Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women—Dec. 3
The community gathers at the UVic fountain tomorrow, Dec. 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. to honour the 14 women who were murdered at École Polytechnique in 1989, and to witness the unveiling of a commemorative plaque outside the engineering wing. The Clothesline Project will display anonymously painted T-shirts as a visual depiction of the realities of violence against women.

TUNE-IN TO UVIC HISTORY
UVic historians featured on web videos
Canada’s History magazine has posted several video interviews with UVic historians on their website. Among those featured are Dr. Penny Birden, John Lutz and Lynne Marks, and doctoral students Megan Harvey and Sylvia Olson. The magazine plans to do more video interviews at other universities but chose to launch the series with UVic. More: http://canadahistory.ca/Education/New-Research.aspx

MACLEAN’S RANKINGS
UVic still number 2
Last month, UVic again placed high in the annual university survey by Maclean’s magazine. UVic retained the number-two spot for Canadian comprehensive universities and ranked particularly highly on faculty awards, medical science grants, and library acquisitions. More: http://bit.ly/az2nAd

RABBIT REMOVAL
Multiplying Subtracting like rabbits
UVic continues to implement its long-term rabbit management plan and has removed over 630 rabbits from the designated rabbit-free zones since trapping resumed Aug. 29. The Ministry of Environmental Protection has issued four permits to individuals who have been receiving the rabbits, which are transferred to the permit holders on the university grounds in groups of 30 to 50 rabbits at a time. While many rabbits still remain in the rabbit-free zones, the University of Victoria is trying to move all of those rabbits into rabbit-free zones, UVic anticipates it will take a few more months. More: http://bit.ly/a2m4d

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR
Helping computers, listeners and musicians get along better
Computers can store thousands of tunes but can they sense when you want to shuffle from hip-hop to experimental jazz? By Patty Pitts
Bringing computers to this next level is part of the research of University of Victoria’s latest Canada Research Chair, computer scientist Dr. George Tzanetakis. “We have access to all this multi-media data and, while computers can store it, they don’t really understand it,” says Tzanetakis. “In my research I will be designing algorithms—the means to solve a particular problem in a computer program—to extract information from audio signals, especially music, and build tools to create more effective interactions between computers, listeners and musicians.”

The latest chairs in this program, designed to attract the best talent from Canada and around the world, were announced last month. The program, now in its 10th year, helps Canada’s universities achieve research excellence in natural sciences and engineering, health sciences, social sciences and humanities. UVic currently has 36 Canada Research Chairs.

AY/NAY
LE,NONET a blueprint for Indigenous student success
By Patty Pitts
UVic’s First Peoples House represents the current focal point for Aboriginal programs and initiatives on campus. Then the results of the LE,NONET Project—announced in the distinctive building on Nov. 10—represent the future.

The groundbreaking, four-year national research project conducted by UVic demonstrates that universities can take practical steps that significantly support the success and, ultimately, graduation rates of Indigenous students. “What has been accomplished here is very, very important,” said John Duncan, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and MP for Vancouver Island North, at the announcement. “You have provided creative and thoughtful ideas for supporting Indigenous students.”

LE,NONET (pronounced le-non-get, and meaning, in the language of the local Straits Salish people, “success after enduring many hardships”) was funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation.

It offered participating Aboriginal students culturally relevant supportive programming, community experiences, peer mentoring and financial assistance, and measured the impact on student retention and success. The results demonstrate that students who receive this type of support are 100-per-cent more likely to stay in school. LE,NONET participants, on average, also stayed in university a year longer than Indigenous students who didn’t participate in the program. Despite the short duration of the program, graduation rates increased by 20 per cent. “The results are truly remarkable, especially given the short time span of the project,” said UVic President David Turpin. “These results provide a blueprint for how UVic and other universities across Canada can create the atmosphere that will attract Aboriginal students to post-secondary education and provide the opportunity to succeed.”

Leading the project were UVic co-principal investigators Chris Lalonde and Sarah Hunt.

UVic history alumnus and LE,NONET participant Kendra Underwood completed a community internship with the Samish Adult Education Centre, where she is now director. “It was truly life-altering, and I don’t use those words lightly,” said Underwood, adding that she’s “loving every minute” of her new job. “I can’t see myself doing anything else.”


THAT’S HOW MUCH MORE LIKELY INDIGENOUS STUDENTS ARE TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL WHEN THEY RECEIVE THE TYPE OF SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE LE,NONET PROJECT

100%
When Jamie Cassels looks out his office window, it’s easy for him to see some of the more identifiable changes on campus since he became UVic’s vice-president academic and provost nearly a decade ago. The new social sciences and math building rises up across Ring Road, and just beyond are the new medical Sciences Buildings First Peoples House. But Cassels, who is leaving his position at the end of this year, is quick to point out that the buildings serve to house the true strength of the institution.

“It’s all about the people,” he responds when asked to name what stands out most during his tenure as VPAC. “It’s the new opportunities that we’ve created for students, the talented faculty we’ve been able to attract to Uvic, and the staff who provide such incredible support in every area.” And when asked what he’ll miss the most, he returns to the same theme: “It’s the working relationships I’ve had with the team in the provost’s office, with the president and other members of the senior executive, the deans and others across the university—that’s what you remember most.”

He’s also enjoyed seeing the university he first joined as a law faculty member in 1981 grow in natural and international stature as recognition of its research and teaching strengths grows. “The light that’s always been there has come out from under the bushel, and we’re progressively upped our standards of excellence in both teaching and research, and we’re a beacon to be shining for the ride.”

Cassels’s colleagues would argue he’s been more than a passenger as Uvic’s climb recently landed it in the “global elite” as a Globe and Mail headline described the university’s recent top-200 placing in the World University Rankings.

“Jamie Cassels has been a superb vice president-academic and provost for the University of Victoria,” says UVic President David Turpin. “So many of our accomplishments over the past 10 years are a direct result of his enthusiastic management.”

“Jamie is recognized across Canada for his dedication to Uvic and for his appreciation of the university as a community of scholars. In his work, he has been recognized on several fronts, earning the title of Research Chair. His leadership of the teaching, scholarship and learning, and he has been unwavering in his commitment to quality and excellence. Year after year, in his annual reviews, I would receive admiring comments, praisimg Jamie for his principle-based approach and his fairness in decision making. On a personal level, I have greatly enjoyed working together and I appreciate all his support and extraordinarily wise counsel.”

“I’ve had the great privilege of working with Jamie both in the provost’s office and as colleagues around the executive table,” adds Vice-President External Relations Valerie Kuene. “I have especially appreciated the thoughtful, balanced, and principled approach he has brought to his role. His style empowers Uvic’s collegial nature, even as he has led us through a material growth in size, quality, breadth and depth over these 10 years. I have learned from watching and working with him, and I know that others have as well.”

Like other Canadian universities, UVic has seen a significant increase in faculty retirements and growth over the past decade, and Cassels has overseen the recruitment of close to six per cent of UVic’s current faculty members. “Universities are people places,” he says, “and one of the most significant changes is our success in recruiting a new generation of scholars to Uvic.”

Those scholars and the university community will face challenges in the future, says Cassels. “We’ve grown so much in size and complexity with multiple stakeholders with diverse expectations of the university. Global changes affect us more than ever. One of the challenges over the next 10 years will be to reinforce and sharpen our focus on our twin missions of education and research, to demonstrate how we are mutually enriching and to develop an understanding of Uvic’s distinctive interpretation of that dual mission within the national and international context.”

Both education and research focus heavily in Cassels’ own future. He’ll use an upcoming study leave to produce new editions of two of his books on the law of the remedies (“a ready-made way for me to get back into my field.”)

He also plans to continue his work on industrial audio retrieval technology, building on the success of his first book, published in print in 2011. In the next issue, he will describe how he plans to use the findings in his book to generate new income sources.

Research chair

As the Canada Research Chair in Computer Analysis of Audio and Music, Traenatiks has been recognized as an exceptional emerging researcher and received $300,000 for five years to conduct his research. The tier-two chair position is renewable once.

Audio retrieval technology is already being used in commercial applications such as internet radio sites which “broadcast” only music pre-selected by listeners. But Tzanetakis, a musician himself, wants to improve and expand on the technology’s capability.

“Smart phones already have the ability to determine location and time. By tracking an individual’s patterns of activity, a phone could also determine when you’ve left the gym, are studying on the bus and maybe listening to a different kind of music,” says Traenatiks.

Short a drummer for your combo? Traenatiks is also developing a robotic percussionist that can improve with human performers.

Buy your tree from the Vikes

The Vikes men’s and women’s cross country and track teams will mark their 13th year of selling locally grown Christmas trees at Centennial Stadium beginning Dec. 4. All proceeds from the sale of the Cowichan Valley trees support the teams’ student athletes.

The Vikes have Grand, Steble and Douglas for trees in a variety of sizes at a wide range of prices.

Look for the Christmas lights at the main entrance to Centennial Stadium, accessible from parking lot 4 of McAstil Road.

The tree sales run through Dec. 20. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
"Too Asian"? We must defend diversity at all costs

BY DR. SHELLY CHAN

Concerned members of several university campuses are condemning an attack on diversity from an article entitled "Too Asian"? published in Maclean's magazine on Nov. 11. Written by Stephanie Findlay and Nicolas Köhler, the article claims that too many Asian students—Asian Canadians and international students from Asia—are attending several top universities in Canada, and that this is causing institutions too compete and lack ing in fun for white students. As "strivers and high achievers," says the report, Asian students narrowly focus on studying and participating in "social interaction." As a result, "balkanization" and "segregation" typ e life on Canadian campuses that are "Too Asian." In a concluding paragraph, the writers say, "diversity has enriched these schools, but it has also put them at risk of being increasingly fractured along ethnic lines."

Within a few hours of its online appearance, the Maclean's article drew hundreds of comments on its website and the wider blogosphere. Bombarded with feedback, the magazine was forced to remove the article temporarily for re-editing, but the print version retains most of the original content. Student, faculty and community members have been organizing discussions and activities on campuses including the University of Toronto, the University of Victoria, the University of Waterloo, and the University of British Columbia, and right here at UVic. At my last check, the Facebook campaign to "talk back" to the article has garnered nearly 100,000 members within just days of its publication.

Many participating in the discussions condemn the "Too Asian"? article as unmistakably racist and even the removal of the "Caucasian GIVEN" in 1979, in which Chinese Canadians were represented as "foreign students" occupying the rightful places of "real" (white) Canadians at the universities—a context that forced a group of students to struggle for equality. Thirty-one years later, par ticipants are sickened that Asian Canadians and non-Asian students are not just "out of their own way," but that Asian non-students, including many of my own, share the disappointment of their peers. They reject the absurdity of the Vancouver Olympic experience and particularly watching the team and partying during their educational lives, and that Asian students are natural rivals in their minds.

Many also take fun in the indefensible over-simplification of "Asian" as "academically focused and self-segregating" in relation to "whites." Even though university presidents have responded that their Asian students actively engage in extracurricular activities, thereby proving the theory of "segregation" groundless, some wonder why the writ ers still insist that the presidents, rather than themselves, are "in a state of denial." In a sardonic spirit, two students at McGill University named their blog "Asians not studying" in response to the false stereotype that "Asians" cannot have fun. These different voices have spoken in a powerful unity—diversity—of Canadian campuses. As Canadians, we have chosen to accept the challenges that come with differences. However, we fail short of confronting the fearful binary between "Asian" and "white," and between "us" and "them." Any attack on diversity as such is an attack on a common dream about education—that our universities should excel in many fields and embrace many cultures. That dream, though, is not an imagined other. To keep forging ahead, we must defend diversity at all costs.

Dr. Shelly Chan is an assistant professor at the Department of Pacific and Asian Studies and a member of the Asian Canadian Working Group at UVic.

Editor's note: Views expressed in this viewpoint are the author's and do not necessarily reflect those of the Ring or the University of Victoria. The "Too Asian"? article, which has been retitled "The enmity controversy," is available at http://www2.macleans.ca/2010/11/16/too- asian/...
Dr. Jack Littlepage (Centre for Global Studies) was given the 2010 Lewis Perinbam Award by the University World Service of Canada (WUSC) in November. Named for a former executive director of WUSC and vice-president of the Canadian International Development Agency, the award recognizes grassroots achievements in improving life in developing countries and expanding awareness of those countries among the Canadian public. The citation describes Littlepage as having "worked tirelessly to establish sustainable marine aquaculture or mariculture industries in Brazil, countries in Africa and the Caribbean."

Dr. Francis Lau (Health informatics) is the recipient of the 2010 Canadian Health Informatics Award for outstanding leadership in the field of health informatics. Lau's work was recognized at a gala event in Toronto hosted by the Canadian Health Informatics Association and the Information Technology Association of Canada. Lau heads up the eHealth Observatory, a national research initiative, jointly funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and Canada Infoway, to monitor the impact of health information system deployment and electronic records adoption in Canada. He holds the Applied Health Informatics and Canada Infoway Chair in eHealth. More info: http://ehes.uthsc.ca/

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Toronto hosted by the Canadian World University Service of Canada (WUSC) in November, named for a tireless effort to establish sustainable marine aquaculture or mariculture industries in Brazil, countries in Africa and the Caribbean. "We’ve always had the attitude of ‘let’s buy local’ if at all possible,” Seymour says. “Now we’re just formalizing it in our supplier agreements, and students are showing more interest in where their food comes from.”

Every picture tells a story, and this one has a happy ending

Children and student families from the UVic Family Centre visited the bookstore recently to choose some new books. Thanks to a donation from the UVic Bookstore, the Family Centre has been able to update and expand their selection of children’s books. The Bookstore raised funds through their textbook buy-back, with students selecting the UVic unit to support. The Family Centre, the UVSS Food Bank and emergency student financial aid were their choices. Throughout the year and during the holiday season many units on campus support the Family Centre with food, clothing and gift hampers for student families in need.

University Food Services keeps it local

IN last month’s coverage of this year’s faculty teaching award winners, The Ring unfortunately missed a second Faculty of Engineering Excellence in Teaching Award recipient, Dr. Daniel German. The Ring apologizes for the omission.

Dr. Daniel German

Department of Computer Science Faculty of Engineering

Since coming to UVic in 2001, Dr. Daniel German has been consistently rated very highly by his students. He demonstrates an exceptional and enduring passion for the teaching and learning process—a passion that has been acknowledged by both his students and colleagues. They describe him as gifted, exemplary, and a fine example of a UVic teacher-scholar. German has also been recognized for his work in finding new and effective methods for encouraging teamwork in the classroom, without sacrificing course content. He served as a Learning and Teaching Center Scholar in 2006/07, and continues to make an immediate, positive contribution to society with his work.

Fresh from the source.

University Food Services, at hseymour@uvic.ca

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The percentage of locally sourced food available at campus food outlets now sits at around 46 per cent. Out of 24 food suppliers, 20 are from Vancouver Island or Vancouver. One hundred per cent of baked goods originate on the Island, from well-known sources including Bond Road’s and Six Mile Bakery. Over half the vegetables are grown on the Island and supplied in season as is almost 40 per cent of the meat, including up to 1,200 chicken portions every day. Specialties come from the Comox Valley, while fair-trade coffee beans are roasted at Creekmore Coffee in Qualicum Beach.

“Local businesses need to meet our stringent food safety standards and be able to sustain the volume of supply,” Seymour notes. “We’ve also looking more closely at ethical production methods. Last year, for example, we switched to free-run eggs, which was something the students asked for even though the cost is slightly higher.” In addition to the emphasis on local food supply, most food sold on campus is actually prepared here. "Virtually everything is made from scratch from ingredients that are fresh every day," Seymour says. “If we can’t make something in-house, we go out and develop a partnership with local firms who can make it to our specs.”

PULLING down an oversized binder from a bookshelf, Seymour thumbs through recipes she has developed. In fact, she and her head chefs have personally developed all the recipes for campus food outlets, including soups and salads. “It’s an exciting and creative job,” she says. “We log all the ingredients and test the recipes to ensure our food is nutritious and high quality. And we keep the prices close to cost because that’s what’s affordable for students.”

As a member of the recently formed UVic Food Security Committee, Seymour is looking forward to spreading her passion for keeping it local while building connections with other campus and community groups with an interest in food sustainability. More info: Heather Seymour, University Food Services, at hseymour@uvic.ca.

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I was a “human book”  

BY NADIA ARIFF  

Editor’s note: Nadia Ariff is UVic’s waste reduction coordinator. On Oct. 27 and 28, she was a volunteer “human book” at the UVic Libraries and the Equity and Human Rights Office. She made herself available to be “borrowed” by others for conversations about her topic, “When East Meets West.”

At first I was a little apprehensive about this project. What is a “human book” and how would I add to this project? How egotistical is it to just talk about yourself and hope that people find you interesting? What if they don’t find you interesting? Well, I am happy to report that this was actually a very gratifying experience—one that I’d highly recommend to anyone.

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40th Anniversary

English Language Centre makes history

By Kylia Jardin

There is one phrase that the 2,500 students who attended programs at UVic’s English Language Centre (ELC) in 2010 will never forget: “Happy Anniversary!”

This 40-year milestone makes UVic’s ELC—which is part of the Division of Continuing Studies—one of the oldest English language schools in Canada. It first offered English programs to French-Canadian bur- st students in 1970, soon followed by specialized programs for Japanese university groups. Forty years later, the ELC still receives over 100 French Canadian and 500 Japanese students a year, along with students from 30 other countries around the world.

“We really wanted to make this year special for everyone at the ELC,” says Christina Gambrell, ELC marketing manager. “Students, teachers, alumni, community partners—we wanted them to feel celebrated, because they’ve all played a huge role in our success.” Scholarships, contests, student parties and an Anniversary Open House in October have all been part of this year’s festivities.

To date, six ELC students have re- ceived 80th Anniversary Scholarships for achieving the highest grades in the ELC’s University Admission Program. These $100 prizes are for students going on to undergraduate and graduate degree programs at UVic; the final scholarship recipients will be announced in early December.

And then there have been the par- ties. “In a typical year, ELC staff plans about 575 socio-cultural activities for our students, so this year it was a treat,” says Don Mellings, socio-cultural coordinator for short-term programs. Food, fun and friendship were key ingredients for the two largest anniversary events: a summer student bar-becue in August for 600, followed by the ELC’s first Open House, at its home in the Continuing Studies Building in October. Open House guests enjoyed the cultural classroom displays where students from 10 countries were doing everything from playing traditional instruments to giving language lessons. The ELC has plenty to celebrate going into 2011: record-breaking student num- bers, a leading role in hosting international visitors to major edu- cation and recruitment conferences scheduled in Vancouver, and another anniversary milestone as the ELC’s award-winning homestay program celebrates 25 years of placing inter- national students with local families.

Kyla Jardin is international marketing coordinator at the English Language Centre.

Change the future

UVic United Way campaign approaches finish line

By Tara Sharpe

It was a race to the finish for the “Tour de SUB” mini-car race on Nov. 30, and now the UVic 2010 United Way campaign is racing through its last month of fundraising just in time to add United Way donations to holiday shopping lists.

The Tour de SUB was the third an- nual PlasmaCar Race for the United Way campaign, and the one-hour competition was fierce as campus teams raced the ride-on toys in the Student Union Building. The 16th an- nual UVic Libraries Book Sale catered to bibliophiles everywhere from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2. Last month, the UVic Commerce Students’ Society strutted their catwalk stuff at a charity fashion show downtown. A number of other events have also supported the cam- paign since it began on Sept. 21.

As of press-time, $229,696 has been raised toward the $280,000 goal, with 76 new donors for a total of 480 donors so far.

All employees who donate using a pledge form are eligible to win prizes, with the daily draw taking place through Dec. 17. Goodies include luxu- rious resort hotel accommodations, gift certificates to local restaurants, Salmon Kings tickets, kayak rentals and more. Grand prize is a pair of tickets to a Vancouver Canucks game Feb. 19 (courtesy of UVic Alumni Re- lations), round-trip airfare between Victoria and Vancouver (courtesy of Helijet), and a one-night stay in Van- couver (courtesy of Hotel Le Soleil). More details on prizes and sponsors both on and off campus can be found at www.unitedway.uvic.ca/events/prizes.php. Visit the campaign website www. unitedway.uvic.ca for new info and social media posts.

Final campus campaign results will be shared in the January issue of The Ring.
Help honour UVic’s outstanding researchers

February 1 is the nomination deadline for the Craigdarroch Research Awards and it’s your opportunity to submit for recognition those individuals and teams who have been most instrumental in original, productive, entrepreneurial and ground-breaking research or creative activity at the University of Victoria.

The award categories are: the Craigdarroch Gold Medal for Career Achievement; the Craigdarroch Silver Medal for Excellence in Research; and the Craigdarroch Awards for Societal Contribution, Excellence in Communicating Research, Excellence in Artistic Expression, and Excellence in Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Eligibility criteria and nomination information: www.uvic.ca/research/researchawards/craigdarroch/index.php or contact Awards Coordinator Marilyn Florence at 5408 or mkf@uvic.ca

Thursday, December 2

Book sale 9 a.m. UVic Bookstore (until 2 p.m.) Book Sale! Discover thousands of great reads and rare finds at UVic Bookstore. UVic Bookstore will present a selection of collectible books, maps and rarities as it runs the duration of the sale. 518, Michelle Pugh Rd. 250-627-8877

Music 11:30 a.m. African Percussion Concert. The 30-member percussion ensemble from MUS 230 African Hand Drumming performs a repertoire of rhythms on djembe, balafon and drums. MacLaurin B150, 250-415-7963

Music 5 p.m. String Chamber Music. Featuring string ensembles from the studios of the Lafayette String Quartet and Yeln Alexie. Admission by donation. MacLaurin B150, 250-415-7904

Friday, December 3

Ceremony 9:30 a.m. National Day of Remembrance and Action for Violence Against Women. All are invited to gather outside the McPherson Library to mark the National Day of Remembrance and Action for Violence Against Women. The event will include music, speeches and recognition of the new plaque on the ECS Building, which is a memorial for the 14 women who were killed at Ecole Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989. MacPherson Library, 250-472-3326

Music 12:30 p.m. Frigidmusic. UVic Chamber Singers, Brian Winslade, director. A mosaic of works from around the globe focusing on traditional repertoires from Scandinavia. MacLaurin B150. Admission by donation. 250-472-7904


Saturday, December 4

Other 9 a.m. Life Drawing Sessions. Three-hour drawing sessions using live models. All skill levels are welcome. Visual Arts 850. 250-721-8301

Sunday, December 5

Music 2:30 p.m. Tuba Christmas. Eugene Deising, conductor. MacLaurin B150. Admission by donation. 250-415-7904

Lecture/Seminar 3 p.m. Neural Control of Movement—Basic Science to Clinical Application. Dr. Sandra Huerta, Uvic. School of Exercise Science, Physical & Health Education's Research Seminar Series. McKinnon 155. 250-472-8387

Calendar highlights

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

at the galleries

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FPH wins with wood

UVic’s First Peoples House recently received an international award recognizing its Western red cedar architectural design as one of the very best in the world. “UVic is very proud to have been part of this project,” says Tom Smith, UVic’s executive director of facilities management. “The architect’s use of Western red cedar supports our goal of achieving LEED gold-level certification. The building also demonstrates effective use of the provincial wood-first policy that requires all new public facilities to include BC wood in their construction wherever possible.” Architect Alphonse Waughs designed First Peoples House with input from First Nations leaders as well as Indigenous faculty, staff and students. More information about UVic’s First Peoples House: web.uvic.ca/fphouse/

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Happy Holidays!

from all the staff at the Bookstore

Pst: you can still catch our Winter Holiday Sale if you’re reading this on Dec 2!
New enrolment record
UVic's enrolment (measured as of Nov. 1) was the highest in its history. The total undergraduate and graduate headcount was 19,905 (16,863 undergraduates and 3,042 graduates). The full-time equivalent numbers are 14,719 undergraduate and 2,642 graduate students. Earlier this year, UVic President David Turpin told Senate that a focus this year will be on support for programs that enhance the retention of these students and on increasing opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds.

UVic research data transfer = 132 million books
During the first half of 2010, UVic research data traffic over the CANARIE Network totaled 132 terabytes, equivalent to 132 million books or a bookshelf stretching from the UVic campus to the Saskatchewan border. This data volume places UVic among the top five users of Canada’s Advanced Research and Innovation Network, which supports UVic’s leadership in the TROPIE, NEPTUnE, Nanohub, Canada high-energy physics and scientific grid computing projects.

www.canarie.ca/

Fresh website delivers career development resources
UVic students and alumni looking for career development support have a new one-stop resource: the new Co-op and Career website. Visitors can use the site to view and apply for jobs, receive career coaching, learn about the co-op program and access more than 150 career-based learning resources on everything from writing a strong resume to assessing competency development. The new site also provides comprehensive support to employers, faculty and staff. www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer

New faces in student services
Student Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Judith (Judy) Burgess as director of Health Services and Dr. Rita Knodel as manager of Counselling Services. Both are committed to advancing the university’s health and wellness goals for the student community through innovative clinical services, proactive health outreach programs and collaborating with faculty on educational opportunities for students within their operations. Burgess started her new role on Oct. 4 and Knodel on Nov. 1. They welcome feedback or ideas on the future role of Health Services and Counselling Services at UVic.

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Santa Claus, Sinterklaas, St. Nicholas—a “right jolly old elf.” Long before Clement Clarke Moore wrote his popular Christmas poem, the tradition of secret gift giving brought festive cheer in winter months. At UVic on Friday, Dec. 10, the gift giving won’t be so secret. UVic Food Services is organizing a gift giving tradition to keep the bottles and save the bottles for recycling. Every month Church selects a local school or sports team from her list who are given the opportunity to pick up the bottles three times a week, take them to a bottle depot, and turn them into cash. “Since the program first started in 2008 it’s expanded to include 20 schools,” says Church. “I’m really proud of University Food Services for making the decision to give this money to future generations instead of keeping the money for themselves.” Apart from her efforts aimed at helping those outside Ring Road, Church also spends a lot of time building community inside the university. She is responsible for the staffing and daily operation of food services in all seven of UVic’s food outlets. “I like to connect with every outlet on a daily basis, to get input from staff and customers, get a grasp of the challenges, and stay up to date with supervisors,” says Church. “I’ve learned to keep my ears open because my staff have great ideas. I also know from personal experience how good it feels when you come up with an idea and your boss lets you run with it.” Despite her dedication to her job, Church also manages to maintain balance in her life. She describes herself as a wife, mother of two and friend to many. “Material things don’t matter to me—what really matters is my family.” She says it’s sometimes hard to find the time, but she makes it a priority to stay involved with her kids’ sports, which includes volunteering for Juan de Fuca hockey. Church is also very grateful that social matters and collaboration with faculty and off campus. Everyone is invited, both on and off campus. (see below for more info).

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