



## Career Connections 2000



*Career Connections 2000: Brian Carpenter of the federal Public Service Commission explains federal hiring processes at last year's Employment Expo.*

## Student loan + diploma = job needed.

Designed to foster networking and employment opportunities for recent and imminent graduates, Career Connections 2000 at UCC is tailored to connect students with employers looking to hire educated and eager new workers.

Billed as the Ultimate Career Fair, the Feb 8th event offers free admission, and features Information Technology, Science, and Trades & Technology employer panels, information sessions, and career workshops. \$1000.00 in prizes will be given away to lucky ticket holders!

On-the-spot interviews for a variety of full-time, part-time, and summer positions are one of the perks offered by local, regional, and national employers. Another great service for grads and other job-seekers is practical advice to help them achieve their career goals.

And what do all these great employers get out of it? UCC provides employers with access to students from 11 degree programs, 80 trades, technology and career certificate programs.

Career Connections 2000, held from 9:00 to 5:00 pm in the UCC Grand Hall, is sponsored by UCC Student Employment Centre, 98.3 CISM, and Kamloops Daily News. For more information, please contact Michael Eibl at 371-5627.

## Here to Serve

A variety of job and networking opportunities are offered right here on campus:

**Employment Centre**—The Cariboo Student Society operates the Student Employment Centre in the Old Main Building. It is open 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays, year-round, to serve the needs of students and recent graduates of UCC seeking full-time, part-time or casual employment. The Centre maintains job postings, fosters networking opportunities, coordinates job interviews, provides job-search assistance, and more. For more information, call coordinator Michael Eibl at 371-5627. Check out the website: [www.cariboo.bc.ca/stuemployevents.htm](http://www.cariboo.bc.ca/stuemployevents.htm)

**Work Study**—A financial aid program available to students who have needs not met by other BC Student Assistance programs, Work Study offers between 5 and 8 hours of paid on-campus employment per week. Work study positions may be specialized or general, and students must be BC student loan recipients and enrolled in at least 60% of a full-time program of study to qualify. The objective of the program is to provide additional funding to those students whose needs are not fully met under the main BC assistance program. Positions are advertised on the bulletin boards outside the Financial Aid & Awards Office in Old Main. If you see a job that you are qualified for, pick up an application from the Enquiries Desk.

**Co-operative Education**—An optional, full-time, paid work experience available in selected UCC programs, including CSOM, CTEC, CAST, TCOM, BNRS, Environmental Chemistry, Chemistry, and Biology programs. For more information, drop in to the Co-op office in the Old Main Building, or phone 828-5276 or e-mail: [cooped@cariboo.bc.ca](mailto:cooped@cariboo.bc.ca)

**UCC Mentoring Program**—Match yourself up with a mentor to find out if the career path you've chosen is really right for you. Students and employers may register in the program by contacting the UCC Alumni Association at 828-5267.

**Graduate Internships**—This program provides unemployed and under-employed graduates with the skills necessary to secure meaningful, career-related employment. The program will enable graduates to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to make the transition into the workforce. The distinguishing element of the program is that it results in full-time, career-related, paid internships with partnering employers. For more information, please call the Co-operative and Career Education Department at 828-5276.

## Got What It Takes?

Job trends into 2000 call for added emphasis on tourism, technical, and knowledge-related jobs.

A whopping 44,600 new jobs will open up in the tourism sector by 2005, claim the pulp prophets, a forecast echoed by Human Resources Development Canada figures. Specifically, these jobs will be in transportation, travel organization, and tourist attractions.

Customer communication is key for success, say tourism industry employers, as are good interpersonal skills. This means UCC Tourism students have great prospects! Former students rate their UCC training in interpersonal skills 9% higher than provincial average listed in the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology's 1998 Performance Report.

Good news for electronics students! 20,000 to 40,000 technical jobs currently unfilled in Canada complement an additional 60,000 in the US, say industry sources. Due to a curriculum focus on employability skills, UCC's career-technical students rate 4% higher in job placement and preparedness categories than the provincial average. Seventy-eight percent of UCC's tech alumni are employed, with 61% of those polled finding jobs related to their training within 9 to 12 months after graduation.

Labour market demand for high school grads has dropped, while job-seekers with some level of post-secondary are finding it easier to get work related to their education, according to The Employability of University Graduates in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education: Recent Statistical Evidence by Robert C. Allen (Economics, UBC). This trend can only continue.

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## UCC To Host National Adventure Tourism Conference

From February 11 to 13, during semester break, delegates from all regions of Canada will gather at UCC for *ATC 2000: an Adventure Tourism Conference* specifically designed for adventure tourism operators and institutions offering adventure programs.

Delegates will share ideas, discuss common issues, and attend 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 are also included.

For more information, please contact Gilles Valade by phone: 250-371-5843, fax: 250-371-5845, by e-mail: gvalade@cariboo.bc.ca or visit the conference website at: [www.cariboo.bc.ca](http://www.cariboo.bc.ca).

## Alumni Grants

The UCC Alumni Association is again accepting grant applications from students and faculty. Grant deadline is January 31. For more information, check the Alumni Association web page under Grants and Awards, or call Pat Lee at 828-5267.

## New Research Column

UCC researchers will have a chance to share their findings with the community in a new bi-monthly newspaper column in the Kamloops Daily News. The column, entitled "Research Matters," will feature columns by UCC faculty across the disciplines.

## 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 various campus locations in mid-February.

## Book Sale

The Arts-Grad-Party-Committee is holding a book sale to raise funds for a post-Convocation party. The sale will be held February 3rd and 4th from 10:00am to 4:00pm in AE357. Donations still welcome. For more information, please contact Ginny Ratsoy at 828-5238.

## Ed Council Highlights

UCC Education Council has been very busy! Last semester, Ed Council approved 54 new courses, 5 new programs, including the new Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Asthma Educators Program, and the Wood Process Technology program, as well as 11 course changes, 11 program changes, and one academic faculty designation. An Articulation Agreement between School District #74 (Gold Trail) and UCC was also approved, and has since been approved by the UCC Board of Governors.

## Need for new facility for UCC Animal Health Technology Program "critical"

The number one Animal Health Technology (AHT) program in Canada is running the risk of losing its national accreditation if new facilities for the program aren't developed soon, says Dr. Dave Sedgman, chair of the two-year diploma program that leads the country in graduation rankings of graduates.

The accreditation committee for the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, in its recommendations five years ago, stated that "the buildings are old, marginal for an academic program in a modern university, and a plan for appropriate accommodation in the future should begin to take shape."

As well, the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), which made similar recommendations ten years ago, has followed up its concerns with UCC as recently as this past September, registering a concern that there has been no progress made in replacing the current facility.

Established in 1981, the facility today comprises three WWII-era houses, two of which are joined by a hallway. It houses offices for seven staff, lockers and changerooms for 48 students, kennel areas for 15 dogs and 23 cats, a classroom, clinical laboratory space, a surgery area, a teaching laboratory, radiology, surgery preparation area, anaesthesia machine storage, laboratory animal space, laundry facilities, and an isolation area, all in a working area of just 5,000 square feet.

The UCC Board has made the construction of a new facility one of its top issues for the coming year, and is hopeful that the serious implications of losing a national accreditation will be helpful in securing funding soon.

# P E O P L E



*Sharon Engen and husband Ron share farewell humour with a UCC friend.*

## Farewell

So long to **Sharon Engen**, who retired last month after eight years at UCC in the Student Development and Academic Advising departments. Sharon and her husband have relocated to retirement paradise—as Sharon puts it, "on the Island in a little town called Parksville."

Goodbye to **John Crawford**, who retired this month after almost 30 years with the UCC Mathematics & Statistics Department. John was one of the original faculty who came to Cariboo in 1970, when it opened on the Kamloops Indian Reserve. We wish him all the best as he treks the mountains of Nepal.



*John Crawford shakes hands with Roger Barnsley while his math colleagues enjoy his farewell feast.*

## Rob Anderson — Interim Dean

**Rob Anderson**, who has worked at UCC since 1983 as an instructor and coordinator of accounting and business diploma programs in Williams Lake, has been appointed Interim Dean of the Williams Lake campus. Rob has a CGA and MBA, and is well-known on both campuses for his loyalty and sense of duty to UCC. Rob began in his new role January 4th, replacing Lynda Wilson, who has accepted the position of Principal, Salmon Arm Campus at the Okanagan University. The search for a new Williams Lake Dean begins next month, and it's hoped that the new Dean will be well oriented to the position when Rob's term ends in June of 2000.



# C L A S S I F I E D S

## Safer Campuses

Safer Campuses Sustainability Committee is seeking certified facilitators at UCC who can provide training in: harassment awareness; discrimination prevention; human rights; diversity; critical incident stress debriefing; non-violent crisis intervention; personal safety; date/acquaintance sexual assault prevention; self-defense. For information or to register in the inventory, please e-mail: pdevlin

## STLHE

Proposals for presentations at the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education annual conference will be accepted until January 31/00. The conference, with the theme "Into the Millennium: The Changing Faces of Teaching and Learning" will be held at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, June 14-17, 2000. For more information, please contact Judy Wilbee at 5186 or e-mail: wilbee

## Eureka!

Student volunteers for the Cariboo-Mainline Regional Science Fair Rube Goldberg event request donations of milk and egg cartons, yogurt containers, toilet paper and wrapping paper rolls, and other building materials. Please drop off donations in S202 or contact Linda at 5747 for pickup.

## RFP

Proposals for presentations at the 11th Annual Higher Education Assessment Conference and Third International Exchange will be accepted until Feb 4/00. The conference, a joint venture between the post-secondary education institutions of Washington state and BC's Centre for Curriculum, Transfer, and Technology (CCTT), provides an opportunity for faculty, administrators and researchers to share learning & teaching innovations and strategies, processes to connect classroom assessment and

institutional effectiveness, approaches to outcomes assessment, and classroom and institutional research. The conference will be held in Vancouver, Washington, May 3-5, 2000, and BC presenters will have their registration fee covered by the CCTT. For more information, please contact Anna Sue McNeill, SBCTC, PO Box 42495, Olympia, WA 98504-2495, or phone (360) 753-3676.

## Nursing Needs

UCC nursing students are looking for people suffering from chronic health conditions who would be interested in volunteering to discuss their condition with a student. If you or a family member would like to participate in this program, please contact Sue Holmes at 5478 or e-mail: sholmes

## Deadline

The next deadline for short-term, long-term, and special project assisted leave applications in March 15/00. For information or applications, please contact Shirley Jackson at 5019 or e-mail: sjackson

## Recreation Club

Anyone interested in forming a recreation club, for the purpose of providing fun, non-competitive activities for UCC employees and their families, please contact Murray Doubt at 5336 or e-mail: mdoubt.

## Student Symposium

The 2000 International Student Symposium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution will be held July 17 to August 11, 2000 in The Netherlands and Belgium. This is a rare opportunity for exceptional undergraduates, graduate students and young professionals interested in international negotiation training and conflict resolution. For more information, e-mail: info@iimcr.org or visit the website at: www.iimcr.org

## Professional Development

Instructional Skills: The Certificate in Adult and Continuing Education, a block of courses to strengthen instructional and curriculum development skills for instructors, program coordinators and the like, can be achieved through a distance learning format.

Instructor's Diploma Program: This program provides individuals with opportunities to develop instructional competencies in the design, management and evaluation of the instruction of adults. Individual courses are held in Kamloops throughout the semester.

For more information about either of these programs, please contact Judy Wilbee at 5186 or e-mail: wilbee

## Free Exchange

The 2000 Free Exchange Conference will be held at the U of Calgary, March 17 & 18, 2000. The conference invites participants to speak to a variety of topics which engage cultural production as problematized by the 'economies of migration' which affect our contemporary cultural context. Those wishing to present 20-minute papers or propose topics for panel discussions should send abstracts of no more than 400 words to: Free Exchange Conference 2000, Dept. of English, U of Calgary, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, T2N 1N4.

## No Parking

Facilities requests that students and staff refrain from parking in spaces marked "Service Vehicle." Although we're all here to serve, these spots are specifically designated for those who must make frequent deliveries, often of heavy or awkward materials. Please leave these spaces clear.

## Websightings

Copy this and hand it in!—[www.plagiarism.com](http://www.plagiarism.com)

# P E O P L E

## Welcome

Welcome back to returning employee **Linda Komori**, who has accepted the position of Awards Advisor after being away from UCC for a few years.

Welcome also to the following new faculty in the Professional Schools Division:

Lesley Robinson; Rafiqui Bhuyan; Jeanette Matson; Athena Smith; Jeremy Huyder; Alison Munn.

## Thanks

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out with holiday food hampers this year: coordinator **Jane Greenwood**; Stores staff, who dropped off and picked up donation boxes;

**Catherine McNeely**, who organized the list of student recipients; **Kathleen Biagioni**, who collected cash donations and arranged Overwaitea gift certificates; Student Development staff, who helped to assemble the hampers. Finally, a big thank you to all who donated food and cash. Thanks to all who helped, 18 students had a happier holiday this year.

## United Way Draw Winners

Congratulations to the winners of this year's draw:

Lois Rugg—\$25 Food Training Gift Certificate

Jane Teed—UCC Crest Golf Shirt

Doug Baleshta—United Way Coffee Mugs

Thanks to the generosity of UCC staff, the UCC United Way Campaign raised just over \$14,000 this year.



*Santa and his elves stopped by the Grand Hall for a visit with Kamloops Princesses and UCC employees' children. Thanks to Animal Health Tech for taking such good care of the reindeer!*

The annual Children's Christmas Party was a great success again this year, thanks to the following committee volunteers:

**Gail Lyons, Bernie Mahoney, Jackie Mullen, Larry Iles, Maryanne Bower.** Thanks also to the following for their contributions: **Josh Keller** and Public Relations; **Doug Smith** and Print Services staff; **Reg McNamara**; Beaver Foods; **Gerard Hayes** and **Marie Houston**; OK Welders; **Stan Bailey.**



## Mike Purdon

Bachelor of Journalism student Mike Purdon is the 1999 winner of the \$1000 Bruce Larsen Scholarship, established in 1990 in memory of Bruce Larsen, editor of the Vancouver Sun and recipient of national newspaper awards during his years as a reporter.

Mike, now in his final year of UCC's print-based Bachelor of Journalism program, was selected over applicants from journalism schools across BC, including students currently pursuing master's degrees in journalism. He has received Foundation awards each year at UCC, and was the winner of the BC and Yukon Newspaper Association Award last year.

Mike's future plans include working as a reporter to gain practical experience before possibly enrolling in graduate studies in communications. He will graduate this June with the first graduating class of the UCC Bachelor of Journalism program. He is currently distributing his resume and portfolio to daily, community and alternative newspapers, as well as wire services.

## UCC Business Grads

For the third year in a row, business graduates from the University College of the Cariboo (UCC) bettered the national accounting examination pass rate. UCC graduates writing the Chartered Accountant exam this year received an 88% pass rate compared to the national pass rate of 65%, and UCC grads writing the Certified Management Accountant exam achieved a 100% pass rate, compared to the national rate of 65%.

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree graduates **Christine Anderson, Patrick Gramiak, Christopher Newton, Brendan Sallis, Darryl Tateishi, Sean Wandler, and Carl Foreman** were successful in achieving their Chartered Accountant (CA) designation upon completion of the CA national accreditation exam.

Accounting Technician Diploma graduates **Wade Schatz, Dwayne Lesiuk and Brian Noel**, along with BBA grad **Duncan Middleton**, successfully completed the Entrance Exam for the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Strategic Leadership Program, the final step in achieving their CMA designation.

The Uniform National Exams are standardized tests for achievement of the professional designation. The exams are developed and graded by the two professional accounting organizations, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Society of Management Accountants of Canada.

## Kaleidoscope 2000

**Karen Abbott & Sharon Simpson** (Nursing), **Don Kinasewich** (Student Development) & **Joanne Smith** (Regional Services Management Group), **Howard Mayer** (Trades & Technology), **Rick Rice** (Science), and **Connie Brim** (English) have been selected to represent UCC at the Kaleidoscope 2000 conference in Vancouver April 30-May 2, 2000. The conference celebrates the accomplishments of people who work in public post-secondary education to support, foster and improve student learning, and is sponsored by the Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology.

## Shawn Thompson

Journalism instructor Shawn Thompson has just been named the Canadian correspondent for the US-based Society of Environmental Journalists, which publishes a quarterly roundup of significant environmental stories.

## AHT Grads

For the third consecutive year, graduates of the Animal Health Technology (AHT) Diploma program at The University College of the Cariboo have scored higher than their Canadian and American counterparts. This year, the UCC graduates scored an astounding 23% higher on average than all other test candidates.

Successful completion of this examination is required for certification or registration in professional Animal Health or Veterinary Technology associations. The AHT program at UCC is one of 18 programs available in Canada and the only one of its kind offered in BC.



(l-r: Penny Heaslip (UCC Nursing), Dr. Vijaya K.C. (Special Secretary of Health), Chinnama Baines (associate Dean, UCC Nursing), Dr. Uma Das (Chair, Nursing Council and Professor), Ivan Somlai (Associate Director, UCC International Education).

Nursing instructor Penny Heaslip and Associate Dean of Nursing Chinnama Baines have just returned from Nepal, where they established a Rural Health Worker Development Project in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST). The project will focus on nursing upgrading and support services training, and will also involve UCC nursing students.

## Nan McBlane

Nan McBlane (Sociology) was guest co-editor of the Native Studies Review Special Issue (1999) "Aboriginal Peoples and National Rights Issues in Quebec."

## Rufus Day

Rufus Day, (Coordinator, UCC Research Services) is co-author of an article published recently in the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology. The article, entitled "Decreased Host-Cell Reactivation of UV-Irradiated Adenovirus in Human Colon Tumor Cell Lines that Have Normal Post-UV Survival," examines the relationship of DNA repair defects to human cancer.

## Adrian Kershaw

VP of Community & Distributed Learning Services, Adrian Kershaw, had his article, "If Geography is History, What Happens to Community Colleges?" published in the Community College Journal of Research and Practice last fall. The article develops ideas related to the development of new services for students involved in distributed learning programs.

## Doug Baleshta

Doug Baleshta (Instructional & Learning Support Group) has been invited by the European Association for International Education to present two papers on Education Technology in Maastricht, Netherlands. He was in Montreal at the end of November, 1999, as well, presenting on Innovation in Canadian Colleges at the Telelearning Conference.

## Ross Cloutier & Iain Stewart-Patterson

Ross Cloutier and Iain Stewart-Patterson (Adventure Travel Guide) were featured in the National Post for their mountain rescue of two Adventure Guide students in the Marble Canyon climbing area near Lillooet.

## 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 student Kuldip Chahal lights a candle at the Montreal Massacre Memorial held at UCC in December.