Driving the issue home

New play brings Uvic research to the community

BY ADRIENNE HOLMERHOEK

“It’s a man’s god-given right to drive, dammit!” These words—uttered in frustration by Grandpa in the play No Particular Place to Go—got to the heart of the complex set of issues surrounding older driver safety.

The play, now touring locations around Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, investigates the lives of three generations of drivers: the stubborn and independent 80-year-old Grandpa, played by actor and retired Uvic theatre professor John Krich. His concern but busy daughter Joanne and her teenage son MJ, who has recently had his license suspended for mask-racing, are played by applied theatre students Anne-Marie Cirillo and Reid Sparring.

The 50-minute play was written by Warwick Dobson, University Scholar in Applied Theatre and Chair of the Theatre Department, and is co-directed by Trudy Pauluth-Dobson, University Scholar in Applied Theatre, and Courtenay, seniors and their families, representatives from the Motor Vehicles Branch and ICBC all expressed their views on the issue of older driver safety. The script was developed at the end of a six-week devising process in which the three actors improvised the scenes that form the basis of the narrative.

“There were thousands of pages of input,” says Krich. “He, Dobson and the devising team pored over the information in order to understand who the characters might be. ‘Many of the scenes incorporate direct quotes from the focus groups.’

‘Driving is a highly-charged emotional issue for everyone,’ says lead researcher Dr. Holly Tsuokko of the Centre on Aging. “The play helps illustrate the different points of view that were revealed in the study and hopefully serve as a starting point for conversation.”

Performed in community and seniors’ centres around the region, the play is facing audiences old and young. “We’re not just standing there spewing facts and figures at people,” says Krich. “By creating

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Audain’s $2-million gift a boon to visual arts

BY CHRIS THACKRAY

Visual Arts students at the University of Victoria will benefit from a $2-million gift from BC art philanthropist Michael Audain and the Audain Foundation. The gift will establish the Audain Professorship in Contemporary Art Practice of the Pacific Northwest, bringing a distinguished practicing artist to teach in Uvic’s Department of Visual Arts.

The Faculty of Fine Arts recognized the gift at a naming ceremony in the Visual Arts Building on April 17. The main public gathering and exhibition space in the building was named the Audain Gallery and Atium.

“The generosity of Michael Audain will have a tremendous impact on our ability to attract the most promising students to our visual arts program,” says Uvic President David Turpin. “It will support our goals to advance the study, teaching and exhibition of contemporary and traditional art of the Pacific Northwest and also strengthen all of Uvic’s arts education programs.”

“As a former Uvic student in the early 1960’s, back when it was called Victoria College, I have marveled at how Uvic has become one of our country’s top universities. At the same time it is good to know that Uvic respects its roots by widening educational opportunities for First Nations students, and that the arts continue to play a prominent role in campus life,” says Audain.

Audain, great grandson of James Dunsmuir, attended Victoria College from 1959 to 1960 and is the chairman of Polygon Homes Ltd. A philanthropist and businessman, Audain is the chairman of the Audain Foundation for the Visual Arts in British Columbia and chair of the National Gallery of Canada. He is a generous supporter of visual arts and culture in BC and throughout Canada, with a specific interest in Aboriginal and contemporary art. Audain is dedicated to raising awareness of Canada’s artists and is an avid art collector.

“This wonderful gift will provide our students the opportunity to work side-by-side with some of Canada’s most outstanding contemporary artists,” says Dean of Fine Arts Dr. Sarah Blackstone. “These opportunities will enrich our learning environment immeasurably.”

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With the very best training in contemporary art practice. In particular, the Audain Professorship will help foster the artistic talent of Uvic’s Aboriginal students in an environment that honours their artistic traditions.
Rhodo rarities: Gift helps gardens branch out

BY MELANIE GROVES

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Improvements in each structure will include building envelope improvements (e.g. windows and roofs), seismic upgrades and other safety improvements (e.g. sprinklers and fire alarms), mechanical upgrades to water and heating systems, elevator upgrades and creation of barrier-free access.

Work is expected to begin during the summer, and will be coordinated by Facilities Management staff. According to the terms of the funding, the projects must be completed by April 2012.

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The best and brightest brains on Vancouver Island are focusing their attention on island issues. In April, the Vancouver Island Community Research Alliance (VICRA) was established with a formal agreement among the five publically funded Vancouver Island post-secondary institutions to come together in mobilizing research and knowledge to help local communities. The University of Victoria, Camosun College, Vancouver Island University, Royal Roads University and North Island College are involved. UVic’s Office of Community-Based Research—the first initiative of its kind in Canada—has taken a lead role from the Concept-based Stage.

“Signing this memorandum of understanding speaks to the shared vision about how we serve our communities,” says UVic President Dr. David Turpin. “It’s an exciting time that ushers in a new area of collaboration between universities where we work with the communities to do research that is locally relevant and internationally significant.”

Under the MOU, the partners will identify priority research issues with an island-wide focus and people in the community who can help with that research. They will also develop research partnerships and share information on best practices encouraging their students to participate in the research; and build on each other’s experiences and expertise, drawing on lessons from local, national and global networks/projects.

The partnership is already receiving rave reviews from community groups.

“An organization like VICRA is a fabulous example of collaboration that we can all aspire to and which will hopefully span all over the island,” says Maureen Young, a VICRA supporter and director for the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, which spearheads regional economic development for the island. “This alliance recognizes that we can no longer operate in silos. If we work together on island-wide issues we can achieve great things.”

http://web.uvic.ca/oche/
Blue and Gold winners give back to the community

BY PATTY PITTS

From helping to build schools in the Dominican Republic and teaching hip hop dance to young people in the Victoria Youth Custody Centre to assisting people in distress through the NEED Crisis and Information Line, the winners of this year’s Blue and Gold Awards contribute widely to the local and global community.

Eight University of Victoria students who combine strong academic performance with a commitment to community volunteer work were honoured at a special luncheon last month. The awards are presented annually to students who make significant contributions to peer mentoring and improving the quality of life on the UVic campus and in our community.

The following three winners each received a $2,500 award:

KIMBERLEY BENSON is a third-year microbiology student with past volunteer experience as a UVic Student Ambassador and with the UVic Buddy Program where she worked individually and in group settings with international students. During a Holy Holiday volunteer trip to the Dominican Republic she helped build two schools. Benson remains involved with the Circle K club, is president of its Pacific Northwest District, and was recognized by the club with a two awards for her outstanding contributions.

LAUREN WARBECK is a third-year environmental studies and women’s studies student who volunteers with both the Women’s Studies Equity and Outreach Committee and the Women’s Studies Course coordinating social, educational and creative events. Her volunteer work with the Bike Lab Society includes teaching bicycle mechanics at Victoria High School, facilitating future high school workshops and establishing the Free Hub Bike Cooperative—a non-profit community bike shop. She also creates short films through MediaNet promoting the joy of cycling.

CANDACE WITKOWSKY is a third-year social work student and mother of two who has volunteered with the Discovery Program, working with youth who have been suspended from school for substance use, and the Community Social Planning Council, providing support to people with disabilities and low income. She currently volunteers with the Prostitutes Empowerment Education and Resource Society as an informal outreach worker and took with Together Against Poverty as an advocate for people with disabilities and with Big Sisters co-facilitating a group called “GrizzGals” that fosters healthy body images among pre-teen girls.

The following five winners each received a $1,000 award:

JOSEPH CRUZ is a PhD student and teaching assistant in chemistry who has devoted hundreds of volunteer hours to UVic’s peer helping program, providing one-on-one peer counselling to students on personal and academic issues. He also helps run the programs weekly coffeehouse and maintains the peer helpers newsletter. In addition he is a volunteer with the NEED Crisis and Information Line.

EMILY GIBSON is a third-year political science and environmental studies student who combines her interest in international development and environmental issues through volunteer work with Engineers Without Borders Canada. Twice she was named the organization’s Volunteer of the Year. Last summer she worked on fundraising initiatives for the Permaculture Institute of El Salvador, which teaches subsistence farmers sustainable ways of living and farming.

KRISTA HAGSTROM is a third-year theatre student who volunteers at the Victoria Youth Custody Centre teaching weekly hip hop dance and drama classes and assisting with special events, including choreographing dances for student performances. Hagstrom has also volunteered as a counselor with Operation Trackshoes.

HEIDI KRAM is a third-year nursing student who spent a year as a volunteer at the Salvation Army in Nelson, BC, with a pilot project providing basic health care services and prevention/ harm reduction information to homeless and at-risk people. The project, a result of the Selkirk College/UVic Nursing Program, was designed to create a nurse outreach practicum placement for third-year nursing students.

SHANTELLE MORENO is a fourth-year women’s studies student who volunteers with Antidote, the multi-racial gals’ women’s network. In this role she facilitates youth-led initiatives and skill-building programs for racialized and Aboriginal gals ages 10 to 18. She’s also an active member of the Women’s Studies Equity and Outreach Committee and a former special events volunteer for the Burnside Forge Community Association.

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actual drama, people can relate to the characters and their experiences and understand the issues at a more personal level.”

“The loss of independence is a serious issue for many seniors, but it’s not the only one,” says Dobson. “It affects the whole family. We’ve tried to illustrate some of the tensions that arise as a family grapples with the question of whether Grandpa should give up driving.”

At a performance in Qualicum Beach in April, Cirillo was approached by several women who identified with her character of Jaunée: “It was amazing. One woman told me that the entire family needed to get together to make an intervention to help their father.”

“Taking a license away is like taking away years of history. In memory upon memory—you’re first car, your first date, family holidays—the car has been a central element in our lives,” says Cirillo as she recounts a scene in the play where Grandpa and Jaunée look at old photos that bring back memories: “It’s an emotional response too.”

As an “experienced” driver himself, Krich is also affected by the play. “I find myself extremely both young and old! It has made me more conscious of my driving and that of others.”

No Place in Particular Place to Go will be performed on campus at the Phoenix Theatre on May 12 at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
Flushing out unsettling truths about water quality

BY PEIGI MCGILLIVRAY

For Dr. Amit Mazumder (biology), there’s a lot more to drinking water than what comes out of the tap. “Canada has the world’s largest source of fresh water,” he says. “But more and more, communities across the country are struggling to keep their drinking water clean and safe. Even here, where lakes and rivers are plentiful, we can’t take our fresh water for granted.”

Mazumder is a world leader in tracking the sources of chemical and microbial contamination of water. He’s known locally for his work with the Capital Regional District, where he has helped develop greater scientific understanding of the ecological factors that affect the quality and safety of our tap water. His research team includes graduate and postdoctoral scientists and undergraduate and co-op students.

Southern Vancouver Island provides a unique natural laboratory for this kind of work. There’s the Sooke reservoir—which provides Victoria’s drinking water—sitting in a pristine watershed that has been protected for more than a century. But a mere 5 km away there’s Shawnigan Lake, an unfiltered source of drinking water that is affected by logging, permanent and summer homes, agriculture and various recreational activities.

“Nowhere else in the world can you compare two drinking water sources that are so close and alike, yet so different in water quality,” he says.

To assess whether a body of water is contaminated, Mazumder and his team have developed a tool that measures the geochemical, biochemical and microbial signatures, or traces, of septic and sewage outflows.

“One of the chemicals we look for is caffeine,” he says. “When we find it, we know that the water is being contaminated through septic field seepage or sewage input.”

East spring, Shawnigan Lake residents were shocked to find out from Mazumder and his team that detectable levels of caffeine and pharmaceuticals had been found in their lake. Until then, they had no idea they were drinking lake water contaminated by septic seepage,” says Mazumder. “The community is much more aware now, and is working on improving the situation. Our simple ‘cafeine detection’ tool gives them an easy way to assess focal contamination and associated health risks from their drinking water.”

The UVic research suggests that this kind of contamination is common in freshwater lakes, rivers and streams bounded by septic fields or receiving untreated sewage.

“Even sewage treatment—like the system being planned for Victoria—would not remove pharmaceuticals, toxic heavy metal compounds or persistent organic pollutants from the water,” stresses Mazumder. “We have to stop these chemicals from getting into the water in the first place.”

To date, more than 20 BC communities, 14 Aboriginal communities across Canada, and communities in Bangladesh, Haiti and Cambo- dia have used the science and tools developed by Mazumder’s lab to track sources of contamina- tion and improve water quality.

“Fresh water is one of the world’s most pre- cious natural resources. None of us can exist without it,” says Mazumder. “Our work at UVic is directly linked to our environment, our health, our quality of life and the future of our communities. It’s very rewarding to be involved in research that contributes so significantly to people’s health.”

UVic’s Water and Aquatic Sciences Research Program is a community-based research initiative funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), water departments including the CRD and Nanaimo, many federal departments and agencies, and many small to large communities. More web: uvic.ca/water/

Emergency Preparedness Week

Emergency Preparedness Week takes place May 3 to 9. This year, UVic is focusing on emergency preparedness and safety in the workplace. masterpiece of the UVic community, this week, we are especially aware of the importance of emergency response as we prepare for an earthquake.

As an employer, you should take the following steps:

1. Fourteen new security phones have been installed on campus, featuring a highly visible red emergency call button that provides a direct link to Campus Security Services. They are free to use and also function as courtesy phones. Location info: http://www.uvic.ca/security/securitydirect.html

2. Disaster Response Route signs with yellow and black triangles have been posted along major highways. These are not evacuation routes. During a large regional emergency, these transportation lifelines will be the routes used to quickly move emergency responders (e.g., fire, police and ambulance) to areas in need. They will be the first routes to be cleared, and will initially be available only to designated responders.

3. “Drop, cover and hold” remains the best response to earthquakes. Remember that there may be significant aftershocks—if the shaking lasts for longer than a minute, stay away from the shoreline and seek higher ground.

4. The UVic Emergency Alerts system will, if a major emergency occurs on campus, attempt to send all members of the campus community messages by email, voicemail, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone, and (for those registered) SMS text message. You can sign up for emergency notifications on your mobile phone at www.uvic.ca/alerts. Information will also be provided as appropriate on the web at www.uvic.ca, via the emergency information phone line at 250-721-8620 and on CFUV campus community radio at 101.5.

5. Why not use Emergency Preparedness Week every year to check that your home smoke detectors are operational and your emergency supplies are replenished?

For more information: http://ohs.uvic.ca/emergencymgt/or ddomald@uvic.ca

Ringers

Dr. Anne Bruce and Dr. Laurene Shields (nursing) and Dr. Anita Malcham, formerly from the School of Nursing, are the recipients of the Nephrology Nursing Journal Research Writing Award for the paper “Learning from Stories of People with Chronic Kidney Disease.” The purpose of the study was to explore how people with chronic kidney disease describe experiences childhood in-between a promise of treatment and prolonged life and the threat of death. The award was presented in San Diego, California, on April 26, 2009.

Dr. Marge Reitsma-Street (studies in policy and practice) is the 2009 recipient of the National Dick Miller Award from the Canadian Council on Social Development. The award is presented annually to acknowledge and honour exceptional contributions to community and social development in Canada. It recognizes outstanding dedication to social justice and creative response to social needs in both occupational and volunteer endeavours. Reitsma-Street has bridged academia with the community since the 1970s to advance issues of juvenile justice, poverty, welfare law reform, affordable housing and ways to value women’s unpaid work. The award will be presented in Toronto this fall.

Kylh Orser, fourth-year kinesiology student, rolled out of Victoria on April 28 to bike across Canada to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters, the non-profit organization that matches children living in-between a promise of treatment and prolonged life and the threat of death. The award was presented in San Diego, California, on April 26, 2009.
The UVic SPOKES program has re-launched a 2009 CRD EcoStar award in the category of environmental innovation for its success in promoting the benefits of cycling, diverting waste from the landfill and providing skills. Since 2003, the program has distributed more than 1,000 bursaries—including a refurbished bike, bike lock and free commuter cycling courses—to UVic students, faculty and staff. The volunteer-run program is supported by the Bicycle User’s Committee, the UVic Sustainability Project, the Student Alumni Association, the UVic Students’ Society, the Graduate Students’ Society and the UVic Travel Choices Program. The EcoStar Awards recognize outstanding contributions by local businesses, groups and individuals to enhancing our environment. Info: http://web.uvic.ca/sustainability/SPOKES.htm

How-to workshops focus on healthy planet

Just in time for spring, the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability is pleased to sponsor the following practical workshops: Organic Lawn Care and Landscaping, Sat. May 30, 9 a.m.; Organic Food Gardening, Sat., June 13, 10 a.m. Hosted by the CRD, these free workshops are open to all UVic students, faculty and staff. Register: www.uvic.ca/sustainability

Sustainable purchasing at UVic Libraries

UVic’s Purchasing Services recently worked with UVic Libraries to purchase 120 new computers that meet the Gold Energy Star rating and EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) criteria. EPEAT (www.epate.net/) helps purchasers rank desktops, laptops and monitors in compliance with the latest environmental standards for electronic products. These ratings and rankings are useful tools in making the greenest purchasing choices for the work or home environment.

Eco-audit—sustainability at The Ring

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All charged up and ready to roll

Ross King is one of several carpentry and mechanical shop workers who will be rolling across campus in the newest additions to UVic’s environmentally friendly fleet vehicles. Parking services and facilities management have expanded their fleets with two new electric Mighty E Trucks. Campus security has also just replaced one of their SUVs with a hybrid version. This initiative is a part of UVic’s strategic goal to become carbon neutral by 2010. The new vehicles add to UVic’s growing fleet of bicycles, e-gators, hybrid cars and bio-diesel equipment on campus, helping to save money by reducing long-term operating costs. To submit your success story related to the campus Sustainability Action Plan, visit www.uvic.ca/sustainability.

Salt Spring Island Carbon Cool Blend coffee. For every case of Carbon Cool Blend purchased, Finnterry Express donates $32 to the Sierra Club of BC climate change education programs in schools and communities.

To learn more, visit www.uvic.ca/rabbits.

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calendar highlights

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MONDAY, MAY 11

■ Bike to Work Week 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bike engraving and quick repairs. Draw prizes, gear sales and giveaways. UVic Fountain. http://web.uvic.ca/sustainability/

■ Landdowne Lecture 5 p.m. Land Arts. Do you really know me? Dr. Lesly Little Bear, Chair of Native American Studies at the University of Victoria, will speak on traditional Indigenous philosophies of the land and human relationships with the natural environment. H抢劫ton 105, 250-721-6498.

■ Bike to Work Week 12:15 p.m. Slowest Bike Race. How slow can you go? How far can you go with only one cycle of the pedals? Prizes. UVic Quad. http://web.uvic.ca/sustainability/

■ Carr and friends at Maltwood Emily Carr. Woolfson Arms. 6/99. University of Victoria art collection, gift of Major H.C. Holmes, from the exhibition "Woolfson and Friends: 100 Years of the Victoria Sketch Club" at the Maltwood

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TUESDAY, MAY 12

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THURSDAY, MAY 14

■ Conference 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (also May 15, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) Sharing Stories and Spaces: Community-Based Research Institute. Join community leaders, researchers and other practitioners for field trips, interactive workshops and presentations on topics ranging from Aboriginal ecological restoration and food security to youth issues transformed by theatre. $300, $550 for students. 250-472-4771, ocbr@uvic.ca, www.uvic.ca/sustainability/


■ Bike to Work Week 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. Celebration station. Wads, treats, bike repairs, draw prizes, t-shirt sales. UVic Fountain. http://web.uvic.ca/sustainability/

THURSDAY, MAY 21

■ Cafe Scientifique Lecture 6 p.m. The Many Faces of Autism. Dr. Jim Tanaka, UVic. Hosted by the Centre for Biomedical Research and CIHR. Space is limited. RSVP to cfbr@uvic.ca. $50 for students. 250-472-7360.

■ Information and Resource Fair All day. Information and Resource Fair for Second Language Teaching, Representatives from BCTEL, UVic. Continuing Studies, and other guest speakers will be holding seminars and workshops. SUB. Michele Mullan, Rm. 250-472-5553

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11

■ Conference 2 p.m. To be announced. Dr. Steven Nowicki, UVic. UVic SPOKES program, winner of a 2009 CRD EcoStar award in the category of environmental innovation. For more than a decade, the University of Victoria has rolled out its support for the annual Bike to Work Week. This year from May 11 to 17, UVic will join communities across the province in a week-long commuter cycling celebration filled with daily activities. The on-campus events include bike engraving and repairs, prize draws, a "slowest bike race," and a free screening of "The Triplets of Belleville." See the Calendar Highlights at left. More: http://web.uvic.ca/sustainability/

Are you ready to bike to work?

Sarah Weda, UVic’s sustainability coordinator, warms up for Bike to Work Week by bicycle provided by the UVic SPOKES program, winner of a 2009 CRD EcoStar award in the category of environmental innovation. For more than a decade, the University of Victoria has rolled out its support for the annual Bike to Work Week. This year from May 11 to 17, UVic will join communities across the province in a week-long commuter cycling celebration filled with daily activities. The on-campus events include bike engraving and repairs, prize draws, a “slowest bike race,” and a free screening of “The Triplets of Belleville.” See the Calendar Highlights at left. More: http://web.uvic.ca/sustainability/

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Day in the life

BY CAMILLA GREGERSEN

A day in the life of Vugar Mehraliyev, programmer analyst in Enterprise Applications (University Systems) includes developing new and modifying existing applications on the University’s Banner database. His job involves collaboration with network, system and database administrators across campus. The range of Banner applications used on campus is quite vast, including everything from student registration, to finance, to human resource modules. Vugar enjoys developing applications. “It’s my dream job,” he explains, “because it allows me to be creative. Creating each new application is like trying to make a masterpiece.”

Among the many useful applications he has developed is one for the university mail room that records each time a department forwards a message using Canada Post, calculates the individual amounts owing, and sends that information to accounting. He has also worked on producing all the staff T4 forms. “Exactly 9,619 employees received them this year,” he recalls off the top of his head. He also modified programming code to customize employee pay stubs with the UVic logo and address, as well as each individual’s personal information. Vugar worked with a team to make it possible for UVic pay stubs to go paperless beginning mid-April for those employees that receive direct deposit. “There will be a log to view and your pay stubs online.”

Vugar is originally from Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan, which used to be part of the former Soviet Union. Vugar’s background is in mathematics and, coincidently, one of the world’s most noted mathematicians, Lotti Zadeh, was also from Baku. Zadeh is best known for his development of the “fuzzy logic” theory, an approach to computing based on degrees of truthfulness and falsehood.

In 1991, Vugar won Azerbaijan Republic’s Mathematics Olympiad. After graduating from Baku State University, he moved to Turkey and worked as an information technology professional. He immigrated to Canada in 2004, living in Toronto for four years before moving to Victoria. “I love how beautiful the city is, and enjoy the mild climate and clean air,” he says.

Vugar has many creative interests, one of which is music. He plays the guitar and the tar, an ancient instrument and believed to be the root of such instruments as the guitar and sitar. Vugar also writes poetry, calling himself a “poet by nature,” and enjoys playing chess, a popular past time in Azerbaijan.

Vugar is also a proud father of two sons. One is a teenager, and the other is eight months old and was born here in Victoria.

Food and drink pairing

Tuesday, May 27 – Beer and Food

Dunlop House, Lansdowne

May 13 – Cider and Food

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June 10 – Mexican Fiesta with Margaritas and Daiquiris

June 24 – BBQ with Summer Cocktails

Check camosun.ca/ce for other pairings and registration details.

By Robbie Libscomb

Grant Hughes, who took up the position of director of community relations in February, knows from personal experience what a valuable community resource UVic is.

Hughes graduated from UVic in 1976 with a BSc and then, while working at the Royal British Columbian Museum, returned to complete a part-time master’s degree in marine biology.

Thereafter, as director of curatorial services at the museum, he found personal experience what a valuable community resource UVic is.

At the museum, Hughes developed and implemented a successful multi-year civic engagement program involving nearly 200 community-based projects throughout BC. After 15 years in that position, says Hughes, “I got to the stage where I was old enough to finish one career and young enough to start a second one.” And when the position of director of community relations at UVic was advertised, it seemed a perfect fit.

This month recently spoke with Hughes about his new role on campus and some recent initiatives he is involved in.

Community relations director can’t stay away

By Camilla Gregeresen

There’s a shiny silver glow to UVic’s redesigned website (uvic.ca), which won silver in the Best Institutional Homepage category in the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education’s 2009 PRE Awards. Congratulations to project manager Dr. Wolff-Michael Roth, Kuehne & Villens’ corporate social responsibility, and the project team! W&M Roth, engaged as a consultant.

UVic’s redesigned website (uvic.ca) is the result of a collaborative effort involving especially the following teams: Marketing, Web Services Office, the vice-presidents and secretariat to the council. It’s hugely positive, from my perspective. Of course, I have been speaking primarily with people who have active links and broad connections with the university.

I think we can always do more, but there really is a good feel of pride among people I deal with that they have a university like UVic in their community.