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BOOK MARK UBC Bookstore staff assist some of the customers who will account for about 25,000 sales transactions during this week's scramble for textbooks and supplies. Deadline for the draw to win Term 1 textbooks is Sept. 15 and two winners will be announced Sept. 17. The last day for textbook refunds is Sept. 21 and the Bookstore has extended its hours until then. For details, see www.bookstore.ubc.ca. *Hilary Thomson photo*

Record numbers flock to campus

Administration acts to meet housing, course needs

by Michelle Cook staff writer

UBC'S LARGEST-EVER CLASS of new students arrived on campus this week and university officials have acted quickly to ensure their housing and course registration needs are met.

As of late August, the university was expecting 5,161 new first-year undergraduates, 20 per cent more than the 4,323 target for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The spike in registration resulted from several factors, among them an increase in both the number of applications and in the acceptance rate of early offers of admission.

UBC's reputation for quality research, the introduction of new academic programs, and guaranteed on-campus housing also helped to attract a larger number of new students this year according to university officials.

"UBC is an attractive place where students want to come," says Neil Guppy, associate vice-president, Academic Programs. "Now, we're doing what we can to guarantee them reasonable housing and getting as much course capacity as we can in place."

With the majority of incoming students entering the faculties of Arts and Science, Guppy says funding has been made available to provide more courses in Math, English and other core subjects.

Preparations have included hiring additional teaching assistants in order to accommodate more students in tutorials and laboratories, and hiring new instructors to teach additional course sections. Extra sections are also being added to courses starting in the second term.

Even with these arrangements, some Science students may still find themselves on course waiting lists when classes begin, says Paul Harrison, associate dean, Student Services, in the Faculty of Science. The faculty has hired additional instructors and teaching assistants and will be using all available classroom and lab space.

"When it comes down to limited space, our priority is to ensure students get the courses they need in conditions that are safe," Harrison says, adding that staff are continually monitoring course registration and moving wait-listed students into spaces that become available.

Thanks to new faculty guidelines that were brought into effect this year, Science students now

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'Address indirect research costs,' federal report urges

Committee suggests new funding agreement is needed

by Hilary Thomson staff writer

THE SHORTFALL IN FUNDING indirect costs of university research must be addressed to achieve the federal government's innovation agenda, according to a recent parliamentary report.

Called *A Canadian Innovation Agenda for the Twenty-first Century,* the report contains recommendations to advance university research capacity. Among these is a suggestion that the federal government and provinces negotiate a new funding agreement that takes into account direct and indirect research costs.

"This recommendation is very welcome news," says Indira Samarasekera, vice-president, Research. "While the new federal programs to support research have helped to advance our research ability, administrative costs of research have strained budgets."

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has called for the federal government to reimburse universities for indirect research costs at a nominal rate of 40 per cent over and above direct costs.

Indirect costs include upgrades of information technology for transfer of research data between institutions, better support for ethical reviews and support for library resources.

According to the report, Canada's 92 universities accounted for almost 24 per cent of all research and development activity in the country in 1998. Among its major competitor countries, Canada is one of the few where indirect costs of research are not covered. One outcome is a reliance on the private sector for research activity funding.

The report also addressed the research capacity of smaller universities where funding for indirect costs is constrained. In addition to these costs, the report recommends an allocation of funds to smaller institutions on a competitive basis to help them establish a strong research foundation.

The report criticized the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) allocation system. It contends that the imbalance in research capacity across the country is reinforced because most chairs are based at large universities and only six per cent of chairs have gone to smaller universities.

The CRC program provides federally funded research positions to attract and retain leading investigators, and allocation is largely based on past competitions for research grants.

The House of Commons' Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology, which produced the report, will examine the distribution of the chairs when it reviews the granting councils in detail this fall.

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Graduates working in B.C., says survey

Most graduates are at work in chosen field

WHAT HAPPENS TO B.C. university students after graduation — are they employed, in debt, or back at school?

More than 5,600 B.C. graduates from the class of 1997 were asked these and other questions as part of the University Student Outcomes Project, an initiative of The University Presidents' Council (TUPC) and funded by the provincial Ministry of Advanced Education.

"This survey offers good news for students and prospective students," says UBC vice-president, Academic, Barry McBride. "B.C. graduates are realizing the dividends of their investment in education; they're in highly skilled and high-paying occupations right here in B.C."

Highlights of the recently released survey, which was conducted in 1999, show that two years after graduation, more than 95 per cent of 1997 graduates were employed — a similar rate to that reported by Ontario university graduates — and a majority of respondents found employment within a year of graduation.

Almost 70 per cent of all graduates surveyed reported their job was to some or a great extent related to their field of study and almost all respondents stayed in B.C.

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LETTERS

A lesson in humanities needed (editor agrees)

Editor:
I'm writing about the article "Banner year for campus research" (UBC reports, Aug. 9).

The article mentions that 47 UBC "scientists" received funding from SSHRC in this year's competition. I currently hold a SSHRC grant, and while I'd like to think (because I'm a specialist in medieval Latin, among other things) that you were using "scientist" in terms of its root meaning (scientia is Latin for knowledge, so a scientist is just someone who knows or finds out things), somehow I don't think so.

In other words, the 47 faculty who received funding from SSHRC would doubtless describe themselves either as humanists or as social scientists (SSHRC = Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council).

It's important for our official news bulletin to reflect accurately what the faculty are doing, and it is simply not accurate to lump humanists in with scientists.

UBC has consistently done very well on the *Maclean's* ranking, for example, in part because its humanists and social scientists have done so well in SSHRC competitions.

UBC has particular and specific expertise in humanities research, and you do us a disservice to disguise that expertise through errors such as this one.

Sian Echard
Associate Professor, English

Flock

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have two years to complete lower-level required courses. Harrison says the more flexible program requirements may help to ease the demands on course registration.

The increased number of new students has also affected on-campus housing but the university has honoured its long-standing policy of accommodating any scholarship winners and first-year students from outside the Lower Mainland who have applied to live on-campus.

To house the students eligible for residence rooms, UBC Housing and Conferences has made arrangements for up to 100 temporary housing spaces at Totem Park by converting lounges into dorm-style rooms. The rooms, housing three to four students each, are equipped with phone and Internet hookups and are being provided at a 25 per cent discount.

"We hope to move students into regular dorm rooms as space becomes available, and re-convert the lounges to their original purpose as soon as possible," says Robert Frampton, assistant director, Residence Administration.

Indirect

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The committee also recommended that the federal government consult with the provinces to develop a comprehensive policy on the commercialization of university and college research that would include rules on disclosure, ownership of results and administration . . . . .

MORE INFORMATION
www.parl.gc.ca/InfoComDoc/37/1/INST/Studies/Reports/indu04-e.htm

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Almost one-half of full-time employed graduates were earning $40,000 or more annually.

The debt load for about half of students was at a median of $15,000. Ten per cent of borrowers have debts of more than $34,000.

The follow-up surveys are designed to help students make informed choices about university programs, assist universities in planning and address the government's need for accountability, says Dean Goard, secretary of TUPC.

Five B.C. universities participated in the survey — Royal Roads University, Simon Fraser University, the University of Northern British Columbia, the University of Victoria and UBC. Survey response rate was 62 per cent.

The summary and complete report, prepared for TUPC by UBC's Office of Planning and Institutional Research, may be found at www.tupc.bc.ca/student_outcomes/publications/graduate_outcomes/

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Student organizers for this year's Imagine undergraduate orientation offer a peek inside some of the 4,500 frosh kits assembled by Imagine volunteers during the summer. The kits, filled with information from organizations throughout campus, were distributed during Imagine Day activities Tuesday. (Clockwise, l-r) Erin Biddlecombe, Zul Kanji, Ly Dich, Gina Tsai, Tara Learn, and Imagine student co-chair Chris Koch. *Michelle Cook photo.*

Imagine, they're volunteers

Behind every first-year student there's a raft of volunteers

by Michelle Cook staff writer

SEPT. 4 MAY have been the first day of university for thousands of new UBC undergraduates, but it marked the culmination of months of effort by more than 700 campus volunteers involved in organizing Imagine UBC, Canada's largest university orientation program.

Imagine UBC, now in its fifth year, is a day of introductions, information sessions, workshops and a pep rally designed to help first-year students make the transition from high school to university.

This year's successful orientation was the result of a year's worth of planning by Imagine's organizers and first-year admitting faculties and programs.

A steering committee of 45 student leaders provided advice and support to the core team of five organizers: student co-chair Chris Koch; student event co-ordinators Tara Learn and Erin Biddlecombe; faculty co-chair Ric Spratley; and Janet Teasdale, UBC first-year co-ordinator in the Office of the Vice-President.

Koch, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering student, says few undergraduate students go untouched by UBC's largest volunteer effort. This year, an estimated 90 per cent of new undergraduates attended the event.

More than 800 students volunteered for 450 My Undergraduate Group (MUG) leader positions, a 12-month commitment that includes filling 4,500 frosh kits with campus information and providing support and information to new students year round.

In addition, 45 Imagine faculty participate in the student success workshops and another 250 students and staff volunteered to help out on Sept. 4. Koch hopes the enthusiasm of all those involved rubs off on incoming students.

"I hope they go home from the day wanting to go to classes the next day and wanting to get involved on campus themselves," Koch says.

Regular classes were cancelled for the massive orientation session at which volunteers directed new students into one of this year's 450 MUGS for icebreaker activities on Main Mall.

Plans for the day included student success workshops and meet-your-dean sessions followed by a lunchtime round of MUGlympics, organised by the fraternities and sororities and the Intramural program. An Imagine UBC pep rally at the War Memorial Gym rounded out the day.

Paul Tennant, director of the Arts Faculty's Foundations Program for first-year students and an Imagine faculty organizer, encourages students to get involved with the interactive orientation effort.

"It's fun, but it's so apparent to me that an important but invisible benefit is the leadership training students are getting," Tennant says. "Imagine allows them to grow in hands-on ways and they gain both intellectual and practical skills."

Another long-term benefit of joining the Imagine training program, Tennant says, is that students come to view their university as more than a place of study.

"In the long run, this will produce alumni with a greater connection to their alma mater," Tennant says. "It's a small but important part of building the UBC community."

Imagine activities continue tomorrow with the Main Event carnival featuring 100 interactive booths showcasing student life. The carnival takes place in MacInnes Field from 1-4 p.m. and will be followed at 6 p.m. by a concert featuring rock band Wide Mouth Mason hosted by the AMS First-week Program.

Commerce opens door to first-years

More than 1,000 applied; 150 first-year students enter in pilot project

by Don Wells staff writer

THE BIZ WHIZ KIDS have arrived at UBC. Not another hipster teen band, but a cohort of outstanding high school students looking for a top-ranked business school.

The Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration has turned out to be the destination of choice for 150 first-year students whose average high school grade point average is 90 per cent. Previously, the faculty only accepted students in their second year or later.

"We felt that we should congratulate exceptional high school achievements by allowing those students who named Commerce as their first-choice program to enter in their first year," says Patricia Shanahan, assistant dean and director, Undergraduate Programs.

"Students now have a choice to join a top-rated business school from day one, located right in their own back yard."

More than 1,400 applications were received in the first year of a pilot project designed to attract top students from Canada and abroad.

Like many Canadian universities, UBC has traditionally required students to complete first-year prerequisites in Math, Economics and English and other electives, and then apply to Commerce as second-year students.

The first-year students admitted gained entrance on the basis of their high school grades, with the majority of entrants having some form of scholarship.

The change will enable the faculty to more successfully compete for outstanding students among a growing number of major business schools, including Queen's, Western and Toronto, which already accept first-year students or guarantee them admission upon completion of prerequisites.

Students accepted into first-year Commerce will take the required Math, Economics and English courses, as well as Organizational Behaviour and Accounting courses normally taken in second year.

The students will also be able to become involved with Commerce activities, such as the Commerce Undergraduate Society, various clubs and social events, a year earlier than normal, in order to help foster a stronger connection to the faculty.

Waiter, there's a bug in your suit

Personality and hard-working drive win the day for José

OFFBEAT

WHEN IT COMES TO ROBOTS, the Computer Science Dept.'s José really takes the cake.

For that matter, he'll take any kind of food, and then serve it to guests with panache.

José and his pal Eric were both programmed by graduate students to serve hors d'oeuvres to party guests.

Eric got so good at it, he was entered into a serving contest at the American Association for Artificial Intelligence's 10th annual Mobile Robot Competition last month in Seattle. Just days before the competition though, Eric's hard-drive crashed and his understudy, José, was pressed into service.

Fortunately, José and Eric are the same size, so Eric's tuxedo didn't require any last-minute alterations.

Once appropriately decked out in Eric's Armani and white gloves, José worked the room with aplomb, offering appetizers to guests with a smile. Those who helped themselves before being asked were admonished with a frown.

Actually, his face only appears on a laptop computer screen, but it's sufficient to dissuade greedy humans from trying it a second time.

When it was all over, José took home first place. Technically the prize went to the team of six students who developed and trained José by writing and re-writing his software.

José faced some stiff competition with entries from Kansas State University, Pennsylvania's Swarthmore College, the Seattle Robotics Society and the University of Aveiro in Portugal.

He scored extra points for having a voice that enabled him to verbally offer hors d'oeuvres, and occasionally kibitz with guests with friendly jibes such as "Would you like fries with that?"

He also scored well for discerning people from objects by identifying flesh tones with his five video cameras. And he identified people who hadn't yet been served, which was one of the competition requirements.

"If you take something from the tray before he reaches the group of people he has chosen as his destination, he assumes you're stealing it," explains team leader Pantelis Elinas. "So he complains about that."

Perhaps best of all, José knew when his serving tray was empty, prompting him to return to home base to get more hors d'oeuvres.

Prize-winning waiter José

The other grad student roboteurs are Jesse Hoey, Darrel Lahey, Jeff Montgomery, Don Murray and Kangkang Yin. They were assisted by Computer Science professors Jim Little, David Lowe, Alan Mackworth and post doctoral fellow Stephen Se.

José's next shift is at an upcoming federal government sponsored breakfast attended by Industry Minister Brian Tobin. José is clearly up to the task, but in keeping with protocol, the students will help him learn a bit of French.

"Un croissant, Monsieur Tobin?"

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Program aims to address need for health researchers

Organizers plan to develop undergraduate learning opportunities in research across range of disciplines

UBC'S DEPT. OF HEALTH CARE and Epidemiology has received a renewable grant of $375,000 per year over five years from Canadian Health Services Research Foundation to develop and implement a health services research training stream.

"With so many emerging health-care issues, there is a critical need for expert researchers," says Sam Sheps, program director and former head of the Dept. of Health Care and Epidemiology. "This program is an innovative way to supply that demand and the new knowledge will ultimately lead to improvements in our health services."

The training stream includes a four- to six-month co-op placement at health service sites such as community health units, hospitals and regional health boards — an innovation rarely seen in PhD programs, says Sheps.

One of three similar new programs across Canada, the training stream will be a collaborative program with the University of Manitoba and will link to resources at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), Okanagan University College, Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the University of Victoria (UVIC).

The Centre for Health Services and Policy Research at UBC and the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and Evaluation will also play key roles in the program.

The training stream will be fully integrated with the department's existing graduate programs.

Health research issues include impact of downsizing on patient care, effectiveness of screening programs, home-care quality, health product and service advertising, surgical wait lists and issues relating to rural and remote health.

Organizers also plan to develop undergraduate learning opportunities in health services research for students in health sciences as well as other disciplines such as economics.

"Traditionally there have been few opportunities for these students to consider health services research as a career," says Sheps. "We want to create opportunities to broaden the disciplinary contribution to the study of health care issues within the university and in the wider community."

Undergraduate learning resources include the Office of the Co-ordinator of Health Sciences, UNBC, UVIC, SFU, the University of Winnipeg and Brandon University in Manitoba.

Curriculum will be developed with student and health services community input. Community decision-makers will also be part of the admissions committee.

The training stream will formally admit its first students in fall 2003, however, up to three student stipends at each site will be available this fall for study in health services research.

Similar programs are found in the Atlantic region and Quebec. A fourth program centre is planned for Ontario.

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- A Student Transit Discount Program and a Merchant Discount Program will provide discounts at participating local businesses for UBCers who use sustainable modes of transportation.
- Staff/Faculty transit discounts are also available. Check out TREK's website to find out more!

Other News

- The UBC Commuter Guide is your ticket to transportation information. The 2001/2002 edition is now available from the TREK office.
- TREK, the AMS and UBC Security are working on ways to improve the Security Bus and/or add a new shuttle service. Look for an improved route and a new schedule!
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Eastside initiative increases opportunities for outreach

Learning Exchange orients students to volunteer work

by Hilary Thomson staff writer

YEAR-ROUND TRAINING and recruitment as well as more placement opportunities are among the recent developments in the Trek 2000 volunteer program, part of UBC's Learning Exchange, a storefront resource in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

"We're trying to make it simpler for students to participate in the program right away while their interest is high," says Shane Tryon, program development intern at the Learning Exchange. The facility is part of UBC's commitment to community outreach found in *Trek 2000*, the university's vision document.

Fourth-year Arts student Elmira Mafi is one of 65 volunteers in the program.

A volunteer since May, she teaches English language skills to adults every week at the Storefront Orientation Society or SOS. The society provides outreach, advocacy and pre-employment assistance to refugee claimants and new immigrants.

"I've always been interested in teaching," says Mafi. "This gives me an opportunity to help where it's really needed."

About 10 adults attend each of her two-hour weekly classes and ages range from 25-70 years. Lesson plans are provided by SOS and focus on day-to-day needs such as visiting the library or shopping. Mafi says she tries to make learning fun by using charades, written exercises and students' own experiences to explain everything from sunny side up to popcorn and block and tackle.

Mafi praised the volunteer program's interview and selection process and says the orientation helped dispel her misconceptions about the community.

"It's good to find out what actually goes on in your city," she says.

A day-long workshop that focuses on information about the community, safety and partner organizations as well as a tour of the inner city are designed to help new volunteers feel more comfortable in the downtown core.

Mafi says she now has a better understanding of different cultures and appreciates the struggle required to achieve what most of us take for granted. Her involvement has also built her confidence and broadened her perspective, she says.

"I was sort of intimidated at first but now I feel comfortable in this community — you've got to talk to people to get past the stereotypes."

Some of the organizations that accept Trek volunteers include a pre-employment counselling agency called Skills Connections and RayCam Co-operative Community Centre. The Trek program will also be filling four paid student positions to assist in program development and to start new projects such as a Trek volunteer newsletter.

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MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Learning Exchange or to become a Trek 2000 volunteer, contact 604-822-0076 or 604-408-5183 or check the Web site at www.learningexchange.ubc.ca.

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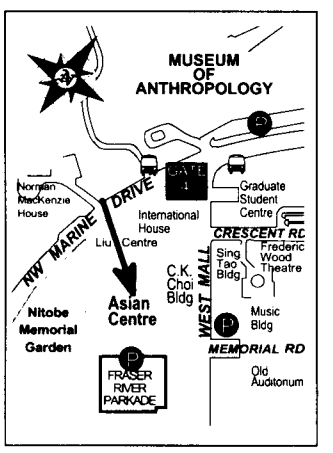
Public Open House

Three Neighbourhood Plans

for the UBC campus

Monday, Sept. 10, 2001
2 - 8 p.m.
Asian Centre Auditorium, 1871 West Mall

The Official Community Plan (OCP) for the University of British Columbia provides a vision and goals for future development, broad land use designations and objectives for more detailed planning. The purpose of the Neighbourhood Planning process (called Area Planning in the OCP) is to interpret those policies and objectives as a framework for development approval in specific campus areas. This Open House is intended to provide an opportunity to see the work done to date for three Neighbourhood Plans for the campus: the Theological Neighbourhood Plan (TNP), the Mid-Campus Neighbourhood Plan (MCNP), and the University Boulevard Neighbourhood Plan (UBNP). Members of the planning teams will be available to provide information on each of the Plans.



Copies of the draft plans may be viewed at Campus Planning & Development, 2210 West Mall (UBC) (hours: M-F, 8.30 am - 4.30 pm).

This event is wheelchair accessible. Individuals needing assistive listening devices, captioning, or information on alternate media should contact Gisela Haarbrucker at 822-9560 one week in advance.

FREE PARKING will be available in the Fraser River Parkade across the street from the Asian Centre. Please pick up a parking pass after the meeting in order to exit the parkade without charge.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

Feast Of Fields
Farm Folk/City Folk Feast Of Fields. UBC South Campus Farm from 1 to 5pm. $60 in advance. Call 604-730-0450 or 604-822-5092.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

Career Services Workshops
Writing A Winning Resume. Brock Hall 2001 from 1-3pm. Call 604-822-4011.

Open House
Annual UBC MD/PHD Student Research Forum And Open House. Peter Wall from 1:30-5pm. Call 604-875-5063.

Biochemistry Seminar
Prokaryotic Promoters In The Test Tube And In The Environment. Victor de Lorenzo, Centro Nacional de Biotechnologia. IRC #4 at 3:45pm. Refreshments at 3:30pm. Call 604-822-0042.

Symposium
The Politics Of Language In Europe And Canada. Jean Laponce; various speakers. Green College Coach House at 4pm. Continues to Sept. 11. Refreshments. Call 604-822-1452.

Thematic Lecture
The Story Of Creativity: Historical Perspectives And Interpretations. Dean Keith Simonton, Psychology, U of California. Green College at 7:30pm. Call 604-822-1878.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

Faculty Women's Club Program
Coffee On The Terrace – Welcome Back. Cecil Green Park House at 10am. Call 604-222-2950.

Microbiology Dolman Lectureship
Prokaryotic Promoters In The Test Tube And In The Environment. Victor de Lorenzo, Centro Nacional de Biotechnologia. Wesbrook 100 from 12:30-1:30pm. Refreshments. Call 604-822-3308.

Lectures In Modern Chemistry
Optical Cavities At Work: Novel Applications To Spectroscopic Sensing. Prof. Brian Orr, Environmental and Life Sciences, Macquarie U. Chemistry B-250 from 1-2pm. Refreshments. Call 604-822-3341.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

Orthopaedics Grand Rounds
Recon Division. VGH, Eye Care Centre Aud. from 7-8am. Call 604-875-5555 ext. 62806.

Chemical And Biological Engineering Seminar
Dimensional Hydrodynamic Similitude In Three-Phase Fluidized Beds With Application To Syncrude's LC-Finer. Arturo Macchi. ChemEng 206 at 12noon. Call 604-822-3238.

History Lecture
Joseph Conrad's Debt To The Eastern Seas. Joep a Campo, lecturer, World History, Erasmus U. Buchanan B-221 from 12noon-1pm. Call 604-822-5178.

Asian Research Seminar
The Fluid World: Fragmenting Authority, Increasing Capability, Transient Places, And Insecurity. Barrie M. Morrison, honorary professor. CK Choi 120 from 12:30-2pm. Call 604-822-4688.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

Indoor Plant Sale
Botanical Garden from 11am-5pm. Continues Sept. 14 and 15. Call 604-822-3298.

Research Seminar
Health Promotion In A Changing World: Challenges And Opportunities. Irving Rootman, chair, Canadian Consortium for Health Promotion Research. Library Processing Centre 424 from 12:15-1:30pm. Call Jim Frankish or Shona Kelly 604-822-2258.

Lecture Science First!
The Sacred Balance. David Suzuki, scientist; host, *The Nature of Things*. IRC #2 from 12:30-1:30pm. Call 604-822-9012.

Feminist Legal Studies Lecture
Imagining Otherness: Refugee Claims On The Basis Of Sexuality In Canada And Australia. Jenni Millbank, lecturer, Law, U of Sydney. Curtis 157 from 12:30-2pm. Call 604-822-6523.

Physics Colloquium
Probing Pulsations And Planets With Canada's Humble Space Telescope. Jaymie Matthews. Hennings 201 at 4pm. Call 604-822-3853.

Intensive Care Unit Fundraising
Wine Tasting And Silent Auction. Medicine Alumni from 7-10pm. Call 604-506-1449.

Art Exhibition Opening Reception
UBC Masters Of Fine Arts Graduate Exhibition. Sylvia Grace Borda, Keith Langergraber, Daphne Locke, Misa Nikolic. Belkin Art Gallery from 8-10pm. Continues to Sept. 30. Call 604-822-2759.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

Lecture
Belief In God In An Age Of Science. Sir John Polkinghorne, former President, Queens' College, Cambridge U. Scarfe 100 from 12noon-1:30pm. Call 604-822-3219.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

Neurogenomics Research Symposium
Various speakers. BC Research Institute for BC's Children's and Women's Hosp. Chan Centre for Family Health Education from 8am to 2:30pm. Refreshments. To register, visit www.cmmt.ubc.ca/neurogenomics. E-mail ssunner@interchange.ubc.ca. To RSVP call Swarni Sunner 604-822-0394 or fax 604-822-0361.

Conference
A Conference In Honour Of Daniel L. Overmyer: Religious Thought And Lived Religion In China. Green College at 8:45am. Continues to Sept. 16. Visit www.interchange.ubc.ca/pb-crowe/index.htm. E-mail clartp@missouri.edu. Call 604-822-1878.

UBC/UEL Community Event
4th Annual Happening On The Hill. University Hill Community Event. Jim Everett Park from 1-11pm. E-mail lorraine.beckett@ubc.ca or call Lorraine Beckett, UBC Plant Operations 604-822-4178.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

Green College Performing Arts Group
A Potpourri Of Talent From Green College Members. Coffee House No. 1. Green College at 8pm. Call 604-822-1878.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

Vancouver International Writer's Festival
Salman Rushdie. Chan Centre from 7:30-10pm. $22 adult; $20 student/senior. Call 604-822-2697.

Member Speaker Series
Access To Information In Canada: Opening The Door. Liam Mitchell, journalist. Green College at 7:45pm. Call 604-822-1878.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

Global Issues Lecture
The Food And Energy Gap Between Rich And Poor Nations, And What To Do About It. Prof. Vaclav Smil, Geography, U of Manitoba. Liu Centre main floor at 12:30pm. Call 604-822-1593.

Lectures In Modern Chemistry
Controlling Molecular Motion: Let The Molecule Do The Thinking. Prof. Herschel Rabitz, Princeton U. Chemistry B-250 from 1-2pm. Refreshments. Call 604-822-3341.

Career Services Workshops
Interviewing For Success. Brock Hall 2001 from 2-4pm. Call 604-822-4011.

Green College Speaker Series
Should Victims Of Crime Take Part In Decisions On How To Deal With Their Offenders. Andrew Ashworth, Vinerian professor, English Law, U of Oxford. Green College at 5pm. Reception Coach House from 6-6:30pm. Call 604-822-1878.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

Sports/Arthroscopy Grand Rounds
TBA. VGH, Eye Care Centre Aud. from 7-8am. Call 604-875-5555 ext. 62806.

Wednesday Noon Hour Concert
Works By Schubert, Janacek And Stewart. Terence Dawson, piano. Music Recital Hall from 12noon-1pm. $4. Call 604-822-5574.

Chemical And Biological Engineering Seminar
Detection Of Food Pellets In High Clutter Underwater Images Under Variable Lighting Conditions. Kevin Parsonage. ChemEng 206 at 12noon. Call 604-822-3238.

Association Of Professors Emeritii Lecture
Robert Schumann – A Talk Illustrated With Performances On The Piano. Prof. Robert Silverman, music. Cecil Green Park House at 2pm. Refreshments at 1:15pm. Call 604-822-8918.

School of Nursing Rounds
Mothers' Perspectives Of An In-Home Nursing Respite Service: Coping And Control. Bev Valkenier, clinical associate. UBC Hosp., Koerner Pavilion T-206 from 3-4pm. Call 604-822-7453.

Geography Seminar
Liu Centre And Agricultural Sciences Present Consequences Of The Haber-Bosch Process For The Nitrogen Cycle. Prof. Vaclav Smil, U of Manitoba. Geography TBA at 3:30pm. Call 604-822-2663.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Career Services Workshops
Networking And Connect To The Hidden Job Market. Brock Hall from 11am-1pm. Call 604-822-4011.

Gymnastics
Adult Gymnastics Class. Human Kinetics. Osborne Centre unit 2 gymnastics gym from 6-8pm Continues to Jan. 10, 2002. Call 604-822-0207.

Earth And Ocean Sciences Colloquium
Wildfires: Numerical Modelling And Image Analyses. Terry Clark, National Center for Atmospheric Research. GeoSciences 330-A from 12noon-1pm. Call 604-822-5406.

Physics Colloquium
TBA. Jeff Sonier, SFU. Hennings 201 at 4pm. Call 604-822-3853.

Computer Science Invited Speaker Seminar
From Ouija To Tele-Actor: Collaborative Online Robots. Ken Goldberg, U of California. CICSR/CS from 4-5:30pm. Refreshments. Call 604-822-0557.

Forestry Lecture
Future Shock In Forestry: Where Have We Come From And Where Are We Going? Prof. Hamish Kimmins. ForSciences 1005 from 5-6:15pm. Refreshments. Call 604-822-8787.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

First Nations Book Launch
Our Home Away From Home. Verna J. Kirkness, Jo-ann Archibald. Longhouse from 4:30-6pm. Call 604-822-8940.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Law And Society Conference
Making Legal History: An Interdisciplinary And Critical Legal History Conference In Honor Of Lou Knafla. Green College at 8am. Call Wes Pue 604-822-6525.

Forum
Clam Chowder For The Soul. Chan Centre from 8:30am-4:30pm. $69. To register, visit www. chancentre.com. Call 604-822-2697.

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UBC Masters Of Fine Arts Graduate Exhibition. Sylvia Grace Borda, Keith Langergraber, Daphne Locke, Misa Nikolic. Continues to Sept. 30. Tuesday to Friday from 10am-5pm, Saturday 12noon-5pm, Sunday 12noon-5pm (Closed Mondays and statutory holidays). Call 604-822-2759.

Sexuality Study
Researchers at the Department of Psychology and Division of Sexual Medicine are conducting a study examining sexual functioning in women receiving estrogen replacement therapy. Both sexually healthy women, as well as women who have recently experienced a change in their orgasmic functioning are welcome. For further information, please contact 604-822-2952. Your confidentiality will be assured. All participants will receive an honorarium for their participation.

Participants Wanted
Would you like to share your story about your experience with health care professionals? We are conducting a study of patient perceptions about helpful and unhelpful communications in fibromyalgia. In order to learn more about what makes communication effective, we are asking individuals who have had fibromyalgia for at least five years to participate in our study. Participation will involve one or two interviews in a location convenient to you, and possibly a focus group interview at a later time. The interviews usually take about an hour. All information will be kept confidential. If you would like more information about the study, please e-mail andrea_con@hotmail.com or call Andrea Con, project coordinator 604-822-8070.

Research Project Volunteers Needed
Stress And Coping In Female Clerical Workers. Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education is seeking female clerical workers to participate in study on stress and coping. If experiencing workplace distress/frustration, we would like to learn more about your experiences. Call 604-822-9199.

Legal Clinic Open
UBC Law Students' Legal Advice Program (LSLAP) runs full day clinics all over the Lower Mainland. LSLAP has been working in the community for over thirty years and is currently British Columbia's second largest legal aid organization. For more information about the program, visit www.lslap.bc.ca or call 604-822-5723.

Lactose Intolerant?
Researchers at UBC are doing a questionnaire-based study to learn more about lactose intolerance. Participa-

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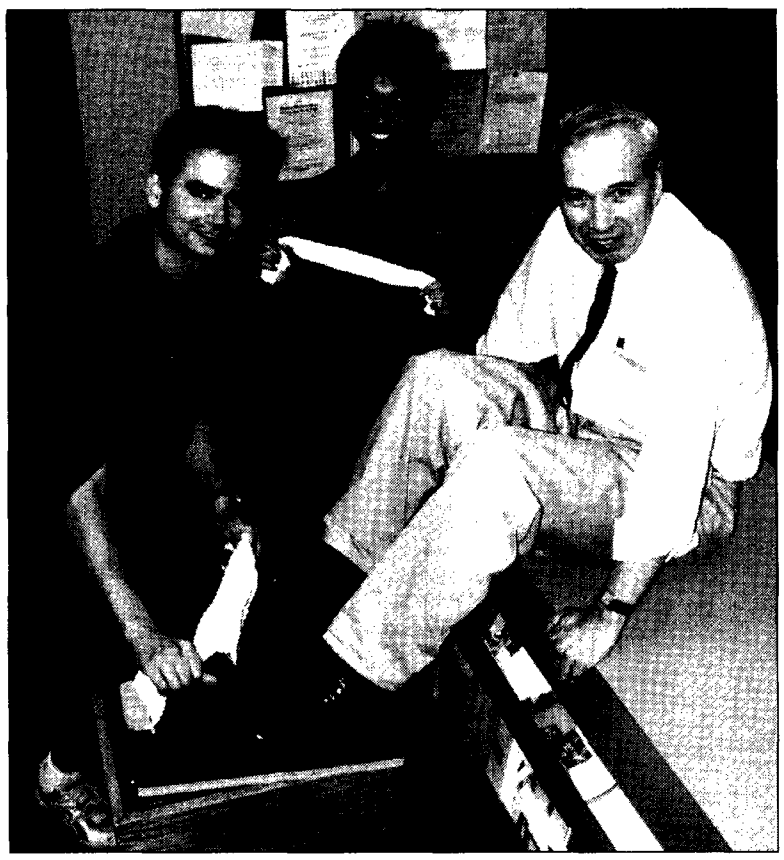
The *UBC Reports* Calendar lists university-related or university-sponsored events on campus and off campus within the Lower Mainland. Calendar items must be submitted on forms available from the UBC Public Affairs Office, 310 – 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver BC, V6T 1Z1. Phone: 604-UBC-INFO (604-822-4636). Fax: 604-822-2684. An electronic form is available at www.publicaffairs.ubc.ca. Please limit to 35 words. Submissions for the Calendar's Notices section may be limited due to space. Deadline for the Sept. 20 issue of *UBC Reports*—which covers the period Sept. 23 to Oct. 6—is noon, Sept. 11.



UBC students Brian MacLean (left) and Jennifer Lau give Alma Mater Society designer Michael Kingsmill's shoes a sample of what can be expected Sept. 15 when students from universities and colleges across the country team up for the annual Shinerama for cystic fibrosis (CF). UBC students aim to raise $8,000 for CF research. Students interested in volunteering can sign up any day from 9:30 a.m – 3:30 p.m. at the Speakeasy front desk in the Student Union Building. For more information, contact shinerama@ams.ubc.ca or call 604-822-6101 ext. 4.

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tion will take about 20-30 min. of your time. If you are 19 years of age or older, experience lactose intolerance and live in the Greater Vancouver area, please call 604-682-3269 ext. 6377 to receive a copy of this questionnaire or more information.

Volunteer Leaders Wanted
"Living A Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" a series of six free workshops that help people develop the skills to get the most out of life is looking for volunteer leaders. This program is an exciting new development in teaching people with chronic conditions to help themselves. If you are interested in being part of this program, you can sign up for a free Leader Training Workshop by contacting Mark Davies 604-822-0634. To view our Web site www.ihpr.ubc.ca/healthyliving.

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Participants Needed
Parents and adolescents are invited to participate together in research that addresses how parents and adolescents talk about the youth's future. If your family faces challenges such as unemployment or illness, call to participate 604-822-4919.

UBC Gardens
The Nitobe Memorial Garden, UBC Botanical Garden and the Shop in the Garden will be open until Oct. 8 from 10am-6pm daily including weekends. For information about the garden call 604-822-9666 or the shop 604-822-4529.

Research Study
Researchers at the Psychology Dept. are conducting a study examining sexual functioning in women. The aim of this study is to help women who experience sexual difficulties. Your confidentiality will be assured. All participants will receive a detailed sexual psychophysiological profile for their participation. If you are a healthy, heterosexual, premenopausal woman who is currently in a relationship, please call 604-822-2952.

Habitat For Humanity UBC
Is looking for volunteers. Come help out on the construction site and build homes for low-income families – no skills required. For more information and to register for an orientation, e-mail habitat@vancouver.net or call 604-681-5618.

Parents With Toddlers
Did you know your child is a word-learning expert? We are looking for children (one to five years old) and their parent(s) to participate in language studies in the Psychology Dept. at UBC. You and your child, and a trained researcher will play a word game using puppets and toys or pictures. As you might imagine, children find these word games a lot of fun. During your visit, you will remain with your child at all times. If you (or someone you know) might be interested in bringing your child for a 30-minute visit to our research playroom, please contact Dr. Hall's Language Development Centre at 604-822-9294.

Participants Wanted
Are you a postmenopausal woman with Type Two diabetes interested in beginning an exercise program? St. Paul's Hospital Healthy Heart Program and Diabetes Centre are recruiting participants, who do not smoke or use insulin, for a research project on the effect of exercise on diabetes. Call Darcye Cuff 604-806-8601

UBC Birdwalks
Anyone who is interested can meet at the flagpole above the Rose Garden on Thursdays at 12:45pm. Look for a small group of people who are carrying binoculars and bird books, (and bring your own, if you have them). Call 604-822-9149.

Museum Of Anthropology Exhibition
Continuing Traditions. Continues to April 30, 2002. Early Chinese Ceramics From The Victor Shaw Gift. Continues to Oct. 30. Anthropology 432 Student Projects: What is Missing? Continues to Dec. 31. Winter hours Wed.-Sun. 11am-5pm, Tues. to 9pm (5-9pm free). Call 604-822-5087.

AMS Rentsline
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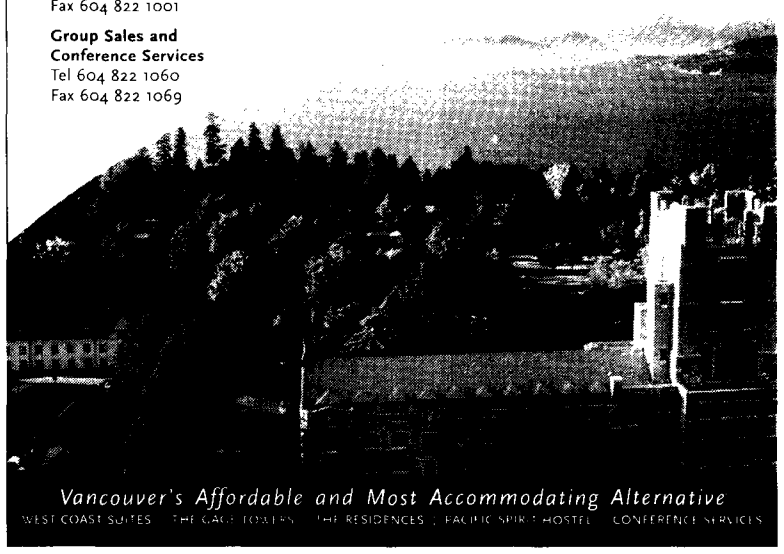

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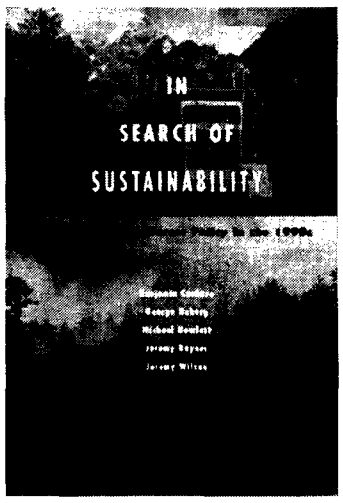

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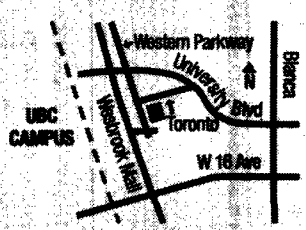

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Community ties key to health promotion, director suggests

Co-ordination of social, economic and environmental influences needed to address health issues

INTEGRATING KNOWLEDGE from different disciplines and working directly with the community is the prescription for promoting health, according to the new director of the Institute of Health Promotion Research (IHPR) in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Annalee Yassi, who joined the institute this spring, is an occupational physician and epidemiologist who describes her approach as transdisciplinary.

"To really make a difference we need to co-ordinate how we address social, economic and environmental influences that affect the health of individuals, workforces and communities," says Yassi.

Yassi, who was recently named a Canada Research Chair in Multidisciplinary Health Research, has more than 20 years' experience in occupational medicine and specializes in the health of health-care workers.

"I saw IHPR — which has a broad perspective and approach — as an ideal home to bring my research interests together," says Yassi, who was a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) senior scientist. She is also the founding executive director of the Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare in B.C., a partnership of health-care employers and unions formed to promote the health of health-care workers.

Yassi aims to build on IHPR's existing capacity for community-based health research that focuses on collaboration among investigators, practitioners and decision-makers, in areas such as urban planning and international relations, as well as workplace safety and health.

"I want to empower people to understand what determines health, see them own the interventions to address these factors, and fully participate in evaluating the effectiveness of these efforts," she says.

She is the principal investigator of a CIHR study that looks at the well-being of health-care workers.

Valued at $2 million over five years, the initiative comprises nine projects that examine issues such as how work organization affects health, how best to prevent injuries and chemical exposure, and developing analytical tools for evaluating and addressing health problems of B.C. health-care workers.

Working with unions, employers, government and the research community, Yassi hopes to decrease the high injury rate and stressors of health-care employees.

Common problems include musculoskeletal injury from patient handling as well as stress from heavy workloads and physically violent patients who may suffer from dementia, psychiatric problems or substance abuse.

Yassi is also involved in global health promotion issues. She leads a study of a community-based project in Havana, Cuba, that looks at various determinants of health such as housing, clean air and water, municipal infrastructure and cultural activities.

As a consultant to the World Health Organization, Yassi developed teaching materials to help international organizations learn more about the socio-economic, environmental and physical determinants of health. She has also recently published a major textbook on basic environmental health that has been translated into Spanish.

Working in the Middle East, Africa, Central Europe and Latin America, Yassi has helped university level instructors learn a more holistic approach to teaching occupational and environmental health.

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Homer Armstrong Thompson (1906-2000) and the University of British Columbia is both a tribute to one of this century's foremost classical archaeologists and an account of the department at UBC in the 1920s. Thompson earned two degrees from the university between 1921 an 1927.

Both publications were authored by longtime Classics Dept. Prof. Robert B. Todd.

To inquire about obtaining a copy of either publication, contact the department at 604-822-2515.

A moo-vable feast

UBC South Campus Farm will host the seventh annual Feast of Fields Sunday, Sept. 9 from 1-5 p.m. More than 30 B.C. restaurants, wineries, microbreweries and food producers will participate in the harvest festival and fundraiser.

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Robson Square Open House dates set

Some programs and services available later this month

WITH JUST 84 DAYS left before its official opening, the countdown has begun for a two-day Open House to celebrate the establishment of UBC's new downtown campus.

Beginning at noon on Nov. 30, the campus community and the public are invited to view the completed 6,000-square-metre UBC at Robson Square and take in a wide range of special exhibits, lectures and debates featuring well-known speakers. Special events begin again at 9 a.m. on Dec. 1 till 6 p.m. both days.

The establishment of a major downtown presence is one of the community goals set forward in Trek 2000, UBC's vision document.

The completion of UBC at Robson Square promises to build on the university's current involvement in the community and support its overall commitment to advance the social, cultural and economic interests of Greater Vancouver, British Columbia and Canada.

A number of UBC services and programs will be in place at Robson Square well in advance of the official opening.

The Women's Resources Centre moves into its new downtown headquarters later this month, along with the Canadian Centre for Information Technology Security, which moves from its current home at the Justice Institute.

UBC Continuing Studies is currently planning a series of joint programs, including ones to complement Vancouver Art Gallery exhibitions, and UBC Commerce's Centre for Management Development will offer a full range of executive education courses beginning Sept. 24.

The Robson Square branches of the UBC Bookstore and Library, both of which will be located near the Plaza level entrances, will be in full operation for the Open House.

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Honour Roll

Science Dean **Maria Klawe** was recently named Educator of the Year at the annual Canadian New Media Awards Ceremony and Gala in Toronto.

Recognized for her accomplishments as a leading researcher in educational software, Klawe was one of 60 finalists nominated in 12 categories. She is the holder of the NSERC-IBM Chair for Women in Science and Engineering for B.C. and the Yukon.

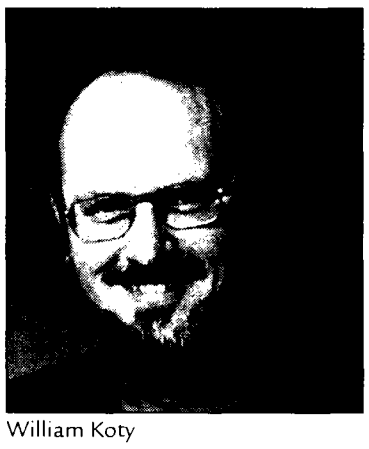
The awards recognize the accomplishments of individuals and companies in the Canadian new media sector.

Science Dean Maria Klawe

William Koty, director of UBC Continuing Studies' Applied Technology Division, has been appointed to the Premier's Technology Council.

As one of 14 members of the new council, Koty will advise the provincial government on how to make British Columbia a global magnet for high-tech investment, growth and job creation. He and fellow council members will also devise strategies for placing B.C. at the forefront of the world's technology-based economies.

UBC alumni on the council include: **Greg Aasen**, founder and CEO of PMC-Sierra; **Michael Calyniuk**, senior audit partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers; **Norm Francis**, chair of Pivotal Corporation; **Greg Kerfoot**, president and CEO of Crystal Decisions; and **Paul Lee** senior vice-president of Electronic Arts Inc.



William Koty

Also on the council are Dr. **Victor Ling**, vice-president of cancer research at the B.C. Cancer Agency and vice-dean of cancer research at UBC, and **Firoz Rasul**, CEO of Ballard Power Systems, who serves on the UBC Board of Governors.

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UBC President **Martha Piper** was recently appointed to the provincial government's B.C. Progress Board.

The independent 16-member panel will advise the premier on ways to fuel economic growth by setting performance benchmarks for the provincial economy, and identify issues of importance to the province's future economic prosperity.

UBC alumni on the Progress Board include: **Pat Corbett**, president of Hills Health Ranch; **Herman Driediger**, CEO of Eze Rent-it Centre Ltd.; **Norman Keevil**, chairman and CEO of Teck Corp.; **Derek Lee**, president of Prospero International Realty Inc.; **Stephanie Sharp**, managing director of corporate finance at Arthur Anderson LLP.; **Ken Shields**, president and CEO of **Raymond James** Ltd.; and **Gerri Sinclair**, founder and former president and CEO of Ncompass Labs.

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FIRST NATIONS STUDIES PROGRAM

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The program offers a BA with a Major or a Minor in First Nations Studies. Students take the equivalent of three full courses specifically developed for the program, one in each of second, third and fourth year. The fourth year course includes a research practicum conducted in cooperation with a First Nations organization or community. The remaining course requirements are fulfilled by a wide range of courses offered in other disciplines and faculties. The Faculty has a First Nations Student Services Coordinator who acts as a part-time advisor for the program and who will assist with setting up and facilitating the research practicum. For more information on the program and on resources for First Nations students at UBC, please visit our Web site, www.arts.ubc.ca.

The appointment will be effective 1 July 2002 and is subject to final budgetary approval. The closing date for the competition is 1 November 2001 or until the position is filled. Salary, tenure status and academic rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Departmental home will depend on the disciplinary specialization of the successful candidate. UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply, particularly those of Aboriginal origin. Applicants should send a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, the names of three referees (with e-mail and regular addresses), one article-length writing sample and teaching evaluations if available to

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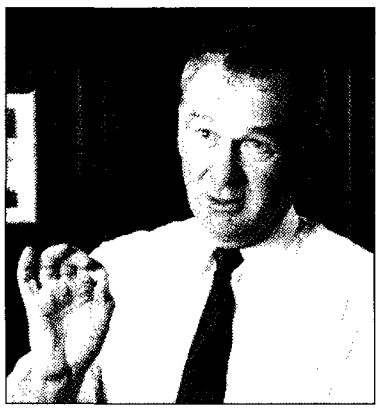
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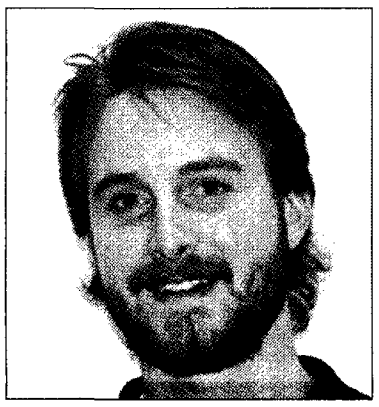
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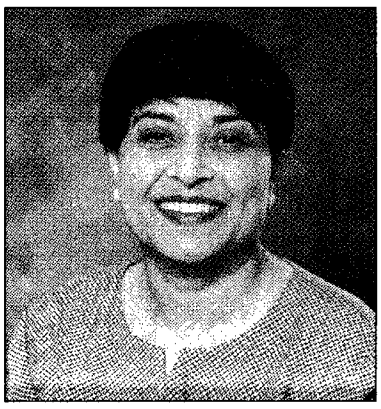
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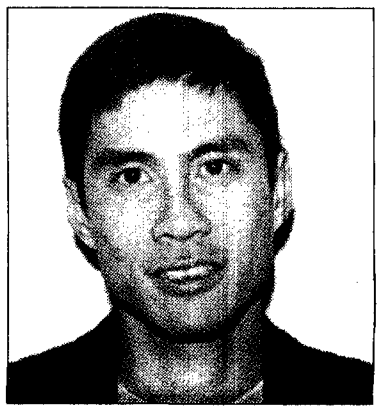
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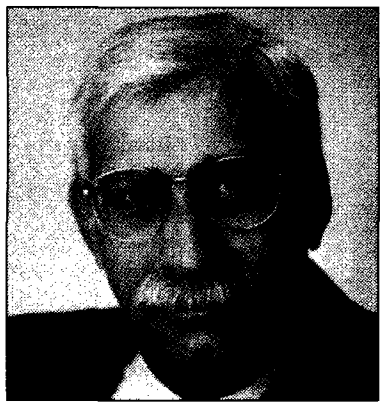
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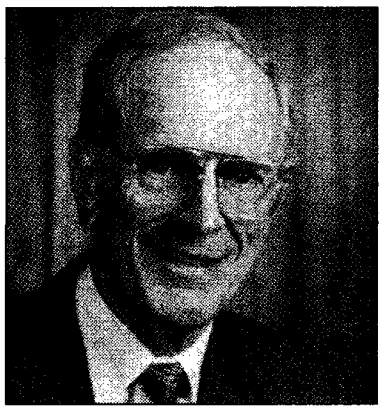
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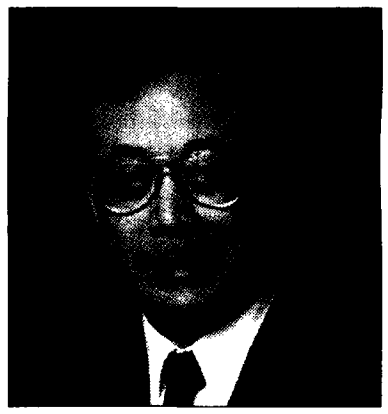
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By legislation, the board is responsible for the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the university including the appointment of senior officials and faculty on the recommendation of the president.

The governors represent diverse backgrounds which provide valuable input during board deliberations. Although members bring to the board the views of various constituencies, there are no advocates for any one group.

Decisions are made in the best overall interests of the university and in support of UBC's mission to be the best university in Canada and one of the world's finest public universities.

Maryann Adamec is a fourth-year student in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration. She has served as president of the Alma Mater Society and been involved in initiatives such as Parent Orientation and UBC's Annual General Meeting.

Larry Bell, board chair, was appointed to the board in 1997. He is chair of B.C. Hydro and vice-chair of Shato Holdings Ltd., a food services company, and chair of its subsidiary White Spot Ltd. A graduate of UBC, Bell served the province as secretary to the B.C. Treasury Board, and deputy minister of the ministries of Housing and Transit, Lands, Parks and Housing, and Finance.

Linda Crompton is a UBC alumna and former president and chief executive officer of Citizens Bank. Known in the business community for her strong commitment to social issues, Crompton is an advocate for corporate responsibility and ethical business practice.

Joanne Emerman, a professor of Anatomy and associate dean, Research, in the Faculty of Medicine, joined UBC in 1980. Emerman has served as chair of the Faculty of Medicine Curriculum Evaluation Committee and was a member of UBC's Faculty Association executive for six years.

Stephen Howard, director of communications and research for the Hospital Employees' Union (HEU) is a graduate of Simon Fraser University. He is also active in a number of community organizations, including CoDevelopment Canada, a Vancouver-based international development agency.

Gregory Lawrence, a professor of Civil Engineering since 1987, was elected to the board by faculty this year. Also an associate member of the Dept. of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Lawrence is a member of the Institute of Applied Mathematics.

Elsie McMurphy served the BCTF for 15 years in a variety of capacities, including vice-president, president and executive director, a position she held for 10 years. A teacher with almost 20 years' experience in B.C. public schools, she pursued teacher training at UBC and obtained undergraduate and graduate Education degrees from the University of Victoria.

Tieg Martin, a fourth-year Arts student, aims to improve communication with students and help them better understand how the university works. An international traveler, Martin has visited Australia, North Africa, the Balkans, Central America and other countries.

Guninder C. Mumick manages the Multicultural Health Education/Promotion program of the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board and has extensive experience in adult education. Her expertise lies in working with diverse populations, especially in the health system, and international and intercultural communication.

Martha Piper, president and vice-chancellor of UBC, is a member of the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. Piper is on the board of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Science and Technology and the board of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

Ben Pong was elected by staff to the board in 1999. A computer specialist at the UBC Bookstore, Pong is treasurer of CUPE Local 116.

Firoz Rasul is chair and CEO of Ballard Power Systems, Inc., a leader in the development and manufacture of fuel cells. His community service includes presidency of the Aga Khan Ismaili Council for Canada.

William Sauder, chancellor of the university, is a UBC graduate and chair of International Forest Products and Sauder Industries Limited. He was a member of UBC's Board of Governors from 1981 to 1987, and served as chair of the board for the last two years of his term.

Linda Thorstad was educated at UBC and specializes in strategic planning, communications and business development. Committed to sustainable development issues, Thorstad is executive director for the Vancouver Economic Development Commission and has served as an associate of the B.C. Commission on Resources and the Environment and the Fraser Basin Management Board.

Joe Wai, a UBC alumnus and architect, designed the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden in Vancouver. Wai's practice reflects his interests in social and seniors' housing as well as community and cultural projects.