

ADVISOR

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LINKING SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO UCC

LIAISON EXPLAINED

Barbara Berger became UCC's Liaison Coordinator in 1994, because UCC recognized that changes in secondary education needed to be better understood by receiving departments in post-

secondary institutions, and that high school students in the region served by UCC needed to be exposed to post-secondary options in a more active form, more often. Since Barb joined the UCC Public Relations and Publications Department, the Department has had student recruitment added to its mandate, making Barb's job even more important.

And Barb doesn't just see her job as one of informing prospective students about UCC programs and opportunities. "Liaison works both ways," Barb emphasizes. "I also work to keep up an open dialogue between educators, both secondary and post-secondary. It's critical for post-secondary teachers to understand secondary school curriculum, and vice versa. As a two-way information conduit, I bring information from the high schools back to the receiving departments at UCC, so that our courses

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LEFT TO RIGHT:

Bernie Crawford
Josh Keller
Barbara Berger
Donna Fleury

MISSING:

Charlene Munro
Liz Mossop



ATTENTION: ADVISORS AHEAD

Ask UCC Advisor Bernie Crawford what she does, and she responds with "I save students time and money." What does she mean by that? She means that she and fellow advisors Donna Fleury, Charlene Munro (Kamloops campus) and Liz Mossop (Williams Lake) help students entering post-secondary education to understand the system and to investigate their options so that they can make informed decisions instead of costly errors.

"When entering college or university, high school graduates are expected to be adults all of a sudden, and take responsibility for their decisions. 'Nobody told me' is not a valid excuse at this level, so advisors have to prepare students for this shift," says Bernie.

Academic Advisors' primary role is to help students to determine exactly what they need to qualify for a degree, diploma or certificate. Thus, Advisors provide students with current, accurate information about educational programs, transferability and prerequisites, and then assist in course selection, planning and timetabling. Advisors also participate as part of the UCC Liaison Team, and play a key role in the high school visitation program. Throughout the course of a school year, UCC Advisors will visit a school three times. In the Fall, the Liaison Team tries to give students a general sense of what to expect, and what to do. In this first visit, presentations are made to groups of students.

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LIASON CONT'D

and programs offer, as much as possible, a seamless transition from secondary to post-secondary study, so that knowledge gaps are eliminated, and curriculum duplication is minimized." Barb also sees the new CAPP curriculum in the high schools as needing attention. "In order to give good information, UCC has to understand CAPP, and understand the role this curriculum plays in preparing students for life and education after graduation. Part of my role is facilitating this understanding."

Barb's job also involves letting high schools and the public know about UCC's unique attributes. "Some of what I do is communicating faculty credibility and accessibility. Unlike many other post-secondary institutions, UCC is primarily a teaching, rather than a research, institution. Our faculty are as good as those at any research institution, but the difference is that here at UCC, their primary responsibility is teaching. For example, at UCC, academic students, even in first and second year, can talk to someone with a PhD. about problems with essay writing or research. At larger post-secondary institutions, most students at that level usually only have access to an MA student working as a teaching assistant."

Campus visits are also an important component of liaison. Groups of high school students visit UCC regularly, but Barb also plays host (and tour guide) to groups ranging from retired board members to kindergarten classes. "I encourage visits by students and the general public. Learning certainly doesn't stop at Grade 12, and even the very young benefit from exposure to the resources at UCC."



ATTENTION: ADVISORS AHEAD CONT'D

"It's important for prospective university college students to understand what they're getting into," explains Bernie. "We want them to come when they're ready, not because other people say they should. They have to take what they are interested in. And we always reassure them that it's okay for them to change their career goals."

For academic students, at least, UCC general sciences and arts degree programs allow a lot of flexibility. Students can start out concentrating in English, then change to History or something else, and not have to make up lost ground. Career-Technical and Applied Industrial Technology diploma and certificate programs are more focused, however, so students changing their minds about their ultimate goals

could end up starting from the beginning again. That's why it's important for students to talk to their school counsellor, and find out all they can about a career option before they apply for admission. Students are also advised to talk to friends, family, and employers, and discuss their goals with teachers, both at their high school and at UCC.

UCC's three-visit advising system helps students become more secure about entering the university college experience, and more responsible once they get there, because the more contact, the better prepared they are. Advisors form a necessary bridge between high school and university college, and help students sort out the reality from the rumour.



UCC Campus Tours

Three Easy Ways To Book Your Tour!

1. Call Barbara Berger at 828-5013
2. Fax: 828-5159
3. e-mail: bberger@cariboo.bc.ca



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Advisor EXTRA

WHAT'S NEW

Bachelor of Science Degree Programs:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The UCC Bachelor of Science degree committee has drafted a proposal to change the Bachelor of Science graduation requirements. It is highly possible that the new requirements could be effective by September, 1997. Briefly, these changes should ensure that all UCC BSc graduates achieve breadth in their science education, be adept in the use of English, and be computer-literate. These changes will not affect high school requirements for admission.

BIOLOGY PILOTS CO-OP

May 1997 will see a pilot project involving 10 third-year biology students, to "test the waters" of employer interest in Biology Co-op students. The number of co-op jobs available for Natural Resource Science co-op students indicates that there are many more co-op jobs in the forestry/natural resource employment areas than there are students to take them, and many of these jobs are suitable for students with a Biology background. Co-op Ed will also investigate employers in other areas such as microbiology (breweries) and the biotechnology industry. If the program is approved, Biology students will have to successfully complete three out of five possible work terms over the five years they will spend to get a degree with Co-op distinction. For more information, please contact Mairi MacKay (Biology) at 828-5463 or Kathie Bryenton (Co-op) at 828-5151.

CHEMISTRY CHANGES

The UCC Major in Chemistry has undergone some major changes, with courses rearranged, labs and lectures separated, new choices available, and increased program flexibility.

The department will also continue to offer Directed Studies courses for suitable students. Of the four 1995/96 Directed Studies students, three have been awarded prestigious NSERC post-graduate scholarships, valued at about \$31,000 each.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs:

UCC BA DEGREES

Starting in September/97, students entering the Bachelor of Arts degree program will be granted a UCC degree upon completion of their degree requirements.

CANADIAN STUDIES THEMATIC OPTION

The Thematic Option in Canadian Studies provides perspectives on regional and national issues through a wide range of disciplines, from Visual and Performing Arts, English and French through History, Economics and Political Studies, and Geography, Archaeology and Sociology. This option is available under the requirements of the general BA, and will be of interest to students intending to pursue careers in education, government service, communications, law, and other fields where an understanding of Canadian culture and society is essential.

Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Programs:

FINANCE CONCENTRATION NOW AVAILABLE

The Bachelor of Business Administration degree program now offers a Finance concentration, bringing BBA degree concentration options to a total of five: Accounting, Human Resource Management, Marketing, General Business, and Finance.



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WHAT'S NEW CONT'D.

Bachelor of Natural Resource Science Degree Program:

BNRS MODIFICATIONS

The Bachelor of Natural Resource Science Degree program has reduced the minimum number of credits required for graduation from 134 to 122, by changing the program from four electives to three,

and modifying and combining some upper-level NRS courses.

High school students who have completed Computer Science 11 and 12 with a 75% or better will be given exemption for Comp 135, and in place of Comp 135, the student would choose a first-year elective.

As part of the admission process, students are encouraged to submit a covering letter highlighting their personal experience in the outdoors.

NURSING

RN/BSN Program:

The Math 11 requirement for admission to Nursing has been reduced from a "C+" minimum grade to a "C."

Also please note that the Nursing program offered at the UCC Williams Lake campus is being phased out.

DIPLOMA PROGRAM CHANGES

The Associate of Arts Diploma and the Associate of Science Diploma are no longer being offered. They have been replaced by the new two-year Associate Degrees: the Associate of Arts degree and the Associate of Science degree.

The Fine Arts Diploma program admission requirements will include the submission of a portfolio and a covering letter stating the applicant's intended program and educational goals. Details will be given in the Admissions Requirements Package available November 15, 1996 from the UCC Admissions Office.

MEDLAB CANCELLED:

The Medical Laboratory Technology program will no longer be offered at UCC.

NEW BUSINESS COURSE

"BUAD 060-Introduction to Entrepreneurship" was offered for the first time September/96, as part of UCC's College Prep course offerings. This course is intended to provide students with the means to assess their suitability for an entrepreneurial career and to give them the skills to start a business venture. It will also be useful to prepare students for further academic studies in Commerce or other business-related fields.

Applied Industrial Technology:

PLUMBING PROGRAM LENGTHENED

As of September/96, the Plumbing Trade Entry program changed from a 6-month to a 9-month program.

CADD ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS CHANGED

Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) Technology program admission requirements may be significantly different for September/97, contingent upon funding and program approval.

The new requirements will be:

- 1) BC Grade 12 or equivalent
- 2) Math 11, or Math 051, or equivalent with grade minimum of C+
- 3) English 12 or Communication 12 or English 050
- 4) Physics 11

Math 12 will no longer be required, as the math courses in the program have been changed.



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO UCC 1997-1998

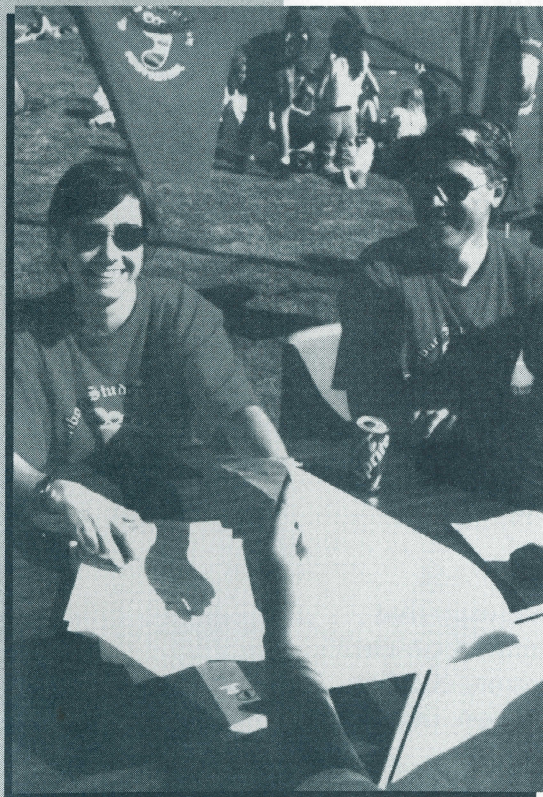
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Personal Information: Name, Address, City, Postal Code, Phone, Birth Date, Sex, Marital Status, Citizenship, Emergency Contact.

Academic Information: Previous Education, Courses Taken, Grades, Transfer Credits, Last Secondary School Attended, Career Prep Program, Career Goals, Academic Standing, Awards, Honors, Scholarships, Financial Aid Application.

Other Information: Other Transfer Credits, Other Transfer Credits, Other Transfer Credits.

Application forms are now in for 1997-1998!



TERMINOLOGY

UNDERSTANDING UCC SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Counsellors: Help students to make effective career choices; conduct workshops in such areas as stress management, study skills, job search and career planning; offer personal, relationship and crisis counselling. Call: 828-5023 (Kamloops) or 392-8000 (Williams Lake)

Academic Advisors: Provide current information about programs, transferability and prerequisites; help students determine the amount and type of courses they need to qualify for a degree, diploma or certificate; help students with timetabling; and participate in high school liaison programs. Call: 828-5023 (Kamloops) or 392-8000 (Williams Lake)

First Nations Coordinators: Liaise with bands, First Nations communities and local agencies, and coordinate services for First Nations Students, including Native Access Programs, general course and program information, and tutoring for First Nations students. Call: 828-5023 (Kamloops) or 392-8000 (Williams Lake)

Coordinator for Students With Disabilities: Liaises with

community services; provides information on accessibility and

special programs and services; provides specialized services like informal assessments and educational support such as tutoring and exam preparation; provides exam adaptations and transcriptions of materials to accessible formats; arranges interpreter services and access aides. Call: 828-5023

International Student Advisor: Assists international students with the preparation of their educational plans; introduces students to recreational, cultural and social opportunities. Call: 828-5097

Assessment Centre: Provides testing for Canadian Achievement Test (CAT), Language Proficiency Index (LPI), as well as numerous other tests, including Learning Disability testing. Call: 828-5470

Awards Advisor: Offers assistance and support to students by conducting financial information sessions and application completion workshops, providing advice on appealing government financial aid decisions, administer student financial aid and awards, and help with budgeting and money management. Call: 828-5024

Program Advisors: Work with students after they have been admitted to their degree program, helping them to select courses that will satisfy the requirements of the degree. Admission is usually at third year. Advisors for specific majors programs are available. For information call:
BA Advisor-828-5116
BSc Advisor-828-5402
BBA Advisor-828-5156
BNRS Advisor-828-5467
BSW Advisor-828-5187
RN/BSN Advisor-828-5410
BEd Advisor-371-5736

TERMINOLOGY CONTINUED

Application: The first step toward being admitted to a credit program of study that awards a degree, diploma or certificate.

Admission: Being allowed into a program after the requirements for entering the program have been met. Some programs have limited admission, which means there are a limited number of spaces available. Admissions Office:
828-5071 (Kamloops) or
392-8020 (Williams Lake)

Selective vs Open Admission:
Programs with an Open Admission policy will admit students on a first-come, first-served basis, once they have met all admission requirements. At UCC 1st- and 2nd-year Arts, Science, Business and Social Work degree program students are admitted through an Open Admission process.

Selective Admission programs have an established set of criteria used to adjudicate all applications after an established deadline date, offering admission to those whose applications are selected. Admission to the BNRS (1st year), Nursing (1st year), Arts, Science, Business and Social Work (3rd year) and Education (4th year) are all on a Selective Admission basis.

Registration: The selection of individual courses after completion of all required admission procedures. Registrar's Office: 828-5041

Orientation: New and returning students are welcomed to UCC in a number of ways, including "Orientation Week" festivities that include a Welcome Back Barbeque, live music on the Campus Commons, and other get-acquainted events. The Cariboo Student Society publishes a UCC Student Handbook, with many helpful facts and hints to make the transition to college life smoother.

Survival: The Counselling Department offers free workshops throughout the

semester, covering such topics as Study Skills, Surviving September, Stress Management, and Test Anxiety. Students may also take advantage of free workshops on job search skills, resume writing and interview skills.

Campus Tours: The UCC Public Relations Department conducts a regular Campus Tour Program. Tours are free to anyone, and are conducted every Monday from 11 am to noon. Tours start outside Bookie's (UCC Bookstore) on the 1st floor of the Campus Activity Centre. Any person who wants a tour should be at this location by 11 am. Schools may book tours for any time, providing advance arrangements are made with UCC Liaison Coordinator, Barbara Berger. Call: 828-5013

Financial Aid & Awards:
It's not too early for students entering UCC next year to take a look through the UCC Financial Aid & Awards Guide and begin their financial preparations. Some external scholarships and bursaries have application deadlines months in advance of the start of the Fall semester. The Guide is available free from UCC.

Students may also want to sit down with their parents well in advance of the recommended July 2nd deadline for applying for government student assistance, and make up a budget. The budget planning sheet in the back of the Guide can help with the task of understanding the financial aspects of post-secondary education.

Prospective recipients of Canada Student Loans should be aware that changes to this process may occur each year—don't trust old information! For up-to-the-minute information, call the

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