

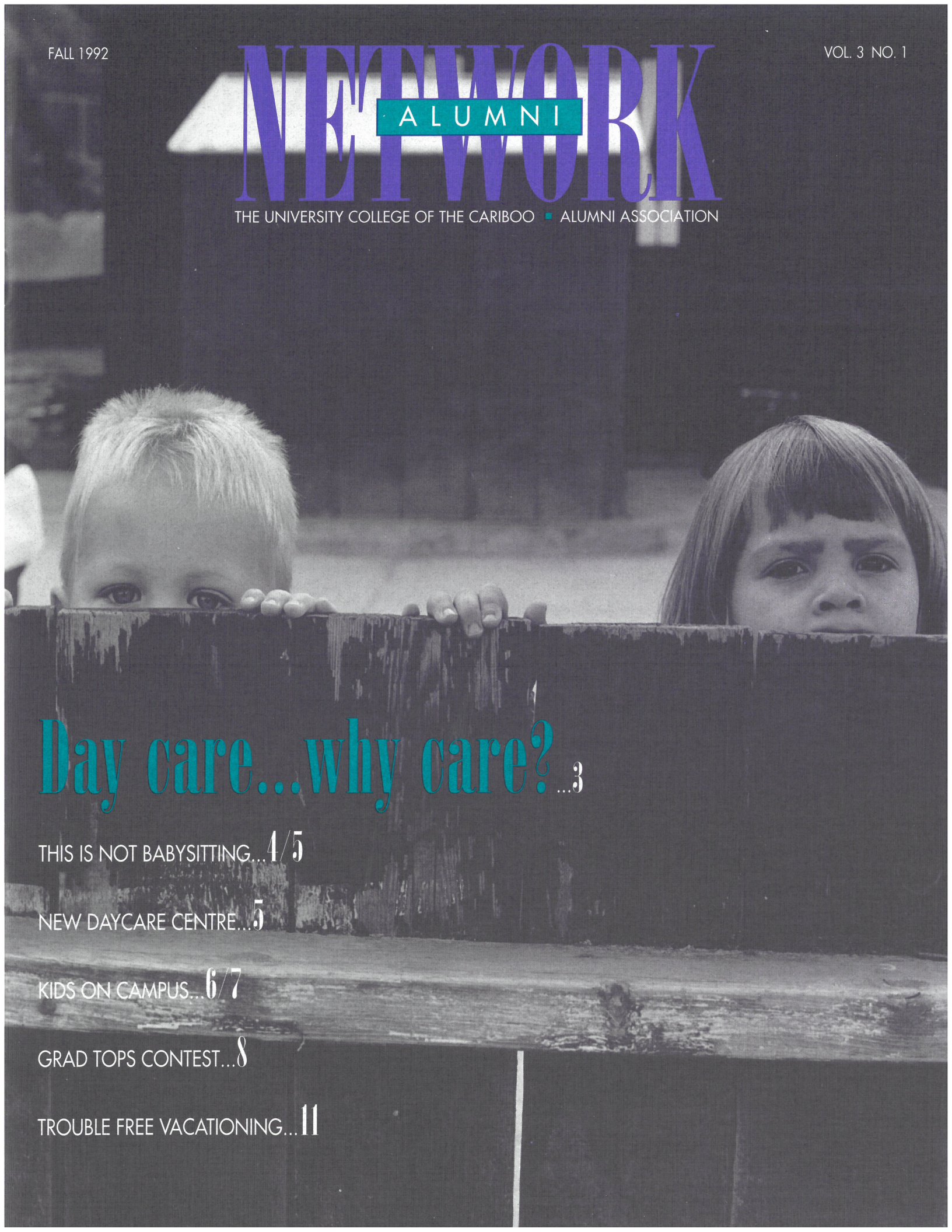
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Dear UCC Alumni,

With the election of new board members, the Alumni Association is looking forward to another rewarding year. One of our major goals this year is to provide assistance for UCC students who require financial aid or who have achieved academic excellence. Towards this end, we are beginning a financial drive to establish a UCC Alumni Endowment Fund. This endowment fund will be managed by the UCC Foundation and interest from the fund will be used to establish annual scholarships and bursaries. When establishing the criteria for these awards, preference will be given to UCC alumni and their children.

Your Alumni board, with the assistance of local alumni volunteers, have committed to raise \$7,000 to start the fund. In addition, the UCC Foundation is prepared to match \$7,000 of this money through provincial matching funds. We need to raise an additional \$5,000 through donations from you, our alumni, to establish a good base for the alumni endowment. Tax deductible receipts will be issued for donations over \$10. Should you choose to donate to the Alumni Association in another way, details of alternate giving can be obtained from the Alumni or Foundation office.

Please give careful consideration to this request and let's work together to establish the UCC Alumni Endowment Fund. Our children will appreciate our efforts!

Your Association is looking forward to keeping in touch through our alumni Network newsletter.

Sincerely,

*K.M. deBruijn*

Karl deBruijn  
UCC Alumni Chairman

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## DONATION DOLLARS DOUBLE

Thanks to the efforts of alumni volunteers, the UCC Alumni Association is proud to have been able to present a cheque for \$14,000 to the UCC Foundation at their recent 1992 Annual Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast.

This donation, more than double the amount raised by fundraising last year, will be used to establish the UCC Alumni Endowment and to further support special projects for the new student Campus Activity Centre. ■

## AT YOUR SERVICE

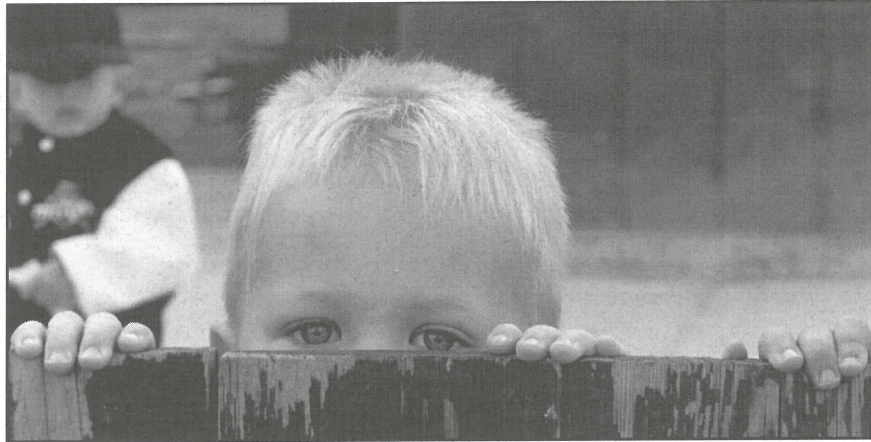
The 1992 Annual General Meeting of the UCC Alumni Association saw the election of a new slate of directors who are looking forward to guiding the Association through the upcoming year.

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce the re-election of Karl deBruijn (Chairman), Sherry King (Vice-Chairman), Bob Holden (Treasurer), Lynda McGarvie, Ron Brandt, Bill Jaswal, and Art Blackwell. New directors are Jim Fulton, Sandra MacDonald and Cindy Piva.

The Board of Directors serve as an advisory board to the Association and set policy, procedures and programming for the membership and staff. Directors welcome your suggestions and input. These willing alumni are representative graduates from the many programs offered at UCC, and their professions and careers are as varied as their educational backgrounds. ■



# Day care...why care?



BY  
SUZAN GOGUEN

*It can be "the" determining factor in whether a parent returns to school or to work, and in today's economy where the single income family is a minority, there's great pressure on adults to return to school to improve job prospects.*

One of the challenges for parents today is balancing work with family life, while still providing a nurturing environment for their children. As nuclear families are replaced by a growing number of single parent families, and as more women join the labor force, there is a greater need for quality childcare.

Bill Martin, Chairman of Human Service programs at UCC, said parents are turning to certified daycare centres because they recognize the importance of the early years in a child's life.

"Parents want a certain quality of care to ensure the positive development of their children. And because both parents are often employed outside the home, alternate care is required."

Martin said most parents want a home-like environment for their children. "Parents are looking for good basic qualities in a daycare. They want their toddlers or small children to have rest, good food and nurturing relationships with someone who has genuine respect for young children. In other words, they are looking for a stimulating environment."

Daycare is also an important issue at UCC. A survey of 414 students was done in 1991 to determine the extent of childcare needs on campus. Of those students with dependents, 75% said they would bring their children to the daycare on campus if space was available and 55% said finding childcare in Kamloops was a problem when considering attending UCC. This year alone, it is estimated that 630 students need daycare on campus.

As the survey points out, on-campus childcare is important not only to young children, but also to staff and students. Young children benefit from quality care and thrive in an

environment which supports their development through hands-on experiences. Students benefit not just from the close proximity of daycare, but from the greatly reduced stress of knowing their children are in the care of professionals closely linked to the academic environment they are in.

Cariboo Childcare, located on the southwest edge of campus, has been working to provide a home-like environment for children on campus for nearly two decades, or literally a whole generation of students.

In this age of diminishing traditional family units, it's reassuring to students and staff that their children are well cared for outside the home. It can be "the" determining factor in whether a parent returns to school or to work, and in today's economy where the single income family is a minority, there's great pressure on adults to return to school to improve job prospects.

Students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education ECED program also benefit by working with children and alongside staff at the daycare.

Julie Wright, ECED alumnus and now a Bachelor of Education student at UCC, said the practicum component of the curriculum is most helpful. "Not only did I get to work in a daycare, but also in a kindergarten class. The program was focused from the beginning and we kept building from that. I think that's what led me to further my education in this field."

The 10-month intensive ECED program includes studies in child development and child guidance, as well as the history and philosophy of early childhood education.

Equally important, it offers students the opportunity to work with young children during a unique practicum in conjunction with the staff of Cariboo Childcare. *continued on page 8*



# This is not Babysitting

BY SUZAN GOGUEN

**E**arly Childhood Education is the kind of program that opens the door to more career opportunities than most students expect. From counselling children, opening a daycare, working in a parent participation preschool, to

becoming a Child Care Support Coordinator, graduates of the one-year Early Childhood Education certificate program at UCC are finding a wide range of job choices.

In the course of the intensive 10 month program students are overwhelmed by the amount of knowledge they acquire about child development and how important this information becomes in the workplace.

Students are able to observe child development on a first-hand basis through a unique practicum situation, which places them in the same daycare centre throughout the duration of the program. How do graduates of the program feel about the role and importance of daycare today?

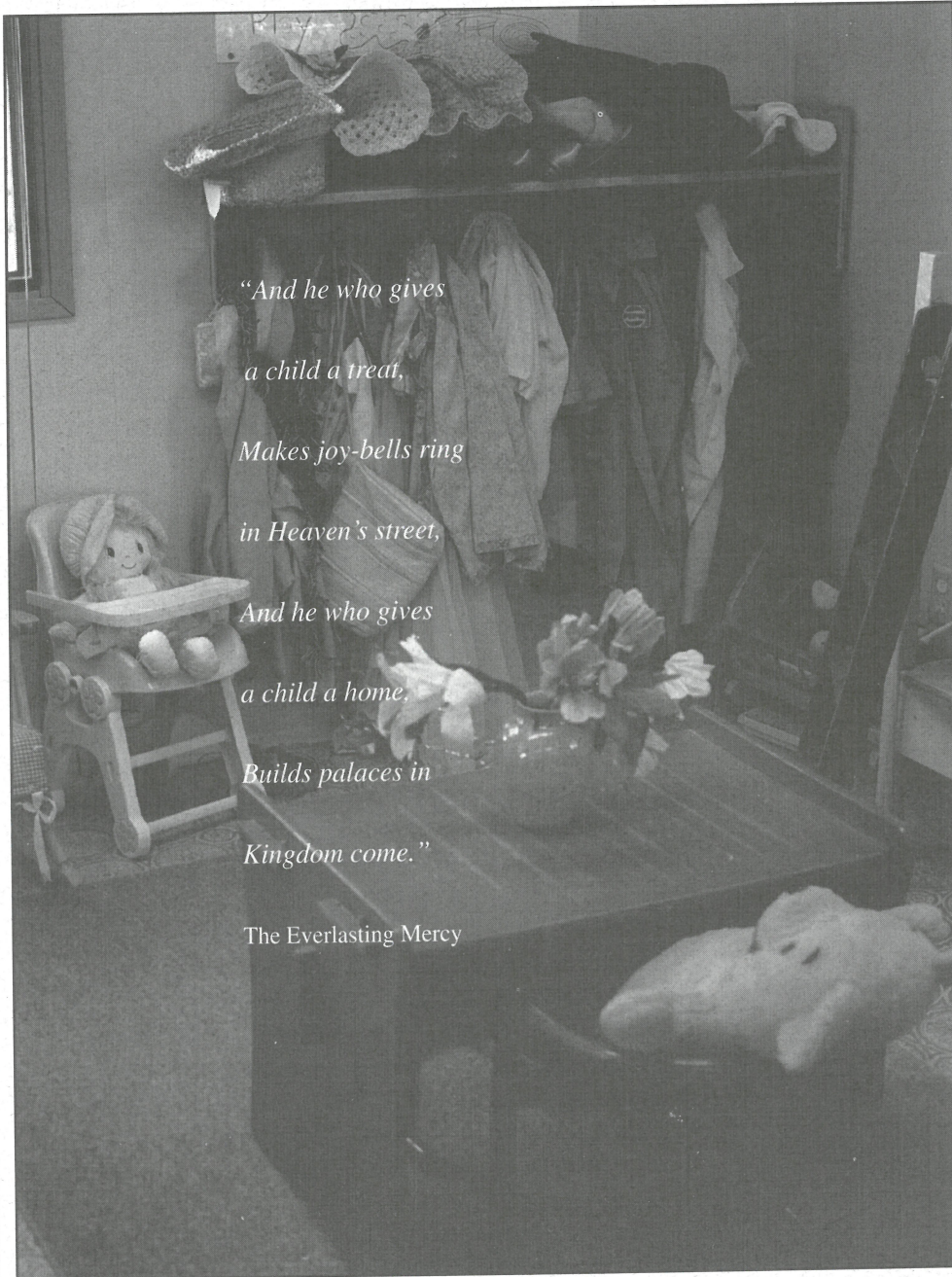
Some ECED alumni took time to share their thoughts:

*"It is important to learn about each individual child by observing. Some three-year old children, for example, need more help to increase their self-*

*esteem and start feeling good about themselves."*

Catherine Belleau ('91)

Daycare worker, Alkalai Lake (Indian Band Daycare)



*"And he who gives  
a child a treat,*

*Makes joy-bells ring  
in Heaven's street,*

*And he who gives  
a child a home,*

*Builds palaces in  
Kingdom come."*

The Everlasting Mercy

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*"I don't think most people realize how important child development really is. I have a whole new*



*perspective on how to teach children, how to talk to them - there are different ways of wording things, and children respond differently if they are spoken to in a certain way."*

**Tanis Swanson ('90)**  
Daycare Worker, Southshore Daycare

*"The program is a real eye opener. There's a lot more to taking care of children than people think, and this program gives you insight into what a child's life is all about. There are situations with my own children that take me back to what I was taught."*



**Stephanie Fowles ('80)** Proprietor,  
Stephanie's Small World

*"Learning about developmental psychology helped me understand why a child acts in a certain way. I have*



*worked with children who have emotional and behavioral problems, and in therapeutic groups to assess children and their parents. I have seen everything from anger, abuse, addictions, and parenting skills difficulties. It is so important to know the foundations of early childhood to understand a child's actions."*

**Kathy Leonhardt ('91)**  
Proprietor of "Miss Muffet" Nursery School

*"Good daycare is crucial. Not all parents can stay at home with their kids.*



*Some have to work until 5 p.m. or later and need care for their children after school is out. All social programs need*

*to point out that family daycare is open to them. It's already difficult enough for toddlers who need to bond with their parents. If I can do anything to help these toddlers, then it's worth it."*

**Sandy Spooner ('89)**  
Childcare Support Coordinator, Shuswap

*"Adults often forget to look at the world through a child's eyes. Sometimes you have to be reminded that there are little*



*things that we're unaware of that matter to them. When my children were younger, they were afraid they*

*would go down the drain when I pulled the plug after bath time."*

**Rose Casimir ('83)**  
Daycare Worker, Little Fawn Daycare  
(Kamloops Indian Band)



*"Speaking as a mother, I was able to apply the things I learned in the Early Childhood Education program to*

*my son. The child development, psychology, everything is interlocked, which gives you focus from which to build and helps you realize each child has to progress at their own rate."*

**Julia Wright ('89)** Student,  
Bachelor of Education program at UCC

## UCC to build new Daycare Centre

As part of his first visit to UCC, Advanced Education Minister Dr. Tom Perry, announced last month that a new Daycare Centre for UCC students and employees will be built on campus in 1993.

In making the announcement that \$30,000 in planning funds were being granted, the minister again pointed out that his government is committed to

improving access for women and single parents.

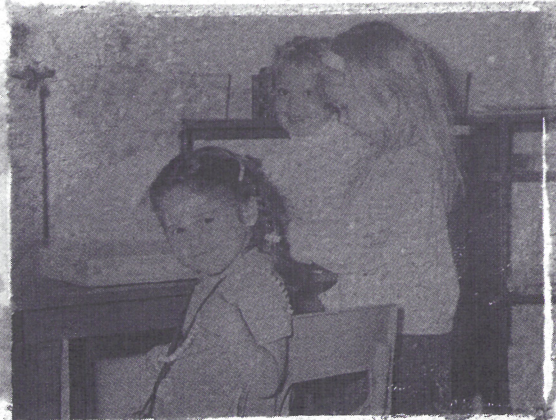
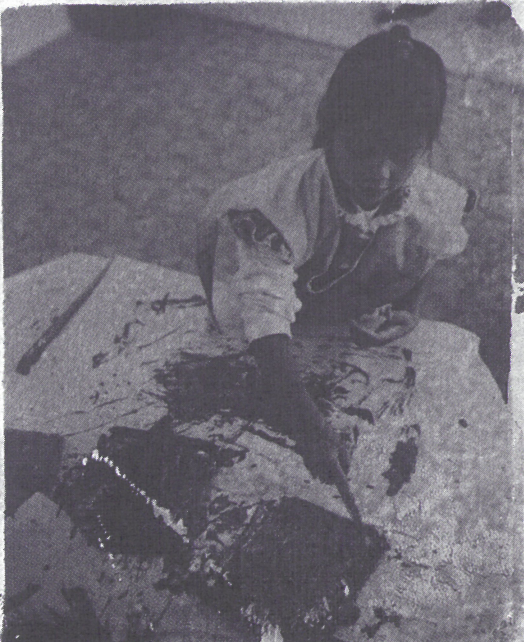
The new UCC daycare centre, to be constructed near the present site, will accommodate 49 children and includes separate areas for 12 infants and 12 toddlers as part of the design. The single storey structure will cover 529 square metres and will offer the very latest in modern daycare needs. Plans include radiant floor heating, external play areas, a cul-de-sac entrance for pickup and drop off, and an exterior decor that will replicate an average house.

It will also include specially designed observation areas to enhance the Early Childhood Education programs for UCC students.

Construction of the centre will begin next March and it should be open for the start of classes in September 1993. This makes current efforts to raise funds for toys and equipment even more important as the independent Cariboo Daycare Society will want to open the new facility with an updated selection of furniture and activities for their kids. ■

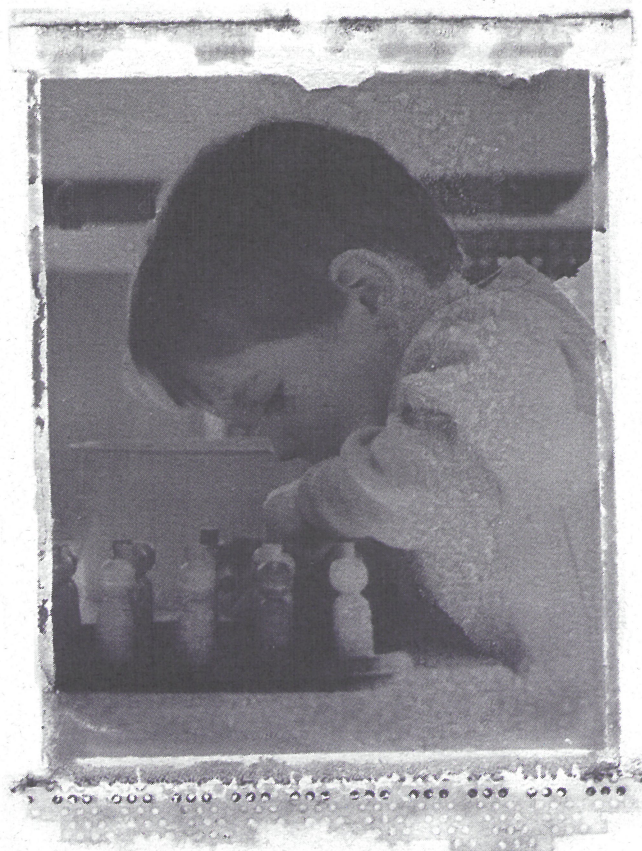


# KIDS ON CAMPUS: THE STUD





# ENTS OF TOMORROW AT PLAY



PHOTOS BY JOHN ENMAN



# GRAD TOPS COREL CONTEST



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAMLOOPS DAILY NEWS

*UCC Alumni Bill Frymire, a graphic designer, admires his well deserved Corel Systems Award.*

It isn't everyday that a graduate of the Digital Art and Design (DADD) diploma program at UCC is proclaimed the "best PC based computer graphic artist in the world" by Corel Corporation.

Former Kamloops resident Bill Frymire, 27, now a Vancouver graphics designer, won top honors in Corel Systems Corporation's world design contest. This annual competition showcases art created on the Ottawa company's PC graphics software, and this year drew more than 3,300 entries from around the world.

Taking top honors required the assistance of Rex, a year-old iguana, who posed for hours while Frymire methodically etched every wrinkle using his PC's mouse.

After spending more than 150 hours

at his computer, the designer turned the reptile into a winning work of computer art. It wasn't easily done. "It was a miracle that it actually worked....When I first looked at it, I thought whoa, that's not really what I expected. But obviously some people liked it."

For finishing in first place, Frymire won hardware and software worth more than \$15,000 and a gold bar worth more than \$13,000.

"The day after I won, I went out and bought Rex a new cage three times as big as his old one. I'm even thinking of buying him a girlfriend."

The Kamloops resident studied arts and merchandising at Langara College in Vancouver for two years and went on to take the one-year computer graphics diploma program at UCC in 1985-1986. ■

*Day Care...Why Care*

Since they work with the same group of children throughout the year, students are able to observe child development on a first hand basis. Tanis Swanson, daycare worker and ECED alumnus, said learning about child development was interesting, but observing children in a daycare was fascinating.

"I learned how to teach children and how to talk to them in an effective way. Observing child development in action in a natural setting brought to life what we learned in class."

The close relationship formed between students and children provides students with a secure environment in which to practice their growing skills in program planning, while the practicum setting allows a common reference point for classes in child development and guidance.

The new practicum format has led to the development of another program; students now invite children from the campus daycare into the college classroom for a preschool program which the students themselves design and implement. Students, faculty, staff and children agree that the time spent in collaboration has been a success.

As parents survey daycare centres in search of the perfect one for their youngsters, they may find solace in the fact that most daycare centres are hiring ECED certified staff. That, coupled with parents' diligent search, will minimize the risk of low quality care for children, also a major objective in new government initiatives.

UCC received additional funding this fall to expand the ECED program, offering a part-time evening program for students who can't enrol in the full-time day program.

On the heels of this, capital funding will soon be made available to construct a new facility on campus for the Cariboo Childcare Society.

Clearly, this sends an important message about the priority daycare has taken, and that's because people really do care. ■



# Letters...

Dear UCC Alumni,

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the assistance and support I received from the UCC Alumni office and the invaluable *UCC Alumni Mentor Programme*. I have always been determined to pursue a career in law. As the final semester of my undergraduate degree came to a close, I began to explore my post-graduate options in more depth. The contacts you made available to me provided a wealth of information regarding available career paths, institute selection and financial assistance.

More importantly, however, were the words of encouragement these women gave me. Each spoke frankly of their own personal experiences - including the realities facing women in the legal profession and the complex balance of private and professional life. Their candid reflections and frank responses invited practical questions and encouraged honest discussion. I felt free to ask questions and express doubts about the legal profession which may have otherwise discouraged me from entering law.

The time you spent arranging these contacts provided me with an opportunity to challenge many misconceptions I held about women in law and evaluate my options in a much clearer light. Your support and the opportunities the Mentor Programme offered have afforded me genuine information. I feel more confident my decision to pursue a career in law is the right one for me.

Yours truly,

*Jacqueline London*

Jacqueline London

PHOTO BY JOHN ENMAN



Christine Moffat, lawyer with Fulton and Co. counsels UCC Alumni Jacqueline London about her career choices.

# CAN YOU HELP?

UCC is in the process of establishing commemorative plaques to honor past medal winners. Unfortunately, records are incomplete for our early years. Despite numerous enquiries, including calls to Ottawa, we are still unable to identify the 1974 recipient of the Governor General's Medal.

Any help alumni or faculty can offer would be greatly appreciated. Even a suggestion as to who might have won the medal could set us on the right track.

We also believe that we do have the correct names of the 1972 and 1973 winners, but confirmation would be appreciated.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL WINNERS

RECIPIENT	PROGRAM	DATE
Irmgard E. Hoppenrath	U. Transfer	1972
Irmgard J. Fellenz	U. Transfer	1973
?	?	1974
Lynne I. Muendel	U. Transfer	1975
Kenneth R. Martin	U. Transfer	1976
Murray D. Richter	U. Transfer	1977
Bruno A. Daniele	U. Transfer	1978
Cindy M. Raboch	U. Transfer	1979
Brian McKee	U. Transfer	1980
Linda M. Nordgren	Nurs. Diploma	1981
Eugene C. Heinrichs	U. Transfer	1982
W. Ross Boulanger	U. Transfer	1983
Karen M. Weeks	CSOM	1984
D. Gary Allan	U. Transfer	1985
Lorri D. Young	Med.Lab. Tech.	1986
Donna L. DeJong	CSOM	1987
Marlo R. Gothe	U. Transfer	1988
James E. Wedel	Nurs. Diploma	1989
Myles K. Dear	Asso. of Sci. Diploma	1990
Leonard T. Mosher	Nurs. Diploma	1991
Debra Lee Riddell	Nurs. Diploma	1992

We would love to hear from anyone on this list, to let us know where life has taken them since leaving UCC.

Catherine McNeely, 828-5026  
Awards Officer, UCC

## Attention Graduates from KAM HIGH, NORKAM and WESTSYDE 1983

Your reunion committees have begun planning. For more information and to ensure they have your most recent address please call:

Jackie Hicks - 828-0908 Kam High  
Kathleen Biagioni - 828-5266 NorKam  
Lila Robertson - 374-6216 Westsyde



# Stacking Up

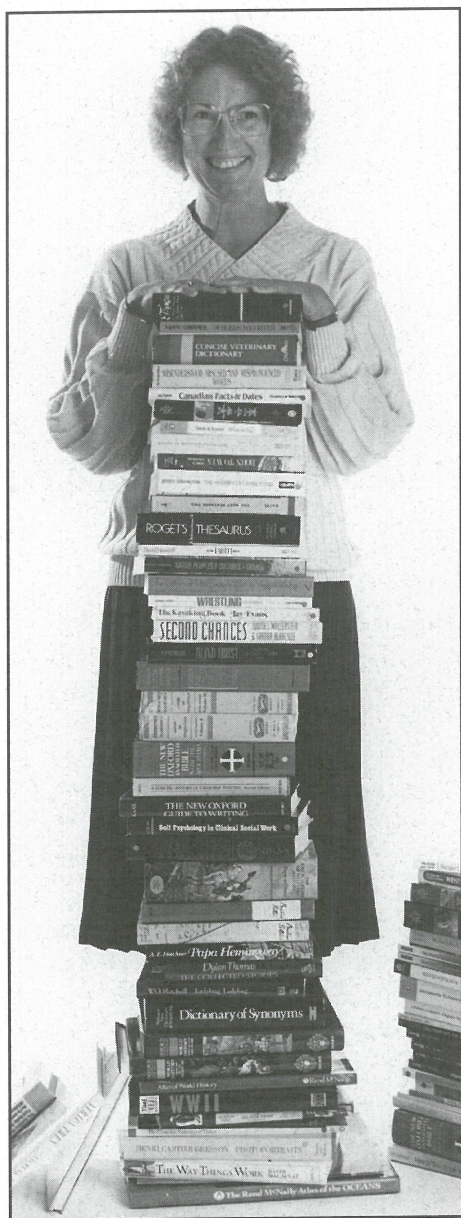


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## Book donations keep UCC Library well stocked

The basement of the Alumni Association and Foundation office lacked floor space. Every nook and cranny spilled forth books. Temporary shelves were installed to display the myriad of books like a small, dusty library in an old school house, and boxes were shoved

here and there to allow for walking space.

At first glance this clutter of books and paperbacks seems illogical, but those who are benefiting from them don't think so. Over 3,200 books were donated to the Alumni Association by Ted Tree and Nancy Moon, former owners of a bookstore in Williams Lake, and the UCC Library staff, as well as other non-profit organizations, are beaming with anticipation about this select collection.

"They are all brand new books! Most of the donations we get are used," said Nancy Levesque, Director of Learning Resources at UCC. "I went wild like a kid in a candy store!"

Book donations to the library have not been uncommon, but most of them have been single donations from retiring professors. "A lot of faculty from UBC have sent us books we needed for Social Work, Geography and English. We're very grateful because some of these books are now out of print and no longer available. Of course, new books like the lot we've just received is a real treat."

Choosing only the books that could justifiably be put on a shelf in the university college library, staff found works that will be useful to students in degree programs, Adult Basic Education courses, and the English As a Second Language program.

Other recipients of the first major gift-in-kind donation to the Alumni Association included the UCC Williams Lake Campus Library, UCC Daycare, Y Women's Shelter, Kamloops Home Support, Francophone Daycare and the UCC English Department. The remainder of the books were sold to the general public with proceeds going to student scholarships and bursaries.

Volunteer alums from the Library Aide Program sorted and catalogued books before distribution and sale. As with any project of this magnitude, the expertise of these volunteers helped to make this mammoth job much easier.

As of mid-October, the confines of the basement were once again back to their normal state of emptiness! These valuable books have found new homes on bookshelves across the region and have enhanced the resources available for UCC students. ■

## Cariboo Kids

UCC alums are responding to a plea for donations of much needed equipment and supplies for the UCC Daycare and, as a result, the kids are enjoying an "almost new" oven and an outdoor playhouse.

To: UCC Alumni

From: Cariboo Kids

"Thank you for your donation of an oven. I'm sure you can imagine the inconvenience of providing meals for 35 children without this appliance!"

"Your donation of the playhouse has enriched the program considerably. To date the playhouse has been a castle for a princess, the home of the three bears, the brick house for the three little pigs and of course, the home of the Ninja Turtles!"

Your assistance in providing any of the following items would be greatly appreciated by the youngsters and staff of the campus daycare.

- Large muscle equipment for outside play:
  - tricycles, wagons, trucks/cars, balls, sandbox, climbing equipment, slide, shovels, sand toys
- Small muscle equipment:
  - tools for carpentry, puzzles, games, art supplies, puppets
- Audio:
  - record player, tape recorder, records, tapes

Please contact the Alumni Office at 828-5267 for further information.

Tax receipts for income tax purposes will be provided.





# Trouble Free Vacationing

*Cruising is a trouble-free, economical way to "get away from it all".*

The popularity of the cruise holiday is on the rise. Pat Horton, Travel Consultant at Cruise Holidays, says that once you've experienced three days or three months of pampering on the high seas, you'll understand why. People tend to be lured by the romantic notion of being on a ship - sunsets on the high seas, exotic ports-of-call, delicious food (and lots of it!) It's the ideal vacation for those who want to get away and not worry about any of the travel arrangements.

Purchasing tickets for a cruise vacation generally includes airfare, transportation, six meals a day, first-class entertainment, variety shows, plus accommodations that offer a vantage point that changes daily.

"Theme cruises let you choose between single, family or seniors cruises, with the option of choosing where you want to go and for how long," said Horton. She recommends that novices experience the high seas in a short cruise before committing themselves to a three month world tour.

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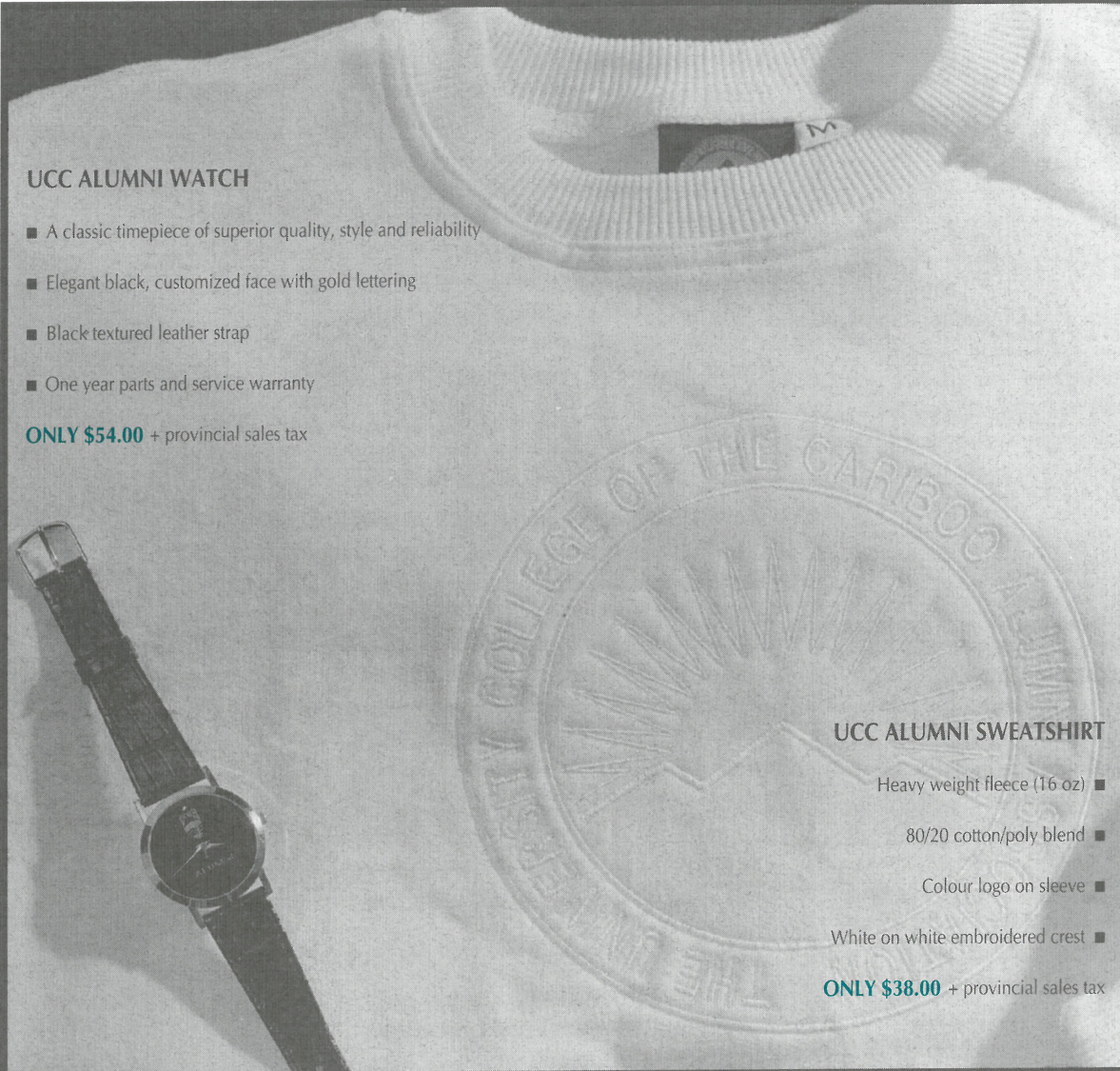
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