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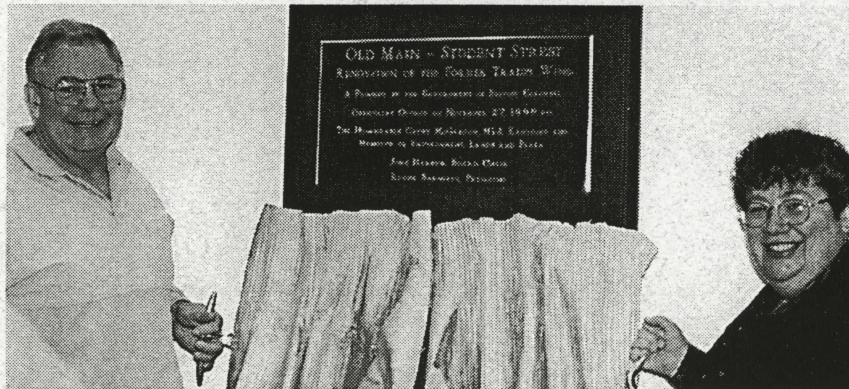
Street Social

The Old Main Student Street Renovations were officially opened at 10:00 am Friday, November 27. On hand to dedicate the newly completed wing were **MLA Cathy McGregor, UCC President Roger Barnsley, UCC Board Chair John Harper**, and architect **Mike Hill** of Howard/Bingham/Hill. Staff, students, honorary board members, Foundation board members, Alumni Association representatives, retired staff, and contractors involved with the project rounded out the crowd.

To demonstrate enthusiasm for their new space, Visual Arts faculty glitzed up the proceedings with costumes, art, and a colossal, 3-D Mona Lisa. After the dedication, participants and student onlookers polished off a delicious commemorative cake prepared by Cook Training.

The last of the capital construction projects in the BC post-secondary sector, the project involved twenty-six engineering and contracting firms, working under the direction of UCC Facilities project manager **Phil Hanmer**. The \$5.4 million renovation of the 100,000-square-foot area vacated by UCC trades and technology programs now houses programs and departments formerly located in cramped or off-campus quarters.

The retrofit makes use of skylights, open spaces, and multiple levels to create an open, airy environment for students. Public Relations Director **Josh Keller** notes that "In ten months, UCC took a huge, windowless, cinder-block construction built thirty years ago and turned it into a fresh and functional campus feature. Not only that, but we were finally able to bring programs like Adventure Travel Guide, Office Administration and the Computer Access Centre home."



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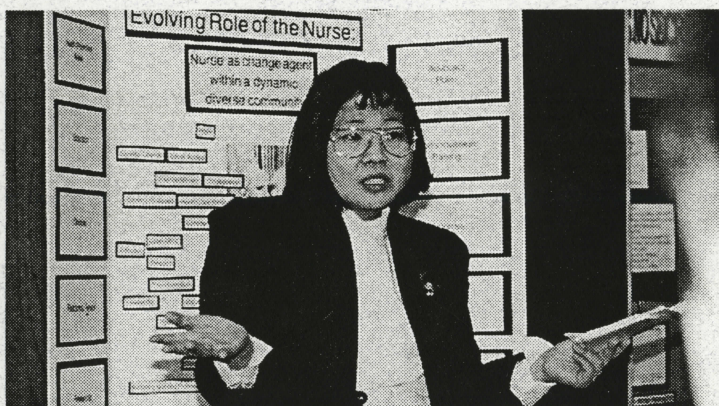
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Cultural Connection

Faculty, staff and students feasted on a free lunch presented by the UCC First Nations Student Association (FNSA) to foster friendship and understanding on campus. FNSA executives introduced themselves and sketched out plans for future events and initiatives, including First Nations Awareness Week, which will be held February 22 to 26, 1999. For more information, please contact FNSA President **Cheryl Matthew** at 319-0041.



Bridging the Gap

With their neat looks and professional manners, they already look like nurses, and by the sound of it, they're ready to tackle the hard issues in that changing profession. In a recent poster session in which they highlighted their community projects, fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing students showed how they, as nurses, can influence social change.

With projects ranging from AIDS awareness for aboriginal women and education for young moms, to coping with death, menopause, and fetal alcohol syndrome, the student nurses showed how they could act as change agents through advocacy and empowerment.

And this wasn't just a show-and-tell in isolation—these students have become active members of the community care network. After describing how they organized the First Nations Womens' Health Fair, for example, presenters **Michelle McCullough** and **Heather Johnson** asked for, and got, student nurses to take blood pressure at the event. Students **Karen McNulty** and **Deb Studer** (above) sketched the stresses of working with the dying at the Kamloops Hospice Society, concluding with the plea, "we still need volunteers." A community project isn't just about learning for these nurses, it's about life in the real world, a world in which they can and will make a difference.

Strategy, Stage Two

The UCC Strategic Planning Committee has outlined the proposed process, received feedback, and is now ready for Stage Two: external and internal distribution of a questionnaire designed to examine UCC's strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities.

The questionnaire, designed by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, will be in department offices by mid-December. Comments may be sent to the committee in care of Colleen McClean, Clocktower, or via e-mail to: strategic-1.

Better Than Nothing?

Here are some debatable quotes attributed to the World Bank in the November/98 *Canadian Association of University Teachers(CAUT) Bulletin*:

"Higher education is a private—not a public—good whose problems are amenable to market solutions... government financing of higher education combined with institutional accountability to government is responsible in large measure for the survival of traditional, elitist, self-serving education which is unresponsive to the real needs of the (unregulated) global economy.... Faculty have too much power in higher education and administrators have too little incentive to control them. Faculty power has its sources in control of the curriculum (unrelated to the needs of the global economy), shared or collegial governance, unionism and, of course, academic freedom and tenure."

The Write Place

The UCC Writing Centre is now established in its new location, room A217 in Old Main. To go along with the new digs, coordinator **Susan Bell** and peer tutors **Brenda Bleackley**, **Linda Favrholt**, and **Marion King** have initiated a new service that sees tutors invited for a class visit to introduce students to the Centre. Students and staff who donate an hour or so of their time a few days a week are also an integral part of the service, and the Centre welcomes and needs new volunteers. For more information, please contact Susan Bell at 5685 or drop in to the Writing Centre.

Can Study

For a program that's only been running for a couple of years, the UCC Canadian Studies program's record is impressive: a sold-out compilation of student works, an annual awareness day, and an evolving website. How to make it even better: buy the second edition of *Reflections from the Cariboo: Canadian Studies Creations* when it comes out in a couple of weeks; attend the 3rd Annual Canadian Studies Day this winter, and visit the website at www.cariboo.bc.ca/ae/cnst/index.htm

Poetry Performance

Several senior acting students from UCC's performing arts program performed readings of Romantic poetry at the UCC Chorus' Food of Love concert December 4th and 5th. The romantic readings by students **Julia Body**, **Theresa Beattie**, **Joe Amon**, **Terri Runnalls**, and **Jodi Schneck** were integrated with the songs.

Student Governors

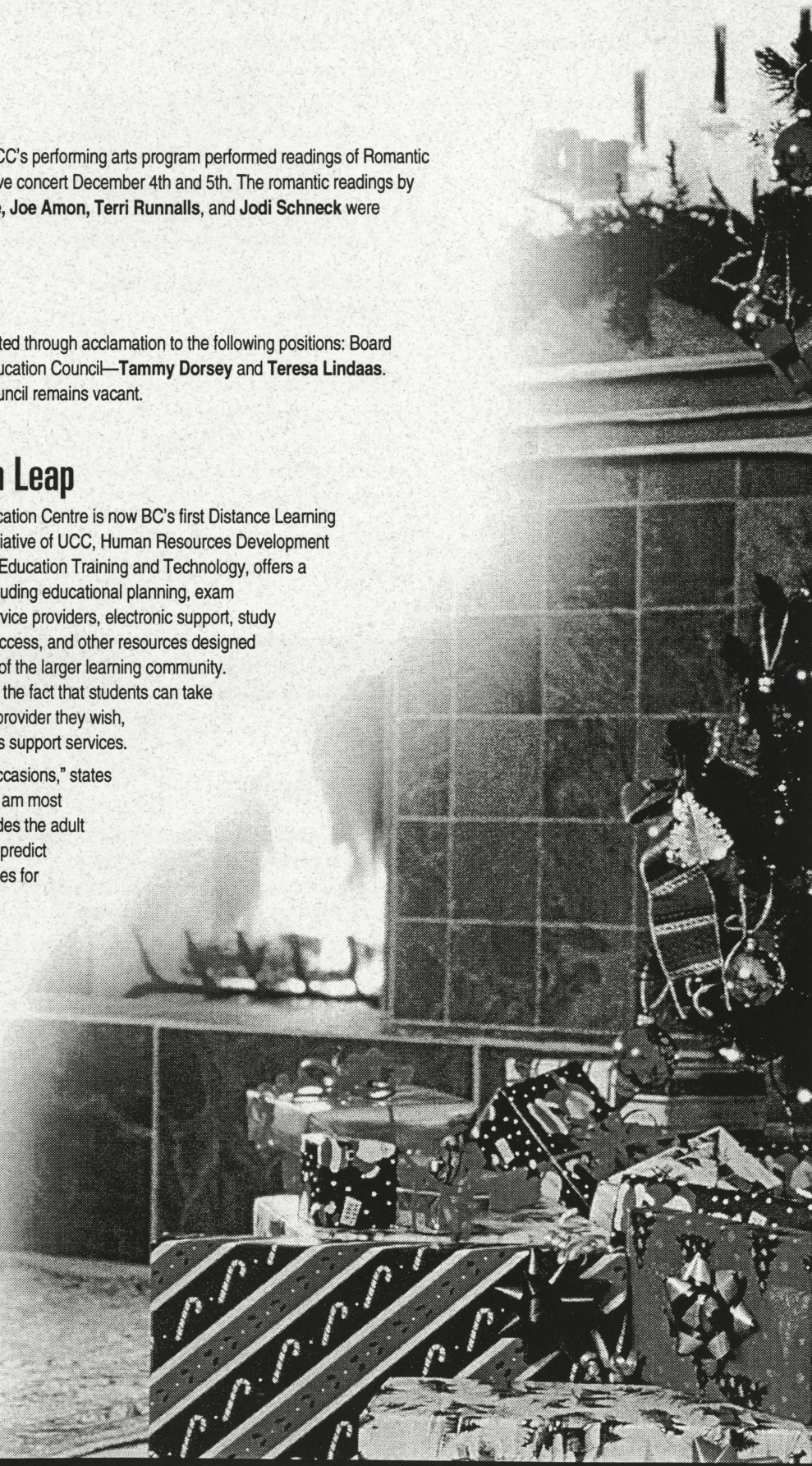
Several UCC students have been elected through acclamation to the following positions: Board of Governors—**Matthew Koivisto**; Education Council—**Tammy Dorsey** and **Teresa Lindaas**. One student position on Education Council remains vacant.

100-Mile a Quantum Leap

UCC's 100-Mile House Skills and Education Centre is now BC's first Distance Learning Support Centre. The Centre, a joint initiative of UCC, Human Resources Development Canada and the Ministry of Advanced Education Training and Technology, offers a wide range of educational services including educational planning, exam invigilation, liaison with educational service providers, electronic support, study space, computer, library and internet access, and other resources designed to help distance learners become part of the larger learning community. What makes this pilot project unique is the fact that students can take courses from any educational service provider they wish, worldwide, and still access the Centre's support services.

"I have visited the Centre on several occasions," states UCC President Roger Bamsley, "and I am most impressed by the opportunities it provides the adult learners in this region. Indeed, I would predict that the combination of dedicated spaces for a computer laboratory, an interactive television classroom and a distance education classroom supported by an

onsite full-time community coordinator and an adult educator will serve as a model for future learning support centres in our region and throughout BC."



C O M I N G U P

SONG: Tuesday, December 8—noon

—C Block Student Street

Carol Sing: Students and employees join their voices to sing in the festive season.

CUPE: Tue., Dec. 8—8:00-4:30 pm—A126

Monthly unit meeting.

PARTY: Saturday, December 12

—10:30 am to 1:30 pm—Grand Hall

Children's Christmas Party: Goodies, presents, Santa, entertainment and fun, fun, fun! Register by Friday, December 4. For more information, please contact Susan McKay in AE 281.

ED COUNCIL: Wednesday, December 16

—3:00 pm—A126

Education Council meeting.

SKIING: Sunday, December 20

—Sun Peaks

UCC Ski Day: UCC staff and students can take advantage of great deals on the mountain, with adult day passes at \$31 per ticket and children's passes at only \$19.50 each. \$1 from every ticket sold benefits the UCC Winter Sports Club. For more information, please contact Gail Lyons at 5723 or the CSS at 5289.

AEROBICS: Monday, January 4—noon

—Gymnasium

Aerobics resumes.

LECTURE: Friday, January 15—noon—AE108

EML Lecture: **Sharon Taylor** (UCC Williams Lake) will discuss the works of author Madeleine L'Engle, writer of *A Wrinkle in Time* and other science fiction youth adventure tales.

PARTY: Friday, January 15—TBA

Retirement Party for Roland Cobb.

GOVERNANCE: Saturday, January 16—TBA

UCC Board of Governors public meeting.

CELEBRATION: Friday, January 22—Gymnasium

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

ONGOING

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

C L A S S I F I E D S

Holiday Hampers

UCC is again collecting donations for food hampers for needy students. Contributions of non-perishable items may be dropped off by December 10th in boxes located in all campus buildings. Cheques are also welcome. Please make them payable to **Mathilda Charbonneau**—she will be purchasing turkeys, etc. If you can't find a drop box, or have any questions, please call Mathilda at 5009 or drop in to A123B.

Rotary Vacation Draw Gala

The Kamloops West Rotary is hosting its fifteenth annual Vacation Draw Gala, including dinner by UCC Cook Training, dancing, and a draw for a list of vacation prizes like a tropical cruise for two, and vacations in such places as Mexico, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Spruce Wilderness Lodge, etc. The Rotary raises funds to support student scholarships and exchanges, as well as a broad range of community projects. For more information, please contact Bryan Daly at 5433, or e-mail: daly.

Petch Report

A report evaluating the success of the new degree programs and the adequacy of the underlying academic infrastructures supporting those programs is now available in divisional offices, or from UCC Education Council.

Meat Store

Help students learn and get lean, succulent roasts, steaks, and fillets. The UCC Meat Store has chicken, pork, lamb, beef, and specialty meats, available fresh, or in freezer packs. Open Thursdays, from 11 am to 3 pm behind the Food Training Building. For more information please e-mail: jakes@cariboo

UCC Chaplaincy Move

The UCC Chaplaincy has moved to Room A122G in Old Main (Counselling area). A chaplain is available for drop-ins between 10:30 am and 11:30 am, Monday to Friday, and other times by appointment. For more information, please call 371-5940.

Holiday Surprises

The UCC Autoparts Store has a flyer out announcing great specials as well as details on their "Great Give-Away" draw for a trip for two to Waikiki. Watch for it!

