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Sharing First Nations culture and seeing it make a difference in elementary schools inspired Education graduate and hereditary Nisga'a chief Peter Nyce to pursue a teaching career. Nyce is one of the more than 5,500 UBC graduates to receive degrees during Spring Congregation May 26 to June 2.

Grad's passion for learning passed on

by Hilary Thomson

Staff writer

Hereditary Nisga'a chief Peter Nyce was helping people learn long before he enrolled in UBC's Faculty of Education.

It started in 1987 when his twin daughters, Samantha and Shannon, were in Grade 4 and he was invited to the school to give a cultural show and tell.

That's when Nyce, who was then working as a commercial fisherman, got hooked on education.

When he picks up his Master of Education degree during Spring Congregation May 26 to June 2, Nyce joins more than 5,500 students receiving degrees in 23 separate ceremonies taking place at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.

Nyce called his cultural presentation kit of family treasures the Tail of the Beaver, a translation of one of his Nisga'a names.

"I use functional art to teach," says Nyce, one of 14 siblings born on the reserve at Canyon City in the Nass River area of northwestern B.C. "I believe in the art of teaching with cultural artifacts using a hands-on approach."

He and his wife Hazel used items such as a deerskin drum, a 145-year-old bentwood box, feast bowl, button blankets and a cedar cradle to help children learn about First Nations culture. They also included videos, slides and traditional Nisga'a food, such as oolichan fish and sundried herring eggs on kelp.

Nyce gave the two-hour presentation to more than 100 elementary schools in Surrey and Vancouver from 1989 to 1991

while still working as a fisherman, his occupation of more than 20 years.

The satisfaction of teaching the Tail of the Beaver reinforced Nyce's belief in the value of cultural education and inspired him to enrol in UBC's Native Indian Teacher Education Program in 1990. He had already obtained a Fine Arts diploma from Kwantlen College in 1986.

He started his Master of Education degree in 1997 and developed curriculum materials to teach First Nations culture, particularly the art of the Nisga'a, as his graduate project.

"I think it's important to have First Nations teachers in public schools and in

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President's Message:

A class with the knack to acquire, apply and adapt new knowledge

As the Class of 1999, you have the interesting distinction of comprising the last cohort of UBC students to graduate in the 20th century and the first group of UBC alumni to carry a new range of knowledge into the next millennium.

Just as our first graduates in 1916 earned their degrees during a period of significant social transformation, you too, have been engaged in formal learning when the world is in the midst of sweeping, global change. But unlike the changes that characterized the first part of this century, the changes that have defined the latter part of it are based on knowledge with a capital "K."

We have constructed a Knowledge Society, and our economic prosperity and social well-being will increasingly centre around lifelong learners who have the knack of acquiring, applying, and adapting theoretical and analytical knowledge. As such, your education at

UBC has provided you with a vital foundation for personal and professional development.

In the context of this Knowledge Society, what can you anticipate for your life in the 21st century? Patterns of work are changing. You may embark upon several careers for many different organizations. You may secure employment that takes you to other countries or otherwise crosses international boundaries. You may live and work in environments that require an understanding of many disciplines, rather than a concentration in one field.

Whatever the particular parameters of your career, one thing is certain: formal education no longer ends with Congregation. Your life as a UBC alum will involve a process of continual learning and educational renewal. Whether you return to UBC for further studies or learn over the Internet or undertake courses in a corporate or

non-profit setting, the rapidity with which research and knowledge are evolving means learning will be critical to social and economic resiliency.

UBC, your alma mater, will continue to be an intellectual catalyst for its students and prepare them to meet the opportunities, challenges, and needs of a knowledge-based society. It will be a vibrant research and learning centre and will reach out to its community and to the country to help build a strong, prosperous, and compassionate society. As UBC alumni, you are crucial to this undertaking. You are each a repository, a conduit, and a creator of knowledge. I am confident that the Class of 1999 will distinguish itself by generating the new ideas and creative initiatives that will benefit us all in the next millennium.

Martha C. Piper

Martha C. Piper, President



Piper

Passion

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reserve schools," says Nyce, one of 6,500 Nisga'a in B.C. "I'm able to tell my story of successes and failures that got me where I am today. That helps young people see that we can make it — it's possible."

Nyce has served as an elected education co-ordinator for the Nisga'a Tribal Council for two years. As a Lower Mainland representative, Nyce helps to develop curriculum and also chairs education conventions in the Nass River area.

Currently teaching a native studies course at Earl Marriot Secondary School in Surrey, Nyce feels he is preparing for an opportunity to return to the Nass River area to teach.

"Another of my Nisga'a names, Tiiowkx, describes where I'm at right now," he says. "The name means where the salmon rests before going up river. I'm not resting but I do see that another journey lies ahead of me."

This year's Congregation ceremonies take place Wednesday, May 26 to Friday, May 28 and from Monday, May 31 to Wednesday, June 2. Ceremonies will be held at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day except Friday, May 28 on which there will be no 4:30 p.m. ceremony.

Degrees will be conferred on students from 12 faculties. Six honorary degrees will also be conferred.

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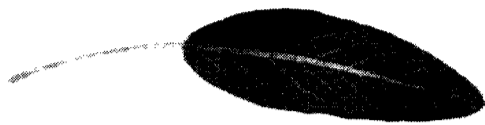
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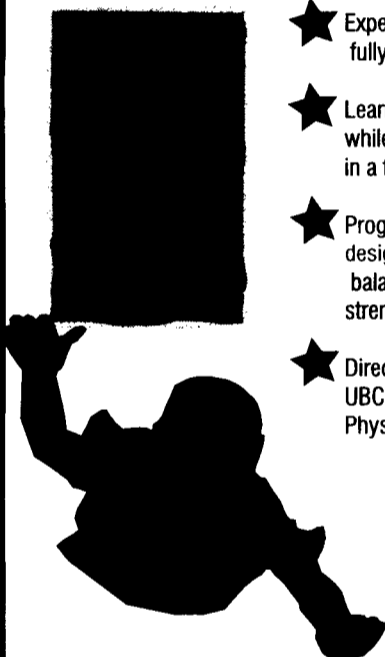
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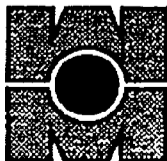
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Zoology Assoc. Prof. Lee Gass is one of 23 faculty to receive UBC's Killam Teaching Prize this year. Gass is a driving force behind the new Integrated Science degree program which aims to help students break down traditional boundaries between disciplines and come to grips with the connectedness of scientific knowledge.

Winning teachers open minds, provoke ideas

by Hilary Thomson

Staff writer

Provocative, innovative and risky are the words that spring to mind as Killam Teaching Prize winner Lee Gass describes his 35 years as an educator.

An associate professor of Zoology and a faculty member since 1974, Gass is one of 23 faculty members to receive University Killam Teaching Prizes during Spring Congregation.

"It's not about curriculum or methods — it's about helping students to be open to what they don't know," says Gass.

As well as teaching first-year Biology, Gass is one of the designers and instructors of both the Science One program, a multidisciplinary intensive alternative to the standard first year in Science and the new Integrated Science degree program.

Both programs aim to help students understand the connectedness of scientific knowledge.

"For a while I felt like the Lone Ranger because my ideas about breaking down traditional boundaries between disciplines weren't widely shared," he says.

The Integrated Science course called "The Size of Things," which Gass co-instructed, exemplifies the novel and comprehensive approach to scientific notions.

The course looked at the consequences of size or scale on a broad range of processes from biological to cosmic.

Participants in both programs, including faculty, are encouraged to risk exposing their ignorance through questions in a highly interactive atmosphere characterized by both rigour and trust. Students are free to air concerns and challenge what and how they are learning.

"My role is not to teach — it's to accept responsibility for people learning," says Gass.

He says he got into teaching for all the wrong reasons, reacting to the conformity, confines and disrespect for students he saw in his own early education.

"There had to be a better way," he says. "Once students are released from the external pressures of the traditional system, the internal pressure of the excitement to learn just about bursts out of them."

Gass has presented his ideas about integrated and interactive learning to educators around the world.

When he is not in the classroom, Gass

researches the behaviour of hummingbirds and recharges his creativity by carving stone sculptures.

Killam Teaching Prize winners are selected by their faculties on the basis of recommendations from students and colleagues. Each winner receives \$5,000 from university endowment sources.

Energy and creativity are hallmarks of the recipients' teaching style.

Each class taught by English Prof. **Eva-Marie Kröller** seems to have a "delirious inner life of its own" according to one student.

A dynamo and a powerhouse of awe-inspiring and infectious energy is how colleagues and students describe Assoc. Prof. **Steven Lee** of the Dept. of History and the International Relations Program.

Presentations by Earth and Ocean Sciences Assoc. Prof. **Bruce Buffett** are said to be like jewels — exquisitely crafted and glittering with value.

Religious Studies Assoc. Prof. **Paul Mosca** is known to turn his students into disciples by the sheer force of example with his charismatic teaching.

Students say Geography Prof. **Derek Gregory**'s classes are singular performances for which he is impeccably prepared, bursting with enthusiasm and information.

Law Prof. **Keith B. Farquhar**'s students call him a model of ideal lawyerly conduct who can take a difficult and complex subject and make it intelligible.

Other Killam Teaching Prize recipients for 1999 include:

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences: **Art Bomke**, Soil Science. Faculty of Applied Science: **Greg Bond**, Electrical and Computer Engineering; **Sherry McKay**, School of Architecture. Faculty of Arts: **Bozena Karwowska**, Slavic Program, Germanic Studies. Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration: **Dan Gardiner**, Marketing. Faculty of Dentistry: **Christopher Wyatt**, Oral Health Sciences. Faculty of Education: **Deirdre Kelly**, Educational Studies; **Jolie Mayer-Smith**, Curriculum Studies. Faculty of Forestry: **John Nelson**, Forest Resources Management. Faculty of Graduate Studies: **David Ley**, Geography. Faculty of Medicine: **William A. Webber**, Anatomy; **Morris Pudek**, Pathology; **Karim A. Gayumi**, Surgery. Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences: **Wayne Riggs**. Faculty of Science: **Ian Cavers**, Computer Science; **Jaymie Matthews**, Physics and Astronomy.

One-of-a-kind marshal makes day memorable

by Bruce Mason

Staff writer

Hundreds of gowned biochemists, foresters, lawyers, musicians, and other graduates have formed into rows. Years of struggle and final exams are finished. They've made it, but they are nervous.

From the front of the large room in the Graduate Student Centre, a 6-foot-5 man with a warm voice and easy laugh is explaining what will be expected of them in a few minutes when they arrive at Congregation ceremonies in the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.

"How many kneeling stools do you think there are on the stage?" he asks, holding up one finger. "This is low stress — there's one kneeling stool — you can't miss it," he says. "Right knee, left knee, one knee, two knees, it doesn't matter — just get down."

Ask a UBC alumnus what they remember about Congregation and chances are pretty good they will say, "Nestor Korchinsky, the guy who did the warm-up."

For more than 20 years, as head marshal of the student procession, he has had his finger on the pulse of Congregation ceremonies and touched the hearts of tens of thousands of graduates.

"Congregation is the celebration of a significant transition in life. It should be memorable," he says.

Korchinsky likens Congregation to a computer — what you see requires countless hours of careful and precise programming behind the scenes.



Korchinsky

"For each graduate there is really only one ceremony, so each of the 23 we are staging this year has to be equally magnificent," he says.

"Every one represents a unique and important opportunity for the university community to say to our students we're proud of your achievements and you have our best wishes and support."

Steve Wexler, associate professor of Law, and Ted Danner, professor emeritus in Geology, are marshals who help out.

"We're graduation junkies and we try to make each ceremony run smoothly and give everyone as much pleasure as possible," says Wexler. "Nestor is wonder-

ful at this. He has a gift and he is a master."

For the other 50 weeks of the year, Korchinsky, assistant professor of Human Kinetics, is co-ordinator of UBC's Intramural Sports and Recreation program. With more than 15,000 participants, it's the largest in the country, and widely regarded as the best.

Elis Courtney, manager of Ceremonies and Events, says, "Alumni ask me all the time, 'How's Nestor?' He did so much to make my graduation memorable."

"We are considering videotaping him, so in the future we can study what he does, but I doubt if we will ever truly capture it."

Congregation schedule, see Page 11

Undergraduates on leading edge

Twenty-two students have been named Wesbrook Scholars for outstanding achievement among undergraduates. Students must rank in the top 10 per cent of their class and must possess the ability to serve, work with and lead other people.

An honorary designation, Wesbrook Scholars are nominated by their faculty or school and selected by a committee.

To qualify, students must complete at least one winter session, be in their second to last or final year of undergraduate studies, or in the Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Dental Medicine programs.

The awards are sponsored by the Wesbrook Society, an organization of the university's major benefactors.

This year's Wesbrook Scholars are: **Faisal Baloch**, Law; **Chris Halsey-Brandt**, Arts; **Huy Chau**, Science; **Roger Donaldson**, Science; **Erica Ellis**, Arts; **Jody Jacques**, Medicine; **Kirsten Jenkins**, Law; **Kristi Kenyon**, Arts;

Lauren Lewis, Medicine; **Scott MacLachlan**, Science; **Jonathan Nakane**, Science; **Lori Passmore**, Science; **Peter Smith**, Law; **Neena Sonik**, Commerce and Business Administration; **Michelle Withers**, Medicine; **Paul Yong**, Science.

Also joining the ranks of the Wesbrook Scholars are winners of the Sherwood Lett, Harry Logan, Amy E. Sauder/Jean Craig Smith, John H. Mitchell, and C.K. Choi Scholarships, who automatically receive the designation.

They are: **Fahreen Dossa**, Science (Sherwood Lett Memorial Scholarship); **Laura Bennion**, Medicine (C. K. Choi Scholarship); **Kristine Chambers**, Human Kinetics (Harry Logan Memorial Scholarship); **Kim Stanton**, Law (John H. Mitchell Memorial Scholarship); **Jenna Newman**, Arts (Amy E. Sauder Scholarship); **Kibben Jackson**, Law (Jean Craig Smith Scholarship).

Medal winners earn gold, silver

Gold medals, presented by the Governor General of Canada, are awarded to graduate students at UBC and other Canadian universities who have achieved the highest standing at both the master's and doctoral level. Students who are deemed the best in the graduating class for the BA and BSc degrees receive silver medals.

This year's recipients of the Governor General's Academic Medals are:

Governor General's Gold Medal (Head of the Graduating Classes in the Faculty of

Graduate Studies, Master's Programs): **Jean-Francois Frigon**, Governor-General's Gold Medal (Head of the Graduating Classes in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Doctoral Programs); **Obiora Chinedu Okafor**, Governor-General's Silver Medal in Arts (Head of the Graduating Class in the Faculty of Arts, BA degree); **Lisa Marie Brocklebank**, Governor-General's Silver Medal in Science (Head of the Graduating Class in the Faculty of Science, BSc degree); **Harley T. Kurata**.

Days and nights hitting the books brings grads reward

Twenty-nine top UBC students in each degree program finished their studies at the head of their class this academic year. Among them are winners of the Governor General's Academic Medals (listed on page 3). They are:

American Institute of Certified Planners Prize (Most outstanding graduating student in Community and Regional Planning): **Randy Lee Cleveland**

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Gold Medal (Most outstanding record in the graduating class of Applied Science, BAsC): **Irfan Amir Nurmahomed Dhalla**

B.C. Dental Hygienists Association Gold Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Dental Hygiene, BDS): **Lisa Anne Enns**

Helen L. Balfour Prize (Head of the Graduating Class in Nursing, BSN): **Rhonda Yvonne Kropp**

Dr. Maxwell A. Cameron Memorial Medal and Prize (Head of the Graduating Class in Education, Elementary Teaching field, BE): **Judith Anne Aiken**

Ruth Cameron Medal for Librarianship (Head of the Graduating Class in Librarianship, MLIS):

Katherine Thompson Prophet

Carter-Horner Medal and Prize for Pharmaceutical Sciences (Head of the Graduating Class in Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSc [Pharm]):

Robert Walter Lafreniere

College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia Gold Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Dentistry, DMD): **Jacalyn Megan Solid**

Professor C.F.A. Culling Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Prize (greatest overall academic excellence in the graduating class of the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science): **Merrilee Atina Hughes**

Dr. Brock Fahmi Prize in Occupational Therapy (Head of the Graduating Class in Rehabilitation Sciences, Occupational Therapy, BSc [OT]): **Lauren Grace Lewis**

Dr. Brock Fahmi Prize in Physiotherapy (Head of the Graduating Class in Rehabilitation Sciences, Physiotherapy, BSc [PT]): **Karolyn June Lock**

Hamber Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Medicine, MD, best cumulative record in all years of course): **Nadia Yvette Zalunardo**

Human Kinetics Faculty Prize (Head of the Graduating Class

in Human Kinetics, BHK): **David William Wilde**

Kiwanis Club Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Commerce and Business Administration, BComm): **Margaret Anne Slowinski**

Law Society Gold Medal and Prize (Head of the Graduating Class in Law, LLB): **Matthew Joseph Westphal**

H.R. MacMillan Prize in Forestry (Head of the Graduating Class in Forestry, BSF or BSc [Forestry]): **Jennifer Alice Wild**

Merck Frosst Pharmacy Doctoral Prize (Head of the Graduating Class in Pharmacy, PharmD): **Robert Mihovil Balen**

Dr. John Wesley Neill Medal and Prize (Head of Graduating Class in Landscape Architecture, BLA): **Cecilia Maria Achiam**

Royal Architecture Institute of Canada Medal (graduating student with the highest standing in the School of Architecture): **Robert Laurent Plain**

Wilfrid Sadler Memorial Gold Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Agricultural Sciences, BSc [Agr]): **Jessica Marie Paterson**

Roy Stokes Medal in Archival Studies (Head of the Graduating Class in Archival Studies, MAS): **Elizabeth Walker Wright**

Marjorie Ellis Topping Memorial Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Social Work, BSW): **Beth Nichole Collison**

University of B.C. Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Family and Nutritional Sciences): **Alice Ho Wing Chen**

University of B.C. Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Fine Arts, BFA): **Alison Joy Dakin Maddaugh**

University of B.C. Medal (Head of the Graduating Class in Music, BMus): **Dana Marie Luccock**

Year overflows with feats and honours

May 1998

• UBC's downtown Women's Resources Centre celebrates 25 years of operation.

June 1998

• UBC President Martha Piper is named Communicator of the Year by the International Association of Business Communicators of B.C.

• Mechanical Engineering Prof. Martha Salcudean, Electrical Engineering Prof. Emeritus Charles Laszlo, Dr. Michael O'Shaughnessy and Board of Governors member Ken Georgetti receive the Order of B.C.

July 1998

• Former UBC dean of Law Lynn Smith is appointed a B.C. Supreme Court judge.

August 1998

• Maria Klawe, vice-president, Student and Academic Services, is appointed dean of the Faculty of Science.

September 1998

• Humanities 101, a free, UBC non-credit course designed to provide access to post-secondary level course work in the humanities to the city's disadvantaged begins.

• Medicine Assoc. Prof. Carol-Ann Courneya and Nursing Assoc. Prof. Barbara Paterson are named 3M Teaching Fellows.

October 1998

• More than 300 people attend UBC's first-ever annual general meeting held downtown and on campus.

• *The Ubyssy* student newspaper celebrates its 80th anniversary.

• UBC alumnus and diamond explorer Stewart Blusson donates \$50 million to the university to fund basic research.

November 1998

• UBC maintains its ranking as fourth overall in *Maclean's* annual ranking of Canadian universities. In student services, the survey shows UBC second only to the University of Toronto.

• *Trek 2000*, UBC's vision for the 21st century is approved by UBC's Board of Governors.

• Poet and Creative Writing alumna Stephanie Bolster wins a Governor General's Literary Award.

December 1998

• UBC faculty and student volunteers help develop a Canada-wide electronic hiring hall.

January 1999

• Biotechnology Laboratory researcher Brett Finlay wins the 1998 Steacie Prize, Canada's top award for young scientists and engineers.

• Dr. Donald Calne, Dr. Judith Hall, Prof. Emeritus Michael Ames and Assoc. Prof. Emerita Verna Kirkness are named to the Order of Canada.

February 1999

• English Dept. head Prof. Sherrill Grace and Physics Prof. Janice McKenna are awarded UBC's top research prizes for 1998.

• A noted academic, Daniel F. Muzyka, is appointed dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration.

• Physicist Douglas Bonn is among four Canadians to receive the 1999 NSERC Steacie Fellowship.

March 1999

• The Leon and Thea Koerner University Centre opens.

• The Museum of Anthropology celebrates its 50th anniversary.

• Math scholar Jingyi Chen, an assistant professor of Mathematics, is one of only two Canadians to win the prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship.

April 1999

• Brian D. Sullivan is appointed as vice-president, Students. Sullivan is currently associate vice-president of Student Affairs at the University of Guelph.

• Historical geographer Prof. Cole Harris earns the Dean of Arts award for exceptional contributions in teaching, research, administration and service.

• A record 13 UBC women are nominated in this year's YWCA Women of Distinction awards.

Pit Pub Student Union Building UBC

Notice of proposed change in hours of service

The Alma Mater Society (AMS) has requested that the University support a change in the hours of service under the liquor licence covering the Student Union Building. It is proposed that the change of hours affect only the Pit Pub. At the present time alcoholic beverages are served in the Pit Pub between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. (The facility provides regular food service outside of these hours.) The AMS has proposed that the revised hours of sale be between 12 noon and 2:00 a.m. This will bring the Pit Pub closing time in line with off-campus venues.

The University welcomes comments regarding this proposed change. Comments should be received by June 1, 1999. Please address your comments to:

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Graduates make mark from start to finish

Nurse displays maternal instinct

by Bruce Mason

Staff writer

"Men care differently," says nurse Barry Thornloe.

He is precisely where he wants to be, working in labour and delivery at the Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia. And Thornloe — one of four males in a class of 71 to earn a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Nursing this year — plans to move up in his chosen profession.

To those who scoff or ask, "Why not be a doctor?" his reply is unequivocal and emphatic.

"I want to be a nurse," he says.

Thornloe had previously ignored the call. He grew up in Langley as a people person with a love of science.

"I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do when I started studying biology at UBC in 1990," he says.

In his second year he picked up some nursing brochures but couldn't find much support for the idea of switching studies, he says. He graduated with a BSc in 1994, still unsure of the career he would pursue.

He took a year off to see the world including England, where

his maternal grandfather began a career as a nurse.

"My mother's family told me stories about my grandfather's nursing experiences, including the Second World War," he recalls. "It was at the end of a personal journey and I was feeling independent, so I phoned my parents and announced, 'I want to be a nurse. Please register me at UBC.'"

Thornloe says men should be encouraged to make a similar decision.

"We learn and care differently and have important contributions to make" he says. "It could be my mannerisms, or my approach, perhaps it's my gender, but when I'm nursing, men seem to come out of their shells."

"In any case, everyone knows there's a shortage of nurses," he adds.

Only two per cent of nurses in Canada are male. But at UBC's School of Nursing the ratio is higher.

"Between four and 12 per cent of UBC's beginning undergraduate nursing students are male," says Katharyn May, director of the School of Nursing. "Those who find us are career-oriented and are very aware that the baccalaureate program is the right way to enter the profession."

"We're beginning to attract more people from other disciplines, particularly people like Barry, who really want to make a difference in the world," she adds. "We've revamped the program to make it easier for them. Multiple entry level options are now available for qualified students to earn an undergraduate degree in Nursing in two-and-a-half years instead of the traditional four years."

Thornloe met his girlfriend Trish at the school. She is also graduating in Nursing and working in the field which interests her most, geriatric care.

He aspires to becoming a nurse on Medijet and other areas involving patients at high risk. In the meantime he comes home from a shift tired, but rewarded.

"It's difficult to get down when you are working with mothers, newborns and new birth families," he says. "I simply think back and count the number of births in which I have helped."



Barry Thornloe

Bruce Mason photo

Speaking up leads mum to law

by Susan Stern

Staff writer

Ten years ago, Darlene Kavka became a leading advocate in her Courtenay community over concerns that high voltage power lines could cause cancer. With a natural ability to speak effectively, she knew she had a special talent for standing up for the things in which she believed.

A few years later, she went to bat as a volunteer advocate for the school reinstatement of a disabled nine-year old girl in Hudson's Hope, B.C.

"I realized I wasn't as effective for my clients as an advocate as I could be as a lawyer," she says.

Kavka decided to see if there was any law school that would consider accepting a 37-year-old former dental assistant with a high school education. She turned down Osgoode Hall and came to UBC.

In addition to raising two children, dealing with a nasty car accident and struggling to make ends meet while going to school full-time, Kavka has realized her dream. She graduates this month with her Law degree.

"I have found a great level of discipline in law school that I didn't have as a younger person fresh out of high school," Kavka says. "And the moral support of the faculty and staff has been tremendous. Their kindness and concern has given me faith in myself."

Kavka was initially surprised and then reassured to find herself among students in their 40s and 50s.

"People aren't looking at themselves being finished at 40 and I think that's a healthy attitude," she says. "I had a lot of brilliant people surrounding me in class and I've been proud to be in their midst."

Kavka is also honoured that

she was the only law student to sit on the Benchers Equity and Diversity Committee of the Law Society of B.C. A strong proponent of the Charter of Rights, Kavka believes it must apply to everyone and "shouldn't just be the best rights money can buy."

Kavka is adamant about not sacrificing her principles to fit the system.

"I'm leaving law school with my ideals intact. I feel good about that," she says.

Opting not to practise in a big-city law firm, she will start her legal career in Dawson Creek.

She plans to continue honing her advocacy skills and hopes to become involved in all aspects of family law, general litigation, criminal defence, real estate transactions, wills and estates.

"My goal is to speak for those who can't. The fact that I really believe in what I'm doing is what gives me the strength to speak up," Kavka says.



Darlene Kavka and family

Darlene Kavka photo

Wood grad set to reshape future

by Bruce Mason

Staff writer

Tom Sweatman is among a select group poised to reshape Canada's future wood industry. He's one of the first 10 graduates to earn a UBC Bachelor of Science in Wood Products Processing from the Faculty of Forestry.

Its graduates are in extremely high demand by industry and Sweatman has just accepted a challenging position representing Canadian furniture giant, Palliser, in Asia.

"It's a dream job when you consider that I want to work in the wood business on a global scale and see the world," says Sweatman, who will be one-half of a team with fellow graduate, Alexander MacKenzie.

"Asian exports have transformed the North American wood products market and we will act as an international sourcing team," he explains. "We want to find new opportunities in Asia to

export furniture components, finished goods and new materials."

The five-year undergraduate degree includes at least 20 months of carefully selected work experience and Sweatman is no stranger at Winnipeg-based Palliser. He completed a four-month and eight-month work term at the company, which is among the top 10 furniture manufacturers in North America.

He also completed four-month work terms with NASCOR, a pre-fab housing company based in Calgary, and Primex Forest Products in Delta.

"I've had first-hand experience from the plant floor right up through senior management," says the Winnipeg native.

"I wanted a focused work-study program which directly applied science to the real world," says Sweatman, who heard "good things" about Wood Products Processing while he was enrolled in second-year Science at UBC.

"The faculty is flexible, indus-

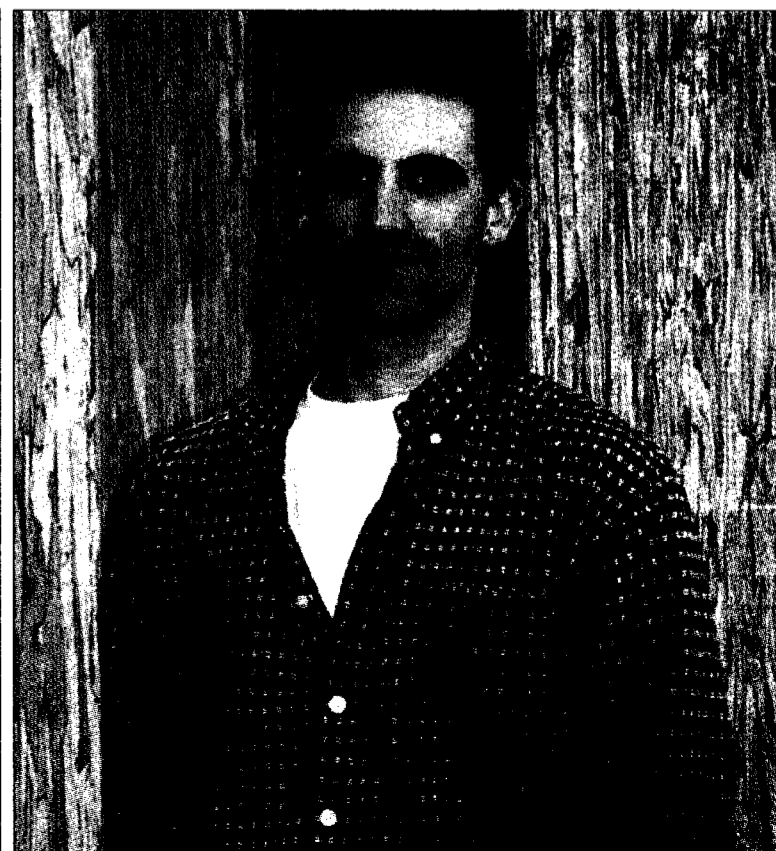
try-driven and keep their office doors open," he adds. "They frequently gave us opportunities to help develop the curriculum."

An example of what makes the program special is a course which featured an international expert in facility design from Germany, Sweatman says.

There were no lectures. Instead the class was divided into groups with each expected to design a plant and present the project to would-be investors.

"It was a capstone class and a very intensive three weeks which included weekends and lots of late nights," says Sweatman.

"An innovative, hands-on approach to wood products processing is evolving to fill a strongly perceived national need," says John McLean, acting dean of Forestry. "Tom Sweatman is an example of how our graduates will take better advantage of Canada's wood supply and create new opportunities in the global marketplace."



Tom Sweatman

Bruce Mason photo

Leaders and community builders



Karen Hammell and husband Ike

Susan Stern photo

UBC's Class of

PhD grad inspired by disabled

by Susan Stern

Staff writer

An occupational therapist, Karen Hammell was aware of many of us believe life with complete paralysis isn't worth living and was concerned with the lack of in-depth research on how people cope.

She has just completed a PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies that applied rehabilitation sciences, anthropology and sociology to the study of disability.

Originally from England, Hammell emigrated to Saskatchewan. Her interest in disabilities was triggered after working with people who had difficulty performing daily tasks.

In 1980 she met her husband who was paralysed from the neck down. She became convinced

that people living with disabilities could maintain a rich and meaningful life.

For her doctoral thesis Hammell conducted a seven-month study examining the quality of life perceived by 15 people, ages 21 to 50, who are completely paralysed below the neck. The results were inspiring — all of them told her they are glad to be alive.

Some felt positive immediately, Hammell says, but for others it took years to shed society's stigma and realize they still had much to offer. They all agreed being confined to an institution was worse than being paralysed.

"One man was told at 19 that he would only live two years and never leave the institution," Hammell says. "He's now 40,

married with children and a successful business man."

Hammell says the situation in B.C. is unique because these individuals fought for social policies that would allow them to live independently.

"When you meet these people doing ordinary things like heading to work, picking up their kids or travelling overseas, the rationale for keeping them in institutions seems clearly flawed," she says.

Hammell's thesis will be published in professional journals and she plans to turn it into a book.

"The stories of my subjects can offer newly injured people and their families some insight into the kind of lives that may be possible," Hammell says. "I think this provides hope even in the absence of a cure."

Surgery med student's next gig

by Hilary Thomson

Staff writer

When Cam Bowman steps on stage to receive his medical degree this month he'll be on familiar territory.

Bowman has racked up thousands of hours on stages across North America in his 10 years as a professional musician with the Juno Award-winning band, Barney Bentall and the Legendary Hearts.

Trained in classical music on a piano his grandparents rented for him, he switched to rock and roll in high school and started dreaming of going professional. His wish came true right after graduation when he got his first job with a band as a keyboard player.

Life as a professional musician was exciting but it competed with another of Bowman's goals — he wanted to be a doctor.

"When I was a kid we had an encyclopedia with those transparent overlay pages that illustrated the human body — nerves, muscles, internal organs — everything," he says. "I was fascinated with those illustrations. I wanted to know how everything worked."

He enrolled in pre-med studies at Simon Fraser University and started looking for a group he could play with part-time. He found one called the Revengers, later to become the Bentall band.

When the group got a record deal with Columbia, Bowman abandoned student life and once again hit the road.

He spent the next 10 years with the group, making three albums and travelling coast to coast.

At age 30, Bowman knew he was ready to leave the band and pick up his studies. He com-

pleted another year of pre-med and entered UBC medical school in 1995 as a mature student.

"It was kind of intimidating. I've never been a super straight-A student," he says. "But medicine isn't rocket science — it's just hard work."

Singing with and directing the UBC Medical Student choir has allowed him to mix music and medicine.

He'll soon have a chance to put his creativity to work again — but this time not at the keyboard. He's been accepted to a five-year residency in plastic surgery at UBC.

"I'm nervous, honoured and excited all at the same time," he says. "I love surgery and I love the feeling of doing something active and constructive."

For a man with talented hands it seems to hit the right note.



Cam Bowman

Hilary Thomson photo



Nazeeh Abunasra

John Chong photo

Travelling dentist covers continents

by Hilary Thomson

Staff writer

Globetrotting graduate Nazeeh Abunasra has been halfway around the world in pursuit of a career in dentistry.

He graduates this spring from the Faculty of Dentistry's International Dental Completion program.

Abunasra was raised in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. When his brother moved to Scotland to go to medical school, Abunasra joined him and enrolled in the dental program at the University of Glasgow.

"When I was six, I lost a permanent tooth playing hide-and-seek," he says. "I spent a lot of time in the dentist's chair. Besides getting a new tooth, I got an interest in dentistry."

After graduation in 1996, he decided to continue his studies in North America.

"North American dentistry has

the highest standard of practice worldwide," says Abunasra. "To stay up-to-date and to undertake any specialty, I realized this had to be my next stop."

To practice in Canada, however, he needed to re-qualify by taking two years of undergraduate dentistry at a Canadian school.

He took his first look at Vancouver when he arrived for his interview at UBC.

"When I was introduced in class so many people came up to shake my hand," he says. "Canada is the most friendly place I've lived — Canadians are very civilized."

He says he mixed in easily with his fellow classmates despite his graduate status and found there was lots of new material to learn.

"Things change so fast in dentistry — almost half of the work and practice was new information," he says.

An avid soccer player, Abunasra is a member of the Faculty's intramural team. Living in Vancouver has also allowed him to take up skiing.

Although he misses Dubai's sunny climate, Abunasra says he hasn't experienced significant culture shock on his travels because the United Arab Emirates has a multinational mix of residents.

The Big Apple is the next stop on Abunasra's educational trek. He'll complete a one-year internship in oral surgery in New York City and then hopes to qualify as an oral surgeon. It's a goal that means four more years of schooling.

Abunasra is not sure where he will eventually set up practice but expects to stay in North America because of its superior continuing dental education opportunities.

"The inventions, discoveries and techniques that change dental practice — they all happen here," he says.

of tomorrow find future in learning

1999 Graduates

Friends' futures in good earth

by Bruce Mason

Staff writer

Adrielle Hawes and Christina Custer were raised in the big city but say that Agricultural Sciences 300 and Soil Science 433 were their favourite courses on the way to earning bachelor's degrees in Agricultural Sciences.

The first, AgSci 300, was a field trip to farms around the province. Both say the second course is what it's all about.

"Human beings have lost touch with the very thing that is vital to survival — where food comes from," says Hawes. "Soil is essential, complex and fascinating. We need to learn much more about it."

At Churchill High School in Vancouver where the two met in Grade 8, their Geography teacher told them that too many people think farmers are uneducated, says Custer.

"She taught her students that farmers deserve the highest respect for knowing so much about soil, as well as horticulture, business, marketing, irrigation, and more," she says.

"It isn't taught in basic high school science, so it's common for students to shout 'Gee Whiz!' when they start studying and thinking about soil," says Soil Science Assoc. Prof. Art Bomke.

Hawes, who has a lifelong love of the outdoors and a mother who is an avid backpacker, was raised in a family that planted and harvested fruit in their Vancouver garden.

Custer grew up listening to her grandmother's first-hand accounts of life on a farm in her native Germany.

Their studies took them far from campus. Hawes spent a year in the Philippines, studying Third World subsistence agriculture and "learned more about rice than I will ever need." Custer went to Sweden to study European farming first hand.

As well, they completed a summer internship at an organic fruit orchard in B.C.'s Similkameen Valley.

"We picked a ton of cherries, weeded a lot of ginseng, and took part in slaughtering chickens — something everyone should do once in their life to establish contact and respect for live animals and other sources of food," says Custer.

The two graduates don't consider themselves environmental activists, but advocates for education and awareness about ecological approaches to living, especially around agriculture and food production.

"In response to the needs of students and to society our Fac-

ulty is being transformed," says Dean of Agricultural Sciences Moura Quayle. "We have identified four program areas which focus on ecosystem, community and human health in a way that broadly addresses the route to a healthy planet, which is a major concern for so many people."

Hawes chose Agroecology, which includes animal studies, horticulture, resource economics, soils and environment. Custer selected Global Resource Systems, in which students focus on resource specialization within a region of the world.

Another new program is Community and Environment, which features landscape architecture and home economics. The fourth program, Food, Nutrition and Health concentrates on dietetics, food science, food marketing management and nutritional sciences.

Custer is working this summer as a plant health consultant for a private company in Kelowna. Hawes has been hired as a research assistant in Bomke's soil lab.

"Studying at UBC brought us to a better understanding of how to care for the land," Hawes says.

"The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences offers a great deal to anyone who wants to improve global ecology," Custer adds.



Adrielle Hawes and Christina Custer

Bruce Mason photo

"Human beings have lost touch with the very thing that is vital to survival — where food comes from."

— Adrielle Hawes



Christopher Ming Lee

Susan Stern photo

Did you know?

■ There were 41 graduates at UBC's first graduation ceremony May 4, 1916. Today the student population has grown to more than 26,000 undergraduates and 6,400 graduate students as well as more than

40,000 non-credit, certificate and distance education learners.

■ There are 75 commemorative trees planted on the UBC campus by graduating classes, a tradition begun in 1919.

Literature ties scholar to heritage

by Susan Stern

Staff writer

Christopher Ming Lee's love of literature is closely tied to his deep interest in Chinese-Canadian history. He became fascinated by how people express themselves and by their use of language after interviewing Chinese-Canadian World War II veterans for an oral history project.

Lee has completed an honours bachelor's degree in English, specializing in Asian-North American literature.

"English classes gave me ways to think about history, about the Chinese community and how we look at our identities through narratives," says Lee. "My studies have given me a way of thinking about things that is really useful. I have learned how to communicate the stories of my heritage."

The son of immigrants — his mother is a Hong Kong native and his engineer father is from Macau — Lee grew up in Gibson's on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast. The family later moved to West Vancouver where Lee went to high school.

Lee, a straight-A student, has won many scholarships, including the President's Entrance Scholarship, the British Columbia Odyssey of the Mind Scholarship and the Province of British Columbia Scholarship. The Hugh M. Brock Education Abroad Scholarship sent him to the University of California at Irvine for a year where he made the dean's honour list.

Lee is a youth co-ordinator with the Vancouver Chinese Cultural Centre and has worked with immigrant Chinese students about identity issues and the difficulty of switching from Cantonese or Mandarin to English. He also enjoys taking students on guided tours of Chinatown.

"Whenever I do a tour I like to tell the kids that Chinatown is a Canadian community," he says. "I talk about racism and the history of discrimination and how certain Chinese-Canadian histories are reflected in the buildings."

Lee is particularly proud of his involvement last year organizing the Chinese-Canadian

Community Day at the Chinese Cultural Centre, which attracted 2,000 people.

"It was a great experience because we gained a sense of making a difference in the community," Lee says.

An accomplished musician, Lee holds a diploma from the London College of Music in Piano Teaching. He has composed a jazz work for Asian instruments and is currently completing a big-band jazz project.

Lee credits UBC with giving him an opportunity to be part of different communities from the English Dept. to the University Christian Ministry, on whose behalf he helped tutor inner city children in New Jersey.

Lee, who is pursuing a doctorate in literature and Asian-North American culture, would like to teach at the university level.

"I really admire teachers who try to bridge the gap between academic life and the outside world," Lee says.

It would seem that Christopher Lee is already well on his way to becoming the teacher of his ideals.

Learning a matter for life say graduates

Time to refocus for Rhodes scholar

by Bruce Mason

Staff writer

Murray McCutcheon — B.C.'s 1999 Rhodes scholar — was raised in the shadow of the campus of the University of British Columbia. While he earned a BSc and a master's degree in Physics, he was a member of Canada's national triathlete team. Now he's changing course at Oxford.

"I chose Oxford's PPE program — Philosophy, Politics, and Economics," he says. "People wonder why I'm making such a profound change of studies. But the Rhodes Scholarship provides me with a singular opportunity to explore something entirely different and broaden my perspective of the human world beyond my focused research of the physical world."

The scholarship pays all expenses for two years of study at Oxford. Earning one requires high scholastic achievement, ac-

complishment in sports, strong leadership qualities and demonstrated public service.

"There was never any question in my mind that I would attend UBC," McCutcheon says. "My father is a Physics professor and as a young child I wandered the halls near his office, marveling at everything, especially the fact that there was a rocket in the building."

As a first-year Science student in 1992, he brought a broad variety of interests into his new but somewhat familiar world. He chose to specialize in Physics and entered the honours co-op program to gain practical work experience. He says it was unforgettable.

"In 1994, I spent eight months at the Canadian Space Agency in Montreal working with astronaut Bjarni Tryggvason, a UBC Engineering Physics grad," he recalls. "I helped design an experiment on how fluids behave in zero gravity and tested it during four flights

on NASA's KC-135 aircraft.

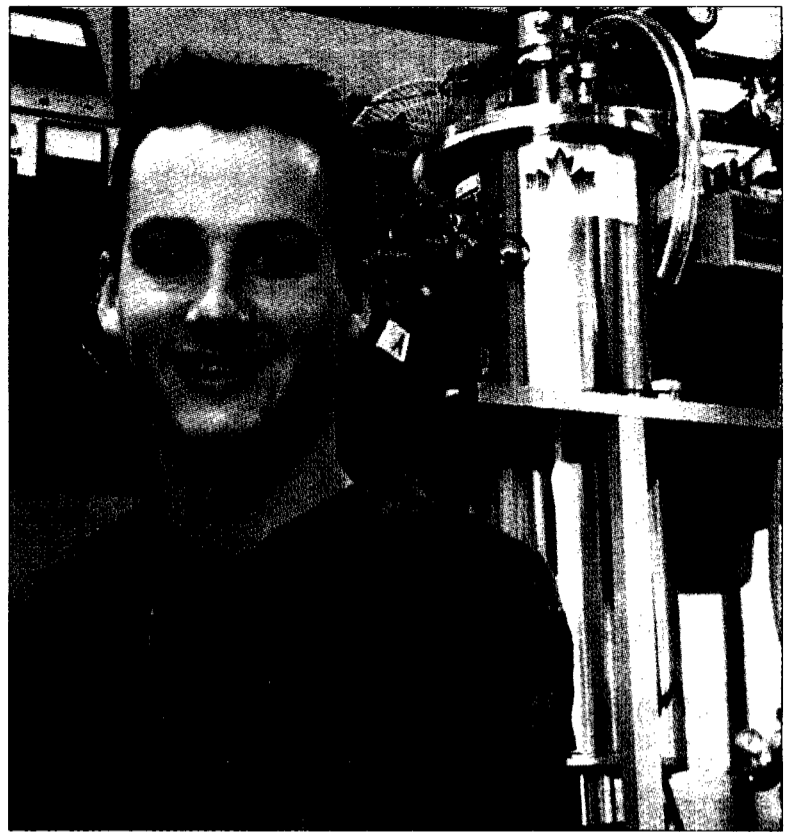
"This euphoric and more than a bit nauseating experience really made me aware of the fantastic opportunities that were opening up," he says.

Even failure contained lessons. Being cut from the junior varsity soccer team opened the door to triathlon racing. After completing his first race, he joined the UBC Triathlon Club.

"I took eight months off before grad school to train and compete full time," he says.

McCutcheon is completing his master's degree researching the optical properties of semi-conductors which have important applications in communications.

"I thrive on diversity, and in my first year at UBC my courses fed my curiosity in many disciplines," he says. "I'm a little wiser and looking forward to the opportunity to broaden myself intellectually in what I think will be a fascinating experience at Oxford."



Murray McCutcheon

John Chong photo

Grad prescribes dose of education

by Hilary Thomson

Staff writer

They say you can't switch horses in midstream. But don't tell that to Fred Ho. He graduates this spring with a degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences after a 20-year career as a biochemist.

Originally from Taiwan, Ho obtained his undergraduate and master's degrees in Biochemistry at the University of Taiwan. He then moved to the United States where he earned a doctorate in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1989.

Arriving at UBC in 1992, he spent two years doing post-doctoral work in medical genetics.

"There was a boom in molecular biology when I entered the field," says Ho. "It was the science of the future."

When funding for research declined in the early '90s, however, that future began to look less and less secure, he says.

"Changing careers was a very hard decision — I rejected the

idea at first," says Ho. "It was hard to give up all the years of work."

He chose to enrol in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 1995 because the discipline was compatible with his background and because he wanted a career where he could interact with people.

Also, he had a pretty good idea of what the profession was like because his wife, Julien, is a UBC Pharmaceutical Sciences graduate and has worked as a community pharmacist for 13 years.

Ho says the major difference between biochemistry and pharmacy is the interaction with people. He is specializing in community pharmacy where he says communication skills are critical.

As well as consulting with health-care professionals on complicated clinical problems he answers patients' questions on everything from sun exposure to overdoses.

"There is little time to spend with the patient so I need to listen for detail, ask the right questions and give instructions

effectively and in plain language," says Ho.

Although he enjoys the people side of his job, Ho misses the basic science he found in biochemistry.

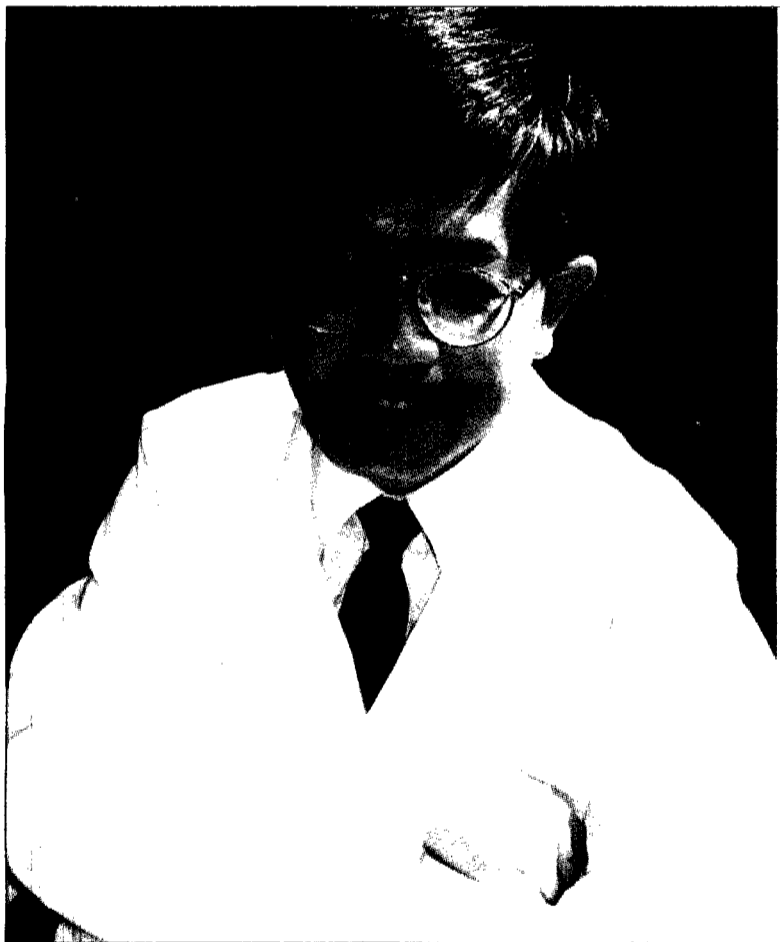
Pursuing science through observation and testing hypotheses was fascinating, he says. His research involved gene mapping to help unravel the complexities of human genes.

As a mature student, Ho has been challenged to balance student and family life.

In the classroom he was able to relate well to other students, but when it came to extra-curricular activities, Ho had only one priority — his family. A four-year-old boy and a 22-month-old girl keep the couple very busy.

Even after 25 years of school Ho remains committed to learning.

"The common point between research and pharmacy is that I'm constantly making progress," he says. "I'm in a lifelong learning process — it doesn't end with my graduation."



Fred Ho

Hilary Thomson photo

Mentoring this grad's business

by Susan Stern

Staff writer

After his second year in Commerce and Business Administration, Michael Giligson was determined to obtain a rare double degree in finance and marketing which required taking extra credits in the summer.

"I was uncertain about what I really wanted, but I knew I loved both fields. And I had the drive," says Giligson.

His drive certainly paid off. Giligson is now considering an offer from the TD Bank as a commercial account manager dealing with the problems of small business entrepreneurs.

Giligson says he was motivated by his Commerce professors' knowledge and business experience. He also enjoyed the friendly competitiveness among

his fellow students.

"We helped each other out but there was a competitive edge to it, unlike some Commerce faculties where people are often single-minded and out for themselves. It wasn't like that at UBC," he says.

Giligson's friendly, outgoing personality made him dozens of friends across the campus. He also played intramural hockey.

Giligson also had a major role in restructuring the Commerce Undergraduate Society. His biggest contribution however, has been the development of the Faculty's Peer Mentor Centre.

"I saw the posting asking for someone to organize it and I knew I just had to do it," he says.

With funding for computers and office furnishings provided by donations from fourth-year

students, the Peer Mentor Centre will open this fall. Students will be able to receive advice on academic problems and career planning from their more experienced classmates.

"Few students leave a legacy, but Mike has left one that will benefit the Faculty for years to come," says Erica Mills, associate director of the Commerce Undergraduate Program.

Giligson looks forward to entering the business world but hopes to return to UBC to take a Master of Science in Business Administration.

"My UBC experience has developed my interpersonal and analytical skills much further than I ever expected," Giligson says. "I still haven't experienced all that I could have. It's going to be hard to leave. I had a really great time."



Michael Giligson and friends

Susan Stern photo



UBC Athletics photo

UBC's men's and women's swim teams, pictured above, capped their season by winning the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) national championships in February. The teams finished well ahead of their nearest rivals in the pool, the University of Calgary (men) and University of Toronto (women). Rookie Jessica Deglau was named CIAU Female Swimmer of the Year. Tom Johnson was named Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

Athletic triumphs mark banner year

by Bruce Mason

Staff writer

UBC athletes were in the news even before classes started last September.

Eight UBC swimmers, a field hockey goalie and four coaches were among those representing Canada at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. Swimmer Mark Versfeld provided one of the highlights of the Games by setting a Commonwealth Games record in the 200-metre backstroke on the way to earning a gold medal.

The 1998/99 Canadian university season kicked off with the Thunderbird women's field hockey team winning UBC's 41st national championship. Coach Hash Kanjee was selected Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) Coach of the Year after leading his team of Canada West All-Stars and

CIAU All-Canadians to a 1-0 victory over provincial rival the University of Victoria Vikes in the championship final.

The return of the 1997 Vanier Cup champion UBC Thunderbird football team was greatly anticipated. A record number of fans watched the T-Birds fight to defend their title. Although the 'Birds did not disappoint, UBC finished the season with a 7-3 record, having to be satisfied with the fact that the team that beat them in the semi-

finals was the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, who went on to take the national crown. But UBC won local bragging rights with a victory over cross-town rival SFU in the 21st annual Shrum Bowl.

The football team and university community lost head coach Casey Smith to cancer Nov. 24. The illness sidelined Smith during the 1998 season which the players dedicated to him. The popular and respected coach was given the Arthur W. Delamont Award for Freshman Spirit posthumously.

In mid-February, the Thunderbird women's and men's swim teams earned UBC's 42nd and 43rd CIAU national championships successfully defending their national titles. National media characterized the consecutive championships as a "tidal wave."

The women amassed a total of 10 gold, five silver and six bronze medals. On the men's side, the 'Birds came away with 10 gold, three silver and six bronze medals.

Rookie Thunderbird Jessica Deglau was named the CIAU Female Swimmer of the Year and head coach Tom Johnson was named the CIAU Women's and Men's Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

In March, women's volleyball, women's basketball and men's basketball teams all advanced to post-season play.

Finishing in fourth place in Canada West, both the women's and men's basketball teams faced provincial rival the University of Victoria Vikes in the Canada West semi-final. Unfortunately, the hoop 'Birds failed to make it past the first round where they were eliminated by provincial rival the University of Victoria.

For the first time in more than two decades, the women's volleyball team hosted the Canada West final. The team successfully defended its Canada West championship. The T-Birds fell short of a national title when they were defeated by four-time national champion, the University of Alberta Pandas.

The 1998/99 season concluded with the 75th annual Big Block Reunion and Awards Banquet which inducted 121 second-year athletes.

Two student athletes were recognized for their outstanding contribution to UBC. The Thunderbird Athletes of the Year were Joanne Ross from women's volleyball and Mike Dalziel from men's volleyball.



Visionary diamond explorer one of six UBC honorary degree recipients

A UBC alumnus and diamond explorer whose vision will help researchers take the kind of risks that lead to scientific breakthroughs is one of six individuals who will be receiving honorary degrees from UBC this year at Spring Congregation.

Stewart Blusson, who recently donated \$50 million to the university to promote basic scientific research, completed his undergraduate Science degree at UBC in 1960 and his PhD at the University of California at Berkeley in 1964. He spent 15 years with the Geological Survey of Canada leading regional geological mapping and research programs in the central Yukon and parts of B.C.

In 1991, he and a partner discovered one of the world's largest diamond-bearing areas north of Yellowknife. As president of Archon Minerals Ltd., Blusson continues to conduct scientific explorations in Canada's Far North.

Honorary degree recipients are recognized for their distinguished achievements and for their contributions to UBC and to Canada.

William H. Barton, UBC alumnus and retired ambassador, has been a distinguished Canadian diplomat for more than 40 years. Internationally recognized as an authority on peace and security issues, Barton was the ambassador and permanent representative for Canada to the United Nations. He was president of the United Nations Security Council in 1977/78 and is recognized as building Canada's status in international diplomacy. A member of the Order of Canada, Barton was first chair of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security.

Shirley Chan, manager of non-market housing for the City of Vancouver, was appointed to

UBC's Board of Governors in 1992 and served as chair from 1995 to 1998. She holds a master's degree in environmental studies from Toronto's York University and has served as an environmental and community planner.

Chan has been a director of VanCity Savings Credit Union since 1987, serving as its chair from 1993 to 1995 and is vice-chair of VanCity Enterprises. She also serves on the President's Advisory Committee on developing a downtown presence for UBC.

Peter C. Newman is one of Canada's most prominent journalists. He served as editor-in-chief at the *Toronto Star* before taking the helm of *Maclean's* magazine from 1971 to 1982, establishing it as Canada's first successful weekly newsmagazine.

A national and international columnist, Newman has also written 21 books on Canadian politics and business. He is a member of the Canadian News Hall of Fame and is a companion of the Order of Canada.

Kalman Roller was dean of the Sopron Forestry School in Sopron, Hungary when the Hungarian Revolution began in 1956. He led many of his faculty and students in an escape to Austria and in 1957 helped almost 200 students and 20 faculty emigrate to Canada. They affiliated with the UBC Faculty of Forestry where Roller continued to serve as dean of the school.

He obtained a master's degree in Plant Genetics from UBC and became a forest research scientist at the Canadian Forest Research Institute until his retirement in 1978.

Roller has been honoured with the National Order of Professional Merit from the Hungarian government and memberships in the National Science Foundation and the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters.

Erich Vogt is one of Canada's

best-known nuclear physicists and was founder and former director of TRIUMF, the sub-atomic physics laboratory based at UBC. He has served the university as a researcher, teacher and former vice-president, Academic.

An officer of the Order of Canada, Vogt has also been rec-

ognized through election to the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Association of Physicists Medal of Achievement.

Vogt was the first chair of the Science Council of B.C. and took a lead role in developing Science World, the Vancouver Institute and the B.C. Cancer Foundation.



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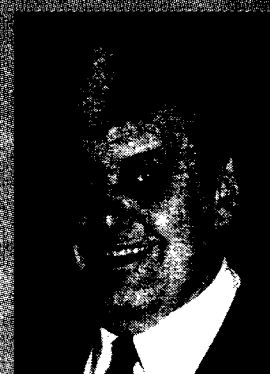
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Wednesday, May 26

- **8:30 a.m.** Science [Biochemistry, Physiology, Pharmacology and Therapeutics (BSc only), Biopsychology, Microbiology & Immunology, Integrated Sciences]. PhD, MSc, BSc
- **11 a.m.** Science (Astronomy, Atmospheric Science, Chemistry, Climatology, Earth Science, Environmental Sciences, Fisheries Oceanography, Geological Sciences, Geomorphology, Geophysics, Geophysics/Astronomy, Hydrology/Soil, Oceanography, Physical Geography, Physics; General Science with concentrations in any of the above). PhD, MSc, BSc, Diploma in Meteorology. Honorary Degree Recipient: Erich Vogt
- **2 p.m.** Science (Biology Options: Cell Biology, Cell/Genetics Biology, Genetics, General Biology). PhD, MSc, BSc
- **4:30 p.m.** Science [Botany, Zoology (MSc/PhD), Freshwater Science, Biology Options: Aquacultural Science, Animal Conservation, Ecology, Marine Biology, Plant; General Science (Life Science or concentrations in any of the above); Nutritional Sciences]. PhD, MSc, BSc

Thursday, May 27

- **8:30 a.m.** Science [Applied Mathematics, Computer Science, Mathematics, Mathematical Sciences, Statistics; General Science (with Mathematical, Computer Science or Statistics concentrations)]. PhD, MSc, BSc. Honorary Degree Recipient: Stewart Blusson
- **11 a.m.** Dentistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences. PhD, PharmD, MSc, DMD, BDS, BSc (Pharm), Diploma in Periodontics
- **2 p.m.** Human Kinetics. PhD, MA, MHK, MSc, BHK
- **4:30 p.m.** Education. PhD,



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Friday, May 28

- **8:30 a.m.** Applied Science (Bio-Resource, Chemical, Electrical, Fire Protection, Metals and Materials Engineering and Engineering Physics). PhD, MAsc, MEng, MSc, BASc
- **11 a.m.** Applied Science (Civil, Geological, Mechanical, Mining and Mineral Processing Engineering). PhD, MAsc, MEng, MSc, BASc
- **2 p.m.** Architecture, Community and Regional Planning, Law. PhD, LL.M., MASA, MArch, MA (Planning), MSc (Planning), BArch, LLB, LLB/MBA
- **8 p.m.** Baccalaureate Concert

Monday, May 31

- **8:30 a.m.** Audiology and Speech Sciences, Biochemistry (PhDs & MScs only), Genetics, Medicine, Neuroscience, Physiology (PhDs and MScs only), Pharmacology and Therapeutics (PhDs & MScs only) Rehabilitation Sciences. PhD, MHA, MHSc, MSc, MD, MD/PhD, BMLSc, BSc(OT), BSc(PT)
- **11 a.m.** Agricultural Sciences, Family and Nutritional Sciences, Interdisciplinary Studies, Landscape Architecture, Occupational Hygiene, Resource Man-

agement and Environmental Studies. PhD, MA, MLA, MSc, BHE, BLA, BSc (Agr), BSc (Dietet). Honorary Degree Recipient: Shirley Chan

■ **2 p.m.** Commerce & Business Administration (BCom: Accounting, Commerce & Economics, Finance, General Business Management, International Business Management). BCom

■ **4:30 p.m.** Commerce and Business Administration (Graduate Programs, and BCom: Industrial Relations Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Transportation and Logistics, Urban Land Economics). PhD, MBA, MSc (Bus. Admin.), BCom, Diploma in Urban Land Economics

■ **8:30 a.m.** Applied Science (Bio-Resource, Chemical, Electrical, Fire Protection, Metals and Materials Engineering and Engineering Physics). PhD, MAsc, MEng, MSc, BASc

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■ **2 p.m.** Arts (Art History, Creative Writing, Film, Fine Arts, Music, Theatre), Fine Arts, Music. PhD, DMA, MA, MFA, MMus, BA, BFA, BMus, Diplomas - Applied Creative Non-Fiction, Film Studies and Art History

■ **4:30 p.m.** Arts (English, Environmental Studies, Family Science, French). PhD, MA, BA, Diploma in French Translation

■ **8:30 a.m.** Arts (Psychology). PhD, MA, BA

■ **11 a.m.** Arts (Asian Area Studies, Asian Studies, Chinese, Canadian Studies, Classical Studies, Classics, Comparative Literature, Economics, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Religion & Literature, Religious Studies, South Asian Languages, Women's Studies), Social Work. PhD, MA, MSW, BA, BSW. Honorary Degree Recipient: Peter Newman

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■ **4:30 p.m.** Arts (English, Environmental Studies, Family Science, French). PhD, MA, BA, Diploma in French Translation

■ **8:30 a.m.** Arts (General BA Program, Geography, German, History). PhD, MA, BA

■ **11 a.m.** Arts (International Relations, Linguistics, Mathematics, Medieval Studies, Modern European Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Speech Sciences), Library, Archival & Information Studies. PhD, MA, MAS, MLIS, BA Diploma in Applied Linguistics. Honorary Degree Recipient: William Barton

■ **2 p.m.** Arts (Anthropology Italian, Italian Studies, Latin American Studies, Romance Languages/ Studies, Sociology, Spanish). PhD, MA, BA

■ **4:30 p.m.** Forestry, Nursing. PhD, MAsc, MF, MSc, MSN, BSF, BSN, BSc (Forestry), BSc (Natural Resource Conservation), BSc (Wood Products), Diploma in Forestry (Advanced Silviculture). Honorary Degree Recipient: Kalman Roller

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Five faculty, staff stand out for service award

Two faculty and three staff members are receiving the President's Service Award for Excellence for their outstanding contributions to UBC and campus life.

The recipients will be honoured with a gold medal and \$5,000 to be presented during the Spring Congregation ceremonies.

Isabel da Silva came to the School of Music in 1974 and has served as executive assistant to four directors. Widely regarded as the greatest administrative resource in the school's history, da Silva is known as a kind and caring person with a talent for solving problems and averting crises with students, faculty and staff.

Her warm and instant rapport has helped to establish a strong line of communication with the music community, the school system and the public at large.

Prof. **Stanley Hamilton**, acting dean, Commerce and Business Administration, has helped develop a wide range of programs in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration during his 30 years at UBC.

His involvement in the B.C. business community as well as his contacts have resulted in fund-raising opportunities that have benefited students and faculty. Hamilton has devoted thousands of volunteer hours to the management of the UBC Faculty Pension Plan, which he has chaired since 1990.

Anthony Leugner joined UBC in 1967 and is regarded as an electronics expert and troubleshooter who resolves high-tech problems with few resources.

Responsible for the installation, maintenance and repair of the computers in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Dept., Leugner has an extraordinary ability to identify inventive solutions to technical problems on everything from personal computer upgrades to the design and fabrication of complex circuits.

His talent has earned him the nickname "renaissance technician" from the people with whom he works.

Beryl Morphet began her UBC career as a secretary in the Germanic Studies Dept. in 1966. For the past 13 years, Morphet has been keeping the History Dept. running smoothly.

As administrative assistant, Morphet supervises a staff of four while taking care of business for 30 faculty and dozens of sessional lecturers, post-doctoral fellows, teaching assistants, graduate and honour students. She also assists some 3,000 students who enrol in History courses every year. Morphet is a United Way volunteer and chairs the safety committee in the Buchanan Building.

Anatomy Prof. **William Webber** has served the university for close to 40 years, including serving as dean of Medicine, associate vice-president, Academic, and co-ordinator of Health Sciences. Webber has also been president and treasurer of the Faculty Association as well as a member of Senate and the Board of Governors.

As chair of the University Athletic Council, he encouraged intramural sports in the Faculty of Medicine.



Susan Stern photo

Recipients of the President's Service Awards for Excellence seen here on the steps of the Rose Garden are (from bottom) Beryl Morphet, Isabel da Silva, Anthony Leugner, William Webber and Stan Hamilton.

Province's top students choose UBC

Eight of the 15 B.C. high school graduates who earned 1998 Premier's Excellence Awards have chosen to study at UBC in September.

Established in 1986, the award recognizes a student in each of the province's college regions based on academic excellence and community and school service. It includes a medal and a \$5,000 scholarship to attend a B.C. university, college or institute.

Solveig Adair is graduating from Caledonia Senior Secondary in Terrace. Adair has enrolled in Science with a goal of becoming an ecologist/botanist. Among her other awards are UBC's President's Entrance and Outstanding Student Initiative Scholarships.

Gina Chong is graduating from J. Lloyd Crowe Secondary School in Trail. Chong will study science on her way to a career in optometry. She has also earned UBC's Avenor Inc. Major Entrance Scholarship and the Governor General's Bronze Medallion as well as other awards and scholarships.

Darren Haines is a Terry Fox Secondary School graduate. The Port Coquitlam native, who will study science, wants to work in the field of artificial intelligence. He has also earned a UBC Outstanding Student Initiative Award and the President's Entrance Scholarship.

Deanne Malinsky is graduating from Kelowna's Mount Boucherie Secondary. Although enrolled in Science, she will also study languages. Malinsky has earned UBC's Outstanding Student Initiative Scholarship, the Charles and Jane Bank UBC Entrance Scholarship and other awards.

Alicia Miller of North Vancouver's Sutherland Secondary School has enrolled in Arts with a goal of writing from

a background of social or counselling psychology. Miller has earned UBC's Chancellor's Entrance Scholarship and a Governor General's Academic Medal among other honours.

Jennifer Mills has completed Grade 12 at Correlieu Secondary School in Quesnel and will study science in hopes of specializing in plastic surgery. She has also earned UBC's Outstanding Student Initiative Scholarship and local scholarships from her hometown.

Hilary Quinn, from Sardis Secondary School, will study science. She hopes to "become a doctor and work in countries which are in desperate need of medical aid." She has also won a UBC Outstanding Student Initiative Scholarship and the Norman MacKenzie Entrance Scholarship.

Titus Wong is graduating from Vancouver Technical Secondary School. He will study science with hopes of entering medicine and specializing in cardiology. Among his other honours are UBC's Chancellor's Major Entrance Scholarship and the Lister Alumni Award.

Two winners from last year who deferred awards have also elected to study at UBC.

Leslie Dampier, the 1997 award winner from South Peace Secondary School in Dawson Creek, has registered in Agricultural Sciences. Dampier earned UBC's Outstanding Student Initiative Scholarship and other honours.

Damien Gillis, a graduate of Campbell River's Carihi Secondary School, is enrolled in the Arts One program and wants to pursue a music writing career. Among his other awards are UBC's Chancellor's Entrance Scholarship and the Governor General's Academic Medal.

Wood industry snaps up new program's grads

by Bruce Mason

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Companies are clamouring to hire the first graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Wood Products Processing Degree Program.

Some graduates are choosing between jobs around the world. Others are considering becoming private consultants.

The 10 students, who graduate at Spring Congregation, have the skills to become innovative managers as well as specialists in wood engineering and processing.

In the meantime companies are lining up with proposals for co-operative education programs for future graduates.

"We have placed our students in work-study programs in B.C., across Canada, in the United States, Japan and Germany," says Christine Forget, co-op education co-ordinator for the program. "They are gaining first-hand experience in everything from quality control of saw-mill chips to fine furniture finishing, researching resins and foreign technology, as well as conducting marketing and product development."

One student studied defects in 11,000 pieces of wood and made recommendations which saved the company \$60,000 a year, says Forget.

The degree program is an initiative of the Faculty of Forestry and is linked to the Centre for Advanced Wood Processing (CAWP). Eighty-five students are currently enrolled.

CAWP not only develops highly skilled industry professionals, it also provides workshops, seminars and training in advanced manufacturing to transfer the latest technology to industry.

As well, it conducts industry supported applied research projects and provides consulting services, technical support and customized training programs.

The centre is the result of an initiative of the wood products industry in the early '90s to create an education system dedicated to filling a training void in Canada.

"Technology, environmental concerns and globalization brought the industry to a crossroads," says Tom Maness, director of CAWP. "Future prosperity depends increasingly on knowledge, new technologies, and a highly skilled workforce which is prepared to innovate on an international scale."

UBC was chosen as Canada's national education, research and service centre dedicated to wood products manufacturing in 1994.

Housed in the university's new \$47.5-million Forest Sciences Centre, CAWP contains a state-of-the-art secondary manufacturing pilot plant and complete industry education centre.

Where are they now?

More than 180,000 students have graduated from UBC since it opened its doors in 1915. According to the Alumni Association's 1999 figures, most alumni continue to live and work in B.C. and Canada:

B.C.	107,000
Ontario	7,400
Alberta	4,300
Rest of Canada	3,400

UBC graduates are also living in:

Africa and the Middle East	390
Asia	1,500
Australia/New Zealand	400
Caribbean	105
Europe	1,100
South and Central America ...	160
South Pacific	550
USA	5,350