UVic ranked among world’s best universities

The University of Victoria has climbed to 110th in the world and sixth place in Canada in the Times Higher Education’s annual World University Rankings, released Sept. 15. UVic was the top-ranked university in Canada without a medical school. There are nine Canadian universities in the top 200.

“University of Victoria vaults into global elite,” read the headline that trumpeted the news in a Sept. 16 headline that The Globe and Mail devoted to the University of Victoria for its performance in this year’s rigorous rankings,” says Ann Mroz, editor of the Times Higher Education (THE). "Being ranked 130 in the world top 200 is an impressive achievement. The top 200 universities in the world represent only a tiny fraction of world higher education, and any institution that makes it into this table is truly world class." This year’s ranking constitutes a significant leap for UVic and reflects the incorporation of new methodology by Britain-based THE, with data provided by Thomson Reuters. The new methodology places less importance on the size and history of a university and gives more weight

NEPTUNE Canada successfully wires deep subsea volcanic region

On the ocean’s floor there are some of the harshest environments on earth. Temperatures reach up to 300 degrees Celsius, water pressure is measured in tons per square inch. The rocks are made of volcanic glass and hot springs bubble from the depth of the earth in a constant flow. These conditions are most extreme at the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. NEPTUNE Canada successfully installed a high-tech observatory on the ocean floor, in real-time, at the world’s first truly regional cabled ocean observatory, NEPTUNE Canada. Located east of the Vancouver Island coast and 2.3 km below the ocean surface, the observatory will serve as a long-term monitoring system that—using power and the internet—provide continuous, long-term monitoring of ocean processes and events as they happen. It is managed by Ocean Networks Canada, a consortium led by the University of Victoria.

The installation team left Esquimalt on Sept. 12 aboard the University of Washington’s research vessel R.G. Thompson. Also on board—and key to the expedition—is ROPOS, a remotely operated vehicle system managed by the Canadian Scientific Submersible Facility. Endeavour Ridge is NEPTUNE Canada’s most challenging site, where new volcanic seafloor is being created at the spreading boundary between the Juan de Fuca and Pacific tectonic plates. There are multiple volcanic eruptions in the region each decade, and more than 3,000 earthquakes a year.

"We’re taking power and the internet to the dramatic environments of the mid-ocean ridge,” says Dr. Mairi Best, associate director (science) of NEPTUNE Canada and co-chief of the expedition. “For the first time, anyone will be able to monitor this harsh but dynamic edge of a tectonic plate in real-time.” At Endeavour, the team’s first task was to determine the best route to a rugged subsea mountain range for three 6 km extension cables, which would connect the node (installed in September 2009) with instruments at the main study site.
Full speed ahead for UVic 2010 United Way campaign

BY TARA SHARPE

The sight of a battered VW bug being pushed once again around Ring Road two weeks before Halloween means the UVic United Way campaign is gaining speed fast in its first full month of fundraising.

The UVic Engineering Students Society will roll its old gaudy car—a 1972 VW Beetle—for a continuous marathon of 12 hours around the 2.2-km circular road. The charity event first began in the mid-1990s and on Sunday, Oct. 17, will run from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pledges are accepted in advance. Students, faculty, staff, and corporate teams around Victoria are encouraged to sign up to push. Info: www.eng.uvic.ca/ringbash.

The animal campaign officially kicked off on Sept. 21 and wraps up in Dec. Visit www.unitedway.uvic.ca to find out more about upcoming events and prize draws.

A donation of only 70 cents a day can mean the difference between feeling so lonely a child will have a safe place to play. UVic Information Services Librarian Cindy Ralph knows too well how United Way funding can profoundly shape the future for those in need.

Ralph has a four-year-old daughter born prematurely who received extensive rehabilitation provided by agencies generously supported through organizations like the United Way.

“Despite a special arrangement with UVic, Booth is ‘loaned’ to the UVic this fall. Booth is assigned to work with federal government departments based in Victoria to support each workplace campaign. ‘I need to be cheerleader, organizer and accountant all at the same time,’ says Booth. ‘The United Way helps so many, and without the money raised from payroll deductions there would be no UVic Way.’ Find out more about being a loaned rep by contacting UVic Community Relations Director Grant Hughes at gwhughes@uvic.ca.

‘This year’s goal is $230,000. In 2009 UVic claimed the number two spot in the city for total dollars raised. This year’s campaign co-chairs, Peter Keller (Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences) and Nikki MacDonald (executive director of UVic Government Relations), look forward to an exciting 2010 season and invite everyone to check out the newly revamped website and social media pages.”

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There are countless great stories at UVic to be told—far more than can be covered by the regular Ring staff. So The Ring is looking for members of the UVic community to serve as volunteer contributors to provide articles, photos and videos for our print edition and/or our new and improved website (launching soon).

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NEPTUNE Canada’s patented technology

challenges of operating at depth,” says Dr. Lucie Pautet, NEPTUNE Canada’s associate director (engineering) and the other co-chief of the expedition.

GIS software was used to hand- trace a route on bathymetry (under- water depth) maps from previous expeditions. Then ROPOS’ “bow” along the route, surveying the bottom with high-resolution sonar.

“For the trickiest parts, we crowded around the monitors in the opera- tions room to watch the live video feed,” says Pautet. “There were some surprises along the way—steep slopes ripe for an underwater avalanche, knife-edged cliffs, deep chasms and some very curious sea creatures. It was nerve-wracking and exhilarating at the same time.”

As The Ring went to press, ROPOS was connecting 18 instruments, including seismometers to measure tectonic processes and moored instrument buoys to document ocean cur- rent and chemical fluxes. A camera is also being deployed to observe the unique “black smokers” ecosystems that flourish in the main hydrothermal vent field.

“Endeavour will give us an unblink- ing look at how this volatile region fits into and influences marine and tectonic systems off Canada’s west coast,” says Best. “It represents a main recycling force in the Earth’s chemical cycles, and a unique biosphere that informs us about constraints on life.”

On the way to Endeavour, two major science platforms were installed at the Barkley Canyon node site on the continental slope. A two-ton vertical profiler system—the first of its kind in the world—will measure nutrients, light and temperature from the seafloor 400m up to the surface. Wally II, the second generation of the world’s first internet-operated deep-sea crawler, is studying methane hydrate deposits on the seafloor.

To find out more about the final phase of NEPTUNE Canada’s installation, including an installation blog and a special website, visit the seafloor at: www.neptunecanada.ca.

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Looking back at the 2009 United Way Bug Push. PHOTO: UVIC ENGINEERING STUDENTS’ SOCIETY
Leading climatologist heads UVic consortium

By Valerie Shore

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KIP renovations: six months to go

Knowledge Infrastructure Program (KIP) renovations in six of UVic’s oldest buildings remain on budget and on schedule for substantial completion by the March 31, 2011, deadline.

The renewal of teaching and research facilities in the Cornett, Clearihue, Cunningham, Elliott, MacEwan and University Centre buildings is supported by $42 million in federal-provincial government funding.

As of Sept. 30, the project had awarded more than $615 million in construction contracts, with 125 companies involved. By March 2011 it is expected to have supported up to 1,300 jobs.

Seismic wall installations are almost 80 per cent complete in all six buildings. Sprinkler and alarm systems upgrades are also near completion, while the replacement of exterior windows for improved energy performance is continuing.

Facilities Management extends its thanks to the university community for ongoing patience and cooperation during this period of intensive construction activity.

More info: KIP Project Manager Gord Shirley, gshirley@uvic.ca

Uvic food issues public forum Oct. 14

You’ve probably heard the term “food security,” but what exactly does it mean? Find out at the UVic food forum on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Bob Wright Centre, room B105.

The free event is hosted by the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability and our office to plug into them, and explore UVic’s possible future roles—in operations, research and teaching, and community engagement.

“This event is part of an initiative by the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability and our office to support the development of campus food sustainability,” says OCISR Director John Lutz.

Dr. Alok Dixit, Canada Research Chair in the Social Determinants of Health, and UVic geography professor, will provide opening remarks.

A panel discussion chaired by Dr. Peter Keller, dean of social sciences, and a question-and-answer session will follow. Panelists include Ken Babich (Purchasing Services), Neil Connelly (Campus Planning and Sustainability), Deborah Curran (Environmental Law Centre), Linda Goggi (OCIB and CR-FAIR) and Chloe Donatelli and Andrea Zittlau (UVic Sustainability Project).

More info: 250-472-4171, 250-853-3758 or ocisr@uvic.ca

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Zwiers comes to UVic after a successful career at Environment Canada, where he was most recently director of the department’s climate research division, based in Toronto. He’s already well known to the UVic community through his past leadership of the Pacific Impacts Consortium (PCIC) on statistical methods to climate variability and change, which crosses multiple disciplines and institutes,” says Zwiers. “Leading PCIC, with its vibrant and motivated staff, will give me an unparalleled opportunity to make a difference to BC and to develop my skills in translating climate science into information that is useful to practitioners.”

PCIC currently partners with federal and provincial agencies on a range of projects including future stream flow on the Columbia, Peace and Campbell river basins; mountain pine beetle impacts in the Fraser River watershed; and climate change impacts in local communities.

UVic also leads and hosts the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), a collaboration of BC’s four research-intensive universities. PCIC’s focused work on impacts complements the broad research on climate change mitigation and adaptation being conducted by PICS.

For more information on PCIC, visit http://pcic. uvic.ca/

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New centre helps UVic design green vehicles

I was born in Rwanda, and at the age of seven I experienced the Rwandan genocide of 1994. Without the care and guidance of an adult, I escaped death by walking day and night with my two younger brothers. For over half of my life I lived in a refugee camp in Uganda characterized by food shortages, lack of drinking water and violence. I was unable to envision a future where these basic needs were not the central focus of my life.

At the age of 17, with the help of a Canadian family from the UVic Refugee Agency, I was one of three students in Uganda who received a scholarship for the United World Colleges. I came to Lister B. Pearson College of the Pacific in Victoria. Upon graduation, I was 10 years old. I wrote a letter to myself that I would read in 10 years stating my intention to be working for the United Nations. I shared this dream with Nigel Fisher, who was the UNICEF Canada President and CEO at the time.

From Pearson College I transferred to UVic’s School of Child and Youth Care and began to volunteer at UNICEF. Today, as a fourth-year student, I am beginning to merge my life experiences with an academic understanding of conflict and international development. Working for UNICEF—first as a volunteer and now officially appointed as Canadian youth representative—my role is to support UNICEF in its efforts to bring resources to vulnerable children.

From August 4–6, I participated by invitation in the seventh annual Youth Assembly at United Nations headquarters in New York. Over 600 youth leadership delegates (15–24 years old) from 25 countries attended this inspirational event, “Tomorrow’s Leaders Today.” It provided background and practical skills on the global campaigns related to the UN Millennium Development Goals aimed at universal primary education, eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, and reducing child mortality.

Attending the youth assembly at the UN was a pivotal moment for me, considering my past life experience and the content of the letter that I wrote to myself. This life-changing event offered me real hope for the future. Having heard talks by senior UN staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and diplomats from the UN missions, I feel responsible as a young leader to help achieve these goals by 2015.

With the support of UNICEF, the School of Child and Youth Care, UNICEF Canada and many caring individuals, I have been introduced to new perspectives and opportunities that will continue to determine my role in helping to solve problems that are affecting children in my community and around the world. My future educational goal is to obtain a master’s degree in law and diplomacy. My ultimate dream is to become a UNICEF field officer, so that I can help the most vulnerable children in Africa and particularly in my country of Rwanda. I have six more years to realise the dream that I wrote in the letter to myself.

More information: www.faf.org/unyouthassembly/ya_home.htm and www.unicef.ca
They found the six-week field school that UVic Ranked (environmental studies) are directly 300-level University of Victoria course mental and social justice initiatives. focus to the role of universities—and international publication shifted its program support on their environ-
ties. Upon successful completion of these rankings demonstrates UVic’s strengths. We’re one of Canada’s leading research universities whose work is recognized around the world. We emphasize and support inspired teaching and provide our students with a variety of learning experiences, including experiential learning. UVic invests in close partnerships with the public and private sectors to ensure that university knowledge is continu-
ally transmitted to and enriched by the wider community. THE world rankings first appeared in 2004. They are now regularly used by undergraduate and postgraduate students to help select degree courses, by academics to inform career deci-
sions, by research teams to identify new collaborative partners and by university managers to benchmark their performance and set strategic priorities.

For more information visit www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/
Mental Health Screening

There is help to get ‘beyond the blues’

By Lauren McKenzie, Nursing Student

One in five people will be touched by depression or anxiety. I have heard these statistics, and there are people in my life and with whom I have worked who struggle with these disorders. I have learned that these are illnesses and that the best thing to do is to ask for help. And yet when it came to filling out a screening form, I was terrified.

On Oct. 21 UVic will host a mental health information fair that will include a screening for depression and anxiety disorders called Beyond the Blues from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Michelle Pu-

As I answered each of the questions, I was shocked at how many I could relate to.

I did my best to answer honestly, and in the end my results placed me in the low-risk category for both anxiety and depression.

I did however, have statements in both assessments that brought up emotions and questions in my mind as I silently debated what my answer would be. I have struggled to sleep lately, and in a lot of ways the stress and anxiety that I have been feeling have interrupted my everyday life. I may be at low risk, but I do have things in my life that I need to reflect on and coping mechanisms that may not be the healthiest.

I encourage you to take a chance, complete a screening questionnaire, and embrace the opportunity to reflect on what might be influencing your day-to-day life. It is an opportunity to learn what is out there for you or ones you love who may be struggling with these disor-

drama. You may be surprised at what you learn, and being aware of resources is never a bad thing.

If you had asked me when I gradu-

ated from high school if I knew anyone who suffered from depression or anxiety my answer would have been ‘no’. That is no longer my answer. On Oct. 21 take a chance and come learn where to look for help.

How did you get to work today?

Did you know UVic often employees who don’t have a parking pass a subsidized monthly bus pass for only $36 per month? That’s a 50% reduction over the regular price?

UVic also offers employees a free membership in the Victoria Car Share Co-operative, and has launched the Jack Ride Sharing program. Plus, we offer cycle sharing, parking showers and lockers across campus to make your cycling commute safe and efficient. See www.uvic.ca/sustainability for more details or email alttransport.ca.

Want to learn more about how to travel sustainably and save money? Attend a TRANSPORTATION TUNE UP workshop organized by the CIB on November 4th, Noon to 3 PM, Room 3012.

Contact alttransport@uvic.ca or call 387-5154 to find out more and to register.

UVic-atLAS team

Subatomic records smashed to smithereens

By Tara Sharpe

Earlier this year, if you had stood on either side of the French-Swiss border, you wouldn’t have felt it. But deep underground, another world record was broken in the field of par-

ticle physics, and this summer more than 1,000 particle physicists gathered in Paris to hear the latest results.

The UVic-atLAS team is in the thick of the subatomic action at CERN’s Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the 27-km circular tunnel buried 100m below the surface near Geneva. In March, the LHC created its first “bang” at an energy three-and-a-half times higher than previously achieved by a terrestrial accelerator. The AT-

LAS detector is recording subatomic debris from head-on collisions of trillions of pro-

tons, and although it is early days, the thousands of gigabytes of data each year will help researchers probe the possible existence of new dimensions and explore space and time.

UVic physics professor Dr. Michel Lefebvre, founding spokesperson of the ATLAS-Canada project currently led by UVic adjunct professor Dr. Rob McPherson, greatly benefited from early work by UVic particle physicists Drs. Alan Anthoy and Richard Koehler. The UVic-ATLAS team now includes Drs. Justin Albert, Robert Kowalewski, Randall Sobie and Isabel Trigger as well as more than 25 students, associ-

ates, technicians, computer experts, engineers and scientists.

Ongoing LHC updates: press.web.cern.ch and http://twitter.com/cern

Students flip for Law Co-op

Law co-op student Cand Bohn won first prize in the 2010 Co-op Photo Contest for this photo of a calving trip that he took with clients while working as a legal researcher with the Yukon Department of Justice. Bohn and Trevor Cunningham, also an UVic law student, were captured on film and in law attire doing a double flip-over off a large wave. More than 115 photos were submitted to the contest by co-op students who had completed work terms over the past year. To see the other winners, chosen in a vote by co-op students themselves, visit http://coop.uvic.ca/?page=photocontest

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• Exhibit Graphic Radicals. Until Oct. 31. The work of World War II-illuminated, a New York artist collective, from the 1950s to the present day, confronting issues such as anti-war protests, squating in New York, the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.


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Thursday, October 13

UVic Co-op and Career Fair 9:30 a.m. Employer information session. This is your session to learn about what it’s like to work for Tech. RSVP to amachin@uvic.ca. Engineering Comp Science Bldg. 108. 250-721-6084

Friday, October 14

Workshop 1 p.m. Human Rights 101: Putting the Human Back into Human Rights. This workshop uses a plain language approach to provide an in-depth understanding of the UVic discrimination and harassment policy and procedures. Sedgewick C168. 250-721-7904

Tuesday, October 17

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. Sea Otters and Persistent Organic Pollution. Call Nelson, graduate student, at a discussion of her research into the impacts of persistent organic pollutants on a population of marine foraging sea otters on southern Vancouver Island. Fraser 1B.

Wednesday, October 18

Exhibit 10 a.m. Leader of Lunch with Sharon & Richard Fries. Mediterranean Autumn Songs. MacLaurin B165. 250-721-7904

Studies in Religion and Society Lecture 6 p.m. Welcoming an Old Friend: Buddhist Hospice Care in Thailand. Dr. Kelli Stajduhar and Coby Tuchinez, UVic Social Sciences & Math Atria. 250-721-7904

Thursday, October 19

School of Earth & Ocean Sciences Seminar 1:30 p.m. New insights into the Dynamics of the Gavapitra-System on the Northern Caspian Margin from IODP Scientific Drilling and NEPTUNE-Canada Monitoring Experiments. Dr. Michael Riedel, UVic. Wright Centre Atria. 250-721-6564

Cafe Scientifique 6:30 p.m. Riding a Giant Telescope to the Beginning of Time. Dr. Michael Riedel, UVic. Wright Centre Atria. 250-721-6564

Friday, October 20

Lecture/Seminar 2:30 p.m. Interlinking Odpportunities in Palliative Care: Dr. Kelly Stoyaboy and Taty Tuchinez, UVic Social Sciences & Math Atria. 250-721-7904

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Tuesday, October 27

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Thursday, October 29


Saturday, October 31

Orion Lecture 8 p.m. Elissa Authier, Univ. of Colorado at Colorado Springs, author of Strong Girl, Through. The Hedge of Art and Craft in American Art; Visual Arts Anz.

Friday, November 5

Music 8 p.m. University of Victoria Chamber Singers. Brian Wismath, director. MacLaurin B165. 250-721-7904

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Social Justice Studies annual lecture
Dr. Janet Conway ( Brock University and Canada Research Chair in Social Justice) will deliver the "free public lecture entitled "Is the Global Justice Movement Colonial? A Troubling Tale of Indigenous Peoples at the World Social Forum" on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Hideman 105. Indigenous discourses and world views have been quite marginal in the global justice movement. This talk opens up a discussion about the hegemonic character of the global justice movement and challenges to its transformation. A panel comprised of UVic's Arighel Eisenberg (political science), Cindy Holder (philosophy), and Wacytawin (Indigenous governance) will offer responses.

Check out a real human from the UVic Human Library
UVic Libraries and the Equity and Diversity Office have joined forces to create a human library in which the "books"-or human beings, Human library "books"-are people who are often confronted with prejudices and stereotypes. Readers can "borrow" these "books" for conversations—a chance to peer away layers of assumption and biases and make a connection with a dynamic world instead of a static label. UVic's event will involve staff, students, faculty and community members who are willing to volunteer as human "books" by making themselves available in the McPherson Library for conversations with readers on Oct. 27 and 28 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. The world's first Human Library was held 10 years ago at a music festival in Denmark and organized by a Danish youth organization called Stop the Violence. More information: http://humanlibrary.org/

day in the life

I-Witness Holocaust Field School
Germanic and Slavic Studies is offering a new and life-changing course in Central Europe in May 2011. The I-witness Holocaust Field School will explore how the Holocaust has been “memorialized” at Central European historical sites and help participants deepen their understanding of anti-Semitism, racism, religious intolerance, homophobia and the stigmatization of the mentally and physically disabled. The program will run from May 2–28, at UVic, Berlin, Cracow and Vienna. Application deadline Nov. 1. Info: http://www.anic.ca/ gwu/iwitness/

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Celebrating UVic Authors: 2010
Come to a reception and reading honouring UVic authors Oct. 21 from 7–9 p.m. in the UVic Bookstore. UVic authors who will read from their works are: Susan Boyd, Raise'N' Social Action Saving Lives; Lorna Czieser, Small Belfast the Sky: A Prairie Memoir; Florin Diaco, Megadisasters; and Jamie Dopp, Now is the Winter: Thinking about Hockey. The event is sponsored by UVic Libraries and the UVic Bookstore. More info: library.vic.ca/authors

Nominate a great teacher
The UVic Alumni Association invites nominations for the Gillian Sherwin Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is for faculty teaching excellence by sessional lecturers, lab instructors and senior lab instructors. The recipient receives a $2,000 cash prize and the opportunity to be recognized at Alumni Week in February. Contact the Learning and Teaching Centre for advice on presenting a nominee’s dossier. Deadline Oct. 29. Nomination forms: alumni.uvic.ca

New sustainability coordinator
Dan MacKinnon has joined Campus Planning and Sustainability as a sustainability coordinator. Previously a grants coordinator with the Victoria Foundation, Dan has a wide range of experience on projects related to sustainability, transportation, climate change and leadership development. At UVic his focus will be on climate action, GHG reporting and reduction, sustainability indicators and the preparation of a 2011 campus sustainability report.

Saanich Youth Council wants YOU(TH)!
The Saanich Youth Council brings together young people from across the municipality every other Wednesday. Members will participate in the Saanich planning process, connect with community associations and municipal councils and develop a plan for local youth engagement. If you or your organization would like to get involved in this exciting new group, contact Alana Stewart at alana.stewart@saanich.ca (250) 475-7264.

I-Witness Holocaust Field School
A typical day in the life of UVic’s photographer Don Pierce is anything but routine.

Sure, his job is to take photos. But the who, what and where of his work changes hourly. He might spend the morning photographing YPs at a media conference, the afternoon in a lab taking photos of a researcher for university publication and the evening rubbering elbows with the rich and famous.

“Meeting the honorary degree recipients has been interesting,” recalls Pierce. “Two that really stood out for me are Mary Pratt, the artist—whose work I love—and Atom Egoyan, the filmmaker. I also enjoyed hearing Diana Krall play. In fact, it was interesting to see her behind the scenes because she was so surprisingly shy.”

When he’s not out on the field, Pierce and UVic’s other staff photographers, Chris Marshall, are busy behind their computer monitors, archiving and enhancing digital and scanned images. It’s a fast-paced job with tight deadlines, and one that Pierce has been doing for 30 years.

In memoriam

With great sadness we announce the loss of Shelly Waskiewich after her courageous battle with cancer. She passed away on Sept. 5, after a year of fighting a very aggressive cancer.

Shelly was a graduate student in an Individual Intercultural Master of Arts program. Academically, she excelled. She had pinned an area of study that is of high relevance in health care practice, planning and policy and developed a strong repertoire of research skills through her masters research at the Centre on Aging—this in addition to her academic studies.

She was impressive both in her commitment to interdisciplinary education and in her ability to think critically and be a thoughtful contributor to intellectual dialogue. She was a “living star” who was highly respected by her colleagues.

Two weeks before she died, Shelly asked Dr. Kelli Stajduhar to complete her thesis work, and shortly after her death, her family requested that Dr. Stajduhar and Laura Funk complete her thesis and publish the findings. We, at the Centre on Aging, believe her work, entitled “Ending Life in Long-Term Care from the Perspectives of Care Givers” is of the highest quality and will have the potential to meet the objective stated in her proposal: “to inform the development of health services to support care professionals to meet the needs of these (long-term care) residents.”

Shelly often volunteered on and off campus. She was a volunteer at the Victoria Hospice Society. She was the university’s representative at the Canadian Association on Gerontology’s Student Representative at the Canadian Association on Gerontology’s Student

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