

THE COMMUNICATOR

THE
UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE
OF THE
CARIBOO

FEBRUARY 5, 1996

FOR AND ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Cutbacks Challenged

UCC VP Finance Cliff Neufeld and CSS VP Finance Dennis Piva warn the audience gathered in the CAC for the January 17 Challenge the Cutbacks Rally about the possible effects of federal post-secondary education, health and social services cutbacks.

The Challenge the Cutbacks Coalition will also hold a rally and march on National Student Day, Wednesday, February 7, starting at noon at the Campus Activity Centre. UCC is endeavouring to accommodate students and staff who wish to participate.

Organizers hope that a large show of support at the rally and march will prompt Jean Chretien and Paul Martin to rethink their cutbacks scheme. Declarations and petitions will also be available.



UCC Aids Science Council Project

A computer recycling project initiated by the Science Council of B.C. aims to put more computers into the hands of elementary and secondary schools in the Interior, and the University College of the Cariboo (UCC).

The "Computers for Schools" project, which began in the Lower Mainland, has been taken up by the Central Interior Science, Technology and Innovation Council (CISTIC). Six school districts will receive computers as a result of the volunteer project, in which donated computers are repaired and refurbished by UCC students in the Computer Technician (CTEC) program. UCC CTEC instructor J. S. Bourget points out that the project provides valuable troubleshooting experience to students, and also "provides UCC students with the chance to



serve society while they learn."

The recycling project has been incorporated into regular program work, and it is hoped that CISTIC's appeal to the public and business sectors to take their old, unwanted computers to a central storage area at the BC Lottery Corporation building in Kamloops will result in a substantial number of computers being placed in schools throughout the Interior. Bruce Fraser of School District

#24 applauds the project, stating that schools can't afford new computers, but that students today need access to computers to learn basic word-processing and computer-search skills. School districts benefitting from the project include Kamloops, Lillooet, Clearwater, Merritt, South Cariboo and Cariboo-Chilcotin.

UCC CO-OP

PROFILE: CO-OP PEOPLE

UCC's Co-op education program was founded in 1989 by Carole Hebden, and now offers co-op options for five programs: Telecommunications Technician (TCOM), Computer Systems—Operations and Management (CSOM), Computer Automated Systems Technician (CAST), Computer Systems Technician (CTEC), and Bachelor of Natural Resource Science (BNRS).

The mission of UCC's Co-operative Education Centre is to extend classroom learning into the workplace by providing students with relevant, paid co-op opportunities. Co-op provides a link between students, employers and the instructional department responsible for the program, and offers student job preparation instruction and job search skills.

As Co-op Ed has expanded over the years, so has the co-op staff. House 8 is now full-to-bursting with five staff:

Co-op Chair **Jennifer Young** has an M.A. in Political Science, and has written four academic papers on co-op education, and has co-authored a book, *Education in Overdrive: The Management of Cooperative Education and Internships*, which attempts to explain, interpret and clarify the complexities of cooperative education and other forms of experiential learning programs. Jennifer is also very active in promoting the United Nations and International Development Education.

UCC Co-op Ed founder and past manager **Carole Hebden**, with a B.Sc., BC Teacher's Certification and a M.Ed. in Adult Education, is a founding member of the Central Interior Science, Technology and Innovation Council (CISTIC), a steering committee member for the Science Council of B.C.'s Women in Science, Engineering and Technology program and the Women in Trades and Technology program. Carole's master's thesis focused on the practice of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) at Cariboo College, and Carole is currently working with Colin James to investigate PLA opportunities at UCC.

Co-op faculty member **Kathie Bryenton** has a B.A. in Human Geography with a minor in Biology, making her a natural coordinator for the BNRS co-op option. Kathie is a member of several professional organizations related to co-operative education, and has considerable experience with employment centres and pre-employment training.

Donna Taylor, full-time Co-op secretary, was born and raised in Kamloops. She is responsible for support of the Electronic and CSOM co-op program areas, and also offers



Bernie, Kathie, Jennifer, Carole, and Donna

administrative support to the co-op chair. Donna has worked in various UCC departments, including the office of the VP, Finance and in DRP. Donna's knowledge of the many administrative and support areas on campus has proven an invaluable asset for Co-op.

Part-time co-op secretary **Bernie Mahoney** came to Co-op with an extensive computing background as well as a knowledge of the technical support side of UCC, having worked for the Learning Resources Centre and in Circulation in the UCC Library. Bernie is responsible for support of the BNRS Co-op option.

One Co-op coordinator doesn't see House 8 very often. That's **Murray Gavel**, P. Eng., a retired civil engineer whose mandate is marketing UCC electronics Co-op programs outside UCC's region. In the course of his engineering career, Murray was president of a company that designed infrastructure projects as far away as the West Indies and as close to home as Alberta. Murray has the credentials and personality to raise UCC's profile with business, industry and government offices on the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and the North Coast.

THE COMMUNICATOR

A production of the Public Relations & Publications Department.

Editor: Bronwen Scott

Design: Dennis Keusch

Photography: John Enman

Printing: UCC Print Services

The editor welcomes comments & suggestions to make this newsletter the best internal communication tool possible.

Copy deadline for the upcoming issue is February 12.

COMING UP

Film Society Feature

On **February 15**, the Kamloops Film Society presents *Lacho Drom*, a 1994 French film about the Gypsy migration across Europe from India to Spain. The film is described as a "sensory bouquet of colourful costumes, lively dances and emotional songs.

Show starts at 9:15 at the Northhills Theatre. Admission is \$5 plus a one-time, \$1 yearly membership fee.

For more information, please call Brian Mitchell at 828-5142.

Water Talk

At noon on Tuesday, **February 6**, BC21 Power Smart and Hill, Murray and Associates Environmental Systems Engineers are sponsoring a seminar by Chris Henderson in Room S203 of the Science Building.

Chris's presentation will cover: how wastewater is dealt with, and how it affects the environment; the science behind wastewater recycling; the applications and benefits of wastewater recycling technology; and the Huband Park Elementary School wastewater recycling project on Vancouver Island.

Everyone welcome.

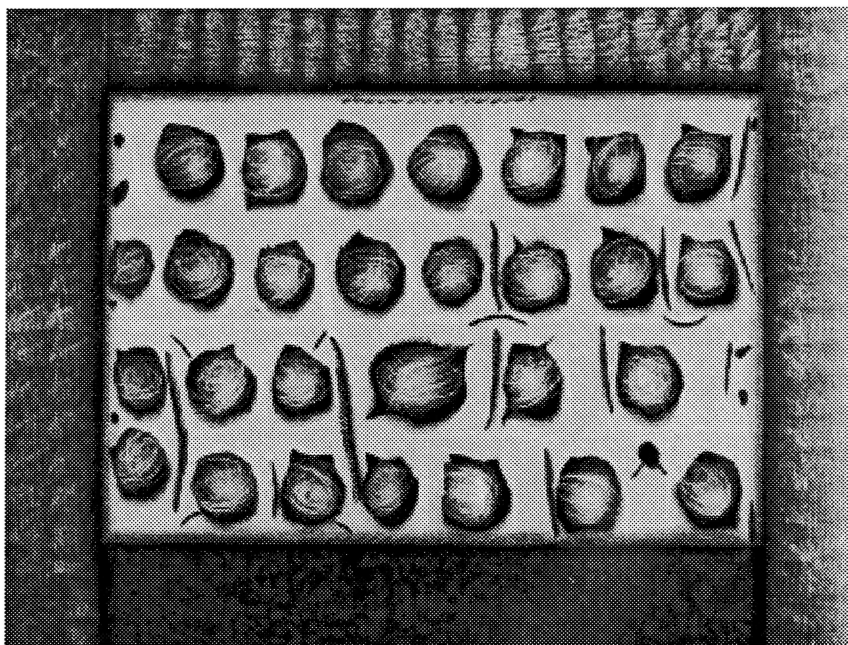
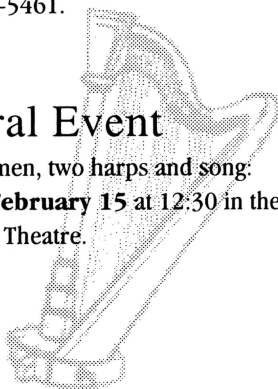
For more information, please call Gary Hunt at 828-5461.

Chamber Concert

The University of Victoria Chamber Singers, lauded as a virtuosic and truly professional choir, will present an evening of music on Thursday, **February 22** at 8 pm in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$4 at the door. For more information, please contact Daniela O'Fee at 372-8678.

Cultural Event

Two women, two harps and song:
Thursday, **February 15** at 12:30 in the Clocktower Theatre.



Visiting Artist

University of Alberta Fine Arts professor Lyndal Osborne will present a lecture at the UCC Visual Arts Gallery on Friday, **February 16**, at 12:30pm.

Ms. Osborne, a multi-media artist, is primarily a printmaker who has developed an individual approach to her medium. The lecture is sponsored by UCC Visual Arts, the Kamloops Art Gallery, and the Vernon Art Gallery.

For more information, please call Darlene Kalyinka at 828-5482.

"Survivors" by Lyndal Osborne

First Nations Awareness Week

The UCC First Nations Student's Association presents First Nations Awareness Week from **February 12 to 16**. Every day from noon to 2:00 pm, activities from Arts & Crafts sales to Medicine Wheel teachings will be featured in room A126.

For more information, please call Celeste Spinks at 828-7867.



World Religion Seminars

At noon on Monday, **February 5**, Dr. Chuck Anderson, recently retired UBC World Religions professor, will conduct a seminar on Christianity as part of the World Religions seminar series in Room B111 at UCC.

At noon on Monday, **February 12**, Dr. Anderson will address the topic of Islam. Everyone welcome. For more information, please call Laurie McKay-Deacon at 828-5023.

Sizzlin' Sixties Shindig

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) is holding a fundraiser on Friday, **February 23** at the Stockmen's Hotel. Cocktails begin at 6:30pm, the Buffet Dinner starts at 7:30, and a Silent Auction will be held at 9pm. Music for the dance is provided by Tony's DJ Service, with Radio NL's DJ Martin Smith.

Tickets are \$35 per person, with all proceeds providing service for people who are blind or visually impaired. For more information or for tickets, please call Karen Sawchuk at 374-8080.

C L A S S I F I E D S

ACCC Contest for Concerned Students

"Invitation to Debate" is a contest open to students at any Canadian college or university. Prizes will be awarded for the best print, graphic and audio materials inviting the campus community to think about and discuss the following question:

SHOULD SUSTAINABILITY OR GROWTH BE THE VALUE UPON WHICH PUBLIC POLICIES ARE BASED?

The first criteria upon which entries will be judged is the balance in the way the differing perspectives are included. The second criteria is the ability of the entry to stimulate thought on the topic. Colin James (5402) has a detailed brief on the criteria expectations for this contest.

Entries may be sent by February 16, 1996 to: Sustainability Project, "Invitations to Debate" contest, P.O. Box 374, Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0.

More details are available via e-mail: sustain@web.apc.org

Related information at: <http://www.ccn.cs.dal.ca/environment/scn/commmlink/sustain.html>

After Beijing

A conference to discuss international women's issues and resolutions arising from the UN Conference on Women held in Beijing last year will be held in the CAC on March 17, beginning at 8:30 am.

For more information, please call Jennifer Young at 371-5680.

Get the Facts

The UCC 1994/95 Fact Book is published. For everything you've ever wanted to know about UCC, but weren't sure where to look, this is the book. For copies, please contact the Office of Institutional Research and Planning (5493).

Reading Week Retreat

Dr. Hanna Kassis (UBC) is organizing and hosting a reading week retreat for all university students in the province at Sorrento Centre from February 19 to 23.

The speaker, Rt. Reverend Bishop Kenneth Cragg, is a notable lecturer and author who is considered the most outstanding Christian in dialogue with Islam.

Cost of the retreat is \$50, and students may pick up registration forms on the Chaplaincy Board outside the Counselling Office.

For more information, please call Laurie McKay-Deacon at 828-5023.

Just Do W.I.T.T.

On Tuesday, February 27, UCC will host more than 120 secondary-school girls at the 3rd Annual S.D.#24 *Women In Trades and Technology Conference*, from 9am to 3pm in the CAC and AIT area.

The Conference is for young women to hear first-hand from a community panel about labour market realities, apprenticeship opportunities, and equity issues related to women entering trade and technical careers. UCC training programs will also be featured.

Hands-on activity sessions are also an important component of W.I.T.T.. Girls will have the chance to try out carpentry, auto mechanics, commercial transport, electronics, small engine repair, digital art and design, electrical, heavy duty mechanics, partsperson, plumbing, welding, and computer-assisted drafting.

During the lunch hour, students will interact with role models currently in trade/technical careers, UCC Applied Industrial Technology instructors, and panel members.

Thank You

The student who benefitted from the Christmas Hamper sent a card of thanks to the Financial Aid and Awards Office:

Dear Friends from UCC,

I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your overwhelming kindness and generosity to my son and me this Christmas. Your hamper was filled with so many thoughtful and wonderful gifts—you don't know how you brightened our lives. This semester will be so much easier because of your kindness. We appreciate all of you so much.

God Bless,
"A Thankful Student"

Tour Opportunity

UCC instructors John Enman (photography) and Lloyd Bennett (painting/art history) will guide the "1996 Springtime in the Southwest Tour," an opportunity for interested people to get away to sketch and photograph three major Anasazi ruins of the American Southwest: Canyon de Chelle (Arizona), Mesa Verde (Colorado), and Chaco Canyon (New Mexico).

Visit the ruins' museums, and photograph the pictographs; sketch, hike and transport yourself back to the days of the "ancient ones"—the Anasazi. John and Lloyd will provide lectures and demonstrations throughout the trip.

For more information, please call Kim Dixon at 5210 or Joanne Doige at 5372.

Submissions Sought

The UCC Photography and Literature Club invites submissions from all members of the UCC community for the 1995/96 publication of the *Cariboo Collage*, a collaborative journal of image and text. Please see the current issue of the

journal for required format, editorial policy and a submission form.

For more information, please call Lauraine (851-2897), Vivianne (374-2920) or Jessica (374-6458), or come to a meeting of the Photography and Literature Club Tuesdays at noon in the Visual Arts Gallery.

Shake 'em Up

All interested people (students, staff, faculty, administration and alumni) are invited to participate in the 7th Annual Wing Ding Shake Shake hot wings eating contest on Wednesday, March 6 at Earl's Restaurant.

Teams should consist of three to five members, with a minimum pledge of \$20 per person. Proceeds go to UCC students in the form of scholarships, bursaries and special projects. The fundraiser is sponsored by Earl's Restaurant, the Cariboo Student Society, and the UCC Alumni Association. To participate, or to sponsor a team, please call 371-5711.

Women's Workshops

Assertiveness Training for Women will be held February 22 to March 14 from 7 to 9pm in the R.I.S.E. Training Room (#114-750 Cottonwood Ave.). Cost is \$75, with installments accepted. To register, please call the Women's Resource Centre at 376-3009.

Increase Personal Awareness through Metaphor and Imagery is an experiential workshop for individuals seeking greater personal insight, or for helping professionals looking for more tools to use with clients. This workshop will be held on March 30 from 10am to 3pm at the R.I.S.E. Training Room. Cost is \$55, and interested persons may register by calling the Women's Resource Centre at 376-3009.

EDUCATION

CO-OP PROGRAMME

Since 1990, co-op student placements have increased from 13 to 180, with private business and the provincial government providing the majority of placements. Students in co-op courses may choose not to take advantage of the co-op option, but most do. In addition to receiving an extra credential on their degrees, diplomas or certificates, co-op students tend to find jobs faster after graduation, quite often because of connections formed during work placements.

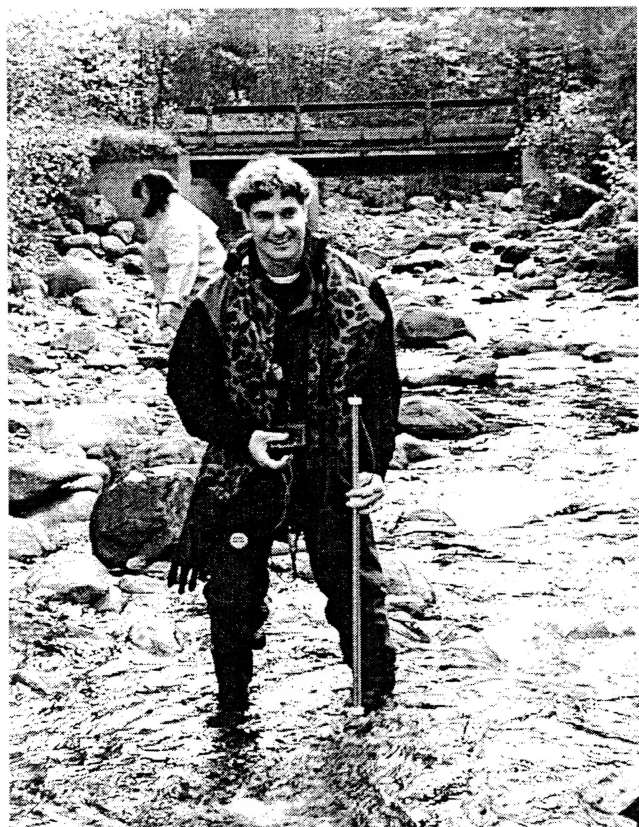
Co-op students have been hired locally by such businesses

as Weyerhaeuser (BNRS, CSOM and CTEC), MolyCOP (CSOM and CAST), Chemonics (CSOM), BC Lottery Corporation (CSOM), Giddens (TCOM), BC Hydro (CAST), the Phoenix Centre, and the Ministry of Forests (BNRS). Other work placements include the CBC, Alberta Parks, Fort Steele Heritage Town, BC Systems Corp., and Nova Corporation, as well as forest companies like Canfor, Westwood, Redwing, Tolko, West Forest, Tackama, Quesnel River Pulp, Timberland and Mistik



BNRS student and Chris Barnes

BNRS student "in the field"



Interfor Visits UCC-

Representatives from International Forest Products Limited (Interfor), were at UCC January 23 and 24 to interview Bachelor of Natural Resource Science students involved in the Coop Education program for twelve summer work placements.

Lorne McNeilly, Woodlands Manager at Interfor's Adams Lake division, was impressed with the level of interest and commitment to job-related extracurricular activities displayed by UCC students. Co-op placements often develop into full-time work after graduation, and, in the co-op work placement testing ground, says McNeilly, Interfor is looking for "team players who demonstrate organizational abilities, leadership, and adaptability to difficult situations."

Interfor Human Resources Advisor Chris Barnes was also impressed. "It is important that students applying for workterm placements be well-rounded, and well-prepared for the interview process she said, adding that "the [UCC students'] resumes were wonderfully presented."

CSOM meets CIPS

This February, almost 40 UCC CSOM students will travel to Vancouver for interviews as part of the co-op recruitment process for the May-August workterm. While there, they will also attend the Canadian Information Processing Society (CIPS) Vancouver monthly dinner meeting and education session.

For over ten years, students and graduates from the CSOM program have been successfully employed by consulting companies, government agencies and corporate offices throughout B.C.. UCC's CSOM program was used by CIPS as a pilot program to determine whether CIPS would accredit college-level programs, and UCC CSOM students and graduates are very active with CIPS Kamloops, as members, as promoters, and as directors.

Working To Learn Works

Kudos from Interfor for excellent student interviews are due in part to an 18-hour course developed by Co-op Ed called "Working To Learn." Taught by Carole Hebden, the course, first offered in September, 1995, covers resume writing, job skills, communication skills, and a co-op orientation, but could be adapted for non-co-op students.

Why is such a course necessary? "Co-op Education is not cooperative," says Carole, "it's highly competitive. UCC students have to stand out, because employers interview students from institutions all over B.C." Working to Learn is kept relevant and program-specific, as information from one group of students is passed on to the next. This, and plenty of one-on-one contact, helps UCC Co-op students stand out.

NEWS BITS

Model UN Success

UCC Model UN teams representing the United Kingdom, Sweden and Japan attended the UBC Model UN, held in January at the Coast Plaza Hotel at Stanley Park. Eleven UCC students, including two students from Williams Lake, participated in the event.

The conference, opened by Svend Robinson with a talk on human rights around the globe, was a wonderful opportunity for UCC students to address international issues with other students. The conference was also an excellent preparation for the North American Model UN (NAMUN) conference which will be held in Toronto this February.

UCC's Reagan Petrie won the best delegate award for the Security Council. although there were no awards given for full delegations, faculty sponsor John Dyck was "proud of the effort that UCC students put into this conference." John has been a faculty sponsor for UCC Model UN teams since the first team went to NAMUN in 1992, and has seen the UCC team win Best Delegation and runner-up for that title in the last few years.

For more information, or to make a donation to help the UCC team get to Toronto, please contact John Dyck at 5056.

Library Campaign Update

The Chapter 2000 Campaign, aimed at enhancing library collections at the University College of the Cariboo (UCC) got a welcome boost in the past month with several leading donations from the local business community and other organizations.

So far, donations have been received from:

Weyerhaeuser (\$500,000);
Hudson's Bay Company (\$10,000);
Pollard Banknote (\$25,000);
Excel Industries (\$10,000);
Fulton & Company (\$10,000);
Peerless Printers (\$10,000);
CIBC (\$100,000);
Petro Canada (\$25,000);
CN (\$50,000);
the UCC Alumni Association (\$50,000);
UCC Employees (\$115,000).

UCC Library Campaign chair Don Andrews and UCC Library Campaign Corporate Division Chair Ray Hemmett applaud the success of the campaign, noting that about three-quarters of the campaign goal will have been reached by the time Chapter 2000 launches its appeal to the public this spring.

For more information, please call Laurie Clarke at 828-5267.

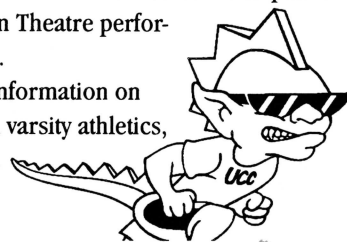


Beamin' on the Demons

The new UCC athletics mascot, Beamer, will be running wild at Sun Demons games from now on. The happy dinosaur (okay, a dinosaur costume with a human in it) will skate with Digger at a Blazer's game on February 4th, and will be a lively part of half-time shows as well. Half-time shows include activities like paper airplane toss, tricycle race, elementary scrimmage, loonie scrambles, and other audience-involving events.

Beamer was made by ex-UCC student Susan Bartsch, who also built the wonderful elephant for the Caravan Theatre performance *Circus*.

For more information on Beamer, or on varsity athletics, please contact Jeff Speedy at 828-5271.



UCC Artist in Major Exhibition

A sculpture by Don Lawrence, UCC Visual Arts instructor, will be one of the works displayed at a major exhibition of contemporary BC art to be shown in the Vancouver Art Gallery from September '96 to January '97.

Don's exhibit consists of a sculpture "The Sled," that he made while on sabbatical at the Banff Centre, accompanied by a film which was prepared with the assistance of UCC Visual Arts graduate Jon Fulton. The sculpture and film relate a narrative of traveling in the Canadian wilderness, with ties to 19th-century Romantic ideals of the landscape and to contemporary, technology-based approaches to wilderness survival.

Don's work will be included in a section called *TOPOGRAPHIES: aspects of recent B.C. art*. The title of the exhibition refers to "a detailed description of the natural and artificial features of a region or . . . of the surface of a body with reference to the parts beneath." A catalogue will be prepared for the exhibition, which is sponsored by Rogers Communications Inc.

