group has expanded its repertoire to provide expert engineering services to the wider UVic community.

There are several benefits to working with CanAssist’s team: years of experience in mechanical, electrical and software engineering; a fully equipped machine shop and prototyping lab; its ability to work efficiently in a university environment; competitive rates; and the fact that all proceeds are invested back into the program.

“By using our engineering team’s expertise, the UVic community can help support the amazing work CanAssist does for people with disabilities,” says Darcy Lane, CanAssist’s manager of hardware engineering.

Making its services more widely available at UVic is a result of the organization’s new strategic plan, which emphasizes increased academic engagement. While CanAssist’s goal is still to provide customized technologies to people with disabilities, the group is excited about increasing opportunities to engage those on campus—both in its disability work and through faculty—and student-initiated projects.



Senior Mechanical Design Specialist Brandon Fry working in CanAssist’s hardware design lab.

Lane says the team has already begun working on a variety of projects for clients on campus. One involves building miniature sensors for the biology department that will be used for research into stroke and other conditions. Another, for Dr. Kimberly Kerns of the psychology department, involves refining software games that help assess children’s cognitive abilities.

“Working with CanAssist on my current project has been wonderful—they are professional, enthusiastic and understand the specific needs of research,” says Dr. Kerns. “Not only are their people aware of the best software

and technologies to use, but if changes or upgrades are needed in the next few years, the ongoing support is readily available.”

While UVic provides significant resources to CanAssist, such as building space, utilities and some administrative services, the group’s operating budget is financed primarily through government grants, service contracts and philanthropy. Working with researchers and others at UVic is one more way for CanAssist to be financially self-sustaining—another goal highlighted in its strategic plan.



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