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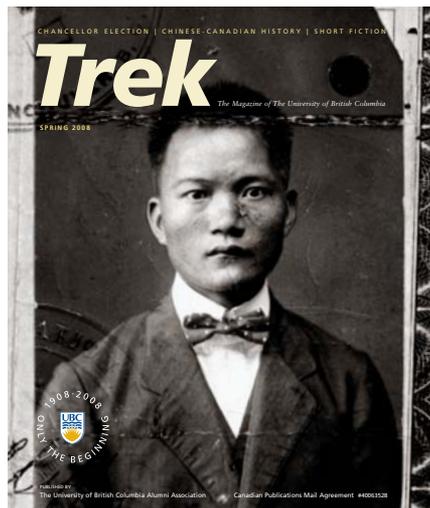
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Cover: Head tax certificate issued to Lee Don, age 22, who arrived in Victoria, BC, on July 23, 1918. Vancouver Public Library (VPL 30625).



FAMILY, CHINESE IMMIGRATION AND THE LAW OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

Family is an odd thing. In literature it's often depicted in less than glowing terms, as in Tolstoy's famous opening line to *Anna Karenina*, "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way," the obdurate family dynamics of *Romeo and Juliet* and the dysfunctionality of *The Sopranos* and *Arrested Development*. A version of hell has us all living out eternity as teenagers grounded in our bedrooms while our parents have a screeching row in the living room.

Modern wisdom tells us that when we decide to move out of the family home, we move just as far away as we need to. Close enough to come home for holidays, talk on the phone or ask politely for money, but far enough away to discourage meddling. As George Burns said, "happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

But unless one's family is a certifiable disaster, there is no greater source of succour, strength or serenity than in the arms of family during times of great happiness or great sadness.

A few weeks ago, I travelled back to rural Manitoba to attend the funeral of my wife's 81-year-old mother, who died suddenly and unexpectedly. My wife and her siblings put their despair and differences aside and did all those things a good family does in such situations: organized events, sorted through clothing and artefacts and hosted a steady stream of friends and relatives who brought condolences, hugs and trays of food to the door of their mother's suite.

It was a sad affair, for sure. Her mother was well-loved in the community, and very active: the stroke that killed her showed its first symptoms at a meeting where she was reading aloud the minutes of last month's Seniors' Centre coordinating committee. The church was packed for her funeral, as was the community hall located a mile or so down the road from the farm where she and her husband had brought up three girls and a boy.

The sadness was tinged with a wry levity, a tearful jocularity that both honoured her passing and acknowledged that we all carry on.

The oldest sister promised to answer the phone, "Hello, Orphans Are Us," but of course never did. It was one of many laughs, though. I watched as my wife and her siblings revelled in the warmth and intimacy of their family and the strong community and saw them all gain the strength to move forward. In the end, family is all that matters.

Imagine, then, the sense of isolation faced by early Chinese immigrants to Canada. Beginning around the gold rush in the 1850s, thousands of impoverished Chinese left their towns and village—and their families—to try their luck in a land where the streets were paved with gold. Many moved on to build the CPR, work in factories, do odd jobs or start businesses to earn enough to bring their families here to join them. Many never saw their families again.

This isolation was made even worse by the open hostility that came from the local white communities. From the casual discrimination and segregation meted out on the street to formal declarations of alienation from the government of the day, these scattered souls had to fend for themselves, making family-like connections where they could. To paraphrase David Crosby, if you can't be with your family, make a family where you are.

Enter the Law of Unintended Consequences. After 1885, Chinese immigrants were forced to pay a head tax when entering Canada. During this process they were required to give details of the town or village they came from, physical characteristics such as height and weight and sit for a photograph when they registered. Now, decades later, our UBC Library is digitizing this information and opening it to researchers. Descendants of Chinese immigrants from this period now have an incredible resource that links them back to their ancestral communities.

Hopefully, when they go back to look up their old relatives, they won't get grounded for being away so long. See page 16 for our coverage of the Chinese head tax and its aftermath. ■

Chris Petty, MFA'86, Editor

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Battling the Beetles

□ You could squash one to death between your fingers: they're only 5mm long. But en masse the Mountain Pine Beetle has been responsible for the destruction of approximately 40 per cent of BC's pine forests over the past ten years, about 13 million hectares. Western Canada's forests are now patch worked with stands of discoloured dead and dying trees. Because the wood from these specimens is typically stained blue from a fungus produced by the beetle, it is difficult to salvage anything from the destruction. The tiny pest has left the ecosystem weakened, profits lessened and foresters stumped.

In 2006, associate professor Joerg Bohlman was one of a team of international experts on forest health genomics that mapped and sequenced a tree genome. It was the third plant ever to be sequenced. Further UBC research into tree genetics is now shedding light on the natural defense systems of pine and spruce, such as their ability to protect themselves from insects and disease. This knowledge will help foresters decide on the best breeding practices to improve the long-term health of forests.

Bohlman and research associate Christopher Keeling have been investigating a substance found in spruce known as Oleoresin. They discovered that it continuously changes its chemical makeup in response to altering conditions and threats to the tree's health. They published a study on how this molecular activity interacts with bark beetles on a genomic level, as well as the fungal pathogens they can produce. The work was featured in a January edition of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"Conifers are some of the oldest and longest living plants on the planet," says Bohlman, who is based in the multidisciplinary Michael Smith Laboratories. "We've opened the book to understanding how they can survive in one location for thousands of years

despite attacks from generations of insects and disease," he says. Bohlman recently agreed to co-lead a \$4 million project funded by Genome BC and Genome Alberta aimed at tackling the Pine Beetle infestation.

Not Just Pie in the SkyTrain

□ With the second highest number of commuters in the Lower Mainland, UBC's Vancouver campus has undertaken a number of green initiatives to help staff, faculty and students find responsible transport alternatives to single-occupant vehicles. Persuading the most reluctant commuters should become a lot easier after the provincial government's recent announcement on transit expansion. The budget is \$14 billion, which includes \$2.8 billion for a new SkyTrain line to Point Grey as well as a pumped up bus service.

Both the university's administration and the student Alma Mater Society welcomed the news. "This investment helps us continue our shift from being a car-oriented campus to a transit-centred one," says professor Stephen Toope, UBC's president. "We are also pleased that RapidBus service will be expanded to Kelowna, thus providing sustainable choices for our UBC Okanagan community." Translink will work with the university on incorporating the SkyTrain line into the University Boulevard Neighbourhood

and proposed underground transport hub that will include a new bus terminal.

Cheers for Daniel Pauly

□ Professor Daniel Pauly, director of UBC's Fisheries Centre, has been recognized for his contributions towards the protection of the oceans at a star-studded award ceremony held in Los Angeles. The Ted Danson Ocean Hero Award is given annually to professionals whose work is dedicated to preserving and improving the health of our oceans. Previous honourees include Jean-Michel Cousteau. A second award, the Partners Award, acknowledging personal commitment to the same cause, was presented to Al Gore. Previous honourees include Hillary Rodham Clinton and Ted Danson. Pauly also received an honorary doctorate in February from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium.

Is a House a Home?

□ In Vancouver, where affordable housing is becoming an oxymoron, many people may be wondering whether or not they can afford to have children. If you can barely manage the mortgage on a condo, let alone a house, where the heck are you supposed to keep them? Is the housing market driving people's decisions on whether or not to start families, or are there other factors at play, such as



L-R: DANIEL PAULY, Oceana CEO ANDY SHARPLESS, ANJELICA HUSTON, AL GORE, MARY STEENBURGEN and TED DANSON.

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unrealistic expectations and an inability to let go of the picket-fence mentality?

“When you feel like you need to have a detached house to really start a family, to feel like you’re a good father, or a good mother, and that housing is really unaffordable, then people get a kind of stage fright. They’re not willing to take on these kinds of roles because they don’t think they can perform them properly,” says Sociology professor Nathaniel Lauster.

Lauster has received a \$54,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to support his study of Canadian, Swedish and United States housing markets over the past 60 years, and any correlation between price rises and reluctance to form families.

While housing markets in all three countries have seen similar patterns of steep price climbs, one variable is the social context in which this has occurred, in particular the extent of social inequality. Sweden has the least income inequality, the US the most, and Canada is “in a median position.” Lauster thinks Vancouver, Seattle and Stockholm will make for an interesting

comparison to see if differing levels of inequality affect cultural change in similar market conditions. He will use census and housing market statistics, together with information gathered from interviews with buyers and renters, as well as with realtors, planners and developers from all three countries.

Lauster also plans to investigate the effect of a post-war change in people’s expectations of family-living in affluent countries. “There was a cultural change,” he says, “where, basically, elites began saying that the way to be a good parent, or a good spouse, is to have a really nice house, to own your own house, to have that house be a detached house rather than a condo, to have lots of rooms, your own picket fence, to have all these symbols that are associated with middle class suburban families.” By comparison, before the war many people didn’t own detached houses. “Detached housing in suburban development seems to be associated, in some of the family changes we’ve seen, in a weakening of family ties.”

In cities like Vancouver, where rocketing house prices mean this post-war ideal has become out of reach for many, he wants to know how people will react and how cultural ideals might shift. “Are they saying ‘Okay, we’re going to think about this in a new way. We’re going to create our own scripts, write our own understanding of what the role

of fatherhood and motherhood should be, and we’ll accommodate to living in a condo, or living in a cooperative.’?”

It’s not just isolated pockets like Vancouver. Other market forces, such as the unfolding sub prime mortgage crisis in the US, can increase financial barriers and burdens for people buying, or continuing to shoulder the expense of a detached family home. Will the housing situation have a negative bearing on decisions to form families? Or will it lead to an adjustment of social ideals?

Ethical Victory

□ Never mind the Super Bowl, a UBC team flexed its mental muscle to great effect at the United States’ annual Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl last November. This was the first time a Canadian university has competed, after a chance encounter between UBC’s head of Philosophy and one of the Ethics Bowl’s emcees led to an 11th-hour invitation. Despite having half the time their competitors had to prepare, the UBC team of three undergraduates, with professor and coach Johnna Fisher, tied for first place out of about 100 entrants from across the US, securing themselves a chance at the national title in San Antonio.

Their task was to impress the judges with the clarity, thoughtfulness and ethical soundness



NATHANIEL LAUSTER is exploring a link between the housing market and people’s willingness to start families.



JOHNNA FISHER coached her team to the winning spot in an ethics debate.



A Doig River elder is interviewed and filmed by anthropologists and local youths interested in preserving their people's oral history and language.

of their arguments. They would be expected to discuss all sorts of issues, from bio-medical ethics to biological warfare. Duncan Steele is a Philosophy student, Mike Jerowsky is a Psychology/Philosophy student and third team member Yashar Keramati is an International Relations/Political Science student. "We have all the bases covered," says Keramati. "We've got philosophy, which is the theoretical stuff, and political science, which is the practical stuff. Once you mesh those two, you get a pretty unshakeable answer."

The application of ethics to real life issues has been eye-opening for the students. "I didn't take business ethics that seriously," says Steele. "I didn't even take ethics and philosophy that seriously. But as you see this applied in real life, it becomes important, applicable: the rules that you live by to make society flourish, or, you could say, co-exist."

Although ambitious to win, they allowed their ethical sense to take precedence over competition strategy, such as trying to appeal to anything they perceived about the opinions of panel judges. "We decided that we would argue for what we believed. That strengthened us and gave us confidence," says Professor Fisher, who is based in UBC's department of Ethics.

Doigital Nation

□ The Dane-zaa people of the Doig River First Nations spent summer 2005 working with a team of researchers to preserve their traditional language, stories and history by recording videos to be made accessible online. "Often museums and exhibits have to do with material culture," says PHD candidate Kate Hennessey, BA'96, a 2006 Trudeau Scholar. "It's a shift to think of cultures as knowledge carried in people's minds, and not on their backs." She and Anthropology professor Patrick Moore are part of a group of eight anthropologists involved in the project, which has received \$400,000 in funding and involves partnership with the Virtual Museum of Canada.

Many people in the Doig River community do not speak the Dane-zaa Zààge language, and it was important to capture it before it was lost. So much spiritual culture is tied up in the traditional stories. "Stories are the best ways people learn, so let's adapt this by using technology," says Gary Oker, a consultant on the project and former Doig River chief.

The project involved six local youth interviewing and recording elders from eight areas close to Doig River, who were eager to tell stories that have been passed down through so

many previous generations. They were able to describe the pre-reserve days and the remnants of more traditional ways of life. The project also helps to address what is missing in the official record, and from classrooms. "It tells an alternate story of the region that competes with settler history," says Hennessey, who suggests the project may have legal importance for the community and points to a lack of aboriginal historical content in BC's elementary school curricula. Learning guides for teachers have been developed for teachers to use along with the website resources. The virtual exhibit can be explored at <http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Danewajich/english/index.html>

Thinking Without Borders

□ More than 9,000 scholars are expected to hit campus for nine days in May and June to attend the world's biggest interdisciplinary conference, the congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The federation is comprised of nearly 80 scholarly organizations representing students, academics and policy-makers. Its mandate is to promote research, scholarship and teaching.

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What will be the largest-ever gathering at UBC is being hosted by the faculties of Arts and Science and will be a key part of the celebrations to mark UBC's centennial. "What this conference will do, I hope, is orient the larger community toward the idea of the importance of culture—of the humanities and social sciences—within the broader field of the sort of research that universities do," says Richard Cavell, Academic Convenor for the conference.

The conference theme is *Thinking Beyond Borders: Global Ideals/Global Values*. Scholars and policy-makers from a variety of backgrounds will collaborate to tackle some of the ethical issues that arise with globalization and advances in science and technology, from a humanitarian perspective.

Two keynote speakers will address the delegates: Economics professor Richard Florida from the University of Toronto is an economics and urban studies theorist. He posits a correlation between creativity and a robust economy: a population requires a

high concentration of the creative class for the generation of wealth. "He argues that in the new knowledge-based economy, it's people like us, people in the humanities and social sciences who are at the core of that economy," says Cavell. "We are the people who are constantly thinking outside the box, constantly thinking beyond borders." Margaret Somerville is a professor of Law and Medicine at McGill University. She has published a number of books addressing the subject of ethics. She will address advances in medical science and technology and accompanying social issues.

As well as panel discussions, presentations and plenty of opportunities for delegates to discuss topics and exchange ideas, the conference will feature musical performances, art exhibits and theatre productions. The hosts are also concerned that the conference be as green as possible. Waste will be reduced by avoiding disposable plates and cutlery, as well as plastic water bottles. The delegates will also be invited to opt for carbon-neutral flights.

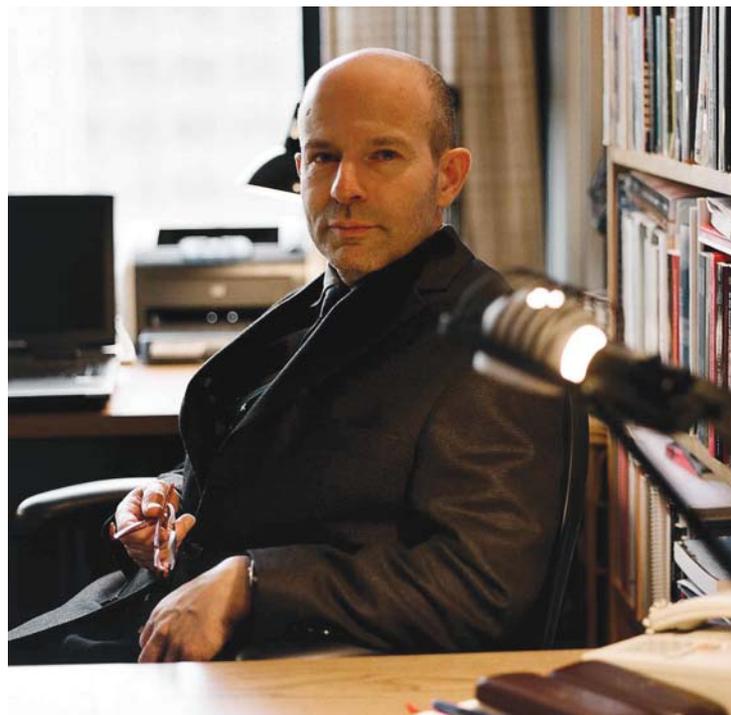
The Happy Lab

□ Does money make you happy? According to Mark Holder, associate professor of Psychology at UBC Okanagan, money accounts

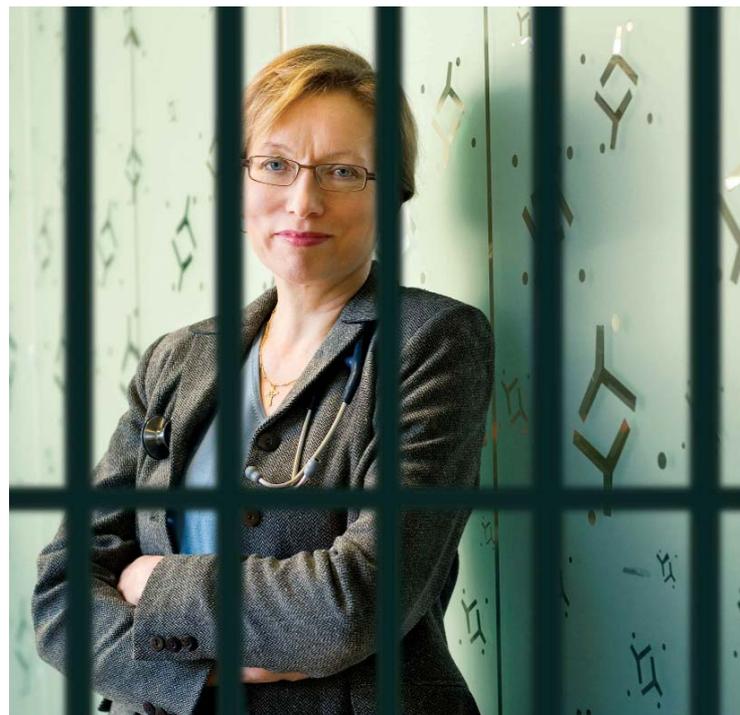
for one per cent of happiness. Spirituality, on the other hand, can account for five times that much. He has recently completed new research to explore whether there is also a connection between spirituality and happiness in children. But what exactly does he mean by spirituality? And how can it be measured?

"Spirituality is easiest to describe as having an inner belief system," says Holder's graduate student Judi Wallace. "Spirituality is not religiosity, which is often more organized and may be church-based." Holder and Wallace conducted a study involving 315 children between the ages of nine and 12. They were surprised to find that spirituality accounted for 6.55 to 16.5 per cent of children's happiness. "From our perspective it's a whopping big effect," says Holder. "I expected it to be much less. I thought their spirituality would be too immature to account for their well-being."

The children were asked to rate statements and answer questions designed to indicate their level of spirituality. Parents and teachers were also asked for input in assessing the children's level of happiness and spirituality. The researchers hope their findings can be



RICHARD CAVALL will be academic convenor for UBC's biggest gathering of scholars.



RUTH MARTIN wants to improve health outcomes for women prisoners.

used to find new ways of promoting childhood well-being, and believe that relatively simple adjustments need be made in classrooms and homes to help nurture happy kids. “A program in elementary schools promoting positive psychology might involve giving students cameras to take pictures of things they think are beautiful or give meaning to their life,” says Wallace. Appreciating simple pleasures and finding enjoyment in making positive contributions to the community may promote a child’s sense of well-being and increase the likelihood of them becoming tolerant, creative and productive adults.

The study findings were recently presented at the World Congress on Psychology and Spirituality in India, garnering much interest. With funding from the university and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, Holder heads a research group that is continuing to investigate the psychological and biological basis of happiness. It is affectionately known as the Happy Lab.

Keeping the “Ex” in Ex-inmate

□ Work for prison inmates often consists of kitchen chores, gardening duty or laundry. In one correctional centre for women situated in Maple Ridge, the choice of task was made dramatically more rewarding when Dr. Ruth Martin hit on the idea of involving the women directly in conducting research to address what the inmates identified as their most pressing health and social concerns. The initiative was given the go ahead and ran for two years. It was enthusiastically received and enjoyed a high level of participation from the 140-capacity Alouette Correctional Centre for Women, whose inmates serve sentences of up to two years.

From 2005 to 2007, more than 200 of them helped to identify research priorities via surveys, forums and interviews. Also attending the forums were prison administrators, funders, academics and provincial health authority representatives. Uppermost issues included addiction, chronic illness, living with disability, fetal alcohol syndrome, methadone use, parenting skills and the parole process.

Martin, a clinical professor in Medicine’s department of Family Practice, has many clients who are prisoners. She is cognizant of



100 Years of Foresight

Stephen Toope, President, UBC

In 1908, the provincial government proclaimed the University Act to establish British Columbia’s first institution of higher education. From this act of foresight, UBC has grown into one of the world’s best public universities by richly serving its provincial, national and global communities through its core mission of teaching and research. A century later, UBC represents a promise fulfilled, with more promise to come.

A milestone like this invites us all to ask: How far have we come? Where are we now? And, what are our next steps?

UBC has undergone dramatic changes over the last 100 years. What began as a university with a modest—and primarily provincial—aspiration to influence its community, has become a player on the world stage in fields as diverse as genomics, opera, infectious disease, fisheries conservation, and Japanese philosophy and religion.

The centenary is an opportunity for us to celebrate our rich history and to recognize that we have become a national and international resource. But it also presents an equally important opportunity: to further advance our teaching and learning programs. The Carl Wieman Science Education Initiative, the new Arts Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow program, the Learning Exchange, the reformed History and Pharmacy curricula and our Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth are just some of the truly groundbreaking initiatives that we will celebrate this year.

We will continue to pursue outstanding research that addresses the fundamental cultural, social, economic, ethical, scientific and health challenges facing our world. UBC has the best record in Canada—and one of the best in North America—in facilitating the translation of fundamental research into applied knowledge, including public policy and commercial applications.

The centenary celebrations also offer an opportunity to showcase the cultural precinct of UBC (which includes the Belkin Gallery, the Freddy Wood Theatre, the Museum of Anthropology and the Chan Centre), which has become a hub for stimulating artistic engagement. For example, renowned baritone Bryn Terfel will perform at the Chan on April 12th.

At 100, UBC can attract great world leaders like Professor Muhammad Yunus who will deliver the first annual Michael Smith Memorial Nobel Lecture on March 14. Professor Yunus is the recipient of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize and renowned for conceptualizing and building the field of microcredit.

On June 22, a restored version of Edward Curtis’s 1914 silent film, *In the Land of the Head Hunters*, coordinated by UBC Killam Fellow Dr. Aaron Glass will be screened. This was the first feature film to star an exclusively indigenous cast, made up of Kwakwaka’wakw non-professional actors. Descendants of the original actors will present Kwakwaka’wakw songs and dances and discuss their relation to the film at the screening.

Come and help celebrate a century of UBC achievement. As alumni, you are a big part of the success. This is an ambitious place, filled with smart people with heart who really want to make a difference in the world. The real currency of any university is ambition matched with brainpower and heart. At UBC we are blessed with all three.

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ERIKA ELIASON is turning up the heat on fish.

higher rates of HIV, hepatitis C, sexually transmitted diseases and other infections.

The women have shed light on some of the factors contributing to their incarceration and patterns of reoffense, and made policy recommendations. As well as issues like poverty and abuse, they pointed to a lack of resources—such as adequate housing and job training—on offer to inmates reentering the community after serving sentences. More than three quarters indicated homelessness as a factor in their reoffense.

Participation in the study alone did much to improve the self-esteem and sense of hope for the inmates. They learned computer, communication and presentation skills at the same time as contributing valuable research work, which they hope will ultimately help improve health outcomes for female prisoners and a sound basis for effective policy to facilitate their successful integration with society. “Dr. Martin helped us break the code of silence that’s in the prison and on the street,” said project participant Jennifer

McMillan. “When you’re just released from prison you’re terrified. You feel hopeless and helpless, that you’ll just end up doing what you were doing before. But if you see other women doing well, it really helps.” She was a repeat offender and drug addict, but claims the programs helped her stay clean. She and some of the other ex-inmates who participated in the project have maintained active connections and recently established an office in Vancouver. They have also established a website that advocates for the resources to support ex-offenders in society and promotes positive contributions to society. Martin hopes to continue her research with the women, and to secure funding that will allow her to pay the women for their work. See www.accwalumniresearch.org for more details.

Fish Feeling the Fahrenheit

□ Could the Fraser River’s rising temperatures be responsible for the increasing number of salmon deaths? Over the past 50 years, the mean temperature at Hells Gate on August 6 has risen by 1.3°C. The summer of 2004 was

particularly hot, and death rates that year were as high as 70 per cent for some fish stocks. Research from the department of Fisheries and Oceans shows that years of high temperatures coincide with a significant percentage of fish entering the Fraser failing to reach their spawning grounds past Mission.

Fish are particularly sensitive to environmental temperature change, since they are unable to regulate their body temperature. Erika Eliason, a PHD candidate in Zoology, is using facilities at Cultus Lake to investigate a possible connection between global warming and an increase in fish deaths. Her experiment involves fish from various stock swimming through a 15 foot-long tunnel that allows her to control water speed and temperature. She is trying to establish the optimum temperature for swimming and cardiovascular activity in salmon, measured via a flow cuff around the heart. Oxygen levels in both the fish and surrounding water are measured to gauge metabolism.

She's discovered that temperatures above 18°C can adversely affect cardiovascular performance. In the past five years, the mean temperature in some areas of the Fraser has been above 19°C. When Eliason increased experimental temperatures to 20-22°C, the fish's ability to function was clearly impaired. "We think that the fish's heart is no longer able to cope with the high temperature and oxygen becomes limited. The high temperature makes it harder for the heart to get oxygen to the muscles," she says.

Returning to spawn is a tough enough job for the fish, with a fifth of them failing in normal conditions. They fall prey to disease, exhaustion and predators and some species are faced with a 1000 km journey upriver. Higher temperatures may be affecting their ability to fight disease or reserve enough energy for the task at hand. Eliason is working in collaboration with the department of Fisheries and Oceans, the Pacific Salmon Forum and UBC colleagues including Professor Tony Farrell.

HAART Kicks AIDS

□ After decades of research on HIV and AIDS, there still isn't a cure, but effective treatments have been developed that greatly increase life expectancy and reduce the risk of transmission. Dr. Julio Montaner thinks that highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART) holds the key. "I really believe that by expanding HAART, a therapy proven to work, we can finally control this epidemic," he says. Anti-retroviral drugs greatly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood, thereby lessening the risk of transition to another party, even in the case of pregnant woman passing the virus on to her child. Life expectancy and quality of life both improve. "We have proven that among those who engage in care, 90 per cent show a vast improvement and transmission almost disappears," says Montaner.

But proper adherence to the treatment is required. One of the main challenges in fighting this disease—perhaps even eradicating the transition of HIV in Canada, says Montaner—is in making sure effective treatments reach all the people who need it. Many of society's more vulnerable members,

such as the mentally ill, drug addicts and prostitutes, may escape the health system. A lack of diagnosis and risky behaviours compound the problem.

"When HAART was introduced as a treatment, the incidence of HIV was reduced by 50 percent. But since 1998 these figures have reached a plateau," says Montaner, who has been researching treatments for AIDS since 1981. "When you put all the facts together a new model for prevention and treatment is required." He refers to his suggested model as the "seek and treat" approach: a comprehensive and pro-active approach to finding and

treating vulnerable HIV carriers, as well as providing accessible education and prevention programs. "It's not unlike what we did for tuberculosis in the past," he says. The BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, of which Montaner is director, estimates that as many as 2,000 people in BC who are HIV positive are not seeking out care.

One of the world's leading experts on HIV/AIDS, and well known for his groundbreaking research on the potential of HAART, Montaner is president-elect of the International AIDS Society. He is a UBC professor and chairs the AIDS research division.

Can UBC Create Your Legacy?



Edie and Graham Fishlock think so. Their planned gift will create the *Graham and Edie Fishlock Scholarship and Bursary Fund* to support Aboriginal students.

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WINNIE PANG, student advisor, is thrilled to rid her working life of paper.

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Paper? Prepostpapyrus!

□ More office space, a healthier budget, a happier staff and clientele: a busy campus office is enjoying all these benefits after deciding to rid itself of paper and trust in the digital. The process has taken two years but produced an impressive model for emulation.

The undergraduate advising office in the faculty of Land and Food Systems used to have filing cabinets and in-trays stuffed with information on 1,200 students. It was time-consuming to keep them updated, which cut into the time advisors could spend with students. Paper-pushing has never been fun, even less so as our eco-consciences are increasingly provoked into action.

When the university made improvements to its Student Information System, advisors could digitally record interactions with students as well as other information such as grades. “That was the crossroads for us,” says the faculty’s assistant dean of students, Lynn Newman-Saunders. “It was time to start creating hard-copy files for our students and we decided to really change paths and explore the paperless possibilities of the online system.” Once they were satisfied with the security and reliability of the system, they went ahead full throttle, with student advisors Winnie Pang and Joshua Robertson in the drivers’ seats.

As well as doing away with paper files (other than those required in hard copy by law), the staff has introduced other initiatives. They use wipe-clean acetate boards as an illustrative aid in their interviews with students, and send information via email rather than snail-mail. They make themselves more accessible to students via Facebook, and an online student-teacher evaluation program is being piloted to cut more paper out of the picture. Savings from paper-reduction alone already amount to \$4,000 per year.

The students are very appreciative of the resulting improvements in service. Ironically, the introduction of technology has given the undergraduate advising office a more human face. “Before I came to UBC, phoning advisors meant getting an answering machine, and appointments—made a week

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or more in advance—meant filling out forms,” says LFS student Stephen Ford. “If my experience is any indication, less paper means more human. The advising staff is ultra-accessible and there are no forms to fill out or hide behind. My friends in the faculty unanimously agree that we are a part of something special.”

Trading Chemicals

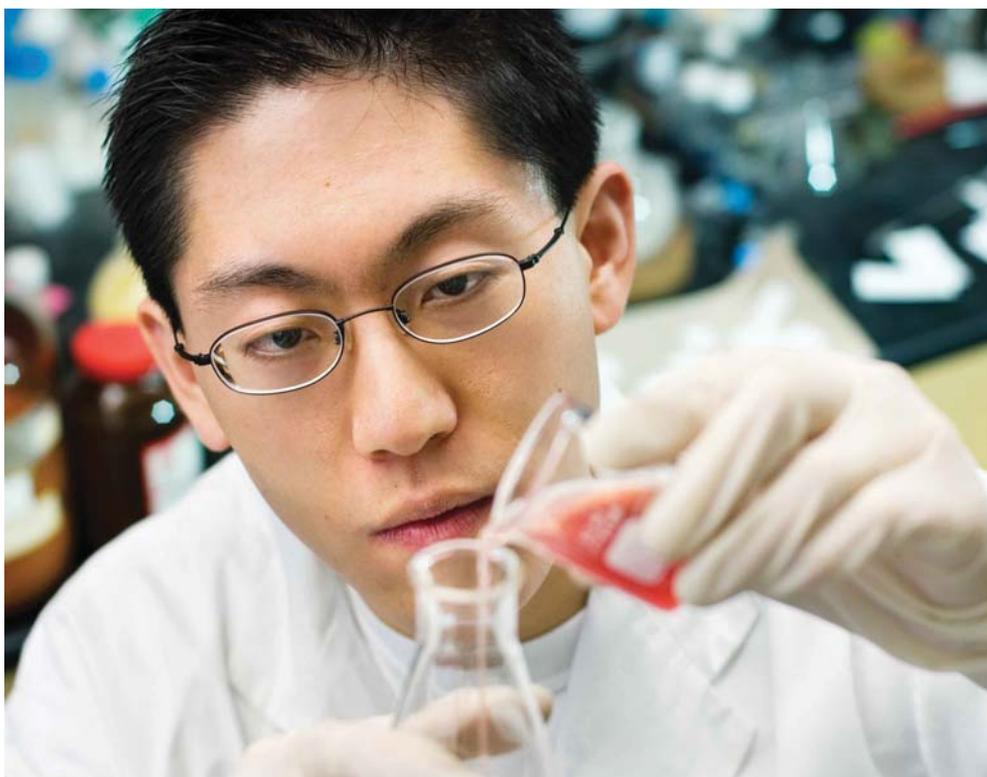
Although scientists often only require small amounts of a chemical substance for a given experiment, suppliers’ minimum unit limits can sometimes leave them with more than they require. Some chemicals have a limited shelf-life and can be expensive to dispose of.

A new online system at UBC is helping scientists avoid waste. The Chemical Exchange Database allows researchers to post surplus chemicals and search for the ones they need, which are supplied at no extra cost. The system is helping to reduce waste and avoid unnecessary expense, plus the chemicals are onsite and more immediately accessible. Launched in 2004, to date it has saved an estimated \$74,500 in disposal and purchase costs for the campus community.

The database was created by Burdena Shea, senior manager in the university’s Health Research Resources office, and colleague Andre Liem in collaboration with the Sustainability office and the department of Health Safety and Environment (HSE). The idea of chemical exchange is not new, but moving from the slow and laborious paper-laden system of the ’90s to a fast and highly efficient one is a welcome achievement. “UBC is one of North America’s greenest universities, and the chemical exchange allows researchers to play their part,” says Shea.

Noga Levit of the HSE wants to maximize the system’s potential. “New science students, staff and faculty hear about the exchange during the extensive lab orientations that they receive, she says. “We think it’s an important program and are working to increase participation.”

Other strategies UBC employs to avoid chemical waste is the annual recycling of more than 8,000 litres of solvents and 5,000 litres of photographic waste. To learn more about the university’s other sustainability initiatives, visit www.sustain.ubc.ca.



Graduate student **JONATHAN CHONG** saves money and prevents waste by using the Chemical Exchange Database.

Bone Health at Risk

□ A UBC and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) study has found that a popular class of osteoporosis drugs nearly triples the risk of developing bone necrosis, a condition that can lead to disfigurement and incapacitating pain. The research is the largest study of bone necrosis and bisphosphonates, a class of drugs used by millions of women worldwide to help prevent bone fractures due to osteoporosis. It is also the first study to explore the link between bone necrosis and specific brands of bisphosphonates, such as Actonel, Didrocal and Fosamax.

Bone necrosis, a relatively rare disease diagnosed in approximately 1 in 20,000 people annually, leads to permanent loss of blood supply to the bones. Without adequate blood supply, the bone tissue dies and causes the bone to collapse. The disease primarily affects shoulders, knees and hips at the joints, causing severe pain and immobility.

“The message for women taking these medications is to pay attention to your pain,” said principal investigator Mahyar Etminan

of the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluation at UBC and VCHRI. “Given the widespread use of these drugs, it is important that women and their doctors know the risks that come with taking them.”

The epidemiological study, a collaboration between UBC, VCHRI and McGill University, is based on the health records of 88,000 Quebec residents from 1996 to 2003. The team undertook the research after academic papers began linking necrosis of the jaw with the use of bisphosphonates. “This is particularly important work,” said John Esdaile, professor and head, Rheumatology, UBC, and scientific director of the Arthritis Research Centre of Canada, located at VCHRI’s Centre for Hip Health.

“Although the osteonecrosis side-effect is rare, the use of the bisphosphonates is very common,” Esdaile adds. “People taking bisphosphonates are now hearing about the potential side-effects, and this study result will permit physicians to better inform them what the order of magnitude of the risk may be.” To view the study, visit: www.jrheum.com. ■

Alumni Engagement: Connection and Communication



MARIE EARL, Associate Vice President, Alumni Affairs; Executive Director, UBC Alumni Association



DOUG ROBINSON, BCOM'71, LLB'72

The Alumni Association was established in 1917 by a group of graduates who wanted to keep in touch with their classmates and with the university. UBC was a topic of hot debate in those days—the Great Trek was only a few years away—and the establishment of a Point Grey campus was on everyone's minds.

Then, as now, the UBC Alumni Association was an independent body, registered under the BC Society Act. The Association has its own board, its own rules of governance and operation, and its own goals. The Board of Directors signed a Letter of Agreement with the university four years ago to establish a formal working relationship, and in 2005 the Association and the university jointly hired Marie Earl to serve as Executive Director and Associate Vice President, Alumni.

As of January, 2008, the Alumni Affairs unit moved from the Vice President, Students portfolio to that of the newly created Vice President, Development and Alumni Engagement (see the profile of Barbara Miles on the next page). The combination of alumni and development (aka fundraising)

under one administrative roof is the norm in American and Canadian universities.

The mission of Alumni Affairs is to engage alumni, and students as future alumni, in the life of the university in its broadest sense. Our goal is to keep you interested and engaged in your university. Of course, if we do our job well, the university's fundraisers will be that much more successful.

Alumni Association Board Chair Doug Robinson (our chief volunteer) and Marie Earl joined in conversation recently to discuss the new administrative relationship, and to reflect on the value the university places on alumni.

MARIE EARL: We should probably start by talking about the perception that our hand is always out for money. A lot of grads tell us the only time they ever hear from UBC is when we want money.

DOUG ROBINSON: It's true. I met with some new business colleagues recently, and in the general introductions I told them I was Chair of the Alumni Association. Three of the group were UBC grads and one threw up his hands, laughed and said, "I don't have my cheque

book with me!" They all joined in, claiming they all left their cheque books at home.

ME: Did you set them straight?

DR: I did! But it points out that we've still got a long way to go in getting out the message that we're about involvement, not fundraising.

ME: One of our real challenges is to show people why UBC should be part of their lives, why UBC is still important to them. Companies use all the advantages of UBC—our great education, our leadership in the economy. I'd bet that your three UBC grads benefit from UBC every day.

DR: I'm sure they do. There isn't a part of our lives in BC that isn't affected by UBC, from education, law and technology to the theatre, music and the arts.

ME: UBC is a compelling place intellectually and culturally. And as UBC's reputation gets better nationally and internationally, a UBC degree gains more value in the marketplace. Grads should want UBC to become even better than it is today.

DR: That has implications for fundraising, and presents an interesting dilemma. I think grads do have an obligation to support UBC with their time and talent as well as their treasure. Our degrees open doors for us, and we all have a responsibility to help advance the institution. UBC's endowment recently topped \$1 billion, and that might give people cause to think we're rolling in money.

ME: There are a lot of misconceptions about endowments. One billion dollars isn't a staggering amount of money, particularly given the fact that UBC's student population is nearing 50,000. Harvard's endowment is \$36 billion, Stanford's is \$17 billion, and the University of Toronto's is \$2.5 billion. A healthy endowment is an investment in the future health of the institution.

DR: Stephen Toope talks a lot about UBC being an economic driver, but he also points out that it's one of the province's most important social drivers. Real change in sustainability, social equality and population growth with all its associated benefits and ills, will only happen in a community that produces and attracts the world's best thinkers.

ME: And it's those areas that interest our alumni most. All our surveys tell us that the

thing grads want most from UBC is access to intellectual activities that stimulate them and inform them. Attending university was a transformational experience for many people. They remember university as an intellectual awakening and they see it, quite rightly, as an exciting place.

DR: Which brings us back to how we can re-engage alumni in the life of the university. Alumni want more personalized communications—we have to learn more about our individual grads. What do they care about, what do they want us to do for them? Even if we're partners with Development in the new portfolio, our purpose is still to offer opportunities. Alumni have to be our focus.

ME: Right, and it works both ways. A highly engaged alumni community is extremely valuable to the university as advocates for higher education, volunteers on essential policy-making university committees, mentors for students and any number of other ways they can give of their time and talent.

DR: We give alumni a chance to find their niche.

ME: And we give alumni a voice. Now we have someone at the vice president level who has "alumni" as part of her title. That's a first for UBC. We will be able to educate our colleagues in the art of alumni engagement, and we will have access to more resources—both financial and human—to do our work. For instance, we're already working on moving to a new database system that will allow more personalized outreach.

DR: Stephen Toope genuinely appreciates the idea of alumni engagement in and of itself, rather than as a means to an end. It's just three years into our relationship with UBC, and we've developed a lot of trust.

ME: We've made real progress in so many areas, and we have both the metrics and the anecdotal data to back that up. We've also introduced some best practices from other American and Canadian schools to the work we do and, I should say, we've established some best practices that other universities have adopted.

DR: Volunteer engagement is at the top of the list of how we measure success.

ME: It is. We're putting a lot of energy into it. We're building relationships with the faculties, senior administration and with students to uncover and develop opportunities for volunteer participation.

DR: Volunteer service at the highest level is the Chancellor. Allan McEachern really raised

the bar in terms of helping people understand the value of the chancellor. He dedicated a vast amount of time and wise counsel to the university during his term.

ME: And one of the simplest ways alumni can participate in their university is by voting in the Chancellor election being held at UBC right now.

DR: That would be a good start. ■



BARBARA MILES
Vice President Development
and Alumni Engagement

Barbara Miles comes to UBC with 13 years of successful leadership and fundraising experience at the University of Florida. She will be UBC's first Vice President Development and Alumni Engagement.

As Associate VP for Development at UF, Ms Miles has most recently co-directed that institution's third capital campaign, with a goal of raising \$1.5 billion.

Ms Miles will oversee UBC's highly successful development arm, which annually attracts \$120 million in support for teaching and research. She will also direct the university's growing local and global engagement initiatives with its 250,000 alumni. Both areas will play a pivotal role in the university's pursuit of the Trek 2010 strategic vision.

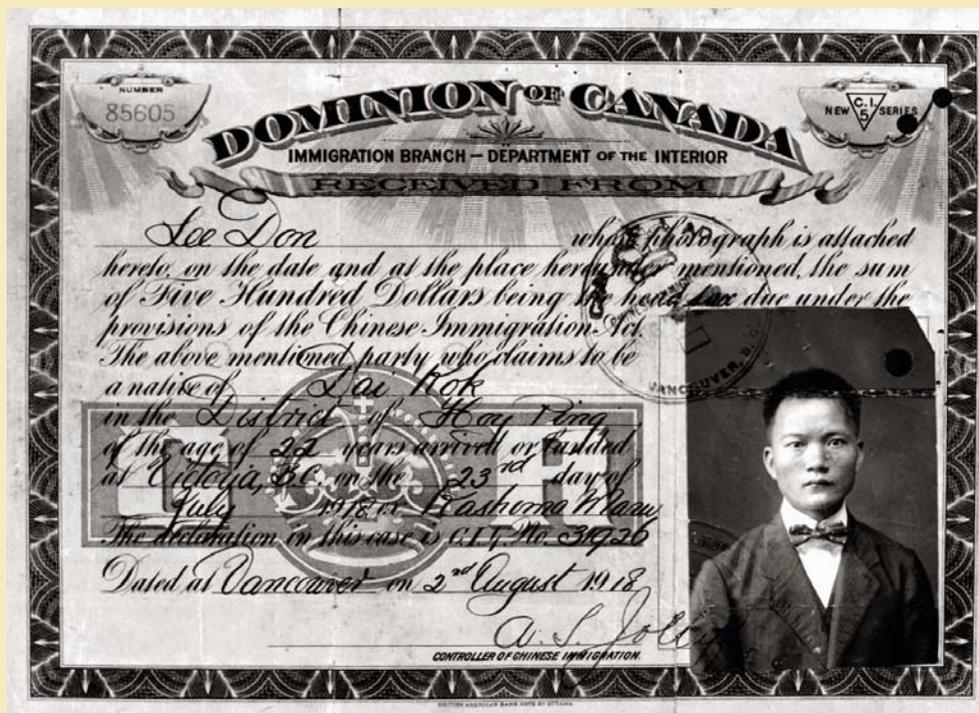
"The opportunities at UBC are unique in North America," Ms Miles said. "With ranking among the world's 40 best universities, tremendous local, national and international fundraising potential and significant new alumni outreach, UBC is pursuing excellence on all fronts. I am proud to join such an accomplished team whose values and aspirations so closely match my own."

Miles, 52, is British-born and has lived in the UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany and the US. She has worked as a high school teacher of music and French and has been a marketing, public relations and fundraising manager for leading performing arts organizations in the Miami area. At the University of Florida she directed regional campaign programs in 16 cities and led development for the UF College of Journalism and Communications. She initiated UF's international fundraising and alumni relations program and supervised the development programs of four of the university's largest colleges.

Ms Miles is a graduate of the University of Southampton and the University of London, Goldsmith's College.

She comes to Vancouver with husband Mark Monroe, a former real estate investment banking and development executive. He has served as director of the Center for Real Estate Studies at UF and lecturer in Real Estate at the UF Warrington College of Business Administration. They have two daughters and two grandsons.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION IN CANADA AND THE HEAD TAX



Head tax certificate issued to Lee Don, age 22, who arrived in Victoria, BC, on July 23, 1918.

Chinese immigration to Canada began around 1858 in response to the gold rush in British Columbia. During the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Chinese workers were brought in to help build it. Between 1881 and 1884, more than 15,000 Chinese people came to Canada. About 6,500 of them were employed directly by the CPR.

As soon as the CPR was completed, the federal government moved to restrict the immigration of Chinese people to Canada. The first federal anti-Chinese bill was passed in 1885, imposing a \$50 head tax, with few exceptions, upon every person of Chinese origin entering the country. No other group was targeted in this way.

This tax was increased to \$100 in 1900 and to \$500 in 1903, which at that time, was equivalent to two years wages for a Chinese labourer. In all, the federal government collected \$23 million from the Chinese through the head tax.

Despite the tax, Chinese immigrants continued to come to Canada. In 1923, Parliament passed the Chinese Immigration Act excluding all but a few Chinese immigrants from entering Canada. Between 1923 and 1947 when the Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed, fewer than 50 Chinese people were allowed to come to Canada.

During the exclusion era, Chinese immigrants were not allowed to bring their family, including their wives, to Canada. As a result, the Chinese Canadian community became a "bachelor society." The head tax and Exclusion Act resulted in long periods of separation for families. In fact, some families were never reunited.

Because of years of anti-Chinese immigration legislation, today the Chinese Canadian community exhibits many characteristics of first-generation immigrants, despite its history of close to 150 years in Canada.

RECOVERING the Lost Voices

OF PACIFIC CANADA

by **BRANDY LIÊN WORRALL**

“Even though Chinese Canadians have lived continuously in BC since 1858, they still only enter our historical consciousness as gold miners and railroad builders,” says Professor Henry Yu. “The question I ask of myself in my research and of my students in my classes is: What were they doing the rest of the time?”

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of British Columbia as a Crown Colony. It is a time when people will reflect on the social, economic and political history of the province. Professor Henry Yu, who grew up in BC and attended UBC as a History major, wants to ensure the official record is complete, accurate, and reflective of all the peoples whose labours, social ties, backgrounds and experiences formed the origins and fuelled the evolution of BC.

He wonders, for instance, how many British Columbians are aware that the province’s 150-year milestone is shared by the first permanent Chinese settlement in Canada. “The Chinese were here when migrants from both Asia and Europe came to lands inhabited by First Nations societies,” he says. “The Gold Rush of 1858 brought people from all over the world. The engagement of trans-Pacific migrants with First Nations peoples shaped the history of British Columbia and continues to do so, even if many people now arriving in Vancouver don’t realize it.”

Five years ago, Yu joined UBC’s faculty to develop a pilot history program that aims to recover the long-ignored voices of Chinese Canadians: the Initiative for Student Teaching and Research in Chinese Canadian Studies (INSTRCC). Yu and colleagues saw the need to build teaching and research programs that would focus on Pacific Canada and address what Yu describes as the long neglected reality that BC has been connected from the very beginning with a larger Pacific world.

“Recovering the neglected voices of Chinese-Canadians is important because they helped build and feed this province,” says Yu. “Chinese-Canadian farmers grew the produce that Chinese-Canadian grocers sold and Chinese-Canadian restaurant owners and workers fed to everyone else.” The Chinese did not just live and work in Chinatowns. They were all over the province in every small town and scattered throughout our cities. Yu says education is crucial to help build an awareness of this forgotten history. “If citizens do not know the history of this place, then they cannot make good judgments about how to repair the damage of the past and what we need to do to move forward.”

Last year marked the 100th Anniversary of the 1907 anti-Asian riots in Vancouver, something Yu describes as one of the darker moments in our collective history. The riots were spawned in September 1907 when Punjabi Sikh workers were driven out of their jobs in Bellingham’s lumber industry. Several days later a mob attacked Vancouver’s Chinese and Japanese businesses, causing extensive damage.

“The riots symbolized how late arriving European migrants to BC re-invented its history,” Yu says. After the riots, immigration legislation essentially cut off further migration from India, Japan and China, fulfilling the demand of the rioters for “a white Canada forever.” A world that had included extensive engagements between Chinese migrants and First Nations communities throughout the rural areas of



First Nations stevedores and Chinese laundry workers on dock at Moodyville Sawmill in BC (1889, Charles S. Bailey).

the province, for instance, was ignored and forgotten. The official history of BC would belong only to the later migrants who arrived on the railroad the Chinese built. “It had always puzzled me growing up in BC why the Chinese were always seen to be the late arrivers, when in reality my great grandfather and his sons were here long before the families of the people calling me names and telling me to go home to China. I found it ironic and sad,” says Yu.

In 1885, the year the Canadian Pacific Railroad connecting BC to Canada was finished, an onerous head tax was demanded of Chinese migrants to Canada, generating a major source of revenue for both the BC provincial government and the federal government of Canada. Discrimination against Chinese and other non-white workers became widespread.

In 2007, Yu was a part of a broad-based group of community organizations, universities and labour unions that came together to heal the divisions between workers created a century ago. The Anniversaries of Change network celebrated progress made since the period of anti-Asian violence, but in the knowledge there was much work left to do to overcome the injustices of the past. “Not only were Asian workers targeted, leading to the expulsion of non-white workers from canneries, lumber mills and mines,” says Yu, “but First Nations people were removed from their lands and saw the destruction of their ways of life.”

Yu argues for the need to reconcile the inequities that still exist as direct result of our past, with the settlement of First Nations land claims first and foremost. “But in order to move forward,” he says, “we also need to recover the voices of those who were erased, and that includes Chinese-Canadians, Japanese-Canadians, South Asian-Canadians

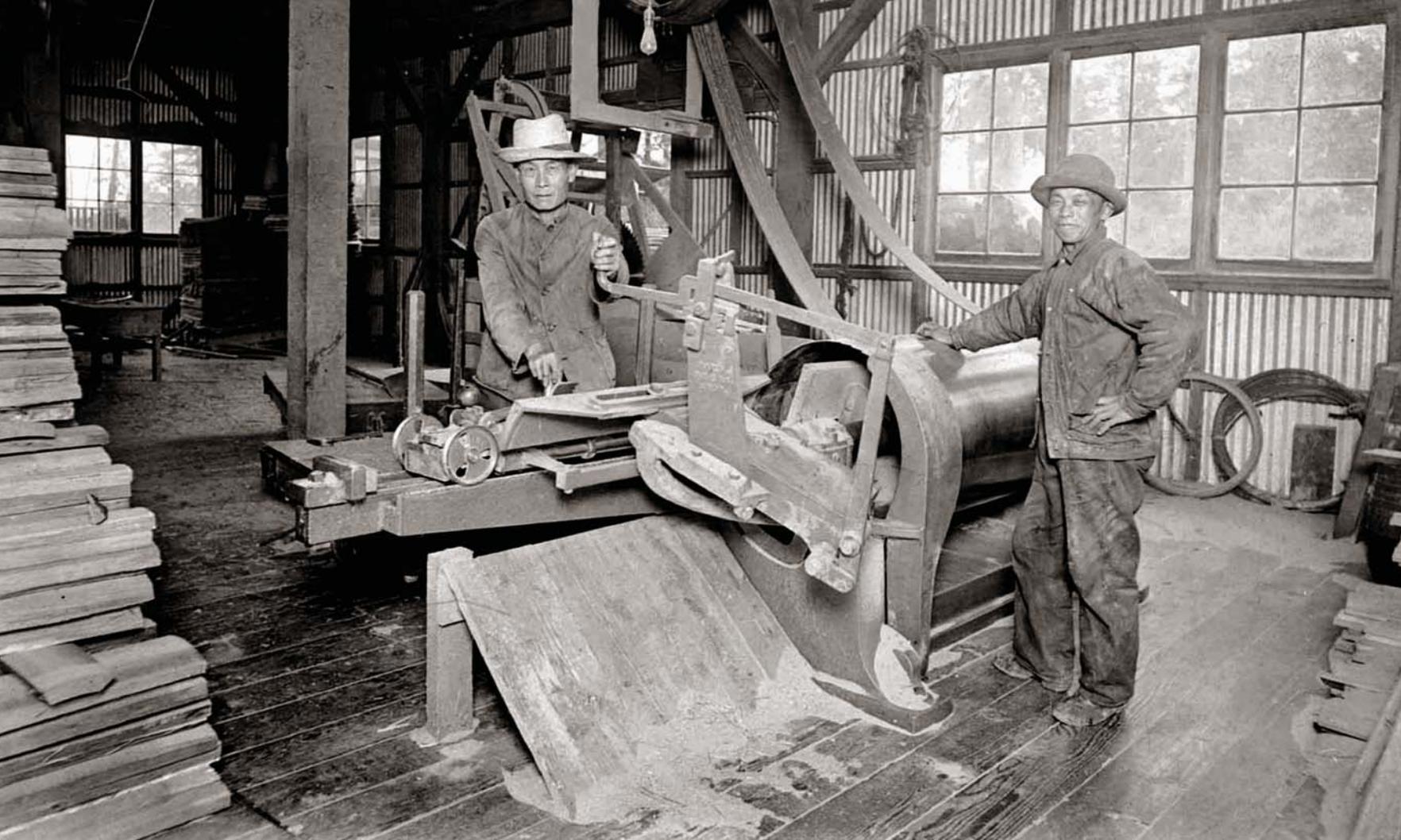
and other trans-Pacific migrants from Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and all the societies around the Pacific region.”

Yu believes that the INSTRCC program is a crucial step in creating an awareness of our past and future in Pacific Canada. “Even though Chinese Canadians have lived continuously in BC since 1858, they still only enter our historical consciousness as gold miners and railroad builders,” he says. “The question I ask of myself in my research and of my students in my classes is: What were they doing the rest of the time?”

The INSTRCC pilot project was designed to involve students directly in the research needed to recover and record this neglected history, and to empower them to be the voices of change. In one series of projects called Eating Global Vancouver, students are involved in a unique form of community-based learning, making films about Vancouver restaurants run by families who have

Chinese produce store on Commercial Drive, (1932).





Chinese men working with a barrel machine at Sweeney Cooperage Ltd., early 1900s. 49 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC. M. Leo Sweeney, donor.

migrated from all around the world. “These restaurants are like miniature community centres, capturing a microcosm of the global nature of Vancouver at this moment,” says Yu. Students interview not only the families that own and run the restaurants, but also the workers, and the customers, as well as conducting historical research on the location and the neighborhood.

Yu wishes he could have taken his own course when he was an undergraduate two decades ago. “Students get to eat their way across the city, getting them off-campus and into the larger world, but they learn a great deal about how this city has been built out of migration and just how complex the daily cultural interactions between people of diverse backgrounds can be,” he says.

Besides eating some of the great varieties of cuisine to be found in Vancouver, students in the INSTRCC program are learning how to use the powerful media of digital video and the Internet to showcase their work. “A decade ago,” says Yu, “it took tens of thousands of dollars just to make a short film. Now anyone with a cell phone and a laptop can make a video clip that can be uploaded to the Internet with the potential to reach hundreds of thousands of people around the world. Learning how to tap that kind of potential is like learning to write an essay. It’s a new grammar for speaking about and to the world.”

Digital technology offers tremendous promise for preserving the life stories of common people. INSTRCC students have

worked with the Asian Library at UBC, the Vancouver Museum, the Vancouver City Archives, the Vancouver Public Library and community organizations such as the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of BC and the Nikkei Heritage Centre to help record, preserve and popularize the history of trans-Pacific migrants to Canada.

Digitization has become a tool not only for historical research, but also for public engagement with our history. Yu and his colleague, Peter Ward, currently the University Librarian at UBC, collaborated on a three-year project to digitize the more than 96,000 records of the Chinese Head Tax Registers. Meticulously detailing every Chinese Canadian who paid the Head Tax between 1885 and 1923,

Chinese farmer works the land (1939, James Crookall).



these registers provide unparalleled information about the Chinese migrants who helped build Canada.

In late 2008, as part of the 150th anniversary of the settlement of Chinese in British Columbia, Yu and Ward hope to see a searchable version of this database made accessible to the public through UBC and Library and Archives Canada websites. Descendants of these Chinese-Canadian pioneers will be able to search for their ancestors online. “It is one of the ironies of racism that anti-Chinese discrimination produced such detailed records of Chinese migrants. In comparison, a migrant at the same time from Scotland getting off a ship in Halifax walked into Canada leaving nary a trace in governmental records,” says Yu.

Yu’s students record the family histories of trans-Pacific migrants whose families have lived in BC for five generations, as well as those of Asian migrants who have recently arrived. “Historians looking back a century from now will recognize that the 1990s was a watershed moment in Vancouver and Canadian history, when the tide turned in the history of Pacific Canada and the great promise of our location and the unique mixtures of our peoples was finally fulfilled. We need to record the stories of this moment in time before they are lost, and we need to do a better job of doing that in the languages that people speak other than English,” say Yu. “We’re wasting such a tremendous amount of human capital in this city right now. Migrants come speaking three, four, five languages,

and by the time their children reach UBC they often can only speak English. It’s a tragedy on a personal level when children cannot communicate effectively with their parents because of language barriers, but for our society as a whole we are frittering away such potential.”

Life stories are not the only kind of stories that engage Yu’s students. One of his colleagues, English Professor Christopher Lee, points out that literature is a fundamental part of his classes. “The goal of literary studies is to understand how language mediates our experience of the world, how words—and the ways in which they are put together—affect how we understand ourselves” he says.

“Consider, for example, the perennial question for many Chinese-Canadians: “are you Chinese or Canadian?” What astounds me about this question is just how inadequate these terms are for describing the complex identities we all carry. We are, after all, never just Chinese and/or Canadian.” Lee is in the midst of his first year of teaching at UBC, but his classes are filled with students grappling with the complexities of language. In his own research, Lee studies both Chinese and English texts, and he wants his students to understand how in global cities like Vancouver, the rich array of languages is producing a unique kind of literature and sensibility.

Professor Lee is one among many new faculty hires at UBC who are remaking the university from the classroom up. The same year that Lee joined UBC, the English department hired Larissa Lai, who wrote the novel *When Fox is a Thousand*.

“Since I came back to UBC five years ago, we’ve hired some wonderful people who have become core faculty in engaging with the subject of Pacific Canada,” says Yu, who also points to Renisa Mawani and Jennifer Chun in Sociology, Miu Chung Yan in Social Work, Lyren Chiu in Nursing, and Jennifer Chan in Education.

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Yu notes the importance of the relatively new First Nations Studies at UBC as a partner for INSTRCC and for future efforts to build on the history and future of Pacific Canada. “Professor Linc Kessler, director of the First Nations Studies program, has really pioneered the use of digital video for oral history at UBC, and he and his students have been an inspiration for us.” Yu points out that despite the initial emphasis on Chinese-Canadians, who make up nearly 40 per cent of Vancouver’s population, his students come from diverse backgrounds and many choose to pursue research projects focusing on other Asian migrant communities.

“When I was an undergraduate at UBC, there was a handful of professors from whom a student could learn about these under-explored histories: Edgar Wickberg in History, Graham Johnson in Sociology, Jean Barman in Education, just to name a few. They have since retired, but now we have a young group of faculty to move forward into UBC’s second century with our students. I’m tremendously excited.” ■

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Rooting around Vancouver

by TREVOR QUAN

UBC student Trevor Quan used Professor Yu’s history course to uncover his family’s history and record it for posterity.

From the beginning, Professor Henry Yu told us that his was not a typical history course, and that both scared and excited his students. Instead of the familiar rounds of lectures and research papers, we were to use multimedia and our imaginations to record history straight from the source. That was exciting enough by itself, but I was eager to engage in capturing the history of Vancouver’s Asian immigration. As a third-generation Chinese-Canadian, here was an opportunity to study something close to my heart. Both my parents’ families have fairly long histories in Canada but on my father’s side, I had one relation who had lived and breathed much of Vancouver’s early history.

My family has been blessed with the longevity of my paternal great-grandfather Charlie Quan (my Bak Goong), who has witnessed the changes of the twentieth century first hand. We didn’t know how much time we had to record his story before it was lost forever. Professor Yu’s interview project struck me as a perfect opportunity to learn more about my family while preserving an important part of Vancouver’s history.

Last year marked several important anniversaries for the Chinese Canadian community: the anti-oriental race riots of 1907; the 1947

Chinese Enfranchisement; immigration reforms in 1967 that allowed heavy Chinese immigration; and the 1997 Hong Kong switch-over. It seemed appropriate that it was the also the year we celebrated my Bak Goong's 100th birthday. But no anniversary is as important to him as those that have marked his reunion with his wife and children many years after his arrival in Canada. He was a teenager when he arrived in Vancouver in 1923 to work and send money back to his family in China. During his infrequent trips back home, he married and started a family. But after a crackdown on Chinese immigration and the further complications of World War II, it would be years until he was able to see his wife and children again.

My own research proved to be a liberating experience. I was able to use my own contacts for fact-finding, rather than the usual secondary research through academic journals and libraries. While it is important to know the notable dates and facts and figures, such as the number of immigrants that came each year, it is also necessary to look at the human details, the personal stories that make up real history. I was able to learn about my great-grandfather's emotional turmoil of having a wife, son, and daughter in China while working eleven- to twelve-hour shifts every day of the week. I also learned of his struggles against discrimination, which he still remembers vividly. As a proud man, he was sensitive to slights. He remembers the discrimination from an employer who spoke happily to the Caucasian waiters at the restaurant, but never said anything to the Chinese ones. While he wanted to quit, the owner wouldn't let him, and gave him a raise to stay. At first he made \$40 a month, and then after 2 years, he made \$60; Charlie Quan was proud as, "not many Chinese could make that much." He lamented the inability of the Chinese to become doctors or lawyers: "Restaurants, gardens, or laundry. That's all they do."

Now, after years of campaigning, Charlie Quan has finally received both an apology and compensation from the Canadian government. At his age, he certainly doesn't need the money, but it is a symbolic reparation of the wrongs done and he hopes that it will serve as a reminder of what the Chinese had to go through in those days. Ultimately, no amount of money can make up for those lost years of separation from his wife and children. Issues of identity and whether he regards himself as Canadian, Chinese, or Chinese-Canadian, remain sensitive to him and I doubt that anyone will truly understand his complicated relationship with his home of 85-odd years.

Last summer, thanks to INSTRCC and a partnership between UBC and the National University of Singapore, I learned more about Chinese migration, but from a completely different perspective. Professor Henry Yu and Professor Graham Johnson led a mixed group of students from UBC and NUS across Southeast Asia, stopping in Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Malaysia to trace the path of Chinese migration. It was an amazing experience to compare the patterns of migration through Asia to the Chinese migration experience in North America. It meant a lot to me to be able to retrace the epic southern Chinese migration and to see what it was like for my ancestors before they came to Canada. I never learned any Cantonese, so I have to admit that it was a novel and challenging experience to navigate through Asia for the

first time. But it was certainly worth it to be the first person in my family in two generations to return to our ancestral land. After studying my family's history in Vancouver, I felt a sense of completeness to go back to the province in China where it all began.

Through my work with Professor Yu, I was able to hear personal tales not recorded in any archive, existing only in the memories of a rapidly disappearing generation. Unfortunately, many of the stories are being lost.

The INSTRCC program provides the opportunity, direction, and expertise to develop practical skills for Arts students to put their learning to good use. It serves as a unique teaching tool that grants freedom and responsibility to students to further both their academic and professional careers as well as providing new information in the field of Chinese-Canadian studies. Personally, I feel that the initiative provides fresh inspiration and imagination in a field that is often neglected. The focus on multimedia and oral histories allows us to study history from a different angle and ultimately allows students to pursue the study of people rather than simply archived records. ■

Trevor Quan is a fourth year history student at UBC. He is hoping to attend graduate school in business next year.



CHARLIE QUAN (right) received an apology and compensation from the Canadian government for hardships imposed by the Chinese Head Tax.



CHARLIE AND TREVOR QUAN



THE POWER OF SECRETS

Sometimes it's just best to keep special things to yourself.
That includes kissing and not telling.

A short story by **RICHARD VAN CAMP**, MFA'03

This one guy told me of a time in his life when he would go out with his flute to play in the forest and a little porcupine would come out on a branch of a tree and would only watch him with one eye as the man played his heart out. I think this was in northern Ontario. This man told me he played for this little guy every day, and each day the porcupine would come out on the same branch. It was a little game for them, hey. Well, one day this man was showing off and took a bunch of kids and the kids were very loud and rowdy and so the porcupine came out but was very scared. He looked at the man only once with both eyes and what the man saw was so sad, as if the man broke something special.

The porcupine never came back.

The man felt such loss.

And that got me thinking that if you have something special that sometimes it's best to just keep it for yourself. Like if you fool around with someone, that's a good secret, hey? What you shared together was magic, special, fun. That's a good one. Your secret is held in two hearts. This will give you strength for the tough times ahead and when you see each other it's okay if you can't stop smiling. That's a good life, when you have few of those. Not too many, though. I think if you fool around with too many honeys then you'll have weak kidneys. I think I heard that once. Weren't there some priests somewhere that thought if you

don't ever fool around once that when they dig you up one hundred years from now that in between your rib bones there will be a pearl? It lets everyone know you were the patron saint of something. Well, I think that's a hard road, myself. Aren't we here to have a good time and help each other through the night? I think so.

Someone told me that Indians can only keep a secret for five years tops and then everyone spills the beans. Well, maybe that is true for all the races in our atmosphere: a five year moratorium on the goods, hey.

My friend "Freddy" told me one night that he was painting a drum and one of his co-workers called him.

"Hi, Freddy," Stella said.

It was late. He glanced at the clock. It was after 11.

"Hi," he said. His son was asleep and it was a work day tomorrow. "Is everything okay?"

"Um, yeah," she said. "What are you doing?"

"Oh," he said. "Having tea, painting a new drum."

"Oh," she said. "I was wondering if you could come over and help me out."

"Help you out?" he said. "Everything okay?"

"Well..." she said.

"Is Sam giving you a hard time? Want me to come over there and tune him up?"

(Stella had been having problems with her ex, eh. The whole town knew about that.)

"Oh..no...no...Sam's outta town."

"What's wrong?" he asked. "Is your power out?"

"No...I was just wondering if you could come over and help me out?"

"Help you out," he repeated, putting his paintbrush down. "With?"

"Well," she said. "You know..."

And that's when it hit him: she was asking for help in the Love Me Tender Department.

"OH!" he said. "Oh. Oh! Oh...."

"Well?" she asked with a smile that he could hear over the line.

"Oh, ah...whoah...Whew!"

"....."

".....!"

".....?"

".....!"

"So?"

"So?" Freddy stood up. "So, ah, well, ah...my boy's asleep."

"So what? He can sleep on my couch."

"Oh well, ah, it's a school day tomorrow. I think they're taking pictures or something?"

"That's next month," she said flatly.

"Oh, well, ah...this is a bit sudden, isn't it?" Freddy asked. "I mean, well..."

"Sudden?" she asked. "For who?"

"Well, come on," Freddy said with his low secret voice. "We work together."

"So?" she said. "Just come over and help me out."

Freddy shook his head. He'd worked with Stella for over a year and, yes, they enjoyed each other's company. Yes, they shared a few good laughs, but he was so surprised.

"So?" she asked.

"I can't," he said. "Really..." he tried hard to think of what to say. "This is very flattering, but I don't think of you this way." This wasn't necessarily so. Stella had been hitting the gym pretty hard and was letting her hair grow out, so he'd had his cross over thoughts these past few months...

"Oh come on," she said. "It'll be our secret. No one has to know."

"Ah," Freddy started pacing. "Ah. Ummm. Ah..."

"Please?"

"Oh that's so sweet," Freddy said. "But I have to say no. My son's sleeping."

"I could come over there," she said.

"Ho la," he said. "You're a brute, eh?"

"I can be," she giggled.

"No," he said with his whiny voice. "My son could wake up."

"I'll be quiet if you will," she giggled. Freddy blushed. "Holy!"

"Come on," Stella said. "I could come over there and help you..."

At this, he started laughing and she started laughing, too. "Come on," she urged. "You've been on your own for how long now?"

"Oh," he thought about it. "Eight months now?"

"And?"

"And what?"

"Don't you need a little help?"

Freddy's face flushed with embarrassment. He secretly called Stella "The Hickey Monster" as Sam's neck was always covered in "monkey bites" or "passion bruises" when they were still married. And Freddy was no fashionista, but he knew that he was all out of turtlenecks. "Well, ah..." What could he say to that? "Well, I..." What could he say? "I, ah, am taking some time to take care of me..."

"And I could help," she said. "I could help you take care of you very nicely..."

"I'm sure you could," he grinned.

It had been eight months all right. Eight months of learning to bake cookies for his son's fundraising events. Eight months of meetings with teachers and the optometrist to get glasses for his boy. Eight months of learning to cook supper and prepare sandwiches for his son's lunch every day. Eight months of waiting for his wife, to see if she'd ever return.

"Stella," he said. "I want to thank you for calling me. It's been a tough go."

"I can tell," she said.

"I'm really honoured that you called. Can I think about this?"

"You may," she said and she said it sweetly. Sometimes a woman can be tough on a man in a moment like this, but she could tell she'd disarmed him in a good way.

"I really need some time to think," he said. "I've been so focused on being a single dad and taking care of my boy that I've just gotten in touch with me."

"I'm really proud of you," she said. "You're a great dad."

"Thanks," he said. Because of his son's swimming lessons, Freddy had gotten over his own fear of the water. Because he was a single parent, he was now learning new recipes from his aunties. He could now cook a mean stir-fry and prepare salmon and halibut just the way his boy liked it.

"You're a real catch," she said. "I wanted to make my intentions clear."

"Well, they're greatly appreciated," he said. "Thank you."

"So?" she said. "Will you call me sometime when you know what you want?"

"I will," he smiled. "I will. I really want to thank you for the call."

"Okay, good night. It's nice to hear your voice."

"Yours, too," he said.

And she hung up softly.

And that was when Freddy decided that he wasn't waiting for his wife anymore. That was the night he decided that it was time to move on, that any woman who would leave her family behind without any explanation was a woman he could no longer trust for himself or for their boy, and that was the night Freddy went from being a passive good hearted guy to an active participant in his life, a real mover and shaker.

So, did they ever get together? That's a secret. We just have to mind our own beeswax on that one.

But let's get back to the spirit of this story: the medicine of secrets.

My buddy Trevor told me once that a long time ago the Crees used to go into the forest

with a spear. And what they had to do was they'd sneak up on a bear and tap him on the bum with it. Not the sharp side, but the flat side, I guess, and the bear would scoot away in fear. Then you would come out of the forest and never tell anyone about it. But that's what made you a man. If you could do that then you were a man. But the key was to never tell anyone, not even your wife. You keep it inside and you know it yourself, that you did that, hey.

So, my question to you all is do you have any secrets that you haven't ever told anyone? Good. Keep them inside you. If not, you better run out and start gathering some so they can keep you warm inside when you're in your golden years. The bad secrets should be talked about, I think, but the sacred ones, the special ones, the good time ones, I think you should keep them inside. Not all, but some. Because they are medicine. They'll get you through the hard times. Plus, no one wants to fool around with you if they think you'll tell all your buddies and coworkers, hey!

And what ever happened to kissing but not telling? Now that's a dying art (right up there with flirting, the four-hour make out session and French kissing, in my opinion).

Me? I don't think I have too many secrets. Every five years I spill the beans to somebody about something, I'm sure, but I live a good life: I'm not out to hurt or take. The only secrets I have are my PIN numbers and the love songs that I sing into the wind for someone I haven't even met yet, but I know I shall meet one day...

Mahsi cho! Thank you very much! ■

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UBC ELECTIONS 2008

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CHANCELLOR AND CONVOCATION SENATORS

In response to the autumn 2007 call for nominations, the University has received two nominations for Chancellor (one position available), 12 nominations for Convocation Senator for UBC Vancouver (12 positions available), and 2 nominations for Convocation Senator for UBC Okanagan (2 positions available). As such, the Convocation Senators have been acclaimed as elected, and an election has been called for Chancellor of the University.

The Chancellor assumes office on July 1, 2008 and serves until June 30, 2011. Senators assume office on September 1, 2008 and serve until August 31, 2011.

All UBC alumni, current senators, and faculty members are entitled to vote in this election. Voting is open from March 3, 2008 to April 4, 2008.

More detailed information on each candidate and the election is available online at www.students.ubc.ca/elections.

You may cast your vote online by using the WebVote system, or by submitting a paper ballot to Enrolment Services.

VOTING ONLINE

Alumni and faculty members may vote online at www.students.ubc.ca/elections. If you are an alumnus/a, your UBC student number is your username, and your most recent year of graduation is your password. If you are a faculty member, your seven-digit employee ID is your username, and your date of birth in the format YYMMDD is your password. Faculty members who are also alumni of UBC are asked to log in using their alumnus/a information.

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MAIL-IN BALLOTS

A paper ballot is included in this edition of Trek, and is available by contacting Enrolment Services. Paper ballots must be returned to Enrolment Services by mail, courier, or fax no later than April 4, 2008.

Please note that the Trek paper ballots – although held in strict confidence by Enrolment Services' elections staff – are not secret to the ballot counter due to verification requirements. For a secret ballot, please vote online or contact us for a sealed paper ballot.

If you have voted online, please do not also send in a paper ballot, as it will be discarded.

RESULTS

Results for the election will be available in April.

CANDIDATES FOR CHANCELLORSHIP

Dr Bikkar S. Lalli and Ms Sarah Morgan-Silvester have been nominated to serve as Chancellor of the University of British Columbia from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. A statement and biographical information on each of the candidates is below:

DR BIKKAR S LALLI

Statement

I am a proud alumnus of UBC (PhD, 1966), and after a successful academic career at University of Saskatchewan, I have served as a Convocation Senator for UBC since 1999. I have worked closely with other Senators to enable UBC to fulfill its role in the areas of teaching, research and community outreach. The focus of my other volunteer work has been the welfare of vulnerable societal groups, including senior citizens, women and young people. This work has provided me with an opportunity to contribute for all the benefits that I have derived from having received a higher education. In this global economy, higher learning is key to achieving success for individuals and for nations. It is essential that we provide equitable access, attract quality students and collaborate internationally with other institutions to solve urgent global problems. If elected Chancellor, I will support these types of initiatives at UBC, and work to proudly represent this prestigious institution.

Biographical Information

DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy (Brit. Col.), 1966; Master of Arts, 1949; Bachelor of Arts (Honours), 1948 (Punjab)

OCCUPATION (BEFORE RETIREMENT)

Professor of Mathematics and former Head, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

OFFICES HELD/HOLDING

Convocation Senator, University of British Columbia, since 1999.

Member, Board of Directors, Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors (BC CEAS).

Patron, BC Seniors' Summit (Nov. 6–7, 2004).

Member, Board of Directors of VIRSA: Sikh Alliance Against Youth Violence.

Member, City of Surrey Committee on Elder Abuse.

Chair, Analysis Session. World Congress of Mathematicians, Vancouver, 1974.

Committee work at the University level and with University Council committees and committees of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Chair, Appeal Panel for Promotion and Tenure of the University of Saskatchewan.

Member, Action Committee for Mobilizing South Asian Community for Diabetes Prevention & Management.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS

Invited lectures, conference presentations, visiting scholar, and research collaboration with scholars from around the world.

Supervision of PhD and MA theses. External expert at theses defence.

Research grants from National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) from 1967 to retirement in 1995 and from University of Saskatchewan President's Fund.

Visiting Scholar at: Institute of Mathematics Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (1993, 1988), Department of Mathematics Flinders University at Adelaide, Australia (1990), Department of Mathematics. King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia (1988), Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Punjab University at Chandigarh (1988), Department of Mathematics Punjabi University Patiala (1982), Indian Institute of Technology (I.I.T). Madras (1982).

Invited guest appearances on TV-Channel M, regarding importance of education.

Volunteer, Progressive Intercultural Services Society (PICS).

Volunteer, Neighbourhood House and Sunset Seniors (Vancouver).

Teaching "computer basics" to seniors and "mathematics" to needy high school students.

Grant – Industry Canada, Community Access Program (CAP). Set up a computer lab for seniors.

Grant – Health Canada's International Year of Older People (IYOP) – Grant applicant and Project Manager for a survey of health issues among Indo-Canadian seniors – Report: "Wellness Model for Indo-Canadian Seniors" (1999), 93 pp. Work recognized by Government of Canada.

PUBLICATIONS

Expert in the area of "Analysis." Over 150 research publications in reputable national and international scholarly journals. Most recent paper accepted for publication, in Mathematics and Computer Modelling, April 2004.

MS SARAH MORGAN SILVESTER

Statement

I am honoured to be nominated by the Alumni Association for the volunteer position of Chancellor. The time I spent as a student at UBC was pivotal in my development, both personally and professionally, and provided exceptional training for my current business and community activities. I have maintained a strong connection to UBC over the years, and have served on the Sauder School of Business Faculty Advisory Board since 2002 and as a student mentor, advisor and guest speaker.

My diverse experience as a community and business leader will serve me well as Chancellor, as will my ability to achieve results through collaboration and teamwork. UBC is a great university on its way to becoming a global leader. As Chancellor, I will focus on engaging UBC's wider community – and our students, faculty, staff and alumni – in our University's exciting future.

Biographical Information

DEGREE

Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) (Brit. Col.), 1982

CURRENT OCCUPATION

Corporate Director and Community Volunteer

OFFICES HELD

Chair of Vancouver Fraser Port Authority – Canada's largest port (2008 – present)

Chair of BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre Foundation – Canada's busiest maternity hospital (2002 – present)

Member of the Sauder School of Business Faculty Advisory Board; student mentor, adviser and guest speaker (2002 – present)

Various positions leading to national responsibility for retail banking, brokerage, asset management, trust, insurance and private banking businesses as Executive Vice President, HSBC Bank Canada (1987–2006)

Numerous corporate board and committee appointments including:

Director and Member, Audit and Finance Committee, ENMAX Corporation (2007 – present)

Member, Independent Review Committee, Inhance Investment Management Inc (2007 – present)

Chair (2007) and Director (2004–2007), Vancouver Port Authority

Chair and Director, HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc. (2003–2006)

Chair and Director, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc (2000–2006)

Chair and Director, HSBC Trust Company (Canada) (2000–2006)

Chair and Director, Canadian Direct Insurance Inc (2000–2004)

Member, David Suzuki Foundation National Business Advisory Council (2007 – present)

Director and Member, Executive Committee, C.D. Howe Institute (1999 – present)

Director, Women in the Lead Inc. (2002 – present)

Chair, Blue Ribbon Council on Vancouver's Business Climate, City of Vancouver (2007)

Chair, Communities for Kids Fundraising, BC Children's Hospital (1996–1998)

Director and Education Chair, Credit Grantors Association of Vancouver (1994–1995)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS

Diverse business background with leadership roles in the transportation, financial services and energy sectors.

Achieved results through collaboration as Chair of the committee responsible for the successful merger of the three ports in the Lower Mainland, including Canada's largest port. This was the first merger of ports to take place in Canada.

Gained an international perspective through employment as a senior executive with one of the world's largest banks. Responsibilities included the retail banking network throughout North America and Panama.

Active community volunteer experienced with health, environmental, and economic organizations.

Frequent interaction with local, provincial and federal levels of government through volunteer positions (i.e., Chair, Blue Ribbon Council on Vancouver's Business Climate) and board appointments (i.e., Chair, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority).

Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award Recipient (1998)

Fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers

CONVOCATION SENATORS

OKANAGAN SENATE

The following persons are acclaimed as re-elected as Convocation Senators for UBC Okanagan from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2011:

Mr Gary August, BComm (Brit. Col.)

Ms Lesley Driscoll, BA (Brit. Col.)

VANCOUVER SENATE

The following persons are acclaimed as elected or re-elected as Convocation Senators for UBC Vancouver from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2011:

Mr Gavin Li Dew, BA (Brit. Col.)

Ms Andrea A Dulay, BA, BEd, MEd (Brit. Col.)

Mr Christopher L Gorman, BA (Brit. Col.) re-elected

Ms Deborah Herbert, BA (Carleton), MA (Brit. Col.)

Dr Stanley B Knight, BEd (Brit. Col.), MEd (W. Wash), PhD (Oregon) re-elected

Dr Bikkar S Lalli, BA (Hons), MA (Punjab), PhD (Brit. Col.) re-elected

Mr Dean Leung, BASc (Brit. Col.) re-elected

Mr William McNulty, BPE, MPE, MA (Brit. Col.) re-elected

Mr Clinton F Meyers, BComm (Brit. Col.)

Mr Gerald W Podersky Cannon, BA, MA (Brit. Col.)

Mr Des Verma, BSc, BSc (Hons) (Punjab), MEd (Brit. Col.)

Dr Ronald Yaworsky, BASc (Windsor), MEng, PhD (Brit. Col.) re-elected

BALLOT

Please select one (1) candidate for Chancellor:

LALLI, Bikkar S

MORGAN-SILVESTER, Sarah

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UBC'S CENTENARY:

Join us—it's yours to celebrate!

Are you curious about UBC's history and how it all started? March 7, 2008, marks 100 years since the signing of the University Act to establish and incorporate a university for the province of British Columbia. Many events are being planned throughout the year to mark this milestone. Come and help celebrate a century of UBC achievement—as alumni, you're a big part of the success.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2008: Spring Back to Campus

May 23-25th, 2008, UBC Point Grey Campus

Alumni Weekend has moved to the spring to coincide with graduation celebrations, and this year many of the events and activities will include a centenary theme.

Not sure what Alumni Weekend is? It's a weekend full of events on or around campus, celebrating UBC's alumni. It's a chance to reconnect with your alma mater and old friends. There are several classes holding reunions over this weekend, but we are including an exciting program full of activities for everyone to attend. Bring your friends and family!

Events include receptions, open houses, BBQ's, tours, classes without quizzes, athletic events, family events and more! We already have some events confirmed including:

- Breakfast of Champions with UBC President, Professor Stephen Toope
- Tour the new Biodiversity Canopy Walkway at the Botanical Garden
- Opera 101 Reception with Nancy Hermiston, UBC University Marshall, Professor school of Music and Head of the Opera Division
- The Art of Wine Tasting with Dr. David McArthur, BSCA'83, MSC'87
- Spring Back Alumni and Friends BBQ
- Museum of Anthropology: Treasures of the Tsimshian exhibit, from the Dundas Collection

Registration opens March 17 and the full schedule of events will be available soon, so check the website often for updates. We will be sending out invitations via email, so please make sure we have your up-to-date email address. Email alumni.weekend@ubc.ca for more information.

CAMPUS TOURS

When you return to campus, do you feel overwhelmed and a little disoriented? Rediscover the spectacular and ever-changing Point Grey campus as you bike or walk your way around your old stomping ground. Revisit your

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Student sit-in at Faculty Club, October 25, 1968.

Brock Hall Fire, 1954.



1 Year of Celebration

MAR 14

PROFESSOR MUHAMMAD YUNUS

Recipient of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, Professor Yunus will accept an Honorary degree and deliver the first annual Michael Smith Memorial Nobel Lecture



Honorary Degree Conferral and Colloquium on Social Corporate Responsibility – 10am
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Chan Centre for the Performing Arts

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JUN 22

EDWARD CURTIS MEETS THE KWAKWAKA'WAKW "IN THE LAND OF THE HEAD HUNTERS."

Screening of the restored version of Edward Curtis's 1914 silent film, "In the Land of the Head Hunters", coordinated by UBC Killam Fellow Dr. Aaron Glass. In live performance, descendants of the original actors will present Kwakwaka'wakw songs and dances and discuss their relation to the film. Original musical score performed by the Turning Point Ensemble.

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts 7:00pm

Details to follow: www.100.ubc.ca

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UBC: 100 YEARS (A FILM VIGNETTE)

Created by filmmaker Clancy Dennehy, this vignette looks back at the last 100 years at UBC. With archival photos and film footage that span the century and an up to the moment intimate look at student life, *UBC: 100 Years* shows off our university with humour and heart. View the vignette online at www.alumni.ubc.ca/100.

UBC CENTENARY WEBSITE

Visit www.alumni.ubc.ca/100 for the full centenary events calendar. There is also a place to share your UBC story. Did you fall in love at UBC or participate in an engineering prank? Maybe you have a funny story from an overindulgent night at the SUB. We want to hear about your university experience. ■



UBC engineers hoist VW in honour of Open House on March 19, 1987.

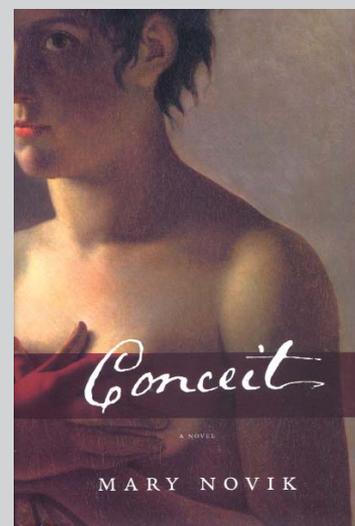
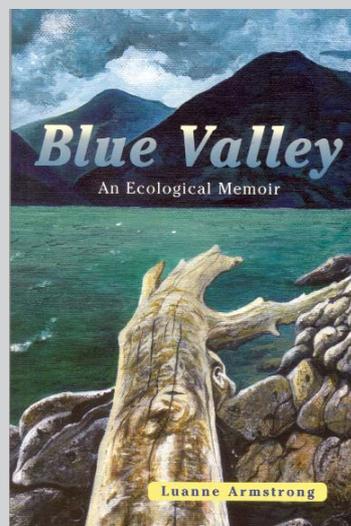
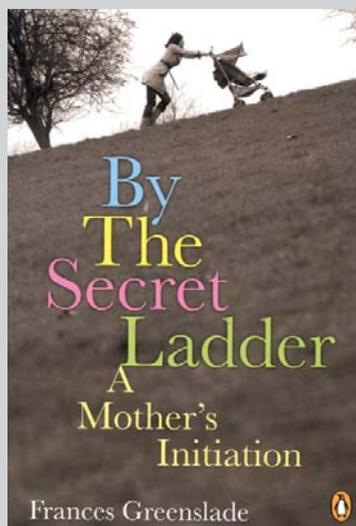
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By the Secret Ladder A Mother's Initiation

Frances Greenslade, MFA'92
Penguin Canada, \$24.00

Frances Greenslade turns her eye to motherhood, and renders it new in this moving memoir that explores its dark side. Based upon her own childbirth experience, Greenslade captures the nuance of her emotional state throughout the first year of her son's life.

By The Secret Ladder articulates with candour the fear, trauma, and unsurpassed joy that all women undergo, but few talk about, on their journey to motherhood, a journey Greenslade envisions as nothing less than transforming.

Greenslade weaves tales of mythology into her reflections, contrasting timeless and universal beliefs with contemporary bizarreness surrounding mothering.

Blue Valley, An Ecological Memoir

Luanne Armstrong, MFA'01, PHD'06
Maa Press, \$23.00

How does the ecology of a place shape a life? *In Blue Valley: An Ecological Memoir*, well-known novelist and young-adult writer Luanne Armstrong illuminates and expands our understanding of what it means to belong to a place.

Armstrong's memoir about a lifetime relationship with a farm on the shore of Kootenay Lake in British Columbia is grounded in her belief that ecological restoration is dependent upon writing language back into land. Through contemplation of the ties that bind us all to place and home, Armstrong creates a work that embodies the distinctiveness of her home.

Armstrong lives on the heritage farm where she grew up and she is the author of numerous books both for the youth and adult reader, many of them set in the Columbia Mountains. She teaches creative writing at UBC.

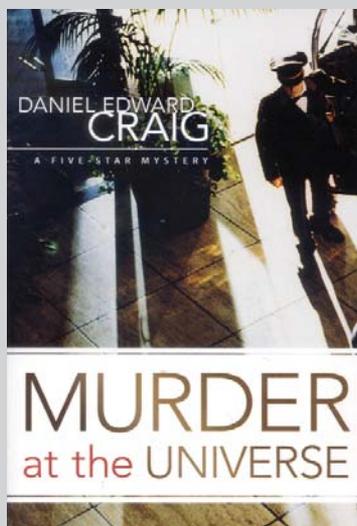
Conceit

Mary Novik, BA'66, PHD'73
Doubleday, \$29.95

Conceit brings to life the teeming, bawdy streets of London, the intrigue-ridden court, and the lushness of the 17th-century English countryside. It is a story of many kinds of love—erotic, familial, unrequited, and obsessive—and the unpredictable workings of the human heart. With characters plucked from the pages of history, *Conceit* is an elegant, fully-imagined story of lives you will find hard to leave behind.

It is the Great Fire of 1666. The imposing edifice of St. Paul's Cathedral, a landmark of London since the 12th century, is being reduced to rubble by the flames that engulf the City.

In the holocaust, the heroine and a small group of men struggle to save the effigy of her father, John Donne, famous love poet and the great Dean of St. Paul's.



Murder at the Universe

Daniel Edward Craig, BA'92
Midnight Ink, \$16.95

How does someone work as the general manager of the trendy Opus hotel in Vancouver, stay in great shape and write a novel? To learn more I suggest you read Daniel Edward Craig's, *Murder at the Universe*. I confess to having some scepticism at the outset but it quickly turned to a convincing page-turner as Craig pulled me into the murder and intrigue that lies bellow the surface of a glamorous New York hotel.

This is a must read for people who regularly stay at hotels because of the great insight it gives to the inner workings of a these well-oiled machines. And with dozens of twists and turns and many plausible motives for murder, this is a great book for those seeking the escape that only a luxury hotel can offer. The main character Trevor Lambert, the inspirational Director of Rooms, is our guide in this



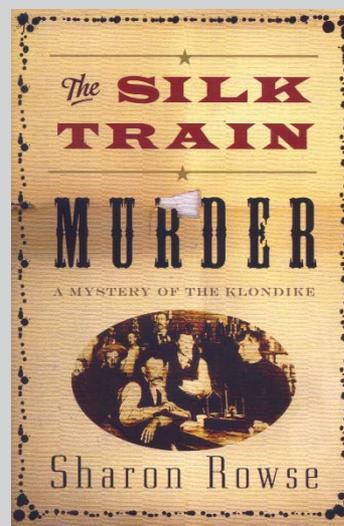
rarefied world. He is a uniquely drawn character, hard to get to know at first but by the halfway point you realize he is human after all with all the passions and shortcomings of a Shakespearean character. He and his fellow managers are all viable suspects and their complicated interpersonal relationships make this a hard book to put down.

Lucky for us this is the first of a series of five hotel based murder mysteries. The second novel is excerpted at the end of the book and this reader is eagerly waiting its release. *Barney Ellis-Perry, BA'87*

Travel Best Bets: An Insider's Guide to Taking the Best Trips Ever

Claire Newell, BA'92
Whitecap, \$19.95

Traveling can produce some of life's most exciting and rewarding experiences. Without the proper knowledge and preparation, however, it can also be frustrating,



expensive and even disappointing. Claire Newell's *Travel Best Bets: An Insider's Guide to Taking the Best Trips Ever* offers warm and engaging insights that can make every journey—from family vacations to honeymoons—memorable, safe and seamless.

Travel Best Bets is packed with insider tips, from best travel values to obtaining tourist visas. Whether you're a first-time traveler or seasoned adventurer, *Travel Best Bets*, covers every aspect of travel.

Claire Newell is the host of Global Television's "Travel Best Bets" and the founder of Jubilee Tours and Travel Ltd., one of Canada's largest independent travel agencies.

The Silk Train Murder

Sharon Rowse
Carroll & Graf, \$27.50

Like all good murder mysteries, *Silk Train* is about much more than solving a crime. It's about a time, a place and a collection of characters—each suspicious—that create a world we're tickled

to inhabit for 313 pages.

And the world it creates is both strange and familiar: Vancouver, 1899. The gold rush has slowed down, and failed miner John Granville is looking for new adventures. He discovers the Silk Train—which takes silk from Vancouver's waterfront and delivers it across the continent—and sets to work protecting it from the thieves and brigands who gather wherever wealth and criminal opportunity thrive.

But murder takes a hand, and we work with Granville as he sifts through the levels of Vancouver's frontier society—from opium smokers and prostitutes to politicians and social pillars—to find the killer.

The Silk Train Murder is full of wit, authentic characters and a great sense of the times. You can almost smell the horses. It's also fun to spend a few hours walking the streets of a Vancouver that is lost in time. ■

LOCKER ROOM



Men's Soccer champs, chew on their 11th CIS title.

Men's Soccer Claims 11th National Title

The host UBC Thunderbirds added to their record number of CIS men's soccer titles on November 11, capturing their 11th Sam Davidson Memorial Trophy with a 2-1 gold-medal win over the first-time national finalist Laval Rouge et Or.

The T-Birds, who were also crowned in their last CIS tourney appearance in 2005 in Charlottetown, have reached the title game in each of their 14 trips to the nationals since the first championship was held in 1972.

Playing in his final match as a Thunderbird, fifth-year striker Steve Frazao broke a 1-1 tie in the 82nd minute to lead UBC to victory. Frazao took a pass from Canada West rookie of the year Jorge Angel-Mira on the open wing and struck home the game-winner.

With a pair of CIS titles under his belt prior to the 2007 final, head coach Mike Mosher was confident that this team had what it took to win another banner.

"We kind of flew under the radar during the regular season, but I never doubted this team even with some of the injuries and hardships we faced throughout the season. We really grew as a team over the year, and

I think our character is what gave us the edge this weekend. We struggled at times this year, but we were only stronger for it."

UBC, which beat Montreal 2-0 in the opening round and York 2-1 in overtime in the semi-finals to reach the championship match, placed Graham Smith and midfielders Mike Elliot and Niko Marcina on the all-tournament team. Smith was also named tournament MVP.

UBC's Stephens-Whale Tops New York

UBC track athlete Shaun Stephens-Whale was the top Canadian in the 31st Annual Empire State Building Run-Up which took place February 5th in New York. Competing against an international field of 230 competitors, Stephens-Whale finished 11th in a time of 12:17 after climbing 86 floors and 1576 steps to the observation deck overlooking Manhattan.

"I got a good start, and was through the stairwell door in about 10th place, but I was disappointed with my finish," said Stephens-Whale. "I worked my way up into fourth place by the 20th floor and then fell back from that position around the 35th floor. The last 35 floors were tough and I ended up walking."



Record-breaker Erica McGuinness sets up for another two-pointer.

The 18-year-old first-year UBC student was also the youngest competitor in the field. The winning time of 10:08 was posted by 34-year-old Australian Thomas Dold.

Mighty Mason Hits New Heights

Not since 1970s era high jumping quartet of John Beers, Rick Cuttell, Dean Bauck and John Hawkins has UBC had a competitor like Mike Mason. The 21 year-old Human Kinetics student recently turned heads with a 2.30-metre high jump at the University Of Washington's Dempsey Indoor meet in Seattle, which qualifies him for the IAAF world indoor championships March 7-9 in Valencia, Spain.

It topped his records of 2.27 set last year, and is the highest indoor jump by a Canadian since Mark Boswell set a national record of 2.33 in 2002.

"I never would have thought we'd be thinking about the indoor worlds," said Mason, who is currently ranked seventh in the world. "The training has always been around performing well into Beijing. It means a lot to hit 2.30."

Mason's leap also sets a new UBC record, a new Dempsey Indoor meet record, achieves the 2008 Olympic qualifying standard, and is one of the top-five in the world in 2008.

BLOCK WATCH

McGuinness Makes Records Again

In her final regular season home game as a Thunderbird, fifth-year guard Erica McGuinness quietly took over another spot in UBC's women's basketball record books. With 2,381 points, the Commerce student from North Vancouver eclipsed the career scoring total of former team mate Kelsey Blair, who graduated in 2007 with 2,342 career points. Team mate Leanne Evans also made an impression on team history as the new single-season conference rebounding leader. Evans grabbed 234 this year, surpassing the mark of 213 set by Cheryl Kinton in 1991-92. Her per-game average of 10.4 rebounds also edges out Blair's 10.3. Not to be outdone, fifth-year guard Cait Haggarty's 48.5 per cent three-point shooting percentage surpasses Raj Johal's 1988-89 mark of 45.8 per cent. The T-Birds finished conference play ranked second in the nation behind cross-town rival SFU.

Another Jones for Rugby

In rugby news, 18-year-old freshman flyhalf Harry Jones was named to the Canadian Sevens Team for its February tournaments in Wellington, NZ and San Diego, California. The North Vancouver native got his first taste of international competition a couple of years back when he represented Canada at the U-17 level, and is currently on the Canadian U-20 side. Elite rugby is very much a family affair in the Jones household, as older brothers Ben and Charlie are team mates on the Varsity XV and are former members of Canada's U-20 team. Coach and former T-Bird legend Spence McTavish takes his charges south for game one of the annual World Cup series against Cal-Berkeley February 20. Game two of the home-and-home series goes March 26 at 2:30 pm at Thunderbird Stadium.

Honouring T-Birds of the Past

On the evening of April 2 at downtown Vancouver's Hyatt Hotel, UBC Athletics and Recreation will induct four more all-time greats to the UBC Sports Hall of Fame before a charged ballroom of 1,000 students, alumni and supporters at the annual Big Block and Athletic Awards Banquet.

These 2008 inductees, together with those athletes, teams and builders previously enshrined, can be viewed complete with bios at www.ubcsportshalloffame.com and on the west side of the foyer in War Memorial Gym on the Wall of Fame display area.

Friends and alumni wanting to attend this 15th induction evening should contact Jennifer Wong at 604-822-6183 or jenwong@interchange.ubc.ca.

ATHLETE: JEFF FRANCIS

From 1999 through 2002 Jeff was UBC's dominant pitcher, achieving pre-season All-American status while at the same time showcasing UBC's baseball program to the baseball world. He set 11 UBC career pitching records, was an NAIA first-team All-American, a three-time Academic All-Canadian and the 2002 winner of the Bobby Gaul Award. A first-round draft pick of the Colorado Rockies, he was in 2004 named baseball's Minor League Player of the Year. In 2007, after a 17-9 season, the Delta, BC native was named starting pitcher in Colorado's inaugural World Series game.

BUILDER: MARTY ZLOTNIK

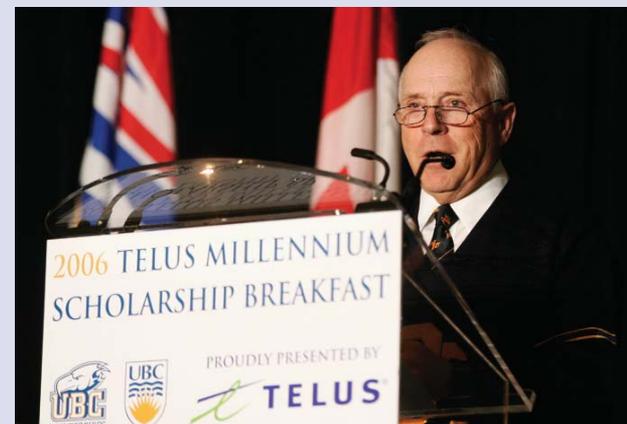
Perhaps the most strategic fundraiser in all of Canadian university sport, Marty's initiatives to encourage investment in UBC Athletics include the Thunderbird Golf Society, the Thunderbird Council and the most successful fundraising event in Canadian university sport, the TELUS Millennium Breakfast, which raises over \$500,000 annually for student-athlete scholarship endowments.

One of Vancouver's most active and influential community members, Marty's allegiance to his university and his vision and energy for university sport underpin much of the success of Thunderbird teams in recent years. He was recently awarded Volunteer of the Year by the National Association of Athletics Directors of Development, a US-based organization that recognizes fundraising and volunteer efforts on behalf of university athletic departments in the United States and Canada.

BUILDER: NESTOR KORCHINSKY

A true builder at UBC, it was Nestor's creativity, passion and ability to motivate that resulted in UBC's intramural program achieving the standard of excellence to which other universities aspire. He arrived at UBC from Alberta in the summer of 1967 as an instructor in the School of Physical Education and an assistant football coach. During the better part of four decades on campus he influenced and shaped the future of thousands of students through his coaching, teaching and mentoring and helped countless students to launch careers. Renowned as someone who had time for everyone, he strove for intramurals to be accessible to all and became, as was frequently reported, a legend at UBC.

Marty Zlotnik at the 2006 Millennium Breakfast



TEAM: 1972/73 UBC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

One of the dominant teams in the history of Canadian university women's basketball, the Norm Vickery coached team won the Canada West championship with a 24-1 record. In the three-game national championship tournament, the Thunderbirds won the title, outscoring the opposition by a combined 167-79 score. The roster boasted seven national team members including four future Olympians. Extraordinary talent, combined with dedication, conditioning and teamwork resulted in one of the best teams in the country and UBC history.

Hockey Birds Bid Farewell to Father Bauer Arena

A number of former T-Bird hockey players were on hand February 9 to watch UBC play its last regular home game of the season and, more importantly, the last game the Thunderbirds are expected to play in the Father Bauer Arena that has been their home since 1963.

The arena, which is part of the Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre, was built shortly after the arrival of Father David Bauer in 1962 as the chaplain at Saint Mark's College. One of Canada's legendary hockey and humanitarian figures, Bauer coached the Thunderbirds in 1962-63 and the following year took over as head coach of Canada's new national

hockey team that used UBC as a training centre for the 1964 Winter Olympic Games.

"There is a lot of hockey history in that building," reminisced former men's athletic director Rick Noonan, who served under Bauer as a trainer and general manager. Noonan also correctly recalled the first game ever played on the rink. On October 3, 1963 a packed house of fans that paid a dollar each witnessed Father Bauer's team defeat the Seattle Totems 3-1. Mickey McDowell scored the first goal, followed by goals from Terry O'Malley and Marshall Johnston, with future NHL goaltender Ken Broderick coming within a hair's breadth of earning a shut-out in the inaugural contest.

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- Savings of 30% on Premium Paints and 20% on related supplies at Mills Paint

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The Thunderbirds will begin playing games next season in the new 5,000-seat arena currently nearing completion on the same site.

Thunderbird Alumni Golf Tournaments

Speaking of Father Bauer, the usual flock of former friends and players will gather once again June 25 for the Father Bauer Golf Tournament at South Surrey's Hazelmere Golf Club. The featured guest this year will be Arnie Brown, who played on Father Bauer's 1961 Memorial Cup Team at St. Mike's in Toronto and went onto a pro career with the New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings. The tournament is a perennial sell-out so

interested golfers are encouraged to contact Rick Noonan at rnoonan@shaw.ca.

Friends and alumni of UBC football are reminded that July 9 is the date of the Frank Gnuv Coaches' Classic at the University Golf Club. Participants can register by contacting head football coach Ted Goveia at tgov@interchange.ubc.ca.

The Thunderbird Golf Society holds its annual fundraising tournament on September 26 at the University Golf Club. For more information or to register contact Jean Forrest at cjforrest@shaw.ca. And finally, the Friends of Thunderbird Baseball tournament is tentatively slated for September 23 at the Mayfair Lakes Golf Club in Richmond. For more information, contact: Briony Reid at brionyreid@telus.net.

Neil Retires

After 18 years on Canada's National Women's Soccer Team and four World Cups, team captain Andrea Neil recently decided to hang up her cleats after a stellar career. The former Thunderbird and All Canadian defender has endured through a rash of injuries that would have sidelined mere mortals. Instead she battled back from a lacerated knee suffered in a motorcycle accident that turned to gangrene, as well as ACL reconstruction and a fractured femur to finish her career with a record 132 appearances in international games. The iron woman of Canadian soccer should be a shoo-in for a spot in UBC's Sports Hall of Fame. ■

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A Day in the Life of a Dean: ENGINEERING SUCCESS

by ERINROSE HANDY

More than 30 years may have passed since Michael Isaacson came to UBC, but time hasn't faded his dedication to the faculty of Applied Science. In fact he hasn't slowed down since his arrival on campus as an assistant professor of Civil Engineering in 1976. He has been dean of the faculty since 1997.

A typical day in his calendar during his term as dean shows him returning to Vancouver from an alumni event in Toronto, meeting with the six department heads and three school directors representing the faculty, chairing a UBC Senate committee meeting and speaking with the Engineering Student Advisory Council.

Mid-afternoon, he flies to Kelowna for meetings with the UBCO deputy vice chancellor and school of Engineering faculty members. He finishes his day with a dinner meeting with engineering professionals in the community.

In one week, he averages 20 meetings: that's more than 11,000 meetings over the course of his eleven-year term.

Exhausting? Perhaps. But Dean Isaacson only gains momentum as he advocates for the faculty of Applied Science, UBC and the engineering profession at large.

As dean of UBC's only dual-campus faculty—with engineering programs at both Okanagan and Vancouver campuses—Isaacson heads the UBC Okanagan school of Engineering, and a diversity of schools and departments at UBC. The faculty of Applied Science is unique in BC for providing engineering programs and research across the full range of engineering disciplines.

Throughout his career, Dr. Isaacson has been active in teaching, research, university administration and professional service. He has authored more than 200 technical papers and co-authored two textbooks,



MICHAEL ISAACSON

including *Mechanics of Wave Forces on Offshore Structures*, one of the most widely referenced and definitive works in the field. He has been a specialist consultant on more than 100 engineering projects and is one of the most cited experts on the topic of wave forces on coastal and offshore structures.

Dean Isaacson plans to step down June 30, 2008. The university and its related professions have benefited tremendously from his efforts. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



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ERICH W. VOGT:

Four Decades of First Year Physics

by JESS H. BREWER

Anyone who took first year honours Physics at UBC in the past four decades will remember Erich Vogt's words in the first week of classes, after introducing the basics of Mechanics and Calculus:

"Now you can do *anything!*"

Well, almost anything. But the point is, with a combination of general mathematical tools, well-understood physical principles and good habits of procedure and reasoning, one can easily make a decent guess as to the outcome of any physical situation. Eugene Wigner wrote famously of "the unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics in the natural sciences," but Erich conveys this important philosophy to new students in terms that no one can forget.

Last year, Vogt published a guest editorial in the American Journal of Physics entitled *The special joy of teaching first year physics* [Am. J. Phys. 75, 581 (2007)] in which he

explained what it takes to make a good first year Physics course. Here is an excerpt:

The general goals of any undergraduate physics course are to impart knowledge of the physics content; to enhance the students' sense of wonder; ... to develop the students' analytical skills; to describe how science works and how effective mathematics is for this purpose; to contribute to life-changing experiences; ... and to make the course a challenge to the intellect and an enjoyable learning experience.

Why first year Physics in particular?

The students enter the university with great expectations, they are not jaded and their sense of wonder is largely intact, they respond to good teaching, and their learning ability appears to be at a maximum. The usual first year fare ... allows them to quickly reach great heights in science. In first year physics there are endless opportunities to excite wonder and to make the students' eyes light up.

Vogt so loves teaching that he has done it well into his retirement. He is still at it, to the delight of new generations of budding physicists. For nearly two decades, off and on,

I have had the privilege of teaching first year honours Physics with Erich Vogt. In his inimitable fashion, Erich often reassured me that the sprinkling of "Very Dissatisfied" teaching evaluations I received was a positive sign that I was setting higher standards than some wanted to meet. Of course the fact that he got no such negative votes, and yet his students seemed to do just fine, was never mentioned.

Taking a leaf from professor Vogt's science notebook, the department of Physics wants to help students tap their full potential. By introducing the First Year Student Research Experience (FYSRE) Awards, it is offering budding academic stars in first year physics courses the opportunity of paid work experience in physics or astronomy research at UBC or TRIUMF, Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics. For more than thirty years Erich Vogt has been teaching bright and eager first-year students who have not been afforded access to federal funding to support summer research. The FYSRE Awards will change that.



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Spring Back to Alumni Weekend!

Friday, May 23—Sunday, May 25, 2008:

www.alumni.ubc.ca/events/alumniweekend

This fun-filled weekend is moving to May to line up with graduation events in UBC's first Centenary year. There'll be something to pique the interest of everyone, including your friends and family. Make a point of coming back to campus and seeing what it still has to offer you.

Registration opens in March. To find out more about the weekend, make sure we have your email address as updates will be sent electronically. Contact us at alumni.weekend@ubc.ca to make sure you're on the mailing list!

Check out some of the not-to-be missed events:

OPERA 101—with University Marshall and Music Professor Nancy Hermiston.

They sing without a microphone, dance, act, and communicate in several different languages.

Their training encompasses as many years as a doctor's and their passion for their work carries them through feast and famine. Who? Opera Singers! Join Nancy Hermiston to learn more and hear dazzling performances from the School of Music's Opera Division.

WHAT MAKES PEOPLE HAPPY?—

with assistant professor of psychology Liz Dunn. For many centuries, thinkers have been trying to unravel the sources of a happy and fulfilling life. Is it Family? Sex? Money? Chocolate? How can we find contentment? Join Professor Dunn to learn what truly makes us happy.

DOCUMENTARY: HARM REDUCTION IN THE DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE—

A film by Journalism Professor Peter Klein & Dan Rather.

Vancouver is tackling urban problems like drug addiction and prostitution through some innovative programs that aim to reduce harm while working on long-term solutions.

The documentary examines one such program, the InSite safe injection experiment in the Downtown Eastside, along with efforts by sex workers to establish a co-op in the city where they could practice their trade in safety. Watch the film, and then hear from Professor

Klein about the making of the documentary and his experiences working with Dan Rather.

TOUR THE TREETOPS—

at the UBC Botanical Garden

Be one of the first to tour the new Biodiversity Canopy Walkway. Spanning 308 meters, rising 17.5 meters into the tree canopies and featuring nine tree-top platforms, it will provide professors, students and visitors with an in-depth view of the upper layers of a second growth coastal rainforest eco-system, as well as vegetation on the forest floor below. Learn about the Greenheart Tree Hugger patented technology that ensures suspended platforms and bridges are constructed without bolting or damaging trees, thereby allowing radial expansion during normal tree growth.

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(in partnership with the Arts Club Theatre Company)

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BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Pancake Breakfast with UBC President. Professor Stephen Toope will be in conversation with a panel of UBC Olympic athletes. Join alumni, friends and families for an inspirational start to the day. Everyone welcome!

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Forget about staying indoors on Alumni Weekend. Step outside and enjoy an interactive, family-oriented tour of UBC Botanical Garden, while creating crafty keepsakes to commemorate your visit. You'll see fabulous flora and other spring surprises.

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To find out more about Alumni Weekend, or to register in March, check out our Alumni Weekend webpage at: www.alumni.ubc.ca/events/alumniweekend.

Regional Events

Over the next few months, UBC president Stephen Toope will be taking the opportunity to meet UBC alumni living outside Vancouver at a series of events. Confirmed dates are as follows. Keep an eye on our website for the details as they unfold.

New York: **April 22**

Prince George: **June 19**

Mexico: **August 25-26**

Seattle: **October 9**

Reunions

Want to find out if your class is planning a special celebration? For the most up-to-date reunion information, we are going live on the web! Unless your faculty is listed below, you can find the most up-to-date reunion information on the Alumni Affairs website at: www.alumni.ubc.ca/events/reunions.

Looking to plan your reunion but don't know where to start? Look no further! Check out the reunion toolkit on our website at: www.alumni.ubc.ca/events/reunions or contact your reunion representative. Many faculties and departments have reunion coordinators that can help you every step of the way and Alumni Affairs can offer support too. Please find contact information below for your reunion coordinator.

If your faculty or department is not listed above, please contact Marguerite Collins at

Alumni Affairs to get started:

marguerite.collins@ubc.ca or 604.827.3294.

APPLIED SCIENCE— Visit the Applied Science alumni website at www.apsc.ubc.ca/alumni/events or contact Tracey Charette directly at alumni@apsc.ubc.ca or 604-822-9454

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MEDICINE— Visit the Medicine alumni website at: www.med.ubc.ca/alumni_friends or call 604-871-4111 ext. 67741.

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Network News

You can be part of UBC's Alumni Networks (aka alumni groups) via your old faculty, student club, or the place you call home. If you want to revel in your experiences from those good ol' days at university, why not get together with your old student club members and form an affinity network? Or you could find out if your faculty or department has an active alumni group.

If you live outside the Lower Mainland, the regional networks are the place to connect with your fellow alumni. There are now more than 50 contacts and networks around the globe, and the list continues to grow. Check back often to see if there is a network in your area—or plan to start one!

Your Alumni Relations Manager can help:

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Comings and Goings

NEW ALUMNI REPS:

North and Central Island

Courtenay:

Zoe Jackson, BA'03, LLB'06

Port Alberni:

Jacob Tummon, BA'03, LLB'07

Contact Zoe or Jacob by email at

ubcalumvanisland@gmail.com. They are inter-

ested in starting a North and Central Island UBC Alumni Association and would like to get

a sense of what local alumni would be interested in doing and how they would like

to connect with one another. They think

an annual barbecue would provide a good opportunity to meet other UBC graduates and

have some fun. A more serious component

could consist of encouraging North and Central Island high school students to consider

post-secondary education. Other ideas for activities are welcome—the ultimate shape of the association will be up to its members.

If you are interested in receiving further correspondence about this initiative, please respond to UBC Alumni Relations Manager Tanya Walker at twalker@exchange.ubc.ca.

Chicago

Alexandra Yeung, BASC'94 at alexandra_yeung@earthlink.net

GET INVOLVED

You can be part of the excitement no matter how far away you are from the UBC campus.

Join your fellow grads at an upcoming event or get involved as a volunteer. Do you have a flair for event planning? Writing web content? Organizing book clubs? Fielding questions from and sharing experiences with new students or relocating alumni? If so, why not contact the alumni rep for your region and share your talent. Networks are always looking for volunteers.

Past Events

Opera 101: Toronto

Close to 300 alumni came to learn about opera at the Fairmont Royal York on January 14.

This fabulous event featured a cocktail reception, an insightful Opera class taught by UBC's Nancy Hermiston (University Marshall, Professor at the School of Music and Head of

Opera Division), spine-tingling performances by UBC alumnae and Canadian Opera Company performers Teiya Kasahara (BMUS'07) and Erin Fisher (BMUS'07), and hosted by entertaining emcees, eTalk Daily reporter Zain Meghji (BA'00) and MuchMusic VJ Hannah Simone (BA'02). What a lineup

Hong Kong Christmas Dinner

The annual Hong Kong Christmas dinner party had 102 guests in attendance, including honourable guest professor Stephen Toope. The party was a blast and included a magic show. Support for the Hong Kong alumni group's Operation Christmas Child initiative was strong with nearly 60 gifts being sent to underprivileged children in the remote village of Kunming City, China. ■



Is it the Jack of Spades? UBC President Professor Stephen Toope joined alumni in Hong Kong for Christmas dinner and participated in a magic show.



eTalk Daily reporter Zain Meghji, BA'00 and MuchMusic VJ Hannah Simone, BA'02 were emcees at the tremendously popular Opera 101 event held in Toronto this winter.



Toronto's Opera 101 event was a classy affair featuring a cocktail reception, an insightful opera class taught by professor Nancy Hermiston (centre), and spine-tingling performances by UBC alumnae and Canadian Opera Company performers (l) Teiya Kasahara, BMUS'07 and (r) Erin Fisher, BMUS'07, accompanied by pianist Brett Kingsbury, BMUS'00, MMUS'02, DMA'06.

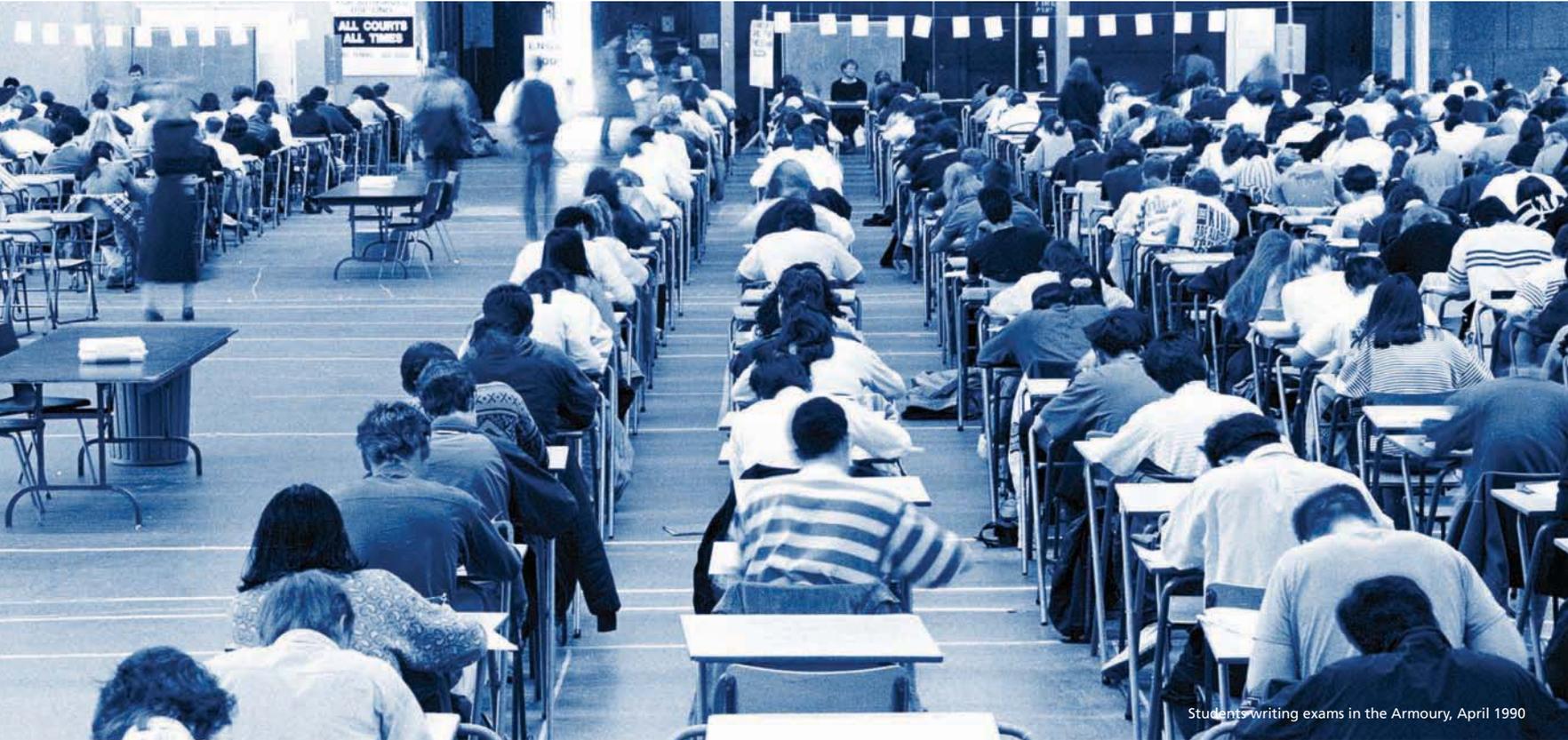


The Hong Kong alumni network is one of our most active. Stephen Toope is surrounded by grads from all years including Anthony Cheng (back row, third from right), who founded the network nearly 20 years ago.



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Hilary Yates Clark BHE'52, MED'90 was thrilled to be named the Arts category winner in a recent Women of Excellence award ceremony sponsored by the North Shore's *The Outlook* newspaper. Clark founded the Ambleside Orchestra of West Vancouver in 1992, organized a series of free concerts at the east end Carnegie Centre and initiated the first reviews of student and semi-professional opera performances all over BC to be published in *Opera Canada* magazine. She plays timpani, percussion and flute and submits music reviews to the *North Shore News*.

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Martin Aller-Stead (formerly Martin Stead) BA'76 has been awarded the annual prize as Best Secondary School Teacher in Ontario after being nominated by teaching friends, students and parents. The award is given annually through the offices of the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan. "There's a cash award, and unlimited fame and frenzy. (Just kidding about the fame)," says Martin. This is the second time his work with students, mostly 'at risk' kids, has been recognized. The previous award was in Alberta. For more information about the award and Martin's work, see www.teachingawards.ca/en/honourees.php ... **Arun Garg** MD'77 has been awarded the BC Medical Association's (BCMA) Silver Medal of Service for his long and distinguished service to the association and for his outstanding contributions to medicine. He is the medical director of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology Services for the Fraser Health Authority and Royal Columbian Hospital, and a partner in the medical practice of Dr. C. J. Coady and Associates. He has a PHD in Biochemistry and holds a fellowship from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Medical Biochemistry. Dr. Garg has been very active in both professional and community organizations having

served as president of the BCMA and as chair of the Policy and Economics Councils for the BCMA and the Canadian Medical Association. He is past board chair of the BC Institute of Technology and current member of UBC's Board of Governors ... **Valerie Hennell** BA'70, MA'72 (Creative Writing) produced the first children's CD for veteran BC folk trio Pied Pumkin (Rick Scott, Joe Mock and Shari Ulrich). The CD won Outstanding Children's Recording in the 2007 Western Canadian Music Awards, Parents' Choice and North American Parenting Publications Honor Awards, and is a nominee in the Canadian Folk Music Awards and US Independent Music Awards. Hennell previously produced six award winning CDs for her husband, internationally acclaimed children's entertainer Rick Scott, including three Juno nominations. For more information see www.piedpumkin.com ... **Dr. Nasir Jaffer** MD'75, FRCPC was one of 37 Canadian amateur climbers who climbed to the summit, Uhuru peak (5,895 meters or 19,340 ft), of Mount Kilimanjaro the tallest free-standing mountain rise in the world. They were raising funds through Axis Pharmacy for Save the Children Canada for the organization's AIDS work in Kenya. "The view was awesome," says Nasir. "Returning home after some 33 years was even more exhilarating and raising awareness among Canadians to help raise funds was most satisfying." Nasir is associate professor in the Department of Medical Imaging at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine ... **Dr. James Thorsell** PHD'71 has been presented with the prestigious James B. Harkin Conservation Medal (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society) for his outstanding contribution to conserving wilderness and national parks around the world. The ceremony took place in November in the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Past recipients include the Honourable Jean Chrétien, Dr. Stan Rowe and Elizabeth May. Dr. Thorsell's distinguished 45 year career began with pioneering academic research on parks and wilderness in Canada. He moved on to work for Canadian park agencies, and in 1984 became executive officer of World Conservation Union (IUCN)

Commission on National Parks and Protected areas based in Switzerland and subsequently the senior advisor to IUCN's World Heritage Committee. Dr. Thorsell was responsible for naming Canada's Nahanni National Park Reserve as UNESCO's first natural World Heritage Site. He evaluated more than 150 natural sites for the IUCN, resulting in more than one million square kilometres of land being brought under the World Heritage Convention. He also helped to inspire the global Peace Parks movement that has been instrumental in resolving border disputes and protecting nature in southern Africa and elsewhere. Dr. Thorsell continues to serve on the board of the BC chapter of the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Charles Darwin Foundation, which is dedicated to conservation of Galapagos National Park ... **Lyll Knott** QC, BCOM'71, LLB'72, LLM(Lond), a senior partner at Clark Wilson LLP in Vancouver, has been appointed chair of the Rick Hansen Foundation. The Foundation works to create more accessible and inclusive communities for people with a spinal cord injury, and supports the search for a cure. Lyll has also been elected to the Board of Directors of SUCCESS. Founded in 1973, SUCCESS is a multi-service, multicultural agency with a mandate to promote the well-being of Canadians and immigrants. The organization assists new immigrants with settlement; provides counselling and support



DR. NASIR JAFFER MD'75, FRCPC at the edge of Kilimanjaro crater, shortly before reaching Mount Kilimanjaro's Uhuru Peak.



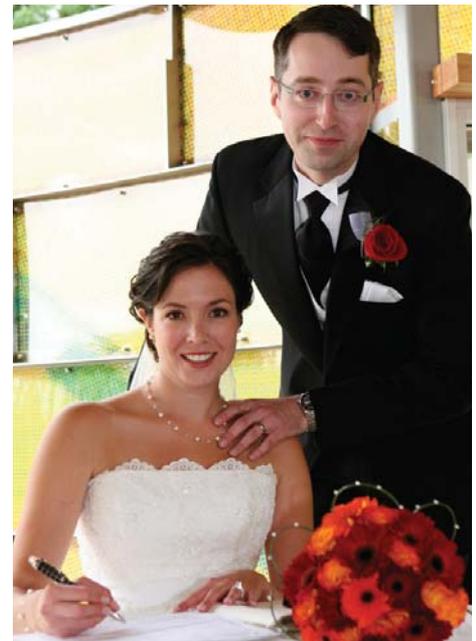
LYALL KNOTT



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TRACY URBAN



OLIVER LUDLOW WILSON BA'99, LLB'04 married Wendy Rafuse on September 2, 2007, at Centennial Pavillion in Vancouver.

to families and individuals with personal issues; promotes personal development of children and youth; facilitates social participation of parents and seniors in the community; helps the unemployed in job and career development; facilitates entrepreneurs in business development; delivers education and employment related training; and promotes social change through community development and advocacy.

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Susan Biali MD'98 is a wellness expert, writer, speaker and life coach. She recently gave a presentation to a group of BC physicians, encouraging them to "Make Someday Today" and improve the quality of their personal and professional lives. Dr. Biali has pursued her own life dream: she now lives part-time in Los Cabos, Mexico, where she performs as a professional flamenco dancer. Off-stage, she practices medicine part-time and dedicates her life to helping others live their dreams and create better balance, health and satisfaction in their lives. Susan has been featured in *Fitness*, *Chatelaine*, *Hello! The Medical Post*, and other print, radio, and television media across North America, including Mexico. She is an expert for *HealthyOntario.com*, and the author of upcoming book *From Your Cells to Your Soul: A Prescription for Your Best Life*. Find out more at www.susanbiali.com ... **Tracy Urban BA'89** (English), BED'92 recently moved back to Vancouver from Brooklyn,

where she taught English. Prior to moving to New York City, she completed an MA in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning at OISE/UT (2005). Tracy's research focused on the oral histories and lived experience of non-traditional students who overcame tremendous odds to achieve their goals. After returning to Vancouver, Tracy created StoryHeart Productions (www.storyheart.com), a service that specializes in creating one-of-a-kind memoirs for people wishing to capture their life stories in print. As well, she recently became the regional coordinator for the BC chapter of the Association of Personal Historians, a position she shares with journalist Pattie Whitehouse. Members of the Association of Personal Historians (www.personalhistorians.org) are dedicated to helping individuals and groups record and preserve their life stories, memoirs, and histories.

Tracy lives with her husband, Robert Duncan, the Director of BCIT's Applied Research Liaison Office. Robert is also a keynote speaker and the author of *Haul Away: Teambuilding Lessons from a Voyage Around Cape Horn*. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in Business Leadership through the University of South Africa.

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Fran Wilson BSW'89 is pleased to announce the marriage of her son, Oliver Ludlow Wilson BA'99, LLB'04 to Wendy Rafuse on September 2, 2007, at Centennial Pavillion in Vancouver.

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Jimmy Sunaryo BASC'05 and fellow alumnus John Marco, both based in Indonesia, have been chosen to serve on the board of directors for the Calindo organization (Canadian alumni in Indonesia). Jimmy is volunteer representative for UBC's alumni network in Indonesia ... It is with great pleasure that Fereydoon and Shahla Dilmaghani-Tabriz announce the graduation of their son, **Darah Dilmaghani-Tabriz BSC'04, MD'08** from the 4-year MD program of the Uniwersytet Medyczny im. Karola Marcinkowskiego w Poznaniu, Poland. Equally delightful is Darah's completion and graduation a full semester sooner than expected. ■

Did you know that Cecil Green Park House at UBC offers preferred booking privileges to people with a UBC affiliation? The house is a great setting for weddings, business meetings, retreats or other social events. Visit www.cecilgreenpark.ubc.ca for more information.

THREE UBC CHANCELLORS

WILLIAM L. SAUDER BCOM'48, LLD'90

William Lawrence Sauder passed away in hospital on December 19, after suffering a heart attack. He was 81. His involvement with UBC started with his undergraduate experience in the 1940s, but in later years would expand as he took on the roles of benefactor, advisor and friend.

He married fellow UBC student Marjorie-Anne and the couple had eight children.

He joined the family business, Sauder Industries, and helped shape it into a leader in the manufacture and distribution of wood products. Later, he founded International Forest Products (Interfor).

Business flourished and the couple contributed back to the community by becoming (often low-profile) philanthropists, most notably in the areas of health and education. Sauder believed it important to provide opportunities for young people and UBC benefited greatly from the couple's generosity.

An alumnus of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration, in 2003 Sauder donated the sum of \$20,000 to fund its growth. This gift, the largest single private donation to a Canadian business school, inspired the provincial government to increase



WILLIAM L. SAUDER

annual funding by \$1 million to support 125 new student spaces. The faculty was named the Sauder School of Business as a mark of gratitude and its new namesake joined the faculty advisory board. "I am very proud to be able to give something significant back to UBC—the institution that provided me with the knowledge to help me establish my business career—and to British Columbia, which I have called home all my life," Sauder said at the time. He and Marjorie-Anne also endowed a number of research chairs at UBC to boost medical research in the areas of Pediatric Diseases, Viral Diseases of Children, Stroke, and Cardiology.

As well as being a generous financial benefactor, Sauder was also giving of his time and talent, serving on the UBC Board of Governors (of which he became chair) and then as chancellor from 1996 to 2002. He remained actively involved in his business enterprises, a keen businessman with a hands-on approach. He was chair and CEO of both Sauder Industries and Interfor. As a respected leader in the forestry industry, particularly in the area of secondary manufacturing, Sauder also served on the Board of Directors of the Toronto Dominion Bank and the British Columbia Development Corporation, and on the executive committee of the Board of Directors of BC Hydro. In 2005, he was named an Officer to the Order of Canada.

THE HON. ALLAN MCEACHERN BA'49, LLB'50, LLD'90

Allan McEachern died on January 10, 2008. He was 81 years old. He was a proud local, born in Vancouver in 1926, where his mother taught and his father ran a sawmill. He worked in a number of physical labour jobs before enrolling at UBC's law school, which opened shortly after the war.

He was called to the bar in 1953 and practiced with the Vancouver law firm Russell and DuMoulin until being appointed to the bench in 1979 following a scandal involving the



ALLAN MCEACHERN

upper echelons of the BC Supreme Court. He served the people of British Columbia as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and, from 1988, of the BC Court of Appeal (the province's highest judicial office).

This was his period of greatest influence. Of all rulings he made over this period, the more controversial ones received the most attention. Perhaps most criticism was directed to his 1991 ruling on the *Delgamuukw vs British Columbia* Aboriginal lands claim case, which determined that the law did not allow for land claims based on ancestry and oral history. The ruling was overturned six years later by the Supreme Court of Canada.

McEachern was admired for his court reforms, which were designed to hasten legal processes and made them less costly. He introduced an online presence that provided the public with access to court decisions and allowed them to pose questions directly to the court. He was also the driving force behind the Inns of Court program, a series of educational seminars for young lawyers that began in 1984. He served his profession as a Law Society Bencher, as president of the Legal Aid Society and as an elected representative of the Vancouver Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

On retiring from the Bench aged 75, he returned to his old law firm, now Fasken, Martineau, DuMoulin. He left again in 2002 to become UBC's 16th chancellor. He had

remained involved with his alma mater, returning the previous year as a visiting Law professor and accepting an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1990.

Much of Mceachern's leisure time was taken up with sport. A keen athlete with a special interest in rugby and football, Mceachern was involved in establishing the Vancouver Kats Rugby Club in 1953, over which he presided for 15 years. In the mid 60s he was president of the BC Lions for a three-year term, and commissioner then president of the CFL until 1969. More recently, he was Ethics Commissioner for VANOC.

He predeceases his wife—Appeal Court Justice Mary Newbury—and leaves two children from a previous marriage to Gloria, who died in 1997, and six grandchildren.

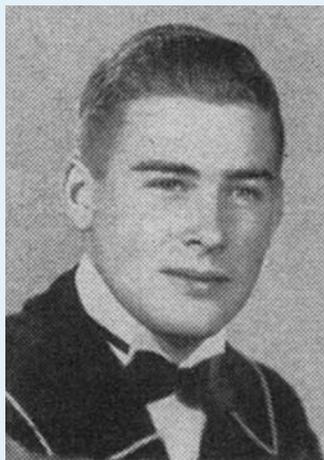
W. ROBERT WYMAN BCOM'56, LLD'87, OC Born in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1930, W. Robert Wyman passed away June 11, 2007, in Vancouver, BC. He began his career as a security analyst with the investment firm of Pemberton Securities, of which he became president in 1982. He was the former chairman of Finning International, the largest Caterpillar dealership in the world. From there, he would become chairman of Suncor Inc., a major oil producer in the Athabasca tar sands in northern Alberta. Prior to his time with Finning and Suncor, he served as chair and CEO of BC Hydro, at the time the third largest public electrical utility in Canada. He was also a former Vice-Chairman of RBC Dominion Securities Limited and served on the board of a number of public companies dealing in energy, construction and communications.

In addition to his business career, Wyman served as chancellor of UBC from 1984 to 1987, and chaired the university's World of Opportunity fundraising campaign that raised more than \$262 million, making it one of the most successful such campaigns in Canadian university history. He was also the chairman of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.

As an avid believer in the value of higher education for the well-being of the nation, he was made a trustee of the Killam Trust. Established in 1965, the trust is a \$425 million fund offering scholarships and prizes at the pre- and post-doctoral level to several Canadian universities. Wyman received a University of Alberta honorary degree at a special conferral ceremony held the month before his death, and was celebrated posthumously at a ceremony held at U of A in honour of the Killam trustees.

In 1995 the W. Robert Wyman Plaza was built on the Vancouver campus' Main Mall to commemorate his service to the university. Its construction forms an echo chamber. Wyman was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal in 2002, and two years later was appointed to the Order of Canada. Both awards were bestowed in recognition of the significant contributions he has made to his community and the nation.

His wife, Dorothy Alma, and his daughter, Leslie Anne, predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, Donna, son and daughter-in-law Tim and Susan, daughter and son-in-law, Robyn and Greg, and his grandchildren, Joel, Alannah, Graeme and Melissa.



W. ROBERT WYMAN

ALAIN ALBAGLI PHD'69, MBA

November 21, 1941– April 24, 2007

Alain arrived in Vancouver from Paris in 1965 and completed his PHD in physical-organic chemistry in 1969. His time at UBC was a very happy period in his life. He thrived in the academic milieu and, with a TA worth all of \$3,000, he felt he lived like a prince, with intellectual stimulation, decent food and even the occasional bottle of wine—all dear to his heart. Many of the friendships Alain made at UBC he cherished lifelong.

Like too many new PHDs of his generation, Alain was obliged to go south to find work but was fortunate in being one of the last young professionals to get the chance to return to Canada under “Operation Retrieval.” He went on to have an illustrious career with the federal government in Ottawa, and particularly as Director of International Relations with the National Research Council of Canada.

Scientist, philosopher, historian and traveler, Alain Albagli will be much missed by his family: wife Michelle, daughter Jasmine, son-in-law Peter and many friends.

J. J. R. (JACK) CAMPBELL BSC(AGR)'39

Jack Campbell, a native of Vancouver, was born in 1918. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of British Columbia in 1939. The composite photograph of his graduating class hung for years in the MacMillan Building. His PHD was obtained at Cornell, where he was the first graduate student of I. C. Gunsalus, who later became a leading bacterial physiologist and the discoverer of cytochrome P450. Subsequently Jack worked for a time at the Canadian government laboratories in Suffield.

Jack returned to Vancouver in the late 1940s to take up a position in the Department of Dairying in the Faculty of Agriculture at UBC. He rose rapidly to the rank of professor and became head of the department. In 1965, C. E. Dolman stepped down as the head of the department of Bacteriology and Immunology and Jack was appointed in his place. The name was changed to the

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department of Microbiology. He remained in this position until stepping down in 1982. He retired in 1983.

Jack's scientific interests were focused mostly on the aerobic metabolism of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. He worked on oxidative phosphorylation when a major aim of the field was the identification of a high-energy phosphorylated intermediate (subsequently shown not to exist by the work of Peter Mitchell). Perhaps his most significant achievement, with his MSC student Robert A. Smith, merited no more than a note in *Biochimica Biophysica Acta*. It described the first experimental evidence for what came to be known as the glyoxylate cycle, the first anaplerotic pathway to be discovered.

Unfortunately, Jack did not follow up on the observations, allowing Smith to take the project with him when he went to Illinois as a PHD student with Gunsalus. Jack later became interested in endogenous respiration in *P. aeruginosa*. This work was, in effect, some of the first on what is now known as the starvation response.

In the later stages of his career, Jack focused exclusively on his administrative responsibilities. There can be no doubt that his greatest achievement was the department he built from the one he inherited. He had a remarkable eye for talent, bringing into the department Barry McBride, Doug Kilburn, Bob Miller, Gerry Weeks, Bob Hancock, George Spiegelman, Hun-Sia Teh, Tom Beatty

and John Smit. He was also instrumental in establishing the Biochemical Discussion Group in the 1950s, when it would meet in the houses of some of the members.

Jack was a confidante and adviser to people outside his department, including Gobind Khorana, Mike Smith, Gordon Tener, George Drummond and others. Beyond all this, Jack was first and foremost a family man, devoted to his wife Emily and his children, Sheila, Merle, Anne and Ross.

MARGARET COOPE BA'30

Margaret died in San Francisco on March 2, 2007. Born on June 26, 1909, she was ninety-seven years old. She had been a high school language teacher in the San Francisco United School for many years before her retirement. After retirement, she was involved with many public and charitable organizations.

EMERSON H. GENNIS BCOM'48

Emerson Gennis of Hunt's Point passed away peacefully on February 1, 2008, in Queens General Hospital, Liverpool, NS. He was 81.

Emerson was born in Vancouver in 1926 the only child of the late Ernest and Emma "Gem" (Burns) Gennis. After earning his Commerce degree, most of Emerson's business career was in the fishing industry on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts in administrative and managerial positions. Emerson is survived by Margaret (Rice), his loving wife of 55 years; sons Eric and Arthur; six

grandsons; a granddaughter; and a great-granddaughter all of Charlottetown, PEI. Online condolences may be made at www.chandlersfuneral.com.

EDWARD T. (TED) KIRKPATRICK BASC'47

Edward T. "Ted" Kirkpatrick, PHD, a resident of Weston, Massachusetts, died on November 25, 2007, after a year-long battle with renal cancer. He was born in Cranbrook, BC, on January 15, 1925, to Thomson and Pauline Kirkpatrick of Mission, BC.

After graduating with his degree in Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Kirkpatrick worked in the industry for seven years then attended Carnegie Mellon University where he received his master's and doctorate degrees. In 1958 he began teaching at the University of Pittsburgh, and then went to the University of Toledo as the head of the Mechanical Engineering Department. In 1964 he joined the Rochester Institute of Technology as dean of Engineering and helped them move their campus from an urban to country setting.

In 1971 he joined Wentworth Institute of Technology as president. During his 19-year presidency he transformed the institute while preserving the hands-on style of engineering education known as the "Wentworth Way." In 1972 he opened the door to female students and faculty, in 1975 he ushered in a cooperative education program, and in 1977 he merged Wentworth Institute with Wentworth College creating "two plus two" as the educational model that characterized the last quarter of the 20th century at this school.

During this time, the enrollment and the size of the campus doubled, and the endowment tripled. He embraced many foreign educational programs to sow the Wentworth Way in overseas soil. During the 1970s institutions in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Algeria, Iran, China, Egypt and Kenya would all benefit from the influence of Wentworth and Kirkpatrick.



J. J. R. (JACK) CAMPBELL



MARGARET COOPE



EMERSON H. GENNIS

In 1989 he received the American Society of Engineering Education Society's James H. McGraw Award, the foremost national honour for engineering technology educators. The award citation noted he was considered "the leading engineering technology educator in the United States."

His love for aviation started in Rochester, NY, where he earned his pilot's license and later his instrument and seaplane ratings, which led to his hobby of building full-size airplanes in his garage. His wife, Barbara, also earned her pilot's license and they flew together to Oshkosh, WI, many times for the EAA annual fly-in and to British Columbia in 1975.

After retiring in 1990, he enrolled at East Coast Aero Technical School and earned his federal license as an aircraft mechanic. During his retirement, he also enjoyed traveling, building, vegetable gardening, chopping firewood, and spending time in Maine.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara, and their four children, Allan (Susan) of Fort Collins, CO; Karen Kirkpatrick (Stephen Wyman) of Acton, MA; Ann Tucker (Scott) of Ithaca, NY; and Keith (Corky Binggeli) of Arlington, MA. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary Turland of Vancouver, BC, and Sybil Grissom of Portland, OR; and seven grandchildren.

JOHN JAY MCNEE BSC'87, PHD'97

Born March 1, 1963, Jay died peacefully at home on December 3, 2007, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle against cancer. He is survived by his wife, Shelagh, sons Connor (16) and Declan (13), and his large extended family.

Jay grew up in Vancouver, spending many happy hours in the Gulf Islands and winters at Whistler with his family and friends. After graduating from University Hill Secondary School, Jay studied Geochemistry at UBC graduating with a PHD in 1997. During his often joked-about decade at UBC, Jay met and married Shelagh and became a dad. He made many deep friendships with



EDWARD T. (TED) KIRKPATRICK



JOHN JAY MCNEE

his lab and beer garden mates. He began his professional career as an environmental consultant, later forming Lorax Environmental Services with partners David Flather, Ali Sahami, and Tom Pederson in 1996.

Jay had a passion for music and looked forward to Friday jam sessions at Lorax, which were often a mix of jazz/blues riffs and debate on obscure scientific notions. Jay had a unique ability to create music compilations, and took to carrying his iPod to all parties because he was so often requested to "plug in and play."

Jay's approach to life, with all its vagaries of opportunities and challenges, was to meet everything with positive acceptance. He cared deeply and passionately for his family and friends, gracing them with his humour, intellect, and thoughtful actions. He was a personal confidante to many and was known for his non-judgmental advice and counsel. His most important role was as Dad to the boys and husband to Shelagh, and his preferred place to be was anywhere they were.

In memory of Jay and his contributions to science and society, Lorax Environmental Services and Jay's family, friends, and colleagues have established an endowment at the University of British Columbia: The John Jay McNee Memorial Scholarship in Geochemistry. Contributions in building the

endowment will be gratefully received by Lorax Environmental Services, 2289-Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6J 3H9. Please make cheques payable to the University of British Columbia and note in the memo of the cheque: "The John Jay McNee Memorial Scholarship in Geochemistry."

ROBERT ROGERS BA'57

The UBC School of Music and the Canadian music community are mourning the death of Robert G. Rogers (September 15, 1936–January 16, 2008). As well as being a UBC alumnus, Bob Rogers was professor of Piano at UBC from 1966-1998.

He is warmly remembered for many contributions to musical life, notably his committed service to new music, particularly that by Canadian composers. Bob frequently premiered works by his UBC faculty colleagues including Eugene Wilson's *Cello Sonata*, *Piano Trio*, and *Viola Sonata*, Elliot Weisgarber's *Fantasia à Ire*, and several major works by Jean Coulthard. Composers came to count on his sympathetic understanding of their work: whether a composition's style was cautiously traditional or brashly experimental, Bob's performances and broadcasts on radio were invariably meticulously prepared and elegantly performed.

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Bob was an advocate of, exponent of, authority on, and, perhaps most important, steadfast friend of Barbara Pentland. Though her music was always recognized by a small coterie of listeners who understood its quality, Bob worked tirelessly to bring it to a larger audience. He recorded the *Three Duets after Pictures by Paul Klee* with the composer in 1965, and prepared a definitive recording of her solo piano music in 1985 for CBC. While many found Pentland's work austere, even forbidding, Bob's relaxed charm could make Pentland's supposedly intellectual writing brim with refined lyricism and dance with rhythmic vitality.

Bob is fondly remembered by all his students and colleagues for his special talents and generosity as a pedagogue, for his brilliance as a performer in hundreds of concerts, and for his extraordinary kindness, charm, and wit. The Robert G. Rogers Prize in Piano was established in his honour upon his retirement from UBC, and is offered annually for the best piano performance of twentieth-century music by an undergraduate student in the School of Music.

Memories and messages from students, colleagues and friends are being posted on the School's website www.music.ubc.ca.

A memorial service was held on February 3 in the School of Music's Recital Hall, with performances by former students, colleagues and members of the Vancouver music community.

JANE RULE DLITT⁹⁴, CM, OBC

Jane Rule died from liver cancer at her home on Galiano Island, BC, on November 27, aged 76. She wrote several novels (including *Desert of the Heart*, which many years later was made into a movie) depicting lesbian relationships. She lived with partner Helen Sonthoff for nearly 50 years, a relationship that began when homosexuality was still deemed criminal behaviour in Canada. Her openness led to her becoming the media's choice of spokesperson on the subject of homosexuality and she used the spotlight to try and educate and enlighten people. When *Desert of the Heart* was published in the mid 60s, it was received negatively by many colleagues as well as some critics. Over the decades, she had the satisfaction of seeing such attitudes coming to be considered increasingly socially archaic and obsolete. After it was released in 1986, the film *Desert Hearts* became a cult classic and a new generation of people were introduced to the novel

that inspired it. As well as being an advocate for the social acceptance of homosexuality, Jane Rule helped to bring Canadian literature into international consciousness. She wrote 12 books in total.

Ms Rule was born in New Jersey, moved to Vancouver during her 20s, and became a Canadian citizen (along with Helen) in the 1960s. As well as being a well known novelist, Jane Rule was the inaugural Assistant Director of UBC's International House in 1958-59 and sometimes lectured in English Literature or Creative Writing. The couple had an active social life at UBC, mixing with many other writers and poets. They were considered generous hosts and friends. In 1976, they moved to Galiano Island. Helen died in 2000, aged 83. Jane Rule received an honorary degree from UBC in 1994.

CHARLES RUSSELL DOUGLAS SAVAGE BED⁷¹

Charles Russell Douglas Savage was born in Vancouver on December 5, 1941, to Doug and Rhoda (Morris) Savage. He attended King Edward High School, worked for Toronto Dominion Bank for six years and then attended UBC to attain his Teaching Certificate. He later returned to the university for his bachelor degree. Russ' career with the Mission School District took him to several schools, first as a music specialty teacher and later as a classroom teacher. He loved to learn and throughout his teaching career returned to school for a variety of courses and workshops. Last summer, he was planning to renew that interest with some courses at UBC. Russ was involved in choral groups throughout his life. On 13 occasions he took local choirs to compete and tour in England and Europe. He sang with both the Gallery Singers and the Bach Choir. Russ was an organist, most recently for the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada in Vancouver, Matsqui, and Pitt Meadows. In past years he enjoyed playing the organs at St. James' Church in Vancouver, the Abbey in Mission, St. Alban's in Richmond, and St. John's, Shaughnessy. Circling the world in his travels



ROBERT ROGERS

over the years, Russ had a particular love of the cathedrals he saw along the way. He sang with the choirs of St. Alban's, Holburn, during a year's teaching exchange in London, England. Russ was an avid train enthusiast and loved to study the statistics and history of rail and early ship transportation. He belonged to the World Ship Society, the Heritage Railway Society and was an avid model train builder. He leaves to mourn his church family, friends and neighbours, and also his sisters, Mary (Phil Severy) Savage and Elizabeth Higginbottom; nephew Matthew Rocksborough-Smith; nieces Laurie (Ho) Seto, Kathryn (Brandou) Gorin, and Naomi Rocksborough-Smith; great nephews Bailey and Dakota Gorin; great nieces Samantha and April Gorin and Kendra Seto; honorary niece Becky Severy; great nephew Jaden Severy, and all the Severy young people and extended Bell families.

MARTIN SIKES BASC'92

Martin died suddenly on Christmas Eve, aged 39 years. At UBC he was president of the Electrical Engineering student club and went on to forge his career in the video game industry. He was a founder of Black Box Games, United Front Games and the Soundproof deejay collective. Black Box flourished into a company with a 100-strong workforce before being sold to Electronic Arts Canada. Martin leaves a daughter, Brooklyn, a sister, Belinda, and his parents Rita and John.

PETER SMALL BSF'51

Peter Small of Victoria, BC, passed away on September 12, 2007. He was born in Smithers, BC, on April 25, 1923. Peter served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII. He became a registered member of the Association of BC Forestry Professionals in 1955 and worked for the BC Forest Service. In retirement, Peter enjoyed his family, the outdoors, golfing, gardening, and fly-fishing on the Bulkley and Skeena rivers. He will be lovingly missed by his wife, Jean, son Greg (Jane), Daughter Janet (Doug) and grandchildren David, Lisa and Andrew. ■



PETER SMALL

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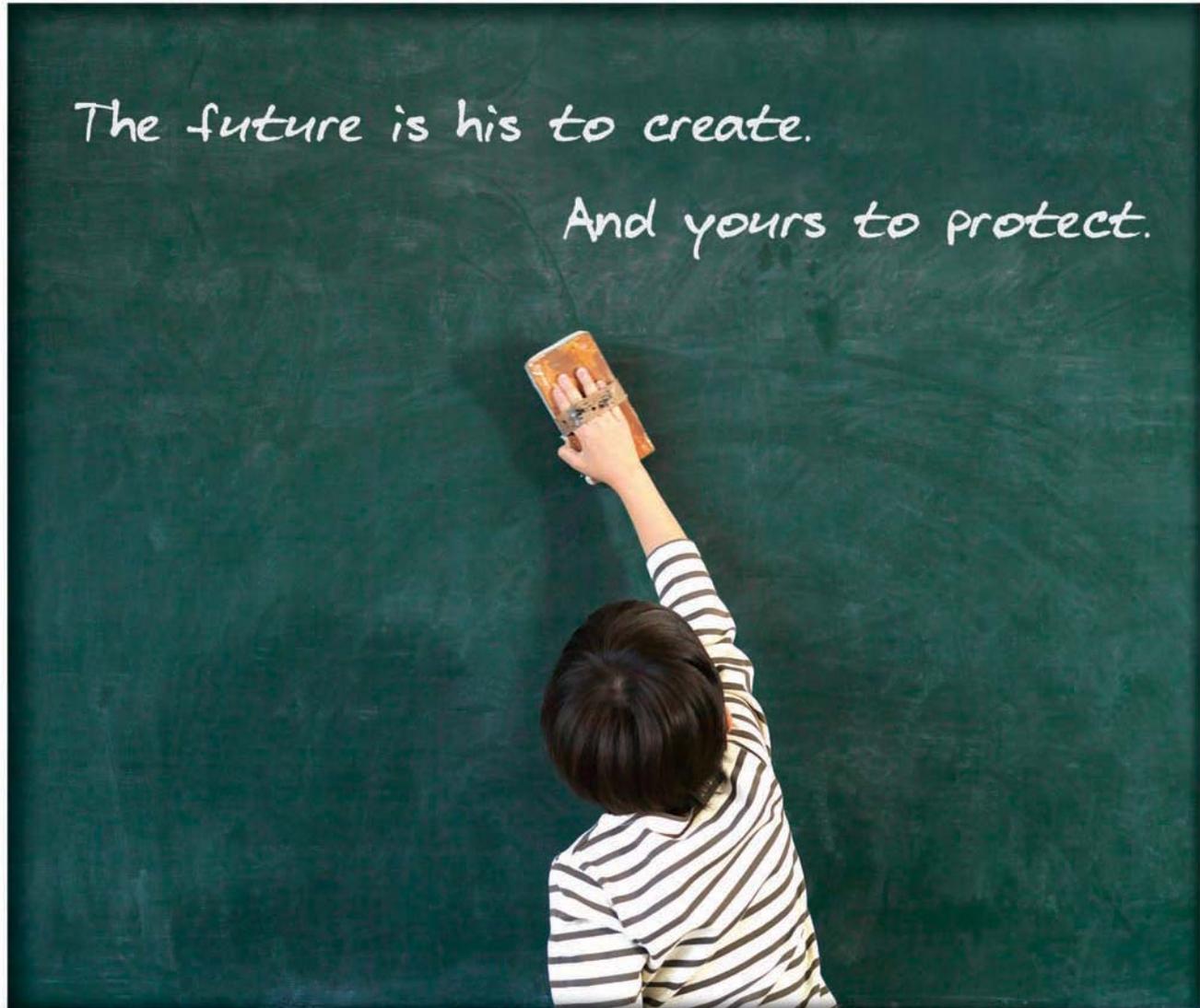
A loved one. Dr. Grant Ingram spent summers on research icebreakers and in tents on the Arctic sea ice studying physical processes in the oceans. He was a master storyteller with many tales, like the time he threw his scarf off a ski plane so the pilot could see to land in white-out conditions, or the time a polar bear crashed through the side of his tent. An internationally renowned Arctic oceanographer, UBC professor and administrator, Dr. Ingram shared his passion and enthusiasm for the study of oceans with many aspiring scientists and students.

To honour his memory, family and friends have established the *R. Grant Ingram Memorial Scholarship in Oceanography* to support outstanding students as they continue Grant's legacy to explore the world's oceans.

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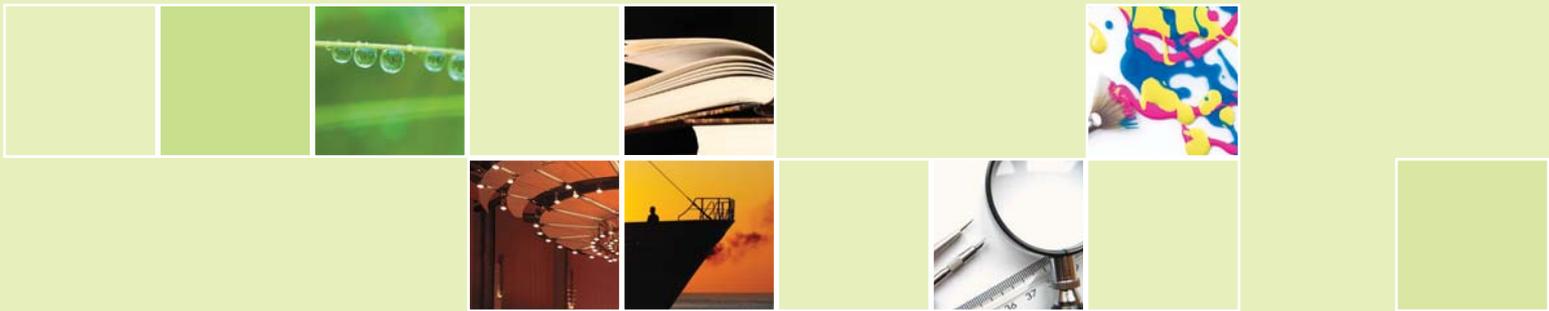
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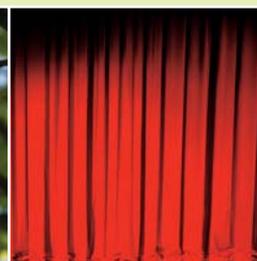
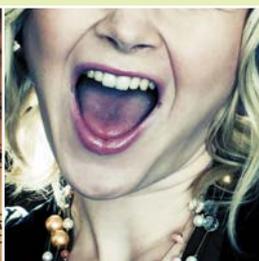


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