

CREATING SUCCESS THROUGH TEACHING

The goal of UCC's Bachelor of Education degree program is to prepare the best possible elementary teachers who can thoughtfully, courageously, and effectively meet the diverse challenges of today's world.

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JACK GREGSON



Internationally renowned entomologist and Freeman of the City of Kamloops, Jack Gregson, received an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from UCC on June 10th.

Gregson's academic stature is known and respected worldwide; he has published over 80 scientific papers, and was the US Naval Medical Unit's consultant on parasitic problems in the Middle East. As an international expert, he maintained contact with

over two dozen colleagues in 12 different countries, and attended World Health Organization and other international congresses related to arthropod-borne diseases.

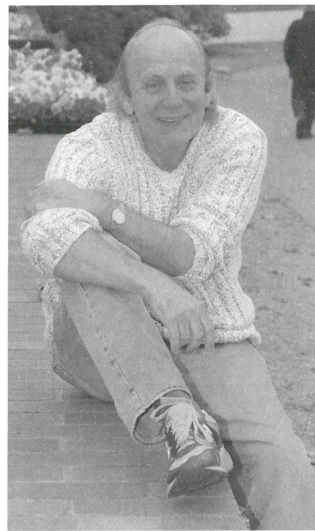
He is also recognized as Canada's leading authority on ticks and tick-borne diseases. He has named three new species of BC ticks, and has recently had an Eastern tick, *Ixodes (Pholeoixodes) gregsoni*, named after him in recognition of his scientific contributions to the understanding of the taxonomy, ecology, and disease vector capacity of ticks over a 40-year period. Interested in the field of entomology beyond his specialization, Gregson has also photographed 40 local species of butterflies and moths.

Gregson has made many contributions to the City of Kamloops over his 60+ years of residence in the community. He is a founding member of the Kamloops Outdoor Club and the Kamloops Naturalist Club, and a charter member of the Kamloops and District Garden Club.

Lasting legacies of Gregson's work in the Kamloops area include not only the Waterpark and Butterfly Garden at McArthur Park, but also the Jack Gregson Trail, a waterfront bicycle and footpath linking Valleyview with Pioneer and Riverside Parks. In recognition of his decades of effort at making the City of Kamloops a better place to live and work, in 1990, Gregson was designated a Freeman of the City of Kamloops.

"It is a great honor and pleasure to receive such a distinction as an honorary degree," says Gregson. "Looking back, it makes me appreciate my work and contact with the university college. I tend to take the results of my work over the years for granted, but recognition in this fashion makes me realize that it was important after all."

RICK SALUTIN



Award-winning journalist, playwright, and author Rick Salutin received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from UCC on June 10th.

Most recently known for probing and incisive political and social commentaries in his column in the *Globe and Mail*, Salutin has been an important voice in Canadian literature and journalism for almost 30 years, with eight books, ten plays, five TV dramas, and a ten-part radio drama to his credit, in

addition to columns in *Canadian Business*, *Toronto Life*, the *Globe and Mail*, and *This Magazine*.

After studying at Brandeis, Columbia, and the New School of Social Research in New York, Salutin returned home to begin work as a writer in Toronto. A committed social activist, Salutin's writings consistently speak on behalf of the powerless and marginalized, frequently taking the powerful and wealthy to task, particularly when he spots hypocrisy. He was a founding member of the Guild of Canadian Playwrights, held the Maclean-Hunter Chair in Communications Ethics at Ryerson Polytechnic University from 1993 to 1995, and has taught in the Canadian Studies program at the University of Toronto since 1978.

In addition to two National Magazine Awards for comment and criticism, Salutin received the Chalmers Award for the Best Canadian Play in 1977 for his play, *Les Canadiens*, the W.H. Smith-Books in Canada Best First Novel Award in 1988 for *A Man of Little Faith*, the Toronto Arts Award for writing and publishing in 1991, and the National Newspaper Award for Best Columnist in 1993.

This year, Salutin will be accompanied by his wife and 18-month-old son, who will watch him cross the Convocation platform to receive his degree. "Many universities offer honorary degrees," states Salutin. "I much prefer this one from UCC, because it's in a real place and it's in connection with a practical program. I'm really looking forward to meeting the first graduates of UCC's Bachelor of Journalism program."

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By Karen McCoy, Bachelor of Journalism 2000 graduate

The Bachelor of Education program, which began at UCC in 1989, has a solid record of preparing quality teachers who are a credit to the teaching profession.

Admission into the B.Ed. program is competitive, with only one in three students accepted. Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree or 90 credits of arts or science courses. Applicants are assessed in various areas: their quality of volunteer work with children, a strong GPA, and "life experiences" like travelling, performing, or sports.

Prior to admission, applicants must have at least one hundred hours of relevant volunteer or paid experience working with organized groups of elementary school-aged children. They must also write a personal statement indicating how these experiences will help them in their teaching careers.

Tiffany Lombaert



Dr. Sandra Bruneau

school districts and community work places to teach in other kinds of settings, including homeschooling and adult education. Without our very supportive community, and without the tremendous participation of our four school districts, it would be impossible to do what we do with our student teachers."

The success rate of UCC's B.Ed. program speaks for itself in the number of graduates who find work. Last year, all 33 graduates found teaching positions, with 10 graduates finding full-time work and the other 23 graduates finding part-time and on-call positions in elementary and secondary schools throughout Kamloops, the surrounding area and the Lower Mainland.

In first and second year, Education students are required to fulfill three practica, including eight half-day, a two-week, and a 13-week extended practicum, where they work under the guidance of school teachers in classrooms throughout the interior of BC.

According to first-year B.Ed. student, Tiffany Lombaert, B.A. '98, the practicum requirement was a highlight for her during her first year of study. "I had a grade seven class for my two-week practicum at Ralph Bell school with Shea Jardine. I really enjoyed it and I am looking forward to September when we do our longer practicum."

Another first-year Education student, Susie Teichroeb (on cover), agrees. "My practicum went very well with my Grade 1 and 2 split class. I wanted primary-age children because I have just been through those grades as a parent."

While a heavy emphasis on such real-life experience is important, according to Sandra, another important aspect of the program is found in the instructors who themselves work as teachers.

"We have very, very good instructors," says Sandra. "When we hire, we look for full-time instructors and teachers with outstanding teaching experience. The students appreciate this because they're actually being taught by instructors who teach at the university college and at the school level."

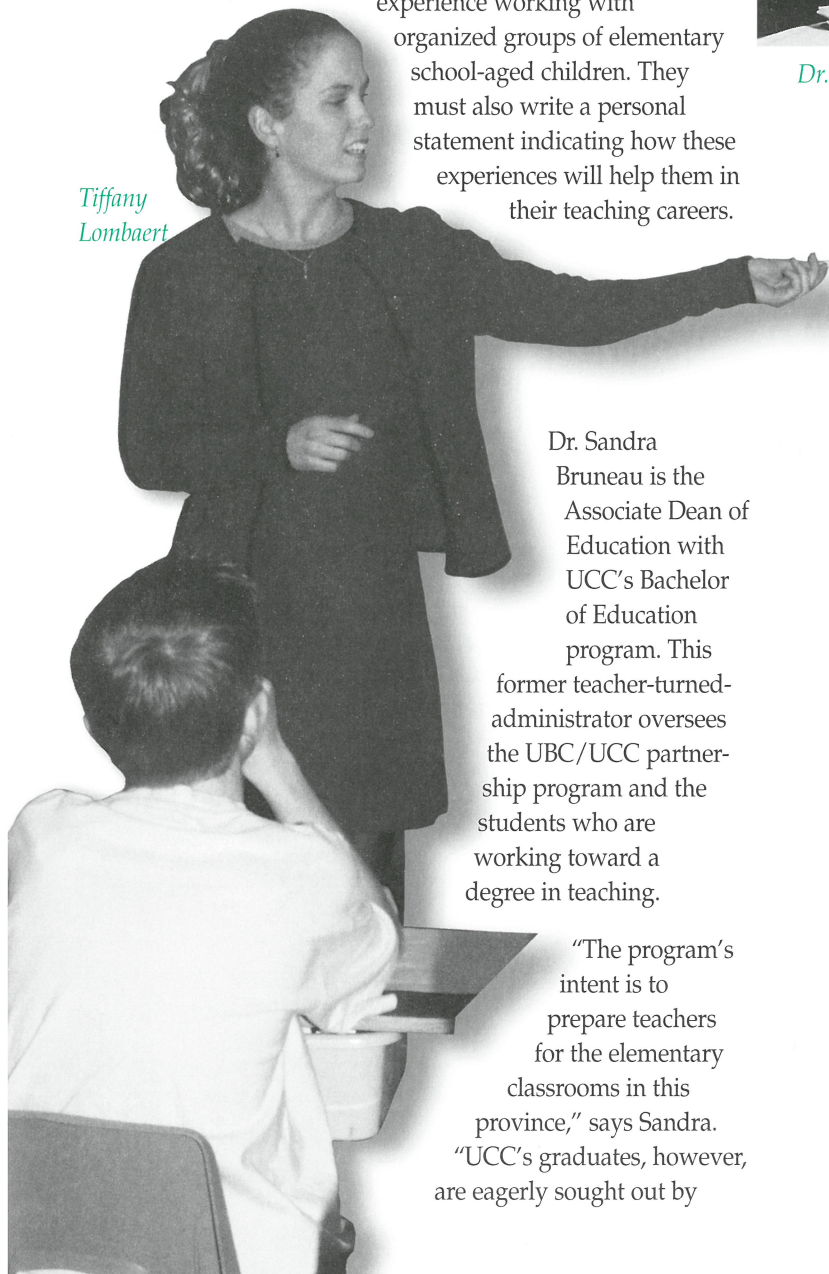
The teachers' retirement trend, predicted to be coming in the next few years, will provide good job opportunities for graduates of the program, according to Sandra. As well, growth in several Lower Mainland school districts continues to provide placement opportunities for graduates.

With strong teaching staff, strict admission criteria, real life working experience, and a favourable labour market, it is certain that UCC's Education graduates will find success in their teaching career.

Dr. Sandra Bruneau is the Associate Dean of Education with UCC's Bachelor of Education program. This

former teacher-turned-administrator oversees the UBC/UCC partnership program and the students who are working toward a degree in teaching.

"The program's intent is to prepare teachers for the elementary classrooms in this province," says Sandra. "UCC's graduates, however, are eagerly sought out by



ANGELA LAWRENCE

"I love my job," says **ANGELA LAWRENCE, B.ED. '95**, who works in Williams Lake for School District #27 teaching in the Home Schooling program. "I don't think I was ever suited to do classroom work, and I say that with an enormous amount of respect for classroom teachers. I want to work with children but am more interested in specializing in the therapeutic process rather than the educational process in the classroom. I work with whole families and a total of 26 children from kindergarten to grade nine. I spend a lot of time teaching parents how to teach because homeschooling requires a strong commitment from parents or guardians."

The BC Government is very supportive of homeschooling, having changed the School Act in 1989 to allow parents to legally homeschool their children from grades 1 to 12. The number of families participating in homeschooling is growing and encompasses a broad spectrum of society. The public schools offer the homeschoolers resources, as well as evaluation and assessments by teachers.

Angela works with ranch families, families whose children or child is mandated to be home, children with chronic illnesses, as well as families who simply want to try schooling their children. She says that "you cannot pigeonhole homeschoolers anymore. There is enough concern about the quality of education today to motivate families without particularly strong political or ethical viewpoints to try homeschooling."

Angela is originally from Torrence, California, a city near L.A., but both her parents are Canadian. She moved to Williams Lake after completing her B.Ed. in Kamloops because the job market was good. "It is a beautiful region of the province. The hiking, kayaking, camping, and biking are incredible. I lead a very healthy lifestyle here in the Cariboo."

Angela is studying for her Masters in Counselling Psychology through the University of Victoria and will be finished next year. "I love teaching, but there has always been a piece missing for me. In the future I want to work with the kids that get missed in our system, or the kids who have been traumatized for one reason or another. The field is so broad and interesting, with an exciting variety of work available."



Dwayne (L) with graduate intern participant.

DWAYNE GEIGER

DWAYNE GEIGER, B.ED. '94, (BA '87) recalls his decision to take a break from the rigors of academic studies and go tree planting. It was there, knee-deep in dirt and seedlings, where Dwayne discovered his lifelong passion for teaching.

"I was the planting supervisor. There was a lot of teaching involved, sometimes up to 100 students. It was great."

After planting, Dwayne moved to Kamloops and was considering going back to school. After his experience leading teams of students in the bush, he decided teaching was what he wanted to do. He came across the Bachelor of Education program at UCC and applied. "It was just a natural progression for me."

After graduating in 1994, Dwayne spent one year as a substitute teacher at the Kamloops Christian School. He also taught for UCC's Forest Technician program in 100-Mile House, and was coordinator for the Forestry Continuing Studies network for two years.

Armed with a teaching degree and a strong desire to teach, Dwayne began looking for other opportunities. The Co-op and Career Education Department at UCC had developed a Graduate Internship Program and Dwayne was hired to deliver it to UCC students and recent graduates.

Getting the internship program off the ground was no easy feat, but Dwayne credits the B.Ed. degree for developing his skills to research, market, think creatively, and to communicate effectively.

"In elementary teaching, communication is paired down to the basics. You learn that people learn differently, and I had to communicate to such a wide variety of people." Dwayne also credits the program's practica requirements, a place where "the rubber hits the road," for providing him with valuable real-life work experience and lifelong mentors and friends.

"The long practicum was great. I had such an awesome class, and it was neat being a part of their lives. I had a great teacher, Rob Shane, at Westsyde Elementary, for my practicum. His professionalism and kid-at-heart attitude really stood out for me."

Dwayne is thankful for his teaching degree and proud of the work he has done with UCC's Graduate Internship Program.

His hopes for the future include more teaching – his next goal is to help local high school students with career planning.

SANDRA SOLL

SANDI SOLL RECEIVED HER B.A. IN 1997 and graduated first in her B.Ed. class last June, garnering the UBC Medal in Education.

Sandi had worked for Canada Employment Centres for 20 years and found she really enjoyed doing the staff training. She wanted to continue using her employment counselling skills and realized being a teacher was a great fit. "I took Education for a lot of reasons. I wanted something I could do here in Kamloops and I wanted to work with children."

"I absolutely love teaching," Sandi says with enthusiasm. "I am a teacher-on-call for School District #73. I work mostly in Kamloops, but have gone to smaller communities in the region.



"Kids get quite excited when a new face shows up in their classroom. Children in grades two and three are a real delight. They throw their arms around you to give you a hug or they will draw you pictures before you leave their classroom at the end of the day.

"Working on-call, you don't necessarily get to feel successful because you are only in the classroom for a day or two, but I had one awesome assignment for three weeks with a grade seven class. The teacher was

fabulous, she gave me total *carte blanche* for those three weeks and the kids were wonderful. I felt a real separation when my three weeks were completed.

"I am looking for full-time work but I have no complaints about being a teacher-on-call. I have had a great year with lots of work and have met so many welcoming and supportive teachers in this school district."

SHEA JARDINE

"I come from a family of teachers," explains **SHEA JARDINE, B.ED. '93**, when asked why she became a teacher. "Both my parents were teachers and I love teaching. As a child I used to play teacher in the basement and my brother played the student."

Shea has been teaching at Ralph Bell Elementary in Kamloops for five years. She began teaching there half-time two years after receiving her B.Ed. degree. Shea has a classical guitar



background so her knowledge and training in music allowed her to teach music at both the elementary and high-school levels prior to finding full-time work.

Shea loves teaching her grade seven class. She has had some of the children for two years because last year she taught a grade 6-7 split class. "This year I see them progressing faster because they started the year knowing the routines and my expectations.

Teaching, to me, is about seeing a person learn and develop over the year."

Shea loves to be involved in music and drama with her students. "At Ralph Bell we have put on *Cinderella*, *Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*, *Hooray for Hollywood*, *Surfing Santa*, and *Sign of the Sea Horse*. In the Big Bad Wolf I even rode my Harley into the gym as part of one scene – that was a big hit."

"It was great having the B.Ed. program at UCC because I didn't have to leave Kamloops to get my degree. I took three years of a B.A., then went into the B.Ed. program. I had some wonderful instructors at UCC and they really impressed me."

Shea is looking forward to many more years of teaching and says one day she would like to teach drama in high school. Perhaps that Harley can be used as a show-stopper again.

Teachers nurture the growth of children intellectually, socially, physically, and emotionally so that they may become self-reliant, self-disciplined, participating members of our society. The four profiled Education alumni all express, in their own way, their love of teaching and how they feel about their responsibility as teachers of children and young adults.

THE ALUMNI

1970s

AGNES BAKER, UT '77, played varsity basketball for Cariboo College in 1976. Agnes received her B.H.P.Ed. at Laurentian University, and played basketball there for 3 years, winning national titles in 1977, '78, and '79. After receiving her B.Ed., Agnes taught school in Ontario for 9 years. Agnes and her family now live in Kamloops and Agnes teaches at Kamloops Secondary School.

LINDSEY KARPLUK, UT '79, played basketball and hockey for the 3 years he attended Cariboo College. He graduated with a B.P.Ed. (UBC) and the following year received his Teaching Certificate. Lindsey was the athletic coordinator at St. Ann's Academy in Kamloops. He then substituted in School District 73 while teaching four Physical Education activities at UCC. He coached Sun Demons Basketball from 1989-92. Lindsey currently teaches at Brocklehurst Secondary School and continues to be very active in the community with various coaching positions.

1980s

KEN ZOTEK, UT '86, played hockey for two years for the Cariboo College Chiefs. Ken says going to the National Championships those two years he played was a "real memorable experience." Ken works in e-commerce development setting up private franchises on and off the Internet.

RANDY NEEN, UT '88, played badminton for two years at Cariboo College. Randy received his B.A. in 1990 (UVic) and received his B.Ed. from Acadia University in Halifax. Randy taught for a year in Malawi, Africa, before moving to Moscow in August 1999. He is currently the Director of Phys Ed at the Anglo-American School in Moscow.

AL GREGORY, HUMAN SERV. WORK. CERT. '88, played hockey for the Chiefs from 1986 to 1988. Al lives in Burnaby and is a firefighter for the City of Vancouver. Al is involved in recreational sports and still loves playing hockey.

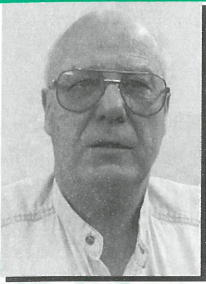
1990s

TINA LAURSEN, UT '92, played volleyball for the Sun Demons for 2 years. Tina received her BSc, '95 (UBC) and Diploma in Nuclear Medicine Technology, '99 (BCIT). Tina says UCC was "a fun time when I made many great friends. I miss the closeness of a varsity team and being a part of the athletics department." Tina is living in Seattle and working as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist at the University of Washington Medical Centre. She continues to play competitive indoor and outdoor volleyball.

NELLY DEVER (TARDIFF), UT '93, played basketball for the Sun Demons for 3 years. She was captain in 1991-92 and won the "Most Inspirational Player Award" in 1992. Nelly has always had a passion for fitness and was employed at a local health club for 5 years before she decided to start her own health club. Nelly opened Nelly's Fitness in July 1999. As well as running Nelly's Fitness, Nelly continues to teach aerobic classes and specializes in "sport specific" personal training for athletes.

ANGELA WRIGHT, UT '93, played 3 years of volleyball at UCC. She received her BBA with a double major in Marketing and International Business from Simon Fraser University. Angela says that playing volleyball at UCC was one of the best decisions she ever made. She remains close friends with many of the people she met through the athletics program. Angela is working as a Regional Sales Representative for Mackenzie Financial Services in Vancouver.

STACEY JYRKKANEN, RESP. THERAPY '96, BSC '99, was a x-country runner for the Sun Demons. Stacey is a member of the Kamloops Rowing Club and competed at the Nike World Masters Games in 1998 where she won a gold medal in the lightweight women's double scull event with Barb Anderson. Stacey works in Kamloops for Neste Resins Canada as a Plant Chemist and Quality Control Manager.



GORDON WOLDUM ID(UBC), CIP, TECH DIPL.(EL. MAINT),
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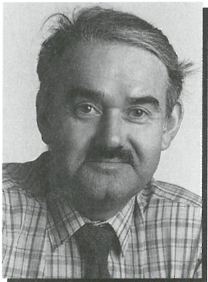
Gordon has taught electrical apprentices at UCC for 26 years. In 1985 he took a two-year sabbatical and taught in Kenya, which he and his wife really enjoyed. The Electrical Department has grown over the years, and now four former students of Gordon's are full-time instructors. Gordon is looking forward to his retirement in Kamloops and is going to finish rebuilding the 1952 Buick he has been working on for a few years.

PATHFINDER



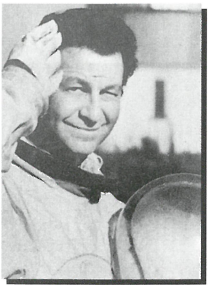
ANNE COLEMAN BA (MCGILL), MA (BISHOP'S) ENGLISH

Anne was the first woman faculty member hired in 1970. Other firsts for Anne: in 1971, along with Ron Miles, she started the Creative Writing course, and the year after that, she developed the first course with a feminist perspective, Women and Literature. Anne says she has loved her years at Cariboo, primarily because of her rapport with students. Anne says some of her current best friends were her first students. Anne is looking forward to new adventures in the wider world, to travelling, to getting back to writing, and to having fun with her grandchildren.



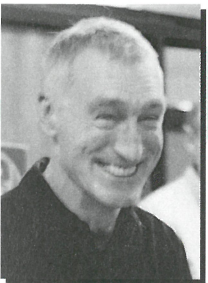
JOHN MCINTOSH BSC, PHD (UBC) CHEMISTRY

As a charter member of the science faculty at Cariboo College, John says he has been most fortunate to be part of that early experiment in expanding access to post-secondary education in BC. The first part was the creation of the comprehensive college system and the second, in 1989, was the development of the university-college model. John says he has been blessed with dedicated, supportive colleagues and many wonderful students. John intends to spend much more time reading, fly fishing, skiing, and gardening. He says for the first time it will be possible to consider canoe camping and related activities in September and October!



TOM WALTON BSC, MSC, PHD (UBC) PHYSICS

Tom started at Cariboo College in August 1970. He received his PhD in Nuclear Physics in 1971, and worked on the construction of the TRIUMF accelerator at UBC for two summers. In 1975 and '76 he wrote a series of learning modules, one of which was used by various departments at Cariboo for 10 years. He returned to UBC in 1989 to conduct research and help construct a new magnetic spectrometer, publishing the results in 1998. During his 30 years at UCC, Tom has served on the Faculty Association, the Board of Governors and been the Chair of the Physical and Life Sciences Department. Tom says he has enjoyed every student in every class he has taught. For retirement Tom and his wife, Lee, plan to ski, hike, cycle, and travel.



JOHN CRAWFORD BSC, MA (TORONTO), MSC (UBC) MATHEMATICS

John retired January 31 of this year after teaching at UCC for 30 years. John was at UBC when he was offered a teaching job at Cariboo College, so he moved to Kamloops and began teaching classes in portables set up at the Residential School that first year. He says that this has been a marvelous place to work, especially in the early years when Cariboo was smaller and the faculty were all very close. John and his wife are looking forward to doing lots of hiking and are planning a trip to Nepal later this year.



SUN DEMONS, GOLD RUSH AND CHIEFS

AFTER 30 YEARS OF ATHLETICS... LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Former varsity athletes are invited to the first Athletics Alumni Reunion Games at UCC on Saturday, September 30, 2000.

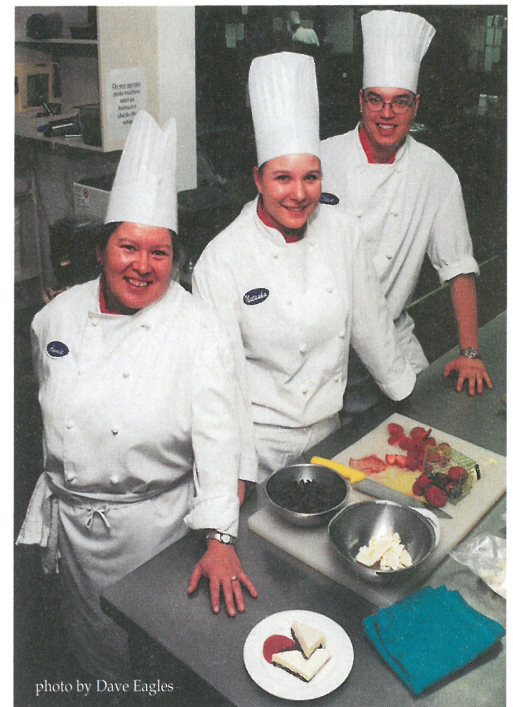
The soccer fields, the gymnasium, and ice time are booked for alumni games Saturday morning and afternoon. After 3 p.m. there will be beer and burgers and lots of opportunity to tell tales to former teammates.

OUR BEST ADVERTISING FOR THIS EVENT IS YOU! Talk to your former teammates. If they did not receive the first notice in April, we do not have them on our list. Please ask them to contact the Alumni office at (250) 828-5267 or email: alumni@cariboo.bc.ca

Get an early start on the reunion by attending the UCC Foundation's Oktoberfest Friday, September 29 at 5 pm. You will be able to purchase tickets when your reunion registration package is sent to you in late August.

MORE MEDALS FOR UCC

Annie Danilko, left, Natasha Greier and Dave Remple have won gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively, at the BC Chef's Association Hot Competition. This was the first time UCC students competed in this competition. It was judged by five of Vancouver's top chefs, two of whom are on the Canadian National Culinary Team. The competition consisted of each student making two servings of a salmon entrée for two people in 30 minutes. The students planned their dishes one month ahead and practiced making them during the weeks leading up to the competition. All three students are in Level III of the Professional Cook Training Certificate program at UCC and will graduate this month.



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