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Flying Colours

Each week, a flag representing one of the 30 countries of origin of our 350+ international students will occupy the centre pole in UCC's new entrance sign. The International Flags program, an initiative of the International Education Department and the Office of the President, was established to recognize international students as well as international VIPs on campus and current activities abroad.

"As part of our overall operations," explains President Barnsley, "I believe it's important for us to both recognize our international students and partners, and better inform our local community about the scope of what we are doing, and the tremendous positive influence it has on our local and regional economy."

Flags will be raised in alpha order, with the colours of Bangladesh flown first. A brief information release to UCC employees and local media each Monday morning will share such information as education and training affiliations with the country represented, and how many students from that country are currently enrolled here at UCC.

Best in the Business

The numbers are crunched, the figures are in, and the balance sheet shows that Accounting students at The University College of the Cariboo (UCC) have received an excellent return on their educational investment.

100% of UCC's Bachelor of Business Administration graduates passed the 1998 writing of the Uniform Final Examination (UFE) of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, topping the pass rates of business schools at universities across Canada.

Along with graduates of Simon Fraser University's Business program, UCC Business grads scored almost 35% above the national pass rate on the challenging final exam. Recognized by the accounting profession world-wide as a demanding test of excellence, the UFE is a national examination which must be passed by all aspiring members of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Radio 8

About fifty volunteers and generous donations of equipment from Kamloops' Radio NL and a Medicine Hat station make Radio 8 an imminent reality; a long-awaited FM license and closed-circuit frequency will get it on the air. According to UCC campus radio station manager Brant Zwicker, Radio 8's home, House 8, is almost furnished. The station still needs a reception desk, several 10 x 10 throw rugs or carpet remnants, two card-table-sized tables and four

accompanying chairs, two couches, three office-type chairs, a love seat, various desk lamps, a small fridge and various kitchen items, and all manner of office supplies. Music-related items needed include music books and magazines, cds, albums and tapes. Please call Brant at 5289 or e-mail brazier to arrange drop-off of donations.

The Facts

The new 1997/98 UCC Fact Book reveals that our student population is not only growing, but growing younger as well. Of our record total of 7,987 students last year, almost two-thirds are women.

Records also show that for the sixth consecutive year, UCC delivered more education than that provided for by government funding. The 1997/98 utilization rate was 105% across the institution, led by university programs which recorded an overall rate of 114%. It is expected that UCC will break the 8,000 mark in student enrolments this year, and continue to deliver educational programming well beyond funded capacity.

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A C R O S S C A M P U S

Sustaining Safer Campuses

Campus safety isn't big in the news. Although violence can occur in quiet suburbs and upscale malls as well as in big cities and squalid tenements, for the most part, universities and colleges in BC seem pretty safe.

This is no accident. For the past few years, Safer Campuses committees at universities and colleges across BC have laid out policies and processes to make student life safer. At The University College of the Cariboo (UCC), many of these safety initiatives have been physical so far: better-lit pathways, mirrors in stairwells, accessible emergency phones, the elimination of dense hedges and other possible hiding places, and a foot patrol to walk students through dark parking lots after late classes.

But that's just part of the BC government-funded project, explains Patti Devlin. Hired for a one-day-a-week position as UCC's "Sustaining Safer Campuses Coordinator," this ex-UCC student with a master's degree in public administration is charged with the task of taking the project to the next stage. "Students need to know that they're physically safe, but they also need to feel psychologically safe."

Some of the work has already been done. When the initiative began a few years ago, the UCC Board of Governors reviewed UCC policy, and made some important changes and additions related to harassment prevention, response to violence, and respect for diversity.

Now, through meetings, focus groups, workshops and open discussions, Patti hopes to involve UCC students and staff in a process to maintain an inclusive, respectful atmosphere across the campus, both in and out of the classroom. "What I'm looking to do," she says, "is to develop educational components aimed at ingraining these processes and policies into UCC culture. At this point, the 'sustaining' part of this initiative is my main objective."

Patti may be contacted by phone at 5329, by fax at 5865, by e-mail at pdevlin, and by mail to FAB #74.

Viewpoints

Student exhibitions worthy of a good look are currently on display on campus.

In the C-Block Art Gallery, English 308 (Personal Narrative) students exhibited 3-D images and icons that they constructed to augment their narrative explorations of events that had a strong impact on their lives. As the exhibit showed, these aren't merely Arts students: they're artistic students! This show, up until January 15, was replaced by a show of selected 1st-year Visual Arts student works, which will run until February 22.

In the CAC rotunda, 2nd-year Photography students have installed a large photographic panorama entitled "Parking at UCC." If a picture is worth a thousand words, this exhibit speaks volumes. It will be up until Reading Week. Take a look!



C L A S S I F I E D S

Wanted

Scraps: Jane Barley (CASD) needs cotton, cotton-polyester, or flannelette fabric scraps (minimum size 3" x 3") to make quilts for the newborn babies in the Baby's Head Start program. Drop off scraps in Room B225H or call 5596 or 5291 to arrange for pickup.

Skates: The International Students Activity Program needs donations of men's and women's skates for the month of January. Please contact Kari Pavlovich at 851-8576 or e-mail: kpavlovich

Toys: The Access to Training Storefront needs donations of toys, colouring books, children's videos, puzzles, etc., to keep little ones busy while their parents make course and program plans. Please contact Dian Aylwin at 376-9056 or e-mail: daylwin

Websightings

www.aucc.ca/english/about/briefs/ip_e_nov98.htm—"Approaches of Canadian Universities to the Management and Commercialization of Intellectual Property," an AUCC discussion paper.

www.campuscomputing.net—1998 US Campus Computing Project survey.

www.socsciresearch.com—Social Sciences information arranged by discipline.

www.mapblast.com/mapblast/start.htm—Street details on almost every Canadian and US city.

www.sshrc.ca—Information concerning a new initiative entitled "Valuing Literacy in Canada."

http://telus.com/areacode/lookup.html

—Website to check area codes, and to find out the boundaries of the new northern Alberta area code, 780.

Professional Development

Provincial Instructor's Diploma Program: Ongoing six-course diploma program offered by the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour, aimed at developing instructional competency in the design, management and evaluation of adult instruction. Courses run March to September.

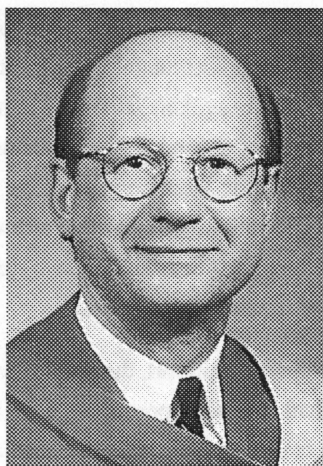
For information, please contact Judy Wilbee at 5186 or e-mail: wilbee. To register, call Vancouver Community College at 604-871-7488.

19th Annual Conference of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: June 16-19, 1999 at the University of Calgary. This year's conference theme focuses on collaborative teaching and learning. Deadline for submissions: Jan. 22/99. For more information, call 403-220-6495, fax: 403-288-8488, e-mail: stlhe99@acs.ucalgary.ca, web: www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~stlhe99

16th Annual Faculty Development Summer Institute on Active Learning and Teaching in University and College: August 2-6/99, Charlottetown, PEI. For more information, check the web at www.upei.ca/~extensio/FDSI99.htm



Several weeks ago, as Christmas was rapidly approaching, I realized that I had now been the President of UCC for almost six months. Having been so caught up in the activities associated with my new responsibilities, I had no idea that so much time had passed so quickly.



As I reflected on the many things that have happened since last July, I thought that I should write a "President's Report" to staff and students to tell you what I have been doing. Therefore, this is the first of my reports, which I intend to prepare for you at the beginning of each semester and at the end of the academic year.

To a large measure, my first six months at UCC could be characterized as my orientation to its people, departments and programs. I have come to learn that my style of leadership and management is most effective when I am familiar with the people I work with, and when I understand the programs we offer. That's why I have spent a great deal of time meeting with deans and directors and members of our instructional and administrative departments. In fact, my records tell me I have attended 64 such meetings in Kamloops!

In addition, I have visited our Williams Lake facilities on several occasions, and have had the opportunity to meet our co-ordinators and advisory committees in 100 Mile House, Merritt, Lillooet, Logan Lake and Ashcroft. I was very impressed by these facilities and by the accessibility to learning that UCC provides in these communities. Clearly we are a leader, both provincially and nationally, in distributed learning.

I should also note that I spent an enjoyable Saturday with Tom Dickinson and Nancy Flood, touring Wells Gray Park and UCC's Research Centre located just outside the park boundary. Although our buildings there are utilitarian and basic, they provide many students and faculty with opportunities for learning and research in an exciting environment.

Although time consuming, these activities are invaluable as I learn first-hand about the quality programs and services that we offer our students. In addition to learning so much about the institution itself, I have found the enthusiasm of both staff and students for their work and for UCC to be infectious, and I thank you all for sharing your excitement with me.

Along with my orientation meetings and regular administrative responsibilities, there are three initiatives that have been undertaken that I would like to elaborate on. The first is the implementation of our policy on the awarding of Honorary Degrees.

Nominations from the UCC community have now been received and the selection committee is presently preparing recommendations for consideration by Education Council and the Board of Governors. It is expected that the first UCC Honorary Degrees will be awarded at Convocation this June, and I believe this will be another important milestone for our university college.

The second initiative is one where I have, in consultation with our Vice-President, Finance and Administration, Cliff Neufeld, established a Budget Planning and Priorities Committee, with representation from students, staff and administration. This committee will provide recommendations to me on operating budget policy, budget development guidelines and processes, and the overall allocation to executive budget envelopes. I am confident this committee will facilitate an open and consultative approach to budget development at UCC.

Finally, I am chairing the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which was established by the Board of Governors. I am very excited about the strategic planning process at UCC, as it will provide for broadly based input aimed at setting directions for our institution over the next three to five years. I encourage all of you to participate in this process by sharing your ideas with the committee.

The job of president requires that I also spend part of my time off campus giving talks and meeting with a variety of individuals and external organizations. In the past few months I have spoken at three different Rotary club meetings about UCC, and in December I had the opportunity to talk with honours students at Westsyde Secondary School.

I appreciate these opportunities, as they provide me with a chance to tell others what I have learned about UCC, and I say without hesitation that I have heard many times how proud the people of Kamloops and the region are of "their college." UCC has developed an excellent reputation over a relatively short period of time and all who are associated with our university college community should feel a sense of pride and ownership for this accomplishment.

As UCC is a member of the 'college and institute' post-secondary system in B.C., there are many meetings that take place at the provincial level. As a result, I regularly attend meetings of the Advanced Education Council (AECBC) and the Post-Secondary Education Association (PSEA), as well as meetings with our Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

I am also pleased to report that I am a member of the Steering Committee which is facilitating the review and reorganization of the AECBC, and that I have been appointed as a member of the BC Council on Admissions and Transfers. By attending these meetings I have developed a good overview of the provincial post-secondary system, and needless to say, I also take every opportunity to promote UCC and our institutional interests and concerns.

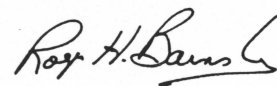
You should also know that the presidents of all five University Colleges in BC now meet on a regular basis to consider matters of mutual concern. It was this group that last year asked Howard Petch, former president of the University of Victoria, to write a report on the state of university colleges in the province. In his report, Dr. Petch stated that the university colleges have been very successful in living up to their responsibility to provide accessible education.

However, he noted that, as institutions which offer full university degrees, a number of important issues that should be dealt with were evident. In particular, he stated that our libraries are under-funded, that more resources are required for scientific laboratories and to provide students with needed computers and other technologies, and that opportunities must be available for instructional staff to be involved in scholarly activities.

Using the Petch Report as support, the university college presidents have had several opportunities over the past few months to meet with Ministry staff, and at these meetings the uniqueness of university colleges has been advocated. As the Ministry is now engaged in a review of the funding provided to colleges and institutes in the province, it is timely to develop a strategy to promote our uniqueness as university colleges.

I hope that you will find the brief notes and the information contained in this first "Report" useful and informative. I want to maintain an open and communicative Presidency and therefore, I welcome your comments and suggestions at any time.

I will conclude this first President's Report on a personal note by saying that my wife, Paula, and I are now well settled. Although our younger son, Phil, lives in Halifax, and our older son, Andrew, lives in Toronto, they were both able to visit us in Kamloops last summer and again over the Christmas season, and so the Barnsley family now feels quite at home in Kamloops.



A C H I E V E M E N T S

Ivan Somlai

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary December 11, 1999, the Himalayan Rescue Association in Nepal awarded Ivan Somlai (International Education) a diploma for "Outstanding Service Regarding Safety in the Himalayas" in recognition of his establishment of an Aid post in Manang in 1982 and his continuous contributions to safety and rescue.

Bruce Baugh

The Encyclopaedia of Aesthetics, a four-volume anthology published by Oxford University Press, includes an article by Bruce Baugh (Philosophy) entitled "Rock Music."

Tom McDougall

Tom McDougall (BA '93), now editor of the *Lakes District News* (Cariboo Press), placed second in the province for his editorial on the Skeena Cellulose buyout.

James Hoffman

James Hoffman (Theatre) just completed an entry, "Theatre in British Columbia," for the *Encyclopaedia of British Columbia*, to be published later this year. The challenge was to provide a balanced account of BC theatre, its history, some of its personalities, and a few facts about present companies and achievements, within

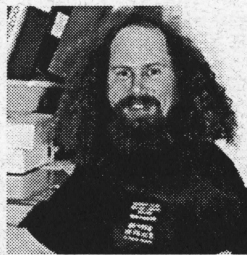
the limitation of 1500 words. "To help test it," says Jim, "I asked the students in one of my theatre classes to write down a question concerning BC theatre. I then read them the entry to see how well I covered the territory. All but one question was answered!"

Denielle Elliott

One of only four CRIAW research grants given in Canada will be awarded to Denielle Elliott (Sociology) for her research project entitled "Starving Women: Survival Sex and Women's Access to Community Food Resources."

Donald Lawrence

The Nanaimo Art Gallery features an installation by Don Lawrence (Visual Arts) this month. Don's show, entitled "Kayak Works," encompasses a range of his recent works, from the representational form of his "travel journals" to his more experimental "Underwater Pinhole Photography Project." The kayak-based works are further linked in the exhibition by the underlying theme of the relationships which exist between our urban and wilderness landscapes. The show runs until February 6.



A R O U N D & A B O U T

For Women Only

Nominations are again being accepted for the YM-YWCA's "Women of Distinction" Awards program. Candidates may be nominated for recognition of their commitment to the development of women and for their own outstanding achievements in six categories: Health & Wellness; Arts & Culture; Young Women (aged 15-24); Pioneer Spirit; Community & Humanitarian Service; Personal Achievement. Complete nomination packages are available from the Kamloops Community Y at 400 Battle Street. Nominations close March 5, with the awards ceremony slated for May 20.

Marking New Territory

After April 1, 1999, schoolchildren colouring a map of Canada will need three crayons for our northern regions instead of two. That's when the eastern half of the Northwest Territories becomes the new Territory of Nunavut. Nunavut, meaning "our land" in Inuk, is the ancestral home of the Inuit people.

Establishment of this new territory marks the final step in a long trek toward self-government for the Inuit, a struggle that has spanned decades and attracted international attention. These formerly nomadic hunter-gatherers, who have survived in the Arctic for thousands of years and now number about 27,000, eagerly await the conclusion of Canada's least-known land claim.

Jose Kusugak, President of the organization that enacted the land claim on behalf of the Inuit people, will speak about this important event in Canadian history. His lecture, sponsored by the UCC Human Rights Committee and the UCC Canadian Studies program, will be held in the Alumni Theatre at 12:30 on Friday, February 5. For more information, please contact Brigitta O-Regan at 372-8258 or e-mail: boregan.



U C C P E O P L E

Hey, Baby!

It's a girl! **Lolina Rocheleau** (Admissions) and husband Robert Koopmans are the proud parents of Emma, who was welcomed to the world Thursday, January 7, 1999.

It's a boy! **Gordon Tordoff** (Partsperson program) is the beaming dad of Joshua, a brand new boy, born December 9, 1998.

Welcome

UCC welcomes the following new employees: **Marilyn Mlazgar** (Food Training); **Kimberley Johnstone** (Food Training); **David Twynam** (Assoc. Dean, Tourism); **Nancy Twynam** (Biology); **Trudy Somerville** (Finance); **Joanne Rosvick** (Physics).

Thanks

A special thanks to the UCC Children's Christmas Party Committee—**Gail Lyons**, **Bernie Mahoney**, **Kymm Ducharme**, **Jackie Mullen**, **Coralyn Behrmann**, and **Theresa Torchia**—and to **Reg "Santa" McNamara**,

Doug Smith and the Print Shop crew, **Josh Keller**, **Hugo Blad and staff**, **OK Welders**, and the many high school student volunteers who made the annual UCC Children's Christmas Party a great success.

Heartfelt thanks also go out to the many staff and students who contributed food and money for the student hamper drive, and especially to organizers **Donna Fleury**, **Mathilda Charbonneau**, **Bev Wilson**, **Gudrun Wolfe** and **Kathleen Biagioni**. Thanks to the generosity of these people, 29 students received hampers and food vouchers to make their holiday a little happier.

Farewell

After 28 years at Cariboo, **Roland Cobb** (Physics) is retiring. One of UCC's original faculty, Roland shepherded the development of UCC's Physics program, and built the UCC Observatory.

Martin Bucher (Food Training) retires this month, and he really is outta here. As his first act of independence from the world of paid work, Martin has offered his services for Hurricane Mitch relief in Central America.

C O M M I N G U P

CUPE: Tuesday, January 19—4:30 pm—A223

Unit meeting: Discussion of terms of reference for Provincial Table with BCGEU

FILM: Thursday, January 21—7:00 pm—Northhills Theatre

Kamloops Film Society presents: "Karakter"—Netherlands. Admission \$5 plus a one-time, \$1 membership. For more information contact Brian Mitchell at 5142.

WRITER: Friday, January 22—noon—AE266

Canadian Studies Series: Playwright Kit Brennan discusses the writing process and her play "Spring Planting" (presented by WCTC Jan. 21-30). For more information, contact Ginny Ratsoy at 5238.

LECTURE: Friday, January 22—noon—A126

Hooked on Addictions Lecture Series: Drugs of Use and Misuse.

CELEBRATION: Friday, January 22—5:00 pm—Gymnasium

Official banner-raising to celebrate UCC's first-ever national title, claimed by our men's soccer team at the CCAA finals.

BASKETBALL: Friday, January 22—6 & 8 pm—UCC Gymnasium

Sun Demons Women and Men vs OUC. Tickets \$3.

BASKETBALL: Saturday, January 23—6 & 8 pm—UCC Gymnasium

Sun Demons Women and Men vs UCFV. Tickets \$3.

EDUCATION COUNCIL: Wednesday, January 27—3:00 pm—A126

Meeting. For more information, contact Maryanne Bower at 5019.

MUSIC: Thursday, January 28—12:30 pm—Alumni Theatre

Cultural Event: Guitarist, singer and songwriter Laura Smith. For more information, contact Susie Safford at 5292.

ART LECTURE: Thursday, January 28—1 pm—UCC Art Gallery

Visiting Artist: Murray Favro, sculptor and designer from Toronto, Ontario, discusses his work.

LECTURE: Friday, January 29—noon—A126

Hooked on Addictions Lecture Series: Coping Strategies

GRANT DEADLINE: Friday, January 29

Last day to apply for Alumni Association Project Awards. For more information, contact Pat Lee at 5267.

VOLLEYBALL: Friday, January 29—6 & 8 pm—UCC Gymnasium

Sun Demons Women and Men vs Langara. Tickets \$3.

VOLLEYBALL: Saturday, January 30—12 & 2 pm—UCC Gymnasium

Sun Demons Women and Men vs Capilano. Tickets \$3.

SKI DAY: Sunday, January 31—Sun Peaks

Discount skiing for UCC community: Show your UCC ID card to get an adult pass for \$31 or a child's pass for \$19.50 (tax included). Register by January 26/99. For more information, call Gail Lyons at 5723.

EMPLOYMENT EXPO: Thursday, February 4—11:00 am to 3:00 pm—CAC

UCC Student Employment Centre presents workshops, presentations and displays to help students find summer and permanent employment, apprenticeships and careers. For more information, contact Kymm Ducharme at 5669.

LECTURE: Thursday, February 4—noon—AE208

PHP Colloquium: Michael Gorman (History) discusses "Stranger In My Home Town": Elvis, Race and Class in the Modern South."

LECTURE: Thursday, February 4—noon—S373

Science Lecture: Mairi Mackay (Biology) discusses "Tropical Field Ecology—Back to School in Belize."

FILM: Thursday, February 4—7:00 pm—Northhills Theatre

Kamloops Film Society presents: "Slam"—USA. Admission \$5, plus a one-time, \$1 membership fee. For more information, contact Brian Mitchell at 5142.

LECTURE: Friday, February 5—noon—A126

Hooked on Addictions Lecture Series: Gambling Addiction and Gamble-Proofing

LECTURE: Friday, February 5—12:30—Alumni Theatre

Canadian Studies Lecture: Jose Kusugak discusses the new territory of Nunavut

LECTURE: Thursday, February 11—noon—S373

Science Lecture Series: UCC alumnus Dr. Troy Sarich discusses "Graduate School and Careers in the Pharmaceutical Industry."

MUSIC: Thursday, February 11—12:30 pm—Alumni Theatre

Cultural Event: Violin virtuoso Erika Raum with Lydia Wong, collaborative pianist. For more information, contact Liz Reimer at 5495.



LECTURE: Friday, February 12—noon—AE108

Social Sciences & Humanities Lecture: John Smallman of the United Church discusses "Religious Stereotyping."

BASKETBALL: Friday, February 12—6 & 8 pm—UCC Gymnasium

Sun Demons Women and Men vs Langara. Tickets \$3.

BASKETBALL: Saturday, February 13—6 & 8 pm—UCC Gymnasium

Sun Demons Women and Men vs Capilano. Tickets \$3.

GOVERNANCE: Saturday, February 13—TBA—CN Boardroom

UCC Board of Governors public meeting.

CONFERENCE:

Monday, February 15 to Friday, February 19

Species at Risk Conference: Highlighting research and applications related to the biology and management of sensitive and endangered species in the Pacific Northwest. Sponsored by UCC, MOELP, FRBC, Ducks Unlimited, the Canadian Wildlife Service, and others. For more information, or to register, contact Karl Larsen at 5456.

LECTURE: Monday, February 15—7:30 pm—Campus Activity Centre

Pat Slaney, Manager of the BC Watershed Restoration Program, discusses "Watershed Restoration: Passive or Active Intervention?" Open to the public.

LECTURE: Tuesday, February 16—7:30 pm—Campus Activity Centre

Birute Galdikas, SFU, discusses "The Politics of Extinction: Orangutans at Risk."

FILM: Thursday, February 18—7:00 pm—Northhills Theatre

Kamloops Film Society presents: "The Imposters"—USA. Admission \$5, plus a one-time, \$1 membership fee. For more information, contact Brian Mitchell at 5142.

HEALTH FAIR: Saturday, February 20—9:00 am-5:00 pm—CAC

Women In Focus '99: Over 40 exhibits for health & beauty, financial management, travel & resort information; health professionals; Shari Ulrich in concert; fashion show; image consultant; financial advisor. Free admission.

ONGOING

Bible Study—Tuesdays at noon in Room B222

Mid-Week Chapel Service—Wednesdays at noon in Room A105

Aerobics—Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Gymnasium. \$3 per class

New Release Movie Night—Saturdays at McGill Student Housing

Pool Tournament Night—Mondays at McGill Student Housing

Gym Night—Wednesdays, sponsored by McGill Student Housing

Retro Movie Nights—Tuesdays at McGill Student Housing

Grocery Run—Thursdays from 4 till 6 pm