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## Minister Opens Career Connections Event

Minister of Labour Joan Smallwood, along with Roger Barnsley and CSS President Chris Bose, opened the Career Connections 2000 Student Employment event held in the Grand Hall on February 8th. The day-long job fair featured employer booths, workshops and resume drop-offs.

## UCC Introduces First Honours Degree

The UCC Board of Governors approved the initiation of the new Bachelor of Natural Resource Science Honours Degree and courses. This is the first honours degree offered by UCC.

## Arts Ladder

Students completing the UCC Fine Arts Diploma program can now ladder into a degree program. UCC, in collaboration with Open University, will offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree beginning in the Fall/00 semester. The program offers studio courses and academic disciplines. Canada Council considers a BFA graduate to have attained the training necessary for professional standing as an artist in Canada, which provides an avenue for exhibitions, grant applications and further study, either as a graduate student or in education. Students will complete 114 of the required 120 credits at UCC, with the additional 6 credits available through distance education.

## Gettin' In Tune

The campus closed-circuit radio station is now on the air. Radio 8 is carried on the campus cable system, and is available on TV channels 3 and 6, behind the UCC info page. Volunteer meetings and training sessions have already begun, and manager Brant Zwicker hopes to have the FM phase operational by the fall semester. The station can be reached by calling 5067 internally, or 377-3988 from external lines. The station also has an e-mail address: [radio@cariboo.bc.ca](mailto:radio@cariboo.bc.ca).



## First Grads of 2000

Students in the Home Support/Resident Care Attendant program received their certificates at a special convocation ceremony January 28th, making them the first UCC graduates of the new millennium. The students are looking to fill an employment gap created by rising needs for respite care and long wait-lists for extended care facilities. Some students are already employed on an on-call or part-time basis, and the program is offering a prize to the first graduate who secures full-time employment.

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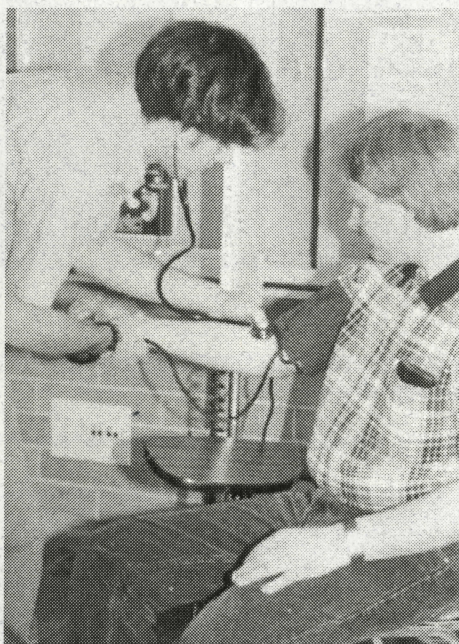
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## Nursing Students Organize Organ Donor Awareness

Three 3rd-year UCC Nursing students, **Lenaya Boucher**, **Heather Downey** and **Shanti Gidwani**, under the supervision of UCC Occupational Health nurse Elizabeth Biagioni and the UCC Wellness Committee, have initiated an organ donor awareness campaign on campus. The campaign, begun in early February, will culminate in a "blitz week," March 13th to 17th, when booths will be set up daily in various UCC locations in an effort to realize the campaign's goal of 2000 organ donor cards. For information, phone Shanti Gidwani at 377-8876.



## Visiting Nurse

UCC is pleased to have been able to offer a nursing practicum opportunity to visiting nursing student **David Thompson** from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. David set up free Blood Pressure Screening Clinics in various locations across campus throughout the week of February 7th.

## La Dolce Vita

The UCC Foundation's annual award-winning gala fundraising event to be held on Saturday, February 26 at 6:00 pm in the Grand Hall is already sold out. This year's gala theme is "La Dolce Vita," and includes a gourmet six-course Italian dinner, with dancing and a silent auction. For information please phone Kathleen Biagioni at 828-5266.

## UCC Awards

Nominations are being accepted until February 25th for Distinguished Service, Teaching Excellence and Scholarly Activity awards. For information or nomination forms, please contact Shirley Jackson at 5019.

## Special Appearance Marked UCC Canadian Studies Day

Lesra Martin, Kamloops Crown Counsel, whose story is featured in the movie *The Hurricane*, presented a free public lecture in the Grand Hall on February 10th as part of UCC's Canadian Studies Day.

The UCC Canadian Studies program, now in its fourth year, consists of a thematic grouping of Canadian-content courses across the Arts spectrum, plus a core course in Canadian Studies. Every year, students and faculty in the program hold a Canadian Studies Day, to celebrate a facet of Canadian culture. Last year, Jose Kusugak, President of Canada's new territory, Nunavut/Tunngavik was the Canadian Studies Day guest.

## Adventure Conference

Delegates from all regions of Canada gathered at UCC February 11 to 13 for ATC 2000: an Adventure Tourism conference specifically designed for adventure tourism operators and institutions offering adventure programs. Delegates shared ideas, discuss common issues, and attended workshops on such topics as risk management planning, post-incident strategies, land access and permitting, marketing, waivers and liability. Special workshops for educators, covering program development and evaluation were also included.



## Women in Focus

This year's Women in Focus Conference, co-sponsored by UCC Continuing Education and other community agencies and enterprises, was held in the UCC Campus Activity Centre and Arts & Education Building on Friday, February 18th. The day-long event featured skill-building and learning seminars, covering such topics as "Burnout and Boundaries" and "Discover Project Management." The next day, Saturday, February 19th, the Women in Focus 2000 show featured a Healthy Living Fair, keynote presentations and speakers, entertainment, and a free noon-hour fashion show. For information, phone 371-5723.

## First Nations Awareness Week

First Nations Awareness Week celebration, featuring ceremony, dance, exhibits, workshops, presentations and more, will be held in the CAC March 6th to 10th. For information, phone Vi Manuel at 376-3098.

## Alumni Grants

The UCC Alumni Association disbursed a total of \$2090 this semester, to the following:

\$150 to three student nurses and the Wellness Committee to fund the Organ Donor Awareness Campaign;

\$250 to the Adventure Tourism department to assist with expenses for speakers;

\$50 to the Nursing department for prizes for its Nursing pin design contest;

\$125 each to four students to assist with costs for out-of-country work experiences;

\$220 to four NRS students to attend a fisheries conference;

\$350 to Williams Lake Office Administration students for their annual open house and job fair;

\$300 for an athletic alumni banner for the Gymnasium;

\$300 to help with costs associated with a CSOM field trip to Vancouver;

\$320 to the Canadian Studies program to help with printing costs for their new book entitled *Documenting Visions of Our Region*;

\$170 to two Visual Arts students to enable them to submit works to the BC Festival of the Arts and to attend the associated conference;

\$300 for training and supplies for the UCC Peer Support Program.

## Alumni Awards

Once again, the UCC Alumni Association is seeking nomination for this year's Distinguished Alumni. Candidates may be nominated in the following categories: Academic Achievement, Arts and Culture, Athletic Achievement, Professional Achievement, Public Service, Service to the Community, and Service to the University. Nomination deadline is April 28/00. For more information, please contact Pat Lee at 5267 or fax 5256 or e-mail: plee@cariboo.bc.ca

## Booksale Success

The First Annual Arts Graduation Party Committee's book sale raised close to \$500, thanks to generous donations and purchases by UCC faculty and staff. The students will use the funds to finance their June 10th social.

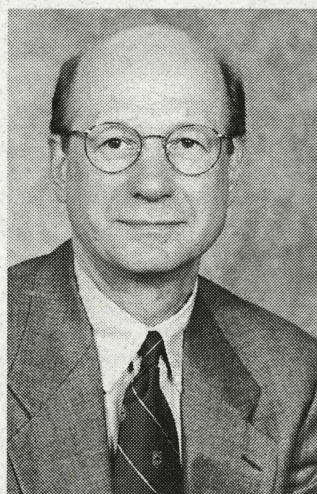
## Space Show

UCC has been included in a lecture tour sponsored by the American Institute of Physics, and is pleased to invite the public to hear Dr. Sheila Bailey from the NASA Lewis Research Centre in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Bailey will deliver a public lecture on the Exploration of Mars at 7:00 pm on Thursday, March 2 in Room 108 of the UCC Arts & Education Building, and a Science lecture on Space Photovoltaics (Solar Cells) at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 3rd in Room 373 of the Science Building. For more information, phone Onkar Rajora at 828-5453.





Just a couple of months into the new millennium, our anxiety about Y2K is already a fading memory as we press on with new challenges. It would be easy to think that Y2K was never really a problem. However, without the hard work of those on UCC's own Y2K Committee, the reality could have been quite different. Before this fades away into the past, I would like to thank the committee for its efforts in making it a "non-event" at UCC. Well done!



Looking ahead in the Year 2000, it is noteworthy that UCC will commemorate its 30th anniversary. In thinking about how we could celebrate this important milestone, I was reminded of the number of conversations I have had with staff members who have told me about the significant contributions made by the many individuals who have built this institution.

From these conversations has emerged the idea of identifying the "Pioneers of Cariboo." In essence, the Pioneers of UCC are the employees who worked here in the early years of the college and who contributed, through their service, to the growth and development of this institution of which we are all so proud.

In January, the Board of Governors passed a new policy on "Employee Recognition" in which UCC Pioneers are identified as employees who began work at UCC in the first ten years of its existence and who worked here for a period of 20 or more years.

People who meet this definition have been identified by our Human Resources office and it is our intention to honour these people by placing their names on a UCC Pioneers Wall, in a prominent campus location. Plans are being developed to make the formal unveiling of this wall the focus of our 30th anniversary celebration, so please watch for further information on this initiative in the months ahead.

Previously in my President's Reports, I have provided progress reports on the development of a strategic plan for UCC. At the December meeting of the Board of Governors, the plan that has been in development for over a year was officially adopted, and personally I am quite excited about the goals that have been established.

The first goal, "The University College Concept," directs us to develop three new applied degrees:

Bachelor degrees in Applied Science, Arts and Business. These new degrees will facilitate laddering for those students who wish to proceed from certificate and diploma studies into degree programs.

Indeed the goal of "The University College Concept" envisions continuous learning opportunities at UCC, by encouraging every certificate and diploma program to have articulated entry points into other institutional programs. As we well know, learning is a lifelong process and it is fitting that our programs reflect this reality.

The other three goals identified in the strategic plan are equally exciting, and provide important directions and focus to the continued development of UCC as a truly unique, comprehensive, regionally based institution. The Strategic Plan has now been published in an attractive format and is readily available to you. I invite each member of the UCC community, both staff and students, to take some time to review the plan and consider its implications. I also encourage everyone to share these goals and our institutional directions with members of the general public.

Now that I am well into my second year as President, it becomes increasingly evident to me how much of my role is related to communication. In fact, this "Report" is intended to provide another means for me to convey to you, the members of the UCC community, both information and perspectives on items and activities of importance in the life of our institution.

In my last report, I identified six advocacy issues that our Board of Governors have decided to focus upon this year, and I am pleased to be able to provide an update about progress on several of these issues. To highlight advocacy issues, the Board decided to focus on one advocacy issue at each meeting. In November, the Board heard a presentation from Nancy Levesque, our Director of Library Services, who spoke about the need for the continuation of the library degree grant.

In December, Dr. Dave Sedgman elaborated on the need for a new Animal Health Technology facility, and in February, Vice-President Adrian Kershaw spoke about our success in regional programming, despite the fact that virtually no money is provided for such initiatives in our funding grants. To reinforce each presentation, our Public Relations office has issued news releases and featured media stories following the Board meeting. There are clear indications that the public is now better informed on these



matters, and the resultant response seems to have caught the attention of politicians.

To keep our advocacy issues on the public agenda, a brochure called "Issues 2000" has been developed, which briefly discusses each of the six issues and invites the support of the broader community in bringing these matters to the attention of the political decision-makers.

Board members and senior administrators will use every opportunity, including meetings with Ministry officials and politicians, to distribute our Issues 2000 publication. For those of you who would like to help in promoting these issues, I encourage you to call the Public Relations office for copies of the brochure and to use it as a way to draw greater public attention to these matters, which are very important to the future of our institution.

Increasingly, I am also finding myself talking about the development of the University College Consortium, an informal body created a year ago by B.C.'s five university-college Presidents, who recognized that there are a number of provincial issues that should be addressed collectively.

In fact, the genesis for this initiative began over two years ago when Dr. Howard Petch, retired president of the University of Victoria, was asked to review the growth and development of these 'new' institutions, and the so-called "Petch Report" was extremely positive in its evaluation of our successes to date.

Building on the report, a workshop was held in the spring of 1999 at which the Chairs of both the Boards of Governors and Education Councils, along with the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the five university colleges met, and developed a statement of 'common characteristics.'

A second workshop in December of last year, with similar participants, furthered the discussion through the development of a comprehensive paper on BC's university colleges, highlighting the developing uniqueness of the university college sector within the B.C. system as a whole. The paper, which will be distributed widely in the near future, examines the distinctive features and requirements of university colleges in such areas as programming, library needs, the roles of research and scholarship, governance, and funding formulae.

In future activities, the university college Presidents will be using this document for advocacy in the important effort to secure funding that better reflects the distinct role and unique mandate of university colleges in British Columbia.

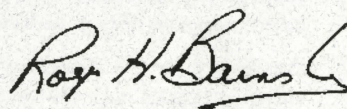
Looking ahead within the context of our own institution, it is clear that the development of the 2000-2001 operating budget is going to be a significant challenge. Not only must we find a way to operate in the continuing fiscal environment of restricted government grants and frozen tuition fees, but the added dimensions of new collective agreements will have an impact as well.

For example, we expect that the implementation of the regularization provisions of the faculty agreement will reduce UCC's instructional capacity. But, until we know our provincial revenues, we will not have a clear understanding as to what extent capacity will be impacted. To mitigate these budget concerns, strong representation has been made to both the Government and the Ministry of Advanced Education for special consideration. Indeed, if UCC is to continue to serve the growing learning needs of this region, additional funding must be provided. In the absence of additional funding, programs, services and instructional capacity will be affected. Again, because of a lack of provincial budget information, we do not know to what extent.

On a more positive note, I would like to end by sharing with you some thoughts on the "President's Breakfasts" that were begun last year. As you may recall, I mentioned that I would be inviting a random selection of students, faculty, support staff and administrators to a breakfast gathering every four to six weeks. To date, there have been two such events and the level of participation has been most gratifying.

My purpose in hosting these informal breakfast gatherings is to provide yet another opportunity for staff and students to tell me "how things are going" and my impressions to date, based on the many positive comments, is that this has been a useful, enjoyable and successful undertaking. Not only am I learning many new things about UCC, those in attendance are doing so as well. Clearly, learning is a never-ending process that goes well beyond the classrooms and laboratories of UCC.

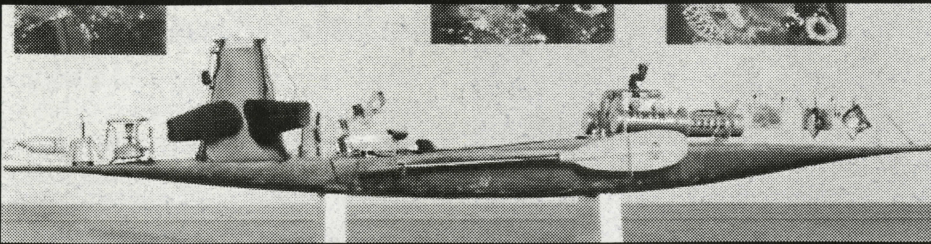
Roger Barnsley



President



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



## Donald Lawrence

Donald Lawrence (Visual Arts) has a solo show—The Underwater Pinhole Photography Project—at Gallerie Vox in Montreal. The gallery is significant for the exhibition of photo-based art in Canada. Don also has some work in a group show—Obscura—at the University of Western Washington this month. Obscura is an international exhibition of pinhole photographs.

## Computers for Schools

Congratulations to the Computer for Schools BC program on the occasion of its 20,000th donation of a refitted computer to a BC school. The computers at the Kamloops Computers for Schools shop are reconditioned and repaired by co-op students from UCC electronics programs.

## UCC Nursing Graduate Published

UCC Nursing graduate **Kerry Coxson-Vasler** will discuss her nursing experiences in Rwandan refugee camps which led to the writing of her book on the same topic. She will give a reading and make a presentation at UCC on Wednesday, March 1st at 9:00 am in S275. For more information, phone Karen Abbott at 828-5419.

## Sun Demons Stars

Sun Demons Volleyball team member **Sanj Johal** was named as a first team BCCAA All-conference star, and his team mate, **Jeremy Meehan** was named to the BCCAA All-Star second team.

## Svinia Feature

UCC's Svinia Project in Slovakia, involving **Dr. David Scheffel** (Anthropology) and the International Education department with funding from CIDA, was featured in the "UniWorld/UniMonde" insert of the February edition of *University Affairs*. The issue also mentions our Trades and Technology training programs in Jamaica.

## Will Garrett-Petts

The March issue of *Children's Literature in Education* (Vol 31, No. 1, 2000) includes an article by Will Garrett-Petts (English) entitled "Garry Disher, Michael Ondaatje, and the Haptic Eye: Taking a Second Look at Print Literacy."

## Ginny Ratsoy

Ginny Ratsoy's (English) paper, "Dramatic Discourse at Talonbooks: Narratives on the Publisher-Author Relationship" was published in the Winter, 2000 issue of *Canadian Theatre Review*.

## James Hoffman

The "Staging the Pacific Province" conference, organized by James Hoffman (Theatre), is the featured theme in the Winter, 2000 issue of *Canadian Theatre Review*.

## Assistant Professorships

Congratulations to **Robin Tapley** (Philosophy), **Michael Crawford** (Social Work) and **Gordon Tarzwell** (Economics) on receiving the academic designation of Assistant Professor.



## UCC Nursing

UCC Nursing was featured in an issue of a Japanese nursing journal. The four-page article in Japanese contained 14 photos of the UCC Kamloops campus and nursing staff and students.

# P E O P L E

## New on Campus

UCC BBA grad and CGA **Brian Harris** has assumed the responsibilities of Business Analyst Angie Douglas for the duration of her maternity leave. Since graduating, Brian has acquired a variety of senior accounting and audit experience in both public accounting and the health care industry, as well as being a member of the external audit team at UCC in 1991 and 1992.

## New to the World

**Jacqueline Kampman** (Psychology) has a new baby girl: Yoline Alida Jade Kampman, born July 27, 1998, joined the Kampman family November 17/99. Congratulations!

## Club Ed

January's Club Ed winners were **Lorna O'Brien**, **Marvyn Fitzpatrick** and **Lois Peters**. Club Ed is a monthly 50/50 draw to raise money for student awards. For information, or for your chance to win, call the UCC Foundation at 5264.

## Winner

The winner of the CAC "Nancy Greene Cahilty Lodge" promotion was **Bernice Doedel** of Kamloops.





## Outlaw on Campus

UCC's Actor's Workshop will present *The Collected Works of Billy the Kid* by renowned Canadian author and playwright Michael Ondaatje on February 24, 25, and 26 in the Alumni Theatre. A two-act, full-length play based on Ondaatje's poetry book of the same name published in 1970. Fifteen student actors and fifteen students backstage are involved in the production. All shows begin at 8:00 pm. Tickets \$8, available at the door or at Bookie's.

## International Opportunity

Up to two UCC students can apply to study at the Nagasaki Junior Wesleyan College for 10 months starting in September. NJWC pays tuition and accommodation, but students are responsible for their own airfare, food, medical insurance and other personal expenses. Candidates for this exchange may be in any field of study, but must be full-time students.

Obirin University in Tokyo also offers an exchange opportunity for up to two UCC students to study at Obirin for one or two semesters. Obirin will waive the tuition, and will apply for a government scholarship for one UCC student to cover the cost of living and travel expenses.

For information or an application package, contact Baihua Chadwick at 5525.

## Conferences

### WPSE 2000 and Beyond—June 2-3, 2000 Pacific Inn, White Rock, BC

Women in Post-Secondary Education hosts its 10th-anniversary conference. For information, contact Ardith Conlin at conlin@mala.bc.ca or phone 753-3245

### Colorado Regional Higher Education Assessment Conference—April 6-8, 2000, Denver, Colorado

Forum for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education presents "Learning, Teaching and Technology Assessment in the New Millennium." For information, contact Dr. Barbara Millis at barbara.millis@usafa.af.mil or phone 719-333-2549

### 17th Annual Faculty Development Summer Institute—July 31-Aug 4, 2000, Charlottetown, PEI

Forum for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education presents "Active Learning and Teaching in Higher Education." For information, check the website: [www.StThomasU.ca/~hunt/stihe/](http://www.StThomasU.ca/~hunt/stihe/)

### Autism 2000—May 4, 5, 6, UCC

Giant Steps West, Autism Kamloops and SD#73 present an international conference addressing teatment strategies in autism designed to meet the needs of parents, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of autism. For information, please contact Giant Steps West at 374-6400.

### Innovation and Change: Developing Competencies for the Media and Communications Professions—May 4-6, Malaga, Spain

European Communications Network conference to establish a sustainable dialogue between the media and communication industries, communications educators, and the various communications professions. For information, contact Ana FlorUn at 0034-952-13-3459 or e-mail: [ecn@uma.es](mailto:ecn@uma.es)

## Curling Funspiel

Sign up your team for the Allan Matthews Memorial Annual Curling Bonspiel, co-sponsored by the UCC Recreation Club and Bookie's. The funspiel, featuring honorary guest chairperson Reg McNamara, as well as prizes and refreshments, will be held Thursday, March 16 at the North Kamloops Curling Club, beginning at 6:00 pm. To register, contact Janice Latta at 5297.

## Instructor's Diploma

The next classes offered under the Provincial Instructor's Diploma Program will be held March 24, 25, 26, and April 7, 8 & 9 at UCC. The program provides individuals with the opportunity to develop instructional competencies in the design, management and evaluation of instruction of adults. Further courses will be held in April, May and June. For information, please contact Judy Wilbee at 5186.

## Call for Submissions

The publication *Writul* is accepting poetry, short fiction, essays and black & white visuals for its fourth issue. Deadline is March 31. For information, contact Writul at 115 Beech St, St Catharines, Ontario L2R 2C1 or e-mail: [catchwrd@vaxxine.com](mailto:catchwrd@vaxxine.com)

## Group Grad Photos

The College and Student Affairs Office will have convocation regalia for rent during the months of February, March, April and May, for group/class pictures. For information, or to book your regalia, contact Mathilda Charbonneau at 5009.



*The UCC/SD#73 Career-Technical Centres, officially opened in 1999, are all up and running. High School students taking the Professional Cook Training Program, located at Norkam Secondary, started in February, 2000.*

## CACE Workshops

The Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education program offers workshops in Victoria and Vancouver for adult educators. Upcoming workshops focus on: Career on the Net; Career Portfolios; and Fostering Effective Coaching and Mentoring. For more information, please contact Ione Wagner at 250-721-7860

## UCC and School District #73 Open Career-Technical Centres

A joint initiative of School District #73 and UCC, three new Career-Technical Centres have opened at high schools in Kamloops. The centres provide an opportunity for high school students to complete grades 11 and 12, as well as start their first year of post-secondary study in Professional Cook Training, Partsperson, and Information Technology in just two years.