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## ambitious project to benefit all UCC students

UCC is on the verge of proceeding with a major self-financed capital project that would see development of a new building in the heart of the Kamloops campus providing classroom space for all programs along with an exciting International Education Centre.

This would be the third self-financed capital project UCC has initiated in the past ten years. The others include the Campus Activity Centre and a major addition to the CAC, which is currently underway. UCC was the first university college to go forward with a self-financed building plan (the CAC, which opened in 1993).

**A team consisting of UCC International representatives and administrators has developed a business plan that was scrutinized by KPMG, approved by the UCC Board, and was sent to the Ministry of Advanced Education for approval.**

The business plan outlines the building concept as well as plans for financing the cost.

"With most capital projects at publicly funded post-secondary institutions, proposals must be approved and financed through the provincial government. In the case of the new international building, it would be financed by a bank with the bank loan to be paid by international revenues generated by UCC," said UCC president Roger Barnsley.

UCC is involved in partnerships with international organizations in 26 countries and currently has about 800 international students from 43 countries enrolled.

"It's a winning situation all the way around," Barnsley noted. "This will benefit foreign and domestic students alike and will make better utilization of the building by offering classroom space to the entire UCC community."

Concept plans include a centre for UCC International offices as well as leisure space for international and domestic students to socialize. The building, which is expected to be between 30,000 and 60,000 square feet, would also include extensive classroom space.

A variety of departments will make use of the space, ensuring that international students are not segregated into one area of the campus.

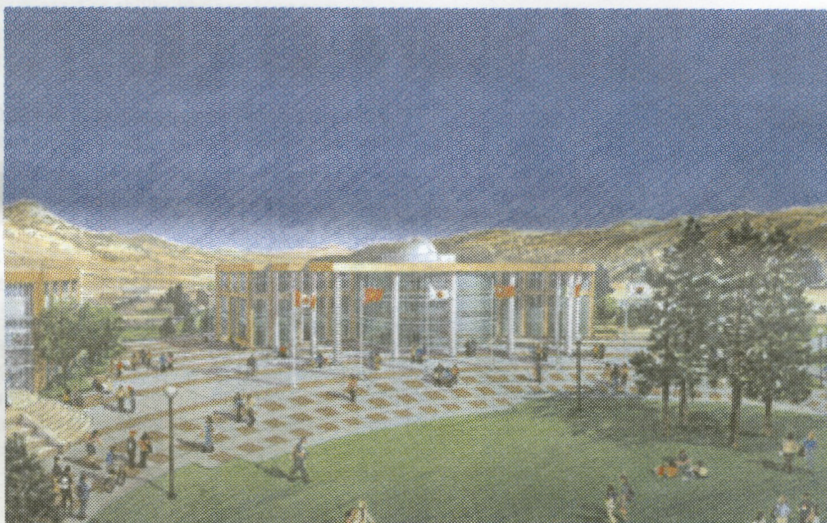
**"One of our greatest attributes at UCC has been to develop an international education department that welcomes students from all parts of the world and encourages them to participate in all aspects of the institution. If we want to continue to attract international students to UCC, we have to make space available,"** said Barnsley, noting about 300 foreign students were turned away this year because of the lack of space.

The challenge to create more classrooms has proved interesting for the team that developed the business plan. Provincial regulations developed several years ago state that when a publicly funded post-secondary considers its capacity, it is not allowed to include international students in the equation. More recently, institutions have also been faced with the challenge of better utilizing space, especially in off times such as the spring and summer.

**"A new building would also provide UCC the opportunity to offer more short term and summer programs – this is one of the fastest growing sectors of international education,"** said Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director of UCC International.

"We would also like to continue the diversification of the International student body," says McLeod, "and with this new space, this would be possible."

Without the additional instructional space provided by the new building, the current level of international activities is also not sustainable. "The big issue we have is to develop more capacity for domestic students and in order for that to happen we have to use space currently taken up by international students," said Adrian Kershaw, Vice-President UCC Community and Distributed Learning Services. **"We have an aggressive education plan that will see significant growth over the next decade. We are looking at an overall increase to about 10,000 students."**



Classroom Block and International Education Centre Concept Drawings

Currently there are about 8,500 students attending UCC, more than half of which are enrolled in university degree programs.

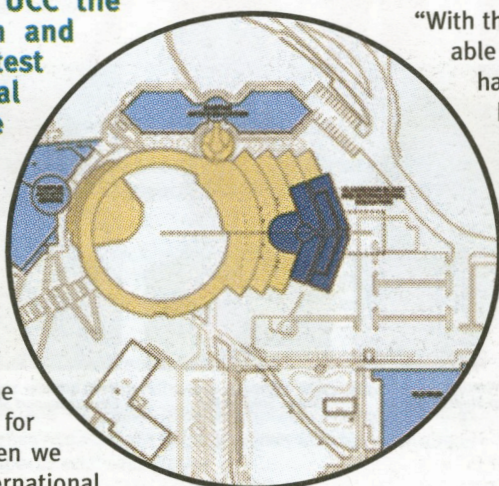
Self-financing is an innovative approach for bringing capital projects on campus for university colleges and colleges and it is one that's needed to support future success of the institution, Kershaw said.

"Things have changed and we have to start thinking differently. The approval process for this type of project moves much more quickly than government financed projects and, with new provincial guidelines, the project will be moved along quickly."

He noted UCC's positive track record for maintaining self-financed buildings will help support the new project's viability.

"With the Campus Activity Centre and the new addition we have been able to show government we can deliver," said Kershaw. "We have had a good response to this and are hopeful we will receive approval by the end of May."

With that timeline in mind Kershaw expects the selection of architects to occur this summer with construction starting next spring. Ideally, the facility would be ready for occupancy by the summer of 2004.



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In a visit several weeks ago to Kamloops, B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell encouraged his audience to celebrate the merits of the university-college model, its diversity and successes through the years.

In fact, that is exactly what we have been doing at UCC. We recognize the unique educational experience this institution has to offer in a geographic region that caters to a great variety of students from across the province and around the world. **As UCC continues to grow and evolve, providing varied education programs at the college, university and now the post-graduate level, our focus is on meeting the needs of the future.**

With that in mind, UCC has embarked on several new initiatives that will help to improve the stature of the institution, create much needed classroom space and fill job market opportunities that continue to develop in our changing economy.

One of the greatest priorities for UCC this year, has been advocating for a name change to "university," a role that the institution has played in all but name for the past decade.

The greatest barrier to future growth, reputation and prosperity is the reality that most people beyond the region do not understand the term "university college."

While a change in name wouldn't affect UCC's commitment to maintaining and improving the trades, technology, career and university program structure, it would give the institution several advantages in attracting new students, developing new programs and providing greater opportunity for research funding, among others.

Over the past year, administrators, the Board of Governors, several community leaders and myself have embraced the cause of changing UCC's name and promoting the economic and social benefits of that change to the region.

While provincial government approval is required for the change, it does not carry with it the need or the request for more government funding. In the future, however, UCC would cooperate with the province to revise current legislation so that it better reflects the diversity of our comprehensive institution.

With recent government changes that allow post-secondary institutions outside of the province to promote themselves to B.C. students as "universities," it only makes sense to allow schools on home turf to have the same advantages.

UCC also plans to take advantage of other changes that now allows us to offer Masters programs and UCC is already investigating possibilities in a variety of disciplines.

**On other academic fronts, the institution is researching the potential for a new Bachelor of Technology program, designed to help fill the need for highly skilled technical positions that are required in today's job market.**

**The School of Education is also applying to the provincial government for approval of a Bachelor of Secondary Education, with a focus on teaching trades and technology courses. Meanwhile, the School of Education will begin offering courses in Special Education to teachers this fall, an area that has been identified as high need.**

UCC has also moved to strengthen its research capacity through first-time grant proposals to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the federally funded Canada Research Chairs program. **The CIHR responded in January with a \$100,000 development grant, while the institution is currently seeking candidates to fill our first ever research chairs in the areas of education and ecology.**

In terms of creating more space for the increasing number of domestic and international students who are applying to UCC, the institution is moving forward with a self-financed capital project that would incorporate UCC International offices, several classrooms and social space for all students. Currently, the institution is waiting for the necessary approvals from the provincial government and is confident that the project will move to the drawing board by the summer. The building, which is expected to be between 30,000 and 60,000 square feet, would be located in the heart of the Kamloops campus next to the Arts and Education Building and Old Main. This would be the third self-financed project UCC has embarked on in the past 10 years.

UCC's profile will be further enhanced this summer with the welcoming of several professional teaching groups from Asia who will be on campus to take programs that range from six weeks to six months. We look forward to greeting our visitors and making their experience here at UCC one that they will want to share in their home countries of China and Japan.

**We hope all of you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing many of you back in class in September.**

*Roger H. Barnsley*

## new UCC board of governors

Eight new members were appointed to the UCC Board of Governors by an Order in Council on February 18, 2002. The new UCC Board is smaller, with the number of government appointees reduced from 11 to eight.

Named to the board with one-year appointments were Todd Stone, Ron Olynyk, Frank Quinn, Tom Fair and Mona Murray, all of Kamloops, along with Margaret Cleaveley of Chase, Kari Gertzen of Williams Lake and Martin Goerzen of Merritt. The UCC Board of Governors also includes four elected representatives from faculty (one), support staff (one), and students (two), and two ex-officio members; UCC President Roger Barnsley along with the Chair of Education Council.

The following are profiles of the new board members:

- 1. Margaret Cleaveley** runs her own consulting company and conducts workshops in strategic planning. She has consulted for Canfor, Weyerhaeuser and Grande Prairie Regional College and operates Job Finder's Clubs in contract with Canada Employment and Immigration. Cleaveley has served on boards and committees including the community health advisory committee in Chase.

- 2. Tom Fair** has worked in the printing business for 35 years and owned Peerless Printers Ltd. He has been involved in community organizations including the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation, the Kamloops Wildlife Park and the Dallas/Barnhartvale volunteer fire department.

- 3. Kari Gertzen** is the owner and vice-president of Lake Excavating Ltd. Previously, she worked as a commercial loans manager for the Bank of Montreal in Vancouver. Gertzen is a member of the Cariboo Foundation Hospital Trust and co-chaired the fundraising committee for the 1996 Northern BC Winter Games.

- 4. Martin Goerzen** holds a master's of education degree and was a school principal in the Yukon. He was also deputy superintendent of schools. Goerzen is a registered clinical counsellor and had his own practice for several years. He was chair of the Fort St. John local committee on mental health.

- 5. Mona Murray**, a former UCC Board Chair (1992-1993) founded Sheridan Property Management in Kamloops. She has served on local planning and design committees for urban growth and development. Murray has been involved with charitable organizations including the United Way, Big Brothers and Sisters, and Kamloops Child Development.

- 6. Ron Olynyk** (Board Chair) has 21 years' experience as a chartered accountant and owns an accounting firm in Kamloops. He was manager for Price Waterhouse and previously was a junior high school teacher in the Cranbrook school district. Olynyk has been president of the East Kootenay Chartered Accountants Association and the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce.

- 7. Frank Quinn**, a former UCC Board member (1991-1992), holds a law degree from the University of Ottawa and is a partner in Bilkey, Quinn of Kamloops. He is president of Kamloops Alpine Developments and Sundance Resort Lodge Ltd. Quinn was president of the Kamloops Bar Association, the B.C. Housing Commission and the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce.

- 8. Todd Stone** (Board Vice-Chair) is president and CEO of iCompass Technologies Inc. in Kamloops. Previously, he worked as a sales and marketing consultant with Specialized Communications Inc. in Vancouver. Stone holds a BA from the University of Victoria and was chair of the marketing committee for the Kamloops high tech strategy committee.



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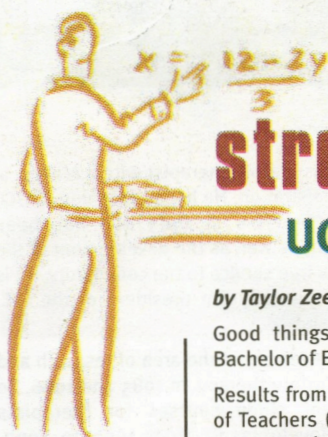
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## strong program founded on strong community

### UCC's Bachelor of Education

by Taylor Zeeg UCC Third Year Journalism

Good things come in small packages and UCC's Bachelor of Education program is no exception.

Results from a survey conducted by the B.C. College of Teachers (teacher accreditation body) a year ago suggest when it comes to quality of education, faculty, courses and practicum experience, UCC ranks among the top in the province.

The survey, which asked all graduates of Bachelor of Education programs across B.C. to evaluate their programs, is an important measuring stick for institutions that are continually looking to improve their education program offerings.

"In the end, our program was rated at the top or among the top in every category," said Dr. Patrick Walton, Acting Associate Dean of Education. "In fact, our B.Ed graduates rated our program more strongly than did graduates from other institutions such as UBC, SFU and Uvic."

Not bad for a program that started in 1989 with an intake of 12 students.

"I would attribute a lot of it to the size of the program," said Walton. "We're small."

Walton taught at UBC while completing his PhD, and has taught at UCC for the last 10 years. The 25-year veteran knows what it takes for a small program to be successful.

"The Lower Mainland class size is generally 35-40 students. Our program's class size is normally 20-25 students," he said.

That's certainly one of the features that drew Rachel Davis, the second year class representative, into UCC's School of Education.

"The biggest thing for me is the class size ... You are really able to build a positive rapport with the people. When you have such a close-knit group you have a lot of support around you and I think it makes a difference in a smaller community in terms of your relationships with your professors."

Solid student-teacher communication as well as a long-standing connection with the Kamloops-Thompson school district has given the UCC B.Ed program a distinct edge over larger institutions.

"One of the strengths of our program is the quality of the local school district teachers," said Walton. "Because we're in the schools so much, we know many of the strong teachers and we cultivate those relationships. We contact them directly and we encourage them to take students that we have. We have a core group of very strong teachers that take our students for practice teaching."

Students complete three practicums: one is eight days, the second is two weeks and the third is four months. Students are constantly taking part in practicums, which allows the Department of Education to make direct connections between the university course work and the actual teaching setting. That in itself acts as a measure and a guide for faculty.

"We get to know the students ... so if the student has a particular interest or ability, like coaching or music, we can follow that through and make sure that's

recognized. And if students have a common concern, in classroom management for example, then we make sure when they come back after the practicum that the concerns are addressed."

This attention to detail will leave Davis with a positive impression long after she graduates.

"I think the faculty members are awesome. They're all really, really approachable. They're always willing to help you with anything. To me, a lot of times it feels like a real family," said Davis.

Del Komarniski, a graduate of the Education program, remembers that same close-knit atmosphere when he was a student at UCC a few years ago.

"The instructors and the people in the program are a little tighter. Everybody is sort of on board with the same philosophies and the same ideals," said Komarniski, who now teaches and coaches basketball at Westsyde Secondary in Kamloops.



Del Komarniski



UCC student teachers back to class!

## degree in secondary school education on the horizon

UCC could soon join the ranks of B.C. post secondary institutions that offer a secondary education degree.

The School of Education, in partnership with Trades and Technology, has outlined a degree program for secondary school education in the area of trades and technology. The hope is to tap into provincial funding through the New Era Initiatives and fill a need in these growing sectors.

"This Ministry of Advanced Education isn't looking to fund any other areas at this time," said Patrick Walton, Acting Associate Dean for the UCC School of Education.

The new degree option would make UCC the only institution outside of Vancouver to offer such a program. The only other program that is similar is a joint UBC/BCIT initiative that requires students to attend both institutions.

Walton said in an ideal situation at UCC, students in trades and technology completing diploma programs would have

another option – to transfer into third year of a newly created UCC Bachelor of Technology, and then take one more year and complete a secondary school education degree.

A new secondary education degree option would also serve working teachers who are looking to be retrained in new areas.

Walton said the structure of the secondary program would be similar to the elementary degree with about 20 to 25 seats available in the first intake.

"We are hoping to have a more detailed plan to share in October," he said.

Representatives from the School of Education and Trades and Technology are currently working on a business plan to submit to the Ministry of Advanced Education. If all goes as planned the outline for the B.Ed. secondary program will be completed in the coming year.

## new special education certificate to fill need in schools



By Taylor Zeeg UCC Third Year Journalism

In an attempt to fill a growing need in B.C.'s education system, UCC plans to offer a certificate in Special Education beginning in the fall of 2002.

Last year, Dr. Diane Purvey, Chair of Education, along with other faculty in the department, met with superintendents of several school districts to find out what was needed and how UCC could fill those needs.

"We sat down and said to them 'if we were to offer a certificate what would we offer it in.' They all said special education. And we prompted them and said what about computers and other things and they said they're desperate to get teachers who have a stronger grounding in special ed," said Purvey.

"It's been identified as an area in which their needs to be more specialization. Our hope is that teachers will take the certificate to fill the need."

The certificate is designed for working elementary school teachers who wish to upgrade their skills and fill a niche in the system. Teachers would gain valuable insight and more expertise, said Purvey.

"Teachers certainly realize they need more grounding in special education. With the diversity of student populations, there's a demand for more (special education teachers). There's a gap to fill."

But satisfying a need and helping special students aren't the only incentives for teachers.

"They would get a higher salary. That's one of the perks, one of the motives," added Purvey.

The certificate is expected to consist of five courses that students can complete over two years on a part-time basis. Courses would be offered at night, on weekends and in the summer in order to accommodate the schedules of working teachers. Education faculty as well as experts in the community will teach the curriculum.

The UCC Department of Education currently offers a joint education degree with the University of British Columbia, so the Special Education certificate will be offered under the auspices of UBC.



Diane Purvey

# education



# scholarly merit award winners 2002

## Dr. John Belshaw

Dr. John Belshaw is an associate professor of Canadian History who came to UCC in 1989 after completing his Ph.D. at the University of London. During his time here, he has focused most of his research efforts on British Columbia history primarily around demographic, social and labour issues.

John has published numerous articles in a wide variety of journals and last year John contributed to a unique CD-Rom project titled Canada: Confederation to Present in which he made the British Columbia submission. John also contributed to the book The Pacific Province: A History of British Columbia, writing about politics between 1871 and 1914.

One of his most successful endeavours was chairing the organizing committee for last May's Beyond Hope Conference in B.C. Studies, which brought scholars from across Canada and around the world to UCC.

This spring he is preparing for the launch of his book Colonization and Community: The Vancouver Island Coalfield and the Making of the British Columbia Working Class, published by McGill-Queen's University Press.

In the future, John plans to develop a series of studies on the history of mortality and death in Canada as well as a study of Vancouver from the 1930s to the 1960s, a pivotal period in the city's cultural development.

## Patrick Walton

Dr. Patrick Walton has been instructing at UCC since 1992 and has been Acting Associate Dean of Education for the past year. Most of Patrick's research has been in the area of language and cognitive abilities related to the acquisition of reading in young children. He has included First Nations children in his research projects and this approach is an element that has made his research unique.

He has also taken on the time-consuming practice of conducting research projects in school settings, an important undertaking in that it allows for generalization of his findings among similar school settings. This method also involves teachers directly in the process of carrying out research.

Most recently, Patrick has taken the leadership role in initiating a research chair proposal, which was accepted, in the area of Early Intervention. This collaborative project involving UCC, the school district, community groups and colleagues from other post-secondary institutions supports his commitment to research that is multidisciplinary and of great practical and theoretical significance.

Patrick has published several pieces of work in top research journals in his field such as Scientific Studies of Reading, Journal of Educational Psychology, and Reading and Writing.

## Les Matthews

Les Matthews is a registered respiratory therapist with a Master of Arts degree in Education Administration. He began teaching at UCC in the Respiratory Therapy program in 1983 and has been instrumental in its development, as well as the development of the UCC Sleep Clinic, available as a free service to the community. He is actively involved with and is currently the president of the B.C. Society of Respiratory Therapists.

Les has a strong record of achievement in the area of research and scholarly activity around respiratory therapy. In 1985 and 1986, he developed three independent study courses for therapists interested in professional development; from 1990 to 1992, he worked on development and publication of the first, second and third editions of the Canadian Board for Respiratory Care Examination information manual; and in 1999 he developed an independent study course on Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology.

He has authored several published articles on respiratory care, developed and published a textbook on cardiopulmonary anatomy and physiology and has developed and coordinated community outreach programs for respiratory therapy programs such as tobacco education from Kindergarten to Grade 12, the Lung Smarts program, and public education of tobacco laws.



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## teaching excellence award winners

### Cathy Hall-Patch

Cathy Hall-Patch expects a lot from her students and gets a great deal in return. Her incredible expertise in the field of animal health technology and her ability to constantly challenge is enlightening and appreciated among her students.

"She demands a high standard of work from us, but makes the same demands on herself," said one nominator. "She allows us the room to think for ourselves and problem solve without spoon-feeding and hand-holding."

Another called her "a true animal lover and an amazingly caring person," while yet another described Cathy as "an exceptional teacher who makes us realize our capabilities by encouraging us to work hard."

All Cathy's nominators agreed she is an excellent instructor, and a role model to aspire to.

"With Cathy, you get what you see. She is always straight with you and doesn't fear anything," said one student summing her up.

### Karen Abbott

"Dedication," "knowledge," "support," and "encouragement" are all words that flowed through the numerous letters of support for nursing instructor Karen Abbott, described as "one of those exceptional educators that one is privileged to experience," by one of her former students.

"Karen has been a role model to me. She has played a significant role in my development as a nurse educator," said another nominator. "Through her gentle and caring manner, she has been and continues to be a powerful influence in the lives of students, instructors, other nurses and members of the community."

As one current student summarizes her: "Karen deserves to be recognized as an outstanding instructor in the field of nursing because she epitomizes nursing — she is caring, compassionate, committed and competent."

Karen's professionalism has also earned her honours from the Registered Nursing Association of British Columbia Karen received the Award of Excellence in Nursing Education on April 15 during that organization's annual general meeting.

### Bruce Baugh

Bruce Baugh has a passion for teaching that shines through in his lectures — all his nominators for the teaching excellence award agreed on that.

"Bruce is kind, personable and sincere," said one former student adding, "He has a great sense of humour that helps build an easy-going rapport — I never dread going to class."

His nominators appreciated his willingness to make time for students outside of class and his unyielding patience clearly shows he enjoys his job.

Bruce has been recognized for encouraging his students to be creative in their thinking and, as one student said, "he inspires us to do our best."

Another student appreciated his ability to explain things so that everyone understands. "We all learn in different ways and he is able to teach to all of them," said the nominator.

All agreed that Bruce pushes his students to explore "their philosophical selves" and that ability was invaluable to their learning experiences.

## distinguished service award recipients

### Marliss Bot

As Division I Secretary in the Arts and Education Building, Marliss Bot has been described by her nominators as "approachable, compassionate and industrious."

"Marliss has a way of keeping our group and building together — whenever we are in doubt about procedures or if we have work-related problems, we all turn to Marliss for help and advice," said one nominator.

Another called her the "caretaker of Arts and Education. When there's a stopped up drain, a malfunctioning faculty printer, a plea for coffee service in the staff lounge, ceiling tiles falling, items missing or just about anything else that requires attention, people contact Marliss."

Marliss has also been recognized as someone who volunteers her time to enrich the lives of others. Said one nominator: "Each year she is involved with the Arts Grad Social as well as UCC's Convocation Ceremony. She also contributes her time arranging socials and events for UCC's German Exchange students and is an emergency warden for the Arts and Education building."

In addition to all this, she is pursuing her own professional goal of achieving her Bachelor of Arts degree.

### Val McHarg

In the 13 years Val has been a counsellor at UCC, colleagues and students have come to know her as a caring, giving person who has made the institution a better place to be. In her day-to-day counselling responsibilities, Val has touched the lives of many staff members and students.

In her professional role, Val has been active through the years in helping to create a code of ethics and standards of professional practice for B.C. post-secondary counselors.

"Val's obvious compassion and kindness for all students, and the love of her work, have always stood out for me, furthermore ... Val's commitment to UCC and the needs of students and staff go far beyond the call of her regular duties," said one nominator.

Another said: "Val has gone the extra mile and given above and beyond her job description to the entire UCC community. She has made UCC a better place to work because of her dedicated commitment."

### Brigitta O'Regan

In addition to being a well-respected and enthusiastic instructor in the English and Modern Languages Department, Brigitta O'Regan has become known as a person who has enriched the lives of students, faculty and staff at UCC.

Two of Brigitta's greatest accomplishments in her time here have been around her involvement in the UCC Human Rights Committee and her commitment to international students attending UCC.

Brigitta has also played a crucial role in helping to establish and provide ongoing support for two study abroad exchange programs in Germany. This has proved to enhance internationalization of arts programs at UCC, said one nominator. "Through her roles in supporting study abroad, Brigitta has demonstrated tireless dedication and professional passion. She has volunteered many, many hours of her time globalizing the UCC experience."





### cool culture:

#### student exchange to finland provides diverse experience

By Steve Marlow and Andrew Stokes-Rees UCC Fourth Year Journalism

In a country thought of by most North Americans as cold, dark and isolated, one UCC student has expelled those notions by embracing the warm traditions and cultural diversity of Finland.

**Shital Parekh is the first student to be part of an exchange program between UCC and Turku Polytechnic, Finland's second largest polytechnic institution, and has spent one term there studying second year business courses.** She reflects on some of the highlights of her experience, noting there may be similarities in weather between Finland and Canada, but there are striking social differences.

Before arriving, her impressions of the Scandinavian country were typical — dark, cold and snowy. But she says Finland's climate is a lot like Canada's. And despite the notion of isolation, the comforts of North American commodities are all available there.

"I think that everything you can get in Canada, you can get here. It is a bit more expensive, but then you can expect that when you go to a European country."

Incidentals aside, it was the country's deep history and distinct traditions that made the greatest impression on Parekh. Turku Polytechnic is located in Finland's former capital of Turku, a seaport that is filled with heritage buildings dating back to medieval times.

Parekh said she has learned a lot in terms of heritage and cultural diversity and has been respectful of the differences between Finland and her own country.

**"If you are in a different country, you should adapt and show respect for cultural differences. Just be cool and go with the flow," she said.**

In adapting, she has thoroughly enjoyed some of Finland's best known festivals including Laskiainen and Runeberg, which are both celebrated in February.

"Laskiainen is Children's Day. There are sweet pastry buns and everyone goes sledding, too," she explained. "Runeberg is named after a poet who wrote in Swedish and Finnish. He has his own sweet also."

Finland's traditions are matched by the influence of trade relations and emerging technology, especially cell phone technology, an area that has been developed to compete on the world market.

"There are so many cell phones here," said Parekh. "Everyone has them, even nine-year-old kids. There aren't as many cell phones in Canada, but it's growing. Here, it's completely mature."

Roger Collins, a business instructor at UCC who was instrumental in developing the Turku exchange program, said Finland is "the most wired country on the planet," noting Finnish owned Nokia has about 35 per cent of the world's cell phone market.

Part of the reason for its success, said Collins, is Finland's high benchmarks for business and technology. "The culture is known to be friendly to small business and there is also a high post-secondary education retention rate," he said.

"There is a strong emphasis on a social society, but the country is very good at competing. It's always been a society where you have a fair amount of innovation, especially in the area of industrial and home design. They have private enterprise but have structural attributes of things done collectively."

The opportunity to study in such a culture only serves to widen the perspectives of students as they prepare for their budding careers, he added.

The benefits of the exchange with Finland are also reflected in employer recognition of areas such as International Business Law, Market Research and International Management, all specialties in Turku's business program.

**"(Employers) see that the student is someone who took the initiative to go on an exchange study. Finland is a country that is gaining international prominence. Cell phones seem to be the tip of the technology iceberg," said Collins.**

The country's support of technology and business in particular made Turku's interest in starting an exchange program a priority for UCC. Representatives from Turku Polytechnic visited UCC last August to compare programs and the relationship expanded from there.

**Business courses at Turku are offered in English and, to help Canadian exchange students, each person is assigned a Finnish student to aid in all aspects of student life such as housing, services and important contacts.** The Turku/UCC exchange is currently available to first and second year students in the business degree program.

The exchange costs students the price of tuition at UCC and special funding is also available to help pay for costs associated with the exchange. Three UCC students have been selected to participate in the exchange for the 2002-2003 academic year. Meanwhile, two students from Turku will be starting courses at UCC in September.

For more information on the Turku/UCC student exchange, please contact Roger Collins at 371-5560 or Baihua Chadwick of UCC International at 371-5525.



UCC student Shital Parekh (right) with the Canadian Ambassador to Finland Adele Dion (left), during Shital's stay at Turku Polytechnic.

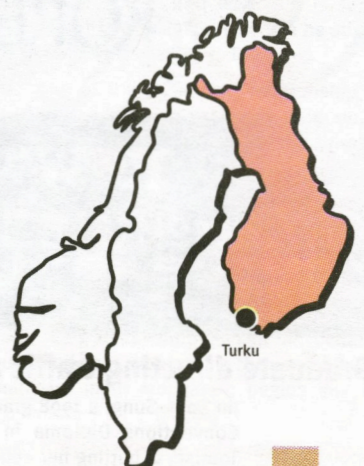


Shital enjoys dinner with the Canadian ambassador (left) and other Turku Polytechnic representatives.



The University College of the Cariboo's International department acts as a coordinating and facilitating unit for all international activity at UCC. In this capacity, UCC International provides external partners with complete liaison, program development and project management services.

The department is staffed with a full complement of program development and management staff, and this helps ensure a timely and effective response to inquiries and requests for proposals. UCC International cooperates with an active associate network in more than 40 countries, and there are approximately 20 languages spoken within the department.



# finland



## r.t. makes global connections

One of UCC's most successful programs – Respiratory Therapy – is drawing international attention that has led to the development of several exciting health care partnerships with countries from around the world.

**"For the past three years, faculty members from the popular diploma program, in conjunction with UCC International, have been actively promoting respiratory therapy (RT) to health care centres and institutions in Asia, South America and parts of the Middle East with promising results," said Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director of UCC International.**

UCC instructor Randy Moss, who graduated from RT in 1990 and is the international project coordinator for the program, says many developing countries are desperate for specialized training around cardio-respiratory health because of the increase in these types of diseases.

"It's a huge concern in many places," said Moss. "For example, in Peru, there is an extremely high incidence of child mortality due to complications from respiratory infections. Other diseases that present respiratory health concerns in developing nations include tuberculosis and asthma."

**He explains that respiratory therapy as a profession is fairly new and while it has evolved rapidly in North America in the past 40 years, many parts of the world have not adopted it into an overall health care delivery plan.**

"The North American model doesn't exist in most countries. In Europe and Asia they have developed a different model of health care that does not employ respiratory therapy as an allied health profession.

However, the benefits for using RTs and other allied health specialists have become realized in many areas where health care restructuring and improved utilization has become necessary.

"Health care institutions in other countries are facing some of the same issues as we are in Canada with modernizing our approach to health care," Moss said.

That need has allowed UCC to successfully deliver distance education programs for the past several years and now faculty and UCC International representatives are taking the next step in creating educational opportunities. Other exposure to the program has come through graduating students who have traveled as far away as Saudi Arabia, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates to work in their profession.

"Word of mouth about the program has been very helpful," said Bryan Daly, Chair of the RT program, noting several inquiries about respiratory therapy have come directly from individuals who've been in contact with UCC grads.



Bryan Daly

"Through the efforts of our staff, students and UCC International, we have been recognized as a premiere school in Canada and we're being sought out."



Randy Moss

Some of the most exciting developments include potential partnerships with health alliances in Peru, Malaysia and China.

Moss, along with Daly and a team of registered RTs and doctors, all who work as clinical instructors for the UCC program, will be travelling to Kuala Lumpur in the winter of 2003 to host an education symposium on their profession.

Between 500 to 800 health care providers, administrators and government representatives from Malaysia will be in attendance to hear about program initiatives that could be incorporated into the health care system there. This is the second trip UCC representatives have made to Malaysia where Moss said there has been a clear acceptance that respiratory therapy has been the missing link in core health care.

**"We are pleased to have received a grant from CIDA of \$12,000 which will be put toward costs for hosting the symposium and travel," said McLeod.**

"This is by far the biggest step we have made in developing a program for an international market," said Moss.

Other countries that have had involvement with UCC's RT program include Peru, where Moss and Les Matthews, a fellow instructor, spoke at a national respirology congress recently. Meanwhile, Lynn Beaton, a clinical instructor for the UCC respiratory therapy program traveled to China last year. She and a group of physicians traveled to several cities in China to promote education and current practice of respiratory therapy in the area of neonatal / pediatric care.

Program development has the potential to go in two directions, by bringing students to UCC to take the diploma or by sending RT instructors to countries in need where individuals already in the health care industry could be trained to deliver courses.

"We have the ability to adapt to special education needs," said Daly. "Not everyone wants the North American credential, but they may want some aspects of the program."

**Visitors to UCC have also been interested in the program and delegations have been received in recent times from Taiwan, China and Peru.**

"It's evident that there is a need for respiratory therapy across the globe and we want to set ourselves up as the people best able to satisfy that need, whether it be short term or long term involvement," said Daly.

In an effort to improve the credibility and national and international exposure to the program, UCC has formally asked the provincial government to approve respiratory therapy as a degree, rather than the 3-year diploma it is now. The Respiratory Therapy program has recently received funding and approval from the government to develop and submit the degree proposal. As part of B.C.'s New Era Initiatives in Health Care, UCC has also been directed to increase its capacity for the RT program from 48 to 60 seats. UCC is one of 17 institutions across Canada to offer an RT program and its students have consistently ranked at the top in national exam results.



## behind the great wall: UCC in china

The presence of students from 43 different countries on campus speaks to the success of international education at UCC, but most area residents are not likely aware of the fact that faculty from Kamloops are also teaching on the other side of the world. The most recent example for UCC International, in co-operation with the Computer Systems (CSOM) program and the ESL Department, is the launch of a computing diploma program in Wuhan, China.

**The Executive Director of UCC International, Cyndi McLeod, finalized the agreement with Wuhan University of Science and Technology in July 2000, to jointly deliver a diploma in CSOM.** Students will begin their studies in the UCC diploma at Wuhan, then transfer to Kamloops to complete their BTACS degree.

The program officially commenced in September 2001 with the arrival of ESL instructor Bruce Thomson in Wuhan to deliver the new UCC English Language Overseas (ELO) program, developed by the ESL department to teach language skills to students overseas who are destined to come to UCC.

Now back home in Kamloops, Bruce was very positive about his experiences in Wuhan.

"I was looking forward to teaching the program" said Thomson, "but I had my doubts about Wuhan. However, it turned out to be a great experience. **The 20 students were enthusiastic and energetic and the city was much more modern and interesting than I expected. Also, the people were very friendly and helpful.**"

UCC International officials will done be able to compare Bruce's experiences with those of ESL instructor, Celia Armour and computing faculty member Brenda Mathews, who are both currently teaching in Wuhan.

Asked about the next step in this program, Cyndi McLeod indicated that a delegation from Wuhan will visit the Kamloops campus in June to work with CSOM faculty on further joint initiatives to strengthen the program. **Clearly, China is not so far away from Kamloops after all.**



### UCC Graduate directing traffic at FIFA World Cup

Jin Sook Sung, a 1998 graduate of the Events & Conventions Diploma in the UCC School of Tourism is putting her education to the ultimate test at one of the largest sporting events in the world.

Sung, back home in her native Korea, is employed by the Korean Organizing Committee for the 2002 FIFA World Cup of Soccer, where she works as a transportation co-ordinator.



# leadership program for principals from china

UCC International will be host to 40 high school principals in two groups from Shanghai and Beijing this fall as part of a growing initiative in the field of secondary school education in China.

UCC and local School District #73 officials have been working together to develop a customized 8-week program to meet the goals of China's new education reform initiative, which seeks to improve the English language skills of school administrators while at the same time introducing them to western educational management and leadership.

The program is designed to provide an in-depth examination of educational theories and practices and allow the visiting administrators to not only study the philosophical tenets of education in Canada, but to observe them in practise in a variety of schools and situations.

The two groups will be studying English on campus at UCC, and spending time with school district administrators to participate in all aspects of school operations, from staff meetings and classroom observation to interaction with local teachers, students and parents.

A series of seminars and presentations from school district administrators will also cover a wide range of topics and operational issues, from technology in schools to maintenance and financial administration.

A delegation of government officials from the State Administration for Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) in Beijing recently visited Kamloops to put their stamp of approval on the program, expressing their pleasure with the format that has been developed and excitement in supporting this unique pilot project.

The initial agreement with SAFEA, signed in July 2001, appointed UCC as an official education and training body for government programs in a number of areas, and last summer the institution hosted 23 secondary school teachers from Shanghai in the first pilot project in the education field.

This summer, almost 180 teachers and principals from China will be on campus at UCC. Executive Director of UCC International, Cyndi McLeod, says she expects the pilot project for the two groups of principals to be "just the beginning of a successful venture between ourselves, the school district and and partners in China."



Nova Academy Program



Nova Academy Activity Golf Lesson



## International Teacher Development Programs

UCC International is preparing for the arrival of 126 teachers from various provinces in China, coming to Kamloops to improve their English language skills and study western teaching methodologies. The first groups will begin arriving in early July and some will be staying until December.

Looking at opportunities created by the new educational reforms in China, where all teachers and principals must improve their language skills over the next five years, UCC International and the ESL department were quick to respond by developing two new programs, English Language Overseas (ELO) and Training for Teachers of English.

The initial curriculum was developed two years ago out of the ESL department and first piloted in China with Jilin University, where Monica Dee, from UCC ESL faculty delivered the program to 20 Jilin teachers. Last year, UCC hosted 26 teachers from Hongkou Education Bureau in Shanghai for an 8-week program on the UCC campus.

The program was such a success that the numbers for summer 2002 have double from Hongkou alone, along with another 80 teachers from other regions. The fact that they will all be staying in community anywhere from eight weeks to six months, living in local motels and eating and shopping in the community means the program will have also be making a major contribution to the local economy.

"We had tremendous support from the local community last summer in welcoming our guests," said Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director of UCC International, "and we expect that will be the case again this summer."

"The assistance from School District #73 and the UCC School of Education has also been invaluable, and we are delighted that our education faculty have become more involved in enhancing the program."

Initially the program was developed for teachers of English, but already there is growing interest from teachers in other disciplines, both in China and in other new markets.

As for this summer, UCC International would like to give the Chinese teachers the opportunity to experience Canadian homes and lifestyles, and again invites volunteer families to host one or two teachers for an evening during their stay in Kamloops.

Those interested in this cultural opportunity are asked to contact Helen Chin at UCC International by phone (828-5164) or e-mail (hchin@cariboo.bc.ca) any time during the regular weekday.

## UCC to receive trade grant

Preliminary plans for development of a new Global Business Environment specialization offered through the UCC School of Business are underway.

**UCC was one of ten post-secondary institutions in Canada to be selected for a special grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in January, and will receive \$110,000 to develop the program over the next two years. The grant was awarded through the Development of International Business Studies Program.**

"This is an area that will benefit all students, especially Canadian students, in an area of study that currently doesn't exist in Western Canada," said Ivan Somlai, Associate Director for International Contract Services at UCC.

The Global Business Environment specialization will be designed to familiarize Canadian and international students with economic, cultural and socio-political perspectives necessary for success in an interdependent world, Somlai added.

The focus of the specialization will be on perspectives, knowledge, flexibility and initiatives essential for international operation and innovation.

Somlai, along with Dr. Jim Seldon, Dr. Zena Seldon and Dr. Hafiz Rahman, faculty members in the Department of Economics, worked together to draft UCC's successful proposal.

"The first step in developing this will be the circulation of a draft proposal on discussion for all the parties that would be involved," said Jim Seldon. "We are already in the midst of preparing discussion papers for this process."

Input from various departments, particularly those in the area of social sciences, will guide the progress of the specialization, Seldon added.

Other post-secondary institutions to receive grants included Capilano College, University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, Lakehead University, College Boreal, Ecole de technologie superieure, Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales and University of Moncton.

For more information, contact Ivan Somlai at 250-371-5764 or Jim Seldon at 250-828-5241. More detailed information on the project can also be viewed at

<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/ics-cki/pdibs-e.asp>

## summer 2001 study abroad program in slovakia



The whole group going to Story Smokovec (all of their backpacks went into this tiny car)



Above: In class on a tour of Presov with Dr. David Scheffel.

Right: Outside the synagogue in Presov.



## oh canada: veteran instructor delivers can-lit courses to eager german students

By Dale Baggs UCC Fourth Year Journalism

Look out Germany. Veteran instructor Ginny Ratsoy is coming your way and she's armed with a passion for Canadian literature that is contagious.

In response to an invitation from Erfurt University to be a visiting instructor this summer, Ratsoy packed her bags and jumped on a plane May 2 bound for Erfurt.

**For two months she will share her love of teaching by delivering two courses: one in Canadian Literature and the other, a British Columbia Drama. Her lessons will be split between the Erfurt campus and the University of Jena, located 30 minutes away.**

"I am very passionate about Canadian studies, as you can probably tell," laughed Ratsoy, while sitting amidst the rows of books and piles of papers in her busy office. For 21 years, she has been seen all over the UCC campus, as she has trumpeted the horn for talented Canadian authors. And Ratsoy's zeal for Canadian literature has found a perfect match in Germany.

"Germany seems to be going crazy for anything Canadian," said Ratsoy.

She will be supplied with an honorarium funded by the Canadian government and the University of Erfurt to help cover expenses.

Although teaching abroad is a first for Ratsoy, it isn't the first time a UCC instructor has shared knowledge with German students.

UCC's relationship with Erfurt began when Dr. Ursula Lehmkuhl approached former UCC instructor Robert McKinnon at a conference in Bonn, Germany. Dr. Lehmkuhl, who is now vice-president of Erfurt

University, was interested in UCC instructors going to Germany as "visiting instructors."

In 2001, Anne Gagnon, a faculty member in the UCC History department took the challenge and traveled to Erfurt to teach. The following semester, Erfurt student Nina Mueller came to UCC and now UCC is sending second-year student Laura Gursky who will be studying in Erfurt the same time as Ratsoy is teaching.

The ultimate goal of the UCC-Erfurt relationship is to establish a continuous faculty exchange program, said Dr. Brigitta O'Regan, faculty advisor for the Erfurt and Cologne Universities.

For Ratsoy, the adventure also presents opportunity for tourist activities. "I am using my vacation time for this, so I hope to do some sight-seeing while I'm there. I've heard Erfurt has a lot of old buildings that have survived the war that I am excited to see."

However, consuming some European culture, including a little bratwurst and beer, won't get in the way of Ratsoy's primary goal. Her main motivation begins and ends with UCC.

**"I'm going to help make our university's presence known internationally," said Ratsoy.**



Ginny Ratsoy



## UCC hosts delegation from Beijing

A private college in Beijing made The University College of the Cariboo one of its stops during a secondary and post secondary school tour across Canada earlier this year.

**Representatives from Beijing Concord College Sino-Canada came to Kamloops Jan. 29 and 30, where they spent time at UCC to lunch with President Roger Barnsley and other school representatives that took part in a full tour of the Kamloops campus.**

The group's visit is the result of a contact made by Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director for UCC International, during a recent trip to China for school visitations.

The delegation included three administrators, four teachers and 34 students as well as five members of the Beijing print media.



"Beijing Concord College is interested in introducing their students to the program offerings at UCC as well as exploring the opportunity of an educational partnership in the area of tourism programming," said McLeod.

During the afternoon visit, the delegation heard from top UCC administrators as well as Chinese students currently enrolled in UCC programs.

Beijing Concord was established in 1997 as a joint Canada-China education venture and now has more than 1,300 students in secondary and post secondary programs.



## federal government foreign aid representatives visit UCC

UCC International was privileged to host representatives from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) during a visit to Kamloops in March.

CIDA, under the direction of Minister for International Cooperation Susan Whelan, supports sustainable development activities around the world in order to reduce poverty and to contribute to a more secure and equitable world. The agency currently supports about 1,300 projects in more than 150 countries. UCC International and faculty are involved in two projects funded through CIDA — a humanitarian aid project in Svinia, Slovakia and a social forestry program in East Kalimantan, Indonesia. UCC is involved indirectly with CIDA through aid programs in Nepal and Russia. The Respiratory Therapy program at UCC has also recently received a \$12,000 grant from CIDA to help a team of RT representatives with travel costs in

September for a symposium the RT department has organized in Malaysia.

Representatives from CIDA's Educational Institution branch including Director Louise Bergeron, Anne-Sophie Belzile, Program Officer for Western Universities, and Joe Knockaert, Director of CIDA's Pacific Regional Office were on campus and made themselves available to staff and the media.

**Ivan Somlai, Associate Director for UCC International Contract Services, said the visit provided a wonderful opportunity for UCC faculty and staff to discuss potential development projects through the agency.**

"This was a great opportunity for people to hear about some of the recent changes that have occurred at CIDA as well as some of the projects that are underway," said Somlai.

## nafta exchange

A new exchange partnership between The University College of the Cariboo and post secondary institutions in the U.S. and Mexico has had a successful first year.

North American Mobility is an exchange opportunity for students in fields of Electronics Engineering Technology, Computer Science Information Systems Technology, Business and International Business. **The goals of the exchange program is to provide students with an opportunity to develop trans-cultural skills and gain experience in technology and business in the NAFTA partner countries.**

Ricardo Castaneda and Rene Hernandez, who attend the Universidad Tecnologica de Coahuila in Coahuila, Mexico, participated in the third semester of the Computer Automated Systems Technician (CAST) Program at UCC from September to December, while Charles Moyer of Austin Community College in Austin, Tex., completed his first CAST course in the fall semester and was involved in a month-long work program at Sure Grip, a Kamloops company. Meanwhile, two UCC students from the Kamloops campus took part in an exchange at Austin Community College between January and April. Dan Erikson was enrolled in Electronics and Gentry Stickel in Business.

Other institutions included in the consortium are Mercer College in Auburn and Trenton, NJ, and the Universidad Tecnologica de Tula Tepeij in Tula, Mexico.

UCC International also hosted North American Mobility Project (NAMP) coordinators in Kamloops this past October, following a meeting in Calgary between the five partner institutions. The visit to Kamloops gave representatives from the American and Mexican institutions an opportunity to experience UCC firsthand.

Several more students are expected to take part in the exchange during the coming school year.

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# international briefs

## UCC celebrates 10th anniversary with Japanese partners

This summer will mark the 10th anniversary of a unique relationship between UCC and two different institutions in Japan. For the past decade, specialized summer programs in Kamloops that complement and extend education programs in Japan have been offered for students from Kyoto Bunkyo Junior College and the NOVA Academy.

"The longevity of these programs is a testament to the level of satisfaction and the effective working relationships we have developed with the faculty and staff of these institutions," said UCC International Associate Director, Vera Wojna.

The sister institution relationship with Kyoto Bunkyo came about as the result of the Sister City relationship between Kamloops and Uji City, and most recently a Protocol of Co-operation for Faculty Exchange has also been finalized.

NOVA Academy has over 250 training centres located in major cities across Japan, and UCC was the first Canadian institution to offer programming for NOVA students in this country. Many graduates of both summer programs have returned to Kamloops for further study, or to vacation with the host families who they came to know well during their first visit.



## UCC expands to rio

South America continues to grow as a market for UCC International, and the institution is supporting that growth with the official opening of an office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in April.

"It's going to be a regional office to support our activities in many areas," said Gas. "Brazil is number one in South America in students applying for international education, and UCC is also looking at signing agreements with universities in Brazil, Chile and other countries that could lead to future student exchanges."

The official opening will take place in August, 2002.

## UCC in chile

UCC had the distinction of being the only Canadian university invited to attend an Information Technology Conference in Santiago, Chile last November, where experts from across Canada were asked to speak on a variety of technologies that have emerged from the private sector and educational institutions.

Cyndi McLeod, Executive Director of UCC International made a presentation to delegates on UCC programs and their unique ability to ladder from diplomas to degrees, as well as outlining the role of the Advanced Technology Centre in the area of technology transfer from the educational to the private sector environment.

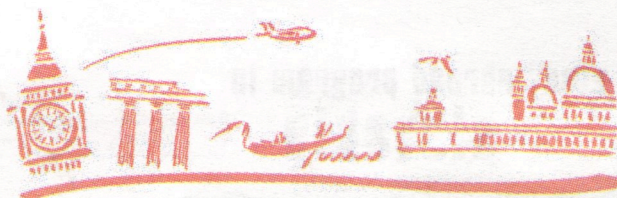
Other speakers from Canada at the seminar included representatives from Industry Canada, Scotiabank and Mitel. As a direct result of participation in the conference, UCC is now looking at a number of opportunities in Chile.

## UCC students receive cologne university awards

Three UCC students are learning an international education can pay off in more ways than one. Arts students Shawn Bush, Aaron Swanson and Mark Blank, have received academic bursaries from Cologne University totalling about \$1,800 (Cdn) each. The three, taking second and third year German language arts courses, were part of an exciting new exchange program between The University College of the Cariboo and Cologne University. Blank is studying at the German institution for a full year, while Bush and Swanson attended the university this past semester.

## german consulate donates books to UCC

UCC has received a generous donation of books from the German consulate in Ottawa. Brigitta O'Regan, a UCC faculty member in English and Modern Languages, said the consulate donated about 60 volumes including fiction, biographies, and autobiographies. Most of the books are new and O'Regan says the donation will be beneficial to German exchange students as well as UCC students studying German.



## This is UCC International

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**Cyndi McLeod**  
Executive Director  
UCC International



By Dale Baggs UCC Fourth Year Journalism

On the edge of the UCC campus sit three small houses that look like they don't belong next to the looming Campus Activity Centre and modern Trades and Technology building.

Residing in one of those little abodes is the UCC Horticulture department and where better to accommodate "a family" than a house?

**"It is a very homey, family-like situation over here," says Kevin Scollon, who has been co-ordinating the Horticulture program since June 2001.**

Nineteen horticulture students in the program have made the space their home away from home. At least, that's the impression you get when looking at a comfortable looking, turquoise sofa that sits near the fridge loaded with partially eaten lunches, counters covered with containers of hot chocolate hiding behind microscopes.

But despite the relaxed looking setting, the department ensures students get down to business quickly. Anyone interested in taking the popular one-year certificate should be ready to get their gloves dirty.

"If you're coming here, you're gonna work," Scollon warns incoming students.

John Morel, who graduated from the program in 1986, remembers the intense workload. "The first week was okay, and then boom," he says. However, Morel, who started Looking Good Landscaping immediately following graduation, adds UCC's training is matchless.

"I would recommend the program to anyone who wanted to get into the business."

Dedication to the program, which has been a part of the UCC landscape since the late 1970s, is tested from day one. **In early August, when most students are still enjoying their summer, horticulture students are already on campus, cracking the books and labouring over the UCC grounds.**

Scollon, a UCC horticulture graduate (1986), points out that starting a month before other programs has its advantages.

"Our students have a month before everyone else to find a place to live, get used to campus and avoid lines," he says.

Scollon also points out that Mother Nature is considered when deciding the program's start date.

**"We organize the program to coincide with the seasons. We start plant identification in August with annuals, then perennials, shrubs, and trees and by November, we are on conifers. After that, it's into the greenhouse to work."**

The certificate consists of 13 courses and students must maintain at least 70 per cent to stay in the program. Each course focuses on a specific area, including weeds, fruit and vegetable production and landscaping.

"They teach you a whole range of things," remembers Morel.

**Hands-on projects take up about 50 to 60 per cent of students' time and Scollon enjoys this aspect of the program so much, he has started a large ornamental grass nursery at home.**

"My work is also my hobby. I go home from work and go straight back to work (in his own greenhouse). It drives my wife nuts," he says, looking pleased.

**A passion for plants is an unwritten pre-requisite for the program, but it takes more than that. In the booming computer age, even time-held traditions like planting and growing vegetation have been tempered by technology.**

**The program, recognizing the need to adapt to technological pressures, is shifting to help students become more computer literate.**

"A lot of our students do not have any computer skills," says Scollon. "We are now putting more emphasis on computer skills, trying to get students on computers, period."

This progressive philosophy, coupled with the program's high level of transferability and employment following graduation is what keeps it so popular. Between 40-70 people apply for the 20 available positions each year. Expanding the program to more students comes down to an issue of creating more space.

A quick tour of the aptly named "pumpkin room," a small classroom where the theoretical side of the program is taught, has 20 desks squeezed within its brightly painted walls.

"We actually expanded this room," laughs Scollon, referring to the renovations on the building two years ago.

However, close quarters in the classroom are quickly forgotten when you walk into one of the two greenhouses behind the building.

"There's nothing better than being in a greenhouse in January and February," he says.

As soon as the door opens to the 30 x 96 foot greenhouse, you are greeted by warm air that smells like fresh cut grass mixed with dark soil. Various shades of green with a few radiant blossoms of orange and red thrown in sit on wall-to-wall benches in the large greenhouse, which holds more plant species than Scollon can count.

**"Our operating budget isn't huge so we supplement it with plant sales," he explains, "Plant sales that paid for the floor and paid for the student benches."**

When Scollon talks of the "self-sufficient nature" of the program, he sounds like a proud parent. And if the horticulture program is like a family, "a dysfunctional one sometimes," teases Scollon, then the community is simply an extension of that family.



Kevin Scollon

## horticulture program continues to bloom

Every year, the program takes a dominant role in various community activities. Students work on campus, at the Kamloops Wildlife Park and even auction off their services to raise money for the UCC Foundation or volunteer at the Garden Gate community garden project, where they've helped to put up the greenhouse and build a floor.

Another community service provided by the horticulture department is the development and maintenance of the UCC Garden. **The garden offers a vibrant and colourful backdrop for special occasion photographs. The spot is already booked for the 2002 season with weddings and graduations and phone calls for 2003 are pouring in.**

Garden bookings used to be free of charge, but restraints have prompted the department to institute a first-time booking fee of \$50 for the public. UCC groups may continue to use the spot for photographs free of charge. However, anyone is free to stroll around the campus and visit the garden whenever they want. **Free, guided tours are also offered through Friends of the Garden from May through to September on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. For more information, please call 828-5181.**

### Free Summer Campus Garden Tours



June – August  
Wednesday 6:30pm  
Sunday 3:00pm

Starts at the Clock Tower Building



## UCC gardens continue to attract more friends

By Dale Baggs UCC Fourth Year Journalism

Gardeners are typically thought of as gentle souls that putter about, pruning colourful flowers and minding their own business.

However, show a group of gardeners an endangered plant and stand back as they band together like wolves protecting their young. UCC's Friends of the Gardens (FOG) program is full of these feisty folk. **FOG is a non-profit organization of plant-lovers who recognize the need to protect the enormous variety of plant life at UCC.**

"Our mission is to enhance and protect the horticulture on campus," said Kevin Scollon, FOG founder and treasurer. "UCC has one of the largest selections of plants. It's basically an outdoor laboratory and great for educational purposes."

The FOG program began as part of Scollon's horticulture degree in October of 1998.

"A group of us were worried that as UCC grew, the horticulture would be ruined by necessary advances like water mains," said Scollon, who is also co-

ordinator of the UCC horticulture department. "We thought something needed to be done."

Then other greenthumbs, such as associate professor for biological sciences Dave Williams, jumped on board. **The program came alive in the summer of 1999 and what started as a few concerned weed-pullers, has rapidly grown to a foundation of 70 people comprised of UCC staff and community members.**

"It is really gaining momentum," said a smiling Scollon. "It's getting so big now that I don't even know all the members anymore. But our program is still in its infancy in comparison to some of the older ones."

One of the largest and most successful FOGs protects the University of British Columbia (UBC) botanical garden and it just celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Scollon points to demographics as part of the reason for the tremendous UBC success.

"Generally, people who are involved in this type of thing are people with extra leisure time," he said, outlining a demographic scenario that fits the FOG profile: retired women that are over 50 with higher incomes.

"UBC has a lot more people around that fit that profile than we do," said Scollon. "But we are catching up."

**As UCC's FOG grows, its good intentions are quickly becoming a reality. The latest FOG addition to UCC, a brand new, industrial-sized plant-labeling machine, hides in a cluttered corner office of the horticulture building.**

"The machine was \$5,000. Facilities paid for half and FOG paid for half," said Scollon proudly. "It will be used to label plants on campus so people will know what they are looking at when they go on plant-walks."

FOG also sponsors a summer student to care for the popular UCC Garden. Usually a joint

sponsorship between FOG and the provincial government, FOG may be carrying the load alone this year following government cuts.

Eventually, as UCC's FOG continues to grow, a scholarship fund will be designated for deserving students.

"But we aren't there," said Scollon. "At least not yet."

FOG donations for equipment and future programs are primarily raised through workshops given by FOG experts. **Workshops include information on pruning, xeriscape, irrigation, photography, container design and perennials and are open to all members of the public.** If anyone has an interesting idea for a course or would like to teach one, contact Kevin Scollon. For more information, please call 828-5181.





Students at Roderick Haig-Brown Park undertaking trail clean up in preparation for the fall Adams River Salmon Run.

## students tackle park clean up as part of training

Twelve students, in the Park Worker Program offered through UCC Continuing Studies, have just completed nine weeks learning a variety of skills related to park work including first aid training, boat safety, bear awareness, chainsaw safety, map and compass reading, environmental and heritage awareness, resume writing and job search skills.

As part of a practicum experience, this year's students chose to clean and improve Roderick Haig-Brown Park, located on the Adams River, April 15 and 16.

This is the second year students in the program have chosen to make a park clean up part of the curriculum. Last year, students tackled Peterson Creek Park. This time, said student spokesman Reg Narcisse, the class decided to focus on Roderick Haig-Brown because of the fall Adams River Run, which will be the largest run in the four-year cycle.

"This is good training. It teaches organizational skills, communication skills and helps us focus on a topical issue," he said.

Students were responsible for planning the entire project including solicitation of donations, publicity and carrying out the work.

## log home apprenticeship leads to new program

After successful delivery of the first log home apprenticeship program of its kind in B.C., UCC Trades and Technology is developing plans for a new trade-entry program based in 100 Mile House.

Howard Mayer, Program Development administrator for Trades and Technology, said UCC is teaming with log home builders in the Interior to develop curriculum that would expand on the apprenticeship and provide more comprehensive entry-level training in log home building.

Earlier this year, UCC in cooperation with log home builders, were asked to deliver an apprenticeship in 100 Mile House, which ran from Feb. 18 to March 29 and included 16 students from the Cariboo region. The project was to build a log home from start to finish within the six week period. Canada's Log People Inc. owner, Theo Wiering, provided the log yard and shop facilities to enable delivery of the apprenticeship. He, along with several other log home builders in the area, have been extremely supportive of the program development and have been instrumental in drafting the new curriculum.

The first partnership was a great success, said Mayer, allowing for "closer to home" training for apprentices, industry-relevant practical skills development and provided a venue for local employers to become involved in apprenticeships.

He noted there is huge demand for log homes in North America and a shortage of skilled workers.

"A new program with built in standards set by the industry goes a long way in addressing that shortage," Mayer said. "This program shows UCC's desire to more closely connect

apprenticeship training to industry and to provide flexible, accessible training opportunities for B.C. apprentices."

The curriculum, which would require OKs from UCC and the provincial government, is currently being drafted and should be ready to enter the approval process this summer. It is hoped that within each program, two homes would be completed. Upon sale of the buildings some of the proceeds would go back into the program, said Mayer.



Representatives from the first log home building apprenticeship of its kind in B.C. pose following a six week program in 100 Mile House earlier this year.

## 6 • around campus

### student journalists make green a priority

Shawn Thompson is helping student journalists make the environment a higher priority on the media hot list.

"I see it as a niche here," says the journalism instructor who came to UCC in 1998, the year the Bachelor of Journalism degree was launched.

At that time, Thompson was responsible for developing curriculum on environmental journalism for a third year course and, in the process of researching the topic, learned that little was offered in environmental reporting at other institutions with journalism degrees.

With the size of publications in Canada decreasing and the reductions of staff in newsrooms, environmental journalism as a regular beat has suffered, said Thompson.

"You don't really hear about it unless there's been some kind of disaster. We wanted to come up with the ability to make it a greater priority."

His hope in doing so is that students will graduate with experience in an area that could give them an edge over other journalists.

With that in mind, Thompson has incorporated a product into the curriculum in the form of a news magazine called Nature West, which students write, edit, design and produce within the three-month term.

"The goal was to help students improve their editorial skills, to be able to focus on environmental journalism and create a vehicle to bring environmental issues to readers in the Kamloops region," said Thompson.

The April issue contains features on pesticide use, environmental law, marmot rehabilitation, logging with horses and toxic computers among others, all aimed at providing meaningful information to a local readership.

While it is currently an annual magazine, Thompson would like to explore possible partnerships with other groups in hopes it could become more frequently published.

Copies of Nature West have been distributed around campus and throughout Kamloops and are also available through the UCC Journalism department.

The UCC Environmental Journalism class published the first issue of "Nature West" in April



## award-winning software company and UCC partner for computer project

A local software company that's been recognized internationally by Microsoft and has begun trading on the Canadian Venture Exchange recently partnered with a class full of UCC computer students to undertake some important research and development.

eOptimize, which develops scheduling software for corporate environments, began working in January with Computer Systems: Operation and Management (CSOM) students in their final term to complete three projects involving programming languages.

The 15 students were divided into four groups, three of which built the software, and one, which acted as a quality assurance team to test the work.

eOptimize also generously donated 15 licences for the most recent version of Microsoft Visual Studio.NET software — a gift that has gone through the UCC Foundation — so students were able to use cutting edge technology in the program-building projects.

Jack Mathews, UCC instructor in the Projects Management course, says the opportunity to work in that type of team environment using up-to-date software has been extremely beneficial for students because it so closely mimicked real world situations in the industry.

"Most of the time, the students are dealing with clients who are users of a product. In this case we have a team working with clients to develop a product. It's providing

students with experience in a real working condition," he said.

The venture was also a first in terms of its scope. Usually the Projects Management course has students working in small groups for a number of different clients. In this circumstance there was only one client, eOptimize.

Dave Harestad, eOptimize's CEO, sees the partnership as something that could continue to evolve, especially given his confidence in the CSOM program. Harestad and the company's Chief Technology Officer Barry Baker, along with their Product Manager Dan Porter, are all graduates of CSOM and the company has worked with individual students on other ventures and projects in previous years.

The atmosphere has given eOptimize the chance to get a first hand look at potential employees and this year's partnership only adds to that, said Harestad. "This is a good opportunity to have our product plans accelerated and creates potential for hiring."

It is also a great example of a joint venture between business and higher education, something that the provincial government is continually advocating, he added.

CSOM student Jarrod Goddard said the experience was beneficial because it exposed students to working technologies utilized by a growing software company.

"We only had class time for the first half of the year, so this past semester almost like a sub contract that we worked on for them."

At the conclusion of the project, eOptimize hosted a class draw for Microsoft's Visual Studio.Net software and student Gene Bernier won the \$2,900 computer program.



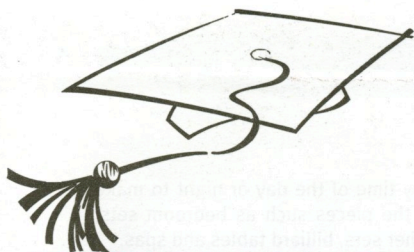
Barry Baker presenting Visual Studio software to CSOM student Gene Bernier

## UCC hires new research coordinator

Trevor Davis joins UCC as the new Coordinator, Research Services. Most recently, Trevor was employed at the University of Utah where he was an Assistant Professor in the Geography Department and a Director of Professional Education. Prior to his appointment at Utah, Trevor worked as a consultant in Williams Lake. He obtained his Ph.D in Geography from UBC and M.Sc. in Geography from UVic. Trevor has had experience in obtaining grants from NSERC, SSHRC, BC Science Council and FRBC in Canada and NSF and DOT in the U.S. Trevor can be reached at 371-5569 and tdavis@cariboo.bc.ca.







# convocation celebration!!

## volunteers needed

The UCC convocation committee is looking for more volunteers to help with Convocation 2002 at Sport Mart Place June 15.

Volunteers are required to be at their assigned areas by 8:15 am and the gowning volunteers must go back to their stations following the ceremony to be there when grads return their regalia. Wrap up is expected at about 1:30 p.m. If you are a volunteer and want to join in the procession you may leave your station at 9:45 a.m. and go to Parkside Lounge to gown and line-up.

UCC hosts its annual convocation ceremony at **Sport Mart Place June 15.**

About 1,400 students are expected to convocate this year, with more than 500 planning to attend the 10 a.m. ceremony.

**Award medals will be presented to outstanding degree students in each of UCC's nine undergraduate programs as well as one medal for an outstanding student in the Bachelor of Education program, which is granted under the auspices of UBC.**

The Governor General's Academic Silver Medal will also be awarded to an outstanding student in a degree program and the Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal will be awarded to an outstanding student who is in a minimum two-year program, full-time.

**The ceremony will also be highlighted by the awarding of UCC's Honorary Doctorates.**

This year's recipients are award-winning Canadian novelist and poet Robert Kroetsch and John Dennison, a long-time crusader for access to higher education in Canada.

Kroetsch has been supportive of UCC in several ways over the years, through his time and support of UCC Canadian literature students, his contributions to the UCC academic journal Textual Studies in Canada and in writing the foreword to UCC faculty member Peter Murphy's book Sentences and Parole.

Dennison is linked to UCC through the Academic Designations Committee, of which he is a member, lending his vast experience and influential role in the development of post-secondary education.

## honourary doctorate biographies

### Robert Kroetsch—Honorary Doctor of Letters

Robert Kroetsch, one of the nation's most prominent writers and literary theorists, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Letters at The University College of the Cariboo's June 15 convocation ceremony in Kamloops.

Kroetsch, who has lent his prestige to UCC in several ways in the last decade, has been called an influential force in Canadian literature with award-winning contributions in fiction and poetry in the past three decades, as well as becoming a highly regarded critical theorist.

He is a strong supporter of UCC and is especially interested in the interdisciplinary potential that characterizes the institution. He has, in the past 10 years, contributed to the UCC academic journal Textual Studies in Canada, wrote the foreword for Sentences and Parole, a book by UCC faculty member Peter Murphy, and has given his time generously to Canadian literature students through guest lectures and literary readings.

In nominating Kroetsch, Will Garrett-Petts, former Chair of the UCC Journalism Program, said: "He is an extraordinary novelist and poet and his abilities as a critical theorist put him in good company with Northrop Frye, Linda Hutcheon and Frank Davey.

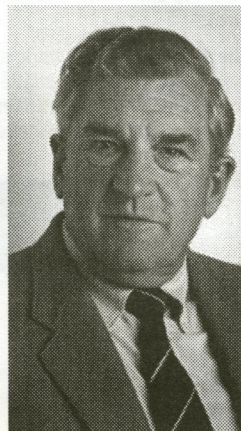
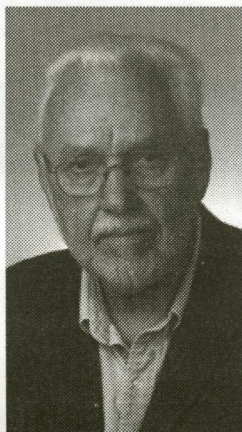
"On a personal level you couldn't find someone who is more supportive and giving. These qualities make him the perfect candidate for this kind of award."

Robert Kroetsch, born in 1927 in Heisler, Alta., attended the University of Alberta where he received his B.A. in English and Philosophy. He received a Master of Arts in English from Middlebury College in Vermont before moving to the University of Iowa to complete Ph.D. studies in creative writing. In between, an interest in the Canadian North took him to the Yukon and Northwest Territories where he worked on the Mackenzie River riverboats. He also spent time in Goose Bay, Labrador as an education specialist for the United States Air Force.

After completing his Ph.D. in 1961, Kroetsch took a teaching position at State University of New York in Binghamton in the Department of English and General Literature until 1978 when he accepted a professorship at the University of Manitoba in the Department of English. He stayed there until his retirement in 1995, when he moved to Victoria. He has since returned to Winnipeg, where he makes his permanent residence.

During his many years of teaching, Kroetsch completed 24 books including nine novels, 11 collections of poetry and four books of critical writing. He has also contributed articles, short stories and essays to numerous magazines and journals in Canada and abroad and has been a guest lecturer and keynote speaker at conferences throughout the world focused on literature and creative writing. Kroetsch was recognized with a Governor General's Award for the novel The Studhorse Man (1969) and was short-listed for the 2001 Governor General's Award for The Hornbooks of Rita K, his most recent published book of poetry.

Kroetsch was most recently a writer in residence at the University of Calgary.



### John Dennison—Honorary Doctor of Laws

John Dennison, Professor Emeritus of Higher Education at UBC and a pivotal figure in the development of post-secondary education in B.C. and across Canada, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws at The University College of the Cariboo's convocation ceremony in Kamloops June 15.

His long-standing relationship with UCC is both direct and indirect, as a member of the UCC Academic Designations Committee, which was established in 1998 and during his many years as chair of the UBC Senate Committee on Liaison with Post-Secondary Institutions. He continues to visit UCC and advise on matters of academic designation, ethics and institutional policy.

John Dennison was born in Sydney, Australia and graduated with a teaching certificate in 1951 and a diploma in Physical Education in 1955, both from Sydney University. He came to Canada to attend UBC where he completed a Bachelor of Physical Education in 1959 and a Master of Physical Education in 1960. Dennison taught for one year as

an instructor at the University of Manitoba before accepting an assistant professorship at UBC in 1962. He became an associate professor in 1969 and a full professor in 1974. From then until 1987, Dennison headed the Department of Higher Education at UBC.

In addition to his many years as an educator and researcher, Dennison has written and co-authored four books, the most recent being Challenge and Opportunity: Canada's Community Colleges at the Crossroads, and has published more than 100 journal articles dealing with policy, history, organization, evaluation and related aspects of community colleges across the country.

In 1992, he was presented the Distinguished Member Award of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education and, in the year following, was given the President's Service Award for Excellence at UBC. Humber College in Toronto also acknowledged his services in 1993 with an Honorary Diploma. He has been recognized for his role in the development of community colleges in the U.S. as well and received a Distinguished Service Award from the Council for the Study of Community Colleges in Washington, D.C. in 2000.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, Dennison has served on numerous commissions of enquiry related to post-secondary education. He has consulted in Australia, the United Kingdom and throughout Canada. From 1993 to 1999, Dennison co-chaired the B.C. Council on Admissions and Transfer, a government policy setting body that also monitors the transfer of students with credit within the B.C. post-secondary system. In January 2000, he was appointed to the Academic Council of the B.C. Open University.

"He has taken a great interest in the college system and in this institution as it grew from a college to become UCC," said Val McCarg, the UCC counsellor who nominated Dennison. "He's given great seriousness to an important educational issue and he's very much an inspirational person."

## chemistry competition

UCC's annual chemistry competition has attracted its largest crowd to date for the May 21 event with over 20 schools representing about 550 students from as far away as Vancouver and the Kootenays planning to take part.

Doug Bickley, a faculty member in the Department of Chemistry, said the contest provides students an opportunity to expand their horizons in the field of science and, in particular, gives Grade 12's a chance to gauge their skills prior to their provincial exams.

UCC usually sends out word of the test date during the winter term and it is up to high school teachers to advertise the contest to students. Those interested are given time to write the test, which is then mailed into UCC for chemistry faculty to mark. Students with top marks are eligible for prizes including text books and gift certificates.

Grade 11 students who live in Kamloops also have the option of writing the one-hour test at UCC, then may take part in laboratory experiments, followed by a complimentary snack time, said Bickley.

The contest has been running since 1997.

John Bratton



### John Bratton

UCC Associate Professor John Bratton has been chosen to serve on the editorial board for The Journal of Workplace Learning. Bratton, a faculty member in the School of Business, is on the only Canadian representative on the board of the international journal, which is published four times a year. Bratton's specialty area is human resources and industrial relations.

### Terry Lake

Dr. Terry Lake has been selected for the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association 2002 CVMA Hill's Public Relations Award for his work in chairing last summer's World Small Animal Veterinary Association Congress and for his continued promotion of our profession. A plaque and \$1,000 will be presented to Terry at the CVMA Convention in Halifax this summer.

### Rafiqul Bhuyan

Faculty member, Rafiqul Bhuyan, in the School of Business, has successfully defended his PhD in Economics from Concordia University in Quebec. He is now officially Dr. Rafiqul Bhuyan.

### Lisa Jones and Trish Tomliens

These two UCC fourth year biology students attended the Prairie Universities Biological Symposium in Calgary during the February reading week break where they presented research from Directed Studies projects. Tomliens has been investigating the causes of limb deformities found in frogs in the Kamloops Region, while Jones has been focusing on predator-prey interactions between hermit crabs and snail hatchlings. The two were the only university students from B.C. to attend the symposium that included universities from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Jones has also just received an NSERC postgraduate scholarship.

### Jeff Guthrie

This former UCC student (B.Sc. Chemistry, 1999), has just received his second NSERC scholarship for Ph.D. studies in analytical/environmental chemistry. Guthrie, who now attends Carlton University, was also recently selected to receive The Varian Graduate Scholarship, a prestigious award funded through that institution.

### Math Competition

Results are in from a prestigious international math competition and UCC has posted its best performance in the past eight years. Four UCC math students competed in the 62nd annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematics Competition Dec. 1, 2001, participating in the six-hour contest along with 3,000 other undergraduates from across Canada and the U.S. The highest-ranking students from UCC were Wei Ma (2nd year) and Sheri Perras (4th year) who both finished in the top 26 per cent among all writers. Dennis Horte and Caleb Weathermon, both in third year, also competed in the competition. Overall, the UCC team finished in the top 40 per cent.





## UCC alumni

### Former student finds good fit with furniture business

When David Zirnhelt graduated from UCC in 1999 with his degree in Business Administration his sights were set on making it big in the dot.com world.

Quickly hired by a company called collegeclub.com, with about 200 employees spread throughout North America, Zirnhelt, who was based in the Pacific Northwest, turned his talents to the world of Web site marketing in a demographic that he knew well — the college crowd.

Little did the 22-year-old know that a good chunk of the dot.com industry would come to a crashing halt a year later, he would be laid off and swiftly change his career direction toward a profession that was far more touchy feely than the Internet.

**Now happily involved in his new position as a busy entrepreneur in the furniture business in Austin, Texas, Zirnhelt (a distant cousin of the former B.C. Forestry Minister with the same name), remarks on how his professional life couldn't be better.**



David Zirnhelt

"Right now things are going really well. There's so much flexibility working for my self. I feel like I've got it better compared to a lot of people."

Prior experience in a field where customers want to look at and feel the merchandise didn't phase the young man who had his degree and some sales experience under his belt. He stumbled across the opportunity after talking with a friend based in Salt Lake City, who had also worked at collegeclub.com and was selling wholesale furniture out of a warehouse as a side business. After being laid off, the friend put his efforts into furniture sales full-time and was doing well, said Zirnhelt.

"He was telling me about it, saying that the money was pretty good and I thought 'hey, I could do that.'"

**While Zirnhelt had little choice in choosing a territory to sell furniture — Austin or "somewhere in the Midwest" — he says he is enjoying the south and his accommodating work schedule.**

"With this job, I can sleep in when I want to and work as late as I want to and if I want to go on holidays or come to B.C. for a visit, I can."

The non-traditional work environment made the work all that more exciting and challenging. As the owner/manager of Wholesale Furniture Brokers, he works with suppliers from a variety of sources who deliver goods to a warehouse to be sold.

Customers phone Zirnhelt any time of the day or night to make appointments to come view the pieces such as bedroom sets, mattresses, dinette sets, leather sets, billiard tables and spas.

"We advertise online and in all the major newspapers with classified ads. A lot of people like to buy furniture this way."

That's not only due to the price point, but also to the unique pieces in which he sells.

"Most of the stuff we have, you wouldn't get from a brand name store. It's of high quality at about 50-70 per cent off the retail price," he said.

**Three years out of school, he is using some of what he learned at UCC to continually network and find new contacts that will allow his business to prosper. But the life experience that this particular position has offered couldn't all be taught in a classroom.**

"There are definitely a lot of things that have helped me to become a better business person. But I couldn't have learned all of it in school."

While the Westsyde secondary grad isn't committing to this particular forte for life, he says there is definitely potential to grow from it. He's currently considering options for an Internet-based franchise that also pertains to the furniture business.

## 8 • events

## UCC awards

During UCC's annual staff award ceremony April 10 in the Campus Activity Centre Rotunda, several staff members were recognized for long term service including those who have been here for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years. Among those in the 25 and 30 year categories are:

### 30 years

#### Al Green (Electronics)

Al came to UCC in 1972 after accepting a position to be the first electronics instructor at the institution. Through the years, Al has been instrumental in the development of the electronics program at UCC, especially during his early years. His dedication to his students has been recognized through a past Teaching Excellence Award and he continues to play an active role as educator through class time, involvement in the Student Success program and through Skills Canada and Scouting.

#### Allison Wells (Food Training — School of Tourism)

Allison has a long history with The University College of the Cariboo — as a student and an employee. She arrived at UCC in the early days of the food-training program and was part of the second graduating class in 1972. Now a full-time cashier in the food-training cafeteria, Allison says her job has been very enjoyable, especially since she gets to meet so many different people on a day-to-day basis.

#### Jim Bray (College Prep)

Jim came to UCC 30 years ago as a high school instructor with a diverse background to fill a need for a general instructor. Since then, he has lent his educational expertise in a variety of areas, most recently to College Prep. In his time here, Jim has developed a life skills program that is now used at post secondary institutions and organizations around the province.

### 25 years

#### Valerie Pawliuk (Food Training, bookie's)

After 25 years working at UCC, Valerie is now enjoying all the wonderful things that come with retirement in Kamloops. Valerie left UCC February 6 after 13 years working in the food-training cafeteria, then another 12 at the UCC bookstore. She was also honoured as a retiree at the annual retirement dinner hosted by UCC on April 19.

#### Joe Strumecki (Mechanics Program)

Joe arrived at UCC in 1977 from Inland Kenworth to take a sixth-month contract teaching heavy-duty mechanics. The short-term agreement soon turned into a full-time job for Joe and he has been dedicated to his teaching position ever since. His contributions to the program come through his expertise and extensive contacts in the industry, which have helped hundreds of students excel in the trade through the years.

#### Bill Martin (Early Childhood Education)

Bill has been with UCC since early childhood education became a full-time program in 1977. He was instrumental in the success of the program in Kamloops as well as developing early childhood education models for the communities of Williams Lake and Lillooet. Bill was chair of the Human Service Department, of which Early Childhood Education was originally a part, until 1991. He was also a leader in the development of an ECE teaching lab facility — the on-campus UCC daycare.

#### Andrew Yarmie (History)

Andrew came to UCC in 1977 to take up the only history instructor's position at the institution. During his first 10 years here, he worked to develop courses in British, Canadian, provincial and municipal history as well as a course on women in history. Andrew has had many opportunities to undertake research in the past 25 years — work mainly dealing with industrial relations, employers associations and their relation to trade unions.

#### Cheryl Lyall (School of Nursing)

Shortly after accepting a position to co-teach a nursing refresher course through Cariboo College's continuing education department, Cheryl became a permanent part of the department, as clinical instructor. Cheryl has brought her expertise to all levels of the program, most recently instructing second year students in the medical surgical areas and assisting fourth year students in their final practicum. Cheryl received a UCC Excellence in Teaching award in 1998.



## UCC human resource students place in top two at national business tournament

Three UCC business students left their mark at a prestigious human resource competition at the University of Quebec.

Rina Toteda, Scott Neufeld and Holly Dyck, all graduates of the Bachelor of Business Administration program with a focus in Human Resources, placed second in the Canadian Universities Tournament called Excalibur on March 22 and 23.

The UCC representatives competed with dozens of other students from 16 universities from across Canada. Each team was given a Human Resources case study to examine and were then asked what the best outcome for the situation would be.

"We looked at an organization that had been integrated with other companies. Their biggest problem was employee retention," said Toteda. "Basically, (the judges) wanted us to tell them the best way to retain employees."

Each group had an hour-and-a-half to come up with a proposal, which they presented to a panel of nine judges. Dr. John Bratton, a faculty member in the UCC Management Department, helped coach the UCC team and said the judges were particularly impressed with the students' diagrams and analysis.

"It wasn't due to any pre tournament mentoring. It was due to the what had been taught to them throughout their program," he said. "We're pleased that the human resource concentration at UCC has been seen by academic judges and practitioners in the industry."

This is the first time, UCC students have competed at Excalibur, which was established in 1987, and the results had them very excited, said Toteda.

"We honestly didn't think we would place in the top three."

Rina Toteda, Scott Neufeld, Holly Dyck



The goal of the tournament is to promote human resources professionals by evaluating their ability to resolve a practical case and to bring together students, human resources professionals and corporate executives from across the country. The University of Prince Edward Island placed first in this year's competition.

## may

### 13 Sports Camp Registration

Starts May 13 • UCC Registration office, Old Main 1412

UCC Sports Camps run July 2 to August 30. There are four easy ways to register for basketball, volleyball, track and field, rugby, outdoor games, water fun, elementary games and soccer camps: Telephone 828-5039; In person at OM 1412 Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm; Mail in registration form to Athletics and Recreation Department, UCC, Box 3010, Kamloops, V2C 5N3 (pay by cheque made out to UCC, money order, Visa, Amex, or Mastercard); Fax registration form (for those paying by Visa or Amex) to 371-5511 (please phone 828-5039 first). For more information, please call Elizabeth Hunter, sports camp coordinator, at 371-5670.

### 30 Film Society

7:00pm at the Paramount Theatre.

May 30 — Atanarjuat/The Fast Runner — Canada

## june

### 14 Governance

Friday, June 14, 1pm • UCC Board Room

Monthly meeting of the UCC Board of Governors. For more information, please contact Maryanne Bower at 828-5318.

### 14 Convocation Awards Dinner

Friday, June 14

### 15 UCC Convocation

Saturday, June 15 10:30am — 1:30pm • Sport Mart Place

## july

### 1 Canada Day

Monday, July 1 • UCC Closed

## august

### 2 Final Grades Submission

Friday, August 2 • UCC

Last day to submit official final grades for admission. Last day of instruction for Summer Semester.

### 5 B.C. Day

Monday, August 5 • UCC Closed

### 30 Fall Tuition

Friday, August 30 • UCC

Last day for payment of fees for Fall semesterized programs

## september

### 2 Labour Day

Monday, September 2 • UCC Closed

### 3 Fall Classes

Tuesday, September 3

Commencement of instruction for all Fall semester programs and for the September intake of Applied Industrial programs.

### 6 Welcome Back BBQ

Friday, September 6, 11am — 2pm