

COMMUNICATOR



My Two Eyes—lithograph by Albert Hayward

Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act

The Act, designed to make public bodies more accountable to the public and to protect the personal privacy of individuals, is now in place for educational institutions.

At UCC, Freedom of Information Coordinator Linda Walch is compiling a booklet designed to assist UCC employees in understanding their role in complying with the Act. This booklet will describe UCC's policy, as well as describe the roles and responsibilities of the coordinator, deans and directors, and departmental employees. The booklet will also docu-

ment the procedures involved in both routine and formal requests, covering forms, fees, time limits, information collection and protection of personal information.

Until the booklet is available, UCC employees wishing further information or clarification may call UCC FOI Coordinator Linda Walch (5012) or contact Commissioner of Information and Privacy Dr. David Flaherty, 4th Floor, 1675 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4 or phone: 387-5629 or fax: 387-1696.

For and about the University College Community

Interview: Dr. Lee M. Johnson

In the final offering for 1994 of the English and Modern Languages Lecture Series held November 16th, Dr. Lee M. Johnson, Professor of English at UBC, presented a new perspective on the work of early nineteenth-century poet Percy Bysshe Shelley. Professor Johnson engaged his intimate but interested audience of fifteen by reading poetry, humming classical music, and kicking up his heels to illustrate his points.

For the past few decades, Shelley's works have been held up as examples of bad poetry. But now it's time for us to revise that opinion, asserted Johnson. Shelley's poetry is an interaction of the simple with the complex, and each stanza sings because Shelley has written it as a pianist would compose music: conforming to strict rules of composition, using sound to create symbolic images. It is as unfair to blame Shelley for writing what modern critics call "bad poetry" as it is to blame the rappers of South Central for their rhythmic monotones. And besides, says Dr. Johnson, there is no definition of bad, or good, literature. Context is all, and as we are changed by life, we change our perspective on literature. Which is why Dr. Johnson decided to challenge Shelley's "bad rap" in the first place.

Dr. Johnson, who joined the UBC faculty after receiving his PhD from Princeton in 1970, was one of the youngest professors ever to attain a full professorship when he was granted tenure in 1983. Author of two books on Wordsworth, as well as numerous articles, Dr. Johnson is also an avid pianist and amateur astronomer who loves Kamloops, and, especially, UCC. As the conversation turned from Shelley to Cariboo, Dr. Johnson confided that "there are a great many people at UBC who are actively rooting for UCC—who want to see UCC become as successful as possible." And, shaking his head over

Okanagan's recent academic/technical split, he stated "it's good to see UCC is still a multi-faceted learning centre, and not a house divided."

And what wisdom did Dr. Johnson wish to pass on to us? "Don't rush into autonomy," he warned, "keep the good stuff and add other programs to give UCC individuality. I understand that UCC is adding more and more First Nations content—and that's great. But these kinds of programs can't stand on their own—they can only be credible in connection with other, established programs. And remember—many people at UBC are watching, and hoping for UCC's success. We care about UCC, and we want you to know that we value our partnership and wish you all the best."

Williams Lake Hi-Lites

The UCC Williams Lake campus community would like to extend an open invitation to UCC Kamloops staff to attend their Candlelight Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 2, 1994. Cocktails are at six, dinner at seven, and tickets are available for \$20.00 a person by calling the UCC Williams Lake bookstore at 392-8003. This party is for all UCC staff—young, old, tall, short, single, married, funny, serious, party-

animal, and other!?!?

Williams Lake recently elected a student council, which already has many projects underway, and more in the planning stage. Some actions include: setting up an outdoor ice rink, a contest to see which department can collect the most food items, teddy bears, toys and money for the "Good Cheer Fund," a Karaoke night, and a 3 on 3 basketball challenge.

Exceptional Student Reaps Two Awards

Outstanding 1994 Retail Meat Processing graduate **Clint Gill** received two awards at an awards luncheon held in the Dining Room of the University College of the Cariboo (UCC) Food Training Building on November 25th.

The \$900 Russ Haddad/Overwaitea Foods Award, established by Overwaitea Foods to honour their former Vice President of Overwaitea/Save-on-Foods meat operations when he retired after 28 years, is awarded to a University College of the Cariboo Retail Meat Processing student who is conscientious, dedicated to the profession, demonstrates integrity and enjoys working as part of a team.

On hand to present the award and to offer his congratulations was Russ Haddad, now of Salmon Arm, B.C., who remains active as a UCC Retail Meat Processing Advisory Board member. Says Haddad, "I believe in what UCC is doing for young people—they are the future of the industry." Instructor Ken Jakes concurs, remarking that "I am extremely grateful as an instructor for support from the industry, and from Overwaitea in particular. And it's a real pleasure to see Clint Gill receive these awards."

Gill also received the Doug Lacey Memorial Trophy, established in memory of Doug Lacey, UCC's first top graduating student in the Retail Meat Processing program, who was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident two weeks after graduation. The trophy is given to the Retail Meat Processing student that displays the best performance and attitude, and was presented by Doug Lacey's mother, Pat Comeau. A smiling Gill remarked that "This was a surprise. It means a lot to me to do well. But I had good instructors, and the program is excellent. When I went to work after graduation, I was well-equipped with the basics."



L - R: Jim Wright, Clint Gill, Pat Comeau and Russ Haddad

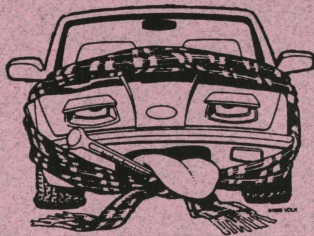
The Parable of the Sick Little Car

A very sick Dodge sits spewing green bile (at the cost of \$10 a gallon) onto the parking lot. The little Dodge is unhappy, because it knows that it is responsible for getting it's mistress to work, and her children to school, skating and birthday parties. The little car knows that one day it is going to seize up on the way to the grocery store. But what to do?

Rescue! Eldriva, Mistress of the Dodge, phones the UCC Applied Industrial Technology' Automotive Mechanics instructor Lloyd Howard. "Bring it in," he says, "and we'll see what you need." So in goes the mini-beater for it's diagnostic. A few hours later, the Mistress of the Dodge gets a phone call. "Phone the Partspersons and tell them you need a new water pump and some new hoses," says Lloyd. Eldriva phones the Parts Department (5121), pays (in advance) for the new parts, and sets up an appointment.

The next day, the dripping Dodge is in the shop. It is a learning experience for the students, so it's not an in-by-two, out-by-four kind of deal. It takes two days to do the work, because the little car's motor must be partially disassembled for the new water pump to be installed, and the little beater's belts are diabolically hard to readjust. But eventually the little Dodge is finished. It starts willingly, runs smoothly, and no longer drips toxic bile onto the road. Eldriva is happy because her car is not only running better than ever, but there was no charge for the excellent service. In her gratitude, she delivers two dozen succulent doughnuts to the auto mechanics to enjoy on their coffee break.

The moral of this story? Before your car drives you to distraction, call the UCC Automotive Repair department (5122). Tell them Eldriva sent you.



South From Alaska

Professor of Mining Extension at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and author of Guide for the Alaskan Prospector and The Physical and Chemical Identification of Minerals, **Dr. Jim Madonna**, was at UCC during the first week of November, indulging in a little R & R, and gathering information for his upcoming book *A Symmetrical Model for the Development of Two-Year Geoscience Vocational, Technical and Continuing Educational Programs*.

Dr. Madonna's research was conducted in BC, Tasmania and Alaska, study areas selected for their complex geology, diversified mineral industries and advanced educational institutions. The study characterizes geoscience programs, looking for positive characteristics in order to develop a diversified geoscience educational model at the two-year vocational, technical and continuing educational levels that would provide the source from which any nation can draw the proper educational tools to create a new geoscience program, modernize an existing program or strengthen a weak program.

Using individual, comprehensive questionnaires, Dr. Madonna explored the needs of three sectors: educators, industry and the general public. And that's where UCC comes in for special thanks, says Madonna. Apparently, Dr. Madonna was driving through the Cariboo from Alaska, when he spotted UCC's 100-Mile House Learning Centre. Thinking that the Learning Centre might be a good place to drop off some questionnaires, he stopped in, and was subsequently referred to Developmental Programs director Adrian Kershaw.

Adrian not only saw to it that hundreds of questionnaires were distributed regionally to rural residents, he also introduced Dr. Madonna to someone who could distribute his questionnaires to urban populations. Thanks to this type of personal contact, Dr. Madonna has had 1500 questionnaires returned, with 500 coming from the teaching profession, 300 from the mining industry, and the balance from the general public.

Dr. Madonna praised the friendly, helpful attitude of the people at UCC and in BC generally, and was pleased to be able to spend time with Adrian, UCC Geology instructor Ken Klein, Dean of Sciences Colin James, and other members of the UCC community.



L - R: Dean of Sciences Colin James, Dr. Madonna, Ken Klein

UCC People

Poster Presentations

On November 21, 1994, the 4th year BSN Nursing 415 students presented poster-style displays of their community health projects. These projects are not pie-in-the-sky, barely formed ideas. They are complete, innovative programs that the students, already health professionals, have prepared.

One project, a plan for a UCC Reproductive Health Clinic, was derived from a partnership formed by UCC Health Services, the Cariboo Student Society, Omega, the South Central Health Unit, and UCC staff, as well as the two students, Teresa Meierhofer and Debbie Knudson. The clinic is highly interactive, meeting it's audience more than halfway through the use of bright messages, t-shirts, condom matchbooks and obviously dedicated promoters. According to Meierhofer and Knudson, 41% of the Reproductive Health clients at the South Central Health Unit come from UCC, so it makes

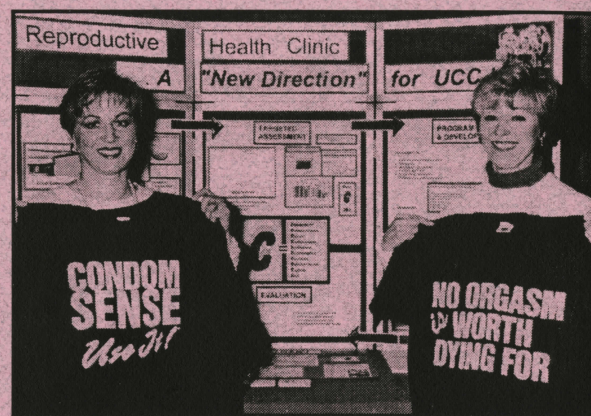
sense to have a clinic here on campus. Their proposal is complete, not only in providing badly needed services, but also affording opportunities for Health Sciences students to gain practical experience.

Other projects dealt with the elderly, who, as one student pointed out, represent a higher percentage of the population each year. One, called "Dual Diagnosis and Seniors," by students Pat White and Sonia Kosolofski, provided a model for families and caregivers to use when aring for seniors with concurrent mental and substance abuse/misuse problems. Another pilot project by student Norma Watt, called "Adult Guardianship Act," presented a model for the care of abused adults. This pilot project, with the goals of developing a care program and providing information on the Act, may well be chosen as the model for a province-wide program.

Community and family health issues were also cov-

ered in several projects. One, by students Kerry McLean Small, Victoria Stent and Patty Hallam, called "Health Forum on the Go," was an information package and step-by-step format for communities to use to discuss health reform. Another project, called "Linking Families With Their Communities," focused on families with young children. Students Kerry Keryluke and Christine Davis-Rollans developed a resource manual designed to empower families by providing information on community resources. Another project, by Dave Beck and Maury Wale, entitled "Bicycle-Related Injury Prevention Program," aims to increase helmet use by children in the ten to thirteen year old range. It is likely that this project will be taken up by School District 24, to become a district-side program.

Mental health issues were tackled in three projects. In "Mental Health Needs of Minorities," student researcher Navy Sihota targetted the needs of Indo-Canadian women, identifying needs, documenting available services, and recommending



Teresa Meierhofer and Debbie Knudson show condom sense.

additional services. Another project, by Susan Ross, aimed to determine the causes of high stress levels among staff working in the RIH Acute Care Nursing Unit. Called "Workplace Issues," the project involved workers in a study that resulted in a model for reducing occupational stress by empowering workers and allowing them a legitimate vehicle for presenting their concerns to management. A project by students Alison Amdam, Sherry Garri-son and Tracey Stone, called "Living With Depression: Making Healthy Choices," was designed as a workshop aimed at increasing awareness and support for people suffering from depression. This workshop will be held at the Kamloops Women's Resource

Centre on November 30th.

All of the student projects involved not only meticulous planning and attention to detail, but collaboration with other community health resources and with the target populations. The students displayed not only professionalism, but flexibility and an understanding that consultation and communication are invaluable diagnostic tools. An indication of the community partnerships formed by the students was in the size of the audience—more chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the overflow. An impressive display well done, students!

Kudos

UCC Philosophy instructors **Bruce Baugh** and **Joan Bryans** presented papers at the 46th Annual NorthWest Conference on Philosophy held at Reed College in Portland, Oregon on November 4th and 5th. The conference, which attracts philosophers from all over the northwestern US and western Canada, is relatively small compared to the Canadian Philosophical Association conference, and thus is cozier, and better for networking and meeting new people.

Joan's paper, entitled "Semantic Competence," asked what competent speakers understand about

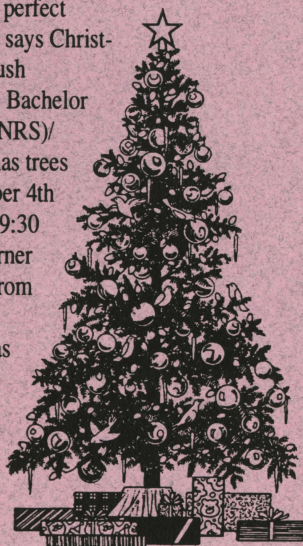
semantics. Semantics is all about meaning and truth, and Joan's paper concluded that there is semantic competence, that competent speakers state what they know, and what they know to be true.

Bruce's paper, called "The Unhappy Consciousness: The Persistence of Hegel in Modern French Philosophy" traced the influence of Hegel's idea of a consciousness divided within itself and in opposition to itself on French philosophy from the early 1930s existentialists to Jacques Derrida's deconstructionism.

Thank you, Joan and Bruce, for representing UCC in such an active way.

O Christmas Tree...

Wondering where to get that perfect conifer this year? That tree that says Christmas with every bounce of it's lush branches? Look no further. The Bachelor of Natural Resource Science (BNRS)/ Forestry club is selling Christmas trees from December 2nd to December 4th between the hours of 9 am and 9:30 pm in Parking Lot M (at the corner of Summit and McGill across from UCC). Sales of these superior Douglas Fir trees will be used as a foundation for the BNRS/ Forestry Club, and will also help the Campus Foot Patrol. So, support the BNRS/Forestry Club, and buy your tree from them, fir goodness' sake!



Someone New

UCC welcomes Data Management Coordinator **Ian McKinnon**, who comes to us from Calgary. Ian formerly worked as computer services coordinator at the Alberta College of Art, and has a B.A. in psychology and a diploma in computer technology. Welcome, Ian!

Someone Sort of New

Welcome to A&E Divisional Secretary II, **Jean Mary Sheffield**, who comes to us from an auxiliary position in the Registrar's office. Congratulations on your full-time appointment, Jean!

BULLETIN BOARD

Summer Session

Summer Session/95 will be the best yet. We'll be offering more courses to more students than in past summers. We will also have a better brochure than ever before, and it'll be published earlier to give students more time to plan. The brochure should be out at the beginning of February. For more information, please contact Andrew McKay at 5120.

Dialogue About Spirituality

All UCC faculty and staff are invited to participate in an on-going group-led exploration of spirituality, to be held at noon on Wednesdays in Room A123D. Guiding principles for the dialogue are acceptance, tolerance and confidentiality. For more information, please call UCC chaplain Laurie McKay-Deacon at 371-0018.

Same-Sex Benefits

UCC Sociology instructor and long-time lesbian/feminist activist Becki Ross raised the issue of benefits for same-sex spouses with Human Resources at the beginning of the term. An instructor who integrates questions of gender and sexuality into her sociological curriculum, Becki says that "these kinds of struggles around same-sex benefits in specific and anti-discrimination politics in general are percolating across the country—it's to UCC's credit that this was accomplished with little foot-dragging and opposition." Beginning November 1st, 1994, UCC's insurer will cover same-sex spouses with group insurance benefits, which include Extended Health and Dental.

Becki emphasizes that "as someone engaged in lesbian and gay liberation politics and affirmed in and proud of my identity, it made coming forward regarding this issue here at UCC possible, and even reasonable." And Becki had some precedents to fall back on. To date, seven other colleges or university colleges have a same-sex policy, and all four B.C. universities have had same-sex policies for some time. The Harcourt government, as well, extends provincial health care benefits to same-sex spouses. Despite these precedents, however, Becki sees UCC's move as a victory with very real financial consequences.

The UCC benefits consultant is putting an information document together for distribution—hopefully some time in the near future. In the meantime, UCC employees wanting more information on same-sex benefits can call Irene Bazell at 5341.

Counsellors and Christmas

The UCC Annual Counsellor's Conference will be held December 9th. At 3 pm, immediately following this conference, the 1994 Counselling Department's Christmas Social will be held in the Counselling Department area. The UCC community is invited to attend this social—it's a great way to meet and mix with school counsellors from the UCC region.

The Counsellor's Christmas Social also features a live mini-orchestra with musicians Doug Baleshta, Robert McKinnon and Doug Perry. For more information on the Conference or on the Social, please contact Greg Scrivner at 5029.

Christmas Party

Get 'em while they last! A limited number of tickets for the Dec. 10th Christmas Party to be held in the Campus Activity Centre are available for the unbelievably low price of \$21 per person, which includes: hosted happy hour, wine with dinner, dancing to Tony's DJ, door prizes and a great Yule feast! Tickets must be picked up by December 6th, and are available from Arlee Strachan—CT 3rd floor, Ann Brawn—Library, Gail Friesen—Science, June Awrey—CT 2nd floor, Sally Maio—CAC, Sylvia Chalmers—B Block 2nd floor, Lucy Graf—B Block 1st floor, Marliss Bot—A&E, Janis Schmidt—Facilities, Shelley Egan—Finance, Linda Sampson—Registrar

UCC Bookstore —Christmas Gifts Galore

The UCC Bookstore has a plethora of great gifts, from eclectic knick-knacks and other cool stuff, to fashions, including clothing that sports the exclusive UCC label! Also available from the Bookstore in time for holiday giving are 1995 wall and desk calendars, and a brand-new, special shipment of half-price or less gift books. Check it out!

Staff Convocation Procession

June 1995 seems a long way off but it really isn't, when you start thinking of convocation planning.

If you are planning on being in the staff convocation procession and are buying any of your regalia, you should think about ordering it now while there's still lots of time for it to be sewn. Of course you can always rent your regalia, but in the long run it's probably cheaper to buy.

You can place an order with either of the following: (hoods seem to range between \$30 - \$70 depending if it's a

bachelor, masters or PhD.)

Gaspard & Sons Ltd.,
143 Smith Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
R3C 1J5

FAX: (204)947-0024
PHONE: (204) 949-5700

OR

Harcourts Limited,
26-28 Duncan Street,
Toronto, Ontario,
M5V 2B9
FAX: (416) 977-3856
PHONE: (416) 977-4408

For those of you who are new to campus, UCC supplies black gowns only.

Note!

Occupational Health and Safety has a new fax number: 5750. Also, general inquiries may be directed to Gloria Rowe at 5673.

Women's Spirituality Group

All women staff, faculty and students are welcome to participate in a group-led discussion of women's spirituality on Mondays at noon in the Library, Room 209. Principles of the group are confidentiality, mutual respect, acceptance and tolerance. For more information, please call UCC chaplain Laurie McKay-Deacon at 371-0018.

Children's Christmas Party

The Christmas Party for the children of UCC staff will be held Sunday, December 18th at 12:00 noon in the Grand Hall of the Campus Activity Centre. The party will feature a band, Norah Ashmore and Friends, and the two five-letter words kids love so much: PIZZA and SANTA.

Registration forms and details will be sent to divisional secretaries by December 5th. For more information in the meantime, please contact Sally Maio at 5723.

Beef, Chicken, Pork

The UCC Retail Meat Processing Program is operating a meat store for UCC employees and students. To place orders or discuss your requirements, drop in to the Meat Cutting Theory Room (entrance at the Food Training loading bay behind the Cafeteria—watch for signs) or phone 5351 (ask for Ken) between 2 and 4 pm from Monday to Thursday every week.

Some of the services the program offers are: reasonable prices; personal assistance; custom-cut freezer packs; sides, hinds and fronts; fresh meats; freezing and storage of purchases for after-work pickup. Products available depend upon market conditions. Thursday is Meat Store day. Hours are 11 am to 3 pm. Watch for weekly flyers.

For more information, please call Ken Jakes at 5351.



Picture ID

Faculty and staff ID cards will be made beginning December 12, 1994 at the cashier window of the Finance Office. The cards are free to faculty and staff, and the process takes about five minutes.

Currently the card can be used in the Library for checking out books. In the near future the card will be used as a debit card for making purchases on selected vending machines and photocopiers on campus.

For more information, contact Dick Ryther at 5074.