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## Health science students care for inner city residents

*Student initiative focuses on service-based learning*

by **Hilary Thomson** staff writer

FOR MORE THAN 200 UBC health sciences undergraduates learning has moved off-campus and into Vancouver's inner city.

They are volunteers in a student-run project called Community Health Initiative by University Students (CHIUS).

With backgrounds in disciplines such as medicine, pharmacy, nursing, dentistry and social work, the students form an interdisciplinary team that is bringing health-care services to residents in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

They provide health-care services under the supervision of a physician and nurse while gaining skills in health-care delivery, administration and education. It is an educational model called service learning — a model that organizers believe to be unique in Canada.

"We wanted to increase the scope and relevance of what we were learning in the classroom," says Steve Mathias, a fourth-year medical student who created the project with Katharine Smart, also a fourth-year medical student.

"When we see inner city pa-

tients in the emergency room, it skews our perception of their needs. The clinic helps us develop a better understanding of the health-care problems in this area."

"A big part of the learning has come from the opportunity to work with students from other disciplines," says Smart. "This is how health-care practice is developing."

The pool of student volunteers has been working since April at the Downtown Community Health Clinic on Cordova Street. In addition to the volunteers, a Social Work student is completing a practicum at the clinic.

The students' service has allowed the clinic to extend its hours of operation to include two week-nights and two weekend days. On Saturday afternoons students helped to create a women's only clinic.

"I am inordinately proud of these students," says Dr. Peter Granger, clinical assistant professor of Family Practice and mentor with CHIUS. "They're providing a real service in the area and learning what primary care is all about."

CHIUS aims to integrate curricular issues into practical experi-

ence, such as immunization, addiction medicine and determinants of health. Patients seek attention for a wide range of health issues ranging from foot disease to suspected pneumonia as well as psychiatric and social work problems.

"The atmosphere at CHIUS is different than at most clinics," says Mathias. "We serve coffee and food in the waiting area and require that one to two students simply be there to talk to people."

Each patient session takes 30-40 minutes and about 25 patients are seen during each shift.

Third- and fourth-year students provide primary care under the supervision of a physician. First- and second-year medical students offer health education and referral to community services. Nursing students also provide health education and nursing care under the supervision of a registered nurse.

A daily debriefing is part of the learning for clinic workers. It is a chance for students to talk about which patients need follow up and also to discuss what has personally affected them.

Interested volunteers are given a weekend training session that in-

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## Researchers lead national networks

*Two institutes among 13 that aim to consolidate health-care research*

TWO UBC INVESTIGATORS—a cardiovascular researcher and a health-care economist and policy analyst—will lead two of 13 national virtual health research institutes recently established by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Dr. Bruce McManus will lead the Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health, which will support research into the causes, prevention and treatment of conditions associated with heart, lung, blood and stroke.

Prof. Morris Barer will lead the Institute of Health Services and Policy Research which will support research on how health-care services are regulated, funded, organized and delivered and their effects on patient health.

"This is a strong endorsement of our reputation in the national research community," says UBC President Martha Piper. "This network of scholars will contribute significantly to biomedical, clinical, and health-care system knowledge both in Canada and internationally."

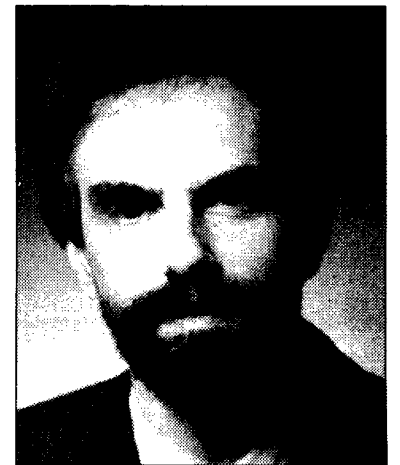
Thirteen Canadian researchers were named to lead the network of virtual health research institutes which seek to co-ordinate and con-

solidate investigations and translate research into improved health care and health for Canadians.

McManus directs the Cardiovascular Research Laboratory and see *Networks*, page 2



Dr. Bruce McManus



Prof. Morris Barer

## Oceanographer earns Japan Prize

*Past recipients include five Nobel Prize winners*

by **Andy Poon** staff writer

A UBC Oceanography professor emeritus has become the first Canadian to win the Japan Prize — Japan's equivalent to the Nobel Prize.

Timothy Parsons, whose career in oceanography spans more than four decades including 21 years as a professor at UBC, was one of two laureates of the 2001 Japan Prize announced recently in Tokyo.

The award recognizes Parsons' contributions to the development

of fisheries oceanography and for conservation of fisheries resources and the marine environment.

"UBC is extremely proud and pleased to see Dr. Parsons receive such prominent recognition," says UBC President Martha Piper. "He has made enormous contributions to the field of fisheries oceanography, and his work has signaled the beginning of a new interdisciplinary era in renewable resource management and conservation. He is a truly worthy laureate of the Japan Prize."

Parsons joins an illustrious list of past recipients for the prize that see *Prize*, page 2

# Networks

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Cardiovascular Registry at Vancouver's St. Paul's Hospital, part of Providence Health Care. He is also the co-director of the iCAPTURE Centre at St. Paul's.

The research facility, recently funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation, seeks to find innovative solutions to cardiac, pulmonary and blood vessel diseases.

"It's an amazing privilege to serve Canada's outstanding circulatory and respiratory research leaders and programs," says McManus. "The institute represents a

unique opportunity to draw on the power of preparedness, brilliance and diligence of this research community. We must reach across traditional boundaries to find new solutions for problems like the failing heart, the asthmatic lung and the brain injured by interrupted blood supply."

A faculty member since 1993, McManus served as professor and head of the Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine until last month. His own research focuses on the mechanisms of inflammatory and infectious injury.

A UBC alumnus, Barer joined the university in 1979 and in 1990 became the founding director of UBC's Centre for Health Services

and Policy Research, based in the Office of the Co-ordinator of Health Sciences.

A professor in the Dept. of Health Care and Epidemiology, his research has focused on issues such as health-care financing, health human resource policy, pharmaceutical sector policy and access to care.

With colleagues at the centre, he has championed the development of V.C. databases that can be used by a wide range of health services and population health and social science researchers to investigate relationships between social and economic circumstances, the use of health-care services and health over the course of an individual's lifetime.

"There is much to admire about the health-care services available to Canadians, but there is also plenty of room for improvement," says Barer who is also an associate of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Population Health Program.

"Health-care issues fuel heated debates that often suffer from glaring gaps in basic information and research evidence," he says. "The challenge for the institute is to develop the capacity to fill those gaps in a scientifically rigorous, timely and comprehensive way."

The scientific directors will work with public, private and voluntary sectors to build national health research initiatives in areas ranging from healthy aging to infection and health services. The 13 institutes will start implementing strategic plans by April 2001.

Directors will lead the institutes from their current work locations. Each appointment is for an initial period of four years.

CIHR is the major federal agency responsible for funding health research in Canada. It has replaced the Medical Research Council of Canada and Health Canada's National Health Research and Development Program.

More information on CIHR can be found at [www.cihr.ca](http://www.cihr.ca).

# Japan Prize

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includes five Nobel Prize winners.

"The Japan Prize really has come from my background in working with so many different people—colleagues, researchers, staff and students," says Parsons. "It is a result of their ideas as well."

Parsons was recognized for the award by UBC and Fisheries and Oceans Canada at an event held in his honour at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. Piper, Japan's Consul General Yuichi Kusumoto, Advanced Education, Training and Technology Minister Cathy McGregor, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada's regional director of Science, Laura Richards, were among those on hand.

Parsons' career includes serving as a research scientist from 1958-71 at the Fisheries Research Board of Canada in Nanaimo. From 1962-64, he served at the Office of Oceanography, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris.

"Dr. Parsons' innovative work earned him a great deal of respect from peers around the world and winning this prestigious award exemplifies his distinguished and successful career," says Herb Dhaliwal, minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

Parsons has focused on developing a method of fisheries management based on the dynamic relationships between marine life and their physical, chemical and biological environments—how they fit into the sea's food web.

His work has shown how accurate measure of environmental factors leads to a better understanding of ecosystem structure and function. His efforts have influenced a new school of holistic ocean scientists and managers.

Parsons joined UBC's oceanography department in 1971. He is also an honorary scientist emeritus at the Institute of Ocean Sciences, a Fisheries and Oceans Canada research facility in Sidney on Vancouver Island.

The Japan Prize, now in its 17th year, is given worldwide by the Science and Technology Foundation of Japan.

It recognizes original and outstanding achievements in science and technology that have advanced the frontiers of knowledge and served the cause of peace and prosperity for mankind.

Parsons will be presented with a medal, certificate of merit and a cash prize of 50 million yen (approximately \$685,000) at a ceremony in Tokyo in April. The Japanese emperor and empress will be present at the event.

# Inner

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cludes an orientation session, a confrontation management seminar and a walking tour where students meet residents of the Downtown Eastside.

CHIUS is entirely student-run and many of the project organizers will graduate in May. Second- and

third-year students will be brought into the project as student supervisors to overcome this challenge, says Mathias.

Support for CHIUS comes from the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board which has provided staff, space and supplies. UBC gave an \$80,000 grant from the Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund.

More information about CHIUS can be found at the Web site [www.interchange.ubc.ca/chius](http://www.interchange.ubc.ca/chius).

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Education PhD students Val Heine (left) and Sandra Scott will be instructing third- and fourth-year Science students on the joys of teaching science to children. The course aims to strengthen science teaching in elementary schools. Hilary Thomson photo

# Course encourages science students to think 'elementary'

*Instructors hope to foster sense of wonder and knowledge of natural world in young people*

by Hilary Thomson staff writer

HANDS-ON SCIENCE EDUCATION for children is the focus of a new course in the Faculty of Education that incorporates an after-school learning program created by a UBC pathologist.

"We want to strengthen science teaching at the elementary levels," says Curriculum Studies Prof. Jim Gaskell.

"By introducing Science students to the joys of working with kids we hope to encourage them to consider a career in science education."

Called Investigating Science with Children, the Curriculum Studies elective course is open to

third- and fourth-year Science students.

The three-credit course has two components. In the classroom-based component students will discuss and research science education issues and create science investigations for children.

The laboratory-based component incorporates the science activities learning program designed by Niamh Kelly, an associate professor in the Dept. of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Called Hands-On Science, the program has been based at Science World and taught by UBC graduate student volunteers since 1998.

"We had been looking for venues for the lab section and the Hands-On Science program seemed like a great starting place," says Gaskell, who is co-ordinating several faculty projects that seek to develop math and science education.

The new course is part of one of those projects, Collaboration for Kids, that is directed by Curriculum Studies Prof. Gaalen Erickson.

An important part of the course—worth 25 per cent of the grade—is a reflective research journal where the student documents observations, ideas and questions about their interaction with children in the lab.

"When Science students learn to teach science to kids it forces a shift in thinking," says Sandra Scott, one of the two Education PhD students who will be instructing the course. "Students are sometimes surprised that their expertise in the subject doesn't automatically make them good teachers."

"Kids are natural investigators," adds co-instructor Val Heine. "We want to foster their sense of won-

der and knowledge of the natural world with the science teaching they receive."

Both instructors are UBC Faculty of Education alumna and are experienced science teachers. Heine also has a Science degree from the university.

In future, students who complete the course may also serve as a resource teacher to science teachers in the community. They will collaborate with teachers and assist them with content in planning science lessons. Many elementary teachers do not feel comfortable teaching science which can lead to textbook-driven science, Erickson says.

Enrolment for the Hands-On Science program at Science World is underway so that UBC students will have groups of budding scientists aged seven to 10 years ready to undertake a series of fun science experiments.

Denise Galipeau, a Pharmaceutical Sciences graduate student who volunteers with the program, says the value of the Hands On Science program was illustrated for her by a young investigator who was asked if she wanted to be a scientist when she grew up.

The little girl replied confidently that you don't need to be grown-up to be a scientist—she already was one.

Classes are held in two terms — January to March and March to June at Science World on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. The cost is \$95 plus GST per term. For more information or to register call (604) 443-7505.

Collaboration for Kids is supported with funding from Imperial Oil Ltd.

For further information about Investigating Science with Children contact Gaalen Erickson at [gaalen.erickson@ubc.ca](mailto:gaalen.erickson@ubc.ca).

# Dancers take to parking lots

*When the ballroom's booked, the dancers take to the streets and hallways*

by Daria Wojnarski, staff writer

A GROUP OF UBC dancers is training for international competitions in the unlikeliest of places—UBC parking lots.

The UBC Latin DanceSport Formation Team, ranked 15th in the world, has been able to use the ballroom in the Student Union Building and a room at International House, but not as often as it would like. Access to the facilities is shared among the more than 220 student clubs on campus.

The team, made up of 18 men and women, is unable to afford more practice time indoors.

"We practise in parking lots with running shoes on instead of high heels whenever we need to," says Faye Hung, a member of the dance team. "It can be as often as once a week, even in the cold. We've also practiced in the plaza outside Koerner Library and in hallways of various buildings."

Costumes, coaching and shoes make competition an expensive undertaking, says Hung.

Like others involved in amateur competitions worldwide, the team has received some sponsorship money, but both women say it's difficult to find funding.

"When we approach corporate sponsors they're interested in mass media exposure and when we approach the government they don't have funds for amateur athletes, even those representing their country internationally," says Mariannina Cusano, the team captain.

Team members paid their own way to Austria for the International DanceSport Federation World

## OFFBEAT

Formation Team Championships last November. It was the first DanceSport formation team in 12 years to officially represent Canada at a world championship.

"It's very exciting after so much hard work to make it there and do our thing. There's a sense of pride to be able to represent your country, but there's an even greater sense of accomplishment when you think of all the work and dedication we put into the sport," says Hung. She credits the team's coach, Viktor Yasel, with their success.

The UBC DanceSport team practised six days a week for one month prior to leaving for Austria.

It is now preparing for its next competition, the Snowball Classic 2001, which takes place in Vancouver Feb. 2-4.

"We learned so much from watching the other world-class teams compete," says Cusano.

During competitions, the eight couples in the team dance the same steps at the same time in intricate geometrical formations.

"It's like synchronized swimming," says Hung.

The music is a medley of the five Latin dances—samba, cha-cha, rumba, paso doble and jive. Each routine lasts about six minutes.

"It's like doing a 200-metre sprint several times. It's hard work," Hung says.

The dance team is seeking rehearsal space and is also willing to perform for an honorarium. E-mail Hung at [fayeh22@yahoo.com](mailto:fayeh22@yahoo.com) or Cusano at [ubc\\_formation\\_team@hotmail.com](mailto:ubc_formation_team@hotmail.com) or call the UBC Dance Club at (604) 822-3248.

For more information visit the team's Web site at [ubcft.tripod.com](http://ubcft.tripod.com).



Faye Hung (left), Mariannina Cusano

# U.S. Humane Society praises UBC animal welfare program

*Students who excel often pursue related research*

The largest animal protection organization in the U.S. is citing an innovative UBC course as one of the top three of its kind in North America.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has selected "Animal welfare and the ethics of animal use" for their annual Animals and Society Course awards.

"Society is confronted with a bewildering range of compelling issues in the treatment of animals in agriculture, research, sport and companionship," says Moura Quayle, dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. "UBC's Animal

Welfare Program is researching animal behaviour and other fields to find practical solutions. It is also reaching out to society to stimulate knowledge-based discussion and consensus-building."

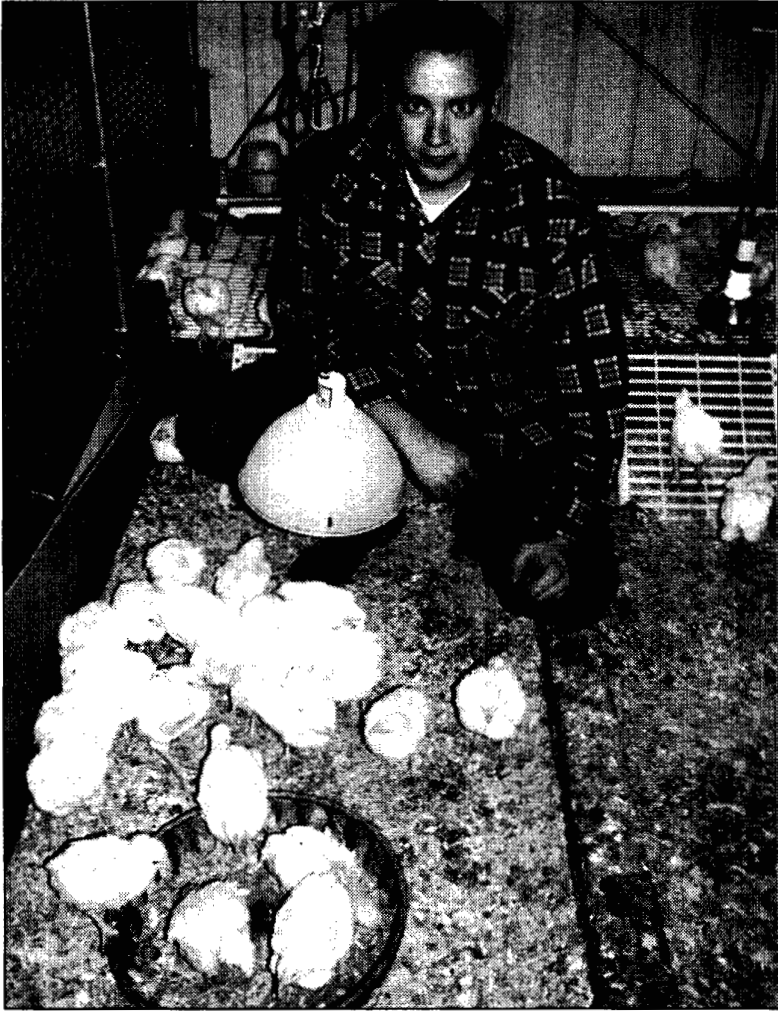
"We received numerous entries and chose three that offer a solid academic grounding in animal protection issues," says Dr. Andrew Rowan, HSUS senior vice-president for research, education and international issues. The other universities being honoured are the University of Tennessee and the University of Illinois.

UBC's Animal Welfare Program

was created in 1997 with support from the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), the B.C. Veterinary Medical Association, and a variety of agricultural organizations. It is a joint initiative of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and the Centre for Applied Ethics.

"This particular course is most enjoyable and rewarding," says Prof. David Fraser, co-chair of the program with Prof. Dan Weary. "Students are from diverse disciplines but share an intense interest in animal issues. We help them develop an intellectual framework for understanding the issues, including scientific, ethical, and practical perspectives."





*Flocking together with new found friends is Jon Treloar, president of the Agricultural Sciences Undergraduate Society. Treloar is one of the organizers of Aggie Week which takes place on campus Jan. 15-19. The chicks will be among the displays in the Student Union Building during the week. For more information on events, see the events calendar at [www.agsci.ubc.ca](http://www.agsci.ubc.ca). Bruce Mason photo*

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**Vancouver Institute Lecture**

An Evening With Guy Vanderhaeghe. Guy Vanderhaeghe, author. IRC #2 at 8:15pm. Call 822-3131.

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A new program sponsored by the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board, "Living A Healthy Life With Chronic Conditions," needs you. Volunteer leaders, preferably with chronic conditions, are needed to give a self-management program out in the community. Free training includes information about the program, leader skills, and helping people cope with serious health conditions. Do something positive and meet others who are concerned about getting the most out of life. Next training is Jan. 25, 26, Feb. 1, and 2. To enquire or register about leader training or the programs, please call Barbara Henn-Pan-der at 822-0634.

**Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS) Research**

Infectious Diseases researchers from VGH seek volunteers diagnosed medically with CFS to participate in a study about managing symptoms. Call Ken-na Sleight at 875-5555 ext. 62366.

**Sustainability Co-ordinators**

The world is what you make it! The UBC Sustainability Office is seeking volunteers to act as departmental sustainability co-ordinators. In this role, the volunteer will get training and support in their efforts to raise awareness of sustainability within their unit. With only a limited time commitment, our co-ordinators are affecting changes by sharing work environment specific information on energy conservation, waste reduction, and transportation alternatives. For more information visit [www.sustain.ubc.ca/2ourintiaives/sust\\_coord.html](http://www.sustain.ubc.ca/2ourintiaives/sust_coord.html) or call Brenda 822-3270.

**Fire Hydrant Permits Now Required**

Campus Planning and Development (CP&D) and UBC Utilities have jointly implemented a permit program for fire hydrants effective November 2000. Permits have become necessary to comply with provisions of the BC Plumbing Code and the BC Fire Code. Permit applications must be submitted a minimum of 24 hours in advance. Application forms are available at [www.lbs.ubc.ca](http://www.lbs.ubc.ca). Users wanting to connect to a fire hydrant should pick up application forms at CP&D Regulatory Services located at 2206 West Mall. Call CP&D at 822-2633 or for further information, UBC Utilities at 822-4179.

**Call For Evening Volunteers**

Crane Production Unit (a division of the UBC Disability Resource Centre) needs volunteers to narrate textbooks onto tape. We are looking primarily

for those who can read between 4:30-8:30pm for a two-hour session once a week. An audition will be required. For more information, call Patrice Leslie Mon.-Thurs. from 4:40-8:30pm at 822-6114.

**Volunteers Wanted**

Habitat For Humanity UBC is looking for volunteers! Come help out on the construction site and build homes for low-income families. No skills required. For more information and to register for an orientation, e-mail [h4h@email.com](mailto:h4h@email.com) or call 827-0316.

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**Lunch Hour Drop-Ins**

Every Thursday you can join fellow international students in a relaxed, social environment to explore a variety of topics designed to help you succeed at UBC. Topics include health, safety, arts and literature, and music throughout the world. Drop in or call International House at 822-5021 or e-mail [ihouse.frontcounter@ubc.ca](mailto:ihouse.frontcounter@ubc.ca).

**UBC Zen Society**

Zazen (sitting meditation) each Tuesday from 1:30-2:30pm while classes are in session. Asian Centre Tea Gallery. All are welcome. Call 822-2573.

**BC SMILE**

The British Columbia Service For Medication Information Learning And Education (BC SMILE) is a medication information program for the public in BC. Located at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC, it is staffed by licensed pharmacists to educate the public of all ages about the safe and effective use of medications. The free telephone consultations include complicated inquiries on medication issues such as interactions, contradictions, allergies, medication reviews, herbs, and alternative therapies. SMILE pharmacists also provide public presentations. All presentations contain valuable practical, unbiased, and up-to-date research information. Call (800) 668-6233; 822-1330.

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**Parkinson's Research**

A research team from UBC is asking for the assistance of people with Parkinson's to participate in research. This research is aimed at understanding how Parkinson's may affect complex activities such as managing multiple tasks. Participation involves performing fairly simple tasks, some of which involve responding verbally to computer, screen displays. If you are a healthy person of the age 50 years or older, we are also in need of several people to participate as part of a non-Parkinson's comparison group. Call Todd Woodward, Psychology Dept. at 822-3227.

**Sexual Assault Research**

The Anxiety and Fear Laboratory in the Dept. of Psychology requires female volunteers who have experienced unwanted sexual activity, to participate in a research project. If you have ever had sex with someone when you didn't want to, because the other person continued the event when you said no, forced or threatened to force you, or because you were given alcohol or drugs, and you would be interested in helping us with our research, please call 822-9028. Confidentiality and privacy protected.

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# Draft policy: Short-Term Use of University Space

## Public forum and call for comments

THE DRAFT "Policy on Short-Term Use of University Space" was presented to the Board of Governors for information and review on Nov. 16, 2000. It was developed by a committee with representation from key stakeholder groups on the campus and is now being presented to the broader campus community for consultation. The members of the committee that formulated the proposed policy were:

Frank Abbott, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
 Byron Braley, Treasury  
 Phil Bryden, Faculty of Law  
 Allan DeJong, Housing & Conferences  
 Ann-Marie Fenger, Faculty of Arts  
 Mark Fraser, Alma Mater Society  
 Byron Hender, Office of the Vice President Students  
 Hubert Lai, Office of the University Counsel  
 Justin Marples, Classroom Services  
 John Metras, Plant Operations  
 Dennis Pavlich, Office of the University Counsel  
 Mike Sheard, Campus Security

A public forum regarding the proposed policy will take place at the Conversation Pit in the Student Union Building on January 15, 2001 at 2 p.m. All members of the University community are invited to participate.

In addition, feedback may be submitted by e-mail to the Office of the University Counsel at [lui@exchange.ubc.ca](mailto:lui@exchange.ubc.ca). All feedback should be submitted no later than Jan. 26, 2001.

Subject to feedback from the campus community, it is expected that the proposed policy will be submitted to the Board of Governors with a request for final approval in March of 2001.

## Approved

November 2000 - for information

## Responsible:

All Vice-Presidents

## Purpose

THE PURPOSE of this Policy is to establish responsibility and priorities for allocation and use of University Space on a Short-Term basis.

## Preamble

THIS POLICY recognizes that a variety of user groups have an interest in using University Space from time to time on a short-term basis. For the purposes of this Policy, four user groups are identified:

- Academic/Administrative Users
- Academic Invitees
- Student Societies
- Commercial/Other Third Parties

This Policy should read in conjunction with any other applicable policies, including but not limited to Policy #6 (Environmental Protection Compliance), Policy #7 (University Safety), Policy #13 (Serving and Consumption of Alcohol at University Events or on University Premises), Policy #14 (Response to Threatening Behaviour), Policy #15 (Smoking), Policy #16 (Non-University Use of University Services and Facilities), Policy #98 (Commercial Undertakings on Campus), Policy #116 (Commercial Agreements Initiated By External Affairs and The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act) and Policy #120 (Posting of Notices, Poster and Signs).

## Policy

### a) General principles

THE UNIVERSITY reserves the right to manage and restrict access to indoor and outdoor University Space. In recognition of the University's commitment to the principle of academic freedom, the University will not place any restrictions on freedom of expression except with respect to such limitations on the time, place, and manner of such expression as may be necessary to ensure that the University's activities, as well as the safety and security of persons and facilities, are not compromised. Furthermore, the University will not discriminate in a manner prohibited by the Human Rights Code.

### b) Authorization and allocation

- All University Space is under the control and management of the University and is subject to its policies. This Policy applies to the allocation of University Space on a Short-Term basis only.
- All prospective Academic Invitees and Commercial/Other Third Parties must first have their request authorized by the relevant person as described in the Procedures and Guidelines framed by the Vice President Students under this policy.
- Classroom Services is responsible for authorizing and allocating University Space for short-term use. Exceptions are listed under the Procedures and Guidelines of this Policy.
- All queries regarding Short-Term use of University Space pursuant to this Policy should be directed to Classroom Services at (604) 822-9946. Parties wishing to secure University Space for longer periods should contact the Treasury Department at (604) 822-4489.

### c) Setting priorities for use of university space

THE UNIVERSITY retains the discretion to reserve University Space for specific uses on a case-by-case basis. University Space is categorized as restricted or non-restricted. Restricted space refers to lecture theatres, laboratories, gymnasiums and office space that are assigned to specific departments and use of this space is scheduled internally by those departments. Non-restricted space refers to lecture theatres, laboratories and seminar rooms which are scheduled by Classroom Services. Except where facilities are devoted to restricted uses and not generally available for booking, the University will generally prioritize Short-Term use of University Space in accordance with the following rankings:

1. Academic/Administrative Users
2. Academic Invitees
3. Student Societies
4. Commercial/Other Third Parties

A subsequent booking will only displace a previously confirmed booking of lower priority in exceptional circumstances.

### d) Licence agreements

All use of University Space by Academic Invitees, Student Societies, and Commercial/Other Third Parties shall only be permitted in accordance with a license agreement, oral or in writing as required by the University, that adequately address the following matters:

- compliance with all applicable laws, including but not limited to hate legislation, relating to the licensee's use of the University Space;
- indemnity in favour of the University;
- insurance;
- liability;
- government fees & licenses;
- cancellation;
- set-up/clean-up charges & extra services (eg. AV equipment/furniture/catering);
- rules concerning signs, posters, advertising, merchandising, etc.;
- University trademarks & copyright;

- hours covered by agreement;
- liquor regulations, if applicable;
- security and policing, if applicable;
- parking;
- safety and emergency procedures;
- smoking;
- recovery of all costs;
- overhead charges;
- opening/closing fees;
- service fees;
- rental charges, damage charges & cancellation fees, if applicable; and
- any other relevant matters.

Authority for establishing the specific terms of each license agreement is delegated to the Director of Classroom Services and the specific terms may vary depending on factors such as the nature, time, length and date of the proposed use. Execution of any license agreement on behalf of the University shall be subject to the Signing Resolutions of the Board of Governors.

#### e) Fees

1. *Use by Academic/Administrative Users.* Fees are not normally charged for academic and administrative use of University Space. However, fees are applied for opening and/or closing services when the event occurs outside regular operating hours. Fees may also be applied for additional staff or equipment services.
2. *Use by Academic Invitees.* Fees may be charged for conferences. Fees are chargeable for opening and/or closing services when the event occurs outside regular operating hours. Fees may also be applied for additional staff or equipment services.
3. *Use by Student Societies.* Fees are not normally charged for academic and administrative use of University Space. However, fees are applied for opening and/or closing services when the event occurs outside regular operating hours. Fees may also be applied for additional staff, resources or equipment services.
4. *Use by Commercial/Other Third Parties.* Rents and fees based on full recovery of operating costs and expenses and market considerations shall be applied for such use.

### Definitions

*University Space* shall mean all real property to which the University has right of possession, whether by way of ownership or by lease or otherwise, but shall exclude the areas specifically identified in the section entitled "University Space Managed by Departments other than Classroom Services". For greater certainty, it is noted that real property owned by the University but leased out to a third party, such as the Student Union Building (which is leased to the Alma Mater Society) and Leon and Thea Koerner Graduate Student Centre (which is leased to the Graduate Student Society), is not included within the definition of University Space.

*Short-Term*, when used in reference to a period of access or use, shall mean access or use for a period of generally less than four weeks.

*Academic/Administrative Users* are academic units and administrative units of the University including all faculty members and staff who are acting in their capacity as employees of the University, that wish to use University Space for official University purposes. Examples of such University purposes include the following:

- regularly scheduled classes or similar activities for University credit course offerings (i.e. University degree and diploma courses approved by Senate);
- occasional seminars, discussion groups, or similar activities for University credit course offerings;
- official meetings or activities of faculties or departments;
- Continuing Education activities of faculties, including those organized through the Centre for Continuing Education and programs for professional and career development (e.g. Commerce Diploma Division, Commerce Real Estate Division, Continuing Education in the Health Sciences, and Continuing Legal Education);
- Continuing Education Language Institute;
- other courses offered by the Centre for Continuing Education; and
- official meetings or other similar activities of faculty or staff.

Academic/Administrative Users also include organizations that are supported by the University with finances, time, or professional skills (eg. Alumni Association, etc.) and bargaining units representing University employees (e.g. Service Employees International Union, CUPE) that wish to use University Space for their regular business meetings.

*Academic Invitees* are persons and organizations that the University wishes to host within University Space and to whom the University extends an invitation. They generally include accredited organizations with

a special or direct relationship to the University, are normally of an educational, cultural, professional, or social service nature, and are non-profit in operation (eg. educational institutions, Learned Societies, charities). Academic Invitees may also include University students in their individual capacities, if they are approved by the Vice-President, Students.

*Student Societies* are the Alma Mater Society, the Graduate Student Society, and the University Publications Society, together with official clubs, constituency societies, and subsidiary organizations that are a part of the Alma Mater Society, the Graduate Student Society, or the University Publications Society, as the case may be.

*Commercial/Other Third Parties* are all persons or organizations other than Academic/Administrative Users, Academic Invitees, and Student Societies who seek a license to use University Space. Examples of Commercial/Other Third Parties include movie production companies, wedding parties, concert and festival organizers, and may include the federal and provincial governments.

### Procedures and guidelines

ALL REQUESTS for use of space are submitted by e-mail, fax or phone to Classroom Services 10 days prior to the date of the event. Requests will be processed and a booking confirmation forwarded to the booking contact.

1. *Use by Academic/Administrative Users.* Booking of University Space for non-academic, departmental and committee meetings and any other functions necessary for the administration of the University must be done through Classroom Services.
2. *Use by Academic Invitees.* Booking of University Space by Academic Invitees who have a direct or special relationship with the University must be done through Classroom Services.  
Requests for such use of space must be approved by the appropriate Dean or Administrative Head and are submitted in writing.
3. *Use by Student Societies.* Booking of University Space by Student Society/Student Users for seminars, meetings or any other event must be submitted by an authorized representative of the student organization to Classroom Services.
4. *Use by Commercial/Other Third Parties.* Booking of University Space by Commercial/Other Third Parties must be submitted in writing to Classroom Services. Requests must be made at least 10 days prior to the date of the event. Request forms are available via the web [http://www.student-services.ubc.ca/schedule/other\\_req.htm](http://www.student-services.ubc.ca/schedule/other_req.htm) or may be obtained via e-mail, phone or fax. Requests for such use may be denied on the basis that it is of a competing or conflicting nature with University Services.

Requests will be processed and a booking confirmation forwarded to the contact along with a License Agreement between the University and Commercial/Other Third Parties detailing arrangements, including time period covered, insurance and transportation, liability and financial terms.

### University space managed by departments other than Classroom Services

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# Faculty to lead national student research program

*Program designed to encourage students to pursue research career in Pharmaceutical Sciences*

by Hilary Thomson staff writer

A MEMBER OF UBC'S Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences has been granted \$50,000 US from the Merck Company Foundation to create a national summer research program for undergraduate pharmacy students.

The Merck Foundation Undergraduate Pharmacy Student Research Program will offer fellowships of \$5,000 US to one student at each of Canada's nine pharmacy schools. It will be administered by Assoc. Prof. Kishor Wasan who directs the faculty's Summer Student Research Program (SSRP).

The support provides student salaries, project supplies, and travel costs for students to present their research at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences.

"This support is a significant recognition of UBC's commitment to undergraduate research and to the faculty's leadership in this area," says Frank Abbott, dean of Pharmaceutical Sciences. "The project will link both students and their supervisors at pharmacy schools right across the country."

The fellowship will be the premier award offered in the faculty's summer student research program. Started in 1989, the program has seen rapid expansion under Wasan's direction. Last year enrolment in the program jumped to 41 students from the 11-student roster in 1998.

The program aims to introduce undergraduate students to the diversity of pharmacy research and encourage students to consider a career as a research scientist. Addressing the major shortage of pharmaceutical scientists in industry and academia is one of the program's objectives.

"We're pleased to give national exposure to our successful undergraduate research model," says Wasan, a faculty member since 1995 and chair of the division of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics. "We hope our program can revitalize or create similar programs at other schools."

Promoting undergraduate research is a goal of Trek 2000, the university's vision document.

The program also helps raise awareness in the research and academic communities about pharmacy education and research.

"We don't just train pharmacists here," says Wasan. "We train pharmaceutical scientists."

Each school of pharmacy will select a fellowship student by early March. All nine recipients will be announced in mid-May. Funding covers the period mid-May to mid-August. Students will submit a report to Wasan and present their findings at the annual conference

of the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Funding renewal will be considered at the end of the first year of the fellowship program.

The Merck Company Foundation, whose mandate includes support of education, already has a national U.S. summer student research program that involves 18 of the 80 U.S. pharmacy programs.

There are schools of pharmacy at the universities of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Toronto, as well as Laval, Montreal, Me-



Assoc. Prof. Kishor Wasan

memorial, and Dalhousie University.

For more information check the faculty newsletter on the Web site at [www.ubcpharmacy.org](http://www.ubcpharmacy.org).

## Students show yen for language

*All things Japanese attract growing group of scholars*

by Daria Wojnarski staff writer

ALL ROADS LEAD to Japan—at least they do when it comes to languages at UBC.

During the past five years student enrolment in the Japanese language program has almost tripled to more than 1,400 students.

Assoc. Prof. Joshua Mostow, acting head of the Asian Studies Dept., says UBC now has the largest Japanese language program in continental North America and the largest first-year classical language course outside Japan with 76 students learning the equivalent of Chaucerian English in Japanese.

In addition, there are only two places in Canada where students can get a PhD in Japanese culture—UBC and the University of Toronto.

"Previously we kept caps on courses because we couldn't handle more students," says Mostow. "The demand was getting ridiculous and we turned so many students away. We had to use Extra-Sessional Studies to meet the student demand."

"This boom isn't just in language, but in Japanese history, literature, religion," he adds.

While interest in the Japanese language continues to grow in Canada, the story in the United States is slightly different.

Mostow says enrolment in Japanese language courses at U.S. universities has been falling over the last few years.

"With the Japanese economic problems, the language has become less attractive to American students," he says. "Our students don't tend to be either 'yen' or 'zen'—

money or religion. Students here are interested in Japanese pop culture such as animation, fashion, comic books and music.

"My impression is that Tokyo is to these students what Paris was to American students in the 1950s—a cultural Mecca."

Mostow expects the interest in Japanese language and culture will continue to grow.

"Japanese pop culture wasn't allowed into South Korea, but those restrictions were recently removed so we might get a new influx of students of Korean heritage."

For a variety of reasons the program is getting more Japanese nationals at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, says Mostow.

"At the graduate level, these students have opted to study Japanese culture outside of Japan to get a different perspective."

At the undergraduate level, the department has students from Ritsumeikan, a private university in Japan with which UBC has set up an exchange. Some 100 students a year come from Ritsumeikan—the largest single group in the year-abroad group at UBC.

Reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of the department, faculty hold cross-appointments in such diverse areas as Women's Studies, 19th-Century Studies, Comparative Literature, Medieval Studies and the Centre for Intercultural Language Studies.

## Honour Roll

Dr. Martin Schechter has been appointed head of the Dept. of Health Care and Epidemiology for a five-year term.

A UBC alumnus, his research focuses on infectious disease with a particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS. A Medical Research Council Senior Scientist, Schechter directs the Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcomes Sciences and is national director of the Canadian HIV Trials Network.

Schechter has served as acting head of the department since August 1999.



Dr. Martin Schechter

Richard Spencer has joined IT Services for a 12-month term.

Spencer will work closely with Ted Dodds, associate vice-president, Information Technology, and others on a number of student and administrative systems developments, including redesign of processes for prospective and newly admitted undergraduates.

Spencer is taking a one-year administrative leave from the Registrar's Office where he has served as UBC's registrar for 12 years.

David Holm, former associate dean for Students in the Faculty of Science, has been appointed as acting director, Enrolment Services and registrar.

Clark Warren has been appointed director of UBC's Development Office.

Recruited to UBC in 1990 from a private law practice, Warren served as the first manager of Planned Giving during the World of Opportunity Campaign. The campaign raised \$262 million in support for the university.

He has served as associate director of Development since 1997.

UBC received more than 23,000 gifts last year totaling almost \$37.5 million in support.




Marketa Goetz-Stankiewicz

Marketa Goetz-Stankiewicz, professor emerita of Germanic Studies and Comparative Literature, has been awarded the Czech Republic Medal of Merit by Czech President Vaclav Havel.

The medal honours individuals who have given meritorious services to the state or in the fields of economy, science, technology, culture, arts, and education.

Goetz-Stankiewicz is a proponent of Czech culture abroad and the author of numerous publications on Czech plays and underground writing.



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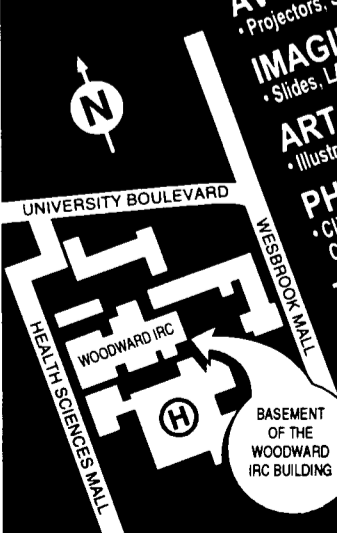
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## PROFILE

*The Arts Co-op Program is a hit with both students and employers*

# At home and abroad they prosper



*Arts Co-op students Kirsten Thorarinson (left) and Michael Ross found their skills in demand. Employers are eager for Arts students, says program director Julie Walchli. Daria Wojnarski photos*

by Daria Wojnarski staff writer

THE ONE-YEAR-OLD Arts Co-op program at UBC is shattering the myth that Arts students don't have value in the labour market, says the program's director.

"In fact, in the knowledge-based economy, people with exceptional writing and communication skills are the hardest to find and the most valuable," says Julie Walchli.

"Employers tell us they're looking for problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, the ability to analyse and the ability to write well. They say the technical skills are more easy to teach in the workplace."

The past year has been incredibly exciting and challenging, she says.

The program placed 133 students with 100 Canadian and international employers.

Government and crown corporations accounted for 40 per cent of the employers, 40 per cent were

in the private sector and 20 per cent were non-profit.

Walchli says the Arts Co-op plans to place 200 students this year.

Among the students who participated in the program in its first year of operation was Michael Ross. He found himself teaching business communication to marketing managers and accountants in Beijing.

The 24-year-old, who's completing an Integrated Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Asian Studies, spent six-months in China with the Canadian Institute of Business and Technology.

"The benefits are that you can try on several different hats without having to make a career commitment," Ross says. "At the same time, you get to learn more about yourself."

Ross's co-op experience has helped clarify his career, academic and personal preferences.

"I now know what I like and don't like about working," he says.

Ross, who wants to pursue a career in sustainable development and environmental awareness, says the co-op experience showed him that he's a good teacher and can easily relay his ideas.

While in China, Ross recalls he had a few closed door sessions with his students.

One of the issues they discussed was the 1989 events of Tiananmen Square when thousands of Chinese students took to the streets to demand democracy and human rights.

On an outing to a beach, Ross says he also had a chance to talk to members of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

"We broke down misconceptions—their misconceptions of foreigners and ours of the PLA," he says.

"We sat on the beach and played volleyball and drank beer. It brought a human aspect to the competitive forces of China.

"The trip made me really appreciate UBC because it provided me

with many quality learning experiences," says Ross, who also participated in a six-month student exchange at the University of Western Australia in Perth.

"I think the international opportunities here at UBC are fantastic. You can plug into so many places here because the university is large and has so much diversity."

WHILE ROSS LABOURED in China, Kirsten Thorarinson's experience took place closer to home.

The 21-year-old, who's majoring in Modern European Studies, spent two four-month co-op terms working in the policy and communications branch at the Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

"Many people assumed that since I was working with DFO, I must have a background in ocean sciences or biology," she says.

"There are so many people in fisheries with Arts degrees, but I found I still had to explain why I was there. The writing, the research and the communication skills I

learned in my classes are important aspects of these co-op jobs."

Three of Thorarinson's colleagues at DFO began life there as co-op students, she says.

Thorarinson says she was always interested in participating in a co-op program and was glad when the Faculty of Arts introduced one.

"I wanted real world experience and to be able to put it on my resumé," she says.

THORARINSON SAYS THERE WAS no typical day for her on the job. One day she would conduct interviews at the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, the next she'd be back in the Vancouver office working on the career development Web site.

"My first day conducting interviews was definitely the most memorable," she says. "I was outside in the pouring rain transporting chinook fry from a hatchery to sea pens with a community adviser. It was a long day, one made longer by the fact that there were no toilets at the hatchery. Unfortunately, this situation popped up more than once over the summer."

The Arts co-op is the fifth co-op program on campus. The faculties of Science, Forestry, Applied Science and Commerce and Business Administration also offer co-op programs.

Students enrolled in the Arts co-op must file a report on each of the co-op terms.

For her efforts, Thorarinson won the first Arts Co-op Work Term Report Award, presented last month. She shares the award, which is worth \$300, with Eric Tung.

Walchli says the program's participants are exceptional and highly motivated students who are keen to get the most out of their education.

"They challenge us to find jobs for them that are meaningful and connected to their studies," she says.