Student of Indigenous law wins $130,000 award

Andrée Boisselle, law PhD student, is one of 15 2008 Trudeau scholars. The award allows her to continue her work examining Indigenous and Western approaches to law and how both can enter into a meaningful exchange. Story on page 2.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Province funds CanAssist

People with disabilities will get more help from UVic’s CanAssist program due to $3 million in new funding from the BC ministries of Employment and Income Assistance, and Advanced Education. CanAssist is a leader in developing and providing innovative assistive technology to people with disabilities. Story on page 3.

COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH

Knowledge of, by and for communities

UVic’s Office of Community-Based Research hosted the largest gathering of university- and community-based researchers in Canadian history in early May. Close to 2000 drew more than 500 delegates from around the world. Story on page 4.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Black gives back

David Black, owner of Black Press, has established 37 new scholarships for BCom students from communities across the province. Black played a major role in helping establish UVic’s business school in 1990, and now these $5,000 scholarships will help more students from smaller BC communities take advantage of UVic’s business program. More online at ring.uvic.ca.

EDUCATION DONORS

Training tomorrow’s scientists

Research and development of resources in science education got a shot in the arm with a $500,000 donation from retired UAlberta faculty member Mildred Shaw and Brian Gaines. The funds will establish the Constructivist Education Resources Network in the Faculty of Education. Story on page 10.

CAR OF THE FUTURE

Students picked for ‘green’ car competition

A group of UVic mechanical engineering students has been chosen as one of only 10 teams to compete in the North American EcoCAR challenge. Over three years, the UVic team—one of only three from Canada—will work to design and build a fuel-efficient, low-emission vehicle. Story on page 2.

BY ROBIN MAZUMDER

Convocation is imminent and it is time for the graduating class of 2008 to step out of the safety of the university classroom and into reality. Our days no longer consist of lounging by the fountain between classes; the future we had planned for is upon us and the real world is calling. For my friend Sean Burr and I, the real world for the next few months will be a small town in Siberia by the name of Khanty-Mansiysk. How did a biology major and a Russian major combine their experiences to launch an international development project in Siberia? Read on for the answer.

I would consider my academic experience at UVic to be eclectic. My classes ranged from religious studies to a directed study in clinical oncology. I had the option to choose from a diverse base of courses, and in retrospect I am glad to have done so. This exposed me to many interesting topics in the arts and sciences that inspired me to become involved in activities outside of the school walls.

In my second year I chose to volunteer with Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV), a local non-profit organization that facilitates active lifestyles for people with disabilities. My volunteer work involved engaging in recreational activities with a teen with a disability. This experience led me to apply for my first biology co-op job with RIV as an inclusion facilitator, responsible for promoting the inclusion and integration of youth with disabilities into summer camps alongside “typical” youth. I have remained with RIV ever since and I am truly grateful for the opportunity presented by the biology co-op program. My studies have also exposed me to wonderful organizations such as CanAssist, where I am currently working until my departure for Russia.

At UVic, I became good friends with Sean Burr, who is convocating this June as well, with a BA in Russian and Slavonic studies. Sean, like me, has had the privilege of a very diverse and varied education at UVic. Sean took classes from Russian and Slavonic studies professor Dr. Megan Swift, who, knowing Sean’s interest in international relations and development, recommended he apply for a grant offered by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Entitled Partnerships for Tomorrow Phase II, this grant program

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McLaren wins Molson Prize

HISTORIAN OF SEXUALITY

McLaren is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and was recognized by the Royal Society for the best book written on the history of eugenics in Canada. He received a Molson prize from the Royal Society of Canada for his book on the history of intelligence testing. McLaren is a world-renowned expert in the history of sexuality. He is the author of 10 books, some of which have been translated into as many as seven languages. His work ranges from a cultural history of impotence and an examination of what it means to be masculine to a study of eugenics in Canada and a history of contraception.

“The past three decades and the most interesting topics in the arts and sciences that inspired me to become involved in activities outside of the school walls,” says Dr. Tom Saunders, chair of UVic’s history department. “This work is remarkable for its interdisciplinary character and for its enormous range across time, place and theme.”

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McLaren won the Molson Prize in 2008. The Molson prizes recognize the recipients’ outstanding lifetime contributions to the cultural and intellectual life of Canada. They are administered by the Canada Council for the Arts in cooperation with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
**INDIGENOUS LAW**

**BY PATTY PITTS**

University of Victoria law PhD student Andrée Boisselle is one of 15 recipients of a scholarship worth $130,000 over three years from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. As a 2008 Trudeau Scholar, Boisselle will be examining the Stó:lō and Western approaches to law to suggest ways that both can enter into a meaningful exchange.

After receiving degrees in common law and management at McGill University, Boisselle practiced civil and commercial litigation in Montréal before earning a master’s degree at the University of Montréal.

Her master’s thesis, which examined the duty of the Crown to consult Aboriginal peoples, received the Québec Law Professors’ Association Prize.

Last summer she participated in the Stó:lō’s ethnohistory field school offered by UVic’s history department, where student participants live in the Stó:lō community while they combine the study of historical documents with oral histories.

“This award results from a series of incredible privileges, starting with being welcomed and taught by the Stó:lō... last summer and now through a further internship by which the Stó:lō allow me to partake in research and reflecting on the cultural underpinnings of their legal order,” says Boisselle from Québec City, where she is participating in a conference.

“The Trudeau Scholarship will help me complete my research, participate in conferences throughout my studies and form an even wider network of peers and mentors working from different disciplines on the complex issues of intercultural dialogue.”

“Along with remarkable insight and intelligence, Andrée has a way of working across cultures and traditions that is honest, direct and respectful,” says law professor Jeremy Webber, one of Boisselle’s supervisors.

He also draws much insight from her personal experience of engagement across the English-French linguistic cultures and the civil and common law traditions.

Instead of requiring Indigenous peoples to convert their legal traditions into terms and categories that reflect Western law, Boisselle seeks to engage both systems in a way that achieves deeper understanding of both traditions in a manner respectful to their people and communities.

Her research will involve the myths, narratives and legal institutions of the Stó:lō along with the philosophical, ethical and spiritual sources of Western legal traditions.

Boisselle is the second Trudeau scholar from UVic’s graduate law program. In 2006 law master’s student Dustin Kennedy was chosen as a Trudeau Scholar. She is currently pursuing a PhD at the University of Toronto.

**LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

**Library expansion named for BC builder**

A leading figure in the commercial and industrial development of 20th-century British Columbia is being honored for his role in the establishment of University of Victoria.

William C. Mearns (1890–1998) was a founder of the university and instrumental in the assembly and purchase of the Gordon Head lands upon which the university was built.

Now, the University of Victoria has honoured Mearns with the newly named William C. Mearns Centre for Learning, a $20-million expansion of the existing McPherson Library. Fundraising for the new complex was completed in 2005 with a $5-million gift from Mearns’s family, the provincial government matched the Mearns gift, and the university and other private donors provided the remaining funds.

“The Mearns gift is especially noteworthy in the history of the University of Victoria,” says UVic President David Turpin. “This was a powerful statement by a Victorian, a proponent of Dualism and instrumental in the assembly and purchase of the Gordon Head lands upon which the university was built.”

“Mearns was a native who graduated from UVic’s predecessor, Victoria College, in 1927. He earned engineering degrees at Stanford University and the University of Washington, and completed studies in advanced management at Harvard. He spent his entire career with BC Electric, which later became BC Hydro, rising through the ranks from man to executive director. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from UVic in 1991 in recognition of a lifetime of service and achievement.

“His legacy lives on through the Centre for Learning, the Mearns gift and the many other initiatives that have been honored by his name. We are proud to be part of the Mearns Centre for Learning, a symbol of the university’s commitment to innovation and excellence of the University of Victoria’s learning environment.”

The new William C. Mearns Centre expands the ability of the UVic Libraries to meet the challenges of technological change. The centre will house the Besie Brooks Win-sport Media Commons integrating all formats of the library’s music, audio and video collections, a new special collections and archives space, and an expanded information commons that will form a single digital access point for all library resources. The expansion will also provide additional shelving, com-puter workstations, classrooms and collaborative study areas.

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CanAssist team wows BC Legislature crowd

BY VALERIE SHORE

Several BC cabinet ministers, MLAs and senior public servants were discreetly wiping tears from their eyes on May 14 after a moving demonstration of how the University of Victoria’s CanAssist program is making a real difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

The setting was a small reception hall in the BC Legislature and the occasion was the announcement of a $3-million grant for CanAssist from two BC ministries—Employment and Income Assistance, and Advanced Education. The funding will be used by CanAssist to meet growing client demand for specialized technologies and services and to expand its operations and long-term research activities.

“CanAssist is a leader in providing innovative technology to British Columbians with disabilities, helping them with everyday activities from riding a bike to using a computer,” said Claude Richmond, minister of Employment and Income Assistance. “We want to help CanAssist build on this success.”

CanAssist is a disabilities assistance program at UVic that blends research and technology development, skill-building and job training, education and awareness. Knowledge transfer, and community engagement and service. It is unique in North America.

A highlight of the grant announcement was a short speech by CanAssist client Dan Spelt, a student at Pacific Christian School who has cerebral palsy. Spelt is wheelchair-bound and has limited muscular and verbal abilities. He wants to study computer science after high school, but is unable to type with his fingers.

“Calling on a keyboard is a limitation that can hinder your ability to access online resources. This device is an advancement in technology that makes that possible,” Spelt said.

“We had nearly 1,500 registrations, a 36-per-cent increase over last year,” said Susan Glaner, manager of Student Transition Services. “Particip-

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“My job has dropped so many times this weekend,” a visiting student told Louise Peters, manager of Student Transition Services. “Partici-

pants have been emailing staff to say how much they enjoyed the day.”

“They were among the hundreds of high school students during Experience UVic on May 24.

“We are very excited that UVic has been highlighted through this project, visit www.integra-

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The Vikings women’s field hockey team will have a chance to compete for their 11th national title this fall at home turf. Last month, Canadian Interuniversity Sport confirmed that UVic will host the 2008 women’s field hockey national championships Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

As host, UVic is assured a spot at the national competition, although the Vikings are habitual medal contenders. Since head coach Lyne Bercroft took over the program in 1979, the Vikings have qualified for the national championships 24 times and have only missed the medal podium once. Last year the Vikings won the bronze medal. They won their last title in 2002.

The Division of Continuing Studies’ Promotion and Publications unit won its first award at the CAUCE conference in London, Ontario, on May 29. Continuing Studies Web Developer Matt Salik had primary responsibility for developing and implementing the site.

Prof. Emeritus John Money (history) has been honoured by The Historical Journal, Cambridge University’s top history journal. In celebration of its 50th anniversary, the journal has allowed special electronic access to the 20 most influential articles published in its pages. One of them is Money’s 1971 article “Transvestism and the American Revolution.”

Dr. Cathy Richardson (social work) was invited to attend the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York from April 21 to May 2. The forum’s theme: Climate Change, Bio-

Cultural Diversity and Livelihoods: The Stewardship Role of Indigenous Peoples and New Challenges, raised issues regarding preservation of Indigenous knowledge and eco-

systems, stopping the advance of the American military in the Pacific, protecting women and children and dealing with issues of forced migration. Richardson participated in the Indigenous Women’s Caucus which put forth an intervention on the need to address the safety and well-being of women. She is forging a research alliance with the Centre for Northern Families in Yellowknife and is studying the advancement of Indigenous families in the north.

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helps in the rehabilitation process in Eastern Europe by establishing part-

nerships between organizations there and in Canada.

This past September, I introduced Sean to RIV, where he began to work with children with disabilities in an afterschool program and developed an interest in advocacy for people with disabilities. It is with this interest that Sean and I decided to embark on creating a project based on what we had learned at RIV, where rec-

reation is used as a means to integrate and include persons with disabilities into society as a whole.

Working alongside UVic graduate student Yrliana Eksenkulova, Sean and I established communication with an orphanage in Khanty-Mansiysk, which had a number of youths with disabilities. The orphanage director expressed interest in hosting Sean and me, and the groundwork was laid. We developed a program entitled “Integration Through Recreation,” and with the support and sponsorship of RIV, we submitted our idea to CIDA and were awarded $10,000 to commence our project this coming July.

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This research has its roots in the community

BY TARA SHARPE

The University of Victoria was the site of a major international gathering last month, thanks to a predigous effort on the part of numerous organizers including the team led by UVic's Of- fice of Community-Based Research (OCBR).

CUexpo 2008 took place at UVic from May 4-7 and was the largest as- sembly of university- and community- based researchers in Canadian history. Over 500 delegates from more than a dozen countries including India, Cuba, Turkey, the US, the UK, Belgium and Sweden were on campus taking part in roundtable discussions, poster ex- hibits, workshops and presentations as well as off-site walking tours and field trips.

Community-based research (CBR) is literally rooted in communities: research stems from projects being carried out collaboratively on the front lines of social, economic and environmental activism to influence positive change locally, nationally and globally. CUexpo 2008 was a natural expression of this in its stimulation of new ideas, sharing of struggles and successes, and fostering of existing collaborations in pursuit of action-oriented solutions.

The range of topics covered at CUexpo 2008 reflected the immensity and importance of the issues explored by CBR, including workshops or pres- entations related to low-cost housing and the importance of the issues explored by CBR to host the largest gather- ing of community-based research- ers in Canadian history.

Another UVic example of CBR is the "Aboriginal Perspectives and Issues of Cultural Diversity" project presented at CUexpo 2008. UVic as- sistant professor Sandra de Finney (child and youth care) and the Sur- rounded by Cedars Child and Fam- ily Services agency are developing an adoptions model for Victoria's urban, off-reserve communities. It is meant to address the issue of high numbers of Aboriginal children being placed in non-Aboriginal homes.

CanAssist, a non-profit program for devising innovative technology and mobility solutions for persons with disabilities, was another UVic highlight at CUexpo 2008 and is pro- fessed on page 3 of The Ring.

In the background of CUexpo 2008, a social media experience offered an array of networking tools and tools to CUexpo 2008 participants. A Facebook profile (www.facebook.com/pages/ CUexpo08 11442833517) was set up in advance to get the online chat started and to connect participants with discussions, photographs, videos and more. A dedicated CUexpo 2008 weblog continued the conversation in blog format (http://cuexp08.wordpress. com/), and interviews with CUexpo 2008 participants are available on YouTube through a link on the blog site.

"Social networking online is clearly an important part of the way we now communicate," says UVic Web Initiatives Officer Robin Sutherland (UVic Communications) who oversaw the CUexpo 2008 social media experi- ment. "It was a very good fit with a conference on networking universities and communities and has preserved many of the voices and perspectives that were important here. We are strongly encouraging our employees to fit this way of collaborating publicly and sharing their expertise with their communities."

The imprint left by CUexpo 2008, embedded within the experience of the participants and on the pages of the social networking pages, will serve as a legacy of knowledge and insight that can be taken back to communities and enhance programs that flow from the networking and invaluable research of civic engagement.

Q&A with Budd Hall

Budd Hall, director of UVic’s Office of Community-Based Research

Q: What did it mean to be UVic and OCBR—as national leaders of CBR—to host the largest gather- ing of community-based research- ers in Canadian history?

Hall: It allowed us to showcase some of the exciting work being done in Victoria and the region by community and university partners working on issues of importance not only to our communities but to others in Canada and worldwide.

Q: What were some of the exciting new ideas, projects and people that you encountered at the symposium?

Hall: The work of the village-based Mapam- bo Multiversity in Uganda to support the development of “Mother- tongue” education was very innovative. The stories from Services aux Collectivités from the Université du Québec à Montréal which has been going for nearly 30 years was inspiring. Learning about the work led by persons with HIV/AIDS with the Ontario HIV/AIDS Treatment network was powerful. Learning from the Vincent DePaul Foundation, the Bay of Quinte First Nations scholar, was truly inspirational, as was the presentation by Rajesh Tandon, the founder of India’s HIV/AIDS Treatment Network who was power- ful. We need to figure out how best to do that. UVic will provide a secretariat for the Pan-Canadian Network for Community-Based Research. We need to figure out how best to do that. Most importantly we need to see how best the energies, ideas, best practices and just plain inspiration that came from CUexpo 2008 can be used to advance action on the complex issues facing our own community.

Q: What role do you foresee the OCBR playing in the months and years to come in relation to fur- ther these discussions?

Hall: Our first task is to make sure that as many of the presentations, texts presented, photographs, videos and audios recordings as possible find their way to the social networking sites. We need to produce a report of the key issues put forward at CUexpo 2008 to use to inform the federal granting councils of what communities and their allies need to be able to move this work forward. UVic will provide a secretariat for the Pan-Canadian Network for Community-Based Research. We need to figure out how best to do that. Most importantly we need to see how best the energies, ideas, best practices and just plain inspiration that came from CUexpo 2008 can be used to advance action on the complex issues facing our own community.
Honouring four exemplary public servants

The University of Victoria will present honorary degrees to four outstanding individuals for their dedication to public service in areas ranging from public administration in Canada to the grassroots empowerment of India’s poor. The degrees will be conferred during 2008 Spring Convocation ceremonies, June 5 to 6, in the University Centre Fair Auditorium.

Eliza Chan (honorary doctor of laws, to be presented at 10 a.m., June 6) graduated from UVic in 1988 with a bachelor of laws degree. She has been recognized with China’s Top 100 Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Award and the Bronze Bahlina Star, conferred by the chief executive of Hong Kong for her contributions to the education and health care sectors.

Ian D. Clark (honorary doctor of laws, 10 a.m., June 5) is a former Rhodes Scholar for Canada to the grassroots empowerment of India’s poor. Clark’s career has included postings as secretary of the federal treasury board, Canada’s executive director to the International Monetary Fund, and president of the Council of Ontario Universities. He was the first senior official to develop organized links between the federal public service and the academic community in order to improve public policy-making.

Donald R. Rix (honorary doctor of science, 2:30 p.m., June 6) is a medical doctor, scientist, entrepreneur, and humanitarian. A pioneering "venture philanthropist," Rix was the founder of MDS Metro Laboratory Services, the largest independent medical laboratory in BC. He has also been an investor, advisor, and board member of companies and organizations engaged in the province’s life sciences sector. Rix has also served on the boards of several non-profit organizations and has actively promoted the importance of supporting higher education and research.

Rajesh Tandon (honorary doctor of laws, 2:30 p.m., June 5) was raised in the industrial city of Kanpur, India, and became one of the more respected world leaders in the areas of civic engagement and governance, and community-based research. As founder and president of the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (SPERA), he has strengthened the capacity of grassroots non-governmental agencies in India and other parts of the world by addressing rural development, poverty and exploitation issues in collaboration with the poor and the marginalized.

An honorary degree is the university’s top honour and is awarded by the university senate based on the recipient’s distinction in scholarship, research, teaching, the creative arts, or public service. At the University of Victoria, the University Medal is the top award, followed by the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement in Business, and the Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Service. The university’s highest honour is the Chancellor’s Medal, awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the university or the community.

By issuing honorary degrees, the University of Victoria recognizes the achievements and contributions of individuals who have made significant contributions to society. These degrees serve as a symbol of appreciation and recognition for the recipient’s contributions to the field of study or profession and are a testament to the recipient’s dedication and excellence.

TRIPLE MEDAL WINNER

BY MARK VARDY

Graduating with three prestigious awards, Aaron Kaspar is in the enviable position of having a plethora of career options to choose from. But after the years of intense study and hard work that led to an A+ graduating average, Kaspar said he is looking forward to some serious recreation.

"I don’t want to just dive into what ever comes up first, I want to step back and see what’s out there, what I can do, and what I’m interested in," Kaspar says. "And I want to bike, and ski." Kaspar won the Governor General’s Silver Medal for top undergrad, the APEGBC Gold Medal for the highest graduating GPA amongst all BENG and BSEG graduates, and the IEEE Victoria Section Gold in Software Engineering.

Kaspar, who grew up around Fort St. John, capped off his degree in software engineering with a specialization in mechatronics, a relatively new field that incorporates electrical, mechanical and software engineering. For his final project, he designed and built an autonomous blimp with two sensors and all sorts of things. And then we had to program it to fly straight down the hallway by itself, Kaspar says.

Short videos embedded in Kaspar’s final report, which is posted online (search the UVic website for “Auto-blimp” and “Kaspar” to find it), show a four-foot silver zeppelin navigating its way down the middle of a hallway.

“[It sounds like a simple project, but just getting it to do that simple task is a lot of work,]” says Kaspar. Indeed, his detailed report documents the minutiae his team were dealing with, such as the unacceptable lag time of several milliseconds that it took for waves bounced by sonar off the wall to travel back to the sensor. (They incorporated a system that allowed the Autoblimp to execute other tasks while waiting for input from the sonar.) Kaspar enjoys mechatronics and will likely pursue it in the future. But while he sorts through career options, there’s something more immediate on his mind. He recently moved to Whistler for the skiing and mountain biking. "I love just going out for a ride for three hours and seeing where a trail goes," Kaspar says. "That’s my goal for the summer—bike a whole lot."
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Her co-op placements included working with Eco-Care Technologies in North Saanich developing an environmentally friendly herbicide; with Agriculture and Agrifood Canada designing and running trials of a trap to control wireworm infestation which threatens field crops and with the Ministry of Forests conducting surveys of invasive alien plants for a GIS database. She also did a directed study and co-op work term at the Pacific Forestry Centre, working on identification and inventory of bark beetles.

Co-op created a huge network for me when I graduated and it’s really why I now have a job.”

Aside from schoolwork, Bland has travelled extensively and particularly enjoyed a stint working as a volunteer on a sea turtle breeding beach in Costa Rica.

As for her future plans, Bland hopes to continue with a career focused on invasive species control and conservation of native Canadian flora and fauna, with graduate school in her sights sometime after her current term position is over.

By Tara Sharpe

Psych grad and rowing champ now wears a stethoscope

The relentless pace of hospital hallways and operating rooms is all too familiar to Adam Cota, who takes to a busy schedule like a rower to water: he has already earned two undergraduate degrees from UVic and is now in his third year of the Island Medical Program.

Cota graduated in November 2007 from the Faculty of Social Sciences (psychology) and is receiving this year’s Social Sciences Jubilee Medal. But it certainly didn’t start or end with one degree for Cota.

He was lured from Ontario to the West Coast and transferred from UBC to UVic in 1996, drawn by the possibility of rowing throughout the year. He started the sport in grade 9 in hometown Kingston, ON, while attending Trinity College School. He continued to keep his oars in the water while undertaking his first degree (biochemistry) awarded in 1999.

From 2001 to 2003, Cota trained with the Canadian rowing team based in Victoria. He took time off from his studies for the two-year intensive period when he and his teammates had their sights set on major international competitions such as the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

“Competitive rowing on a national level is all-consuming,” Cota says. “After I retired in the summer of 2003, I was able to focus completely on psychology and medicine.”

Well, not quite. Cota also runs full marathons. Last June, he took part in the eighth annual Edge to Edge Marathon from Tolmo to Ucluelet.

From January 2007 till last month, Cota was also volunteering at the AIDS Vancouver Island needle exchange. Every Friday night he was behind the counter handing out clean needles and other paraphernalia.

Cota will complete his medical degree in June 2009 as a member of the second class to complete the Island Medical Program. He intends to pursue a residency in orthopaedic surgery in hopes of setting up practice on Vancouver Island. A five-year residency is standard for general orthopaedic surgery, but Cota wants to add one additional year to allow for specialization.

So fast is his pace. Cota might easily bear his own heartbeat when he holds up the stethoscope. Based on his level of dedication, there will also be a healthy dose of compassion in every patient visit.

By Tara Sharpe
Love of language motivates top humanities grad

BY PATTY PITTS

Kathleen Gaudet had “no Italian in my background whatsoever” when she was selected to attend grade 12 at the United World College of the Adriatic in Trieste, Italy. But that year of study started an ongoing love affair with the Italian language, leading to this year’s Humanities Jubilee Medal for being the outstanding undergraduate in her faculty.

Raised and educated in Victoria, Gaudet enrolled in UVic to study Italian and Linguistics along with German. A second trip to Italy after her first year of studies confirmed her attachment to the language. “I’ve always been drawn to languages and linguistics in general and Italian in particular,” says Gaudet, preparing to spend yet another summer in Italy. “It’s such a musical language and has tremendous traditions in literature.”

Gaudet managed to “immerse” herself in the language, despite studying it on the West Coast, by watching Italian films and reading Italian literature. “Reading Dante and Boccaccio in their original language is so gratifying,” she says. “The English translations just don’t do them justice.”

She also made extensive use of the Internet. “There are so many online resources like Italian newspapers that are accessible for free. I don’t know what I’d do without the Internet.”

“When I will remember about Kathleen is the unwavering quality of all her contributions to the courses she took with me,” says Hispanic and Italian studies professor Lloyd Howard. “Whether it was the course on Dante in English or the one on Carlo Goldoni in Italian, her work was consistently exceptional, reflecting a rare knack for critical thinking that she communicated skillfully in two different languages.”

This summer she plans six weeks more of “la dolce vita” before leaving to begin PhD studies in Italian at the University of Toronto on a five-year scholarship. “I would love to become an Italian professor,” says Gaudet, pondering her long-term future. But first she plans to “Speak Italian to Italians, lay on the beach and read Italian books and stock up on Italian DVDs” in Italy.

JUBILEE MEDALLIST IN HUMANITIES

Grads champion child care in Africa

BY CHRISTINE MCLAREN

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ified international exposure with renowned experts without having to relocate to pursue graduate studies.

“I found the course content so relevant to my work,” says Addison. “It provided me with closer linkages between theory and practice.”

Along the way she balanced her heavy work- load, engaging course work and a fulfilling family life, excelling in all areas.

Opportunities for networking within the program were invaluable and provided a plat- form to share experiences and best practices on issues relevant to each student. “We were one big family seeking to improve the health and welfare of all our children.”

Her role as a mother is at the root of her dedication and tireless commitment to the children of her country. “Recognizing the im- portance of the early years and contributing our quota of support is what really matters,” says Addison. “But in all of this my role as a mother was taken precedence over everything.”

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French teacher immersed in learning

BY CRISTAL BERGERON

Being a mother can be trying at the best of times. Being a mother of a young daughter and returning to school can be downright difficult. Just ask Hélène Poulin, the winner of the 2008 Maxwell Cameron Award in Elementary Education.

"Challenges are many for a mother who is returning to school after spending years in the work force," says Poulin. "I was fortunate to meet the right people at the beginning of my time at UVic. My program professors provided invaluable experiences to me that allowed me to develop teaching strategies appropriate to second language acquisition, something I really need as a French immersion teacher." Born and raised in Saint-Léonard, Québec, Poulin completed a college diploma in wildlife management before venturing west to immerse herself in the English language and a stage of her life. She fell in love with Victoria the moment she arrived at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal. "As a result, UVic was a natural choice because it not only allows children to learn a second language in a very natural way, it also allows them to learn a different culture and opens their mind to differences."

Currently working on call with the Greater Victoria School District, Poulin hopes to get her own classroom soon. And she’s already thinking of grad school. "There are still so many questions that I have, especially about second language acquisition and immersion programs." Consistently ranked as excellent throughout her practice, Poulin was described by her university supervisor as "extremely well organized and eager to take responsibility for her students." She uses a creative approach to teaching that includes a strong sense of beliefs and humanitarian values to provide innovative ways to learn for her students. Poulin recently connected with a First Nations legend with a space theme to stimulate the children’s interest in science education.

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"I wanted to continue doing fuel cell research and with there wasn’t much in Sweden," said Poulin. "After getting a master’s degree in energy engineering at the University of Umeå in northern Sweden, Kjeang knew he was passionate about fuel cells. "I wanted to continue doing fuel cell research, and there wasn’t much in Sweden," he said.

"When the opportunity came up to study at UVic, it was a pretty simple decision. The possibility to combine cutting-edge fuel cell research with a great lifestyle and outdoor adventures fit me like a glove."

At UVic, Kjeang designed microfluidic fuel cells—tiny power generators the size of a hair. While Ballard fuel cell stacks are powerful enough for automotive applications, it would take thousands of the tiny microfluidic fuel cell arrays to power a vehicle.

Kjeang designed and tested around 50 microfluidic fuel cells architectures, which are still sitting in a box at UVic. He called his doctoral work at UVic with a laugh. "I think doing your PhD is a great way to get exposed to research and to learn how to run your own research project." Kjeang said, "You pick something that has a good chance of success, you work hard and you don't give up—and hopefully it will bear fruit."

Grad has knock for giving back

By Christine McLaren

Dianne Buchan, Indigenous governance master's grad, credits her community with instilling in her the desire to learn and the passion to give back.

"All I really knew was that I wanted to give back to my community," says Buchan, who grew up in Winnipeg but spent summers at the family home in Bearskin Lake First Nation, a remote reserve in Northwestern Ontario and part of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation.

Buchan’s Indigenous heritage and family encouragement compelled her to seek higher education and discover more fully the issues, history, frameworks and relationships that make up who she is. Capacity building and community leadership were at the heart of her personal commitment to higher education. Her passion for the need to assist First Nations communities in their evolving relationships with all levels of government and community organizations drove her to excel.

After receiving a bachelor of arts in history and Native studies, she went on to complete a bachelor’s in education so she could return to Bearskin and give back to the community that provided her with an educational foundation and a yearning to learn. Hired as the sole high school teacher in the community, she says, “I firmly believe that learned more than I could ever teach to my classroom of nine students.”

She deferred entrance into the Indigenous governance master’s program in order to fulfill another year of teaching in her community. "I wanted to give more to my community and continue to build solid relationships with my students, family and friends.”

In receipt of two scholarships from her traditional territory for academic excellence and with strong support from her family, she moved to Victoria and embarked on her masters in Indigenous governance. Buchan credits the program with transforming her way of thinking critically and analytically and providing her with a framework of strong values and concepts of Indigenous governance.

Currently she is working as a policy analyst in the First Nations Health Council for the Union of BC Indian Chiefs in Vancouver. She will continue to seek ways to contribute her research toward better governance and to learn how to run your own research project."

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Tapping into sweet potential

BY VIVIAN KEREKI

Deirdre Bruce has a soft spot for the maple and a sweet tooth: a perfect combination.

Though it’s on our flag, the identifiable 11-point maple leaf does not conjure pleasant feelings for many BC foresters. In fact, in the BC forest industry, the bigleaf maple is considered a pest: the wood grade is low and when chopped, the tree sprouts vigorous offshoots that shade out valuable crop species like fir and cedar. Pesticide treatment is often used.

But as recent UVic geography master’s graduate Bruce discovered, the bigleaf maple has much to offer—namely it’s sweet elixir: the maple syrup.

For her thesis, she studied the sap’s sugar makeup, an important first step to incorporating the syrup into value-added products such as beer, chocolates, and fudge.

With the financial support of the BC Agroforestry Development Initiative, Bruce partnered with Cowichan Valley’s Glennora Farms and UVic’s Tree Ring Lab. Between December 2006 and March 2007, she tapped approximately 1,400 maple trees in the Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, and Port Alberni.

Bruce discovered that the sap’s content is mainly sucrose, with higher levels of fructose and glucose than eastern Canada’s sugar maple. The end result? A darker syrup than eastern Canada’s sugar maple.

For now, Bruce is working with the Pacific Forestry Centre with plants and greenhouses, but she plans to stay involved with the syrup industry. She hopes to make the community aspect of maple tapping and how people of all ages can get outdoors and participate in the winter activity.

Two Island breweries, Craig Street Brew Pub and Spinnakers, are interested in using bigleaf syrup for making beer, and with a unique, homegrown product, Bruce believes the cottage industry will attract followers of the 100-mile Diet and the Slow Food movement.

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VICTORIA MEDALLIST IN FINE ARTS

BY VIVIAN KEREKI

This year’s top fine arts student and winner of the Victoria Medal in Powell River-raised Carli Kennedy.

The best part about studying at UVic’s School of Music, says the guitar specialist, is the feeling of family and support she received from her peers.

“Everyone cheers at the top of their lungs,” explains Kennedy. “I’m going to miss that element so much.”

Although Kennedy can’t take her ‘UVic family’ with her after graduation, she’ll be far from alone; she is often seen with—and confused with—her identical twin Julie Kennedy.

Kennedy has performed at UVic functions, and taught private lessons to students ranging from six years old to adults. She enjoys sharing her knowledge and says she learns a lot from her students. “They are always so enthusiastic. I leave feeling very inspired.”

 Kennedy says she’s always worked hard and been focused on school, but feels lucky because she really enjoys learning.

Kennedy has many dreams and goals as a musician, but for now she plans to stay in Victoria for a year or two while taking the steps towards a career as a performer. The sisters are in the process of recording a demo CD and will be performing at several local venues over the summer. They also plan to perform in as many competitions as possible.

When asked about a favourite style of music, Kennedy can’t decide. Her iPod holds everything from classical symphonies and guitar to jazz and country. She admires Norah Jones, John Mayer, and Michael Bublé as mainstream contemporary artists, and feels partial to BC talent. “I’m a total coastal girl,” says Kennedy who is also an avid swimmer and likes hiking and skiing.

Catch the award-winning Kennedy sisters at the Peninsula Country Market at the Saanich Fairgrounds June 21 and July 26. Visit their website, cjkennedy.com, for more details on upcoming performances.

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Profos give back to support science education

BY PATTY PITTS

During their careers as university professors, Vancouver Island residents Mildred Shaw and Brian Gaines shared a deep desire to help their students become engaged in science, mathematics and technology. The couple also encouraged their university students to inquire those they taught in a similar way.

Now retired, the couple will continue to assist students through a donation of over $500,000 to the Faculty of Education to establish the Constructivist Education Resources Network (CER-Net). It will assist UVic education faculty and students to advance their research and develop resources in science, mathematics and technology education. Shaw and Gaines will also continue to donate to the fund on an annual basis.

The couple practiced “constructivist education,” empowering students to understand how they each construct meaning from their current knowledge and experiences.

Practitioners facilitate students’ understanding of the way in which their cultures and prior experiences affect their learning and help students interpret information in a context that is familiar to them.

In the 1980s, Shaw developed several software systems to help learners to understand their individual constructive processes. Gaines, in addition to holding several academic appointments in his career, was a founding director of several companies.

“We have been generously funded throughout our careers and it is a pleasure in retirement for us to be able to support the next generation,” says Gaines. “We encourage further donations to this fund.”

“Faculties of medicine, science and engineering are often high profile forcs in gifts to universities, while the significant role of faculties of education in providing all students with a working knowledge of these disciplines can be overlooked,” says Shaw. “General science education, especially in schools, provides the motivation for our future scientists and engineers and lays the foundation for everyone to have informed engagements in science technology, societal and environmental issues.”

“We are honoured that Dr. Shaw and Dr. Gaines share in our mission to produce world-class educators,” says UVic Dean of Education Ted Raeken. “Their gifts and future contributions will ensure we are able to continue to prepare teachers with a strong background in constructivist learning theories that are applicable in a wide range of educational settings.”

Originally from England, Shaw is a computer scientist and psychologist and a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, the British Computer Society and the British Psychological Society. Gaines, also from England, is an engineer and psychologist and a Fellow of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the British Computer Society and the British Psychological Society.
Master's grad explores the intersection of technology and ethics

BY MARK VARDY

Brandi Field was walking to the UVic campus when she saw a sign advertising a garage sale. But where many of us would simply absorb the mundane appearance of the sign, Field turned her reflections on that sign into a master’s in English essay that won this year’s Lieutenant Governor’s Silver Medal.

The garage sale sign was printed from a computer. She thought how at one time, the sign would have been written by hand, enabling her to glean something about its author.

“Suddenly occurred to me I should look into the experiences of the subject as mediated through the computer,” she said from her home in Winnipeg.

That impetus, together with an abiding interest in science fiction and the philosophical material covered in seminar classes, led to her essay with the impressive, if somewhat overwhelming, title: “From Death to Democracy: Technosocial Potential in Gibson’s Cyberspace and the Digital Humanities.”

“I just tell people I studied science fiction,” she says. Pressed a little further, Field revealed that she applied fiction, “she says. Pressed a little frustrated? Because you think, ‘We just putting it away; it’s going to affect me know how you read and you get frustrated? Because you think, ‘We can take your place at the moment of our own mortality. Responsibility is born from the fact that nobody else can take your place at the moment of death. However, in Gibson’s novel, mortality is extended via technologi- 

PROTEOMICS

Funding helps in fight against pine beetle

BY MARIA LIRONI

How can we make trees more resistant to pine beetles? That’s one of the ques- tions scientists at the UVic’s Genome BC Proteomics Centre hope to answer with new million-dollar equipment the federal government is helping to purchase.

The equipment will be used for metabolite research, the study and identification of metabolite products of cells that may be used to distinguish a disease state from a healthy state. Metabolomics is used in a number of areas including the study of plant health.

“Metabolomics in plants is ex- tremely complex compared to hu- mans,” explains Proteomics Centre Director Dr. Christoph Borchers. “While plants have tens of thousands of metabolites, humans have only 0,000. The equipment can provide a compre- hensive analysis of the metabolites that can kill the mountain pine beetle. Once we know what’s making the trees vulnerable we can work on breeding the right trees.”

Western Economic Diversifica- tion Canada is providing $600,000 to buy the machines and the centre will provide $400,000. Equipment includes a high-resolution, high-performance liquid chromatographer, a hybrid mass spectrometer, a robotic liquid handling workstation and bioinfor- matics data storage software.

“Our government understands that investments such as this one will lead to discoveries that not only build educational and professional opportunities for Canadians, but also lead to greater prosperity for us all,” says the Honourable Rona Ambrose, president of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada, minister of Intergovern- mental Affairs and minister of West- ern Economic Diversification. “The metabolic analysis conducted with this new equipment secures the Proteomics Centre’s status as a Canadian leader in the life sciences sector.”

“We’re delighted to have this sup- port as it will expand the centre’s pro- teomic and metabolomic analytical service capabilities for international researchers: increase training op- portunities for our students; and stimulate technology transfer to the market Core.” says UVic President David Turpin.

The UVic Genome BC Proteomics Centre has been providing protein analytical services to more than 200 academic, biotechnology, pharma- ceutical and government laboratories worldwide since 1982, making the Proteomics Centre the longest operating protein core facility in Canada. Sup- ported by a collaborative relationship between the University of Victoria and Genome British Columbia, the centre is a not-for-profit proteomics facility that performs research and operates on a fee-for-service, cost-recovery finance model.
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LAW SOCIETY GOLD MEDALLIST

By David Karp

Meagan Lang has good reason to be proud. She completed the Vancouver International Marathon—all 42.2 kilo-
metres of it—in just over four hours. “To me, that’s really great,” she says. “That’s six minutes a kilometre for 42
kilometres. I didn’t even stop once.”

Lang, who graduated from Uvic in November, found time to train for the May 4 race while clerking with the
BC Court of Appeal. Running isn’t the 26-year-old’s only talent—she’s receiving the Law Society of BC Gold
Medal at this month’s convocation ceremonies as the Uvic law grad with the highest GPA.

“I’m thrilled,” Lang says. “I really enjoyed law school. One of the nice
tings about Uvic is that it’s such a small school, so the faculty is very
involved.”

It’s clear that when Lang applies herself to something, she gets results.
At Uvic, she took advantage of the school’s co-op education program
and moots. She also spent four months at the Law Centre, where Uvic law
students provide free legal advice to people who don’t qualify for legal aid.
“I really learn more by doing than

just hearing,” Lang says. “With co-
op, when you go back after working, you’re sitting in class and you actually
know how to apply things more.”

Lang became interested in law after graduating from the University of
Calgary with a law degree. A school project on an Aboriginal treaty trans-
lated into a research job with Calgary law firm Rath & Company, where Lang
spent a year-and-a-half researching treaty rights and traveling up north to
consult with Aboriginal people.

“It gave me an idea about what lawyers actually do, and I thought
maybe I’d want to go to law school,” Lang recalls.

After she finishes clerking with the
court of Appeal this summer, Lang is
off on a trip to Israel and Jordan before
beginning articling at Vancouver’s
House, Housser & Tupper in September.

“I don’t think I’ll do it again,” Lang
admits. “I find running is such a great
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While but she’s excited about
her future in law, she’s more lukewarm on
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