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**50TH ANNIVERSARY RAP**

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**OTTAWA INVESTS $41.7 MILLION IN ONC**

As The Ring went to press, the federal and BC governments announced a total of $41.7 million in new federal funding to support the ongoing operating costs of the ONC Observatory, which is managed for UVic by Ocean Networks Canada (ONC). The funding is awarded through the Canada Foundation for Innovation’s (CFI) Major Science Initiatives program, which supports a portion of the operating costs of selected big science projects across Canada. Development of the ONC Observatory has been made possible with capital funding from the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia. The 800-km NEPTUNE Canada regional network and the nearly 50-km VENUS coastal network—which together make up the ONC Observatory—stream live data from instruments at key sites off coastal BC via the Internet to scientists, policy-makers, educators and the public around the world. http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/

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**PERMAFROST THAW WILL SPEED UP GLOBAL WARMING, PREDICTS STUDY**

**BY VALERIE SHORE**

The thawing of permafrost in Canada’s Arctic and other northern latitudes will significantly accelerate the rate of global warming in the coming decades, predicts a new study by three researchers from the University of Victoria, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences.

In the study, which was published online in September by Nature Geoscience, doctoral students Andrew MacDougall and Chris Aris, along with climate scientist Dr. Andrew Weaver, used UVic’s world-renowned coupled global climate model—a sophisticated computer model used to simulate climate systems—to estimate the effects of permafrost thaw on global temperatures.

Permafrost is permanently frozen soil, sediment or rock. It’s estimated that about 18.8 million sq km of northern soils hold about 1.7 billion tonnes of organic carbon, or frozen compost—the remains of plants and animals that have accumulated over thousands of years. That’s about four times more than all the carbon emitted by human activity in modern times, and twice as much as is currently in the atmosphere.

The new study predicts that by the end of this century, permafrost could release between 68 and 508 billion additional tonnes of carbon into the atmosphere, raising global temperatures by an average of 0.4 to 0.8°C. When combined with observed warming since pre-industrial times and committed warming in response to existing greenhouse gas levels, this suggests the planet is heading toward a 1.8 to 2.5°C rise in temperature—even if we start reducing emissions immediately.

“Our analysis shows that limiting global warming to less than 2°C—as identified in the 2009 Copenhagen Accord—is less and less likely,” says MacDougall. “It’s clear that if we want to avoid the more dire effects of climate change, we need to start reducing our emissions immediately and aggressively.”
Student reservists receive Jubilee medals

BY MITCH WRIGHT

Two University of Victoria students were recently recognized with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for their community contributions.

Ryan Flagg and Nicholas Hargrove are both members at RMCS Malahat, the Royal Canadian Navy’s reserve division in Victoria, as well as undergraduate students at UVic. They received their medals Sept. 15.

Flagg, a master seaman with the Naval Reserve, is in his final year of study for a bachelor of engineering degree. He says his community efforts are particularly rewarding, and I am committed to continue them.

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There had been so many years of Whitecaps development program the beautiful game young, talented, high performance years growing as a team. “I was just burnt out, I was sick of doing the same thing everyday. There had been so many years of playing soccer, and I guess I wanted something more,” she says.

Up until being scouted for the Whitecaps program development at the U17 and U18 levels, Sawicki, from Coquitlam, BC, had been selected to play for a BC team every summer while also playing for her hometown’s club side.

Although Sawicki had always known that she would go on to pursue a post-secondary education, soccer was no longer a priority until she spoke to Tracy Davie, head coach of the Vikes women’s soccer team.

“I just thought that Victoria was the perfect balance—getting the university experience, being away from home and still getting to play…. My team is my second family. There were 11 rookies in my first year, and we spent a lot of family. There were 11 rookies in my first year, and we spent a lot of time together. I think that’s part of the reason why we’re so strong this season: we’ve spent the past two years growing as a team.”

In grade 12, Sawicki had been identified for the national team pool of players, and this past summer, the third-year midfielder was selected to be a part of the Under-20 Canadian National Team travelling to Japan to compete in the FIFA Under-20 Women’s World Cup.

Sawicki spent the 2012 UVC spring season juggling her Vikes commitments with scholastic duties, as well as a demanding junior national team training schedule.

In July, the team went on back-to-back trips to Montreal, Italy and Switzerland before a two-week rest and then finally landing in Japan.

The Canadian women won their first game against the Argentinians but then dropped to second place in their pool after losing to Norway. A match against Korea DPR resulted in a loss for Canada, and the team did not qualify for the second round of competition.

For Sawicki, finding a balance between school and soccer can be a challenge. “When I’m away it’s definitely hard to do work, being on tour is really exhausting. When I’m here and when I’m with the Vikes it’s fine because I have my routine and they’re so supportive.”

Playing with the Vikes has rekindled Sawicki’s love of the beautiful game and she would not trade these past two years for anything. “I don’t regret my decision at all, I’ve met so many awesome people and I love my team. If anything, they’ve made me love the game even more.”

The Vikes have not yet lost a match this season, and with a record of 0-0-1 they are right on track for a Canada West league title. The Vikes’ only draw comes from their first game against the reigning CIS National Champions, the University of Alberta Pandas.

“They will be looking to cap off their year with a national title as they host the 2012 CIS Women’s Soccer Championships from Nov. 8-11.”

How inventive is UVic? We get top marks for inventiveness, according to a new report by The Impact Group.

The report tracks the number of invention disclosures at 28 Canadian universities in 2010 to determine how adept or prolific they are at producing inventions. “Invention disclosures” refers to the requirement that researchers disclose to their institution all ideas arising from their research that may have commercial potential. Every patent begins its life as a disclosure, although most disclosures don’t get that far.

When invention disclosures are measured against total research funding, UVic is second in the country, with one disclosure per $1.49 million of funding. When invention disclosures are compared to the number of full-time faculty members, UVic comes in third, with nearly one disclosure for every 10 faculty members. That’s double the Canadian university average. UVic, with 63 invention disclosures per year. Those that have led to successful commercialization—such as a patent or spin-off company—include Sophiris Bio (drug therapeutics), Plurilock (security, SIEM, MBM Proteomics (medical diagnostics) and Dynamic Systems Analysis (engineering software), among others.

“This study is one more measure of how committed our faculty and student researchers are in sharing their ideas and innovations with the wider community for the benefit of society,” says Dr. Howard Brunst, UVic’s vice-president research. Impact Group report: http://bit.ly/InventiveUVic
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Mental health info fair

Everyone is invited to Out of the Shadows and into the sunshine, a mental health information fair on World Mental Health Day, Wed., Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the 5081 Michelle Pujoal Room. Free one-on-one confidential screenings for depression, anxiety and risky drinking will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. A wide range of local and provincial advocacy groups, service providers and community agencies working for mental health and inclusion for all people living with mental illness will be represented. Live music by Sing Your Joy, the Gerti’s Higher Choir and the Slocanics, and great door prizes! More info: web.uvic.ca/ eqn/mhtf.htm

The Dead live on, online

University of Victoria Libraries present a public talk by Robin Chandler, who served as the project manager of digitization for the Grateful Dead Archive (GDA) and co-founder of the project website. The GDA documents the Grateful Dead’s 30-year history (1965–1995). The Grateful Dead Archive Online (www.gdao.org) was made accessible to the public in June of this year and contains nearly 24,000 items and over 50,000 scans selected from the GDA that showcase the archive’s many thousands of photographs, fanzines, posters and fan recordings of concerts. Considered a social commentary tool, the website is a lot of community sharing where users can tag items, leave comments, submit their own photographs and memories. The band would approve. Chandler’s free public talk is Oct. 12, 5:30–7:00 p.m. in Centrecin (wear your favourite tie-dyed garment and win prizes).

Drop, cover and hold on

Do you know what to do if your office, classroom or home starts shaking due to an earthquake? The entire province is invited to participate in the Great BC ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 10:50 a.m. We encourage all students, faculty and staff to participate in UVic’s campus-wide drill. Please wear something red on Oct. 18 and practice the Drop, Cover and Hold On procedure wherever you are at exactly 10:50 a.m. The drill may be announced in year building. Check the website at http://uvic. uvic.ca for more information. If you have any questions please contact Danielle Donaldson, manager of emergency planning at ddonald@uvic.ca.

Flu shots coming soon

Beginning Oct. 23, seasonal influenza shots will be available at Health Services located in the Health Services Building. $20.00, cash only; bring your favourite tie-dyed garment or wear something red. Feb.

MY 20 YEARS IN UVIC’S SPEAKERS BUREAU

BY DR. LARA LAUZON

As a long-time UVic student and current faculty member, I am excited to participate in the ongoing celebrations that have been planned for UVic’s 50th Anniversary. I am also delighted to help celebrate the 30-year anniversary of the UVic Speakers Bureau. The bureau is a community service provided by volunteer speakers from among UVic faculty, staff, graduate students and retirees who teach, conduct research, study and work at UVic. I have come to discover that this is the only university-wide bureau of its kind anywhere.

My participation with the bureau began in 1992 as I was completing a master’s degree in the School of Physical Education (now the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education). A new initiative for graduate students that began as a vision of Dr. Gordana Lazaravich, dean of Graduate Studies from 1992 to 2002, and a partnership with the UVic Speakers Bureau was getting underway. Lazaravich invited graduate students to join the bureau as a way to share their knowledge and research with members of our community.

Thinking back, I imagine that she might have had a hidden agenda—that of finding a way to help the graduate students prepare for their oral examinations and enhancing the connection between UVic and the Greater Victoria community. At the same time, my participation with the bureau has had a major impact on my academic and professional career.

One of my first talks was to members of the Corporation of the District of Saanich Health and Safety Committee. The topic: Employee Health. I did spend an inordinate amount of time preparing overheads, recipe-card warranties and a handout for a 45-minute session. My presentation skills also needed some polish. However, the audience was attentive, interested and excited about using some of the strategies I offered to help them “work well.” The participants also commented on how the UVic Speakers Bureau was providing such an important community service.

Throughout October of this year I will be sharing my thoughts on health, wellness and workplace health at the Pacific Forestry Centre, the Geological Survey of Canada Centre and a group of soon-to-be retirees at the Department of National Defence (DND). Being a member of the UVic Speakers Bureau has allowed me to grow and develop as a public speaker. It has afforded me an opportunity to represent the University of Victoria and promote active living throughout Greater Victoria and Southern Vancouver Island.

When colleagues or graduate students ask me why I continue to present sessions on behalf of the UVic Speakers Bureau, I tell them that I value the opportunity to connect with people from so many organizations. I also tell them that I have discovered so many different places in Greater Victoria that I truly did not know existed. I share stories of helping participants of the Rod and Reel Club learn how to stretch after a long day of fishing. I express my gratitude for the thanks I received from the young mom’s group at the Boys and Girls Club after a session about family wellness. I speak about the joy shared by members of the First Metropolitan Friendship Club who attended a session titled Taking Risks and Coping With Change. I talk about the power of health and wellness education and how one retiree group now begins their monthly meetings with a short walk. They also serve healthy snack food in addition to the sugary sweets they were accustomed to.

The four key areas of the UVic Strategic Plan are People, Quality, Community and Resources. As a UVic Speakers Bureau member, I have the privilege to represent UVic, share stories about health and wellness research and celebrate the amazing students I meet and teach each year.

Being a member of the UVic Speakers Bureau helps me support all four key areas of our strategic plan. Join in on the 30th anniversary celebration of the UVic Speakers Bureau by checking out the website www.uvic.ca/communications/speakers bureau/ and booking a session for your department, school or unit. Or consider signing up with the bureau as a speaker and share your expertise, enthusiasm and knowledge with your community.

Dr. Lara Lauzon is an assistant professor in the School of Exercise Sciences, Physical and Health Education. Her teaching and research focus on student, teacher and workplace health and wellness.

UVic ecologists form their own academic ecosystem

BY MITCH WRIGHT

There is a strong desire for ecological knowledge at UVic, and ecologists a located across campus are fulfilling the need.

“There is a massive demand for ecology courses and research opportunities, both from undergraduates and grad students,” says Dr. Brian Starzomski (environmental studies). “It’s a priority on campus, and we just needed a push forward.”

To get the word out, a new Ecology@UVic group started in September to bring together faculty members, grad students and post-doctoral fellows dispersed throughout various departments.

Because UVic’s ecological expertise is so widely spread across campus, people didn’t often get a chance to gather in one place to share ideas, discuss challenges or just socialize—until now. “The vision for Ecology@UVic is to provide a forum for discussion and collaboration, as well as to enhance the already outstanding ecological research that takes place here,” says Dr. Lara Lauzon, professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. “That means creating the ideal environment for stimulating discussion and spurring greater collaboration, which is beneficial both for professors and students,” says Baum. She adds that having a formalized venue and website also creates an increased profile for the ecological work occurring at UVic, which is attracting new grad students and post-doctoral fellows.

“One of the benefits of the group is that students can get involved, which is something that often doesn’t happen in the faculty world,” says Starzomski. “We’re working on developing an ecology student chapter.”

The group’s website currently lists 35 faculty members of the group, which plans bi-weekly meetings for journal-group discussions and informal seminars.

“This group is absolutely essential to the continued growth of the university’s ecological research efforts,” says Starzomski. “It also opens up opportunities for collaboration, which is beneficial to both the university and the research community. It’s a win-win for everyone.”


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Lauzon. PHOTO: TOSHA LOBSINGER

Student Leah Meth on part of the canopy research platform at Bamfield during a Coastal Biodiversity and Conservation course. PHOTO LEAH METH

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An Indian in law: ‘They don’t know a damn thing about us’

BY SHARON MCMILLAN

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Sharon Venne has no qualms about stating why she is attending UVic as one of the first two Native Indian students to be accepted by the Faculty of Law.

“I am here to learn the rules of the game. So I can return to my people and teach them the rules of how to function in the law, how to play the game.”

Venne, in an interview, said that Native Indians at a university usually have a strong sense of identity and purpose. "I must always be aware that I am trying to do something, not just for me but for my people. I see our future in Canada as concerned with the law. I must always be aware that I am personally experienced. A friend of mine says 'Big wheels turn slowly,' but not so slow that our people are underneath things. Those wheels are a lot of work to be done in creating safe spaces and safe pathways through post-secondary education," Good says.

The participants from UVic came back with several ideas of things that others have done that the university could consider here. Starblanket pointed out that some institutions have a mandatory Indigenous Studies course. Trent’s Department of Indigenous Studies is now over 40 years old and includes a PhD program, whereas UVic has only an Indigenous Studies minor. Although UVic is a leader in terms of undergraduate scholarships and bursaries for Indigenous students, more financial aid is needed at the graduate level. Other institutions have a more extensive network of Indigenous advisers across the academic landscape. And several UVic participants voiced concern about the long-term sustainability of Indigenous cultural and support components that are dependent on outside funds or special project dollars rather than ongoing core funding.

“I left the conference with more questions than answers,” says Thomas. “Where is UVic in terms of our institutional culture? Where do we think we are going in the future? I see we could do: We need to dare to dream and have a vision.”

One thing to our advantage. Thomas points out, is the level of goodwill and investment in the issues here at UVic. “We are able to sit together and have this frank conversation,” she says. “We’ve developed a level of respect for each other and our differences.”

UVic’s strategic plan (Objective 3) includes, among other things, an institutional commitment to “programs of recruitment, retention, education and services for Indigenous students in all faculties.” A new section of the UVic website has recently been launched that serves as a portal to academic programs and courses with an Indigenous focus, research related to Indigenous cultures and issues, services for Indigenous members of the university, and partnerships between Indigenous communities and the university. www.uvic.ca/partners/indigenous/
ONC to monitor ocean turbines in Bay of Fundy

Canada’s efforts to demonstrate world leadership in tidal energy research and technology are taking a significant step forward, as the UVic-led Ocean Networks Canada’s Centre for Enterprise and Engagement (ONCEE) partners with researchers and industry to design and install the world’s first cabled underwater monitoring platform specifically for extreme, high-flow tide conditions.

Nova Scotia’s Bay of Fundy is home to the world’s highest tides, and the site of FORC (Fundo Ocean Research Centre for Energy), Canada’s leading test centre for in-stream tidal energy. ONCEE is developing an environment monitoring system for FORCE—a requirement for their research using sea floor turbines.

“This program will demonstrate how world-leading Canadian technologies and expertise in ocean research using sea floor turbines can be applied to support the validation of technologies to monitor in-stream tidal energy projects in high flow environments,” says ONCEE director Scott McLean. “As a collaborative, cross-country initiative, the program will build Canadian expertise in this important emerging global market sector.”

The monitoring program, announced on Sept. 13, is supported by $10 million from the Government of Canada, Encana Corporation, FORC, participating companies, and ONCEE.

ONCEE, based at UVic, is a Centre of Excellence in Commercialization and Technology funding by the Canadian government in 2009 under the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program. It has a mandate to generate socio-economic benefits from Canada’s investments in UVic’s Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) Observatory and its two networks, VENUS and NEPTUNE Canada.

The monitoring program, based on ONC’s world-leading technology, will be connected to the FORCE observation facility by submarine cable. Data from the site will be publicly available via the internet.

Events free unless otherwise indicated. For a complete list of events, visit the online calendar at www.uvic.ca/events

We’re in your neighbourhood! Visit us in Cadboro Bay Village, on the corner across from Peppers Foods.

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The University of Victoria Board of Governors is one of two primary governing bodies of the university (the other being the UVic Senate). Under the University Act of British Columbia, it is responsible for the management, administration and control of the property, revenue and business affairs of the university.

The board consists of the chancellor, the president, two elected faculty members, one elected staff member, two students elected from the university’s undergraduate and graduate students and eight members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two of whom are appointed from among persons nominated by the Alumni Association.

SUSAN MEHINAGIC, CHAIR
Order-in-council appointee
Mehinagic 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 Board of Directors of the University of Victoria, 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. Mehinagic was a director of the Queen Alexandra Foundation and the Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation. She served previously as chair of the University of Victoria Foundation and the Foundation for the University of Victoria. She has completed the Directors Education Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors.

ERICH MOHR, VICE-CHAIR
Order-in-council appointee
Mohr is chairman, CEO and founder of MediGenius Therapeutics Inc., a privately held global biopharmaceutical company based in Victoria developing treatments for disorders of the central nervous system. Mohr is an internationally recognized expert in experimental therapeutics for central nervous system disorders and has served as an advisor to several of the global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. He has extensive experience as a board member both in the private and not-for-profit sectors. Mohr graduated from UVic with a PhD in psychology.

DAVID TURPIN, President
Turpin is the University of Victoria’s sixth president and vice-chancellor. Under his leadership, UVic has grown in size and stature, student financial assistance has more than doubled, sponsored research funding has increased nearly four-fold, reaching more than $100M annually, and the university leads the Ocean Networks Canada (ONC) Observatory 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 Limo, and Bredaxton Estates Inc. Farmer has chaired the Canadian Construction Association and provided volunteer leadership for many local organizations, including the Victoria Community Foundation, the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre Campaign and the Royal Jubilee Hospital Foundation. He received the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2007.

NAV BASSI, Elected staff member
Bassi is the Director of Academic & Administrative Services for University Systems at the University of Victoria, as well as the chief technology officer for the Gustavson School of Business. Previously, he was responsible for building a project management office for University Systems. Bassi holds a BSc in computer science and an MBA (service management) from UVic, as well as a Master’s Certificate in project management and the Project Management Professional (PMP) credential. He has taught management information systems for the Gustavson MBA Program and economics for the Division of Continuing Studies at UVic. Bassi is also a member of the University of Victoria Senate elected by the Convocation.

JANE BUTLER McGregor, Order-in-council appointee
Butler McGregor serves currently as CEO of the UVic Conventural 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 lived in the United States for 15 years where she helped found two 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 Jim Pattison Group in Vancouver after serving as the managing partner and CFO for the Western Canada.

PETE DRIESEN, Elected faculty member
Driessen was appointed at UVic in 1985 and is currently professor in engineering with cross-appointments in music and computer sciences. His teaching and research interests include music technology, sound recording, audio signal processing and multimedia. He has over 100 publications and 74 patents and holds current funding from NSERC, SSHRC and the Canada Council for the Arts. Driessen served previously on the Board of Governors during 2005–2008. He served as vice-president of the faculty council for two years ending in April 2012 and served on the University Senate for 10 years.

TONY GAGE, Order-in-council appointee
Gage holds a BA in economics from the University of Victoria and an MBA (Honours) from the University of British Columbia. A chartered financial analyst (CFA), Gage is a director of DPJ Investments, chair of UVic’s Investment Committee and head of the management committee of JES Viscioh Fund. He is a past chair of the board of Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management. His career at Phillips, Hager 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 charterholder (CA) Master University.

LUCIA HEFFELINGER ORSER, Elected student member
Orser is in her second term on the board of directors of the University of Victoria Students’ Society and is currently the executive director of external relations. She is pursuing a degree in women’s studies and a minor in public administration. Orser has experience in community organizing, government relations and student advocacy initiatives. Orser will be serving a one-year term as one of the two student representatives on the Board of Governors for the upcoming year.

MICHAEL KENNEDY, Order-in-council appointee
Kennedy is vice-president and regional leader of Stantec Consulting Limited in British Columbia. Over the course of his 20-year career, he has worked on a variety of major infrastructure projects in Canada, the US and Europe. Kennedy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management from the University of Manchester, is a member of the UK-based Chartered Institution of Building and is a project management professional. He is a founding executive committee member of the BC District Council of the Urban Land Institute and in 2007 he was the recipient of the Business in Vancouver “Forty under 40” award. Kennedy is a member of the board of governors of the Business Council of British Columbia and the board of directors of the BC Cancer Foundation.

LINDSAY LeBLANC, Order-in-council appointee
LeBlanc holds a BSc (Honours) from the University of Northern British Columbia and an LLB from the University of Victoria. She was admitted to the British Columbia bar in 2000. A partner with the law firm of Cox, Taylor, her practice focuses on property land development, corporate and commercial law, estate planning, foreclosure, and administration and municipal matters. LeBlanc has served as director at large on the Aboriginal Law Student Scholarship Trust Committee of the Canadian Bar Association and as legal director of the Vancouver Island Sexual Health Society and was treasurer and director of the Victoria section of the Canadian Bar Association, Young Lawyers.

TRIBESY NGUYEN, Elected student member
Nguyen holds a BSc in microbiology from the University of Victoria and is currently completing a concurrent biology degree. He is heavily involved in non-profit work, currently sitting on the board of directors for both the University of Victoria Students’ Society and Global Bridges Canada, for which he has organized three annual medical trips to Honduras with doctors and nurses—treating over 1,000 people who would otherwise have no access to medical care. Nguyen is seeking to pursue a career in medicine and enjoys being involved with grassroots organizing and community work.

RAY PROTTI, Order-in-council appointee
A University of Alberta graduate with a BA and MA in economics, Prutti was previously president and CEO of the Canadian Bankers Association. Before that, his positions in the federal public service included director of the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service, deputy minister of Agriculture and Agri-food and of Labour Canada. Prutti chaired the board of the Institute of Corporate Directors’ Corporate Governance College and co-founded the International Banking Federation. He has served on the boards of several not-for-profit and arts organizations in Ontario, British Columbia and the University of Victoria and is a member of the board of Canadian Western Bank.

BEVERLEY VAN RUYVEN, Order-in-council appointee
Van Ruyven holds a BA from the University of Victoria and completed the Executive Management Program at the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario. She was previously deputy chief executive officer and executive vice-president of BC Hydro, having joined the company in 1997 as manager of Roy Accounts and been promoted to progressively more senior management positions including that of acting president and chief executive officer from January to May 2010. Van Ruyven chaired the board of the Western Energy Institute and served on the boards of Acrobat Business Services for Utilities, Fraser Basin Coalition and the Vancouver Board of Trade Women’s Leadership Circle. Currently she is on the board of the Inner Change Foundation. She was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2009 and 2010.

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 and university ombudsperson and was a member of the University’s First Nations Human Rights (Huronmin) committee. She helped found the Canadian Association for the Prevention of Discrimination and Harassment in Higher Education, the UVic Employee and Family Assistance Program and was appointed to the Judicial Appointments Advisory Committee for the selection of Supreme Court Justices in BC. Whittington’s research, professional practice and community interests centre around issues of grandparents raising grandchildren, social justice, trauma, emergency response and restorative justice practices. She received the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence and most recently the UVic Women’s Recognition Award.
They found that their harebrained first sign? If they're falling on surviving the Fringe circuit. Being funny and the floor laughing at it themselves! So the following year, we retooled showing what they began in the comedy duo and started doing the comedy partnership, with Car- lone, Wilson adds his other words while you're at the Phoenix. "They're like brothers too, but Peter's just make as many mistakes as you can while you're at the Phoenix.”

What will they tell these younger versions of themselves? "I would tell them to try every different kind of theatre you can, because need to find what you love doing, and then do it,” says Wilson. "University is a unique time in your life. You should make as many mistakes as you can while you're at the Phoenix."

Referencing his many collabora- tions with other theatre grads as well as his friendship, now comedy partnership, with Car- lone, Wilson adds other words of advice, "The people you go to school with now are the people you may be working with in the future, and you never know which one of them it might be! Make good friends while you're here. You may just have them for life.”

"Peter N' Chris and The Mystery of the Hungry Heart Motel” runs at the Phoenix Theatre from October 11-20. Visit www.phoenixtheatres.ca or call 250-721-8000 for more information.

Working in the Department of Physics and Astronomy Electronics Shop is Neil Honkanen’s dream job. "Where else could you design computer-controlled cable testers for the Large Hadron Collider at CERN (where they believe they have discovered the elu- sive Higgs Boson) one day and help an honours student design a brain-wave simulator the next?" he asks. "Work- ing with sharp, young students every day, I know that the future is in good hands.”

Honkanen is this year’s recipient of the Faculty of Science Award for Excellence in Service. When he started working at UVic 30 years ago, maintenance of electron- ic equipment dominated the job. Now, however, design work occupies most of the time of the three-person shop. "It’s a wonderful feeling to be able to take a concept that someone has brought you, prototype it, and then produce a finished product that al- lows students and researchers to push back the frontiers of knowledge,” says Honkanen.

The wide variety of work—with both labs and researchers—makes Honkanen’s job challenging and never boring. Examples of his pro- jects include designing electronics hardware and driver software for the automation of the department’s 20-inch Lorenzo telescope, which has gathered several hundred thousand photographs of the night sky. He also designed a variety of computer-controlled cable testers for the UVic ASTAS group, which enabled them to measure and log the characteristics of 2,000 cabled for one of the detectors used in the Large Hadron Collider. Over the past three decades, Hon- kanen has seen a tremendous change in electronics. Programmable hard- ware, such as microcontrollers, is one area that has greatly reduced the time that it takes to develop a design. "Rather than committing a design to hardware, which is very difficult to modify when changes are required, the design is in software where chang- es are very easily made,” he explains.

When microcontrollers first be- came available, Honkanen spent six months of his own time exploring their uses and benefits before rec- ommending that the shop go down this path. Now microcontrollers are used in most designs of any sophistication.

For Honkanen, what makes his job a pleasure every day is the people he works with. “It doesn't get any bet- ter than this—to work with people who are passionate about what they do and know how to work well as a team,” he says. "Looking at retirement in a few years, I am very pleased to see that the Electronics Shop is in very good hands with the young technologists that I am now working with,” he says. "They are as passionate about their work as I am about mine.”

Honkanen has two grown kids and three grandchildren. In his spare time, you will find him sailing around Vancouver Island or exploring Europe by bicycle with his wife, Laurie. "There isn't enough time in a lifetime to do all I would like to do, but I’m giving it a good try. Quite a few years ago, I was determined not to wait until retire- ment to enjoy life—as the future is always uncertain—and in that regard I would say that I have succeeded.”

It’s time to support the United Way

The annual UVic United Way cam- paign got off to an early morning start Oct. 3 with a breakfast for leadership donors at the University Club. More than 200 UVic employees are leader- ship donors who contribute more than $500 per year (per person) to the United Way of Greater Victoria.

"We thank all the leadership donors for their strong support—bringing this group together and recognizing their generosity was a great way to begin our campaign,” says Mary Ellen Purkis, UVic’s dean of human and social develop- ment and chairperson of the campaign steering committee. "UVic is consistently one of the top three United Way donors in the Greater Victoria area, and we are confident that our com- munity will continue to support this important cause.”

UVic faculty and staff will receive pledge forms via campus mail during October and are encouraged to return them as soon as possible for a chance to win great prizes. Employees can choose to donate via payroll deduc- tion using the pledge forms. Online donations are also accepted at http://
http://uwgv.ca/uvicunitedway/

Full United Way fundraising events in support of UVic include the Plasma Car Races on Oct. 30, the UVic Libraries Book and Record Sale on Nov. 16 and 17 and the Hearts and Hands Craft Fair on Nov. 20. Check the website for details of these and other events at www.uwvic. ca/unitedway/

In 2011 UVic raised more than $270,000 for the United Way of Greater Victoria, which assists people in need in our communities. Nearly 128,000 Victorians are helped by United Way- supported programs and services delivered through 87 agencies. The United Way is celebrating its 75th an- niversary this year.

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