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The house that UCC built

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ROGER BARNSELY

Dr. Roger Barnsley's philosophy is a simple one—he is passionate about developing a sense of community at UCC through practicing a unique brand of leadership.

UCC's new president shies away from hierarchical, centralized decision-making, and strives for open

communication, a diversity of viewpoints, and a sense of community. "The support and allegiance of students, alumni and faculty which comes from this developed sense of community will serve to enhance the University College's emerging provincial and national reputation."

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Barnsley also espouses a form of individual entrepreneurialship, and that an institution's overall success lies within the individual components, or departments. Each department's staff are experts in their area, and he encourages them to take ownership and to be accountable. "We all have to share institutional needs, and each person must then function within their own reality. I empower people to take risks, to set their own agenda and to strive for what is important."

Barnsley sees his most important role as being a facilitator. "I'd hate to think any institution would have to depend on any one person. If I do nothing more than facilitate the dynamism that is here, then I would have accomplished my goal." When asked how he keeps everyone on the same path, he states, "I'm

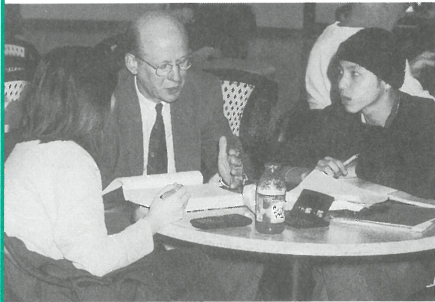
not sure we want them all on the same path." Diversity, he states, is the key to success.

His career began in 1970 in Newfoundland at Memorial University, where he spent three years. He then spent

14 years at Alberta's University of Lethbridge as Professor of Psychology, and later as Dean of Arts and Science. He then moved to the Maritimes and became Professor and Dean of Education at St. Mary's University for 5 years. His final stop was Vice-President of Academics at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick in 1992. While his career has spanned various disciplines, professions, and provinces, UCC offered Barnsley a different challenge—to work in a "university college" setting.

Growing up in Trail, Barnsley watched the development of university colleges in British Columbia with interest. He recognized "...the limitations placed on students ...when access to university education, scholarly expertise and other academic services are centralized." He has always been impressed with BC's leadership in creating a post-secondary system that provides strong educational programs throughout all regions of the province.

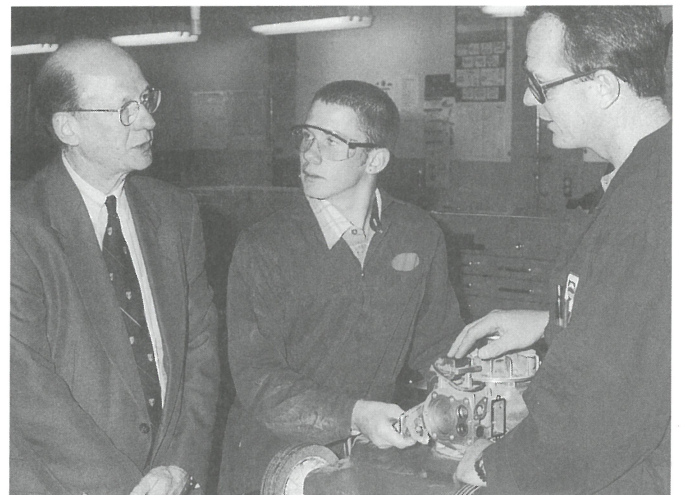
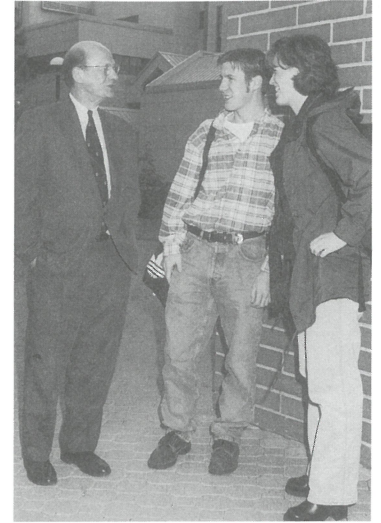
Barnsley states that despite the progress, we still have obstacles to overcome. "We need those schools (universities) to recognize the quality of the undergraduate program here. We need to convince the government that we are different." He states that university colleges need additional funding for libraries, lab facilities, and scholarly activities. "We're simply not getting the same level of funding that the universities are getting."



With an emphasis on developing employability skills, university colleges are growing. They are also an affordable alternative for many. "Those days of being able to work for the summer to pay for your education is not a reality for a lot of students anymore."

He feels the government isn't addressing the main issue—the need for a proper loan system and loan repayment plan. "We need to keep the pressure on the federal government. We need to address the income contingent—the loan repayment is not forgiving, and is not in relation to what people are making."

Regarding UCC's future, Barnsley's vision is clear. "I have always espoused the values that UCC has put into its mission statement; student success, regional access and comprehensive programming. There is enough room in this mission statement to keep us all energized."



Barnsley feels passionate about his life work, but he sees it as more than just work. "It's a lifestyle, I don't think of it as work. I get tremendous satisfaction from that." He's an enthusiastic supporter of the UCC Sun Demons, and he often slips down to the gymnasium to take in an after-school game and cheer on the home team. He also enjoys walking around campus, so he can meet as many people as possible.

Given all this, is there anything else he feels passionate about? "Skiing. I can't wait to go skiing!" he says with a smile.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

1998

ROSS SPINA, UT '71, was given the Professional Achievement award.

After receiving his Professional Teacher's Certificate, Spina began teaching at John Peterson Junior High in Kamloops. Since then, Spina's career in education has continually advanced and he is now the Director of Education, Technology and Program Planning for School District #73. Spina has gained the respect of the

In addition to teaching in Richmond and officiating and travelling with Canada's national diving teams, Hay recently completed a Master of Science in Educational Administration at the University of Oregon.

MARK MADRYGA, UT '84, received the Professional Achievement award.

Madryga completed his BSc in Physical Geography with specialization in Urban, Synoptic and Air Pollution Meteorology at UBC, followed by a fifth year in science studying Physics, Meteorology and Oceanography.

After attending the Meteorologist Operational course, Madryga began working in 1988. He has advanced professionally to being the Senior Meteorologist at the Pacific Weather Centre in Vancouver where he is responsible for the public

forecast desk and is the lead correspondent for the BC weather offices. Madryga is seen on the BCTV evening news and heard on several radio stations, a part of his job that Madryga says he really enjoys.

DOUG BALESHTA, UT '74, was given the Service to the University award for his service and dedication to UCC. He is a Physics instructor and assists faculty with course delivery as a member of the Instruction and Learning Support Group. In 1997 Baleshta prepared and taught a course on Computer Multimedia in Malaysia that UCC was asked to deliver only a few weeks before the course started. UCC's reputation in Malaysia is one of quality performance and flexibility, and Baleshta's work and support have helped UCC achieve this international recognition. UCC subsequently heard from the college that the course was a great success and several of the students contacted Baleshta to thank him for the experience. Provincial recognition came to Baleshta last year when he received a Science Council of BC Outstanding Innovation Award for his work researching and developing a technology to aid a forestry company with Internet applications.

ROBERT HOLDEN, UT '75, received the Service to the Community award for his volunteer work in Kamloops.

Since Holden graduated from UBC in 1978, and returned to Kamloops to complete his requirements to become a CA in 1980, he has been a very active member in the Kamloops community. He was on the executive of the Kamloops Curling Club for many years and has been both the Treasurer and the President. While on the Board he actively encouraged the Club to seek international bonspiel opportunities and he played important roles in organizing the Canadian Mixed Championships, the Four West Intercollegiate Championship and eventually the Labatt Briar in 1996, where he was the Vice-Chair of the organizing committee. Holden was the Finance Chair of the Canada Summer Games, held in Kamloops in 1993, a four year volunteer commitment on his part. Holden continues to serve the community of Kamloops with his volunteer work coaching curling and most recently for his volunteer efforts at the World Curling that Kamloops hosted last spring.

DR. ROSS BOULANGER, UT '83, received the Academic Achievement award.

Dr. Boulanger is an Associate Professor and Vice-Chair in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California at Davis. After attending UCC for two years, Boulanger was awarded the Governor General's Silver Medal for the top college student in BC. He transferred to UBC where he received his Engineering Degree, and then completed his Master's and PhD at the University of California at Berkeley. Boulanger teaches in the Faculty of Engineering and is doing research into fundamental and applied geotechnical earthquake engineering. He is the recent recipient of an American National Science Foundation Career Award and a professional development award from the American Society of Civil Engineers.



Photo: L to R: Ross Spina, Alan Hay, Mark Madryga, Doug Baleshta, Robert Holden.
Missing: Ross Boulanger.

education community provincially and nationally for his leadership role in developing programming and integration of special needs students into the classroom. Spina has participated in the development of joint partnerships with UCC, most recently working on the proposed Career Skills Centre whereby high school students will complete both their grade 12 and a career-oriented program at UCC. Spina is also a regular guest lecturer in the Education program on campus.

ALAN HAY, UT '77, received the Athletic Achievement award.

When Hay transferred to UBC to complete his Bachelor of Secondary Education he joined the UBC Varsity Springboard Diving team and was the captain for one year. Since 1987, Hay has been an official with the Canadian National Diving team which allows him to judge men's and women's diving at all levels. As a volunteer with the Canadian National Diving Team, Hay has been the team leader at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, at the World University Games in Japan in 1995, and was the Canadian team manager at the World Aquatic Championships in Perth, Australia in January, 1998.

THE HOUSE THAT UCC BUILT

By Karen McCoy

Students from UCC's trade programs are getting a unique brand of on-the-job training unparalleled anywhere else in Canada—by building an entire house from the ground up.

For the past five years, carpentry, plumbing, electrical and horticulture students from the Trades and Technology Construction Trades Program have taken part in UCC's House Project, a joint partnership between UCC and The Canadian Homebuilders Association-Kamloops. As Dennis Johnson,

Carpentry Instructor, explains, "The students take the house from beginning to end, and do everything from framing to finishing."

In the fall, the carpentry students get the home to lock-up. The electrical and plumbing students do all electrical and plumbing work through the winter

months, and the carpentry students then go back and hang doors, finish staircases, and complete the siding and trim. Horticulture students complete the landscaping in the spring. The house is then ready to put on the market.

Each home is designed with the most up-to-date features including sprinklers, security and intercom systems, and electric garage doors. The most advanced building materials are used, and the houses possess a high level of detail and finishing. Most of the houses never make it to the market—four out of six houses have been sold before they were completed with an average price between \$180,000 and \$195,000. Johnson states the ease of sale "...is probably because they have a lot of value—they have a lot of upgrades and extras that are thrown in because the materials are donated."

Josh Keller, UCC's Public Relations Director, purchased the first house back in 1994. "What we really liked was the neat design—it's an open style house with drop ceilings, full intercom system, large bedrooms...." Keller also states that the quality of his home is above average. "Ninety-nine percent right wasn't good enough.

The instructor would have the students tear out a mistake and start all over again."

Former UCC carpentry instructor Mark Poulsen began the project in partnership with the homebuilder's association eight years ago "...because of what I thought was a need for students to get realistic job training, and to piggyback with industry." The project has been going strong ever since.

"Students apply from all over the province to attend our program," states Johnson. "We had to cut off applications to the residential construction program this year with over 60 people applying." The program only takes 14 students a year, which he says is the maximum number of students that can work on the housing project at any given time.

Johnson states that while other institutions claim a "building project" theme, no other institution has paralleled UCC's House Project. "Other college programs do a good job, but they are just doing mock-ups of a house in the back parking lot. They'll build things like garden sheds, and you can't really pour concrete or do a lot of the other things with that."

What also makes this program unique is the partnership between The Canadian Homebuilders Association-Kamloops and UCC. The association arranges financing, permits, the new home warranty, and the bookkeeping services. Association members will bid on materials and services, and will either donate, deeply discount

or offer them at cost. As Wendy Childerley, sales representative for Anchor Door and Window, says, "We donated exterior doors, windows and the garage door at cost for the house built in Pine Valley last year. We have done this for two years and will bid again this year. We like to be involved in the project because it is a good partnership with UCC, and is good promotion for us."

"We have a very good relationship with the Homebuilders Association on the house building project," explains Howard Mayer, Program Development Administrator, Trades and Technology Division. "The students are introduced to the association members and our job placement at the completion of this program is about 90 percent of the class." As Allen Askew, President of The Canadian Homebuilders Association-Kamloops states, "The members are also available as a resource for the program instructors to share information and building practices, if required."





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Putting the finishing touches on the 1994 house prior to sale.

As Mayer states, "The generous support of the Kamloops Homebuilders Association allows the program to generate student scholarships and bursaries each year," as well as purchasing new equipment for the trades program. The association uses their share of the proceeds as their major fundraiser for the year, which helps support their office operation.

Completion of the nine-month carpentry program includes the first year apprenticeship training for students, which leads directly into the BC Carpentry Apprenticeship program. Plumbing, electrical and carpentry students come back to UCC for 6-week training sessions each year for the next three years to gain their journeyman status.

Johnson sees a long and bright future for the Trades and Technology Construction Trades Program, and he anticipates the House Project will continue to draw students from all over. "And students love it, although I'm sure there are some days when the students would rather be in a warm classroom!" Johnson laughs. "But this is the real world for them."

GRADUATE INTERVIEWS

By Karen McCoy

MIKE SMERCHINSKI

Mike Smerchinski moved to Kamloops from Regina, and wanted to work in the construction industry but he had difficulty "getting my foot in the door without some training." Mike successfully applied to the residential construction program, and graduated in 1997. He feels the program's balance of theory and practice is key to its success. "In the residential construction program you get to do everything. You learn the theory in class, then go to the house site to do the work. It is a great introduction and you get to do about three quarters of the whole journeyman course in 9 months." Mike was hired on at Plainsman Construction even before he completed the program, and is now a second year apprentice carpenter. His first project for Plainsman was building the new forestry building in Salmon Arm. It's the diversity of the trade that Mike most enjoys, because he gets to do something different all the time, from building houses to working on commercial projects.



Mike Smerchinski working on the long-awaited Coopers store in Aberdeen.

SCOTT WILLIE

Scott Willie worked on the '93-'94 House Project and graduated in 1994. "The House Project was really beneficial, for sure. You can only learn so much in the classroom from the instructor, and about how to bang a nail." Willie worked as a carpenter prior to applying for the program, and states that his confidence and knowledge has increased tremendously. "Before the program, I was nervous about being left alone on the site. But after taking the course and doing the house building, I'm much more confident about being left alone—I can make calls on how to pitch a roof and other things. It made me totally ready." Willie is currently working in the construction trade in Innisfail, Alberta.

THE ALUMNI PATHFINDER

1970'S

M-J COUSINS, SECRETARIAL SCIENCE '73, BBA '97, is working at UCC in the Advanced Technology and Innovation Centre as the Manager of the Business Incubation Program. M-J completed a Diploma in Health and Fitness at SFU and worked at the YM-YWCA in Kamloops for many years. Never one to slow down, M-J has applied for the Masters program with Athabasca University to study Small Business Administration and Entrepreneurship.

DENISE HARPER (SWANTON) COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA CERT. '74, works as the Office Manager for CUPE in Kamloops. After completing her program at UCC, Denise worked at CFJC Television, in Kamloops, as a reporter and anchored the morning and noon newscasts. After marrying John, Denise freelanced from home while raising three children. Denise has been a School Trustee in District #73 for five years.

MARG MARSHALL, NURSING DIPLOMA '75, is currently working with a community committee to develop emergency housing for women. She recently retired as the Executive Director of the Kamloops Society for Alcohol and Drug Services (Phoenix Centre). Marg has focused her energies on community development initiatives in the health field in Kamloops for over 20 years and has had the "opportunity to work with many truly dedicated and interesting people."

1980'S

JOHN O'FEE, UT '82, completed his B.Comm and Law degree at UBC in 1987 and was called to the BC Bar in 1988. John is volunteering on the UCC Foundation Board of Directors and is this year's Chair of the Annual Campaign. John wants to encourage all alumni to consider making a donation to one of the scholarship or bursary funds administered by the Foundation to help students achieve their goals in post-secondary education.

CINDY JAMES, UT '83, completed her B.Ed at the University of Victoria. Cindy taught high school in three provinces and then taught at NAIT in Edmonton until 1996. Cindy and her husband, Karl Larsen, moved to Kamloops where Karl took a teaching position at UCC. Cindy is now the Assessment Centre Coordinator at UCC and is completing her Master of Arts through the University of Victoria.

1990'S

MARK OIKAWA, BBA '93, works at Seacor Environmental Engineering in Kamloops as the Director of Marketing and Project Manager. Seacor is an engineering firm that conducts contaminated site assessments for international oil and gas, waste management and construction companies. Mark grew up in Kamloops, attended UCC for one year, then went to Simon Fraser University, but came back here to complete his BBA when the degree was offered in Kamloops.

LORIANNA PAUL, BSC '94, continued her studies at the University of Alberta where she received her LL.B. in 1997 and was called to the BC Bar in May, 1998. Lorianna is a practicing lawyer in Kamloops with her brother, David Paul. Lorianna is engaged to alumnus **SEAN BENNETT BSC '95**, who is working as a fish and wildlife biologist on contract with the Ministry of the Environment through the BC Conservation Foundation.

RHONDA WITTE, BSC '97, is doing graduate work at the Cross Cancer Institute through the University of Alberta in Edmonton. Rhonda is doing doctorate thesis research on identifying genes in developing eyes to increase our understanding of how a cell's function in the retina is determined. Rhonda is a recipient of the nationally prestigious Natural Science and Engineering Research Council grants. Rhonda's ongoing research has recently been published in the journal *Geriatrics and Aging*.

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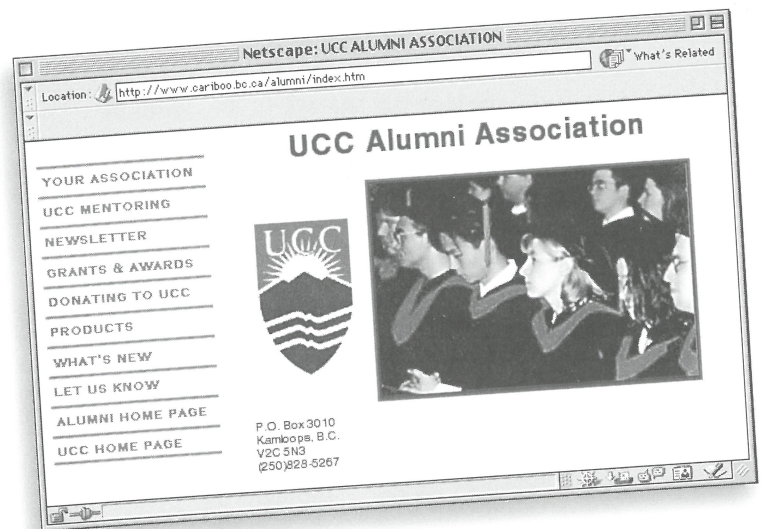
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TOOLS FOR THE 21st

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR UCC TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

In 14 months UCC will celebrate 30 years in Kamloops. Has there ever been a more dramatic 30 years in the way businesses operate and the technology and equipment they require?

Today's students will be the employees and business people of the future and they must be knowledgeable in how to use modern technology and be able to adapt to a future that will continue to change and evolve.

"To meet the needs of students and ultimately, the needs of business and industry, UCC must ensure that students develop their skills using appropriate tools," says Neil Russell, VP Instruction and Student Services at UCC. "Students need to learn with tools that are sophisticated,

expensive and always changing, which is why we have launched a Tools for the 21st Capital Campaign. We are looking to individuals, business and industry to help us."

"The donation of equipment, cash, or ongoing capital support for a specific program ensures that our institution is equipped with the necessary technical equipment and support systems required to respond to ever-changing industry needs," says Russell.

For information, contact the Tools for the 21st Campaign Coordinator, Sylvie Veilleux, at (250) 371-5714. To make a donation, please complete the form below, detach it, and mail it to the UCC Foundation at the address below.

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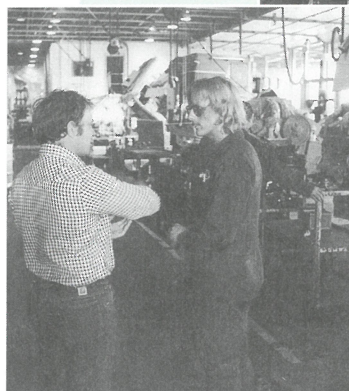
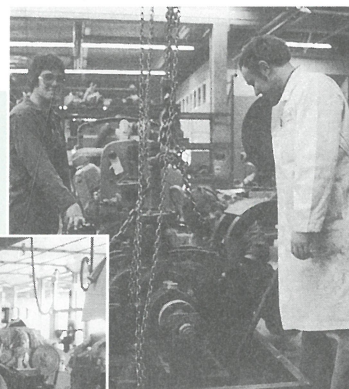
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A NEW LOOK FOR OLD MAIN

A \$4.5 MILLION RENOVATION OF THE FORMER TRADES WING IN OLD MAIN IS ALMOST COMPLETE AND HAS GIVEN THE ONCE INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOPS A WHOLE NEW LOOK.

Dividing the former trades wing in two is the newly completed Student Street which features food services, table seating on two levels with views outside through two stories of glass, and student services including: the Registrar's office, Admissions, and Academic Advising.

Scenes from C-Block before the new renovations.



NEW PAINTING STUDIO



NEW UCC ART GALLERY



NEW COMPUTER LAB

The renovations in the former trades wing have given extensive new space to the Visual and Performing Arts department, including new labs and studio spaces, and an art gallery that is directly accessible from the Student Street. The Computer Access Centre and the office administration programs, formerly located in downtown Kamloops, have moved into a bright new space in the renovation.

An expanded health care service space, a new Student Employment Centre and Co-op Education offices will soon complete the new look for Old Main.



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