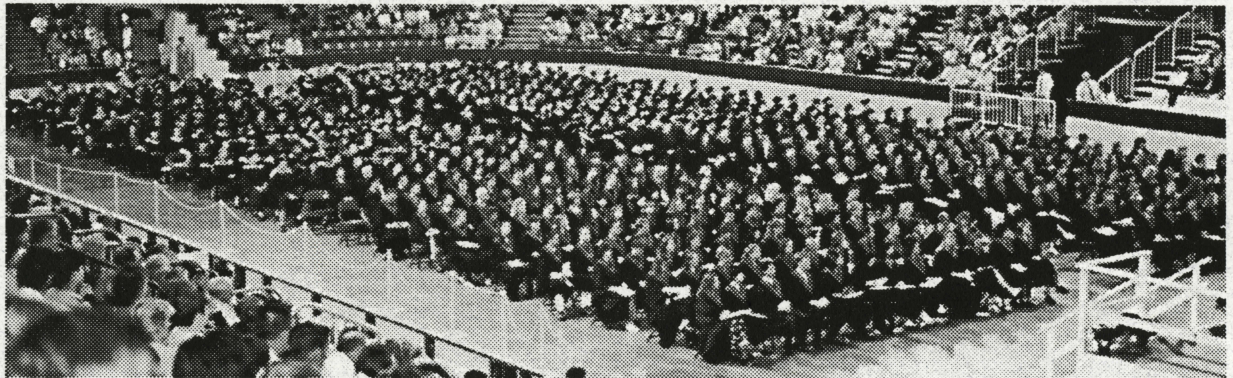




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Convocation '98

UCC's Convocation Ceremony is a celebration of our programming diversity, with students from all of UCC's degree, diploma and certificate programs lining up together to receive their graduation credentials. This year, more students showed up for the ceremony than ever before; we had to supply more chairs for grad seating at the last minute, we ran out of gowns and had to borrow from the faculty supply, and Convocation programs were at a premium.

This year's ceremony, held at the Riverside Coliseum on Saturday, June 13, was marked with a lot of firsts. For the first time, the graduate procession went outside the Coliseum; the UCC Ceremonial Staff or, as it is called at some universities, the Mace, was used for the first time this year, carried into the ceremony by Registrar Dennis Mayberry, and placed on the platform along with the maces of UCC's partner universities; Dr. Roger Barnsley, UCC's new President, who will officially begin in his new position on July 1st, was gowned with UCC's Presidential regalia; UCC graduates wore our new degree

regalia in Arts, Science, Business and Nursing. Another first, which may or may not be repeated in years to come, was a perfectly executed cartwheel, performed by an exhilarated BBA degree graduate, in the space between the deans' podium and the President's seat.

It has been a tradition at UCC to honour a different program stream each year by selecting a valedictorian from within its ranks. Last year's valedictorian was an academic student; this year's valedictorian was selected from a vocational program. UCC Horticulture graduate Christine Broadfoot took the podium this year, in the age-old tradition of congratulating and challenging her peers as they enter a new stage in their lives. Ms. Broadfoot is a living example of today's benchmarks of lifelong learning and the fusion of life, learning and career. She has been a sawmill shipper-foreman, a stay-at-home mom, and a student, as well as a Brownie leader, skier, and slow-pitch player. After graduation, she will continue to pursue her new vocation as horticulturist in her work at Art Knapp's, and through advanced correspondence courses in Horticulture. She hopes to own her own commercial greenhouse in the future.

RN Shortage Good for UCC Nursing Grads, But . . .

Of the 67 nurses in this year's graduating class, 90% have already found employment in a variety of health-care settings around BC. After almost a decade of layoffs and cutbacks in nursing employment, the job situation is reversing. Conservative estimates in both the US and Canada suggest that the demand for RNs will climb by 25% in the next decade, due in part to an aging workforce, an aging population, and fewer students entering nursing programs. The lack of qualified nurses is already making itself known locally; at its May meeting, the UCC Board of Governors read a letter from the Central Cariboo Chilcotin Health Council regarding a nursing shortage in Williams Lake.

Nurse-educators and care-givers fear that the nursing shortage may become a serious public safety issue. Added to this is a change in the function of nurses, as more access points to health care become open to the public and skill sets demanded of nurses change as a result of the changing role of doctors and nurses in care situations. To deal with this impending problem, the UCC School of Nursing has been active in program recruitment and innovative in program development.

New initiatives completed this year by the UCC Nursing

department include a Community Home Care Nursing Program, which will enable RNs to develop required competencies for practice in a home care setting; the Primary Care Clinical Nursing Program, which prepares nurses for work in rural hospitals, emergency settings and nursing stations; the Ashcroft General Hospitalist Call Education Plan, to prepare nurses to assess, treat and discharge patients in the absence of physicians; and a cluster of gerontological nursing courses, available on campus and by distance, to give nurses the knowledge and skills needed to care for the elderly in acute, community and facility care settings.

Eight of the twelve seats in UCC's new Primary Care Clinical Nursing Program are already filled, with RNs coming from BC, Alberta, and the Yukon. The program was developed in cooperation with the Medical Services Branch, Health Canada, and is designed to prepare nurses for work in rural hospitals, emergency settings, and nursing stations. The program's 15 credits are transferable to BSN degrees granted by UCC and UVic.

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From Rehearsal To Reality

Paul Egan, who has been Acting Vice President, Instruction, for the past year while VP Instruction Neil Russell held the position of Acting President, will leave at the end of the month for Oakville, Ontario, where he will assume the position of Vice President, Academic for Sheridan College. As UCC Dean of Sciences and Health Sciences, Paul was instrumental in the development of UCC's Animal Health Technology program and played a key role in the design and implementation of science degree programs when UCC attained university college status.

Healing the Process

Bruce Thomson (ESL) scored a major victory this spring when the government ordered police to change their tactics related to high-speed chases. Bruce's efforts to force police to use appropriate warning devices, a struggle that he engaged in after his son and son's girlfriend were killed in a traffic accident involving a police cruiser travelling at high speeds without emergency flashers, met with a great deal of opposition from the RCMP and others. Bruce's perseverance, intelligence and endless patience (acquired, no doubt, from years of teaching ESL) were rewarded when the Attorney-General's office handed down a ruling requiring police to use their flashers when in pursuit.

Another positive feature arising from this terrible tragedy was the establishment of the Erik Thomson Endowment Fund. Each year, a sizable student award is presented to a financially needy student starting a UCC program who is also recovering from the death of a family member. All donations to this fund are tax-deductible, and are matched dollar-for-dollar by the provincial government. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this endowment may contact the UCC Foundation at 5264.

Well Wishes

Craig Riggs, International Education's dynamic Marketing Manager, is leaving for SFU in August to pursue graduate studies. We'll all miss Craig, and wish him well in his academic endeavours.

Webweavers

As part of the Premier's Economic Summit hosted by UCC, a team of UCC student volunteers interviewed attending delegates and posted feature articles on a webpage attached to UCC's website. Coordinator Jeff McLaughlin would like to thank faculty assistants Susan Bell (Writing Centre) and David Skinner (Journalism) and students Kyle Aben, Audrey Basaraba, Brenda Bleackley, Judi Dupont, Matthew Koivisto, Karen McCoy, Dee McLaughlin, Leisha Sagan, Meghan Shapiro, Lisa Taylor and Richard Wright for the long hours they spent as volunteers with this project. The site has over 50 articles and interviews and over 100 photos. It may be accessed at www.cariboo.bc.ca/summit

Daycare Thanks

The UCC Child Care Society would like to thank Dennis Johnson and his carpentry students for their construction help in the building of the Daycare's Creative Outdoor Play space. Dennis and students built "loose parts" boxes, planks, and tressels.

New Name

Room AE 151 has been named the "Hugh and Margaret Neave Geography Laboratory" in recognition of the establishment of an endowment in the memory of Dr. Margaret S. Neave.

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

Great Grads!

Getting a diploma, certificate or degree after years of study and hard work is a reward in itself, but some UCC students also received additional mention at Convocation for outstanding achievements in their areas of specialization:

The Lieutenant Governor's Medal, awarded to a top-ranking student in a one-year program who has actively participated in college and/or community affairs, was awarded to **Lynda B. Miller** (Home Support/Resident Care Attendant program);

The Governor-General's Medal for the top-ranking graduate of a two- or three-year program went to **Susan Juhas** (Animal Health Technology program);

The Governor-General's Medal, awarded to the top-ranking student in a UCC degree program, was presented to **Sean Wandler** (Bachelor of Business Administration degree program);

The University College of the Cariboo Medal in Business Administration: **Sean Wandler**;

The University College of the Cariboo Medal in Science: **Barbara Jean Wheatley**;

The University College of the Cariboo Medal in Nursing: **Marsha Lorraine Wilson**;

The University College of the Cariboo Medal in Arts: **Keith Broersma**;

The University College of the Cariboo Medal in Natural Resource Science: **Karen Eileen Baleshta**;

The University of British Columbia Medal in Education: **Julie Kathryn Boyes**;

The University of British Columbia Medal in Arts: **Lisa B. McCarthy**;

The University of British Columbia Medal in Science: **Kerri Ann Halliwell**;

The University of Victoria/University College of the Cariboo Medal for Social Work: **Kenneth Timothy Jyrkkanen**.

Centred on Wellness

After months of extensive research conducted by UCC students and staff, a Campus Advisory Committee has been formed to establish a Campus Community Wellness Centre. Committee members Karen Abbott, Grant Larson, Elizabeth Biagioni, Inga Thomson, Sharon Simpson, Jeff Speedy, Mairi Mackay, David Lidster, Dian Aylwin and Susie Safford are now developing a mission statement, terms of reference and fundraising ideas.

The Centre will provide a range of health and wellness programs and services based on self-identified student needs and recommendations. The goal is to assist students in achieving their academic potential by attaining optimum wellness. The UCC community is invited to share ideas and experiences related to community/campus wellness with any of the committee members.

In the (Wood)Works

On March 1, the Advanced Technology and Innovation Centre (ATIC) began a partnership with Forintek Canada Corp., a primary industry-funded research group, in an FRBC-funded project aimed at strengthening the value-added forest products industry in BC. UCC will receive \$1.3 million to fund this ATIC project over the next five years. ATIC consultants Lyle Killough, Roland Baumiester, Nova Woodbury and a process control expert yet to be hired will help to identify problems, provide recommendations and find solutions for value-added companies.

The project will be evaluated on its ability to generate 100 person-years of employment, add \$10 million in capital equipment purchases, and increase profitability or decrease costs by \$10 million over the next two years. Collaboration with industry in cost-recovery projects of this nature enhance UCC's stature province-wide in both the public and private sectors.

College Designations Committee

Now fully constituted, the CDC has begun to review the designations process and applications. Committee members are: Dr. Roland Cobb (UCC Science); Dr. Robert MacKinnon (UCC Arts); Dr. Jim Totten (UCC Professional Schools); Dr. John Dennison (UBC Education); Dr. Robin Fisher (UNBC Arts, Sciences and Health Sciences); Dr. Gary Hunt (UCC Sciences); Dr. Grant Larson (UCC Professional Schools); and chairperson Dr. Richard Sigurdson (UCC Arts).



L-R (Back): Jim Totten, Dan Eggleton, Tim Rees, Brook Glanville, Dave Tomkins
L-R (Front): Chris Clark, Graham Bancroft, Jason Miller. Missing from photo: Mantek Yeung.

Math Marvels

On May 1 this year, seventy top math students representing secondary schools from Williams Lake, Kamloops and Clearwater to Lytton, Lillooet and Merritt, came to The University College of the Cariboo to write the BC Colleges Math Contest final round exam, to meet other young mathematicians and see how they stand in relation to their peers.

Top Junior honours went to Jennifer Haugen of Sahali Secondary, followed by second-place Graham Bancroft of NorKam Secondary. A three-

way tie with a score of 61 for third place was shared by Chris Clark of NorKam Secondary, Jason Miller of Williams Lake Junior Secondary, and Mantek Yeung of Kamloops Secondary.

Winner in the Senior category for the fourth year in a row was Brook Glanville of Columneetza Senior Secondary—this year, this brilliant young mathematician scored 90 to win the \$500 first place scholarship. Second in the Senior category was Dan Eggleton of Brocklehurst Secondary, and third place went to Tim Rees of Columneetza Senior Secondary.

UCC Abroad

UCC Anthropology instructor David Scheffel has recently been awarded a contract to complete a CIDA project in Eastern Europe in collaboration with three non-governmental organizations: Habitat for Humanities, The Heifer Project, and Trickle-Up. The project, initiated by David Scheffel and supported intensively by Ivan Somlai of UCC International Education, is aimed at employment training and holistic community development, covering areas from infrastructure enhancement to basic education and health care for a disadvantaged Roma population (Gypsies) in Slovakia.

The unique project, overseen by a CIDA division usually devoted to commercial, not humanitarian, interests, will run for a total of three years, with an option for extension if the project is successful. David Scheffel will work in Europe full-time for a year, and will continue to liaise with the project for a year following his return.

Conference Centre

This year's Research at Small Universities Conference, hosted by UCC May 7th, 8th and 9th this year, was extremely well attended. Over 75 delegates from post-secondary institutes in Canada and the US attended this conference, which was the first ever to address the needs of faculty and administration. The program included presentations on research grants and funding, small university infrastructure, student involvement in scholarly activity, intellectual property, university presses, research and commercial enterprise, and success stories.

The Fourth Annual Conference of the BC Political Studies Association was held at UCC May 8th to 10th. Political scientists from across BC discussed such issues as public policy related to sustainable forestry and aboriginal rights, global cities, the future of the NDP, recall and leadership, marketing of universities, APEC, corporate taxation, and international organizations. Organizer Derek Cook noted that the participants were very impressed with the beauty of the campus and our facilities, especially the Campus Activity Centre.

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

UCC Chemistry Contest

150 students from seven secondary schools within the UCC region competed for book prizes in the 2nd Annual UCC Chemistry Contest. Most students write the contest exam at their own school, while 35 students selected by their teachers have the opportunity to write the exam at UCC, and participate in a chemistry lab experience afterward.

UCC Chemistry faculty Norm Reed, Jim Davies and Sharon Brewer conducted the exam, and then gave the students a glimpse of post-secondary science through an experiment in which the students identify concentrations of metals in solution, a process used in the mining industry, and for establishing natural and drinking water quality.



By Extension

Last year alone, 14,692 people took UCC Continuing Education courses, an increase of 47% over the previous year. Each year, UCC Extension

Services offers over 1000 courses in hundreds of subjects, and generates almost \$3 million in economic activity in the local economy. Extensions Director Andrew McKay attributes the continuing success of UCC Continuing Ed to professional and enthusiastic faculty and staff, and to a changing social structure and work force, which has made the concept of lifelong learning a necessity. Extension Services welcomes ideas for new programs and services.

What's New for Fall '98

A new option in the Vocational Skills Training Program will train students with a disability for entry level jobs in the retail sector. The Retail Worker program is 10 months long, and has both classroom and hands-on components. For more information, please contact Lois Peters at 5298.

Students in the Bachelor of Science program now have the option of completing a Minor in addition to their Major, giving them a second area of expertise. This is particularly valuable for students planning to enter a teaching career. For more information, please contact Colin James at 5402.

Heavy Duty Mechanics has moved from a continuous entry/exit mode to fixed intake, with all students entering the program August 31st. For more information about UCC Mechanical programs, please contact Dave Wharf at 5130.

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

UCC Summer Sports Camps

A series of week-long, half-day or full-day camps for children aged 5 to 12 begin July 7th. These mini-camps focus on sport-specific instruction in the morning, and outdoor activities and water fun in the afternoons. Children may choose to attend half or full days. Cost is \$75/week for half days (GST exempt) and \$125/week for full days (GST exempt).

Week-long, full-day camps for children aged 12 to 16 start August 10th. These camps emphasize skills development in either volleyball or basketball, coached by UCC coaching staff, varsity athletes and renowned coaches within the community. Cost is \$125/week for 12 to 14 year olds, and \$133.75/week for 15 to 16 year olds. For more information, please call 5670. To register, please call 5039.

Campus Tours

The Cariboo Student Society (CSS) will conduct campus tours throughout the summer. All tours start at the foot of the stairs inside the UCC Campus Activity Centre, and there's no need to register—just show up, and enjoy! Tours will be held at 11:00 am on June 16 and 23, and July 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, August 4, 11, 18, 25, and September 1 and 2. Tours will be held at 1:00 pm June 18, 25, July 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, August 6, 27, and September 3. For more information, please contact the CSS at 5882.

UCC Athletics Team Tryouts

Tentative tryout schedule for students eager to get involved in UCC Sun Demons sports.

Men's Soccer: August 31st

Women's Soccer: August 31st

Men's Basketball: September 8th at 4:00 pm

Women's Basketball: September 8th at 7:00 pm

Women's Volleyball: September 8th at 5:30 pm

Men's Volleyball: September 8th at 8:30 pm

Badminton: September 9th at 7:00 pm

For more information, please call Tracey Bilsky at 5273.

Eureka! Science Program '98

Kids become the scientists in this program for children aged 7 to 14 years. Through hands-on projects and cool demonstrations, kids discover how much fun science can be. This program, which covers a wide range of science topics from physics and engineering to chemistry and biology, is a non-profit program run by students in the Bachelor of Science program at UCC.

Camps are organized as weekly day-camps, with Junior (ages 7 - 10) and Intermediate (ages 11 - 14) running simultaneously. Camps run weekly throughout July and August. Cost is \$110/week. For more information, please call 828-5454 or 371-5534.

Wells Gray Park Natural History Courses

Day-long and weekend field courses on such topics as Ethnobotany: Medicinal and Edible Native Plants, Nature for Kids, Geological History of the Clearwater Valley, Mushrooms and Fungi, and others will be held throughout the summer.

The courses, taught by well-known local naturalists and scientists, will run out of the Wells Gray Education and Research Centre, 25 km up the Wells Gray Park road. Weekend courses are \$80, and day courses are \$15 and \$20. For more information, please contact Dave Williams at 828-5426.

C O M I N G U P

Saturday, June 20—noon—CN Boardroom
UCC Board of Governors public meeting.

Wednesday, June 24—3:00 pm—A126
Education Council meeting.

Monday, June 29—3 pm - 5 pm —Terrace
Paul Egan Farewell.

Off to London

UCC BA graduate Joshua Smith, son of UCC instructors Ron and Maureen Smith, has been accepted by the London School of Economics to begin graduate work there this fall.

ABE Bursary Winner

UCC student Alysia Gardner is the recipient of the \$100 Adult Basic Education Association of BC Bursary. Ms. Gardner is a dedicated, committed student who has consistently achieved marks in the mid to high 90s in her College Preparation courses. After completing her upgrading, she will be enrolled in a program leading to a career in medicine.

Lines From The Pen

Peter Murphy's (English) new book *Sentences and Paroles: A Prison Reader* has just been published by New Star Press. It is co-edited by Peter and Jennifer Murphy, with an Introduction by Robert Kroetsch. It's a collection of stories by prison writers, and also features writing by some writers on the "outside": Stephen Reid, Evelyn Lau, Brian Fawcett, Susan Musgrave and others. Soon to be on the shelves at Bookie's.

UCC Board Chair Honoured

UCC Board of Governors chair and outgoing AECBC President John Harper has been awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Advanced Education Council of BC (AECBC) in recognition of his "significant contributions to the college and institute system in British Columbia."

Paper Delivery

Drs. Michael Crawford and Robert Harding (UCC Social Work) presented their paper, "Standing Up to the Moral Majority: Men's Accountability for Violence" at the 1998 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, held in Ottawa June 2nd. The paper examines the traditional clinical responses to woman abuse in intimate relationships and provides correctives to problems with emerging forms of intervention.

World-Class Winners

Audra Thompson (PR) and Craig Riggs (Int'l Ed) have received a Certificate of Merit from the Gallery of Superb Printing for the International Education search piece. The piece represents hours of work and is a primary international student recruitment document.



Student Successes

Two UCC students have won Credit Union-Forest Renewal BC Bursaries. Ryan Edwards, a second-year student, and Tysen LeBlanc, a first-year student, will both receive \$1,000 toward further study, and the judges remarked upon the innovative ideas and commitment to sustainable forestry that both students displayed in their essay submissions.

Keith Broersma, one of UCC's first five Geography majors and this year's winner of the UCC Medal in Arts, has been accepted into SFU to begin a MA in Geography, with a sizeable entrance scholarship.

Elizabeth Makortoff, one of our first two graduates in the BA Thematic Option in Canadian Studies, has been accepted into the University of Victoria's Law School.

BBA grad Dorothe Fetzke is now choosing from four offers of admission to law schools across Canada.

UCC student Sandra Simpson was recognized by the Houghton Mifflin Company with a commemorative plaque for her Master Student Essay, which was judged the winner for the UCC campus. She wrote the essay as part of her involvement in Student Success 100, in which students prepare themselves to be successful in a wide range of program areas including degree, diploma and certificate paths, and College Preparation. The next section of Student Success 100 will run from June 24 to July 30. For more information, please contact Dian Aylwin at 376-9056 or e-mail: daylwin.



L-R: Ross Spina, Alan Hay, Mark Madryga, Doug Baleshta, Robert Holden.
Missing from photo: Ross Boulanger.

Distinguished Alumni

The UCC Alumni Association awarded the following Distinguished Alumni at their annual Alumni Reception, held June 12:

Service to the University: Doug Baleshta (UT '75)

Service to the Community: Robert Holden (UT '75)

Athletic Achievement: Alan Hay (UT '77)

Professional Achievement: Ross Spina (UT '71)

Professional Achievement: Mark Madryga (UT '84)

Academic Achievement: Ross Boulanger (UT '83)

Staff Orientation

A Staff Orientation will be held August 31 from 8:30 to 10:30 am. For more information, please contact Brenda Simard at 5346.

Billets Needed

Host families are needed to feed, shelter and provide minimal transportation for students attending the 14th Annual Canadian Leadership Conference, to be held September 29 to October 4, 1998. About 450 grade 8 - 12 students are expected to attend. If you can help out, please call Sharon Simpson at 5420 or e-mail: ssimpson

Meat Specials

Ken Jakes and the UCC Retail Meat Processing department would like to especially thank all of their satisfied customers for their business support this year. The Meat Store is closed for the summer, and Ken looks forward to seeing his regular customers when the store reopens in the Fall.

Reflections From The Cariboo

The book of Canadian Studies book reviews published by UCC Canadian Studies 200 class is now available, for a suggested donation, at Bookie's on campus and Merlin Books downtown. In addition to the writing of 21 Canadian Studies students, the book features art by UCC Visual Arts students and by such UCC Daycare students as Alia Egan and Nathan Friedman. The editors thank the Alumni Association and the Cariboo Student Society for their generous financial contributions to the project.

Don't Touch That Dial!

On-campus telephone services will be interrupted a few times this summer in order to replace the internal system. There will be outages from June 26 at 6pm to June 29 at 6am; from August 14 at 6pm to August 17 at 6am. Pay phones on campus will not be affected.

Instructional Skills Workshops

These intensive four-day workshops are designed to aid participants in a review of basic teaching ideas and current practices, and, in the safe environment of the workshop, to try new strategies and techniques. The next workshops will be held August 17-20 and August 24-27. For more information, or to register, please contact Penny Heaslip at 5438 or e-mail: heaslip.

Websightings

Savoy Magazine (hip literary site with some articles contributed by UCC alums)—www.savoymag.net
BC Media Directory—www.gov.bc.ca/mediaguide.html
UCC Canadian Studies—www.cariboo.bc.ca/ae/cnst

Student Orientation

UCC student Holly Shields is coordinating a Student Orientation program designed to help new students adjust to post-secondary life more quickly and easily. Students can drop in to any of three 3-hour evening orientation sessions, to be held September 8, 9 and 10, to learn about UCC services and policies, and student success strategies.

The interactive sessions give new students a chance to role play, to ask questions, and to meet new friends. All 1st-year students will receive personal invitations to orientation, and any others are welcome to attend. All sessions start at 6:30 pm at the UCC Gymnasium. For more information, please call 5009 or 5010.

AROUND & ABOUT

No-Cost Catch-Up

On May 13, Premier Glen Clark and Advanced Education Minister Andrew Petter announced that ABE students will not be charged tuition fees as of July 1, 1998. This initiative is part of the BC government's ongoing plan to increase accessibility to education for all.

Andrew Petter explained that all ABE tuition will be removed, even for those students who have already obtained a degree, but need to upgrade in such subjects as mathematics or English for the purpose of pursuing a new career path.

With this new approach, students will be able to choose between college and school district programming based on individual need rather than on cost. Courses in either system will lead to a common adult credential.

UBC Grad Program in Kamloops

Beginning January, 1999, UBC, in association with UCC, will offer a three-year, part-time graduate program at UCC. The UBC Master of Education in Counselling Psychology comprises 51 credits, and includes courses, field experience, a supervised practicum and a graduating essay. Deadline for applications is October 15, 1998.

For more information, please contact Reno Fabbro at 5736 or e-mail: rfabbro@cariboo.bc.ca

It Worked!

Friday, May 15, was the official opening of the Student Summer Works program office here at UCC. Barely a month later, the four UCC student administrators, Nicole Tomm, Paul Gauci, Dorothe Fetzko and Dieter Hart, working under the supervision of Program Manager Kathie Bryenton, have already passed the provincial goal of creating 427 part- and full-time student jobs.

This is the first time that UCC has hosted this program, which aims to create learning/employment opportunities under a wage-share agreement. The student administrators will now concentrate on visiting the multitude of job sites to monitor the learning objectives set out by the program.