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Are you ready for the Big H?

By Narayan Mitra

UCC Homecoming 2003

Bigger and better — that's what UCC Alumni Homecoming 2003 on October 17 and 18 promises to be.

Building on the success of last year's homecoming, the Alumni Association is working hard to bring a good number of peers together.

Friday evening's **President's Reception** kicks off the weekend. The 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be honoured at a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception at the Food Training Building on campus.

Alumni Board and Homecoming planning committee member Dwayne Geiger (BEd '94) sees the weekend as a time to keep interest in UCC active.

"Judging from last year's well-received inaugural event, we want to help alumni build their relationships with UCC as well as with each other. UCC is still a young institution. As it grows we want to get grads attached to it."

Saturday will feature **UCC's Open House and Career Day**. The event showcases programs from all areas of campus and is fun for everyone young and old.

Alumni Night at Heroes Pub is also planned for Saturday and will be the weekend's climax. Groups plan to meet informally by year or class. Music, entertainment, free appetizers, and prizes will all contribute to unite dispersed friends and make it a memorable social occasion.

Alumni Relations Officer Victoria Baker sees the weekend of fun and activities as "building a sense of community and strengthening ties to UCC."

"We are trying to work homecoming into an annual tradition that sees people coming to the campus regularly. A larger event is being planned in 2005, UCC's 35th anniversary," said Baker.

Alumni, of course, need not wait until homecoming to get connected. Local chapters are sprouting up in the communities where graduates live. The new UCC Alumni Association Online Community is there to share news and achievements as well as to facilitate networking. This free service also provides ongoing mentoring, relocation advice and a permanent e-mail address to all alumni.

Don't forget to mark October 17 and 18 on your calendar. For more information, call 250-828-5498, e-mail alumni@cariboo.bc.ca or go to www.uccalumni.ca for details.

President's Reception — Distinguished Alumni Awards

Friday October 17, 2003 at 7:00pm
3rd Floor, Food Training Building

\$20.00 per person
for tickets call 250-371-5711

Join UCC President Roger Barnsley, faculty and alumni for an evening of alumni pride as we honour UCC's most accomplished graduates with the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Awards. Enjoy wines from B.C. and around the world and hors d'oeuvres prepared by the culinary talents of UCC's Professional Cook Training Program students. RSVP by Friday October 10.



UCC's Open House and Career Day

Saturday October 18, 2003
11:00am to 4:00pm

UCC Kamloops Campus

UCC hosts a campus wide Open House and Career Day. The campus will be alive with activities including interactive science and technology displays, the buzz of the Trades and Technology programs and many displays and hands on experiences. Entertainment, food and fun for the whole family. The Alumni Association will have an interactive Online Community demonstration and sign up for students and alumni in the Old Main Boardroom, OM1611.

UCC
OPEN HOUSE
& CAREER DAY

Alumni Night

Saturday October 18, 2003
4:00pm to 7:00pm

UCC Heroes Pub

Campus Activity Centre

Join the Alumni Association for an informal gathering at the campus pub. Alumni can get re-acquainted with former classmates, friends and faculty. Enjoy free appetizers and drink specials.

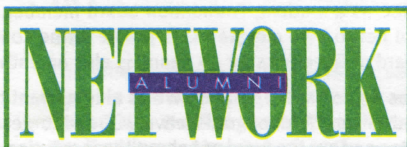
UCC
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Faculty-Based Events/Sporting Events

Be sure to visit the 2003 Homecoming Web page and learn more about the events planned by your faculty and UCC sports teams playing during the weekend.

Lots of fun and prizes to be won throughout the weekend!

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More 'freedom' in UCC's entry level and apprenticeship training

By Narayan Mitra

Since April, the delivery of B.C.'s post-secondary Entry Level and Apprenticeship training has undergone substantial changes.

Gone is the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission (ITAC) with their own set of counselors. Many of the training responsibilities that used to be handled by the government, such as student registration, training schedules, seat assignments, management of waitlists, and promotion of training opportunities, have now become the responsibilities of post-secondary institutions.

However, schools such as UCC are now free to tailor their courses and annual program profiles to meet the needs of apprentices and the industry. Apprentices and prospective trainees now have the freedom to schedule Entry Level and all levels of apprenticeship training directly with the post-secondary schools.

Larry Dyck finds this a win-win arrangement. As the Transitions and Apprenticeship Co-ordinator in UCC's School of Trades and Technology, Dyck oversees both components of the School's mechanical and construction trades.

"The government wants to streamline and blend Entry Level and Apprenticeship training as a cost-efficient use of vocational training dollars. For example, a new Entry Level training model is under development for prospective mechanic apprentices which will allow them to obtain three months of common core training, followed by a six-month Trade-entry program and a one-month practicum."

The government is encouraging post-secondary schools to reduce Entry Level programs wherever possible to six months. This fall, UCC's School of Trades and Technology will begin delivery of revised six-month Trade-entry programs in the electrical and piping trades. The model will also provide continuous intakes to increase training availability for the students, but each student is expected to complete the program within six months.

"The government grants credit for the first level of apprenticeship in-school training to the graduates of many of the Entry Level programs, provided they become indentured as apprentices within one year of obtaining their certification.

"This means that these apprentices will contact UCC to book a seat for the second year by-passing the first level of in-school training. Employers and apprentices see this as a real benefit," said Dyck.

After obtaining the required number of hours of work experience and completing the fourth level apprenticeship in-school training with a minimum of 70 per cent on the inter-provincial exam, apprentices receive Inter-Provincial Journeyman status (also known as Red Seal certification).

Dyck is careful to point out the quality of education will not be threatened and there won't be a loss of accountability under the new system because UCC trains its trade and tourism students to inter-provincial standards.

Another change for this year is the government's decision to give the same level of funding for three consecutive years provided that the number of student full-time equivalents (FTEs) increases each year. Streamlining the training models allow cost savings, which translates to more course intakes, thus increasing annual student FTEs.

At the same time that student FTEs are increased, UCC must also be prepared to respond to changing industry needs. An example of this was the introduction of the log house building training taught in 100 Mile House. It wouldn't have been possible to offer this new program without the direct support of industry, UCC and the student fees.

"Freedom is the word I would use to describe the new Entry Level and Apprenticeship training guidelines," said Dyck. "It has provided new avenues of freedom for post-secondary institutions to enhance their program offerings, for apprentices and employers to book training classes, and for industry to partner with schools to develop innovative delivery of post-secondary vocational training."

More information about Entry Level and Apprenticeship training can be obtained by contacting Larry Dyck at 371-5797.

For a list of all available Entry Level or Apprenticeship programs, go to:

- www.cariboo.bc.ca/tt
- www.cariboo.bc.ca/tourism

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Career Technical Centre enhances student experience

By Narayan Mitra

A partnership between UCC's School of Trades and Technology and Tourism and School Districts #27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), #73 (Kamloops/Thompson), and #74 (Gold Trail), is enabling high school students to complete their Entry Level training at the Kamloops or Williams Lake campuses of UCC.

Students from St. Ann's Academy (Kamloops) and district #83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) also participate in Career Technical Centre (CTC) programs.

"The new innovation bridges secondary and post-secondary education while enhancing the student's transition to the workforce. Each CTC program runs for two years and allows secondary students to complete grades 11 and 12 along with up to one year of post-secondary training," said Larry Dyck, UCC's Transitions and Apprenticeship Coordinator in the School of Trades and Technology.

Eight CTC programs are taught in Kamloops, while Williams Lake offers five programs, including Residential Construction.

The CTC pays tuition and each CTC student is responsible for program costs, safety equipment, and learning guides. In all, there are 66 seats available in Kamloops and another 34 in Williams Lake.

A form of in-house partnership exists between the School of Trades and Technology and the School of Tourism with regards to program delivery. School of Trades and Technology teaches mechanical and construction CTC programs. Professional Cook Training and Retail Meat Processing courses for CTC students are handled by the Tourism school.

The blending of CTC students with general public students in various ratio mixes has worked to the advantage of both groups.

The general students appreciate the CTC students' current mathematics, science and English skills. The CTC students gain great insight into the realities of the work world from the other students.

"Parents are also happy to see their sons and daughters grow up in the course of a year as they work side-by-side with adults and gain an understanding of what employers will expect of them," said Dyck.

"It's liberating, this new-found freedom for CTC students. At the same time they are aware of their responsibilities as they participate in post-secondary adult-based training."

For more information on Cariboo CTC programs contact Larry Dyck at 371-5797, or go to www.cariboo.bc.ca/tt/ctc.

Trades and CTC success

By Narayan Mitra

Both UCC Career Technical Centre (CTC) and public post-secondary trades programs have success stories to bandy about. A selection of three students' achievements follow:

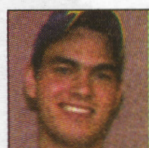


Riley Matheson
(CTC - Electrical)

Kamloops teenager Riley Matheson, 16, is the winner of a bronze medal in the electrical category at the Provincial Skills Canada competition, where he successfully wired circuits in a specified amount of time.

"It was quite exciting. Among the 12 competitors, I didn't expect to win. Most came from BCIT; I was the only one from UCC."

The win is almost a mother-son effort. Matheson first learned of the competition from his mom, who is taking a computer course at UCC. Over the next year he will be working in Kamloops and northern B.C. before returning to UCC for the next three levels of the certification.



TRAVIS THIBEAULT
(CTC - Welding)

100 Mile House resident Travis Thibeault was the winner of a provincial gold and a national silver medal at the Skills Canada championship in welding.

Thibeault had to compete against 19 others in the provincials and 11 in the nationals. Prior to this, he participated and won regionally among high school students.

"It wasn't a bad idea, but I didn't really expect to win. I made my community and UCC proud," he said. The local media featured his achievements.

Thibeault has seven more months to complete the CTC training which he will split over the next two years. Following a year of working, he gets back to UCC next spring for his B ticket.

Shane Stirling
(Trades - Electrical)

A native of Fort St. John, Shane Stirling is a busy person studying as well as running his own business.

Stirling is in his third term as an electrical apprenticeship at UCC. With prior studies at BCIT and a journeyman's ticket under his belt, he is a part-owner of an electrical contracting business employing about 45 workers in season.

Of his time at UCC since March, Stirling has nothing but praise.

"It's an amazing place. The labs are well put together and structured for productive use of time. The equipment is well-maintained and the classrooms are nice and large. Teaching staff share from experience. They introduce us to a broader scope of what's happening."

But even with these pluses, Stirling longs to be up north working in the gas and oil fields. He loves the challenge of working long hours in the dead of winter.



Denise Harper: board chair, UCC Alumni Association

By Narayan Mitra

New Alumni Association chair Denise Harper continues to educate herself in and outside of UCC thanks to the energy she invests into causes dear to her heart.

At 50, she works full-time, sits on the YWCA board, quilts, takes the odd course at UCC and enjoys being a grandmother of six kids.

Harper is completing the term of her predecessor, Marilyn Poncelet, and plans to run for re-election in September. A former trustee and chair of School District 73, she is passionate about secondary and post-secondary education.

"I am excited having UCC in our community, particularly for the sake of kids from rural areas. For them it's a big thing to attend college right here. They can't do the transition to a big centre."

Her local school, Chase secondary has the highest percentage of graduates attending UCC.

Harper studied communications during UCC's infancy and worked in both print and visual media. A stint with CUPE publishing their newsletter grew into a 22-year relationship. She now manages the Kamloops office.

Her association with UCC as a student, Foundation board member, and now as an Alumni board member, inspired her to help elevate UCC's profile in the community. Husband John, who sat on the UCC Board of Governors for six years, is also an enthusiastic supporter.

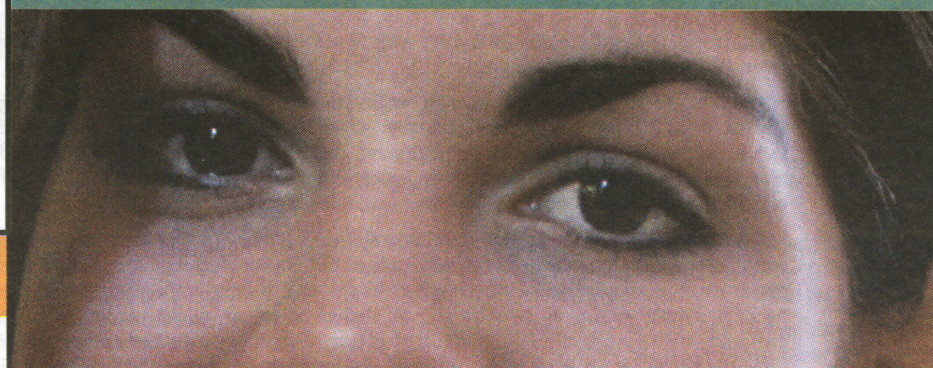
"UCC is growing and has a good strategic plan. We as alumni want to take our place on the table as committed fund-raisers. A lot of grads leave UCC and forget their educational roots. They can act as advocates and get the word out about the institution and their support of the university will help keep student fees affordable."

Professionally, Harper has traveled a long way. As a budding reporter, she nervously interviewed a federal health minister. In days ahead, UCC alumni can expect her confident appeal to spur them toward building a strong alma mater, which, according to Harper, is "still a well-kept secret."



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friends of UCC roll up their sleeves



Bob Ryan, left, and Anthony Muzzillo, co-chairs of the Friends of UCC University Society

Armed with an election-style campaign message, the Friends of UCC University Society are planning to hit the streets this month urging the community to back the renaming of UCC to "university."

"Let's call it 'university,'" is the society's slogan and co-chairs Bob Ryan and Anthony Muzzillo are happy to explain why.

"The name university college is confusing elsewhere. UCC has tried to explain it without success," said Ryan, who is a retired Weyerhaeuser manager and a long-time resident of Kamloops. "We see how important UCC is to the economic development of this region and a change in name to university would help that along."

"We want to make an impact on every sector of Kamloops and the region — the Business Improvement Associations, businesses, service clubs and students. The ground swell is there. Let's call it what it is, a university," added Muzzillo, who is a partner at Smith Chevrolet Oldsmobile Cadillac.

But the society's biggest hurdle isn't convincing the community, it's convincing the provincial government. So far, the Friends' intentions have been rebuffed by the Liberals, but that is not deterring the group.

"We thought if we had grass roots support and undertook a couple of initiatives, we could convince the public and the government that changing the name to university would not change the character of the institution," said Ryan.

The society became active earlier this year with the goal of raising awareness around four different points in UCC's renaming:

- The same comprehensive mix of degree, diploma, career and technical programs will remain.
- There will be no additional cost to using the name "university."
- The institution will continue to evolve as a primarily undergraduate university.
- The institution will continue to positively impact regional economic development.

Ryan said the society believes the government is sticking with the status quo for two reasons: the perceived cost increase of funding a university is more expensive and the fear that UCC would evolve into an institution focused more on post graduate and professional degrees and forget about career and technical programs.

But he's firm that won't happen.

"We want to retain the diplomas and certificates and the options to ladder into undergraduate degrees, said Ryan. "We don't necessarily want to be included in the University Act (which follows a different funding formula than university colleges)."

Even the society's logo reflects its goals — a grouping of four flames representing the educational offerings at UCC from degrees and diplomas to career/technical and vocational programs. What is difficult to explain, however, is the concept of the university college, which is often associated elsewhere in Canada as a small, religious based institution or as an institution that grants degrees in the name of another school.

Further, a change in name to "university" also carries connotations with it, specifically the added credibility of having a university as an attraction and incentive to prospective investors, developers and employers.

Plans are to launch the information campaign in hopes of expanding the society and getting the ear of the provincial government.

"The idea is to have members join our society and pay \$5 each. Students can join for \$1. Money goes to finance our campaign and, at the end, any money left over would go to the UCC Foundation to be put toward student bursaries," said Muzzillo.

The society will be part of orientation week with a booth at the Welcome Back Barbecue on September 5 where it hopes to gain plenty of student support. It's also developed a Web site, which can be accessed at www.uccuniversity.ca. To add your voice of support, call (250) 851-4201.

international building construction underway



Final sketches by Howard, Bingham, Hill Architects of the new International Building.

UCC's campus commons will be a busy place this year as construction of the multi-million dollar International Building gets underway.

Local contractors D & T Developments Ltd. was the successful bidder coming in at \$8.3 million and started work at the site, between Old Main and the Arts and Education Building, August 19. Numerous local firms will also be used for sub trades in the 50,000-square foot, three storey structure.

The International Building, designed by Vancouver's Howard, Bingham, Hill Architects, features a spectacular glass entrance way that reaches up toward the roof where there will be a permanent observatory for astronomy classes and a viewing deck for telescopes.

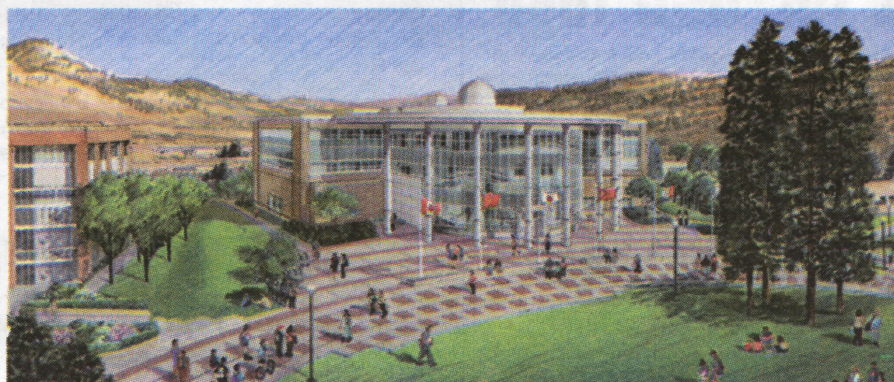
The new facility will also include meeting rooms, administrative offices for UCC International, classrooms, high-tech case rooms as well as an Internet café and student lounge areas.

The building site is situated in the heart of the Kamloops campus and will create enough space to accommodate an extra 1,200 full-time student equivalents.

Phil Hanmer, manager of capital planning at UCC, says if the weather cooperates, the frame and walls will be up before the winter.

"We will go full boar on the framing to get it up before it freezes," he said.

All site work for the project was completed this past summer and construction will not impact the overall number of parking spaces on campus. The International Building is a completely self-financed project by UCC through international operations and will create no impact on existing operations over the next 12 months. Construction is expected to be complete by fall 2004.



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president's report

It's always a pleasure to see UCC alive with September excitement and activity as new and returning students fill the campus.

The start of the academic year is truly an exciting time, made more so now by such things as the Friends of UCC University Society campaign, construction of our new International Building, formalization of UCC's Study Abroad Program, and the welcoming of new staff and faculty members. These, along with other advancements to a variety of programs will all contribute to enriching our campus culture and making student life that much more fulfilling.

As UCC continues toward gaining university status, a group of community leaders have come together to advocate on its behalf. The Friends of UCC University Society is urging the provincial government to support legislation that would see UCC change from a university college and become simply known as a university. A change in name would not alter any of UCC's comprehensive academic, career and technical programs that are currently offered. At the same time, the society is encouraging people who live in this region to get involved. We believe this grass roots support will help bring about the acknowledgement that UCC has long worked toward and deserves.

While other universities in the province such as UBC, UVic and SFU grapple with program waiting lists and are turning away students, UCC remains a viable alternative for students wishing to pursue an undergraduate degree. Again, a change in name would make the general public more aware that university degrees from quality institutions such as UCC are available in B.C.

New and exciting things are developing in international education at UCC as construction of the new International Building, which is situated between Old Main and the Arts and Education Building, has just begun and is expected to be complete by next fall. This self-financed structure will provide much needed classroom, meeting room and office space and its grand design will

contribute greatly to the architectural landscape of the campus. UCC also welcomes a new Study Abroad manager whose many years of international student exchange experience will strengthen study abroad opportunities for students and faculty.

On the program development front, UCC has received funding to develop a new Aboriginal Tourism Certificate, which will be offered starting next summer to First Nations students in the region. UCC is also offering two new majors starting this fall in the Faculty of Science (Chemical Biology and Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology) and, in the Faculty of Arts, has received final approval to offer its own Bachelor of Fine Arts, a degree formerly offered jointly through UCC and the Open Learning Agency (OLA). Another first — the campus will be the site for a B.C. pilot project on simplifying cook journeyman certification. The institution is also welcoming about 50 new employees, on both the faculty and staff sides.

We look forward to the challenges and changes this academic year will bring and wish everyone success in their educational endeavours. Welcome to returning students and, in particular, to new staff and students who are joining the UCC community for the first time.

Roger H. Barnsley

Dr. Roger H. Barnsley,
President



achievements



Brock Dykeman

Longtime faculty member **Brock Dykeman** has been named Interim Dean of the School of Business and Economics. Brock has a B.A. (Hons) in Economics, a Licentiate in Accounting Degree and an M.Sc. in Accounting, and has been a faculty member at UCC since August 1990. Brock brings a wealth of UCC administrative experience to the position. He has served as Chair of the Department of Accounting, Chair of the Department of Business Administration, Coordinator of the Accounting Technician Program and of the Marketing/Management Program and as the BBA Program Advisor and Chair of the School of Business Program Committee. He has also been a part of numerous internal committees, including Education Council, and has served as a member of the executive of the UCC Faculty Association.

The **Community-University Research Alliance project** overseen by UCC and the Kamloops Art Gallery has had its application for a completion grant approved by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

The project will receive a further \$400,000 over the next two years, which brings the total SSHRC commitment to the Small Cities CURA to \$1 million and, including in-kind support, the CURA now represents a \$2.1 million dollar research initiative.

UCC has added its own **Bachelor of Fine Arts** to its university degree program offerings. The BFA had been offered in collaboration with the Open Learning Agency OLA for the past three years, but a strong show of student interest prompted faculty in the visual and fine arts department to work toward establishing an independent degree.

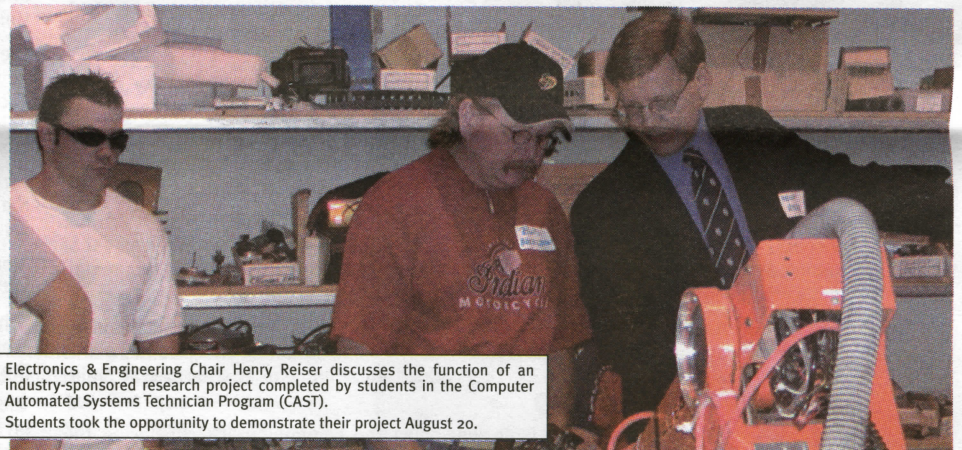
James Hoffman, Professor of Theatre, had a major article published in the latest issue of the journal, *BC STUDIES*, entitled *Shedding the Colonial Past: Rethinking British Columbia Theatre*. It is a critical survey of various writings from the 18th century to the present concerned with construction of an authentic British Columbia theatre. The article is a first attempt to theorize BC Theatre historiography and includes a useful bibliography.

Nancy Levesque, Director, Library and Information Services, presented a paper to the Merlot International Conference held August 5-8/03 in Vancouver, B.C. Merlot (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) fosters collaborative learning that integrates digital resources into the curriculum.

Elizabeth Templeman, Chair of ESL at UCC, has published her first book titled *Notes from the Interior...Settling in at Heffley Lake*. The book includes essays, memoir and community history

and examines life in a small rural community. Templeman lives at Heffley Lake with her husband and three children and has worked at UCC for 20 years teaching English as a Second Language. The 304-page book retails for \$21.95 and is available for sale at local bookstores.

ESL Instructor **Stephen Roney's** poem *Proverbs* will be featured in the Calgary transit Poetry in Motion program, as well as having his poem *On the Night We Held the Moon for Ransom: Lapis Philosophorum*, selected in the Voices Anthology International Poetry Competition in Asheville, NC. He has also published several articles in the *Joongang Ilbo/International Herald Tribune*, Korea edition over the summer.



Electronics & Engineering Chair Henry Reiser discusses the function of an industry-sponsored research project completed by students in the Computer Automated Systems Technician Program (CAST). Students took the opportunity to demonstrate their project August 20.



Sandra Verhoeff, Graphic Designer in the Public Relations Department, shows off the new logo.

New look for UCC logo

"University...with a difference" is the phrase that will accompany an updated UCC logo developed by the Public Relations Department's graphic design team.

Josh Keller, Director of Public Relations, says the graphic identity now better reflects the comprehensive university UCC has become, while maintaining the shield and colours it's known for.

The updated graphic focuses on the acronym UCC and will be seen on institutional letterhead, envelopes and business cards, marketing material, on the UCC Web site and all informal print materials such as stationery, memos and fax cover sheets.



New tourism certificate focuses on First Nations

A partnership struck between UCC, the Skeetchestn and Kamloops Indian Bands, as well as the Secwepemc Cultural Education Society (SCES) will see delivery of a unique cultural tourism program beginning summer 2004.

The Aboriginal Tourism Certificate is one of only a few offered in B.C., which allows graduates to work in an Aboriginal Tourism environment. The UCC program will focus on First Nations Culture and tourism opportunities within this region.

"In the first year, the program will be fairly specific to First Nations students in this area," said Anne Terwiel, project co-ordinator for the certificate.

Applications for the certificate will be accepted starting in March of 2004 and classes will begin next summer, Terwiel said. Initially the 20 seats will be reserved for Skeetchestn and KIB members and if those aren't completely filled the courses will be open to other band members within the Shuswap Nation.

"If there are still spaces, we will open the program to anyone... We are stressing that students must meet UCC entrance requirements," said Terwiel. "The summer 2004 start date allows time for any necessary upgrading to meet those requirements."

The certificate goes over three semesters and includes three courses during the summer session, followed by eight through the fall and winter. It concludes with a five-day field trip. The program consists of existing tourism courses adapted to a First Nations perspective as well as two new courses in First Nations Special Studies and Ethnobotany.

In June, UCC learned of its successful application to offer the program and received \$75,000 from the Aboriginal Special Project Funding overseen by the Ministry of Advanced Education to develop and deliver the certificate. The provincial-government initiative is new and was developed to increase participation, success and retention rates at the post-secondary level for First Nations students in B.C.

A steering committee made up of representatives from the UCC School of Tourism, Skeetchestn Indian Band, Kamloops Indian Band, SFU and SCES all played a part in submitting the application.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Aboriginal Tourism Certificate should contact the UCC School of Tourism at 828-5256.

New faculty

School of Advanced Technology and Mathematics
Richard Brewster
Donald Noakes
Youry Khmelevsky

School of Business and Economics
J. Scott Beesley
Nancy Carson
Warveni Jap

School of Nursing
Laura Ford
Geraldine Kenner
Anne MacDonald
Marilyn Schigol
Deborah Sproull

Faculty of Arts
Kelly-Anne Maddox
Yaying Zhang
Steven Dixon
Lisa Henderson
Carolyn Ives
Christina Ruiz Serrano
David Scherzer
Lois Stewart
Lyra Warkentin
Jodi Lundgren
Anna Dickson
Joe Dodson

School of Tourism
Ron Rosentreter
Ken Wylie
Shurland George
Danny Thompson

Faculty of Science
Jonathon Van Hamme
Diane Haughland
Sonia Walczak
Sai-Hay Yiu
Nelaine Mora-Diez
Maria Tirado

School of Education
David Young
Marg Brimacombe

School of Trades and Technology
Tyler Schroeder
Murray Tamas
Brian Sinclair
Diane Bennett

broadening international opportunities

A strong history of international relations and opportunities for UCC students and faculty members has recently been enhanced through the hiring of a full-time study abroad program manager.

UCC is the first institution outside the big three (UBC, SFU and UVic) to have a full-time study abroad program, and welcomes Geoff Wilmshurst, who officially joined UCC International August 5. Wilmshurst has extensive experience in the international education field spending several years working in New York City for AFS, one of the largest high school and young adult student exchange programs in the world. He has also worked for World University Service of Canada as a China Program Officer and Coordinator of the Refugee Sponsorship Program, and brings to UCC a strong network of contacts from around the world.

While Kamloops may not offer the bright lights and fast-paced lifestyle of NYC, Wilmshurst says what attracted him to the position was the "dynamic program development and strong entrepreneurial spirit" exhibited by UCC's International department.

"One thing I was impressed with in terms of student recruitment internationally was the recruitment of UCC students from China in what is a very competitive market. I found that particularly impressive," he says. "What sold me on the job was that it was a new position with the scope to create new international opportunities for Canadian students and faculty and the chance to work in this dynamic environment."

In the month leading up to the 2003-2004 school year, Wilmshurst has spent his time meeting administration and faculty and learning of the exchanges and international opportunities that currently exist at UCC. One of his initial responsibilities will be to establish an infrastructure, operational guidelines and strategic direction that will include a risk management plan for international exchanges.

"I view my role as providing a service to UCC faculty and students by providing more awareness for international opportunities and making the process of going overseas as simple and safe as possible" he says. "The development of risk management programs has become an important area in international exchange. In any type of exchange or study abroad experience, there is always a certain amount of risk and

UCC has placed a priority on establishing a framework for evaluating and managing risk. In the vast majority of exchanges the experience is safe and provides a life time of opportunity and new friends."

UCC has a solid history of successful international experiences and hundreds of students from outside Canada currently study here.

Vera Wojna, Associate Director for UCC International, says the addition of a Study Abroad Manager and a well established study abroad program are important to UCC as it becomes recognized as the university it is.

"Since the 1990s, our governments, educational institutions, employers and students have increasingly begun to recognize that globalization in education is not so much a cost as an essential investment. UCC's ability to educate a citizen competent in the global arena will be an essential learning outcome in future graduates."

Wilmshurst also hopes to begin fund-raising in order to create additional study abroad and exchange opportunities.

"We would like to start locally at some of the larger businesses, especially those that are international in scope, to see if there is an interest in supporting opportunities for international study, perhaps through supporting children of employees in a company through a corporate scholarship program."

Wilmshurst, who grew up in Nova Scotia, completed his undergraduate studies at St. Mary's University and graduate work in International Affairs at Carleton University. He comes to Kamloops with his wife Darcy and two children.

Geoff invites those interested in international mobility opportunities to contact him or come by the office:

Location: UCC Campus Activity Centre
Room 150 (next to Starbucks)

Phone: 371-5888

The official opening of the Centre is scheduled for the second week of September. Watch for the announcements.



Geoff Wilmshurst

cook journey person certification simplified

The UCC Cook Training program is involved in a new process to help cooks receive their journey person certification more simply and efficiently.

UCC is the site for a pilot project geared to people in the food industry who have not been able to find an apprenticeship, says Kurt Zwingli, an instructor in the Cook Training program.

"This is an easier way to get certified. The problem students were having was that many could not find a place to apprentice. Ideally what should have taken three years was taking four or five to become a journey person cook," he said. "Now students can count the year they spend at UCC or another training institution in addition to their two years work experience."

The program allows participants to write a new 3rd year Apprenticeship Challenge Examination, a new Practical Examination and the existing Inter-Provincial Standards (Red Seal) Examination.

Level 1 graduates will need 5280 workplace hours, Level 2 need 4800 hours and Level 3 graduates will need 4320 workplace hours. Registered apprentices that have completed the first or the second year of in-school training will be eligible as well, said Zwingli.

These candidates will need proof of 5460 hrs for the first year and 5520 hours of workplace hours. First time cooks with no formal training history will be eligible with only 5760 hours.

The 3rd Year Apprenticeship Challenge Examination must be completed by the end of September while the practical and Inter-Provincial (Red Seal) examinations will take place in November. Practical evaluation centres will be located in Victoria, the Lower Mainland and Kamloops where students must demonstrate satisfactory cooking skills to a panel of industry chefs.

An online preparation course is available to students with more than 1,000 self test questions and is an excellent resource to prepare for the theoretical examination. That course fee is \$395, while the cost for each exam is \$400.

For further information and a complete description of the pilot project go to the Web site:
<http://www.cariboo.bc.ca/tourism/foodtrai/cjcp>
or call Zwingli at (250) 828-5352.

UCC Chorus celebrates harmonious decade

The UCC Chorus is getting into the competitive spirit to celebrate its 10th anniversary by hosting a song writing contest open to anyone in the community ages 15 and up.



Daniella O'Fee, UCC instructor of music and chorus accompanist, says the competition is a fun and friendly way to get people interested in a diverse musical group, which includes the talents of UCC students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community.

The work will be owned by the composer, who must grant the UCC Chorus free and unlimited use of the composition for live and/or recorded performances. The music may be in any language, but the topic of the piece must be loosely evocative of UCC, Kamloops or the Interior region. It can be composed in any style. Deadline for entries is October 31 and the winner will receive \$500.

"There are a lot of closet composers out there — even teens are encouraged to get involved in composing," said O'Fee. "This is a great opportunity for UCC or Kamloops to have its own song."

The UCC Chorus was founded in 1993 and performs major choral works of Beethoven, Mozart, Holst, Brahms, Bach, Verdi, and Vivaldi as well as of contemporary, Canadian and local composers.

The UCC Chorus promotes the enjoyment of singing as part of a well-balanced lifestyle while providing students with university credit in

Music 170-180 (Chorus). This course is the cornerstone of a developing music program that currently enrolls more than 100 students.

Under the past direction of conductor Rob Petersen and currently Bruce Dunn, this mixed chorus of up to 100 voices has been featured annually since its inception with the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra at the Sagebrush Theatre.

The relationship with the KSO has been the group's most notable accomplishment, said O'Fee, and the chorus has performed with the symphony every year for the past decade. The KSO also provides a \$500 donation annually to the chorus, which goes toward fund-raising efforts and scholarships for UCC students.

Other appearances have included regular performances at UCC's Student Independent Centre, as well as at university, municipal, provincial and national ceremonies such as Flag Day and the Labatt Brier curling championships.

During this 10th year, O'Fee said the chorus' performances will also include recognition of long-time community supporters and key people who have helped the musical group along.

For more information, contest requirements and to receive an entry form, go to the UCC Web site at www.cariboo.bc.ca/ae/vpa/music.htm

new major — chemical biology

UCC has just introduced an interdisciplinary major, Chemical Biology, largely in response to the expanding fields of biotechnology and pharmaceutical development.

This new area of study compliments the development of another recent major in Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology as well as the existing majors in biology and chemistry. Chemical Biology will have a co-op option, allowing students to spend several work terms in a relevant industry. This option is available in all biology and chemistry majors at UCC.

"Chemical Biology is the application of chemical methods to solve biological problems," says Dr. Doug Bickley, Chair Chemistry. "The biotechnology industry is a developing field that requires this kind of knowledge. There is a huge range of companies developing new drugs and new agricultural methods."

"This new interdisciplinary major will provide students interested in careers in the biotech and pharmaceutical sectors with another reason to remain at UCC for the final two years of their science degree," adds Dr. Val Collins, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Since UCC is the only post-secondary institution in B.C. to offer a Major in Chemical Biology, it is also expected to attract students from other institutions.

The new major will consist primarily of existing chemistry and biology courses at UCC. In addition, a new interdisciplinary course called Advanced Chemical Biology Lab has been developed by faculty members Dr. Don Nelson (Biology) and Dr. Norm Reed (Chemistry). The new major is proving popular as there are already more than a dozen students enrolled in the program for the 2003-2004 academic year.

new faculty — Bruno Cinel



Bruno Cinel

When Bruno Cinel was a high school student in Kamloops, he always thought the university on the hill would be a pretty great place to work. After twelve years of study away from his hometown, Cinel has a Science faculty office overlooking the campus.

Between then and now, the Kamloops secondary graduate completed an undergraduate science degree in biochemistry at SFU and a doctorate in organic chemistry at UBC. He followed this by accepting a teaching position at Capilano College before joining the UCC Faculty of Science as an assistant professor last summer.

Cinel now teaches first-year chemistry, second-, third- and fourth-year organic chemistry as well as a chemical biology lab. During his first year at UCC, he has also had the opportunity to supervise a Directed Studies course where students looked at a marine bacterial extract that has antibiotic activity. The final results of that study are being completed this summer.

Cinel is happy to bring his education and research experience in organic chemistry to UCC's Faculty of Science, especially by contributing to the new Major in Chemical Biology. He has been actively studying anticancer

compounds in soft corals as well as other tropical marine life during his time at UBC and UCC, research that has resulted in two patents and could eventually lead to new cancer-fighting drugs.

"I hope to get more students involved in this area of research and also to bring the exciting aspects of my work into the courses that I teach," he said.

Compared to the atmosphere at some other institutions, Cinel said UCC offers a great working and learning environment where instructors and researchers from different areas are eager to collaborate on projects and share ideas on teaching.

"I think it's rare to find such an openness and willingness to do that."

A prime example is a new research project he is working on with assistant professor Naowarat (Anne) Cheeptham of the biology department. Her work will involve scouring caves near Wells Gray Park and on Vancouver Island for different types of microorganisms, which Cinel will help analyze for potential new medicinal compounds.

"There are also some exciting student projects involving the water treatment pilot plant to investigate the biology and chemistry affecting the water membrane.

"Overall, it's just great to be back in Kamloops doing what I enjoy."



UCC throws open its doors

Annual Open House and Career Day showcases programs and achievements

UCC
OPEN HOUSE
& CAREER DAY
Saturday • October 18, 2003
11am-4pm

There's a lot to learn at UCC, and Open House and Career Day October 18 shows prospective students, parents and members of the public just how much.

This annual event involves dozens of volunteer faculty and current UCC students from just about every program area, who

make themselves available to talk about courses, answer questions and even do some amazing demonstrations.

Open House and Career Day evolved from Science Night, which was a successful evening of information and entertainment for several years. Other programs saw the value of such a venue and for the past two years have become involved in the open house, which now runs on a Saturday.

"This is a good place to start deciding what the future has in store in terms of post-secondary education and career goals," said Angela Trudeau, UCC Liaison Co-ordinator who is part of the organizing committee. "We are opening up the university to showcase it to the community and promote awareness of the variety of programs offered here. Some people don't realize how diverse we are."

Open House and Career Day goes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when most buildings on campus will be open to the public. There is a shuttle

bus going from the Trades and Technology Building and Campus Activity Centre to the Science Building, Library, Old Main and the Arts and Education Building.

"This is for parents to come and see, for young kids to enjoy the science demonstrations and shows, and for grade 10, 11 and 12 students to see what's available," said Trudeau. "It would even be valuable for current students to see what other programs are out there."

Some highlights for the day include cook training food demonstrations, science exhibits and experiments, static and interactive displays and tours of the new Animal Health Technology Building. The new First Nations gathering place will also be available to tour. The alumni association will have a presence that same weekend as it celebrates homecoming, and joins with UCC co-op education and the student employment centre to host a career cafe in Old Main OM1611.

Cariboo Student Society is also involved and is arranging for live entertainment.

During the open house, applications will be accepted and academic advisors will be on hand to answer questions about programs. There will also be plenty of information made available to take home. Visitors may pick up a passport in Old Main, then gather stamps at each of the stops before handing the passport back in to a draw for prizes.



planned giving power

By Kathleen Biagioni, Executive Director, UCC Foundation

The UCC Foundation has completed the first quarter of the Planned Giving business plan for 2003. Generosity, charitable giving, and fund-raising have become incredibly news-worthy with ongoing reporting on the effects of our area's forest fires and the tremendous momentum of the growing North Thompson Relief Fund.

As professional fund-raisers, my teammate Karen Gamracy and I have reflected on the growth and impact of this fund. It truly has been the power of many. The North Thompson Relief Fund has enhanced the culture for charitable giving. This inspires us to realize members and supporters of our UCC community who have the power to make this same kind of impact here at the university.

Planned giving benefits greatly from an increased awareness and comfort from those who intend to make a gift to their chosen charity. Gift planning is not just for the wealthy; anyone can establish a planned gift.

When I started spending more time with potential gift planning donors, I invested a great deal of time in understanding the cultures and the thinking of the donors I would be working with. I would often ask what size of gift did a donor think needed to be made for a planned gift or a legacy. The consistent answer has been more than \$100,000. We expect to be successful with all sizes of gifts, small and large, and are all about the power of many. Our planned gifts start at \$10,000 endowments and go up to as much as \$500,000.

What is of most interest to us is the spirit of these gifts. I have one of the best jobs. Our work helps people's dreams come true and their legacy lives, providing UCC with ongoing sustainability and student success. Leaders in this business challenge us to consider the concept of "global giving." You can never really be sure what has or what will motivate a donor

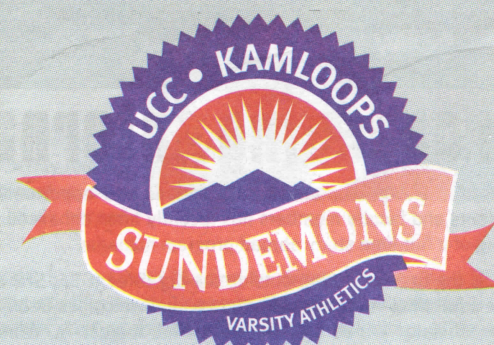
to give or what past experiences have contributed to a donor's decision to establish a gift with UCC. Over the past quarter, I have been moved and personally motivated by incredible stories of why our donors are making the bequests, establishing life insurance policies or legacy endowments.

What we are sure of at UCC is our outstanding institution with its unique and diverse programming. We have an amazing product to market and to offer to donors. I believe the key to UCC's gift planning success is relationship building. Positive and informed relationships with the thousands of members of UCC's community and audiences will prove to be fruitful. Our alumni will be just one of our greatest hopes for success in fund-raising for UCC. As the Foundation plans its September AGM, our society of dedicated volunteers is expected to grow from 57 to 90 with invitations for membership being extended to the UCC Alumni Board of Directors and the Sports Task Force. Together these three groups volunteer their time to enhance education and the UCC experience — the power of many.

After developing a strategic plan for the Foundation, planned giving emerged as a priority and was given support from UCC. The Planned Giving Committee is chaired by Don Andrews. The committee was faced with establishing goals and objectives for measuring results. Our committee set a goal of \$500,000 for the fiscal year. At the end of our first quarter, committed planned giving totaled \$1,025,000. We have surpassed our goal and with six months to go in the fiscal year, I have a new goal in mind. With the power of many we will achieve it. Please call me to discuss the many options of gift planning and how you can be a part of the UCC experience in perpetuity.

Kathleen Biagioni is responsible for planned giving and major gifts at UCC.

For detailed ways to give, please go to www.cariboo.bc.ca/foundation, call (250) 828-5266 or (250) 377-UCCF (8223).



Sun Demons women's varsity basketball team welcomed **Tom Elwood** as the new head coach. Elwood has 23 years experience and most recently coached the B.C. Provincial Under-16 girls team as well as teaching and coaching in Nanaimo.

His impressive resume includes having coached and played at three major Canadian universities including UBC, Ottawa and Lethbridge, and has three outstanding records coaching at Humber College, SAIT and Malaspina.

Elwood is a Level 3 certified basketball coach and a Level 1 technical weight-lifting coach. He moved to Kamloops in August and begins practice with his team September 8.

UCC Sun Demons home schedule 2003-2004

Soccer

- Sept. 13 — UCC vs. Malaspina University College
- Sept. 14 — UCC vs. Capilano College
- Sept. 28 — UCC vs. University College of the Fraser Valley
- Oct. 18 — UCC vs. Douglas College
- Oct. 19 — UCC vs. Langara College

Volleyball

- Oct. 25 — UCC vs. College of the Rockies
- Nov. 7 — UCC vs. Malaspina University College
- Nov. 8 — UCC vs. Camosun College
- Nov. 21 — UCC vs. Douglas College
- Nov. 22 — UCC vs. Columbia Bible College
- Jan. 23 — UCC vs. Langara College
- Jan. 24 — UCC vs. Capilano College
- Feb. 13 — UCC vs. Okanagan University College
- Feb. 14 — UCC vs. College of the Rockies

Basketball

- Oct. 31 — UCC vs. Langara College
- Nov. 1 — UCC vs. Capilano College
- Nov. 14 — UCC vs. OUC
- Nov. 15 — UCC vs. University College of the Fraser Valley
- Jan. 17 — UCC vs. University of Northern B.C.
- Feb. 6 — UCC vs. Malaspina
- Feb. 7 — UCC vs. Camosun
- Feb. 20 — UCC vs. Douglas College
- Feb. 21 — UCC vs. Kwantlen College
- March 18-20 — Men's Basketball Nationals hosted by UCC

Badminton

- Feb. 15 — Badminton Provincials hosted by UCC

events

Friday, Sept. 5

UCC annual Welcome Back BBQ outside the Campus Activity Centre from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live entertainment from Mad Bomber Society, as well as free food, prize draws and games.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Mature Students Club garage sale from 9a.m. hosted at the Independent Centre, Campus Activity Centre.

Monday, Sept. 8

UCC Recreation, in conjunction with Sun Rivers Golf, invites you to a UCC Twilight Golf Night. Participate in this event and your name will be entered to win a Sun Demons nylon vest compliments of UCC Athletics and Recreation. Book a tee time with Sun Rivers Golf at 571-7888 (Tee times can be booked commencing at 5 p.m.).

A minimum of four individuals is required and cost is \$20 per person plus GST for nine or 18 holes.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Bif Naked rocks Heroes Pub. Doors open at 8 p.m. For ticket information, contact the Cariboo Student Society at 372-5882.

Thursday, Sept. 11

UCC Student Buddies information session from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Independent Centre meeting room 2. For more information, please call 371-5835. A UCC Student Buddies event night will be hosted from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Independent Centre main hall. Call 371-5835 for more information.

Friday, Sept. 12 - 14

Canadian Studies hosts Across Time and Space, Visions from Canada from Abroad at UCC September 12 to 14, a conference that is expected to draw about 60 delegates and guest speakers from across the country and around the world. In conjunction with the conference the UCC's Visual and Performing Arts department is mounting an exhibition of postcards from within Canada and abroad. The exhibition of postcards will be on display during the conference and photographs will be posted on the conference website at <http://www.cariboo.bc.ca/ae/cnst/visions.htm>

Friday, Sept. 12

Actor's Theatre Workshop Grand Opening at 2 p.m. Call Arlee Strachan at 371-5740 for more information.

Monday, Sept. 15

Last day in the fall semester for late registration; program changes, course additions; and to change from audit to credit or from credit to audit; a 100 per cent refund of tuition less the commitment fee paid.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

UCC Foundation hosts its Tools for the 21st Trades and Technology Recognition event at the Trades and Technology building at 4 p.m. For more information, please contact the Foundation office at 828-5264.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

UCC Foundation Donor and Volunteer Appreciation from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Horticulture gardens.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Foundation Society annual general meeting from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall.

Friday, Sept. 19

UCC International hosts a Wild, Wild West Dance and Party, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the CAC Independent Centre Free evening events, western games, snacks and refreshments.

Casual dress — jeans and t-shirts. UCC International invites administration, deans, faculty and staff to welcome all of our international students for the beginning of a new academic year. For more information, please call 828-5191.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Xavier Rudd plays Heroes Pub. Doors open at 8 p.m. For ticket information contact the Cariboo Student Society at 372-5882.

Friday, Oct. 24

Last day to withdraw from a fall semester course.

Spaghetti Night Fever, UCC Foundation's fall fund-raiser goes at the Colombo Hall at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person. For more information,

Thursday, Nov. 20

UCC Foundation hosts its annual Awards Ceremony from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall, CAC. For more information, please contact the Foundation office at 828-5264.

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1990s

Tyler Freed, Adventure Travel Guide '98

Tyler has been busy since leaving UCC, becoming certified as an assistant ACMG rock guide, as well as operating two businesses in the Whistler/Pemberton area, Coast Range Heli Skiing and Cayoosh Snowmobile Adventures. In addition to snowmobiling and heli skiing/boarding in the winter, he also offers heli hiking, climbing and mountain biking in the summer. In his spare time, he enjoys playing music and travelling.
www.coastrangeheliskiing.com

Jeremy Huyder, Bachelor of Technology in Applied Computing Science '99

Jeremy was UCC's first graduate of the BTACS degree. He is currently working as a systems analyst for a large, privately funded homeless shelter in Calgary. Jeremy says, "It is one of the few IT jobs I have found that really puts a human face on the industry." Former classmates and friends can e-mail Jeremy at j_huyder@hotmail.com

Michelle McCulloch, Bachelor of Science in Nursing '99

Michelle has been working in Whitehorse for four years, currently in a .75 permanent position in the Intensive Care Unit at Whitehorse General Hospital. She has her own nursing consultant business and does contracts for the local First Nations band, Kwanlin Dun, currently as their HIV/AIDS education coordinator. This work involves mobile outreach nursing, including needle exchanges and testing referrals. She also works with the RCMP in the local schools doing drug education and prevention workshops. Michelle says that the benefit of working in a small northern city is "you get to wear a lot of different hats."

2000's

Norm Fellows, Human Service Worker '01

Norm left the welding industry and made an exciting career change, taking the Human Service Worker program at the Williams Lake Campus. Since graduating, he has worked as an employment counsellor, currently for A. Horton's Consulting and also completed a course in substance abuse through UNBC. Norm is an avid supporter of UCC and the Williams Lake campus and enjoys living in a log home on 70 acres outside of Williams Lake. Former classmates and friends can e-mail Norm at nfellows@stardate.ca

Kevin James, Bachelor of Social Work '01

Kevin is currently working for the Ministry of Children and Family Development in Squamish. He moved there in May after two years of the same work in Bella Bella, where he learned a lot about rural, isolated and aboriginal communities.

Patricia Albright, Tour Coordinator '02 & Val Jenner, Tour Coordinator '02

Val and Patricia have started their own tour company, Wildflower Trails and Wine Tours Ltd., in Kelowna. The full day tours offer visitors a morning hike, lunch at a winery, and afternoon winery tours, complete with wine tasting. Their company also produces creative and innovative tourism products that represent the Okanagan Valley and its wines, such as a wine and food pairing chart. They agree that they "found each course offered in the Tour Coordinator Program to be invaluable to the creation and start-up of our business."
www.wildflowersandwine.com

Marion Wienhold, Tour Coordinator '02

Marion began her new chosen career as a tour director right after completing the program. In the summer of 2002, she was the driver/guide for between seven and 11 German-speaking tourists, taking them throughout Western Canada. During the summer of 2003, she worked for a receptive tour operator based out of Toronto as a tour director for groups of up to 45 passengers. In addition, with her partners, Marion has started an inbound tourism company, Double Diamond Holidays Canada. She says that she has found the knowledge gained at UCC "absolutely invaluable."
www.ddholidayscanada.com

Cathy Auld, Bachelor of Social Work '03

Cathy is currently working at AVENTA Addiction Treatment for Women as the Assessment and Admissions Coordinator. She really enjoys working with women and finds that she is able to apply a lot of the skills and theory that she was taught in the BSW program. In May 2003, she had the opportunity to co-present some research that she had completed with a professor and the Dean of the School of Social Work at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences in Halifax. She says this was a wonderful experience. Cathy still keeps in touch with her friends from UCC.

Jennifer LaBar, Bachelor of Business Administration '03

Jennifer completed the BBA program in April with a concentration in Human Resources. In January 2002, she accepted a full-time position with a local sporting goods distribution company, where she spent a year and a half building their Human Resources department while completing her studies through evening classes. In May of this year, she was offered a position in the Human Resources department at the City of Kamloops, which has provided her with some excellent experience and the opportunity to work with knowledgeable and dynamic colleagues. Jennifer and her fiancé, Neil Howatt, (a fellow UCC BBA '03 grad), will be married next summer and plan to stay in Kamloops to pursue their careers.

Lisa Porter, Events & Conventions Management '03

After completing her diploma in April, Lisa accepted a position as Marketing and Promotions Manager for the Powell River Kings Junior 'A' Hockey Club. She is responsible for all corporate sales and sponsorships, community relations, promotions and events, fan development, and "anything else they throw my way." Lisa's goal is to work her way up the ranks, just as the players do, and to one day work for a National Hockey League team. www.powellriverkings.com

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Convocations, alumni chapters

By Narayan Mitra

UCC's 2003 Convocations in Kamloops and Williams Lake are now history.

The June 14 ceremony in Kamloops saw a record number of 1,489 graduates in degree, diploma and certificate programs, as well as the awarding of the first post-baccalaureate credentials. The first convocation under the aegis of Cariboo College was held in 1970, with the first degrees handed out at the 1991 ceremony.

Community members, alumni, board members, families and friends attended and cheered the grads on. As more mature students enter university, it was no surprise to see multigenerational families graduating together.

Nursing graduate, Chelsea Fraser-Beswick, was the valedictorian. UCC Foundation board members Donald Andrews and Stella Black were conferred honorary Doctor of Letters degrees for their distinguished service to UCC and the community.

"For the Alumni Association it was a great success," said Victoria Baker, Alumni Relations Officer. "We raised about \$2,000 through the sale of roses at the ceremony. In addition, the on-site sale of degree frames brought in funds to support association activities."

Baker reminds graduates the frames are also available for purchase online from www.uccalumni.ca throughout the year.

Earlier, on May 30, the Williams Lake campus graduated 112 students at a ceremony with local and university dignitaries in attendance.

"Before the ceremony about 60 alumni, staff, and graduating students met with UCC President Roger Barnsley, Deans Henry Hubert and Rob Anderson, and members of the UCC Board at a luncheon at Giorgio's restaurant," said Grace Simpson, Williams Lake campus Office Co-ordinator.

The new grads were welcomed as members of the Alumni Association.

Alumni chapters in Kamloops and Williams Lake seek to maintain continuing contacts and provide networking opportunities for UCC graduates. Two new chapters in Vancouver and Calgary will host their inaugural events on September 25 and October 1, respectively. President Barnsley is planning to attend both events.

The next meeting of the Williams Lake chapter will be in late Fall at Giorgio's Restaurant.

"Giorgio's has been a wonderful sponsor and supporter of the Williams Lake Chapter," said Nancy Plett, Alumni Association Executive Director.

"The association looks for sponsorship of all our events and values its partnerships with business across B.C."

The alumni office maintains a list of more than 20,000 graduates and is always looking for graduates who have lost touch with the institution. Graduates can update their address online at www.uccalumni.ca or e-mail alumni@cariboo.bc.ca.

benefits, programs & services

The Alumni Association provides a variety of programs, services and benefits to help you stay connected to your friends and faculty from UCC and to network for your career.

The UCC Alumni Association Offers New Credit Card Program



We are excited to announce the launching of our new **UCC Alumni Association MasterCard** credit card program with MBNA Canada Bank. We hope that many of our alumni select the UCC Alumni Association MasterCard credit card as a way to show their support and pride for the UCC Alumni Association. If you are someone who supports the mission, visions and values of the UCC Alumni Association, then you have several reasons to carry the UCC Alumni Association preferred MasterCard.

Not only will you be supporting the UCC Alumni Association, you will be carrying a credit card with exceptional benefits and customer service. For example, you can take advantage of the low introductory 4.9% interest rate for four months on balance transfers and cash advance cheques.

What's more, cardholders generate income for the UCC Alumni Association at no additional cost to themselves. That is because MBNA Canada, the card issuing bank, has committed to provide a contribution to the UCC Alumni Association for each new account that is opened and used to make a purchase. The UCC Alumni Association MasterCard credit card Program is a great benefit to cardholders and the Association.

Look for an introductory offer in this copy of our newsletter. To order your MasterCard, please call the Alumni Association at (250) 371-5711. Or e-mail us at alumni@cariboo.bc.ca Apply on-line at www.uccalumni.ca

Our affinity partners occasionally mail information on products and services to our members. If you do not want to receive mailings, please send us an e-mail and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

Sincerely

Denise Harper

Denise Harper, Comm. Media '74

Chair, UCC Alumni Association Board of Directors

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900 McGill Road, PO Box 3010, Kamloops, BC Canada V2C 5N3
Telephone (250) 828-5267
Web site: www.uccalumni.ca



Alumni Benefits Card

This card offers discounts on goods and services to UCC Alumni. The 2003-04 UCC Alumni Benefits card is now available. Give us a call, or email us to request your free Alumni Card. Many new benefits have been added this year.

The following participating businesses provide discounts to UCC Alumni, A&W Restaurant, Columbia Square (Kamloops); Best Western Hotel (Kamloops); bookie's, the UCC bookstore; Canada Games Aquatic Centre, Curves (Kamloops North Shore & 100 Mile House); Denny's Restaurants in Western Canada; Giorgio's Restaurant (Williams Lake); Health Quest Chiropractic; ICI Paints, Kamloops Dalhousie Dr; Lordco Auto Parts in BC; PC Doctor, Kamloops; Ramada Inn (Kamloops); Sandman Hotels, Inns & Suites in Western Canada; Accolades, the UCC Dining Room; UCC Athletics.

UCC Foundation – Building Our Future

The UCC Foundation raises and manages funds for scholarships, bursaries, equipment needs and special projects at UCC. Funds are raised through the efforts of a volunteer society, community supporters and UCC alumni. Students at UCC have experienced significant tuition increases in the past year and the need for financial assistance is greater than ever. As alumni, you know that getting an education often require enormous personal sacrifices by students and their families. The award money provided by donors to the Foundation makes a considerable difference to students struggling to pay for their education.

The Foundation provides three types of student awards:

- **Scholarship** – an award that recognizes academic achievement
- **Bursary** – an award that is based on financial need
- **Endowment Fund** – a fund that holds donations in trust and generates interest which is used to provide scholarship or bursary awards to students in perpetuity.

The UCC Alumni Association holds the second largest endowment fund with the Foundation. The fund is more than \$160,000 and generates more than \$7,500 for student scholarships and bursaries each year. A minimum of five bursaries and two scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate financial need and who have completed at least one semester at UCC. Preference for these awards is given to UCC alumni and their children.

If you would like to help a UCC student by contributing to the Alumni endowment fund or if you have any questions about Foundation fund-raising initiatives, please contact Karen Gamracy at (250) 371-5715 or e-mail: kgamracy@cariboo.bc.ca.

Project Grants – September 30 deadline

The UCC Alumni Association generates revenue from fund-raising activities throughout the year and a small portion is designated for project grants. This limited financial assistance is available to support worthy projects and events at UCC or in the community that are consistent with the Alumni Association's mission statement and benefit students. Groups or individuals eligible for funding include students, faculty, and alumni. Seven-thousand dollars will be awarded during 2003-2004 to projects. Criteria and further information is available on our Web site.

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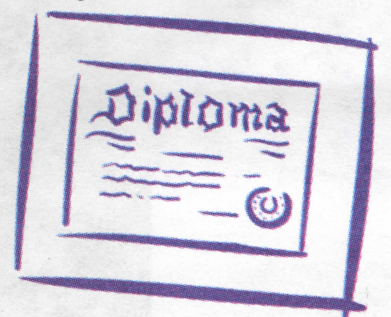
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