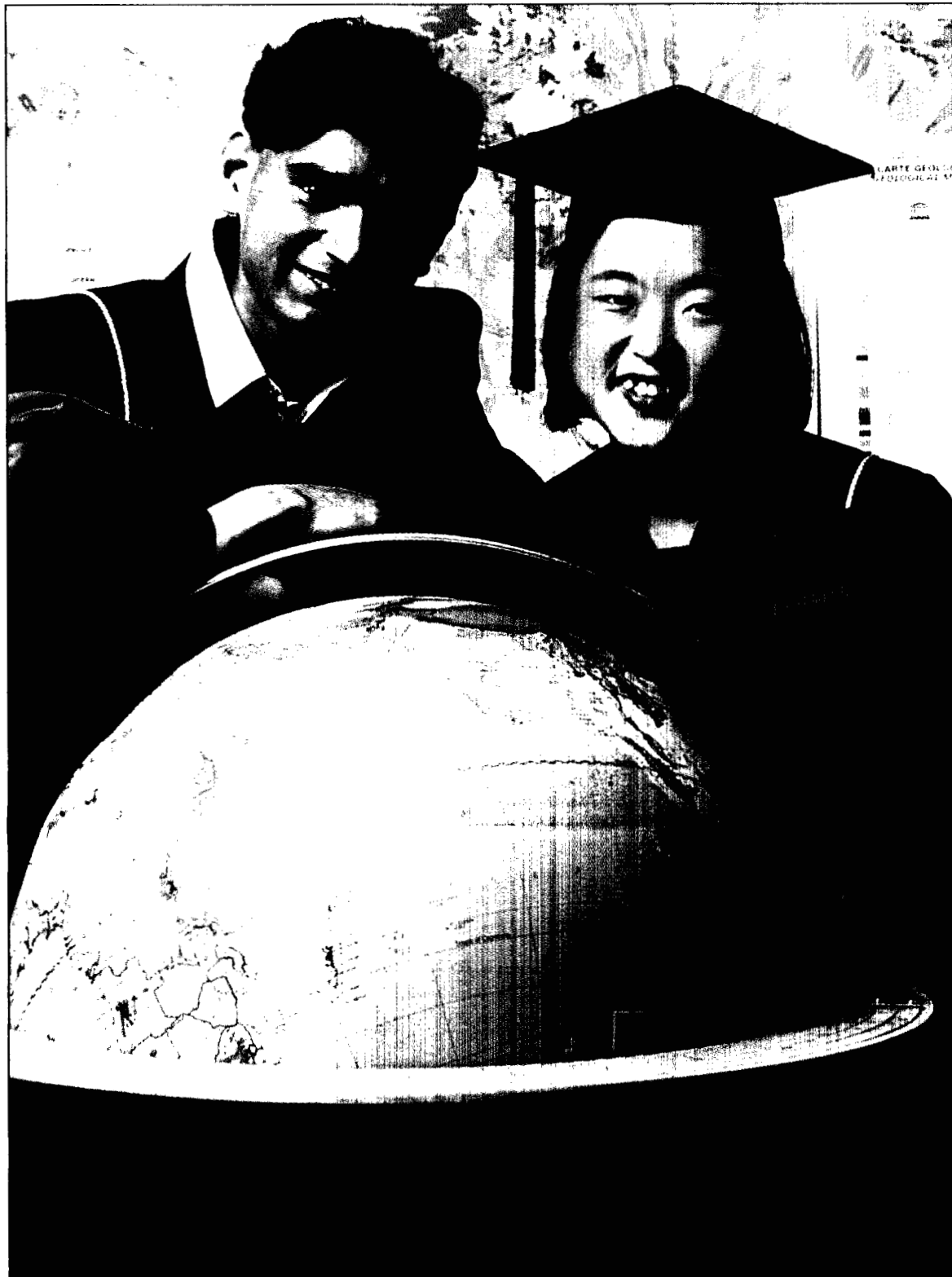


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**International students Nathan Swami, left, and Ivy Shiao are among the 4,500 UBC students graduating during spring Congregation ceremonies May 24 to 27 in the War Memorial Gymnasium. Shiao, a Hong Kong native, will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree, while Swami, who came to UBC from India, will receive a Master of Applied Science. The pair are pictured in UBC's Map Library.**

## International reputation draws students

by **Connie Filletti**

*Staff writer*

Ivy Shiao and Nathan Swami agree that UBC deserves an A+ when it comes to putting out the welcome mat.

They are two of the 2,077 international students who attended UBC this year and are among the 4,500 students scheduled to graduate during annual spring Congregation ceremonies, to be held at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day, May 24 to 27, in the War Memorial Gymnasium.

Shiao, a Hong Kong native, will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre on May 26. She arrived on campus in 1991 after discovering a love for the stage while attending Cariboo College in Kamloops.

Swami, who will receive a Master of Applied Science degree in Metals and Materials Engineering on May 25, came to UBC from India because of the reputation of the program and his supervisor, Associate Prof. David Dreisinger.

In addition to being attracted by UBC's good name, both students agree that the university's strong commitment to building an international student community also got their attention.

"I had heard that there is a strong international student community at UBC," Swami said. "That was an important factor in my decision to come here."

Much of the credit for UBC's success in welcoming international students belongs to the International Student Centre, now in its fourth

decade of operation.

The centre, originally established to revive social and cultural activities for international students, was recently re-named as the International Student Services Office (ISS) to reflect an expanded mandate.

The centre's responsibilities now include providing specialized services to support international students and the co-ordination of student exchange programs.

"Our main objectives are to support the academic and personal growth of exchange students and international students, and to enrich the learning environment for the UBC community by broadening the international experience on campus," said Winnie Cheung, ISS director.

With the help of more than 400 volunteers, mainly UBC students, faculty and staff, the ISS provides a full range of year-round support services to international students and scholars including airport reception, temporary accommodation and special programs for spouses and family members.

Approximately half of the 700 international students who are new to UBC each year find their way to ISS, many of them taking advantage of an orientation program offered each September and January.

ISS staff have seen an increased demand for their advising services, especially for the advice they provide about visas, work permits and dealing with cross-cultural issues.

## UBC's community extends beyond campus limits

It is during Congregation that one has to be impressed by the spirit of community exhibited by those who call UBC their academic home.

The pride of accomplishment exhibited by faculty and students is unmistakable as they make their way into War Memorial Gymnasium for the conferring of degrees. Regardless of discipline, regardless of academic pursuit, they are all members of the community we call the University of British Columbia.

Yet, this sense of community doesn't begin or end at UBC's gates. We are all members of multiple communities. Each and every person associated with this great institution, whether it's the carpenter from Plant Operations, the faculty member devoted to teaching and research, or the youngster involved in Community Sports Services, brings with him or her a sense of community.

This sense of community is as diverse as the people themselves. There are those who coach little league sports, others who volunteer their services to help improve the lives of those less fortunate, those who are active in professional organizations, and still others whose greatest community effort lies in a sense of family commitment. The campus community is a rich mosaic of those who call UBC home.

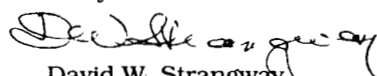
And who says you can't take it with you?

In the pages of this special issue of UBC Reports, you will read about some of the members of the UBC community who are putting their personal stamp of excellence, dedication and commitment on a number of communities world wide.

You will learn of students who are working to address unique cultural needs and issues through a number of university-related initiatives, others judged to have reached a level of academic excellence second to none in their respective disciplines, and others about to embark on a quest for athletic excellence in the international sporting community.

Graduating UBC students may be leaving the campus, but they remain members of the UBC community while reaching out to other communities in their professional and personal lives.

Let us commend these students for the personal dedication they exhibit as members of the UBC community, and the dedication of spirit they take with them as they conquer new challenges in the constantly evolving global community.

  
David W. Strangway  
President, UBC

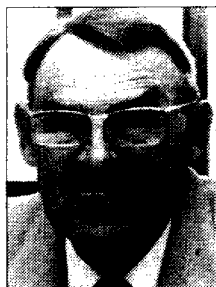


# Awards reflect commitment to UBC, society

The UBC Alumni Association has named five outstanding individuals as the winners of its annual awards for 1994.

The Alumni Award of Distinction goes to **Dr. Patrick McGeer** (BSc, MD '56), who has a long and distinguished career in medical research conducting pioneering research into schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease and, more recently, Alzheimer's disease.

McGeer is also known for his public service, most notably from 1975 to 1986, when he served as B.C.'s minister of Education, minister of Education, Science and Technology and minister of Universities, Science and Communications.



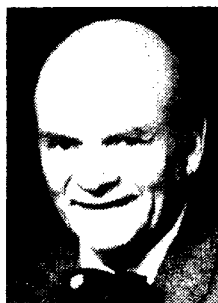
McGeer

He was leader of B.C.'s Liberal Party from 1968 to 1972. He has also served as a director of many organizations including B.C. Hydro, B.C. Petroleum Corp and the B.C. Medical Research Foundation.

The Honorary Alumnus Award

goes to **John Kim Bell** (BA Music, '75, Ohio State). Bell was the first North American native Indian to become a symphony conductor. He was also the youngest professional conductor in the U.S. when he conducted his first Broadway musical at the age of 18.

Bell is also the founder of the Canadian Native Arts Foundation, which has awarded more than \$1.6 million in scholarships across Canada to help First Nations young people train in the performing and visual arts.



Hardwick

He has conducted symphony orchestras in Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa, Winnipeg and London, England. He also produced and co-wrote the music for the first native contemporary ballet, Land of Spirits.

The Faculty Citation Award goes to **Walter Hardwick**, a geography professor at UBC since 1959. He has served extensively in the community throughout

his career, taking a leadership role in many regional, provincial and federal agencies.

He was an alderman on Vancouver city council from 1969-74, a director of the GVRD in 1973-74 and more recently, chair of the Vancouver: Choosing our Future working group.

As a specialist in urban studies, Hardwick has brought his expertise to many organizations, including the B.C. Health Research Foundation, the National Film Board of B.C., the Ministry of Education and the Knowledge Network.

The Blythe Eagles Volunteer Award goes to **Dr. Anthony Cheng** (MD, '67). Currently in private practice in Hong Kong, he is a founding member of Hong Kong's North American Medical Association and has served as a consultant and director for numerous medical organizations.

Cheng has won other honours, including UBC's Outstanding Alumni Award in 1990 and he served as Honorary Patron of UBC during the university's 75th anniversary celebration. He is also a member of the Alumni Association's board of directors and is a former president of the Hong Kong branch of the Alumni Association.



Smith

The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award goes to **Tricia Smith** (BA '81, LLB '85), an inductee into B.C.'s Sports Hall

of Fame who has received more international medals than any other Canadian athlete.

Smith spent 13 years as a member of Canada's rowing team, winning medals at seven world championships, including

a gold medal at the 1986 Commonwealth Games and a 1984 Olympic silver medal. She is the only athlete in UBC history to take part in four Olympics.

She serves as a member of UBC's Athletic Committee and is the first Canadian to be appointed to the women's commission of FISA, the International Rowing Federation. She practices law in Vancouver.

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## Pair helps Somali immigrants ease into new life in Canada

by Connie Filletti

Staff writer

When Jenny Campbell and Lorraine Klassen cross the stage in the War Memorial Gymnasium on May 24 to receive their Master of Education degrees in Counselling Psychology, one word will be fresh in their minds: himilo, the Somali name for hope, progress and accomplishment.

And although it may reflect their feelings on Congregation day, himilo has greater meaning for both graduates. It is the name adopted by a Somali women's group Campbell and Klassen have spent the past 10 weeks counselling on issues arising from adjusting to life in a new culture.

Campbell and Klassen were ideal candidates to lead the project, sharing research interests in cross-cultural and inter-cultural counselling, interests influenced by similar backgrounds. Born and raised abroad — Campbell in Kenya and Klassen in Japan — both emigrated to Canada at the age of 17.

"Canada wasn't home. I felt caught between cultures," Klassen recalls.

Their involvement with the Somali women's project stemmed from practicums they had completed the previous year at UBC's Women's Resources Centre.

Part of Continuing Studies, the Women's Resources Centre is located downtown and is part of UBC's link to the community. As such, it is on the leading edge of developing programs to meet societal needs.

Left to right, Jenny Campbell, Ruth Sigal, Asha Jama and Lorraine Klassen work together on himilo, a project sponsored by the Women's Resources Centre to bring hope, progress and accomplishment into the lives of Somali women.

Margaret Wilson photo



Impressed by their work, Ruth Sigal, the centre's director, enlisted their expertise after receiving a request last November from the Multilingual Orientation Services Association for Immigrant Communities to help Vancouver's growing Somali population, especially the women, with issues such as family violence, power and identity struggles, discrimination and child rearing.

With a grant from Continuing Studies' Robert Englund Fund, Sigal was able to launch the project last month.

"Many other programs are very specific, focusing on one product like resume writing and

job placement," Campbell said. "This project was designed to deal more with cultural background, give the participants a sense of hope, help them take action for themselves to bond more, empower them and set specific goals."

Group member Asha Jama, who came to Canada from Somalia in 1986, cited feedback as one of the project's greatest strengths.

"The opportunity we have had to express the emotions we are experiencing has provided women in the group with less of a sense of isolation," Jama said. "We also have a greater understanding of what can be changed and what can't be."

Campbell and Klassen plan to establish a resource file for Somali women and hope to follow up with the group to gauge their progress, while Sigal will apply for more funding to continue the project.

**"The opportunity we have had to express the emotions we are experiencing has provided women in the group with less of a sense of isolation."**

- Asha Jama

**Student academic achievement**  
The names of students who this year finished at the top of their graduating classes as well as recipients of the Governor General's Academic Medal, awarded for academic achievement, were not available at press time. They will be featured in the June 16 issue of UBC Reports.

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## MILESTONES

UBC has celebrated many milestones since last May's Congregation ceremonies, including these noteworthy events:

### 1993

#### May

The First Nations Longhouse, built as a centre for native education programs and to serve as a cultural base for First Nations students, celebrates its opening with 1,500 guests.

#### June

Kim Campbell, UBC's first female frosh president, wins the federal Progressive Conservative leadership race to become the second prime minister to have graduated from UBC. The first was John Turner.

#### July

Construction of the \$34-million, 450-unit Thunderbird student housing complex begins, moving UBC a step closer to its goal of housing 25 per cent of the student body in on-campus residences.

#### August

UBC is chosen to lead a landmark Canadian research study investigating the cause of multiple sclerosis.

#### September

Science One, an innovative program offering an alternative to traditional first-year science by stressing the inter-relation between the sciences, is launched.

Green College, UBC's new residential graduate student college, opens its doors.

#### October

Prof. Michael Smith wins the Nobel Prize in chemistry for his discovery of site-directed mutagenesis, a technique which enables scientists to reprogram the genetic code.

The School of Family and Nutritional Sciences celebrates its 50th anniversary.

#### November

UBC concludes the most successful fund-raising campaign in Canadian history. The World of Opportunity campaign raises \$262 million.

Alumnus Robert Lee is installed as UBC's 14th chancellor during the fall Congregation ceremonies.

The provincial government invests \$9 million to build UBC's new Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics.

#### December

Nobel laureate Michael Smith donates his half-million-dollar prize money to fund schizophrenia research and science awareness programs in B.C.

### 1994

#### January

UBC and the University of Singapore collaborate to establish the West East Centre for Microbial Diversity on campus. The centre will identify previously unknown microbes and study their usefulness in making new drugs or helping to clean up pollution.

The School of Nursing, the oldest degree-granting school of nursing in the British Commonwealth, celebrates its 75th anniversary.

#### February

The Faculty of Graduate Studies plans the construction of St. John's College, a residential graduate college which will create an international community of scholars at UBC.

#### May

Dr. Harold Copp, a UBC professor emeritus of Physiology who discovered calcitonin, a hormone used in the treatment of bone disease, is one of the first inductees into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

# Grad gets Cannes screening

by Abe Heffer

Staff writer

At a time when UBC graduates are showcasing their academic achievements at Congregation, one UBC graduate is showcasing her academic accomplishments at the Cannes Film Festival.

Karethe Linaae, who is graduating with a Master of Fine Arts in film and creative writing, was invited to Cannes to screen the 22-minute film she presented as her thesis. Her film, *off Key*, is a story about a female photographer who goes to provocative lengths to photograph a Russian male concert pianist.

The 35mm short film was one of hundreds submitted by first-time directors from around the world for festival screening. Seven were selected to be shown, along with seven feature films, during critics' week, which kicks off the May 12-23 film festival.

"It's wonderful to be included," said the 30-year-old native of Norway. "The film will be shown eight times in Cannes and will then be screened in London, Paris and Lyon as part of the critics week package. It has also been accepted for a festival in Norway."

In France she will be joined by another UBC grad, Wade Ferley (MFA Film, 1992), who was the producer and director of photography on the project.

This is the third time that a UBC film graduate has been invited to the festival. John Pozer (*The Grocer's Wife*, 1992) and Mark Sawyer (*Stroke*, 1993) also had their films screened at Cannes.

A BFA graduate from Concordia University in Montreal, Linaae entered the master's program at UBC after spending four years in the Vancouver film industry. She worked as a lighting technician on a number of features and television shows, including *The Commish*, and *21 Jump Street*, and used her professional contacts to help turn a short story written for her creative writing class into a film for her master's thesis.

"All the outside help came from friends in the professional film industry. Their efforts enabled me to come up with a professionally finished film at minimal cost.

"They are the people who so richly deserve the honour that has been bestowed upon this film by festival organizers."

The boost that the Cannes screening will give Linaae's film-making career cannot be emphasized enough, said Raymond Hall, an associate professor in the Dept. of Theatre and Film, and a member of her thesis committee.



Abe Heffer photo

**Karethe Linaae, here with camera technician Craig Volker, will make her international directorial debut at the Cannes Film Festival with her production, a short film titled *off Key*.**

"The exposure that the film will receive is absolutely immense," said Hall, who called Linaae one of the most talented students he's had the opportunity to work with.

"The fact that it is one of only seven short films selected by a jury of 10 film critics is tremendously significant.

"If the film is picked up by a distributor as a result of the festival screening, Karethe will have the development money for her next project."

There will be no shortage of projects for Linaae to pursue when she returns from Europe. She is working on a number of film scripts, including the Spanish-

titled *Donde la Espalde Pierde du Nombre*, which will pick up on some of the themes explored in *off Key*.

"It's not a sequel to *off Key*, not in the sense of plot or characters. Where *off Key* explored art and desire, *Donde la Espalde Pierde du Nombre* (where the back loses its name) will explore death and desire.

"It's much more angst-ridden."

In addition, Linaae has been accepted into the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television's directing apprenticeship program, which will give her the opportunity to work with a number of directors on B.C.-based productions as she pursues her own film-making career.

## Space school offers unique opportunity

by Connie Filletti

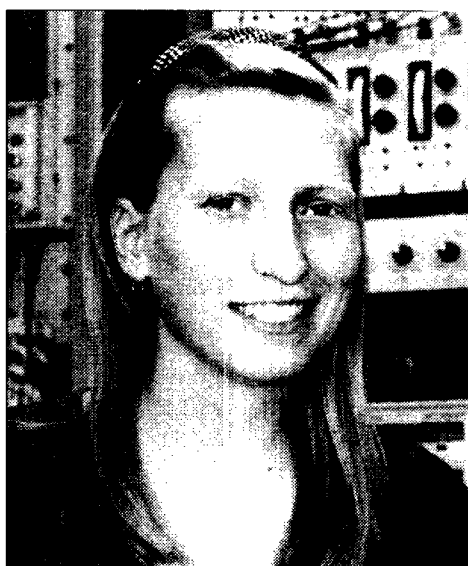
Staff writer

Kimberly Barker is excited about attending a university with courses that are out of this world.

Barker, a Physiology student who will be graduating with a Master of Science degree this fall, is one of 11 Canadian graduate students who will join about 150 students chosen from 30 participating countries to attend the International Space University in Barcelona, Spain, this summer.

"I'm very excited by the opportunity to work with people from so many different countries and backgrounds," Barker said. "It will give me a greater global perspective on my field of study."

She will receive a \$15,000 scholarship to attend the 10-week program that gets underway on June 22. In addition to attending courses concentrating on different science disciplines, she will participate in a design project to study ways in which space information and technology can be used to improve health care and education in



Kimberly Barker

remote areas of the world.

It's a project she is well prepared for. Barker, who speaks French and German, spent the summer of 1992 in Guyana, helping to set up a mobile rehabilitation clinic by raising funds for much needed equipment and prosthetics.

"Seeing the need for very basic health care in Guyana attracted me to the International Space University program," Barker said. "It's important to explore what more can be done to improve health conditions in underdeveloped parts of the world."

With an interest in science that dates back to her teenage years, Barker earned a BSc at Queen's University in Kingston after graduating from high school in her native Oakville, Ontario.

Since beginning her graduate studies at UBC, Barker has been working in the laboratory of Physiology Prof. John Ledson.

They have been exploring how the body regulates the excretion of sodium, research that may yield clues to understanding hypertension and heart disease.

Her interest in space evolved from experiments Ledson is developing on how brain function is affected in a microgravity environment.

The experiments will be performed aboard the International Microgravity Laboratory scheduled to fly on NASA's space shuttle Columbia in July.

# Study abroad offers unique perspective

*Program enriches teaching and learning*

by Gavin Wilson

Staff writer

When Trevor Morrison spent a year in Japan learning its culture from the inside out, he did something that was impossible a few years earlier — earn credits at UBC.

Morrison, who is graduating in honours history, was in the Education Abroad Program, an initiative that aims to give five per cent of all UBC graduates the opportunity to study and live in another country as part of their degree requirements.

The program started as a pilot project in 1988-89 when two students went to study at the only participating institution, the University of California.

Today, Education Abroad is by far the largest exchange program on campus, involving almost 100 UBC students and 34 universities around the world. Another 86 international students are studying at UBC under the program.

UBC now has exchange agreements with universities in the United States, Denmark, Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, the U.K., France, Taiwan and the Philippines. More universities are added every year.

Undergraduates are eligible to apply to study abroad in their third year if they have at least a 70 per cent average, said Mary Watt, student exchange program co-ordinator in the Registrar's Office. Applicants are interviewed by faculty members before being chosen for the program.

Watt is new to her position, but knows from first-hand experience how much impact such a program can have. She was an exchange student herself, completing one year at University of Port Elizabeth in South Africa and a term in Ireland on a work co-op program.

"It's a unique experience, one that challenges a lot of what you think about yourself and where you come from. You never look at the world the same way again," she said.

The Education Abroad Program is attracting some of UBC's top students,

including recent Rhodes scholar Laurel Baig, a political science major who is studying Mandarin this year at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

While some students go for the excellence of the programs, and others to learn about a particular culture, all gain new perspectives and establish life-long networks of contacts and friends, Watt said.

Sometimes unexpected cultural exchanges occur, as when one law student fell in love with the chancellor's daughter at his host university.

Morrison chose to spend the 1992-93 academic year studying political science, law and international relations at Japan's Sophia University, where courses for international students are taught in English. He also enrolled in intensive Japanese language courses.

"For anyone who wants to study Japanese history or politics, it is a great place to spend some time," he said. "It definitely helped with my thesis."

The year abroad also let Morrison immerse himself in other aspects of Japanese culture: visiting the temples of old Kyoto, being the only foreigner on the Sophia track team and living with a family in suburban Tokyo.

He was surprised that his time in Japan gave him some insights into his own culture as well.

"I'm now more aware of what Canada is all about and what it means to be a Canadian," Morrison said. "That's one of the greatest impacts it had on me."

UBC students who are selected for the program remain registered at UBC, pay tuition and student fees to UBC and remain eligible for UBC awards, scholarships and financial aid.

In turn, international students from partner universities attend UBC as visiting exchange students without displacing Canadian students.

When the UBC students return to complete their degrees they enrich the classes they are in with new and different insights gained through their experiences, Watt said.

"There are lots of other practical ben-



Kent Kallberg photo

**Graduating UBC student Trevor Morrison compares notes with Mihoko Nakagawa, a Commerce student on exchange from Japan's Sophia University. Morrison spent a year studying at Sophia University as part of UBC's Education Abroad program.**

efits," she added. "Exchange students make important contacts, improve their job prospects, learn language skills and increase their cultural understanding."

Dan Birch, vice-president, Academic and Provost, said students in the Education Abroad Program serve as ambassadors for UBC and are better prepared to play a leading role in representing Canada's national interests as they move on in their careers.

"However you define it, in terms of a liberal education, understanding others in different cultures, or international competitiveness, the Education Abroad Program is an important part of UBC's development," he said.

The involvement of faculty members is a critical factor in the success of the program, he said. It has thrived in faculties where it is seen to enrich teaching and learning.

Birch said the next stage of international study for UBC students, beyond the Education Abroad Program, may include the development of short-term programs for recent graduates.

These might include short study trips that could unite European and UBC students on visits to Pacific Rim countries.

"With our strategic position on the Pacific, we could serve as a catalyst for contact between Europe and Asia," Birch said.

## Winners have 153 years of service at UBC

Five members of the campus community are this year's winners of the President's Service Award for Excellence, presented in recognition of distinguished contributions to the university.

Collectively, this year's recipients have a total of 153 years of service at UBC. Each winner will receive a gold medal and \$5,000 at award presentations during spring and fall Congregation ceremonies.

**Maureen Douglas**, assistant to the dean in the Faculty of Science, has been a member of the campus community for 40 years. Her association with UBC and the faculty began in 1954 as an undergraduate student. She joined the Zoology Department as a research technician/associate upon graduating with a BSc degree.

Douglas, who is cited as an outstanding administrator, joined the dean's office staff in 1963 and has served under four deans. In the mid 1980s, she once again enrolled as a student at UBC and received a BA in English in 1987, with an interest in Commonwealth and African literature.

She has been a volunteer in the campus United Way campaign for several years and has served on many committees dealing with equity and

multicultural issues, university management and information systems. In 1991, she was honoured with a Just Deserts Award by the Science Undergraduate Society for her work with students.

**Albert Emslie** has been a senior custodial supervisor in Plant Operations for 24 years. He first joined UBC in 1970 as a custodial scheduler after nearly a decade with Woodward's Department Stores.

He has served on various management committees within Plant Operations and has participated in the department's United Way fund-raising activities for the past several years.

In 1990, Emslie was the recipient of a UBC 75th anniversary gold medal award in recognition of his service to the university.

**Helen Hahn**, assistant to the vice-president, Research, began her UBC career in the real estate division of the Faculty of Commerce in 1961. A year later she left campus to pursue other career opportunities but returned to the university in 1965 as a research assistant to Peter Larkin, then director of the Institute of Fisheries.

Hahn served as Larkin's research assistant for 22 years, moving with him from the Institute of Fisheries to

the Dept. of Zoology, where he was head, to the Faculty of Graduate Studies upon his appointment as dean and finally to the office of vice-president, Research.

She was honoured by the university with a 75th anniversary gold medal award in 1990, has been involved with the campus United Way campaign and served as president of UBC's 25 Year Club.

**Thomas Shorthouse** joined the Faculty of Law as law librarian in 1966. A UBC graduate, he studied English and history and received a certificate in teacher training before embarking on a career as a secondary school teacher with the Surrey School Board and the Vancouver School Board. Shorthouse returned to the university in 1965 and earned a bachelor degree in Library Science.

During his 28-year career at the university, he has served on numerous UBC and library committees and task forces including the committee on external library funding, the campus emergency planning committee and the task force on access to periodicals.

Shorthouse taught Law Library Administration in UBC's School of Librarianship between 1979 and 1987 and has lectured on librarianship in

Canada at Beijing's Qinhua University and Aeronautics Institute.

**David Llewelyn Williams**, whose career at UBC spans three decades, is a professor in the Dept. of Physics and served as department head between 1982 and 1987. A graduate of the University of Cambridge, he was a National Research Council of Canada post-doctoral fellow at UBC for two years before joining the university as an instructor in 1962.

Widely lauded for his commitment to university and community service, Williams served as assistant, associate and acting dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies between 1975 and 1981. He was an executive member of the Faculty Association, chair of the president's advisory committee on land use and has chaired the UBC entrance scholarship committee and the UBC Killam post-doctoral fellowship committee.

Williams has been a member of the UBC Senate for 10 years and currently chairs the Senate nominating committee.

In 1984, he was one of 21 individuals cited by the Alma Mater Society for his hard work and commitment to university and student concerns.

UBC bestows 14 honorary degrees

# Degrees honour exemplary Canadians

by Abe Heffer

Staff writer

Verna Kirkness, who developed and articulated a vision for Native education, and Nobel Prize winner Michael Smith are among the 14 outstanding Canadians receiving honorary degrees from UBC during spring Congregation.

Other honorary degree winners are writer George

Bowering, civil servant Margaret Catley-Carlson, UBC educator Dr. Wallace Chung, forest sector researcher Otto Forgacs, teamsters pioneer Diana Kilmury, business leader David McLean, nursing pioneer Helen Mussallem, legal practitioner Patricia Proudfoot, UBC educator J. Lewis Robinson, novelist Jane Rule, former Simon Fraser University president William Saywell and grand tea master Soshitsu Sen.

**George Bowering** enjoys a national and international reputation as one of Canada's finest poets and fiction writers. He is the author of more than 50 works including *Burning Water*, the story of explorer George Vancouver.

**Margaret Catley-Carlson** is one of the most prominent and respected civil servants in Canada. She has had an exceptional career in the field of international development and is currently president of the Population Council.

**Dr. Wallace Chung** established the Division of Vascular Surgery in UBC's Faculty of Medicine and served as head of the Dept. of Surgery during an outstand-



Jane Rule

ing 30-year career as a teacher and clinician.

**Otto Forgacs** has championed research, development and higher education as the means of creating an internationally competitive and environmentally sensitive forest sector in Canada. The former senior vice-president of research and development at MacMillan Bloedel has been responsible for a number of important wood product innovations.

**Diana Kilmury** was a pioneering member of Teamsters for a Democratic Union, the reform caucus within the Teamsters Union dedicated to ridding the union of corruption. In 1991 she was elected as the first and only woman vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

**Verna Kirkness**, in her career as a respected educator and spokesperson for aboriginal education, has devoted more than three decades to making education available and relevant to the philosophy and needs of First Nations people. She has developed and articulated a vision for Native education, and has acquired the resources and created



Diana Kilmury

the institutions for the realization of her vision.

**David McLean** has been a leader in Vancouver's business community for the past 25 years. His role as chair of the Vancouver Board of Trade and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has been

critical in supporting Canada's position in international trade and economic development.

**Helen Mussallem** is a former director of the Canadian Nurses Association and was active with the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross, the Commonwealth Foundation and the Canadian International Development Agency. A recipient of the Order of Canada and a fellow of the Royal College of Nursing of the U.K., she was the first Canadian nurse to earn a doctoral degree.

**Patricia Proudfoot** was, prior to being called to the bench, a family law practitioner and has served as a mentor for many women in the legal profession. She served on the Royal Commission on the Incarceration of Female Offenders and was a member of the Federal Committee To Investigate Sexual Offenses Against Children.

**J. Lewis Robinson** was invited to establish a program in geography at UBC in 1946 and went on to become the founding head of the Dept. of Geography from its inception in 1959 to 1968. He was previously honored with a Master Teacher Award in 1977.

**Jane Rule** is an American-born novelist and essayist who now resides on B.C.'s Galiano Island. Rule's writings about the lives of women in contemporary North America have become significant texts in Women's Studies courses in recent years.



George Bowering

She has participated in Canada's arts communities as a member of various boards and juries, most recently serving on the board of the prestigious Koerner Foundation.

**William Saywell**, a specialist in 20th century Chinese history, served as a sinologist and first secretary in the Canadian embassy in Beijing in the early 1970s, prior to becoming president of Simon Fraser University in 1983. During his tenure, Saywell directed the university's expansion from its Burnaby Mountain campus to an additional downtown campus.

**Soshitsu Sen**, dedicated to a life-long calling of promoting and teaching *Chado*, the way of tea, became the grand master of the Urasenke School of Tea in 1964. He has directed much of his efforts to introducing *Chado* around the world. Sen has provided invaluable assistance to UBC for the complete renovations of the tea house in the Nitobe Memorial Garden.

**Michael Smith** received the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for discovering a technique which enables scientists to reprogram the genetic code.

Smith serves as director of UBC's Biotechnology Laboratory and as a professor in the Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. His numerous academic awards and distinctions granted in recognition of his scientific achievements include fellowships in the Royal Society of London and the Royal Society of Canada.



Soshitsu Sen

## Trained Eye

Classics graduate student **Mike Patience** displays the steam safety valve he identified from the civil war gunboat, *USS Suwanee*, which went down in 1868 in Queen Charlotte Sound. The valve sat unidentified in the Vancouver Maritime Museum for 10 years, until Patience took on the identification project as part of an innovative cooperative venture between the museum and the archaeology program in the Classics Dept. After having the valve X-rayed, Patience hit the books and managed to identify the piece as a steam safety valve.



Abe Heffer photo

## Events bring alumni together

Are you a young alumnus, or an alumnus who is young at heart? The Young Alumni Connections (YAC) of the UBC Alumni Association is looking for you.

Now in its second year, the YAC organizes events and activities and is open to any member of the UBC Alumni Association — recent grads, or those just plain young at heart, said Leanne Jacobs, chair of the YAC.

"All of our events are organized by volunteers on a cost recovery basis. So, if you have any ideas and are interested in helping out, let us know," Jacobs said.

More than 280 alumni took part in YAC events during the 1993-94 year, including a job search workshop, two Frederic Wood Theatre nights, and a New Year's Eve dinner and dance.

Events this summer include a chocolate dessertfest at Le Meridien Hotel June 24, a dude ranch/white water rafting adventure July 29-Aug. 1 and a sailboat cruise Sept. 11.

Graduates from other universities, and students in their final year of study, or close to it, are also welcome Jacobs said.

For more information, call the UBC Alumni Association at 822- 8917.

## Grad moves out after 16 years in residence

by Gavin Wilson

Staff writer

When Carl Cooper graduates this month, he will finally be leaving his student dorm — after 16 years in residence.

Cooper has worked as the residence life manager at Place Vanier for 12 years after spending four years there as an undergraduate. Now he's graduating with a master's degree in education.

"It's a terrific place," he said. "I'll miss it."

Cooper didn't always feel so good about student life. When he first arrived at UBC as an undergraduate he had just shaved off all his head and body hair for a swimming competition.

"I didn't know anyone. I had no hair. It took me a week to find my math class," he says of his traumatic introduction to campus life. "I was pretty despondent."

His difficult adjustment hurt his studies, too. Cooper had a 22 per cent average heading into Christmas exams.

"I was in deep trouble," he admits now. But Cooper pulled through. He found like-minded companions in the varsity swim team and also got involved in residence life. By second year, he was a house president at Vanier.

Cooper later used his experiences to help Place Vanier students cope with

their own problems. He developed a course that gives them hints on how to survive first-year, hints that include getting involved in campus activities.

"Probably the number one thing to do is build a rapport with your professors," he added. "I know many students feel uncomfortable doing it, but they should drop by and talk to their profs in September."

Cooper also applied his vast experience with student life to his graduate studies. His major paper for his master's degree was on the factors affecting student success in first-year university.

As residence life manager, Cooper was responsible for the welfare and discipline of 900 students. He supervised 23 resi-

dence advisors who in turn run about 300 events a year, including barbecues, talent shows, softball games and dances.

He also oversaw student government in residence, which organizes another 150 activities.

"Sometimes, residences get a reputation for parties — it was pretty wild when I first arrived — but most parties are tightly controlled these days," he said.

"It's a great place, I've had lots of friends here."

In August, the recently engaged Cooper is moving to Salmon Arm to be with his fiancé, who is also a teacher.

**"It's a terrific place, I'll miss it."**

- Carl Cooper

# Program aims to boost First Nations science enrolment

by Gavin Wilson

Staff writer

Plans are underway at UBC to develop a program that would encourage more First Nations students to enrol in engineering and science courses.

The program would look at issues relevant to First Nations, such as land and resource use, and seek guidance from native elders, said Jo-ann Archibald, director of UBC's First Nations House of Learning.

"We would like to see courses that give an aboriginal perspective on science," she said, "for example, a course on ethno-biology that looks at First Nations cultural knowledge and relationships with the environment and its natural resources."

Archibald said that it is becoming increasingly important for First Nations people to learn the skills they will need for self-government. It is equally important for non-native people to learn more about and from Canada's aboriginal peoples, she added.

"It is imperative that there are more courses with First Nations



Jo-ann Archibald

content in all faculties," she said. "I think everyone would benefit from knowing more about our traditional values and knowledge."

Archibald said the program should also address the need for math and science tutoring and orientation to the university among the new students, many of whom may come from reserves and smaller schools outside the Lower Mainland.

The program will also fulfil a Faculty of Applied Science desire to enrol more First Nations students, said Sid Mindess, associate dean, Engineering Program.

"We'd like to see more native

students given the opportunity to study engineering. Right now only three of our 2,100 undergraduate engineers are First Nations students — that's not a very inspiring number," he said.

"As more land claims are settled, there will be a need for First Nations professional engineers who have an understanding of traditions and culture to help deal with resource development issues in their own communities."

B.C. Hydro has donated \$25,000 to the program to help a committee look at native engineering programs at other Canadian universities and see how their lessons could be applied at UBC.

The program's planning committee will also learn from already-existing UBC programs for First Nations students in law, education and the health sciences.

"Our goal is to have 1,000 First Nations students enrolled at UBC by the year 2000," Archibald said.

Mindess said the program aims to admit its first students in September, 1995.

# Athletics records best year so far

by Abe Heffer

Staff writer

The final score for UBC athletics in 1994: three Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) championships; eight Canada West titles; 26 Canada West All-stars; 23 CIAU individual and relay medals; 19 CIAU All-Canadians; two All-Americans; and four CIAU coach-of-the-year distinctions.

When you add all these figures together, you come away with what was arguably the most successful season in UBC history. The following are highlights:

**Women's Basketball:** Canada West champions; Carrie Carlsen and Adair Duncan chosen as Canada West All-stars.

**Men's Basketball:** Canada West All-stars Derek Christiansen and Bob Heighton led the Birds to a berth against Alberta in the Canada West championship series, before losing to the Golden Bears.

**Cross Country:** Canada West champions, men and women; Karen Reader, Lori Durward and men's team members Jeff Schiebler, Graeme Fell and Zeba Crook named All-Canadians. Marek Jedrezejek named CIAU men's coach-of-the-year.

**Women's Field Hockey:** Defeated Victoria to win Canada West title; Sam LeRiche, Laura Prellwitz and Leslie Richardson named Canada West All-stars. LeRiche also named Canada West player of the year.

**Men's Field Hockey:** Won the Berkeley Invitational Tournament at Berkeley, California.

**Men's Volleyball:** Conrad Leinemann named Canada West player of the year and All-Canadian. Bob Smith and Ross Ballard named Canada West All-stars. Dale Ohman named Canada West coach-of-the-year as T-Birds lost to Calgary in the Canada West championships.

**Women's Volleyball:** A re-

building year saw Colleen Venne replace Donna Baydock as head coach.

**Women's Swimming:** Canada West and CIAU champions. Tom Johnson named CIAU women's coach-of-the-year. Butterfly specialist Sarah Evanetz led all UBC competitors with five gold medals at the national championships.

**Men's Swimming:** Seventh at CIAU championships, with freestyler Dave Higgins winning a bronze medal.

**Women's Track and Field:** Canada West champions and second-place finishers at CIAU championship. First-year competitor Nadine Nembhard won three gold medals. Carmyn James named Canada West and CIAU women's coach-of-the-year.

**Men's Track and Field:** Seventh in CIAU championships, with Jeff Schiebler winning a gold medal and Tim Moran and Trevor Jones winning bronze.

**Rugby:** Thunderbirds won the World Cup Trophy with a victory over the University of California-Berkeley enroute to a 3-0 record in the annual California-Oregon tour.

**Skiing:** Carmine Boskovich named All-American after a sixth-place finish in slalom at the national championships. Cormac Hickish finished third in the slalom at the regional championships.

**Women's Soccer:** Canada West and CIAU champions; Sophie Spilborghs, Nicole Sedgewick, Heidi Slaymaker and Tammy Crawford named Canada West All-stars. Crawford, Slaymaker and Andrea Neil were tournament All-stars.

**Men's Soccer:** T-Birds won fifth straight Canada West crown, losing to Sherbrooke in overtime in the national championship. Kevin Hearne, Canada West and CIAU player-of-the-year, named to Canada West All-star team, along with Pat Onstad, Tom Kim,

Ricki Hikida, Chris Franks, Giuliano Oliviero, Craig Chiasson and J.P. Knezevic.

**Football:** 20-17 victory over Simon Fraser University in Shrum Bowl; Ian Hetherington, Jon Salter, Jeff Sharpe, Vince Danielsen, Dave McLaughlin and Anthony Findlay were named Canada West All-stars. Danielsen was a first-round pick of the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League.

**Golf:** Shelly Comadina's finished second at the University of California-Santa Barbara Invitational. Craig Doell and Brett Taylor recorded top-10 finishes on the men's side.

**Gymnastics:** The men finished third at the Canadian University Championships behind the performances of Steve Latham, Josh Lepawsky and Len Chong. The women finished seventh.

**Hockey:** T-Birds finished seventh in conference play.

**Rowing:** Michelle Brindamour represented Canada at the World Student Games and won a silver in the women's eight. Jack Walkey and Shawn Walsh won the open pair competition at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. They also won silver medals in the men's eight competition at the student games.

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# Innovations in teaching recognized with awards

by Gavin Wilson

Staff writer

Tom Knight will find a place of honour for his new talking stick — the traditional symbol of wisdom and the authority to speak — in his collection of Northwest Coast Native Indian art.

The talking stick is being presented to him as one of 22 UBC faculty members receiving 1994 University Teaching Prizes during spring Congregation ceremonies.

Knight, an associate professor in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration, is the winner of the Commerce Alumni Talking Stick Award for pedagogical innovation. Last year, he won the faculty's Arne Olsen Master Teacher Award for undergraduate education.

He is being honoured for developing the internship program for undergraduates studying industrial relations management — a program that recently received a national award for excellence in business-education partnerships from the Conference Board of Canada.



Tom Knight Martin Dee photo

town business community that provide tremendous benefits for the faculty and our students," Knight said.

The program has also had benefits for the participating companies, he added.

"Typically, these are our best students. The reports they write give the sponsoring companies new perspectives on what they are doing. It's a good experience for everybody," he said.

The connections made through the program have also played a key role in the creation of the faculty's Centre for Labour and Management Studies, of which Knight is director.

Recipients of University Teaching Prizes, which recognize the fundamental importance of teaching at the university, are selected by their faculties and receive \$5,000 from endowment sources.

The other winners for 1994 are:

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences: **Les Lavkulich**, professor, Dept. of Soil Science.

Faculty of Applied Science: **Clive Brereton**, associate professor, Dept. of Chemical Engineering; **Linda Leonard**, associate professor, School of Nursing.

Faculty of Arts: **Lynn Alden**, professor, Dept. of Psychology; **Thomas Blom**, associate professor, Dept. of English; **Paul Burns**, instructor, Dept. of Religious Studies; **Susanna Egan**, assistant professor, Dept. of English; **Alan Tully**, associate professor, Dept. of History.

Faculty of Commerce and

Business Administration: **Craig Pinder**, professor, Industrial Relations Management Division (CGA Master Teacher Award for graduate education).

Faculty of Education: **Patricia Arlin**, professor, Dept. of Educational Psychology and Special Education; **Kit Grauer**, senior instructor, Dept. of Visual and Performing Arts Education.

Faculty of Forestry: **Tom Sullivan**, associate professor, Dept. of Forest Sciences.

Faculty of Graduate Studies: **Brian Elliott**, professor, Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology.

Faculty of Law: **Bruce Woolley**, visiting assistant professor.

Faculty of Medicine: **Alexander Cairns**, associate professor, Division of Endocrinology, Dept. of Medicine; **David Hardwick**, professor and associate dean, Research and Planning, Dept. of Pathology; **William Schreiber**, associate professor, Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences: **Frank Abbott**, professor and chair, Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

Faculty of Science: **Murray Goldberg**, instructor, Dept. of Computer Science; **Paul Smith**, professor, Dept. of Geological Sciences; **Matthew Yedlin**, assistant professor, Dept. of Geophysics and Astronomy and Dept. of Electrical Engineering.



Lynn Alden



Paul Smith

The program gives students professional experience and exposure by placing them in organizations where they perform entry level duties in human resource management and industrial relations. While there, they also conduct an independent research project.

In six years, the internship program has placed almost 50 students with more than 25 individual sponsors, including B.C. Tel, MacMillan Bloedel, Molson's, the Hongkong Bank of Canada and the Labour Relations Board.

"The internship program helps to build bridges between the university and the down-

## News Digest

The International Student Outreach Office opened its doors recently to help make life at UBC a little easier for international students, scholars and visiting professors.

Services provided by the office include information and registration for International House programs, workshops and seminars, information on volunteer opportunities available through International House, and distribution of forms such as taxation guides and visa renewal kits to international students.

The office is located in room 262, Brock Hall, and handles

general inquiries Monday to Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 822-0617.

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The Michael Smith Awards for Science Promotion have been created to recognize the contributions of Canadians and organizations in promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics among young people.

Up to 16 awards will be given annually: two for individuals, four for public sector and non-profit organizations and 10 for private sector firms.

Awards are non-monetary

and consist of commemorative honours. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 9. For more information, call Industry Canada at (613) 993-5249 or fax (613) 998-0943.

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UBC's Faculty of Law has opened a Career Placement Office to help law students and graduates across Canada find articles, clerkships and permanent and part-time employment.

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# U of T honours UBC president

by Connie Filletti

Staff writer

UBC President David Strangway will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree on June 7 from the University of Toronto.

The honour recognizes Strangway's outstanding international contributions to science and his leadership role in the field of higher education in Canada, said University of Toronto President Robert Prichard in a letter inviting Strangway to accept the award.

A University of Toronto graduate, Strangway was a member of the university's Physics Department from 1968 to 1970 during which time he was appointed principal investigator for the study of returned lunar samples. He became a member of the lunar sample and analysis planning team responsible for overseeing the security of the samples and for their allocation to scientists around the world.

In 1970 he joined NASA as chief of the Geophysics Branch

with responsibility for the geophysical aspects of the Apollo space missions. He returned to the University of Toronto three years later to chair the Dept. of Geology where he developed electromagnetic techniques which provided basic information related to the nature, origin and evolution of the earth, moon and solar system.

Strangway was appointed vice-president and provost of the University of Toronto in 1980 and served as interim president between 1983 and 1984.

A fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, he has been awarded the NASA Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, the Virgil Kauffman Gold Medal of the Society for Exploration Geophysicists, the Logan Medal of the Geological Association of Canada and the Senior Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship, Canada's most prestigious award in the sciences.

Strangway became UBC's 11th president and vice-chancellor in 1985 and was re-appointed to a second six-year term in 1991.

## Swimming veteran pushing to the finish

by Abe Heffer

Staff writer

Kevin Draxinger has earned his swimming stripes.

A seven-year veteran of international competition, Draxinger captured a bronze medal at the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland and finished 12th at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona. Now, in the twilight of his competitive career, the Victoria Commonwealth Games in August represent his last kick at the competitive can.

Maybe.

Draxinger, who has continued to study at UBC since graduating with a BSc in Biology in 1991, is no youngster when it comes to international competition. And he knows it.

"I'm 27. That's old," he said, somewhat sheepishly.

"However, I peaked late as a competitive swimmer. I was 20 when I took part in my first international meet. That's an age when many swimmers start peaking."

Judging from his performance heading into the Commonwealth Games, Draxinger may be peaking at the right time.

He finished first in the 200-metre backstroke at the Commonwealth Games trials in March in Victoria to ensure a spot on the Canadian team in that discipline.

"It sure helps to know you're in there," he said.

Being "in there" also gives Draxinger a chance at qualifying for the World Swimming Championships in Rome in September. A fast enough time in the 200-metre backstroke in Victoria could earn him a spot on the Canadian team in Rome, and he acknowledges that it might be enough to keep the competitive fires burning for one more meet.



Kevin Draxinger

But first things first.

His goal at the Commonwealth Games is to swim as fast as he can. A medal should come into play, if everything goes right.

"The Commonwealth Games will be quite the challenge. Having the crowd behind me will be a real boost. It'll be the first opportunity for a lot of friends and relatives to see me compete."

The moral support will come in handy for Draxinger, who is expected to battle it out in the pool with the number one 200-metre backstroke artist in the Commonwealth, Scott Miller of Australia.

"My personal best is 2:00.5. Miller has clocked in at 1:59, which will probably be gold-medal territory."

In the meantime, Draxinger will continue to train at UBC until the middle of June, when he will leave for California and a series of meets before going on to Salt Lake City for altitude training. He'll compete at the National Championships in Toronto before he heads to Victoria three weeks later to wrap up his international swim career.

Maybe.



Alan Roaf photo

UBC men's varsity crew members, seen here training at Burnaby Lake, are among the athletes vying for spots on the UBC crew that will compete in the Henley Royal Regatta.

## UBC rowers to compete in Henley Royal Regatta

by Abe Heffer

Staff writer

The UBC rowing team is going back to the future.

Buoyed by the success of the university rowing program at all levels of competition this year, UBC has elected to enter a crew in the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta, site of outstanding performances by UBC rowing crews over the years.

A men's eight-oared crew will represent UBC in the university level class of competition in this year's regatta, June 29 to July 3.

"This is a tremendous boost to the varsity rowing program," said UBC rowing co-ordinator Alan Roaf.

"The program has been in a rebuilding stage in recent years, and the men's team has been making large strides. The women's team has been building steadily as well."

The Henley Royal Regatta is the Holy Grail of the rowing world, on par with the Wimbledon tennis tournament in terms of athletic prestige and tradition.

Since 1839, international club crews have congregated

on the Thames River near London to compete in 14 rowing events geared to all levels of competition.

UBC's first appearance came in 1955 at the invitation of Prince Philip, after the men's eights team captured the gold medal at the British Empire Games in Vancouver the year before. The result was a semi-final victory over the defending champions from Russia, and a subsequent narrow loss to the University of Pennsylvania in the final.

The eight-oared crew went on to win a silver at the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, while the coxless fours team from UBC won the gold.

UBC crews appeared in finals at Henley in 1972, 1976 and again in 1992, highlighted by a victory for the men's coxless fours in 1976.

Roaf believes the university is on its way to recapturing past rowing glories, as a result of top-notch recruiting and a first-rate training program.

"You need look no further than the men's novice crew, undefeated in six races this year. This is the type of winning attitude these students will take with them as they move up the com-

petitive rowing ranks through the junior varsity and varsity programs.

"The future for UBC rowing is bright indeed. The Henley Regatta offers our athletes a unique opportunity to believe in themselves as individuals and a crew and build on this year's successes," Roaf said.

The collegiate rowing season ended May 7 with a meet at the University of Victoria. The men's crew will continue to train at Burnaby Lake through early June, at which time the final selection process will be made, with 12 athletes currently vying for spots on the eight-member crew.

The Henley Royal Regatta will also give the more than 400 UBC alumni based in the United Kingdom an opportunity to meet with members of the rowing team, President David Strangway, and other university representatives at a Canada Day reception. Any current UBC faculty, staff or students in London during this time are invited to attend. The reception will be held at B.C. House in London, hosted by UBC alumnus Mark Rose, the agent general for B.C.

## JobsLine service offers 24-hour help

by Connie Filletti

Staff writer

UBC students looking for work can get round-the-clock help from a new touch-tone system introduced last year by Career and Placement Services.

The system places UBC first among Canadian universities to offer job placement and career help by telephone 24-hours-a-day.

More than 6,000 students have registered for JobsLine, the system's main service, which lists both full- and part-time employment opportunities as diverse as babysitting and computer programming.

According to estimates by the federal human resources department, the number of students aged 15 to 24 looking for work this summer will rise to about

120,000 from 116,000 in 1993.

Of these students, 102,000 to 105,000 will find jobs, leaving about 15 per cent unemployed, down slightly from last year.

Evelyn Buriak, manager of Career and Placement Services, estimates the number of jobs posted on JobsLine at 50 to 120, depending on the time of year, with new listings being added daily.

"A survey taken last September indicates that 30 per cent of the UBC students who were registered JobsLine users found work through the service," she said.

Buriak hopes to expand the range of services accessible to current students and alumni.

A recent restructuring of the office — previously called Student Placement Services — reflects the career help now being offered. An augmentation to the

JobsLine system is also underway to include a 24-hour touch-tone CareersLine.

"CareersLine will be an enhancement of our recruiting program for graduates which attempts to place them in permanent, entry-level career positions," Buriak explained.

She believes that CareersLine will facilitate recruitment by international employers.

The services offered are free for students registered at UBC. The fee for alumni is \$25 and includes a resumé consultation.

To hear employment opportunities 24-hours-a-day, students can call JobsLine at 822-8668. To list with the service, employers may call 822-6522.

For information, call 822-4011 or visit Career and Placement Services in Room 307, Brock Hall.