

from over the hills and far away

By Taylor Zeeg UCC 3rd Year Journalism



For the time being, Eduardo Pinero has traded ocean swells for desert sage.

But the surfing enthusiast has done so willingly enough.

A UCC international student from Buenos Aires, Pinero knows that within minutes to hours of his home in Kamloops are other outdoor pursuits that will fulfill his craving for adventure just as much.

While surfing is a priority, Pinero says his dream job involves "living outside" whether it be in sand or snow. For now he's testing colder climates working as a volunteer ski patroller at Sun Peaks Resort while he studies resort and hotel management at UCC.

Pinero originally came to UCC to take the Adventure Tour Guide program but arrived too late for the mandatory interview. Fate was kind, however, because he enrolled in the Resort and Hotel Management program and is finding adventure through a different route.

A job placement last summer took him to a hotel in Bordeaux, France, and this summer he plans to apply for a position at the historic Empress Hotel in Victoria. That will allow him to take in some of the finest surfing in Canada off Vancouver Island's coast.

"It's what I love," said the 23-year-old. "Eighty five per cent of my life is surfing."

In his second year, Pinero is one of 649 international students attending UCC this academic year and is among a growing number of individuals who seek the institution out because of the lifestyle advantages that go along with the location.

Thanks to effective marketing efforts through UCC International, students from countries such as China, Norway, Argentina, Finland and other distant

Eduardo Pinero



destinations are learning of the diverse cultural and social community in addition to a multitude of educational programs available at the university and college level.

In the past six years, the institution has seen a substantial increase in the number of international students (649 students in 2001 up from 421 students in 1996), according to UCC International statistics. Numbers have also increased in student representation from different countries. In 1996 UCC had international students from 20 different countries and that number has jumped to 43.

While Pinero is living his outdoor dreams, another international student is striving to reach different heights.

Bin Li of Tianjin, China graduates with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting this May and will begin practicing the skills she's learned at UCC soon after.

"My dream is to become a chartered accountant. In order to fulfill my dream I have to article for three years in an accounting firm. I'd like to find a firm in Kamloops," said Li, who came to UCC in 1999.

"I'd love to live, work and raise a family in Canada because I really love it here. I love the freedom here. I can become who I want to become," she said.

Now full of confidence, Li recalls it wasn't easy coming to Kamloops to pursue her goal. When she first arrived at UCC, she said she began to cry.

"I looked at a mural and felt so lost. I cried so hard. I wanted to go back."

The supportive staff at UCC International learned of Li's distress and quickly made a house call.

"(Student advisor) Baihua Chadwick and her mom came to visit me and brought me some Chinese soup and dumplings. They told me how great an opportunity it is to be here and convinced me not to give up and try to escape from difficult situations," Li recalled. "That's the reason I didn't go back. Now, whatever I find, I can face it."

Li attributes her strength and success to her decision to study at UCC.

"Studying abroad has made me a stronger person, so I can adapt to challenging new environments. I can live anywhere."



Vivi Sponland ice climbing

A desire to face new challenges is a common trait for international students, especially when English is their second language.

In Vivi Sponland's case, however, English is her fifth language.

Sponland, 25, is an aspiring adventure travel guide and her command of languages is a huge asset. The Oslo, Norway native is in her first year of UCC's two-year adventure diploma program learning how to guide others through mountains, down rivers and other wilderness settings.

So far, along with her classmates, she's climbed Mount Mistaya in the Wapta Icefields, hiked Wells Gray Provincial Park, and tackled the rapids of the Adams River.

While all this is exciting to Sponland, what she most appreciates are the people she's met at UCC.

"It's a really interesting group. The more I get to know the others, the more fascinated I am."

The Adventure Travel Guide diploma attracts a wide variety of students from other countries, including Ecuador, Denmark, and Russia.

"It's a nice mix of different people in the class," Sponland said. "I think I can learn a lot."

Praise for UCC through word of mouth by current and graduating international students is the school's strongest marketing factor.

Students share their positive impressions about UCC and the community. With this type of strong recommendation, many family and friends find their way here.

A hard-working and well-traveled team at UCC International is also covering the globe with recruiters who attend educational fairs and other institutions to attract future students.

Marketing manager Christopher Gas covers Central and South America, parts of Europe and several Asian countries, executive director Cyndi McLeod concentrates mainly on South-east Asia and Hong Kong and associate director Vera Wojna on the Nordic countries.

"We have an excellent marketing team," said Helen Chin, international student co-ordinator at UCC. "Quite a few of our advisors speak the language of the countries they visit, so when they go to promote UCC, the students feel that bond."

Initial contact is the key to attracting international students but quality support service back at UCC is equally important. In addition to the team of six international advisors, there are two academic advisors, and an admissions staff of two specifically for international students.

The devoted team helps students arrange their schedules, find housing, arrange medical insurance, and even open up bank accounts, all

the things that can be overwhelming for a student, foreign or otherwise.

"We help them in any way we can, with any kind of issues," Chin said.

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president's report

In these early days of 2002, there is a striking contrast between the uncertainty surrounding several key issues facing UCC, and the many constructive developments and new initiatives that will benefit our students and the community.

While we wait for government direction on tuition fees, funding and frozen capital projects, UCC continues to move forward aggressively on many fronts, with our Strategic Plan providing the leadership and direction for growth.

Enhanced services and campus life are integral to our strategic plan, and there are two initiatives underway in that regard. I recently received the report commissioned from Renee Spence on support for First Nations students. Dr. Spence's recommendations are primarily in the area of better co-ordination of services, and her major recommendation is to establish an Aboriginal Student Centre as a place for students to centrally access dedicated services, and participate in a variety of social and cultural activities.

The report also emphasizes the importance of involving students in planning such a centre. I am pleased to report that we will implement this recommendation immediately with the goal being to open the Aboriginal Student Centre in the fall of this year.

The retirement of Mel Galloway, former Director of Student Services, has given UCC an opportunity to look at the larger issue of all student services and student life activities on campus. Two external consultants were invited to visit UCC in December, and they will submit their report to me in the near future with recommendations on organizational structure and services.

Dr. Peggy Patterson (Associate VP, Student Services, U. of Calgary) and Dr. David R. Morphy (Vice-Provost, Student Affairs, U. of Manitoba) are the consultants preparing the report. Once received, we will determine how to best define a position that can provide the leadership to enhance the campus life experience for students attending UCC.

In terms of institutional profile, another key objective in our strategic plan, we have seen positive developments on the "University" initiative. Support at the grassroots level has resulted in the creation of a Society called "Friends of the University" under the leadership of Al McNair. The purpose of the society is to create greater community and regional understanding and support for changing our status to a comprehensive, regional university.

A number of notable business and professional people in Kamloops and across the region have joined the cause, and we are also heartened by the strong support from the Mayor and Counsellors of Kamloops, and the Chamber of Commerce. As we all tackle the issue of

community economic development and sustainability, there is no question that the value and importance of UCC is becoming recognized and better understood by all. That in itself is another important benefit of the Friends of the University initiative.

As well, UCC Athletics has announced plans to apply to Canada West for membership in the top level of university athletic competition, likely starting in 2003. Competing on the same courts and fields with UBC, SFU, UVic, Alberta, Calgary and other top universities is another opportunity to build our national profile. We have also received strong support from the City of Kamloops for this initiative. It's another example of working together for mutual benefit, as top-level university athletics will support the new Tournament Capital of Canada designation of Kamloops.

Along those same lines of co-operation for mutual benefit, our Board of Governors has been working with City Council on a vision for the future development of lands around our campus. The recent KamTalk Conference, which UCC was pleased to help sponsor, was in fact highlighted by the strong expressions of community support and feeling for the importance of UCC in the future of our city, and the economic development and diversification of our region. This, combined with proposals to foster campus sensitive developments along the McGill corridor, will give UCC an even greater prominence in our community.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our new Lt. Governor, the Hon. Iona Campagnolo to campus for Flag Day ceremonies on Feb. 15. It is truly an honour that UCC and Kamloops have been chosen as the site for provincial ceremonies of this national day. This is the first time that such ceremonies have been held outside of Vancouver or Victoria.

In the meantime, we anxiously await government decisions on tuition fees, operating grants, and membership on the Board of Governors. Once we have been given these details, we can assess the implications and only then determine what kinds of challenges we will face in the months ahead, and what actions are required to meet them.

Regards,
Roger Barnsley




UCC B.Ed Tops in B.C.

The B.C. College of Teachers (teacher accreditation body) recently completed a research project that surveyed graduates of all Bachelor of Education programs in B.C. and UCC's B.Ed. program was rated at the top or among the top in nearly all categories. Overall, UCC's program was rated above programs at SFU, UVic and UBC. It is very good news for UCC on a provincial scale.

Student Success

Seven UCC graduates of the Bachelor of Natural Resource Science have successfully passed this year's Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters (ABCPF) exam and are now Registered Professional Foresters. Walter Fister, Kevin Gayfer, Colin Hegan, Jody McCall, Keith Turriff, Murray Ward and Cory Yurkowski, are also named in a feature article on the six-hour exam in this month's edition of Forum magazine, published by the ABCPF.

Award-Winning Paper

John Bratton of the UCC School of Business has been recognized by the Literati Club Awards for Excellence 2002 for his paper Leader-follower Dynamics: Developing a Learning Environment, published in The Journal of Workplace Learning. His contribution has been selected as the most Outstanding Paper in the 2001 volume.

All Canadian and BCCAA Awards

UCC "cleaned up" in the BCCAA All Conference and Coach of the Year soccer awards this year. Men's and Women's Soccer coaches Kevin Fertile and Sean Wallace received Coach of the Year awards, while seven UCC athletes were selected for the First Team All Conference including Amanda Brennan, Wendy Hara, Kelly MacDonald, Julie Taylor, Shaun Roberts, Alain Ruche and Garret Whitworth. Three other UCC athletes were selected to the Second All Conference Team including Bree-ann Mailoux, Justin Harrison and Ben Nielson. Kelly MacDonald, Shaun Roberts and Alain Ruche were also honoured as All Canadian recipients.

The Fotheringham Prize

Lisa Henderson, a student in the UCC Journalism degree program, was named the winner of the first annual Fotheringham Prize on November 22, 2001 following an evening



Allan Fotheringham

presentation by celebrated Canadian columnist Allan Fotheringham at the Alumni Theatre. Henderson was among 15 UCC journalism students who submitted columns for the competition that awarded the winner a \$500 bursary. Melissa Fryer, a fourth year journalism student, won an honourable mention for her submission. Fotheringham made the stop in Kamloops during a tour to promote his latest book, Fotheringham's Fictionary of Facts and Follies.

Jack Webster Award Winners



Christina Myers

Kevin Watt

UCC journalism students Christina Myers and Kevin Watt were recently honoured with Jack Webster student journalism awards through the Jack Webster Foundation. Myers won fourth-year first prize and Watt won third-year first prize. Both received \$1,000 at a ceremony in Vancouver. All applicants were required to submit a curriculum vitae as well as letters of reference and a 500-word essay on the topic of journalism. The annual awards are open to residents of B.C. who are full-time students in a journalism program at BCIT, Kwantlen University College, Langara College and The University College of the Cariboo.

Director of Human Resources Vacancy Filled

Lynn Joly has been appointed Director of Human Resources at UCC, filling the vacancy created when the same Lynn Joly vacated the position to work with the Thompson Health Region several months ago. Joly's experience combined with new insights she has gained working in the health care sector will bring an exciting new dimension to UCC.

Acting Associate Dean Named to School of Business

Bernie Warren has accepted the position of Acting Associate Dean of the School of Business. He will serve in this position until June 30, 2002. Bernie joined UCC on July 7, 1989 and is a member of the Management Department in the School of Business.

International Exposure for Philosophy

Dr. Bruce Baugh's article Making The Difference: Derrida's Difference and Deleuze's Difference, will soon be translated to Portuguese for a book titled The Thought of Difference to be published in Brazil. This is the second article he has written and had translated into Portuguese. Baugh will also receive international attention at a North American Sartre Society conference in March when he will present a paper, The Committed Intellectual. The conference will be hosted in New Orleans.

Faculty Member Publishes Book

P.J. Murphy, a faculty member in the UCC Department of English and Modern Languages has completed his sixth book, Paroled For Life: Interviews With Parolees Serving Life Sentences, which is due out this spring published by New Star Books. This 200-page volume was compiled, edited, and written with Lloyd Johnsen and Jennifer Murphy. It is a sequel to Life-25 (New Star, 1997), a new printing of which is also slated for the spring. The focus of Paroled For Life is on prison programming and reintegration into the community by lifers who have served their sentences for second-degree murder. The work is structured around nine paired interviews: those carried out in prison in 1990 are complemented by interviews undertaken in 2000 - some in prison, some in halfway houses, and some in the homes of parolees who are now serving their life sentences in the community.

UCC International Impresses Chilean Conference

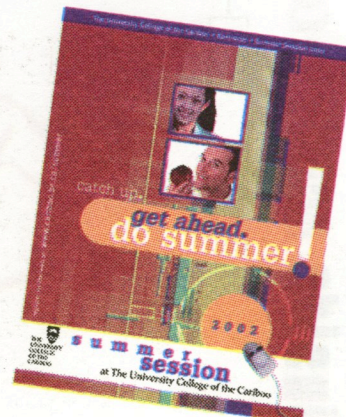
The University College of the Cariboo holds the distinction of being the only Canadian post secondary institution invited to an Information Technology conference in Santiago, Chile. Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director of UCC International attended the conference hosted last November where she made a presentation to delegates on UCC IT programs such as computer-automated systems technology, telecommunications, computer science and electronics. McLeod also discussed the role of the Advanced Technology Centre on campus and land use plans for the McGill-Southgate corridor. Given the tremendous market opportunities within the IT industry in Chile, experts from across Canada were asked to speak on varying technologies that have emerged from the private sector and educational institutions. Other speakers from Canada at the seminar included representatives from Industry Canada, Scotiabank and NORTEL.

Women's Volleyball

UCC Women's Volleyball team has some added international help this season. The team has welcomed two players from a Brazilian club team in San Paulo who are practising with the Sun Demons until March. Carrie Barrett, coach of the women's team, says Daniela Bercelli and Daniele DaSilva have added an extra dimension to the team by helping to bring up the level of play.

Online Registration

The Summer Session brochure is on the street and, for the first time, UCC students will be able to register online for their courses. Summer semester features three sessions, offering courses between May and mid-August.



UCC Applies to Canada West Universities Athletics Association for Entry in 2003

ucc athletics

An ever-improving athletics program coupled with UCC's vision for university status bodes well for the institution in its application to join the top ranks in varsity sports competition, says Jeff Speedy, UCC Acting Athletic Director.

After four years of preliminary work, UCC has formally applied to Canada West Universities Athletic Association for associate membership to compete in women's and men's basketball starting as early as September of 2002, but more likely in September 2003.

"The recent success of our basketball program and the fact that we have coaches in full time positions make us a viable contender," said Speedy. "Our size and growth as an institution as well as the goal of university status also helps."

UCC is the first university college in B.C. to make the formal application and acceptance would mean opportunity for a higher level of play as well as improved exposure for the school.

The application, sent to Canada West in December, is being sponsored by Trinity Western University in Langley, which became only the third B.C. institution to join Canada West just a few years ago. Since then, Simon Fraser University (SFU) has joined Canada West. The University College of the Fraser Valley is also preparing a formal application, which Speedy expected would be submitted to the association in the next month.

UCC's application will be on the agenda for discussion at the Canada West semi-annual meetings in February, where UCC officials will make a formal presentation. Voting on the application by member institutions from B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba takes place at the CWUAA Annual General Meeting in May. If approved, it would give UCC a 15-month transition period to the highest level of university athletics in Canada.

UCC President Roger Barnsley, in approving the start of the formal application process, stressed that this is just the first step in a lengthy process.

"Moving to the highest level of athletic competition is consistent with our long-term strategic plan for UCC and would be an important step in the continued development of student life on campus. But we will move forward with caution. Many key decisions, some of them beyond our control, are still to be made before anything can be finalized."

Speedy said if the basketball teams are accepted by the association, that would pave the way for other UCC varsity teams to follow.



Jeff Speedy

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report aims to improve aboriginal student life

By Dale Baggs UCC 4th Year Journalism

Meeting the changing needs of aboriginal students at The University College of the Cariboo is the focus of a consultant's recommendations on the status of aboriginal life on campus.

A report completed in the fall by Dr. Renee Spence, First Nations Education Council administrator for School District 73, was presented to the UCC Board of Governors in January and is designed to examine how aboriginal students are doing at UCC.

"A large number of First Nations students have chosen to study at UCC and we need to ensure their needs are being met," said Shirley Dorais, chair of the UCC Board of Governors.

The recommendations will be used to guide future institutional decision-making as services and programs for First Nations students are considered. UCC President Roger Barnsley has indicated that one of the major recommendations, the establishment of an aboriginal student centre, will proceed this summer.

The report looked at aboriginal life on campus in a general way and it is hoped that out of it, UCC will continue to gain direction in maintaining and improving services for First Nations students.

"We are taking a proactive approach for those students who come in (to UCC) without some of the same advantages as others," Dorais said.

Roxanne L'Esperance, co-ordinator for aboriginal students, agreed First Nations needs can be different

from others and these differences must be addressed.

"Some are behind," she said. "They haven't caught up and until they do, services like this are necessary."

UCC services currently offered to aboriginal students include liaison with band members, providing information on other educational institutions and community organizations and above all, support, said L'Esperance.

"The goal is to see aboriginal students succeed at UCC and in other areas in their lives," she said.



Roxanne L'Esperance

With strong, proactive support systems in place, she believes that goal is attainable.

"More students are coming and more are succeeding, partly due to changing expectations," she said.

Resource Day

In an effort to improve First Nations students' transition to post-secondary, UCC hosted an **Aboriginal Resource Day February 6**, where school representatives and aboriginal support workers from the region discussed with UCC representatives issues around post-secondary education. Information included services offered at UCC to secondary school representatives.

About 50 representatives from First Nations communities attended.

Later this term, First Nations Awareness Week will be celebrated on campus with games, traditional drumming and dancing, traditional theatre groups, artisans and an elders' luncheon. The week runs March 11-17.

new diploma keeps students at ucc

By Dale Baggs UCC 4th Year Journalism

UCC is recapturing a group of students it was losing to other post secondary institutions with the new Child and Youth Care diploma.

Administered through the School of Social Work and Human Service, the introduction of the program in September 2001 has been a great success, says Rory Mahood, UCC chair of human-service programs.

"We have had nothing but good response from both students and the community," said Mahood, adding graduates will have an easier time

finding employment due to the specialized nature of the program. "This diploma provides greater employability in the community for our students because they can work in any place that deals with children," he said.

The need for UCC to bring in the popular diploma became obvious when local students began leaving the area for other colleges that offered it.

"We were losing students," said Mahood. "Two years ago about 10 students went from

our certificate program to Selkirk College for this diploma and then came back to Kamloops for their practicums."

The Human Services Certificate, also offered at UCC, is the pre-requisite for the diploma program, which can then ladder to Child and Youth Care degrees at several other universities. Many of the diploma's credits are also transferable to UCC's Bachelor of Social Work degree.

The one-year program currently has 19 full-time students as well as six part-time students who

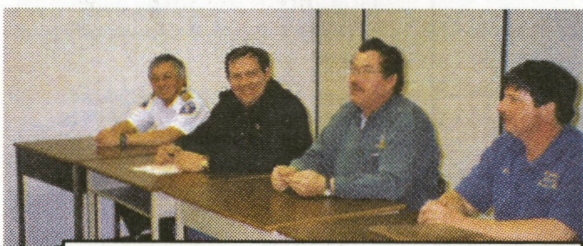
can complete it in two years. The Williams Lake campus has a total of 13 part-time students.

Kathy Jago, UCC records and admissions assistant, said interest in next year's program is already evident with applications from hopeful students coming in as early as December 2001. Mahood says the program is still actively recruiting prospective students.

For further information on the Child and Youth Care diploma, please contact Mahood at 371-5522 or Mary Harber at 371-5769.



ashcroft training program prepares students for jobs



From left to right: Chris Saito, Norton Sarver, Glenn Bayes and Dan Wadge participate in a panel discussion during the Preparation for Industry Program hosted through UCC's regional education centre in Ashcroft/Cache Creek.

UCC recently joined with local businesses to design a seven-week Preparation for Industry program, in support of the industrial sector in the Ashcroft/Cache Creek area.

This government-sponsored training course, which ended in mid December, featured workshops on communication skills and job hunting strategies, tours of industrial sites and opportunities to achieve a variety of certifications in Occupational First Aid, Air Brakes training, traffic control and fork lift operation.

UCC Community Coordinator Heather Wisla said the program saw tremendous success with 16 people receiving their completion certificates.

Broad-based community support included participation from businesses such as IG Machine and Fibers Ltd., Wastech Services, C2C Mining Corporation, Graymont Inc., Highland Valley Copper, School District 74, Ashcroft and District Employment Services, Sun Country Community Futures and the Bonaparte Indian Band, among others.

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UCC/CHBA – Kamloops Training House Wins Gold

Collaborators in the UCC/Canadian Home Builders Association –Kamloops training house are celebrating their partnership after being honoured with a gold award at the annual Thompson Okanagan Housing Awards in Kelowna January 12.

The 2000/2001 training home, purchased by the Kamloops Y for its Dreamhome lottery, is located in the Sun Rivers Resort Community and is the 13th house to be completed by UCC and the home builders as a training project for students.

This is the first time the training house has earned a gold award, the winning entry in the Outstanding Contribution to the Housing Industry category. The 2000/2001 project was also honoured with two silver Thompson Okanagan Housing Awards on September 25 in categories for best single detached home under 1,799-square feet and best technical innovation or environmental achievement by a builder, renovator, designer, subtrade or manufacturer.

Representatives from UCC trades and technology division and the Kamloops Home Builders were on hand to accept the award before a crowd of 400 industry builders and developers from the Thompson and Okanagan regions.

Howard Mayer, program development administrator for UCC Trades and Technology, said the award is a huge accomplishment given the competition from major builders and developers in the area.

"The thing that strikes me most about this success is the number of people involved in the project and the important parts they play. The collaboration between UCC and the home builders has developed into a full partnership based on mutual respect," said Mayer.

About 130 students and 14 faculty members from eight programs at UCC including residential construction, electrical trade entry, plumbing trade entry, level C welding, telecommunications and horticulture are involved in building the house each year.

Hank Bangma, residential construction instructor at UCC, said the award is recognition of what the institution has contributed to the housing industry in the last several years.

"This is the best real life training experience these students can get. It's an award for anyone who has had anything to do with the program."

This year's training house is also located in the Sun Rivers community. For more information on the UCC/CHBA Kamloops gold award, please contact Howard Mayer at 828-5124.



Faculty and administrators from UCC Trades and Technology pose with the Thompson Okanagan Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Housing Industry. Back left to right are Peter Poeschek, Peter Basson, Stephen White, Kevin Scollon, Joe Rille and Dennis Johnson. Front left to right are Howard Mayer, Hank Bangma, Ralph Finch and Ron Opp.



Rene and Ricardo

a worthy exchange

by Taylor Zeeg UCC 3rd Year Journalism

Mexican exchange student Rene Oropeza must wonder why Canadians have such a unique way of greeting newcomers. As he was toying over a computer in the electronics lab one day a fellow student hoisted him high into the air as a welcome.

He and fellow exchange student Richard Vargas laughed when they remember the scene in early fall.

"We were working in the lab when (fellow student Dale) lifted Rene high above his head," said Vargas this past December prior to leaving Kamloops for his homeland.

The friends traveled to Kamloops last term to participate in the North American Mobility Project (NAMP). It is a joint-initiative between UCC and Human Resources Development Canada in the wake of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

The project goal is to provide eight students with an exchange opportunity over the next three academic years. The exchange is intended to develop students' trans-cultural skills in technology and business to make them more adept to the new economic environment since NAFTA.

"Because of NAFTA, we're trying to establish academic links between Canada, USA, and Mexico. We're all partners. That's the whole idea," said electronics instructor Henry Reiser. "We share expertise and share an experience."

Students in electronics, computer science or business can currently study at institutions in Mexico, Texas or New Jersey through NAMP. Oropeza and Vargas were exchange students from the Universidad Tecnologica de Coahuila.

Reiser described the pair's interaction with the class as a symbiotic experience.

"What they didn't know before, they're learning now, and what they do already know they're transferring to the other students."

Tinkering with pneumatic robots, programmable logic boards, and personal computers is one thing, but working in a group and having to communicate technical terms is another.

"You had to give these guys credit because we're talking about extremely technical matters, and their ability to work in English at that level should be applauded," Reiser said. "When they were given time to use their dictionaries, they're A+ students."

The pair have returned to Saltillo, Mexico to finish the two-year program at their home institution. In the spring co-op placements, Oropeza and Vargas will have an inside track because of their experience in Kamloops.

"It will be part of my resume. I'm learning different ways to do the things I already know about. Also, practicing English is very good for me because I need it for most jobs," Oropeza said.

Saltillo is the automotive industry hub of Mexico, so "this stuff is going to be useful to them when they go back," Reiser said.

Both students said they will miss UCC and "the opportunity to work with Canadians to make this equipment work."

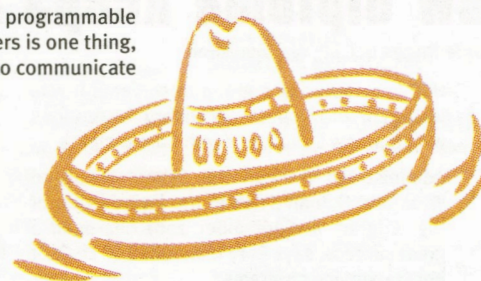
Vargas said he would want to return one day to visit the other side of Canada and take in the history of places such as Ottawa and Quebec.

"The most important thing is that we acquire a global perspective," Vargas said.

"This has been a very positive experience for UCC and the students. It's established a linkage," Reiser added.

Meanwhile, UCC electronics' student Dan Erickson and business student Gentry Stickel recently left for Austin, Texas for a four-month exchange.

Canadian students in business or trades and technology who are interested in studying in Texas, New Jersey or Mexico, should contact Baihua Chadwick at UCC International (371-5525) before February 22, the deadline to apply for to take part in the project. There is up to \$5,000.00 in funding available for travel and living expenses.



Lieutenant-Governor to Visit UCC

UCC plays provincial host for the annual Flag Day celebration, a national commemoration of the inception of Canada's flag on February 15.

Lieutenant-Governor Iona Campagnolo is the honoured guest for this afternoon event in the Campus Activity Centre, which also includes local dignitaries and guests.

In the past Vancouver and Victoria have always been locations for Flag Day, which is celebrated in communities across Canada.

Guests will be piped in to the CAC at 1:30 p.m. and a flag raising on the third floor will commence at 1:40 p.m. The UCC Chorus and Choir will perform, followed by speeches and a reception in the Rotunda.

This year's ceremony will also recognize the Queen's Jubilee.

flag day



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philosophy rocks

If the meaning of life is buried in a classic rock tune, the students of Bruce Baugh's Philosophy 239 course could have heads up unveiling it.

The class is not perched around a dusty turntable playing Beatles albums backwards. But students are dissecting rock-infused songs from the past 50 years and questioning the influence of this powerful music genre. And by most accounts, they like Philosophy of Rock Music — they like it a lot.

As one student, Sarah Cordingley, puts it: "After every class I feel a little unfulfilled because there is so much to talk about. It gets you very interested."

Cordingley, a second year arts student, describes herself as a music enthusiast who doesn't have many outlets for discussing the topic.

"It's a huge part of our culture, but I think it gets overlooked in many academic settings. It's poetry, it's contemporary music that has as much validity as anything in history."

Fellow student Ellen Ramsay agrees.

"We are looking at concepts and ideas behind music of a certain time. We're looking at rock music now and how it has evolved and defined itself," says Ramsay. "I really like the fact that this course gives you a chance to talk about different kinds of expression, differences in gender and race."

Baugh, who has taught at UCC since 1992, developed the course after writing an article in the early 1990s about misunderstandings around rock music and its validity as an art form. After receiving feedback, critical and positive, he considered the subject matter's universal appeal and decided it had a place in the classroom.

The concept stewed for a few years before it was officially developed in 1998. To his knowledge, Baugh's is the only rock music philosophy course in B.C. and perhaps Canada. Other academics have taken slightly different approaches to the topic and developed popular music courses through other disciplines.

For Baugh, a self-described music lover, the course is an opportunity for students to share their points of view on a topic they all have some knowledge and opinion about.

"Rock n' roll has always been associated with the young," said Baugh. "The music touched me when I was young and there's been kind of a resonance for me. Now it speaks from a deeper place."

In the classroom, he discusses the history of rock music and its impact through time, then introduces questions such as "Can white people sing the blues?" and "What is the role of women in rock?" The syllabus also touches on performance, artistic value and the future of rock music.

"This works coming from a philosophical stand point because you can ask questions about artistic value," said Baugh. "You can think about the music from all sorts of angles. What it means in relation to race, gender, group identity."

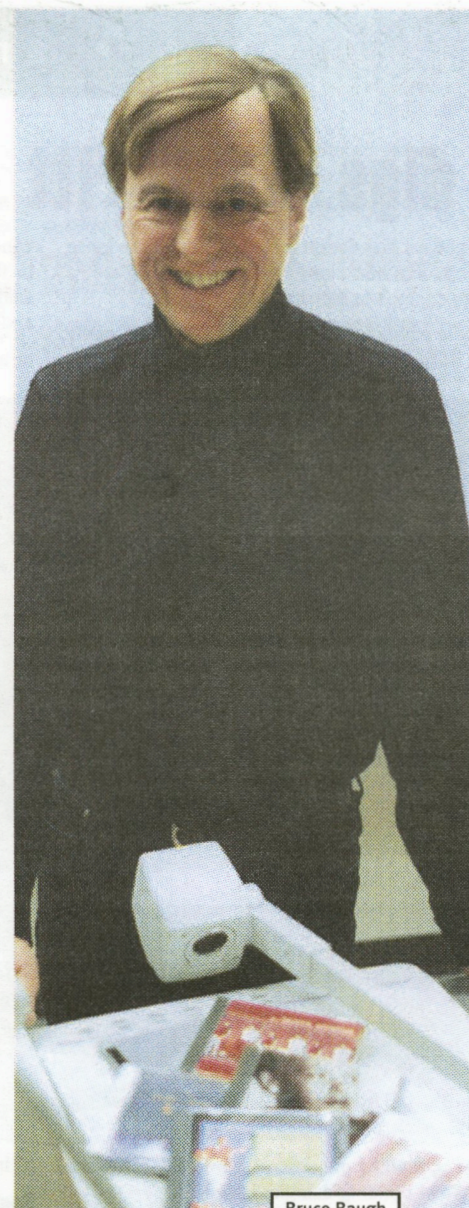
Cordingley, who is a fan of feminist rock bands, says she is especially looking forward to the discussion on gender and music. A debater by nature, she's hoping people's comments will bring about some interesting dialogue. It will be half way through the course by then and, as each class progresses, students have become more comfortable expressing their points of view.

"In every class it seems like we are hearing from one more person, which is great," said Cordingley.

Another aspect of the class that allows students a form of personal expression is the opportunity to bring in their own music to listen to and deconstruct. In the past five weeks a wide range of bands has been put under scrutiny such as the Pixies, Frank Zappa, Metallica and the White Stripes, among others.

In addition to discussing music and its impact on people, the course also requires students to do an album review, several assigned readings and weekly summaries. The class may also take a special trip to Seattle to the Experience Music Project, a multi-media museum of rock music and history.

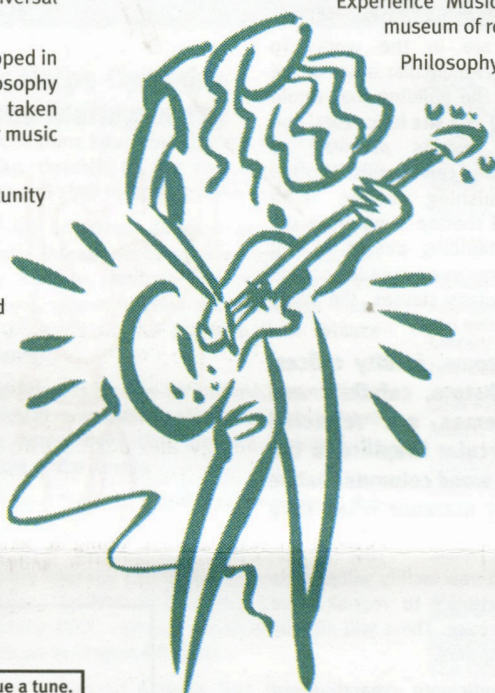
Philosophy of Rock Music is being offered every second year and this is the second time Baugh has instructed it.



Bruce Baugh



Students Tim Loucks and Ellen Ramsay get ready to critique a tune.



counselling department puts students first

By Dale Baggs UCC 4th Year Journalism

Some of the same freedoms that come with entering post-secondary education are the ones that can send students into turmoil balancing personal issues, adult responsibilities and academic goals.

With any new experience, support and guidance make the going easier.

UCC's counselling department recognizes that first-time and returning students need help from time to time with everything from preparing for exams to crisis counselling. That's why it's become one of the busiest and most well-used services at the institution.

Located in Old Main, across from the registrar's office, the counselling department is made up of a handful of highly qualified individuals with diverse backgrounds. Their range of credentials make it possible to provide day-to-day services as well as respond to unique issues as they arise from one semester to the next.

Currently, the department covers four main areas — student concerns, career development, academic/student development, and personal and crisis counselling. Counsellors are available through workshops and for one-on-one appointments.

Career development and educational planning initiatives have been designed to help people who may have missed some education or

chances in life to get back on track, said Mary Ann Mochizuki, a UCC counsellor focused in that area.

"The primary goal has been to provide support and give access to information and resources about training and employment for those who do not have it," she said.

Personal and crisis counselling cover a realm of situations, anything from social problems to concerns with instructors. If students' needs cannot be met at UCC, referrals to community agencies are made.

In the area of academic development, counsellors have turned to the calendar to develop workshops and seminars that will best serve the student body. Needs change substantially depending on the time of year, said Mochizuki.

Difficulties involving loneliness, questions about career choices and weak study skills are just some of the hurdles students face. In response, the counselling department offers free workshops every fall and winter, such as Surviving September with a Smile, where relevant services are explained to overwhelmed individuals. Other workshop topics include study skills, time management, test anxiety and stress management.

For more information on counselling services or to pick up a workshop schedule, visit Old Main, Room OM1651 or phone 828-5023.

Life Skills Programs Open Doors for Adults

Two of the most successful programs that have come out of the UCC counselling department are the Career Orientation in Preparation for Employment (COPE) for women and the Men's Education & Career Alternatives (MECA).

Both programs combine life skills training with education, providing a foundation for individuals who have missed opportunities in the past. The two full-time, 14-week initiatives focus on areas associated with skills, training and career planning for men and women.

The COPE program has been at UCC for close to 25 years and MECA is in its eighth year, said Iris Rich-McQuay, a UCC instructor. Both programs are free for students. Rich-McQuay and UCC instructor Will Daley are the program's facilitators instructing classes of about 24 people each.

"The objective is expansion of one's own spirituality, but not necessarily a religious spirit," said Rich-McQuay. "The journey is to become a whole person and once that person becomes whole they can follow career choices through."

"Students participate in variety of self-reflective exercises as well as an intensive six-week career exploration. They go into the marketplace and look for employment opportunities, and ask what does it entail, what will it cost," said Rich-McQuay. "Students are fully prepared after they have done that."

The programs boast about a 70 per cent success rate with graduates finding employment or entering education programs. Although the programs are offered separately, they focus on similar issues and are not gender biased.

"We are starting to put more and more of the course work together," Rich-McQuay said. "People say that is one of the most significant parts."

Although the goals are to help students find employment or get more education, they are secondary to the personal growth.

"To just go out and get a job is to put a band-aid on the problem," said Rich-McQuay. "We want to look at the foundation first and get that fixed."



Mary Ann Mochizuki

new digs in merritt

If the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence then the fence is situated along the boundaries of a new post secondary campus in Merritt.

Owned by Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and jointly shared with UCC, the new campus opened its doors



The new NVIT/UCC campus in Merritt has some interesting features inside and out



January 2 after 15 months of construction to complete one of B.C.'s first green building designed schools.

Located at the north east side of the city on Belshaw Avenue, the 17-hectare sloped site houses a two-and-a-half story building, which incorporates business and technology, First Nations culture and environmentally friendly building features into 4,645 square-metres. The campus replaces separate locations occupied by NVIT and UCC, which were located in the downtown area.

A green building is one designed, built, renovated, operated or reused in an ecological and resource-efficient way. Green buildings can be designed for any climate using the natural surroundings as indications for a starting point, said Alfred Waugh of Busby and Associates and the project architect for the Merritt project.

In the case of the NVIT/UCC campus, a weather station has been built on the roof of the building that transmits outside temperatures to a control system inside the school.

The outside temperature readings signal to the control system to automatically open and close the windows at the top of the central atrium. When individual office and classroom windows are opened natural ventilation occurs, as air will pass through the transition panels above each room door.

"Above each door is a transition panel that allows fresh air to flow through and toward the centre of the building," said Project Manager Phil Hanmer of UCC Capital Planning and Projects.

In addition, more than 60 per cent of the windows have louver coverings made from yellow cedar that are moveable and adjustable to help control heat from sunshine. Concrete material used in the structure helps to hold in the heat as well, said Hanmer.

"The idea of the green design is to cut down on heating and air conditioning costs."

One of the building's most distinguishing features is the circular design, which is a recurring and meaningful theme in native culture. The structure is a semi-circle with the main entrance facing east, which is also symbolic for First Nations.

Plans are in the works to construct a circular arbor at the rear of the building that would be used as a site for cultural and special events as well as graduation ceremonies. Another distinguishing feature is a planted rooftop supporting the green building design. It will also serve as an area to conduct ethnobotany classes, the study of indigenous plants and their native uses.

Inside, there are 18 classrooms, faculty offices, social spaces, labs, a bookstore, cafeteria and library. First Nations themes are reflected throughout and include a circular fireplace in the foyer as well as several solid wood columns. Native carvings will adorn the front entrance when they are completed.

From an academic standpoint, the new facility will provide both NVIT and UCC the opportunity to recruit more students because of the added space. There will also be opportunity to introduce new programs.

"In conjunction with NVIT, we anticipate expanding our programming for full-time and part-time studies," said Adrian Kershaw, UCC Vice-President, Community and Distributed Learning Services.

Programs and courses under consideration include adult basic education, English as a second language, home support/resident care aid, licenced practical nursing and human service worker as well as programs in trades and tourism.



online courses provide students flexibility

By Andrew Stokes-Rees UCC 4th Year Journalism

The Applied Business Technology (ABT) department at UCC, formerly Office Administration, continues to participate in a province wide initiative called e-merge: B.C. online programs.

E-merge is a system-wide project for the development of online office administration courses and programs in British Columbia.

It involves several institutions working together to share curricula, support services, administrative services and credentialing to make office skills training as accessible and flexible as education has ever been.

With its transferable curriculum and Internet based instruction, students wanting ATB courses can register and study from any location. To further facilitate flexible study, credit for courses offered by each institution are automatically transferable and allow students to use credits from any location toward completion of a certificate program.

Started in 2000, participating post secondary institutions began offering seven online courses and this will grow to 14 by the end of the 2002 academic year. All courses are led by an instructor who brings the students together online.

From records management to electronics spreadsheets, each ABT course is aimed at careers for office assistants giving students credit in any of the five certificate programs offered by the department. Most of the online courses start every month; others have four intakes a year.

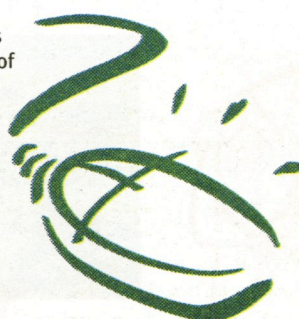
Vera Linton of UCC's School of Business says the ABT Internet courses are developed by an articulation committee, then piloted for a trial period before being scheduled for regular instruction.

"It has been a struggle to get it off the ground, because it is different," said Linton. "What makes it different is the province-wide curriculum. Students can take the courses anywhere."

Linton currently instructs several of the ABT courses offered via the Internet and said there are a variety of reasons why a student would want to study online.

"What I see happening is that we have students register that are from out of town or are working, or have small children," said Linton.

"The idea is flexibility and access."



ucc, city support land use changes to mcgill corridor

UCC and the City of Kamloops are paving the way for future commercial and residential expansion by endorsing new zoning and development standards around the McGill Road campus and throughout the Southgate business area.

The need for such a process became evident given increasing numbers of students at the growing campus, coupled with increased development pressure for retail business in the Southwest.

Adrian Kershaw, Vice-President, UCC Community and Distributed Learning Services, said the time has come to encourage new types of development around the institution and to find ways to enhance what already exists.

"We have to start looking at the impact of a 15,000-student population in 20 years and how we can further integrate UCC into the community so that we can have the maximum impact on economic development," he said.

City council and administration, engineering consultants and the UCC Board of Governors met Oct. 12, 2001, to discuss options for land use and zoning and hosted a public open house Nov. 5 and 6 in the UCC Campus Activity Centre.

There, the public had the opportunity to talk with planners and engineers about some of the options stakeholders are considering in developing a McGill-Southgate land use plan.

Currently, three main aspects are being considered within the project:

- A technology park that could link science and technology at UCC with knowledge-based businesses;
- Development of a major recreational node that could include a field house or other facilities that would enhance Hillside Stadium and the Canada Games Recreation Centre.
- Mixed-use zoning involving combined residential and commercial developments along McGill.

"The idea is to create a place where people can live, work and play," said Kershaw.

At a Jan. 19 UCC Board of Governors meeting, the land use plan was endorsed and city council will soon be asked to adopt the changes into the Official Community Plan, said Andrew Tucker, Community Planning Manager for the City of Kamloops.



Jane Mastin and Andre Beaulieu look at plans for land use changes through the McGill corridor and Southgate business area during a public open house hosted at UCC in November. The City of Kamloops and UCC have formed a partnership to support new development standards in the area over the next several years.

"In terms of vision, that will rely on the market, but in terms of Kamplan, which is updated about every five years, this fits into the overall review very nicely," he said.

"KamPlan (which was finalized in 1997) included one paragraph on UCC and one paragraph on Southgate. What we are doing now is developing more in-depth policy that will drive development in the McGill-Southgate area. We recognize the importance the university has to the community and are looking at how we can enhance that relationship."

ucc alumni

Mentoring Program

A mentoring program offered through the UCC Alumni Association and Cariboo Student Employment Centre is helping dozens of students and recent graduates find their way to a chosen career with the help of professionals to guide them.

Since it was launched in 1998, the Mentoring Program has linked about 75 students and graduates with professionals from around the province.

The initiative will allow students and graduates to meet "real world" professionals in a variety of occupations and locations so they can learn valuable information about the transition from school to work and what to expect on-the-job.

Jane Rowe, a Bachelor of Social Work graduate (1994) has been involved in the Mentoring Program for the past two years and says it's a great way to keep up her association and support for UCC.

"It's a commitment that fits in well with staying involved with the university environment," said the mentor.

Rowe, who works as a paralegal in the Legal Services Society in Kamloops, has spoken with one student so far and has helped refer another.

In addition to meeting with individuals in a career area of interest, students and graduates can also use the experience as an opportunity to improve their networking skills. Mentors are asked not only to share work and education experiences, but also information about what volunteer work and

club related activities they participate in.

Time commitments vary from mentor to mentor depending on the demand for interest in certain job areas and there's flexibility in the amount of time a mentor wants to give.

An information interview with a student can be as short as 45 minutes, or last up to a half day. Mentors may be asked to do an interview once a year, or one a month, but it is always at their convenience and they can decline at any time.

Following the interview, the Alumni office requests a follow-up evaluation to provide feedback concerning the match. The student is also requested to evaluate the match, which helps the Alumni Association improve the overall program.

Students wanting to be matched with a mentor are provided with an anonymous list of occupations, education and fields of expertise.

After the student has selected possible mentors from the list, the program co-ordinator will contact one mentor to determine if a meeting is possible. If that mentor agrees to the match, the student is given the name and phone number of the mentor to arrange a mutually agreeable meeting time.

For more information on the Mentoring Program through UCC, please contact Pat Lee at (250) 828-5267.



ucc foundation

Leave a Legacy

The UCC Foundation is moving actively into the area of Planned Giving as a way to make a contribution to UCC while maximizing tax benefits.

It can be an outright gift of cash or a deferred gift, but the most common type of planned gift is the charitable bequest, which is simply leaving a gift to the institution in your will. Other types of planned gifts include securities, life insurance, real estate or donating a sum of money to create a trust whereby the donor receives payments from the trust for life.

The advantage of a Planned Giving program is that it provides a long term flow of income to benefit UCC and its students. In this decade, it is considered to be an important time for charities to develop Planned Giving programs. The largest ever transfer of wealth is currently passing from one generation to another. Statistics show that between 1990-2010, 3.5 million Canadians are expected to leave an unprecedented \$1 trillion to their families and communities.

Planned Giving provides an excellent opportunity for anyone to leave a legacy to their favorite charity. Even a small commitment now may lead to a significant donation in the future and may create some substantial tax benefits to the donor.

The UCC Foundation already has several individual gifts of life insurance policies or other contributions to UCC in wills. This is a way these donors have chosen to leave a legacy to an institution that played an important part in their lives and in their community.

It's also a great way for faculty and staff to leave a lasting legacy to the institution where they have already made a difference.

For more information on Planned Giving at UCC please contact Kathleen Biagioni, Executive Director, UCC Foundation • (250) 828-5266



During a Dec. 5 awards ceremony at the UCC Williams Lake campus, several students received bursaries including ones through the HR MacMillan Native Training Trust Fund. Also pictured (back row, left to right) are donors Roger Solly of the Williams Lake Kinsmen/K-40 Club, Judy Williams of the Women's Contact Award and Williams Lake Campus Dean Rob Anderson.

Annual Gala

Share in an elegant Kamloops tradition at the UCC Foundation's ninth annual Gala February 16.

This formal dinner, dance and silent auction will be hosted in the Grand Hall, Campus Activity Centre and is expected to raise more than \$25,000 for student awards at UCC.

The theme for the Gala, An Evening in Monte Carlo, will be reflected in the food, music, auction items, guest photographs and décor. Once again, students from the Professional Cook Training program at UCC will prepare a gastronomic masterpiece that includes six delectable courses.

Please call the Foundation office at 828-5264 for more information on ticket availability. Come support student scholarships, awards and projects of UCC and be part of a memorable tradition.

february

12 Chinese New Year

Tuesday, February 12
Chinese New Year, the Year of the Black Horse.

12-15 Live Music

February 12 - 15 • 8 pm
Heroes Pub, CAC
Kamloops own Saucy Fops are back for new and provocative performances. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call 372-5882.

14 Science Presentation

Thursday, February 14 • Noon - 1 pm
Science Building, S373
UCC Assistant Biology Professor Louis Gosselin along with research assistants Dana Pick and Lisa Jones present research from a study titled *Unexpected Discoveries on the Early Development and Ecology of Marine Invertebrates: UCC Student and Faculty research at BMS in 2000*. For more information, please contact Linda Underwood at 371-5747.

15-16 Varsity Athletics

February 15 & 16 • 6 & 8 pm
UCC Gymnasium
UCC Varsity teams take on Okanagan University College (Friday) and the University College of the Fraser Valley (Saturday).

15 Annual Canada Flag Day

Friday, February 15 • 1 pm - Rotunda, CAC
UCC plays provincial host for the annual Flag Day celebration, a national commemoration of the inception of Canada's flag on February 15. Guests will be piped in to the CAC at 1:30 p.m. and a flag raising on the third floor will commence at 1:40 p.m. The UCC Chorus and Choir will perform, followed by speeches and a reception in the Rotunda. Prior to the Flag Day ceremony, UCC Canadian Studies hosts guest speaker Veronica Strong-Boag, a professor of Women's Studies at UBC. She will talk about performance poet E. Pauline Johnson and her perception of Canada. That event begins at noon in the Alumni Theatre, Clocktower and there is no admission charge.



16 UCC Foundation Gala

Saturday, February 16 - Grand Hall, CAC
UCC Foundation hosts its annual Gala. This formal evening features a six-course meal prepared by Professional Cook Training students and faculty. The elegant dinner is preceded by a complimentary cocktail hour, posed photographs and entertainment. Valet parking is available. All proceeds from the evening will benefit the Foundation's annual campaign for student awards and special projects at UCC. To reserve your place at this premiere fund-raising event, please call the Foundation office at 828-5264.

18-22 Mid Semester Break

February 18 - 22

19 Grade 11 Transitions Day

Tuesday, February 19
UCC/School District 73 Grade 11 Transitions Day.

20 UCC Inservice Day

Wednesday, February 20
Division and department inservice day.

22 Junior Achievement Day

Friday, February 22
Junior Achievement Day with School District 73 Grade 9 students.

26 Live Music

Tuesday, February 26 • 8 pm
Heroes Pub, CAC
Local band Blinded takes the stage, presented by Cariboo Student Society. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call 372-5882.

27-28, Mar 1-2 Theatre

February 27, 28, March 1, 2 • 8 pm
Alumni Theatre, Clocktower
UCC Actors Workshop presents their spring production, *Never Swim Alone*, by Daniel MacIvor, one of Canada's hottest new playwrights. In this quirky play, a group of men oddly dressed in blue suits play games in a beach setting and are refereed by women clad in bathing suits. The show features UCC acting students and is directed by James Hoffman. For more information, please call 828-5315.

28 Breakfast with the President

Thursday, February 28 • 7:30 am
UCC Food Training Cafeteria
Join UCC President Roger Barnsley for breakfast and learn about the issues facing UCC. For more information or to book a spot, please contact Arlee Strachan at 371-5740.



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14 Live Music

Thursday, March 14 • 8 pm
Heroes Pub, CAC
Susan Phillips, Trevor Caswell, JayBird and Lynda Vogel perform. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call 372-5882.

20 Breakfast with the President

Wednesday, March 20 • 7:30 a.m.
UCC Food Training Cafeteria
Join UCC President Roger Barnsley for breakfast and learn about the issues facing UCC. For more information or to book a spot, please contact Arlee Strachan at 371-5740.

21 Live Music

Thursday, March 21 • 8 pm
Heroes Pub, CAC
Cariboo Student Society presents Roxanne Hall and the Serious Dogs. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, please call 372-5882.

27 Chapel Service

Wednesday, March 27 • noon - 1 pm
Old Main, OM 2651
UCC Chaplains office hosts a chapel service. For more information, please call 371-5940.

29 Good Friday

Friday, March 29 - UCC closed.

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1 Easter Monday

Monday, April 1 - UCC closed.

6 UCC Chorus

Saturday, April 6 • 8 pm
Sagebrush Theatre
The UCC Chorus performs *Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny)* by Johannes Brahms with the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are available at Kamloops Live! Box Office.

8-20 Exams

Monday, April 8
Winter semester examinations.

15 Application Deadline

Monday, April 15
Last day for submission of applications for Fall 2002 and Winter 2003 semesterized programs. Applications received after this date will be considered as late applications and will be processed as space permits.

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4 Special Guest Speaker

Saturday, May 4
UCC Recreation hosts Tudor Bomp, a renowned strength and conditioning specialist, international speaker and consultant. He will be at UCC for a daylong seminar on Designating Resistance Training Programs for the development of power, strength and speed. This seminar is open to all levels of coaches, fitness trainers, wellness consultants and individuals interested in healthy lifestyles. For more information, please contact Pina Russo at 828-5271.

13 Conference

Monday, May 13
High School Counselling Update Conference hosted by UCC Public Relations and Student Recruitment and Academic Advising.

20 Victoria Day

Monday, May 20 - UCC closed.

24 Alumni Golf Tournament

Friday, May 24 • 4 pm
Pineridge Golf Course
UCC Alumni Association hosts its annual golf tournament. Get your team of three together for this fun tournament that raises money for scholarships and bursaries. There's also great food, fun and prizes. Cost is \$60 per person and includes golf and dinner. To register contact Cindy Piva at Pineridge Golf Course at 573-4333.

