Traffic survey carried out in October
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departments from Canada and around
world will attend the 83rd annual
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sciences, presenting groundbreaking
research on a wide range of topics.
organized by the Canadian Federation
for the Humanities and Social Sciences,
is the second time UVIC has won a
competitive bid to host the congress.

NEW RESEARCH NETWORK
Helping Indigenous Youth
There’s a new research network
based at UVIC. The Indigenous Child
Welfare Research Network, launched
in February, links researchers, child
welfare agencies and Indigenous
communities to develop research
practices that use the knowledge and
teachings of BC’s Indigenous cultures
to help support Indigenous children
and their families. Story, page 8

TRAFFIC SURVEY
Fewer cars
coming to campus
Single-occupancy vehicle trips to
campus are down, bicycle and public
transit use are way up, more than 6,000
people walk to and from campus daily.
Those are some of the encouraging
findings of a recently released campus
traffic survey carried out in October
2008. Story, page 12

LEADERSHIP VICTORIA AWARDS
Prof honoured for community leadership

A renowned nursing professor who has
worked tirelessly to narrow age-friendly
communities and an outstanding scholar
who has devoted his career to building
bridges between communities are this
year’s winners of the University of Victoria
Community Leadership Awards.

Dr. Elaine Gallagher — director of UVIC’s
Centre on Aging — is internationally recog-
nized for her research on falls and injury
prevention among older people.

Dr. Budd Hall — director of UVIC’s Office
of Community-Based Research (OCBR)
and senior fellow in the university’s Centre
for Global Studies — has worked on the
development of educational methods that
engage all members of the community
including marginalized populations.

The two awards salute exemplary lead-
ship in linking UVIC with the wider com-
munity and enriching the social, cultural
and economic life of our city. The univer-
sity was well represented at the evening
awards reception on Feb. 5 at Victoria’s
Fairmont Empress Hotel. The numerous
nominees affiliated with UVIC included
UVIC neuroscientist Dr. Holly Tsuikko.

“UVIC’s Director of Public Administration Dr.
Evert Lindquist, recently retired Executive
Director of UVIC’s Centre for Non-Profit
Management Gilda Good and past chair
of the UVIC Faculty of Business board of
advisors David Schneider.

“It is a real honor to have my work with
seniors recognized,” says Gallagher, who
has headed UVIC’s Centre on Aging for

Newest research chair wants to move Aristotle into the digital age

A philosopher who wants to explore
the philosophical, historical and social
significance of Aristotle’s logic in the
Middle Ages and make it more acces-
sible through digital technology is the
University of Victoria’s newest Canada
Research Chair announced on Feb. 23.

Dr. Margaret Cameron, currently
a faculty member in UVIC’s Depart-
ment of Philosophy, is the Canada
Research Chair in the Aristotelian
Tradition. She joined the UVIC
faculty in July 2008 after positions
at City University of New York’s
Hunter College and Cambridge
University.

The Canada Research Chairs
program is designed to attract
the best talent from Canada and
around the world, helping universi-
ties achieve research excellence in
natural sciences and engineering,
health sciences, and social sciences
and humanities.

“I really wanted to move back
to Canada,” says Cameron who
attended public schools in Toronto
and earned her PhD in philosophy
from the University of Toronto. “I
benefited from our education system
and I wanted to be able to teach at a
Canadian university. I’ve joined
a young, vibrant, active department
and I see myself doing really
good work with them.”

While Cameron’s research focuses
on a fifth-century BCE philosopher
and how his logical theory was
the basis for all higher education—
be it philosophy, theology, law
and medicine—beginning from the turn
of the 12th century, she envisions a
thoroughly modern method for shar-
ing these Aristotelian works.

“There are so many works out there
but they are in the original languages
of Greek and Latin and the transla-
tion process could take a lifetime,
or several,” says Cameron. “I want to tap
into digital technology to create a
virtual workplace where historians of
philosophy can work collaboratively
to recover and translate Medieval
literature from around the world.”

Cameron points out that Aristo-
telian logic factors strongly in how
today’s philosophers wrestle with
themes that still fascinate them,
such as the philosophy of language,
metaphysics and the nature of argu-
ment. While traditional academic

publications dealing with this area
of research can be very expensive to
produce, Cameron points out that
digital versions, open to scholars
around the world, would have
a relatively low cost.

“This Canada Research Chair af-
fores me the time and the funds to be
able to put something of this scope
on line,” she says.

Cameron’s five-year appointment
is as a $500,000 tier 2 chair, recogniz-
ing exceptional emerging researchers
acknowledged by their peers as har-
ing the potential to lead in their field.
Cameron replaces Tanaki Kukikonen
whose Canada Research Chair in Ar-
istotelian Tradition had expired. UVIC
currently has 34 Canada Research
chairs.gov.ca/
Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year

Telecom leader shares formula for success

By DI ANNE GEORGE

Timing in life is just about everything says Sir Terry Matthews, co-founder of Mitel Networks, a leader in the design and manufacture of enterprise voice systems. At a Feb. 23 campus presentation, Matthews, who has been named the 2009 UVIC Business Distinguished Entrepreneur, told business and engineering students that he might have had a much more prosaic career were it not for an accident of timing.

In 1972, two years after arriving in Canada from Wales, he and friend Michael Cowpland launched Mitel Networks, with the idea of importing lawnmowers to Canada. However, the transatlantic shipping process conspired against them. “Our shipment of mowers was lost at sea and while we waited, winter descended and covered our green lawns with snow.”

The next coincidence of timing occurred with the deregulation of the American telephone giant AT&T. Matthews quit his job with Microsyst International to respond to the demand for telephone equipment. With the introduction of the touch tone receiver and later the software driven PBX telephone call routing system, the two new Mitesi (Mike and Terry) Lawmowers, as they were nicknamed, were able to build $120,000 from friends and family, they worked day and night to get the systems to market faster and cheaper than anyone else. The strategy paid off and 10 years later the company and its investment, were worth millions.

“And that’s the secret,” says Mat- thews. “Timing, hard work, smarts and a little bit of luck. It’s not a magic formula, it’s either founded or funded over 80 com- panies, and none have gone bankrupt. Most have done very well.”

Matthews was on campus to ex-plain a unique internship available through his Ottawa-based Wesley Clover Estates. “We have 50 projects which operate out of Dunsmuir, which offered locations which are sustainable in the long term and the wonderful peninsula residents. New locations are being investigated and we will make every guest feel special and welcome.” The university’s ‘UVIC on the Saanich Peninsula’ program, which operated out of Dunsmuir, will continue to offer programs to peninsula residents. New locations are being investigated and will be announced later this year.

Exchange students bake sale

UVic exchange students are raising funds to support local charity Women in Need (WINN) with a bake sale in the Chemistry building March 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. And watch for their clothes and household items drive in April—a great opportunity to donate household items of use to WINN that you can’t take back home at the end of the term. Info: Shen, 250-721-8349

For several decades, gastrointestinal infections have been among the world’s top four leading causes of death. Now Canada is experiencing a growing list of new food-borne pathogens. In an April 15 public lecture, Dr. Edward Ishiguro (biochemistry and microbiology) will speak on “What Ivor Jones Shook, a Child Later in Salomonna and Other Food-borne Pathogens.”

His presentation will discuss new modes of infection and the emergence of a growing list of new food-borne pathogens.

Ishiguro’s lecture is part of the UVic Mindstorms series, a new series of four lectures by UVic retirees, held on campus for three Wednesday’s—April 15, 22, and May 6—at 7 p.m. in room 105 of the Hickman Building.

“The Arguments of Minds” (Germanic studies) will present Crime and Punishment Revisited: Exploring Restorative Justices.” This talk will explore an alternative view of crime and punishment that offers options for peacemaking and healing for the victim, the offender and the community.

“The Image of the World: Understanding Islamic Art” is the title of Dr. Erica Dode’s (history in art) April 29 lecture. Her presentation will focus on the unity in Islamic art. “Muslims see the world in a way that is common to all Muslims, whoever they are, from and in whatever time they live, and this view is expressed in their art and architecture,” says Dodd.

On May 6, Dr. Ralph Huenemann (business) will talk about “China’s Role in the Global Economy.” China’s influence over the last two decades have been remarkably successful. But recently, and especially since the onset of the global economic crisis, China’s policies have been criticized. His lecture will cover possible policies for China and the implications for other countries.

Last month two University of Victoria students were diagnosed with active tuberculosis, prompting the Vancou-ver Island Health Authority (VIHA) to notify about 320 UVic students and staff to attend skin test clinics on campus as a precautionary measure.

The two students, who are receiving medical care for this highly treatable disease, are no longer attending classes, did not live in student residences and had a close family connection. VIHA recommended to attend the clinics shared classroom and work space with the students. Three separate clinics were held along with follow-up clinics where nurses checked for any short-term reaction to the skin tests. Test results will be confirmed following a second round of testing that will take place in April.

“Testing is a prudent precaution for people possibly exposed through ongoing, closed-room contact with the student,” said Fyfe. “Casual contact in public areas such as a library or cafeteria does not constitute a significant exposure such that testing is required.”

“A TB skin test takes eight to 12 weeks to go from negative to positive in those who have become infected. The risk of active disease in those who become infected is very small and is reduced substantially with completion of a course of preventive treatment which is available to all who become infected.”

Some signs of TB may include prolonged cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, fever or night sweats.

For further information, visit the VIHA website at www.viha.vancouver.ca.
MEET TOM SMITH

WHEN DID YOU JOIN UVIC AND WHAT’S YOUR BACKGROUND?

I started at UVic in November 2008 and feel very fortunate to have been selected for this position. It’s not often you get to step into a role where the things that are important to you personally are also the things that are important to the institution. For me, those issues include sustainability, and practices such as consultation, collaboration and transparency. I’m happy and proud to be here.

Before joining UVic, I was the director of capital management with the provincial Ministry of Education. Prior to that, I was chief of operations with the Upper Grand District School Board in Guelph, Ontario, for many years and also worked in municipal operations for the City of Cambridge.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE WITHIN FACILITIES MANAGEMENT?

I’m here to support the great people we have in the department, who are doing good work and providing high levels of customer service. My staff implement projects once funding has been approved by the vice-president finance and operations, so my role is to oversee those projects and make sure we’re meeting the needs of our clients.

I manage the operating budget and staffing for the department, which includes janitorial, grounds, shops and administrative areas, as well as capital construction.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DEPARTMENT’S CURRENT PROJECTS?

One of the initiatives I’m most proud of is the university’s commitment to sustainability. I attended the Sustainability Summit organized by the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability the first week I was here, and am pleased to see the good things UVic is already doing. I’m very supportive of the new Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Action Plan and excited by the number of sustainability initiatives Facilities Management can get involved with.

This spring we will be holding a workshop within the department to explore opportunities for reducing energy use and incorporating alternative energy sources on campus. Although UVic is mandated by the reporting requirements of the provincial Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy to reduce our carbon footprint, I believe we need to be proactive in looking for long-term solutions that will save energy and also have good payback. For example, our grounds staff have been working on a waste and recycling strategy to divert waste from the landfill that will be up and running in the 2009 budget year and will eventually move UVic to a state-of-the-art waste and recycling system.

Another major area for Facilities Management this year will be building renewal work funded through the federal/provincial infrastructure funding. In addition to the hundreds of minor capital projects our department carries out in a regular year, this new funding will allow UVic to replace systems and components in several of its older buildings. It’s going to be busy across campus, and the job of coordinating this work is going to be complex.

I’m an avid fly fisherman and I am starting to explore the local rivers. My wife and I also enjoy the outdoors—hiking, cycling and kayaking—and have been getting to know the local parks and trails. I also enjoy old British sports cars.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS?

Everywhere I go people have been welcoming, positive and optimistic. I am looking forward to changes within our department so that we can focus on even more on making our operations efficient and customer-focused. We’re also looking at integrating the capital and operations sides of the departments to make our work more coordinated and more rewarding to everyone involved.

I look forward to meeting more people across campus, and ask for their patience as the building renewal projects pick up speed later this year. We will be communicating more detailed information to the campus community once the projects have been approved.

I also encourage any Facilities Management employee to drop in during my monthly “open door” office sessions to talk about any ideas or concerns they may have.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF YOUR WORK LIFE?

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award—the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC’s 2008 Career Achievement Award. A nursing professor, Gallagher was also named Researcher of the Year by the OCRB, who are working to establish action-oriented research partnerships in the areas of homelessness, food security, sustainability and Aboriginal health. Hall has also worked with First Nations communities to build a place in UVic’s Faculty of Education for Aboriginal education that respects and supports Indigenous ways of teaching and learning.

“Our universities belong to everyone, and persons of all ages and every walk of life should feel at home and benefit from our universities,” says Hall. “I am grateful for the opportunity that Victoria and the University of Victoria have given me to support the many remarkable efforts to create a just and sustainable Victoria.”

Hall is a key player with national and global partners and, whenever there is time outside these other endeavours, he can often be found enjoying another passion: he is also a poet.

Other 2009 honorees include the Honourable Ted Hughes and Dr. Helen Hughes, this year’s recipients of Leadership Victoria’s Lifetime Achievement Award and both UVic honorary degree holders; UVic alumnum and Vancity Youth Award winner Ivan Watson, currently a member of UVic’s Alumni Association Board of Directors; and Rotary Clubs of Greater Victoria award winner Trudi Brown, former UVic Chair of the Board of Governors and a Friend of UVic.

Further info: www.leadershipvictoria.ca

Q&A with UVic’s new executive director of Facilities Management

Will your photo grace UVic’s homepage?

It could, if chosen as one of the photo of the month from images uploaded to UVic’s Flickr account. Each month until the end of term, a different judge will choose the favourite UVic Flickr photo to be featured. If you have a great photo of UVic, email it to its snapshots@uvic.ca, or if you’re a Flickr user, join the “University of Victoria” group and add your photos. See www.uvic.ca for details under the “Snapshot” tab.

“Subotz,” UVic’s photo of the month for February, by Karsten Klawitter, second-year environmental studies student

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EXERCISE FOR YOUR MIND

BY SHEILA POTTER

In case you needed one, here’s another good reason to exercise—it can make you smarter.

University of Victoria neuroscientist Dr. Brian Christie was one of the first researchers to discover that exercise stimulates the growth of brain cells in the hippocampus, an area of the brain involved with learning and memory.

The finding debunked the long-held belief that our brains aren’t able to produce new cells—known as neurons—as we age.

“We now know that new neurons are produced continually throughout our lives and that this process can be ramped up or dampened by our lifestyle,” says Christie. “In other words, the better we take care of our brains, the better they function.”

Christie studies the biological mechanisms in the brain that are activated by exercise. A deeper understanding of these mechanisms may ultimately result in new approaches to establishing, maintaining and even enhancing brain cells and their connections as we age.

The applications of Christie’s research are astonishingly broad. Exercise seems to reduce the impact of any stress on the brain, whether the stress comes from a hard day at work or from such neurological disorders as Alzheimer’s disease, anxiety, stroke or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD).

FASD refers to a spectrum of disorders associated with poor learning, attention, memory and behavioral problems. “FASD is a tricky problem, because a lot of women don’t realize that they are pregnant in the early stages and can consume alcohol unwittingly, and they may not be aware of the toxic effects of alcohol on the developing fetus,” says Christie. “The bottom line is that no amount of alcohol is safe when you’re pregnant.”

The link between FASD and exercise first occurred to Christie at a medical conference. “The presenter was describing how children with FASD have fewer neurons in their hippocampus, and that these neurons are less branched,” he says. “This is the diametric opposite of the positive effects of exercise. It was a definite ‘aha’ moment.”

Using sophisticated microscopy and protein chemistry techniques, Christie and his team have demonstrated that exercise promotes the growth of new neurons in FASD brains, and that these neurons are better able to communicate with each other.

In fact, Christie was surprised by how big a difference exercise makes for FASD compared to other brain disorders he has studied. He believes daily exercise should be a key treatment for FASD, guessing that an hour a day, continuous or broken up, might be enough.

Christie notes that FASD can be very difficult to diagnose and children showing symptoms are often misdiagnosed with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). These kids are typically discouraged from running around for fear they will get overexercised—clearly a bad strategy given his findings.

Christie and his team are now looking at the effects of different amounts of alcohol at various stages of pregnancy. They’re also investigating sex differences—it’s possible that testosterone makes developing brains more susceptible to alcohol damage, making FASD worse in boys.

Christie’s research is supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.

It’s not too late to quit

There is still time to join the university’s tobacco-free workplace initiative, UVic and the Canadian Cancer Society (BC and Yukon Division) have teamed up to offer a Quit and Win contest for university staff and faculty.

Thirty-six participants signed up for round one of the campaign, which began Feb. 2. “We’re hoping that even more people will participate in round two,” says Heather Perry of UVic Occupational Health, Safety and Environment.

“We are offering a lot of encouragement to participants, including support groups and weekly email updates, to help people eliminate tobacco from their lives and stay smoke-free.”

Employees who would like to participate in round two can pick up their Quit Kits, including resources and a one-week sample of nicotine replacement therapy, March 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University Centre.

The contest will run from March 16 to April 24.

Employees who use tobacco are encouraged to partner up with non-smoking coworkers, who can support them through the challenges of quitting.

Participants who quit for six to 12 weeks, and their support buddies, will be eligible to win great prizes, including $75 HBC gift certificates and the grand prize of a trip for two to Seattle, including transportation and accommodation. The grand prize draw will take place April 24.

The Canadian Cancer Society is a proud member of the British Columbia Healthy Living Alliance (BCHLA), a group of health-related organizations working in disease prevention. To help meet BCHLA’s healthy living targets, the Society is leading a tobacco-free workplace program for workers aged 19-29 and working with communities to build capacity for healthy living.

Info: www.uvic.ca/clearair or clearair@uvic.ca

Pies go ballistic

Engineering student Eric Slaughter, above, is shown after receiving a pie in the face for always being on Facebook. Until March 15 you can help raise money for charity by buying justice from the pre-hearing months of the Order of Pi. (www.engr.uvic.ca/~pi). Photo: UVic photo services

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Aboriginal communities. "Diversity, research and the academy

Dawn and Women in the Shadows. Welsh relied on funding through the National Film Board of Canada and took turns off from teaching to do the filming because students had to qualify for course releases. Even in the Faculty of Fine Arts, says film professor Maureen Bradley, people struggle to see how artistic work is also academic.

Like all scholars, artists in an academic setting need to create or perish. Bradley has directed over 40 short films, which she says all explicitly deal with diversity issues of sexuality, gender or class. Her main interest is how media constructs identity.

"Growing up as a young queer woman in a working-class environment, I never saw myself portrayed on TV—let alone in a positive, respectful or even intelligent way," she said. But through her work she saw her world changing. In 1996 she was a writer/director on CBC's Road Movies. "I believe I was the first person to come out as queer on a major national TV series in Canada," before Ellen. "Art and literature fit into the definition of research as the creation of new knowledge," Bradley explained. "They help us understand human experience."

Diversity forum video shared on line

Making academic information relevant and accessible to diverse audiences is more than the topic of several discussions at the Indigenous and Diversity Research Forum, it was in practice as the Virtual Learning hub screened the whole conference on their website. This allowed North Island Aboriginal communities, and anybody else interested, to view the discussions from home.

UVic students also video recorded the entire conference. Their videos will be posted on web.uvic.ca/vlr/diversity. The website for the Virtual Learning Lodge where future conferences will be streamed live is video.uvic.ca.
**RESEARCH EXCELLENCE**

UVic faculties honour top scholars

Each year, several UVic faculties confer awards for excellence in research to faculty members who have made significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge in their field. In this issue, we profile four recent recipients of such awards for leading-edge work in international finance, nano-magnetization dynamics, Victorian popular literature and global corporate power.

**DR. WILLIAM CARROLL** (sociology) has been tracking social movements and analyzing corporate power structures since the 70s, and he knows first-hand there is a lot more involved than just "teaching the world to sing." In recognition of his extensive research in the field, Carroll is the recipient of the 2008 Faculty of Social Sciences Research Excellence Award.

Carroll has been a member of UVic’s sociology department since 1981. His major research interests revolve around mapping structures of corporate power, in Canada and globally, and exploring the forms through which social movement activists attempt to create change.

On two occasions, Carroll has been awarded the Canadian Sociology Association’s John Porter Memorial Prize (1998, 2006) for outstanding scholarly studies, for his research on corporate power in a globalizing world. He is the only scholar to receive this book award twice, with both books having become near classics in the field.

Carroll says, "When we live in interesting times with the medieval meltdown," says Carroll, "and right now we are seeing dramatic reshaping of the landscapes of corporate capital. It will be interesting to explore the effects of the financial meltdown on the global corporate network," this is where Carroll intends to turn next.

In the past five years alone, Carroll has published four books, authored 11 articles and six book chapters, and presented 25 research papers at academic conferences around the world. He has been an active and influential member of the Canadian Sociology Association and was editor of the Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology from 2000 to 2003. He also serves on the executive committee of the Economy and Society Research Committee of the International Sociology Association, is affiliated with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and Sociologists Without Borders, and is director of UVic’s new interdisciplinary Undergraduate Program in Social Justice Studies.

**DR. BYUNG-UCHI CHOI** (physics and astronomy) has made big progress in studying the very small and the very fast, for which he has received the Faculty of Science’s 2007/08 award for Research Excellence.

Choi is a leading researcher in the field of spintronics, and specifically ultrafast magnetization dynamics. One of very few Canadian scientists in this field, he studies the dynamics of magnetization switching that occur on time scales of 50 picoseconds (50 trillionths of a second) and on sub-micron length scales (less than one millionth of a metre).

His work has great potential for significant applications in the field of electronics, including development of new high-density storage media, magnetic computer memory and processors. Choi has published nearly four dozen papers in leading journals and another two dozen scholarly articles in conference proceeding volumes.

His award citation states that “what distinguishes this body of work is a combination of theory and experiment... a rare combination that allows him to probe physical phenomena with rather remarkable insight.”

In Choi’s work, there is a very close relationship between pure, fundamental research and its practical application. “In the study of magneto-dynamics, there is a simple model that has been used to describe what happens during these magnetic reversals,” says Choi. “In our studies, a combination of experimental and theoretical work is used to extend and refine this model. This helps us gain more information about what is going on, and that can lead to further application of this knowledge.”

Choi came to UVic in 2002, following postdoctoral work at the Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge and at the University of Alberta. At UVic, he was charged with building a research group in condensed matter physics, which includes the fields of superconducting, semiconductor and nanomagnetism. In the six years since, he has led the creation of an internationally recognized lab that has put UVic on the condensed matter physics map.

**DR. BASMA MAJERBI**’s research into international finance and emerging market currency risks in stock markets earned her the Faculty of Business Excellence in Research Award for 2007/08.

Majorbi is an associate professor in the Faculty of Business and a UVic Scholar. Her research interests include such topics as international asset pricing, currency modeling and testing, the benefits of international diversification and the impact of exchange risk on international portfolio investments, and the role of financial system development in economic growth.

Her research into how exchange rate volatility influenced stock market returns in emerging countries, and how this affected the pricing of global risks in the broader world equity markets also led to major publications in three top business journals and a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant.

**Kim Hart-Wesley of the Faculty of Law has been appointed associate vice-president (research) and academic relations. Reporting to the vice-president academic and provost, she will be responsible for all faculty relations matters, including recruitment and retention, negotiations of agreements and support and training of academic administrators. Hart-Wesley has most recently served as associate dean academic and research in the Faculty of Law and was southern director of the Aktivairg Law School Program from 1997 to 2005. She received her LLB from UVic in 1991 and joined the Faculty of Law as a senior instructor in 2001. Her term began March 1.**

**Grant Hughes** joined UVic Feb. 9 as director of community relations. Hughes comes to UVic from the Royal BC Museum, where he served as the deputy director of curatorial services, in which position he developed and implemented a multi-year civic engagement program supporting the museum’s strategic plan. The museum’s program engaged more than 100 community groups and resulted in 191 civic engagement projects across BC. He was on the advisory board of the UVic-managed Community University Research Alliance (CURA) from 2001–05 and has chaired several projects with Indigenous communities focused on joint research and exhibitions. Hughes holds an MSC and BSc in biology and a diploma in public administration, all from UVic.

**continuing studies in Latin America**

Dean of Continuing Studies, Maureen Macdonald and Roger A. Howden, director of Continuing Studies in Education (front row, fifth and sixth from right), attend ceremonies in Xalapa, Mexico, in January to honour 157 students who completed the Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language program, shown here with family members. This is the third group of teachers from the State of Veracruz who have participated in the program since its inception in 2000. Macloud and Howden also attended a similar ceremony in Puerto Rico, recognizing a total of 34 certificate recipients. The teachers attended classes at UVic from Jan. 14 through Aug. 8, 2008, and then completed the online component of the program on their return home.
significant contributions for leading-edge work in scientific research and social change.

"Foreign capital flows into emerging markets have increased sharply in recent years. These countries offer valuable diversification potential to international investors, but at the same time tend to be characterized by large exchange rate uncertainty," says Maebusi, who holds the "Tequila" Chair in Mexico and the "Asian Flu" currency crises during the 1990s.

"As a follow up to her work on risk pricing in international equity market, Maebusi is now studying the link between the structure of the financial system and economic growth.

"The recent financial crisis reminds us about the crucial role that the financial system plays in the overall economy," says Maebusi. "Previous research has shown that countries with better developed financial systems tend to grow faster, which led to numerous policy prescriptions, particularly for developing countries, by such institutions as the IMF and the World Bank."

These policies are mainly designed to create a large banking system and/or develop the stock markets, which Maebusi says ignores the role of other types of financial market sectors, such as credit unions and mutual savings banks.

"Non-bank financial institutions provide access to financing for a wide range of small and medium-size enterprises, but these do not easily qualify for stock market or bank-based financing in many countries."

Her goal in this study is to investigate whether a more diversified institutional structure of the financial system, evidenced by a variety of institutional forms such as co-operative financial institutions, will have a positive impact on economic performance and poverty reduction.

Dr. Lisa Surridge, (English), recipient of the 2010 Faculty of Humanities Award for Research Excellence, is quick to point out that much of the work she is being honoured for is the product of collaboration. An expert in Victorian literature and culture, Surridge is a pioneer in the study of Victorian illustrated serials and in new models of research collaboration in the humanities.

In the traditional model of individual research, the individual scholar labours away developing a text for publication. But some years ago, Surridge discovered the advantages of collaboration.

"My colleagues Mary Elizabeth Leighton, Judith Mitchell and I would co-edit our individually written papers, preparing them for publication," explains Surridge. "And we realized just how productive collaboration could be."

This has blossomed into a major scholarly collaboration between Surridge and Leighton that sees them sitting at the same computer making notes together, discussing their ideas and co-writing their text. "It's very creative," says Surridge. "We argue back and forth and take risks with our ideas, knowing that the other person will test them. And if one of us has writer's block, the other takes over. It's like passing the ball in soccer."

"Currently they are collaborating on a study of Victorian illustrated serial fiction which considers the role of illustration in producing plot and narrative effects. In this, they are bringing together separate threads of scholarship on Victorian book illustration and narrative and asking new questions about how they might work together."

"The Victorian readers of serial fiction saw a novel/visual hybrid, a type of novel in which pictures and letters/episodes played an equal part. The readers of these serials were performing a kind of verbal/visual matching as they read in which they brought the two elements together in complex ways," explains Surridge. Surridge and Leighton point out that since serial parts were bound with the images in front, Victorian readers knew in advance much of what the serial part was about. For example, if readers saw a picture of a woman being pulled out of a boat, they already knew the main event of the chapter. Instead of asking "What is going on here?" they asked "What happens next?"

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Network makes connections to change the lives of Indigenous youth

BY ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Indigenous youth are over-represented in BC’s child welfare system, and U Vic researchers are setting out to help change that.

The Indigenous Child Welfare Research Network, launched on campus Feb. 13, seeks to develop research that utilize the knowledge and teachings of Indigenous cultures in BC.

“The network will link researchers, child welfare agencies and Indigenous communities,” says Jacquie Green, a U Vic social work professor and network project manager.

The network’s executive also includes principal investigator Leslie Brown of the Faculty of Human and Social Development and project research advisor Sandrina de Finney (child and youth care).

“As a network, we want to strategize how we as communities and agencies can approach research to reclaim traditional child rearing stories,” says Green.

In northern BC, Indigenous children make up to 70 per cent of those in provincial care. Many continue to suffer from the legacy of the residential school system.

The network was formed on the basis that the tools to help youth can be found within their own communities.

“We wanted to find ways in which we could reclaim research aspects to enrich the lives of children. We want to work with communities to develop programs and practices that would be relevant for nurturing our children and supporting our families,” says Green.

The network draws on the expertise of some of U Vic’s Indigenous faculty members to form its steering committee, which helps ensure that the network acts with consideration and respect for its Indigenous partners.

“Some places in BC are already using traditional teachings to guide practices,” says Green.

“There are a lot of good practices that are happening in communities, but a lot of people don’t know about them,” she says. “We are remembering how our people have done research for centuries. It was storytelling.”

To that end, the network’s website has a place where communities and individuals can tell their success stories and share their teachings.

Ultimately, the network’s vision is to establish a research institute in BC to ensure Indigenous children and families are nurtured with those traditional teachings and practices that are relevant to the diverse Indigenous cultures of the province.

In April and May, Green will be part of two training sessions on child welfare research, one in Vancouver and one in Prince George. Then in October the network will host its first Indigenous child welfare research conference at U Vic. That conference will feature a strong emphasis on children and youth, with two youth keynote speakers and youth facilitators.

For Green, the search for better care for Indigenous children has a personal dimension. Both her parents were students at residential schools.

“For years, her father would not teach her about her culture because he feared it would make life more difficult for her,” says Green.

Now, she says, both her father and mother have become not only her teachers, but also teachers to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren and to their neighboring communities.

“It’s that reclamation of values, culture and teachings that Green hopes the network will facilitate,” she says.

“I believe young people deserve to hear those good stories, those old stories,” she says. “They deserve to understand our history.”

The causes behind the high representation of Indigenous youth in child services are varied and complex, Green notes. But she hopes the network will be one way to turn the tide.

Walking the walk: volunteering for human rights

BY MEL GROVES

A new campus initiative to advocate for human rights has attracted interest from more than 100 U Vic students and employees.

The Human Rights Volunteer Program, launched last December by the Equity and Human Rights office (EQHR), aims to promote a more inclusive, respectful and welcoming environment for all members of the campus community.

Approximately 30 volunteers have already completed introductory and core skills training.

“The students involved in the Human Rights Volunteer Program have an infectious energy to work towards change,” says volunteer Mira Fahrenbruch. “Each volunteer comes from a different background, so the program is welcoming for all members of the campus community.”

The volunteer training workshops explore the concept of human rights and the dynamics of oppression at the individual, group, cultural and systemic levels.

Volunteers can then get involved with EQHR in a variety of activities, such as liaising between EQHR and their unit, residence or student group to make themselves visible as a resource for others on campus.

Volunteers may also provide educational workshops and resource materials about social justice and human rights issues to members of the campus community.

“The purpose of human rights education is to inspire, to tease our critical thinking and to celebrate the humanity in all of us,” says Moussa Magassa, U Vic human rights education advisor. “We encourage our volunteers to focus on the key areas of health, poverty, gender, violence, racism, homophobia, transphobia and ableism to develop workshops and education campaigns for the campus community.”

The volunteer program is planning several upcoming events, beginning with a human rights forum, Equity and Speech: Walking the Walk and Talking the Talk, March 10 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Strong C122. Everyone is invited to come to listen and engage in dialogue about the issues of human rights and freedom of speech.

Moderated by U Vic Law professor Rebecca Johnson, the forum will feature speaker Jody Paterson and Tom Patch.

Paterson is the 2008 Harvey Stevenson Southam Lecturer in Journalism in the Department of Writing. A writer, editor and communications strategist, she is the former executive director of the Prostittutes Empowerment Education and Resource Society.

Paterson sits on the coordinating committee of the Greater Victoria Commission to End Homelessness and the advisory boards of U Vic’s Centre for Addictions Research and Office of Community-Based Research.

Patch is the associate vice-president of equity at the University of British Columbia and a director of the Community Legal Assistance Society. He was appointed to the BC Council of Human Rights in 1991 and was subsequently appointed to the BC Human Rights Tribunal.

For more information about the Human Rights Volunteer Program, please contact Moussa Magassa at mmagassa@uvic.ca or Kelley Logue, human rights volunteer program coordinator, at surfec@gmail.com. For more information on the human rights forum, call EQHR at 250-721-8488.
Counselling is connection with a capital ‘C’

BY TARA SARPE

How do you deal with procrastination, and the temptation of one more little coffee break before studying? What happens when a relationship ends, and your social network is one person lighter? Fellow students can help. University of Victoria’s Counselling Services not only provides an open door to those who seek its consultative services, they also offer in-depth training to UVic students who want to help their peers.

The UVic Peer Helping program was initiated more than two decades ago and offers drop-in counselling services by trained student volunteers. This diverse group of peer helpers provides non-judgmental, confidential assistance on topics ranging from loneliness and relationship break ups to academic stress and study strategies.

“The main thing we learn as peer helpers is to engage into a student’s experience,” says peer helper and fourth-year undergraduate student Payden Spowart (psychology). “They talk, we listen and then we use the tools we’ve been taught.”

“Last year, we had nearly 200 visits to our SUB drop in office and over 500 students attending the weekly coffee houses,” says June Saracuse, coordinator of UVic’s Peer Helping program and a Counselling Services staff member.

Coffee, tea and treats add to the sense of warmth at the Morning Munch on Wednesdays in the SUB; the Coffee House happens Tuesdays in the Clearview Building; the SUB Peer Helper drop-in office is open weekdays and the study-focused Learning Commons drop-in office in the Mearns Centre is also open each weekday. Further details including drop-in times and specific locations are available at http://peerhelping.uvic.ca/.

“The students are looking for tools to better their learning, but they’re also looking for emotional support,” says peer helper and fourth-year undergraduate Payden Spowart (psychology). “When they come to us, they’re visiting equals.”

Recruitment of new peer helpers for September 2009 has already begun. Visit the link above for details on how to volunteer.

A second student service—the UVic Student Leadership program—also offered under the aegis of Counselling Services, provides campus leadership opportunities in the development of skills, connection with community role models and fulfillment of a customized project that reflects each participant’s personal experience.

Every year, the leadership program hosts the UVic Student Leadership Conference and networking fair. The 2009 conference brought together over 25 on- and off-campus organizations on Jan. 31 including the Western Canada Wilderness Committee and The Land Conservancy, with presentations, panels and discussion on this year’s main themes of leadership and sustainability.

“It’s connection, connection, connection, over and over again,” says Tricia Best, coordinator of UVic’s Student Leadership program and a Counselling Services staff member. “That is a similar thread throughout these programs: bringing students together to supplement the learning on our campus.”

UVic Counselling Services is also home to the eight-month Counselling Practicum placement. The division accepts three or four master’s or PhD candidates from the UVic Clinical Psychology program, the UVic Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies program, and the UVic School of Child and Youth Care—augmenting the students’ coursework and study with practical front-line counselling experience and professional training.
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As the Department of Political Science steadily grew in size and challenges, his department colleagues could always rely on his innate sense of the right thing to do, and Neil was a reservoir of local lore for newcomers to the department. His wide interests and love of knowledge fed a partially for the art of intelligent conversation that made him an amiable companion. Neil’s many contributions beyond the campus included directing of the British Columbia Legislative Internship program and successive re-elections as an Oak Bay municipal councillor. His Craftsmanship office sometimes gave due to other pursuits with winter arrangements of his geranium cuttings arrayed on his windowsill. Above all, Neil was a gentleman in every sense of the word and he is remembered not only with respect but sincere affection.

Contributed by Dr. Norman J. Ruff, professor emeritus in political science

BY WILL JOHNSON

A day in the life of Karima Ramji involves helping UVic students find jobs outside Canada. As international coordinator with the Co-operative Education Program and Career Serv-
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Further info: www.me.uvic.
cas/~/h2drive/ and www.shell.com/ us/ecomarathon

Fewer people driving to campus

BY GLEB MELROSE

The most recent University of Victoria traffic survey shows that travel choices program, which aims to make up a small but significant share of total traffic, has also increased to 7 per cent, making up 11 per cent of total traffic figures. The percentage of cycle commuters has also increased to 31 per cent of all trips. On an average day traffic recorded at three major entrances into UVic’s campus community, and the traffic survey helps to measure and evaluate the impact it has on students’ lives.

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Uvic sustainability goes the distance

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