New late-night and express transit options
Starting this week, there are expanded
transit options available to and from
campus, including a new express
bus service along MacKenzie Avenue (16
UVic Uptown Express) and two late-
night weekend bus routes connecting
downtown and UVic (routes 4 and 14).
More: http://communications.uvic.ca/
univinfo/annoucement.php?id=432

Help change the future
The UVic 2010 United Way campaign
will officially begin with the annual kick-off
BBQ on Sept. 21 at lunchtime near the
fountain. Downtown United Way is
assisted by a United Way-funded agency
or program. Visit the website for event
details, this year’s goals and how to
follow the campaign campaign on Twitter
and other social media. More: unitedway.
uvic.ca

Third campus building
achieves gold sustainability
standard
In August the Canada Green Building
Council recognized UVic’s Social Sciences
and Mathematics Building, opened in
2008, with gold-level certification in its
Leadership in Energy and Environmental
Design (LEED) green building program.
UVic’s Medical Sciences and Engineering/
Computer Science buildings previously
achieved LEED gold status. More: http://
communications.uvic.ca/releases/release.
php?display=release&id=1154

New lecture series focuses
on urban topics
UVic’s Committee for Urban Studies
is launching a new series of free, public
lectures in which UVic and visiting
scholars will examine issues that confront
urban dwellers. “The City Talks” will be
held downtown at UVic’s Legacy Gallery
and Café. The first lecture, on Sept. 16
at 7:30 p.m., will feature filmmaker and
URC scholar Leonie Sandercock, who will
screen her new documentary film Finding
Our Way that explores the legacies of
colonialism in small-town BC. More:
www.thecitytalks.ca

Preparing a warm welcome
UVic’s Student Transition Services staff (L-R: Sue Corner, Dustin Meredith, April Michel and Melanie Mar) and student volunteers collate info packs for more than 1,900 new undergraduate and graduate
students who started at UVic this month. On Sept. 7, New Student Orientation featured faculty and campus tours for new students and their parents, plus an opening convocation ceremony where
students officially became Vikes. The day ended with the President’s Welcome Barbeque and Information Carnival.

As a child, Mary Kerr (theatre) spent many
hours at her mother’s Winnipeg dance stu-
dio watching the magic of the stage. “They
had footlights where we put the shows on,
and I used to sit in the audience at the end
of the evening and look at the empty stage.
It was my mother who taught me all the
worlds that could be created there.”

Her imagination has helped Kerr
forge a distinguished career as a produc-
tion designer in Canadian and interna-
tional theatre, dance, opera, feature film,
television, exhibition and special events
design. It has also garnered her Canada’s
highest academic honour, fellowship
in the Royal Society of Canada (RSC),
the country’s senior national body of
distinguished Canadian scholars. In the
history of the RSC, Kerr is the only set
and costume designer to be inducted
into the society.

“It is an honour to be elected by one’s
peers to a society that contains many of
my mentors and colleagues,” says Kerr. “I
am proud of the academic prestige such
election accords my university and look
forward to contributing to the national
collegium of thought and endeavour that
the RSC embodies.”

“My training was to be a sculptor or a
concert pianist,” Kerr recalls. “But whip-
lash changed my path and so I ended up
at the Medieval Centre in Toronto, and
also studied with Marshall McLuhan and
Northrop Frye. To pass one course in
medieval theatre we had to put on a class
show—the PLS Society—and I was chosen
as the designer simply because I could draw.
The design created a bit of a sensation and
one show led to another.

“I’ve been very, very lucky in that
the right people liked what I did and imagined
how they could use me.”

And so began a lifetime of pouring col-
our and vibrancy—“kinetic art sculpture”
as Kerr calls it—into the Canadian cultures.
Her award-winning artistically unique sets
and costumes have been seen across the
globe. They’ve also appeared on TV.

Kerr has worked in every type and
scope of production medium and in col-
laboration with playwrights, directors,
producers, choreographers and perform-
ern. This spring she designed Sneaky Todd
at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.

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North to Alaska—by motorcycle

BY HAILEY FINNIGAN (BFA ’07)

This summer, Maria Littoni (Uvic Communications) and I rode our motorcycles to Alaska. We clocked 8,000 km, explored glaciers, met some wonderful people, had a close encounter with a moose, and—perhaps the most memorable experience of all—rode our bikes through a forest fire at the top of the Cassiar Highway—twice!

What was it like? Wild! First there was the fuel issue. Motorcycles have small fuel tanks and there are few gas stations on that highway. The last one on the route had run out of gas. So by the time we arrived at the fire barricade we had just enough fuel to get through the fire and not enough to make it back to an open gas station. We had to get through. But would officials even let us? People had already been waiting days for the right conditions that would allow the barrier to open. They ran out of food and water. Luckily, we only had to wait a few hours before a helicopter and two pilot cars escorted our 400-vehicle convoy through the next 77 km. We sped through the thick smoke, which stung our eyes and made breathing uncomfortable, as ash swirled behind our tires. Trees on either side of the road were on fire and we could hear them exploding beside us. It was exhilarating!

Eventually we made it to the Alaska Highway, where there was gas, fresh air and a banana split for a job well done.

I remember thinking that riding my motorcycle through flames was an epic event—all that was missing was the heavy metal soundtrack—and that I’d probably never have another experience like that again. Little did I know that we’d be doing the exact same thing two weeks later!

We’ve blogged our trip. If you want to read more: wham2010.blogspot.com

New school’s focus is public health

BY CHRISTINE MCLAREN

For the first time in 20 years UVic is launching a new school. Starting in September 2011, the School of Public Health and Social Policy in the Faculty of Human and Social Development will offer a Master’s of Public Health, a Graduate Diploma in Public Health, and a Bachelor of Arts in Health and Community Services through online distance delivery. The programs—developed in consultation with the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), the Federation of Community Social Services of BC, and members of the public health and the community service sector—advance education and research in the field of public health and support community-based practice in health and social justice.

“The changing healthcare landscape requires a broad range of innovative health programs and research to meet the needs of today’s population,” says Mary Ellen Perkins, dean of the faculty. “Our graduates will be prepared to make valuable contributions towards the health and well-being of our communities.”

Public health education is a well-established field of study aimed at promoting quality of life, reducing premature death, and minimizing the impact of disease, disability and injury through improving programs such as pandemic immunizations, falls prevention research, maternal and child health care, housing and homelessness, and mental health services.

The graduate and undergraduate programs, all offered online with strategically placed on-campus components, will include essential practice experiences in the field.

“The graduate programs offer several areas of concentration in public health that are unique and important in advancing a healthier population,” says Irving Rootman, chair of the program’s advisory committee and past-president of the Public Health Association of BC.

“The distance education model means that those working in the field can increase their knowledge while remaining in the workforce,” says Rootman.

The areas of focus for the school include Indigenous Peoples’ health, public health informatics, public health nursing, disability studies, gerontology, global health and social policy.

The innovative BA in Health and Community Services provides programs in the management and delivery of services within institutional and community settings. “Community health requires graduate education to meet the needs of specific populations as well as the theoretical foundations for developing programs that can be demonstrated to improve social inclusion and reduce social inequities,” says Jennifer Charlesworth, executive director of the Federation of Community Social Services of BC.

The Faculty of Human and Social Development has been delivering interdisciplinary health and community services programs in applied and professional practice for over 30 years.

Further information: www.uvic.ca/publichealth

Get published in The Ring

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 our new and improved website (launching soon).

Perhaps you’re a student or faculty member with an interest in covering lectures or cultural events or a staff member who generates material of interest to Ring readers. By contributing your voice and talents, you’ll gain an outlet for your creativity, help inform your colleagues and make The Ring more vibrant and engaging.

To find out how to become a volunteer contributor, contact the editor, Robbie Liscomb: 250-721-7640 or robie@uvic.ca

 Navigate the ever-changing market

A longtime resident and UVic grad, Dave is helping local residents and new-owners navigate their way through the real estate market. Whether buying or selling, he will assure smooth sailing. Just ask his many clients at UVic.

One gift. Unlimited possibilities.

Imagine the seed a conversation can plant. New ways of fighting disease. A serum that treats generations. A business that creates thousands of jobs. And the University of Victoria students behind these achievements will have you to thank for making it possible. Your gift. Your legacy.

As someone who has contributed so much, consider leaving a gift that will allow future generations to experience the UVic community that you’ve helped create. Contact Natalie to start the conversation about creating a lasting legacy in your will or estate plan.

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The Ring welcomes letters from members of the university community on matters of relevance to UVic. Please consult our letters policy online at http://ring.uvic.ca/policies.html and send submissions to the editor, robie@uvic.ca.

correction In the July issue, The Ring incorrectly reported that Susan Methamigis was the current chair of the Foundation for the University of Victoria and the Victoria University Foundation. She has completed her term of service in these positions and currently Ms. Lisa Hill is the chair of the Foundation for the University of Victoria and the University of Victoria Foundation. Methamigis is the current chair of the Board of Governors.
Rabbit trapping resumed on campus last month following a BC Supreme Court decision on Aug. 30 to set aside an injunction that prohibited UVic from trapping and killing the animals that are proliferating on campus. The injunction was obtained by animal rights activist Roslyn Cas- 

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The board consists of the chancellor, the president, two elected faculty members, one elected staff member, two students elected from the university’s undergraduate or graduate student societies, and eight members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. There is one vacancy among the latter.

SUSAN MEHNING, CHAIR
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE

Mehning holds a BSc (Honours) from Queen’s University and an LLB from the University of Victoria. A fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a member of the Bar Association of British Columbia, she was previously the managing partner of the Victoria office of Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants, where she practiced in the field of personal and corporate taxation. Mehning is a director of the Queen Alexandra Foundation and was a member of the Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation from 1998 to 2004, serving as chair. She served previously as chair of the University of Victoria Foundation and the Foundation of the University for Victoria. She has completed the Directors’ Education Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

TONY GAGE, VICE-CHAIR
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE

Gage holds a BA in economics from the University of Victoria and an MBA (Finance) from the University of British Columbia. A charted financial analyst (CFA), Gage is a director of PSP Investments and Sky Investment Counsel and head of the management committee of JEAL Pension System Solutions. He is a past chair of the board of Phillips, Hoger and North Investment Management. His career at Phillips, Hoger and North spanned more than 20 years including five years as president and chief executive officer. He is a member of the Association of Investment Management and Research (AIMR) and an accredited charter director (McGill University).

DAVID TURPIN
PRESIDENT

Turpin is the University of Victoria’s sixth president and vice-chancellor. Under his leadership, UVic has grown in size and in stature; student financial assistance has more than doubled, sponsored research funding has increased nearly four-fold, funding more than $100 million annually, and the university leads the VENUS and NEPTUNE Canada coded subsea observatories and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. Turpin is a well-recognized scholar in plant biochemistry and physiology, one of Canada’s most highly cited researchers, a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a member of the Order of Canada.

MURRAY FARMER
CHANCELLOR

Farmer holds a BA in economics from the University of Victoria, completed the Harvard Business School’s owner/president executive education program, and is a registered quantity surveyor. He is the president of Farmer Industries Group Inc and vice-president of Farmer Management Inc., Accent Inns and Bedson Estates Inc. Farmer has been active in many associations and community organizations and chaired the Canadian Construction Association, the Victoria Foundation and the Royal Jubilee Hospital Foundation.

JANE BUTLER MCGREGOR
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE

Butler McGregor currently serves as CEO of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Prior to this she served on the board of directors of Pacific Opera Victoria before stepping in as interim executive director during a transitional period. Previously she held the position of director for 13 years where she helped find two new non-profit organizations and served on the board of several others. Before moving to the US she served as the corporate director of human resources for the JBL Mitchell Group in Vancouver after managing-gard relations and VISP services for Expo 86. She has a BA in psychology from the University of British Columbia.

JAMES COCCOLA
ELECTED STUDENT MEMBER

Coccola is chairperson of the University of Victoria Students’ Society and a former student senator. He is pursuing a double major in geography and political science and served previously on the executives of several student groups.

JOHN D'C. EVANS
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE

Evans is an associate professor and director of Trilogy Properties Corp, headquartered in Vancouver. He has guided many major real estate projects in Canada and the US over the past two decades. Trilogy, which Evans founded in 1991, is active in real estate development, acquisition and asset management in Vancouver, Whistler and the Fraser Valley. During its initial six years, Trilogy developments were valued at more than $250 million, including the Westin Grand Hotel and OPS’ hotels in downtown Vancouver and Whistler’s Marketplace. Evans holds a commerce degree from the University of British Columbia.

KELSEY HANNAH
ELECTED STUDENT MEMBER

Hannah is director of finance of the University of Victoria Students’ Society, having served during 2009-10 as a UPS director at large. She has worked in the field of sustainable development and is pursuing a degree in political science and economics.

TERRY VANCE
ELECTED STAFF MEMBER

Vance is an executive associate and director of the Office of the President and CEO at the University of Victoria, having served in the Office of the President and CEO since 2007. Prior to this role, Vance served in the offices of the Dean of Business and the Associate Vice-President, Finance. Vance holds a BSc in psychology and a BA in economics from the University of Victoria.

ERIC SAGER
ELECTED FACULTY MEMBER

A member of UVic’s history department since 1983, Sager is a historian of Canada and author of nine books and over 40 articles. He was director of the Canadian Families Review Committee, the Campus Development Committee, and the humanities Faculty Advisory Committee. Since 1984 he has written 18 articles on post-secondary education practices. She received the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence and most recently the UVic Women’s Recognition Award.

BEVERLY VAN RUYVEN
ORDER-IN-COUNCIL APPOINTEE

Van Ruyven is deputy chief executive officer and executive vice-president of BC Hydro. She joined the company in 1997 as manager of Key Accounts and was promoted to progressively senior roles until 2010 when she was appointed executive vice-president of the company. She joined the University of Victoria and completed the Executive Management Program at the Richard Ivey School of Business of the University of Western Ontario. Van Ruyven is past chair of the Western Energy Institute, and serves on the boards of Accenture Business Services for Utilities, Fraser Basin Council and Vancouver Board of Trade’s Women’s Leadership Circle. In November 2009, she was named as one of Canada’s Most Powerful Women – Top 100.

BARBARA WHITTINGTON
ELECTED FACULTY MEMBER

Whittington is an associate professor who has served as director of the School of Social Work, faculty coordinator of the UVic Family Centre, university ombud, and was the university’s first human rights (harassment) director. She helped found the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment in Higher Education, and was appointed to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee for the selection of Supreme Court Justices in BC. Whittington’s research and community interests center on issues of grandparents raising grandchildren, social justice, and school restorative justice practices. She received the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence and most recently the UVic Women’s Recognition Award.
The robot lands on the seafloor with Verena Tunnicliffe. But she’s not in a scientific program voyage of international UVic researcher joins maiden voyage of international UVic research. Hundreds of meters above, the ship bobs in the calm waters off Indonesia as its control room—she’s not even talking to anyone there. Tunnicliffe, the Canada Research Chair in Deep Ocean Research (biology/SEOS/VEOS) is watching the expedition from a station in UVic’s Bob Wright Building and talking to Santiago Herrera, a coral expert on watch at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

Welcome to telepresence the next generation of scientific cruises. Using real-time video, audio and data, all the action from the seafloor as deep as 1500m is beamed from the robot’s camera to the ship to a satellite to shore stations across the world. Just two scientists are on board the ship; the rest offer their ideas and requests from their sites across North America and Indonesia. All input is channeled through the chief scientist on shore to John Sherrin, the scientific coordinator on board the vessel.

"Everything’s buzzing," says Sherrin, a SEOS grad student in Tunnicliffe’s lab studying hot vents on active marine volcanoes. "The pilots ask what we’re looking at, and when I ask people on shore, I immediately get four answers.

Telepresence changes the realm of possibilities for scientific expeditions. Researchers and students can join for a few hours or a few days rather than having to commit to weeks at sea. When an unusual species comes into view, a scientist grabs a frame from the streaming video and sends it to a specialist who responds within hours—often within the same dive.

This summer’s cruise marks the maiden voyage for NOAA’s Okeanos Explorer, and it explored no areas one has ever seen before to look for hydrothermal vents and seeps that signal new research opportunities in biology, geology and chemical oceanography.

Each dive over the three weeks revealed more marine marvels thousands of stalked barnacles packed into sulphur chimneys, lumpy angler fish, delicate sea spiders, massive barrel sponges and slithering, long-armed animals called crinoids, related to sea urchins and sea stars. And corals abound, often with brittle stars or crinoids clinging to them—much to the delight of Tunnicliffe and under- grad Dustin Schornagel, who will study these animals this term. The cruise had its challenges, of course. The charts for the area were so outdated that the crew mapped the seafloor by night and used the resulting charts for the following day’s dive. Plus, the time difference meant that each day’s dive in Indonesia finished around 2 a.m. West Coast time. The new environment meant dive time was often spent investigating rare and bizarre animals, although the re- searchers did discover hydrothermal vents on the second day.

But considering the thousands of details to accommodate—the convoluted permits, finicky telecommunications, and unpredictable weather—the cruise was a success; it mapped new regions, discovered dozens of new species, and set the stage for future expeditions.

"The whole operation is brand new, so the fact we can get this much done is terrific," says Tunnicliffe. "It is a wonderful way to bring the deepsea to students at UVic and around the world."

Read more about the cruise and check out images and video at http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/oekeanos/ explorations/Okeanos/welcome.

More information: http://publi- cadmium.uvic.ca/maed

UVic Speakers Bureau celebrates 30 years of community service

The ethics of police conduct, teen lit and politics, the risks of drinking—these are just some of the 98 new topics, out of a total of 338 topics, that the UVic Speakers Bureau program is offering this year.

Since its inception in 1980, tens of thousands of Victorians have benefited from the free lectures provided by this service.

The bureau is made up of 122 volunteer speakers from among the faculty, staff and graduate students who teach, conduct research, and study on campus. Every year, bureau members go off campus to speak to a wide range of community groups, schools, clubs, service organizations and businesses throughout southern Vancouver Island.

Dr. Marjorie Mayfield, professor emerita of early education and literacy, has been a bureau volunteer since day one. Mayfield talks to parent groups about education and literacy and speaks to women about travelling.

"I’ve always been a traveler," says Mayfield. "I went to university in Scotland at 19 and I’ve been travelling ever since. In fact, I’ve lived in the Middle East and in Europe and I’m in the process of booking a trip to Italy."

Her top travel tip for women? Go! Usually I speak to groups of older women and a lot of them are no longer travelling with husbands but they don’t want to travel alone. So my big push to them is just go!"

Other long-time bureau volunteers include Drs. Werner Lahtelie, Gerry Ferguson, Eike Kluge, Robert Gifford, Ian MacPherson, Patricia Roy, David Ballantyne and Robert Willihnganz.

More info: www.uvic.ca/speakers

Linguistics student off to Shanghai on Premier’s Scholarship

Unlike many students returning to university this fall, Brittney O’Neill, an EcoCAR student from East High in Nanjing, China, doesn’t have to worry about covering her tuition. The third-year UVic linguistics student looking to East China Normal University in Shanghai as BC’s sole recipient of the 2010 Irving K Barber Premier’s One World Scholarship worth $20,000.

She’ll spend the next two terms living in the downtown riverside campus taking language classes in the mornings and spending her afternoons studying and exploring the Chinese metropolis. "I’m looking forward to seeing the silk market," says the native of Fort St. John. "It’s huge! I went to high school, but even though she arrived at UVic with a Premier’s Excellence Scholarship, she was concerned her French might not be good enough.

O’Neill’s Chinese teacher in China tells the UVic campus a “perfect fit. It’s pastoral and laid back,” she’s looking forward to her first trip to China. While Mandarin will be the focus of her undergraduate linguistics and Chinese language and literature program, O’Neill is not limiting herself to one language in the future. “I’ve always loved languages and I’ve always vacillated wildly about what I want to do with my life, still that way.” She’s drawn to “obscure” languages such as old Irish and likes “dabbling” in Icelandic and plans to attend graduate school. “I’m considering library sci- ence, but I’m interested in everything. I can’t decide what to focus on.”

Among those widespread interests is a “growth addiction” to ballroom dancing, first prompted when she saw it at the famous Bund is just one of the op-}

BY KRISTA ZALÁ

BY PATTY PITTS

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Grad research aids coalition on homelessness

BY CHRISTINE McLAREN

When Health Information Science grad student Tyroene Austen went looking for a master’s thesis topic, he wanted to do something that would have impact and make a difference close to home.

“I wanted to work on a project that would provide immediate benefits to the community and improve efforts to address homelessness,” says recent master’s graduate Austen. He sought the supervision of Denis Protti from the School of Health Information Science, a pioneer in the field of health informatics research, and Bernie Pauly from the School of Nursing and Centre for Addictions Research. BC. Pauly’s work focuses on advancing long-term strategies to address homelessness. She is a member of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness management committee and co-chairs the research, evaluation and data working group.

The coalition needed a method of reporting back to the community, and Austen set out to measure and evaluate the progress of homelessness programs in Victoria. The result was the 2010 Report on Housing and Supports, delivered at the coalition’s annual general meeting in June.

“I had the opportunity to experience the community impact of my findings and how they can be used to help improve evaluation of the program,” says Austen.

His report framework provides the coalition with an annual means of evaluating and reporting the effectiveness of progress in addressing the complex issue of homelessness in the community.

“This master’s thesis was a unique learning opportunity because the research was grounded in the needs of the community and facilitated by a community-university partnership,” says Pauly.

Austen determined that better integration of data gathering among the more than 30 agencies addressing the homelessness issue would make both evaluation and service delivery more effective. Based on these findings, several of the agencies involved in the research have already begun planning to advance their information management capabilities. His findings were broken down into specific areas—emergency shelters, economic factors, housing, outreach and hospital use.

“The data showed that due to Victoria’s unfriendly housing market and unbalanced living wage, homelessness is not a choice,” says Austen.

The Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness is a community-based partnership of service providers in the non-profit and public sectors, advocates, business representatives and elected municipal officials formed in February 2008 to lead the region’s commitment to end homelessness. More information about the report can be found at www.solvehomelessness.ca/index.html.

New academic offerings this fall

Double master’s in nursing and health informatics

In response to the need for clinicians with electronic health informatics knowledge, experience and training, the Faculty of Human and Social Development has created the new double degree graduate program—Master of Nursing and Master of Science in Health Informatics—beginning this fall.

The double degree option enables registered nurses to develop graduate-level competencies in both nursing and health information science. The option will prepare graduates for leadership roles in the rapidly expanding fields of telehealth, implementation of electronic health care records and other areas of emerging health technology.

Developed and jointly administered by the schools of nursing and health information science, the program offers students an MN/MSc in three years, rather than the four or five years that it would typically take to complete each of the degrees independently.

Entry into the program requires a bachelor’s degree in nursing and professional experience. All classes will be delivered online, and students will complete two co-operative education placements in nursing informatics and general health informatics and complete a thesis.

Business launches two new grad programs

UVic Business is welcoming students into the first intake of two new programs launching this year. Its new one-year Master of Global Business begins this month with orientation for 33 students based at UVic until mid-November. Students then travel to National Sun-Yat Sen University in Taiwan and end their classroom studies at the Johannes Kepler University in Austria. As well, four students have enrolled in the faculty’s new PhD in International Management and Organization, designed to develop students’ competence in research and teaching, preparing them to pursue a productive academic career and contribute to the cutting edge of management thought.

French program redesigned

The Department of French launches a brand new undergraduate program this fall. Seeking to allow students to explore the diversity of the French-speaking world through its literatures, language and cultures, the new program offers more flexibility, intensive courses, hybrid courses (in-class and online), new specialized 600-level courses, and a new field school program to be taught in Sénégal in May 2011. Thanks to this new revamped program, students starting French in first year (with little or no previous experience) can become bilingual and graduate with a major in French in less than four years.

Indigenous Music course

Indigenous Musics of North America is a new course offered by the School of Music and open to all UVic students. Ethnomusicologist Marcia Ostashewski will explore contemporary musical landscapes of various groups of Indigenous North Americans. She’ll show how their performance traditions have been influenced by traditional social values and cultural histories, as well as by encounters and exchanges with other Indigenous groups and with newcomers from Europe and Africa.

Drawing on extensive fieldwork and case studies from several communities, Ostashewski will discuss celebrations, popular music projects, dance, art, and film.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13  
Continuing Studies Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. “Bones” and Bones: Forensic Science Co-op & Career Info Day. 250-721-6562

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
Other 6:30 p.m. Co-op & Career info day. Find out how to find a co-op or Career info day. Meet co-op students and staff; see samples of projects and enter to win prizes. SUB, Michele Pujol Rm. 250-721-6084

Lecture/Seminar 7:30 p.m. Difference or Recycling? We're here to help. Clearihue lobby. 250-721-6084

Centre for Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 7:30 p.m. Sex, Politics and the “Gift of God”. shredded Webs of Ugandan Anti-Gay BE. Michael J. Hadley, CSRS Associate Fellow, UVic. Social Sciences and Math A104. 250-721-6325


THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16  
Malahat Review Launch and Reading 7:30 p.m. Launch of the summer issue of the UVic-based literary magazine, featuring readings by local authors. Fine Arts 103 and lobby. www.malahatreview.ca/friends/lum-mannahatsuccess.html

Lecture/Seminar 7-30 p.m. Reports from the field. Classical Archaeology at UVic. Brief talks on recent archaeological work. Various speakers. 250-721-6562

TED Talk 4:15 p.m. When Winds Blow: the Andromeda Galaxy will likely be the size of their mirrors, and this one makes UVic’s new telescope the country’s fifth-largest overall.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
Resumania 12:30 p.m. Fridays. School of Music: Student programs in various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7994

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
Resumania 12:30 p.m. Fridays. School of Music: Student programs in various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7994

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
Anthropology Colloquium Series 11:30 a.m. First Nations Struggle To Have Their Aboriginal Rights And Title Recognized and Resumed in Today’s Economy. Dr. Judith Saynor, UVic. Current B100. 250-721-7904

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
Positive Space Network 11:00 a.m. Annual meeting to welcome new volunteers and people interested in next year’s executive. Graduate Student Society Centre 101.

Cafe Scientifique 8:00 a.m. Clinical Trial is Applied to Cancer Care Delivery: Remediation. Set Your Pace Do the Walking. Dr. Brian Warkenstein. Hosted by the Centre for Biomedical Calligraphy. Strawmarket Hotel, 99 Douglas St., Maple Rm. 250-472-4847

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
Centre for Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 4:30 p.m. “Une Grande Immodestie “: Gendering Violence in the Temples in Late Antique Egypt: Destruction or Recycling? We’re here to help. Clearihue lobby. 250-721-6084

Lecture/Seminar 4:30 p.m. Speaker’s Club at the UVic. Come practice your talk, seminar, defense or conference presentation in a safe and friendly environment. Hickman Hall. 250-472-5543

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
Co-op Employment Program & Career Services 11:30 a.m. Sustainable Property: How Can You Help the Federal Public Service Make a Difference? This full-day event features a career expo, discussion panels, information sessions and student research presentation on the topic of sustainability and career opportunities in the federal government. University Centre Lobby and Senate Chambers. 250-721-6084

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1  
Music 11:30 a.m. Fridays. School of Music: Student programs in various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7994

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5  
Co-op and Career Fair. 10 a.m. Students can network with employers from all industries at this full-day event. Stu- dent Union Building, Michele Pujol Room. More: www.uvic.ca/coop/cfc

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6  
Centre for Studies in Religion & Society Lecture 5:00 p.m. Questioning and Coping: Visual Evidence of R аб’s Scholarly Networks. Catherine M. H strain, CSRS infant. Stewart Graduate Student Fellow, History in Art, UVic. Social Sciences and Math A104. 250-721-6562

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8  
Food for life—of Eco MacBook (PDF). Guests are welcome to attend all or any part of the event as follows: 11:30 a.m. Documentary Screening; 2:00 p.m. Reception; 3:15 p.m. Cer- tification of Life. Phoenix Theatre Hall B, Bishop Theatre. 250-721-3991

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9  
Conference 7:30 p.m. The Fate of the Temple in Late Antique Egypt: Destruction or Recycling? We’re here to help. Clearihue lobby. 250-721-6084

NEW UVIC TELESCOPE

Up in space, down here on campus

The new fall term is a season for stellar happenings at UVic, and the Depart- ment of Physics and Astronomy has a special space reserved for everyone. The nation’s biggest on-campus tele- scope was hoisted into place July 2010 on the roof of the Bob Wright Centre and will be available for public viewing every Wed night from 8 till 10 p.m. from Oct. 6 to Apr. 27 (except for Dec. break).

The telescope, built by DFM En- gineering in Colorado, has a 32-inch mirror. Telescopes are rated by the size of their mirrors, and this one makes UVic’s new telescope the country’s fifth-largest overall.

Visitors to the astronomy open house can expect to see double stars, visible planets and many moons of nebulas. Clusters of stars and even the Andromeda Galaxy will likely be part of the special show of galactic sights. People of all ages and levels of cosmological knowledge are welcome, and admission is free.

The action takes place from the fifth floor of the Bob Wright Centre; take the elevator on the east side of the building from the main lobby.

More info: senior lab instructor/ senior scientific assistant Russell Robb (physics and astronomy) at robbo@uvic.ca or 250-721-7750

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BY MELANIE TROMP HOOVER

A day in the life of Mick Scow—administrative assistant with Indigenous Governance Programs—isn’t greatly different from his days as a master’s student in the same program just a few short months ago.

“I really didn’t want to leave—that’s what motivated me to find work within the program,” explains Scow, who completed his research into community-based resistance of Canadian colonialism this past spring.

“It means continuing discussions that I was fortunate enough to start having with professors and my peers while I was working on my graduate degree.”

Transitioning from student to staff member in July, Scow is the first point of contact for students when they walk in the door. He’s a sounding board—an all-things-to-all-people resource—for the students, faculty and staff associated with the Indigenous Governance Programs.

In the past two weeks he’s attended eight graduate defenses, filed paperwork for these presentations, completed day-to-day administrative tasks, provided academic and emotional support for the range of people within his program and found the time to put together orientation packages for September’s incoming class.

“It’s definitely a task-oriented position, but I’m fortunate to work closely with the person I’ve replaced,” says Scow. “Right now it’s the calm before the storm.”

Scow believes that the Indigenous Governance Programs—with its focus on Indigenous political and social thought within contemporary contexts—is helping the university build off-campus partnerships with Indigenous communities.

“The people in this program are leaders who apply their knowledge within the communities they come from,” says Scow. “Our main focus is on nurturing relationships.”

Outside of campus, Scow is beginning to lay down roots within the community.

“When you’re in the grad school bubble, it’s difficult to connect with the people outside of the academy that live in this area,” explains Scow. “So I’m hiking with my wife and two dogs and building a relationship with a local carver and participating in reading circles at bookstores. It’s personally important to me to become engaged and involved in the Indigenous community. I’m trying to walk the walk.”

Born in Nanaimo, Scow is from the Kwakwaka’wakw and Snuneymuxw nations but grew up on Blackfoot territory in and around Calgary. After completing his undergraduate degree in political science at the University of Calgary, he moved west to complete his master’s and live closer to his ancestral homelands.

“When you’re leaving the nest, having those support structures nearby is really important,” explains Scow.

Though a doctorate degree may hold his interest one day, Scow’s immediate future is focused on putting his research to use for new students in the Indigenous Governance Programs.

“I really don’t know where I separate work and pleasure—it’s all pleasurable to me,” laughs Scow.

“To find something you’re passionate about and to be willing to do it even if it wasn’t assigned is to work in an area that you love. This work is just part of who I am.”

In memoriam

Phoebe Noble, former member of the faculty of Victoria College and the University of Victoria, passed away on July 31.

She was a remarkable woman, full of energy—wife and mother, mathematician, superb gardener, lecturer and writer on gardening—who gave so much back to her community. For me and my contemporaries, she was a mentor, colleague and friend.

Phoebe taught mathematics for 33 years after having been recruited to the Victoria College in 1945. She also took on many administrative positions including Dean of Women, President of the Faculty Association and Head of the Department of Mathematics (twice). She was a leader in the initial push to create separate faculties for male and female students.

Phoebe was a passionate teacher and a pioneer in a field that, in those days, few women entered. She often showed up for her math lectures in her black academic gown, not worn out of any pretense of status, but rather for a very practical reason: to protect her clothes from the cloud of chalk dust that resulted from her demonstrations at the blackboard.

Phoebe’s many gardening interests included hardy geraniums, one of which bears her name. When I told her I had two Phoebe Noble geraniums in my garden she replied “That’s too bad! They will take over your garden. I keep mine in check with my lawnmower!”

Phoebe loved sketch. She was one of a kind, and those of us who knew her are all the better for it. Phoebe is survived by her daughter Sandra MacDonald.

Submitted by David Lemley, Professor Emeritus, Department of Mathematics and Statistics