



ALUMNI NETWORK

The University College of the Cariboo Alumni Association Newsletter

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New Program Designed to Address Forestry Issues . . .

Since BC's forests generate wealth not only through forestry, but tourism as well, The University College of the Cariboo is developing a new degree program to bridge the gaps between foresters, environmentalists, and conservationists.

With a \$50,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, UCC hired Dr. John Ehrenreich, Professor of International Forestry and Range Management at the University of Idaho, to develop the curriculum for a new Bachelor of Natural Resource Science degree. Over the last 25 years, Dr. Ehrenreich has also acted as a 'mediator' between groups concerned with natural resources.

The program's curriculum, which will be underpinned with an ecological approach, is being designed to give graduates a broad background in natural resources with the capability to plan for the future.

"The media has made natural resources a major issue in the 90's. The public is becoming concerned with everything, and the governments at the provincial and national level are flexing their muscles. They want a change," said Ehrenreich.

Due to the lack of conflict resolution in the past few years and the growing cries from the public to 'save our forests', there is a growing demand for individuals who are well grounded in basic science and ecology, with strong resolution and com-

munication skills.

Ehrenreich is involving various groups in the development process to avoid any gaps in the curriculum. "Basically, each and every country has the same environmental problems, but this program has to be tailored somewhat to meet the demands in BC."

As the primary target for environmentalists in this area, the forest industry wants to have an aptitude for conflict resolution. Ehrenreich said with the problems plaguing forestry, "things are deadlocked to the point where they are not progressing anymore. That's not good for business."

The problem, according to Ehrenreich, is that the different groups involved in resource management are so polarized they cannot communicate. Consequently, there is a dire need for individuals who are capable of opening the lines of communication between foresters and environmentalists.

Besides the misunderstandings about BC's forests, in developing this program Ehrenreich must consider the biological diversity, which is "a bit more complicated than other parts of the world." From a rain forest in the south, to a semi-arid desert in the Interior, and from sea level in the west, to elevations of thousands of feet in the east, BC's landscape is truly unique.

Planned for implementation in

1993, the Bachelor of Natural Resource Science degree program will combine sciences, ecology, taxonomy and conservation, with training in conflict resolution and communications.

"Knowledge of all these elements is important in solving problems involving natural resources, and it does work. The media only brings the confrontations to light, while many parts of the world are being reforested. In the Amazon forest, where acres are burned every day, the World Bank is pouring in an incredible amount of money in hiring ecologists and agroforestry specialists to solve the problem."



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Dr. John Ehrenreich

BOARD NEWS

With the resumption of the fall semester, several new and eager faces appear around the board tables at UCC.

The **University College Board** welcomes Frank Quinn to a one year term of office. Mr. Quinn is a solicitor with Bilkey, Quinn in Kamloops and is acting as Chairman of the Finance and Human Resources Committee. Mr. George Marcyniuk, owner of the Wells Gray Inn in Clearwater, also joins the College Board for a one year term.

The **Alumni Association** welcomes two new members to its governing board this fall. Mr. Art Blackwell('72), principal with School District #24, has offered his expertise to the association along with Mr. Bill Jaswal, Visa Marketing Coordinator with UCC. Bill is a familiar face on campus as he is a recent Bachelor of Arts graduate ('91) and most recently, Chairman of the UCC Visa Marketing Team.

Stella Black, Vice President, Patient Care at R.I.H., and Maria MacIntosh, Coordinator of the Long Term Care Aide Home Support Program at UCC are new members to the **Foundation Board**. Also serving the Foundation is Mona Murray, the 91-92 UCC appointment to the Foundation Board of Directors.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - News

Good news for all Cariboo College RN alums and others who wish to complete their Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree. The UCC Nursing program now offers a complete Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in cooperation with the University of Victoria. This

program can be completed on a full or part-time basis with some courses being offered in the evenings and during the summer months.

For further information, contact Chinnama Baines, Associate Dean of Nursing at 828-5410.



Pictured are some of UCC's first BSN graduates who attended the Alumni Convocation reception. (left to right) Flo Tyson, Diane Marsten, Karen Irving, Jackie Corley and Cathy Ferguson.

"...by assisting students today Alumni will contribute to a healthy society and prosperous economy in the future."

As alumni, we are all very aware of the difficulties faced each year by students trying to cope with the high cost of post secondary education. We are very fortunate at Cariboo to have the UCC Foundation working for us. Each year the Foundation Board runs an Annual Campaign to raise funds that go directly toward student aid in the form of scholarships, bursaries and support to col-

lege programs. Although the challenge to raise funds increases with the steadily increasing enrolment at Cariboo, the Foundation is prepared to meet that challenge. The Alumni Board realizes that by assisting students economically today, they will contribute to a healthy society and a prosperous economy in the future.

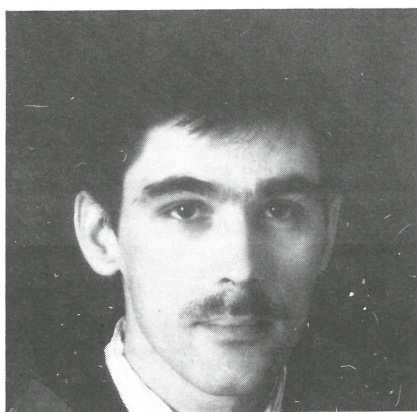
I would encourage all alumni to

support the Foundation in its Annual Campaign. Support can be offered through a tax deductible donation or by volunteering time to the Annual Campaign Committee. Please contact the Alumni/Foundation office and offer your support.

K. M. deBruijn

Karl deBruijn,
UCC Alumni Chairman

PROFILE... *Portrait of a Philosopher - Dr. John Van Buren*



Dr. John Van Buren
(76 - '78)

"There is no room for the poetic and the sacred in BC. The technological is what is pervasive."

Native of Clearwater and UCC alumnus, Dr. John Van Buren finds pleasure in quiet surroundings, yet, contrary to the tranquil serenity of BC, he teaches in the midst of a technological Babylon—New York! As Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Fordham University, he views working in the Big Apple as an opportunity to hear lectures from some of the greatest minds in the world.

"There is probably more poetry in New York than you think. It's a crossroads where people from all over the world meet and share ideas."

It was at Cariboo that Van Buren developed an interest in philosophy. One of his English instructors at the time, Alastair Watt, always taught with a "philosophical aspect".

But it was while browsing in the library that he discovered the German philosopher who would become the subject of his doctoral dissertation.

"I came across some essays written by Martin Heidegger and didn't understand a lot of what I read, but what I did understand excited me. He spoke of the concept of the poetic and criticised modern technology."

After leaving Cariboo, Van Buren attended UBC, St. Thomas Univer-

sity, where he received his B.A., and the University of New Brunswick, where he received his Master of Arts degree. It was also at this point in his life where he took an interest in the German language.

In 1987, while working towards his Ph.D. at McMaster University, Van Buren received a one-year visiting scholarship from the Eberhard-Karls Universität Tübingen in West Germany.

"Being in Germany was a real gold mine. I got tons of advice on my dissertation, and by reading German books, I got a better knowledge of the Heidegger period. I really got into the German mind."

How could a man who was engaged in Nazism in the WW II period, and whose 'thought', some critics believe, lead to genocide in Germany, be an object of such interest to a soft-spoken, peaceable man like Van Buren?

"I don't like that part of his past, and those nasty aspects of his life must be criticised. But there is

enough of his work left over that can be respected and that is important. I think a better understanding of Heidegger is reached by reading some of the books that have recently been published on his youth. That's what helped me critique his later life."

Van Buren's book, "The Young Heidegger", will be published in a few months.

The time spent in the Black Forest and the medieval town of Tübingen in West Germany, and now in bustling New York City, have not spoiled Van Buren's desire for a quiet life. In 1989, he applied to teach at UCC thinking that a retired lifestyle would be nice, but that didn't come to pass.

"I don't think I'll ever move back now. I might stay in New York forever. But there is a part of me that has always remained in BC and it can get impatient with city life."

Nursing Grad Reunion

Traditionally, nursing students develop life long friendships while in training for their professional careers. Once again, this is proven true by the successful reunion of the UCC Nursing Diploma Program graduates of 1986. Alumni from as far away as Saudi Arabia travelled to reminisce with their former classmates.



UCC Nursing Diploma Program alumni, class of '86, gathered at Lac Le Jeune for a weekend reunion.

Alumni Reception

The Alumni Associations of UCC, UBC, SFU and UVIC hosted a Convocation reception to honor the first university degree recipients graduating from the College. The respective Alumni Associations, dignitaries and faculty representatives from the various institutions were given the opportunity to visit with the grads, to recognize their achievements, and to celebrate the new relationship between the College and the universities.



A gathering of some of UCC's newest alumni, the degree recipients who attended the Alumni reception. Also pictured are (front row, left) Mary Martin, UCC Board Chairman, and (second row, left) Jim Wright, President of UCC.

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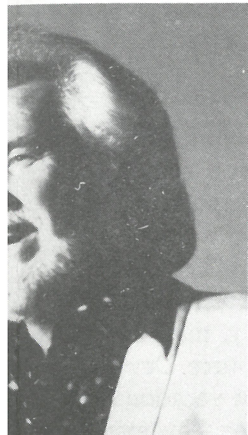


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(Photo - Kamloo*

Music '91

The Alumni Association's booth at the Music '91 Roadshow nity to add names to our growing mater, and to enjoy the great ente

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board members and staff manned a
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tertainment.

Convocation

Convocation Ceremonies held in June were an impressive affair with a record number of students in attendance. On hand this year, to add to the pomp and ceremony of the occasion, were representatives from all three British Columbia Universities, as well as the UCC board, faculty and administration. The Alumni Association was well represented by Chairman, Karl deBruijn, who officially presented Alumni packages and pins to our newest alumni.



Pictured are Alumni representatives as they prepare to congratulate the new
alums.



Students, faculty and staff enjoy a BBQ lunch - compliments of UCC.

Welcome Back BBQ

In what's fast becoming a tradition, the UCC administration, faculty and staff joined together to host the 4th annual "Welcome Back Barbeque". Due to generous corporate sponsorship, over 3,200 burgers and drinks were served to the hungry students and staff. The Alumni Association used this opportunity to promote the association to the students and to sign on interested alumni from previous years.



UCC President, A. James Wright

Straight Talk

The innumerable changes at UCC in the past three years have brought new issues to the front for the College community across the region. In search of the right answer, President Jim Wright took time to clarify a few issues.

Q: Recently there have been many changes at the College. What are these a result of?

A: The changes and increase in academic enrolment is due to the government initiative "Access for All" program. Funding for these academic programs has allowed for the introduction of third and fourth year programs at three, and soon to be four, colleges outside of the lower mainland. Providing this opportunity to local students enhances the College and makes it truly comprehensive.

Q: Why is it important for us to have completely changed our institutional identity?

A: We needed a change that would better reflect the university-college concept. The new name and logo give a much better description of an institution that's much more than just a college. We want to let people know what this institution is all about and the new 'UCC' image captures that.

Q: The changes in the past couple of years have affected every part of the institution. What has been the impact on recruiting faculty?

A: Part of the shift of receiving two more years of programming on the academic side is that we are recruiting people from across Canada to serve as faculty. This opportunity reinforces our credibility. Ultimately, we look forward to granting our own degrees and I'm pleased to see the academic programs strengthen with the addition of our new faculty members.

Q: There are concerns in the college community and in the region about the comprehensiveness of UCC. Is that going to remain the same?

A: We will continue to reinforce the fact that we must remain a comprehensive institution. It is important for people to understand that we have a responsibility to offer a full range of vocational, technology career and degree programs. Presently, there is a provincial Human Resource Development study looking at vocational, career and prep programs. This may result in additional funds to increase activity in these areas which will maintain the balance of comprehensiveness inside institutions like ours.

Q: There is another concern in the community on the impact of international education on UCC. Are they taking seats away from Canadian students?

A: No, absolutely not. International students are not subsidized. Admission of international students allows the College to open up new sections, which in turn, allows for the admission of more resident students. When international students attend Cariboo, it is fully cost recovery and the funds generated by their registration increase our capacity for local students, not decrease it. We now have in excess of 200 students from the Pacific Rim who provide many internal benefits. As well as providing our students with exposure to students with different backgrounds, it also offers the opportunity for our students to travel overseas to study.



Creating the future ... together

*In conversation with
Stella Black, Annual
Campaign Chairman,
UCC Foundation*



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1991 Annual Campaign Goal

\$450,000

- The Foundation is a non profit society that is actively involved in raising and managing funds for UCC students. Monies raised are used to augment unmet student need and to reward academic achievement.

"A donation to the Foundation is a commitment to the support of students - students who will make a difference not only to our community and institution, but globally."

- UCC Alumni have an important role to play in shaping the future of UCC.

"Students and graduates are our best cheerleaders. They have first hand knowledge of what Cariboo has to offer. There is a critical need for the Alumni Association. The support of the alumni is crucial to the history and future of UCC. They speak for what the College provides."

- The 1991 Annual Campaign Committee looks forward to enthusiastic support from the the internal College community as they recognize the positive force UCC has on Kamloops community and region.

"It is an important mandate of this year's campaign to send a strong message from the internal UCC community. We need to impress upon the citizens of Kamloops and region what a positive force the College is."

- The Foundation awards available to students have increased by 40% since 1988, with an anticipated increase of 20% this year.

"Part of our mission statement reads 'to enhance the educational opportunities of our students.' The funds raised annually by our staff and volunteers serve to fulfil this mandate."

- A separate "Gifts-in-Kind" program is conducted throughout the year, and to date has reached \$120,000.

"Celebrate the achievements of our Alumni by ensuring that UCC will continue to prepare outstanding graduates. We are asking you to help us in continuing to assist students in attaining their goals."

Kenna Cartwright Memorial Endowment

The City of Kamloops and UCC have each agreed to contribute \$5,000 to create an endowment fund in the name of late Kamloops Mayor Kenna Cartwright.

The city donation will be eligible for provincial matching funds through UCC Foundation.

Outlining the family's decisions on how the fund will support stu-

dents, John Cartwright indicated that the endowment will create one or more bursaries. The criteria for these awards will include need for financial support to continue education, plus strong emphasis on athletics, scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Contributions can be made through the UCC Foundation.



The Great Alumni Search

Lucky Alumni Winner

The UCC Alumni Association gifts another fine dining experience to a lucky alumni winner, Linda Funk, who submitted names to the Great Alumni Search contest. She was rewarded for her efforts by having her name drawn from the many entrants and will enjoy a \$50.00 gift certificate for the UCC dining

room. These gourmet dinners are prepared by students of the Professional Cook Training Program and are unarguably the "best in town."

We ask you to assist us in keeping track of our alumni by submitting names and addresses to the alumni office.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____
Address: _____
Local Contact Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
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"I really enjoyed the newsletter (Vol.1 No.2). Keep up the great work and please keep me on the mailing list."
Terence Peach ('91) St. John's, Newfoundland

"I would also like to let you know how much I enjoy receiving newsletters from the College. It's nice to keep track of all the changes happening at the College. Keep up the good work."
Donna Simmons ('90) Westwin, Manitoba

"Thank you for including me on your mailing list. I enjoy hearing of the current events at the College, their students and staff. It is priceless to hear about something around home."
Connie Connolly ('88) Rostrevor, W. Down, Northern Ireland

"Thanks for the beautiful weekend!"
(re: Convocation)
Bill Jaswal ('91) - Kamloops, BC

"The facilities at Cariboo, in addition to its high calibre teaching faculty, impressed me from my first day. This is just another accomplishment of this fine institution. Good luck."
Harry Kotlarz ('88 & '91) - Great Falls Montana, USA

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