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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Recently elected Alma Mater Society President Erfan Kazemi prepares to lead a newly elected slate of student council leaders. UBC's Alma Mater Society is responsible for a budget of \$12 million dollars. Bruce Mason photo

## Building student pride aim of AMS president

*Apathy, provincial election, key concerns of new student leader*

by Bruce Mason staff writer

ERFAN KAZEMI SUCCEEDED where Al Gore fell short, making the leap from vice-president to the top job. Like George W. Bush he now has to build consensus.

While it isn't the Oval Office, the president-elect of UBC's Alma Mater Society is ultimately responsible for a budget of \$12 million and hundreds of full- and part-time employees.

Kazemi, who comes to the job from serving as AMS vice-president, Academic and University Affairs, knows it's a big job.

"Obviously student apathy is a major issue," he says. "Only 3,122 of 33,000 students voted in the election. The AMS must be more inclusive and we need to instil pride in UBC students and a sense that they are part of something greater than themselves."

The Students for Students slate won all five AMS executive posi-

tions for the second straight election, but Kazemi beat opponent Rob Nagai by only 47 votes.

A poor turnout and tight race is partly the result of recognition of a job well done and high expectations that Students for Students would win, he says.

As well, no contentious issues emerged, unlike, in the past, when

a proposal to include campus residents in the provincial Residential Tenancy Act, national student lobbying groups, potential fee increases and role of corporations on campus, attracted more voters.

"UBC students need to feel a sense of ownership in the AMS and its programs, services and events see AMS, page 2

## Justice, engineer among 13 to earn honorary degrees

*Ten of the degree recipients UBC graduates or faculty*

MADAM JUSTICE LOUISE ARBOUR, Emerita Mechanical Engineering Prof. Emerita Martha Salcudean, and alumnus Leonard Marchand, the first status Indian to be elected to the House of Commons, are among the 13 individuals who will receive honorary degrees from the University of British Columbia this year.

Twelve honorary degrees will be awarded during Spring Congregation, May 23-25 and 28-30. Arbour will receive her honorary degree during Fall Congregation in November.

Ten of the recipients are current or former UBC faculty members or graduates of UBC.

Recipients are recognized for their distinguished career achievements and for their contributions to UBC and to Canada.

Arbour, elevated to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1999, is one of Canada's most eminent jurists.

In 1996, she was appointed by the Security Council of the United Nations as prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, a position she held until 1999.

Salcudean, the former head of the UBC Mechanical Engineering Dept. and one of Canada's most distinguished engineers and scholars, is world-renowned for her research contributions in the area of heat transfer and fluid flow.

In 1998, she was one of three Canadians to receive the prestigious Killam Prize in recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of engineering. In 1991 she was awarded the Science Council of B.C.'s Gold Medal in the Applied Science and Engineering category.

Marchand is being honoured for his lifelong work in aboriginal see Honorary, page 2



Madam Justice Louise Arbour



Prof. Emerita Martha Salcudean

## Gala to trumpet research achievements

*Week-long celebration recognizes UBC researchers' work*

STELLAR RESEARCH at UBC will be recognized at Reach for the Stars, a celebration evening to be held Thursday, March 8 at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.

"Our researchers have contributed enormously to scholarship and to society," says Indira Samarasekera, vice-president, Research. "They are recognized locally and internationally and we need to take time to celebrate their achievements in our own community."

Illustrating the event's theme will be pictures of the Cosmos taken by the Hubble telescope and exhibits relating to the Gemini project that seeks to explore the deeper universe, both provided by the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy.

In addition, the School of Music will provide entertainment with a piano performance by Prof. Robert Silverman and a scene from "The Crucible" performed by students in the Opera Program.

UBC researchers and award winners from all faculties will be honoured and video interviews with researchers describing their work will be shown. Recipients of research prizes—the Prof. Jacob Bielby Faculty Research Prize, the Charles A. McDowell Award for Excellence in Research, the Killam Research Prizes and the Japan Prize—as well as the new inductees into the Royal Society of Cana-

da and the Order of Canada will be recognized.

The gala is the centrepiece of Research Awareness 2001—a week of research recognition events see Gala, page 2



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## Honorary

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and national causes. In 1984, he was appointed to the senate and named honorary chief of the Okanagan.

Other honorary degree recipients include Fine Arts Prof. Emeritus Gordon Smith, one of the Canada's leading artists; UBC alumnus Jack Blaney, president of Simon Fraser University from 1997-2000; former Surgery Assoc. Prof. Haile Debas, an outstanding surgeon, researcher, teacher and academic administrator who is currently dean of the University of California's School of Medicine; David Hardwick, a leading pedi-

atric pathologist at UBC; novelist Joy Kogawa, best known for her writings about the Japanese experience in Canada; UBC alumnus Ian Hacking, a philosophy professor at the University of Toronto; Microbiology Prof. Julia G. Levy, president and chief executive officer of QLT PhotoTherapeutics Inc.; Tom Schnackenberg, sailing design co-ordinator and the navigator behind Team New Zealand's America's Cup victories; UBC alumnus Tricia Smith, an Olympic medallist in rowing; and UBC alumnus Paul Williams, a biologist who developed the 'fast plants' system, which is used worldwide as a research model in basic plant research and crop improvement.

## AMS president

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throughout their career at the university," says Kazemi, a third-year Biology and Computer Science student.

"It's also very important that students are heard during the upcoming provincial election, especially regarding tuition fees," he says. "The freeze is a good idea, but funding must be put in place so that universities don't suffer. And we need meaningful alternatives if it is lifted."

A letter of congratulations from provincial Opposition Leader Gordon Campbell, which states, "as MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, I serve many of the same students as

you," is encouraging. So is the perspective of UBC's administration.

"The university's vision document *Trek 2000*, correctly identifies students as a priority and we look forward to working closely with President Piper and the vice-president, Students, Brian Sullivan on behalf of UBC students," he says.

Kazemi will be joined by vice-president elect, Academic and University Affairs, Evan Horie, vice-president elect, External Affairs, Kristen Harvey, vice-president elect, Administration, Mark Fraser and vice-president elect, Finance, Yvette Lu.

Representatives of the Students' Voice slate, Hannah Roman and Brian MacLean, will serve as senators-at-large.

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## Research gala

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ing held at UBC and other teaching sites March 3-9.

"Highlighting the length and breadth of research activity by UBC and its partner institutions is what this initiative is about," says Pharmaceutical Sciences Prof. Sid Katz, who is leading the research awareness programs.

The week includes: the UBC Health Sciences Research forum; a series of UBC Library workshops called The Research Journey: From Primary Sources to Original Scholarship; and a breakfast symposium at the Vancouver Board of Trade,

with UBC President Martha Piper, Commerce and Business Administration Prof. Michael Goldberg and others speaking about innovation.

Research Awareness 2001 is part of a program called Celebrate Research that encompasses a variety of forums to communicate UBC's research activities. Recognition of faculty achievement is a strategy in *Trek 2000*, the university's vision document.

### MORE INFORMATION

To obtain a free ticket to the gala or for more information on the week's activities contact [celebrate.research@ubc.ca](mailto:celebrate.research@ubc.ca) or check the Web site at [www.research.ubc.ca](http://www.research.ubc.ca).

## RESEARCH FACTS

- UBC received \$166 million in research funding in 1999-2000.
- UBC conducts 4,000 research projects annually.
- UBC ranked first in Canada for federal funding received from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council in 1999.
- Both Fine Arts Prof. Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe and History Prof. Mark Phillips in the Faculty of Arts earned Guggenheim Awards in 1999/2000. The awards are one of the most prestigious awards given in the humanities.
- UBC and its affiliated teaching hospitals ranked first in Canada in 1999 for amount of research funding awarded—\$68 million—by the Canada Foundation for Innovation.
- UBC ranks second in the country for number of fellows in the Royal

Society of Canada, a national body of distinguished Canadian scientists and scholars that promotes learning and research in the arts and sciences. The university is home to 142 fellows out of 1290 in Canada.

- UBC ranks second in Canadian universities for Steacie Fellowships - Canada's top award for outstanding scientists and engineers. UBC received 2.7 awards for every 100 full-time faculty.

- UBC ranks first in Canada for the number of faculty who received Canada-U.S. Fulbright Canadian fellowships from 1991-1999. UBC has six Canadian fellows out of a total of 46 in Canada.

- UBC ranks among the top 10 universities in North America for the number of spin-off companies created. UBC research has created 97 spin-off companies that employ more than 2,400 people.

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## 2001 President's Service Award for Excellence Nominations

The committee is seeking nominations of outstanding faculty and staff who have made distinguished contributions to the university.

For a nomination form call 822-2484. Please mail nominations to: President's Service Award for Excellence Committee, c/o Ceremonies Office, second floor, Ponderosa B, Campus Zone 2.



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Applications, accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae and names of three references, should be directed by March 31, 2001 to: Dr. J.A. Cairns, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Room 317, Instructional Resources Centre, 2194 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3.

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Andrea Lahmer, a student in the School of Music's Diploma of Collaborative Studies program, gets in some last-minute studying before mid-term break. Students in most faculties will be taking a break from Feb. 19-23 inclusive when lectures and laboratories are cancelled. Libraries will remain open. Hilary Thomson photo

# Commerce plans MBA with China

*Proposed program aimed at senior managers*

by Andy Poon staff writer

BUSINESS STUDENTS in Shanghai could soon graduate with a University of British Columbia degree after the university unveils plans for a co-operative MBA program with a Shanghai university during the Team Canada trade mission to China this month.

UBC's four-person delegation, led by the university's vice-president, Research, Indra Samarasekera, will be among the more than 550 participants accompanying Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and nine of the 10 provincial premiers on the nine-day trip to Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong which starts Feb. 9.

"UBC's participation in Team Canada is in line with the strong emphasis on internationalization in our vision document, *Trek 2000*," says Samarasekera. "As Canada's leading university in Asia-Pacific affairs, our participation in the trade mission will further strengthen our reputation in teaching and research in this very important region."

The university's Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration will sign a historic agreement to work with Shanghai Jiao Tong University for a co-operative MBA program between the two institutions on Thursday, Feb. 15 in Shanghai. Business students in China would be able to attend classes taught by UBC faculty and graduate with a UBC MBA degree.

"We would be the first major Canadian business school to offer a program in Shanghai where students would take the majority of

their coursework in China yet would be able to graduate with a North American degree," says Prof. Stanley Hamilton, senior associate dean of UBC Commerce.

An expected 50 students would be accepted into the program as early as this year, pending university Senate and Board of Governors' approval. Dubbed the International MBA or IMBA, the degree will focus on developing managers for the international business environment.

"The joint IMBA program will target senior managers in Chinese enterprises, joint ventures, operations of foreign multinational companies, and Chinese government departments," says Hamilton.

Hamilton and Grace Wong, the faculty's assistant dean of International Programs, will be on hand for the signing in Shanghai.

China has been a focal point for UBC Commerce for some 20 years.

Programs with China began in the faculty in 1980 with the visit of Rong Yiren, formerly vice-president of China.

Since that time, the faculty has developed strong academic links with leading universities such as Shanghai Jiao Tong University for teaching and research, and strong partnership links with key business and government enterprises throughout China for human resources development.

More than 300 senior Chinese enterprise and government officials have come to UBC for short-term executive training programs, offered in Chinese.

UBC will join more than four dozen B.C. educational institutions, high-tech firms, transportation companies and consulting firms on the Feb. 9-18 trip which is aimed at fostering trade and investment between the two countries.

# Learning Commons takes shape inside Main Library

*Collegial environment designed as a space where community members can build learning skills*

THE MAIN CONCOURSE in Main Library will be restored and transformed into a learning commons, thanks to a \$1-million gift from two former UBC students.

"The Learning Commons has been a top priority," says university librarian, Catherine Quinlan. "It goes back to *Trek 2000* which speaks to the need to support learning and research. The concept is also included in UBC's Academic Plan."

Donors Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Katherine Chapman, both attended UBC in the 1930s.

Plans for the commons, which is now under construction in the area which formerly housed the card catalogue, include support for advanced learning and research and innovative computer technology.

It will be a staffed space where all students, faculty, staff, and community members can build their learning skills while accessing the library's extensive information resources.

The facility will include study space. There will also be an informal gathering space to encourage the collegial environment and spirited dialogues that are central to a university as a forum of lively minds, says Quinlan.

She says the Learning Commons is an exciting addition to the university.

"It gives us an opportunity to see what students' needs and expectations are. As undergraduate programs become more focused on problem-based learning and re-

search, how we support them, not just in the Library but campus-wide, is important."

The Chapmans have been long-time supporters of the university, says Quinlan.

"They were very interested in supporting a project that, in their words, 'is forward thinking, showcases quality and excellence, and enhances the quality of living for human beings.' We're honoured to be given the opportunity to make this happen."

The commons will focus particularly on welcoming and integrating first-year students so they feel a part of the learning community more quickly.

Students in upper years of study will be available as tutors and mentors to other students through formal programs, as well as the natural interactions of a shared study area.

The university is establishing an endowment to support student programs based in the Learning Commons.

These programs will focus on: academic skills enhancement and tutoring; student leadership training; career and personal development programs; and technology-supported peer group learning. Service-learning programs, including for example, extending student tutoring to members of the community, such as youths, special-needs learners and persons from disadvantaged circumstances, are also planned.

The Learning Commons will

also serve as the centrepiece for the proposed University Learning Centre (ULC) project.

UBC is poised to redevelop Main Library as a hub of knowledge, built around and preserving the facility's 76-year-old heritage core.

The ULC will be a multi-purpose facility that builds on the Library's traditional strengths while enhancing learning, research, and social exchange.

Opening of the commons is slated for mid-August.

# Students research sustainability

*Young scholars earn credit while assisting campus to develop environmentally friendly practices*

UBC'S SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE has revived a program that lets students gain academic credit for applied research in sustainability issues on campus.

Under UBC SEEDS, the Sustainability Office co-ordinates projects in which staff members work with students and faculty members whose research will contribute in a practical way to a more sustainable campus.

The program has its roots in the Greening of the Campus initiative that began in 1994 under the leadership of John Robinson, director of the Sustainable Development Research Institute.

Some 50 projects related to campus sustainability were researched and produced by UBC students before the program ended in 1998.

In reviving the program, the Sustainability Office hopes to increase awareness and promote more environmentally friendly practices across campus among the university community, says UBC SEEDS co-ordinator Brenda Sawada.

Students receive the benefit of receiving academic credit for their internship or research while faculty and instructors can contribute and receive recognition of their work on campus, says Sawada.

"We have some of the world's top experts here on campus and this is a chance to get them to focus their attention on issues here," she says.

Staff can propose the research project that will help them with their area of responsibility and Sawada will work to hook them up

with UBC students and faculty that are working in these areas. Together they contribute to finding practical ways to making the university campus more sustainable.

"We have found that at other universities in order for this to be successful, staff must be involved in initiating the projects," says Sawada.

Among the projects currently underway is a human-ecology course instructed by Zoology sessional instructor Alice Cassidy in which students are developing interpretive guides to ecological aspects of the campus.

Architecture Prof. Ray Cole and UBC Properties are also involved in a project in which four to six housing units will be designed and constructed on campus to demonstrate sustainable housing features.

For more information on the program, visit [www.sustain.ubc.ca](http://www.sustain.ubc.ca) or call (604) 822-3270.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 11

**Pacific Spirit Concert**

Mozart Divertimenti. Triskelion String Trio: Lorna McGhee, flute. Music Recital Hall at 2pm. Tickets available at the door \$20 adults, \$10 students/seniors. E-mail concerts@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Cindy Naude 822-5574.

**Music At The Chan**

Rick Benjamin's Paragon Ragtime Orchestra With Silent Films. Chan Centre at 3pm. \$36, \$27, \$19 adults; \$28, \$22, \$16 students. Call Ticketmaster 280-3311 or for more information 822-2697.

## MONDAY, FEB. 12

**AMS Valentines Gift Fair**

Various vendors. SUB main concourse from 9am-5pm. Continues to Feb. 14. Call 822-3465.

**Equality/Security/Community Colloquium**

Information Dissemination As An Instrument Of Environmental Policy. Kathryn Harrison, Werner Antweiller. Political Science. Green College at 4pm. Call 822-1878.

**Green College Speaker Series**

Economic Expansion, Environmental Protection and Indigenous Land/Resource Rights In Taiwan. Chun-Chieh Chi. Anthropology and Sociology. Green College at 5pm. Call 822-1878.

**Health Promotion In Motion Seminar**

Telling Stories: News Media, Health Literacy And Public Policy. Michael Hayes. Geography. SFU. Green College at 7:30pm. Call 822-1878.

**Thematic Lecture Series**

Sunday Morning Subversion?: Organized Religion And Canadian State Security In The Cold War. Steve Hewitt, U of Saskatchewan. Green College at 5pm. Call 822-1878.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 15

**Physics Colloquium**

X-Ray Signatures Of Black Holes In Active Galaxies. Paul Nandra. NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Hennings 201 from 4-5pm. Refreshments Hennings 325 at 3:30pm. E-mail tempsec@physics.ubc.ca. Call Michelle Lee 822-3853.

**Music Concert**

Works By Schubert, Mendelsohn, Handel And Verdi. University Singers. UBC Choral Union. Chan Centre at 12:30pm. E-mail concerts@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Cindy Naude 822-5574.

**Chemical And Biological Engineering Seminar**

The Treatment Of A Pulp And Paper Combined Condensate Using Optimal Control Of A Sequencing Batch Reactor. Norman Woo. ChemEng 206 at 3:30pm. Call 822-3238.

**Music Concert**

Works By Schubert, Mendelsohn, Handel And Verdi. University Singers. UBC Choral Union. Chan Centre concert hall from 8-10pm. E-mail concerts@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Cindy Naude 822-5574.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 17

**Electronic Records**

International Symposium Preserving Authentic Electronic Records: Preliminary Research Findings. Various speakers. Chan Centre Royal Bank Cinema from 8:30am-5pm. Lunch and reception to follow. Call 688-0809 ext. 25.

**World Vision**

Music Of Love Concert. Chan Centre at 8pm. \$28-\$128. Call 822-2697.

**Vancouver Institute Lecture**

Programming: Poetry, Gears Or Magic. Prof. Gregor Kiczales. Computer Science. IRC #2 at 8:15pm. Call 822-4636.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 20

**Law And Society Lecture**

Imperial Cultures: The Frontier Myth In Australia. Robert Foster. History. U of Adelaide. CK Choi 129 at 11:30am. Call 822-1878.

**Microbiology And Immunology**

The Role Of EXT1 In Heparan Sulfate Biosynthesis And Hereditary Multiple Exostosis. Peter Cheung. Wesbrook 201 from 12:30-1:30pm. Call 822-3308.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

**School Of Nursing Rounds**

Program Evaluation Institute. Prof. Ann Hilton. UBC Hosp., Koerner Pavilion T-206 from 9am-4pm. Continues to Feb. 23. Call 822-7453.

**Obstetrics And Gynecology Seminar**

Transgenic Mice? Why No Y Chromosome Knock-Outs? Elizabeth Simpson. Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics. B.C.'s Women's Hosp. 2N35 at 2pm. Call 875-3108.

**Senate Meeting**

Regular Meeting Of The Senate, UBC's Academic Parliament. Curtis 102 at 8pm. Call 822-2951.

## THURSDAY, FEB. 22

**Interprofessional Continuing Education Conference**

FAS And Other Drug-Related Effects: Building Hope. Various speakers. Coast Plaza Suite Hotel, 1763 Comox St., from 8am-4pm. Continues to Feb. 24. Call 822-0054.

**Seminar**

Using the UBC Visual Identity. Public Affairs staff. OAB Board and Senate room from 11:30am-12:30pm. To register call UBC-INFO (822-4636).

**Integrated Computer Systems**

Research Distinguished Lecture Quantum Computing. Peter Shor. AT&T Laboratories. CICSB 208 from 4-5:30pm. Refreshments. Call 822-6894.

**VST Theological Forum**

Empire, Exile And Restoration: Implications Of Gender Integration In Canadian Anglicanism. VST from 4-5pm. To register e-mail ci@vst.edu. Call 822-9815.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 24

**Vancouver Institute Lecture**

Discovering Microscopic Worlds. Elaine Humphrey. Electron Microscopy Laboratory. IRC #2 at 8:15pm. Call 822-4636.

## NOTICES

**Parents With Toddlers**

Did you know your child is a word-learning expert? We are looking for children (one to five years old) and their parent(s) to participate in language studies in the Psychology Dept. at UBC. You and your child, and a trained researcher will play a word game using puppets and toys or pictures. As you might imagine, children find these word games a lot of fun. During your visit, you will remain with your child at all times. If you (or someone you know) might be interested in bringing your child for a 30-minute visit to our research playroom, please contact Dr. Hall's Language Development Centre at 822-9294.

**Born Between 1930 And 1976?**

The Adult Development And Psychometrics Lab at UBC is looking for men and women born between 1930 and 1976 to participate in a series of focus groups looking at what it means to be your age today. Call Rick 822-5250.

**Participants Wanted**

Are you a postmenopausal woman with Type II diabetes interested in beginning an exercise program? St. Paul's Hospital Healthy Heart Program and Diabetes Centre are recruiting participants, who do not smoke or use insulin, for a research project on the effect of exercise on diabetes for women. Call Darcy Cuff 806-8601

**Morris And Helen Belkin Art Gallery**

Landscape paintings by leading British artist, Peter Doig. Continues to March 11. Tuesday to Friday from 10am-5pm; Saturday 12noon-5pm; Sunday 12noon-5pm. (Closed Mondays and statutory holidays). Call 822-2759.

**UBC Birdwalks**

Anyone who is interested can meet at the flagpole above the Rose Garden on Thursdays at 12:45pm. Look for a small group of people who are carrying binoculars and bird books (and bring your own, if you have them). Call 822-9149.

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## FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24

**Art Show**

Schwartz Art Exhibition. SUB Art Gallery from 10am-4pm. E-mail sacoffice@ams.ubc.ca. Call Stephanie McKernan 822-9019.

**IISGP Noon Hour Seminar**

In Conversation: On Community. Kate Collie, Pamela Brett-MacLean, Graduate Studies. Green College at 12noon. Call 822-1878.

**19th Century/European Studies**

Nationalizing French Cuisine: Le Discours Du Ventre Au 19e Siecle. Priscilla Ferguson. Sociology. Columbia U. Buchanan B Penthouse at 4:30pm. E-mail meggolay@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Meghan Golay 822-1452.

**Biophysics Seminar**

Mathematical Modeling Of The Cytoskeleton And Cell. Leah Keshet. Hennings 304 from 4:30-5:30pm. Refreshments. E-mail mereks@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Merek Siu 809-2935.

**Thematic Lecture Series**

Globalization, National Unity And Local Identity: Questioning The Future Of Indonesia. Bobi B. Setiawan. Environmental Studies. Gadjah Mada U. Green College at 5pm. Call 822-1878.

**Member Speaker Series**

Still Room For Stillness. Carol Hudgins. Fine Arts. Green College at 7:30pm. Call 822-1878.

## TUESDAY, FEB. 13

**Botany Seminar**

Directional Responses In Plants: Some Examples For Non-Cognitive Behaviour. Ariel Novoplansky, Ben Gurion U. BioSciences 2000 at 12:30pm. Call 822-2133.

**Microbiology And Immunology**

Host-Bacterial Detente In The CF Lung: Lessons Learned From Mice And Men. Dr. David Speert, Medicine. Wesbrook 201 from 12:30-1:30pm. Call 822-3308.

**Lectures In Modern Chemistry**

A Molecule-Like Sodium. Prof. Richard Oakley, U of Waterloo. Chemistry B-250 at 1pm. Refreshments at 12:30pm. Call 822-2996.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

**European Studies**

Telling Tales Of Exile (Re)Writing Jewish Histories: B. Honingmann And Her Novel, *Sohara's Journey*. Jeff Peck. York U. Buchanan B Penthouse from 12noon-2pm. Light lunch at 12noon. E-mail meggolay@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Meghan Golay 822-1452.

**Another Look At Human Development Colloquium**

Aboriginal Child Care In Canada. Asst. Prof. Margo Greenwood, Social Work, UNBC. IRC #414 from 12:30-1:20pm. Call 822-6593.

**Music Concert**

Wednesday Noon Hour. Martin Berinbaum, trumpet. Music Recital Hall at 12:30pm. \$4 at the door. E-mail concerts@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Cindy Naude 822-5574.

**Law And Society Lecture**

The Politics Of Reconciliation: Dispossession And Constitutionalism In Australia. Prof. Andrew Buck, Macquarie U. CK Choi 120 from 12:30-1:30pm. E-mail kjew@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Karen Jew 822-4688 or 822-1878.

**Applied Ethics Colloquium**

Respect For Human Dignity As The Basis Of An Ethical And Legal Duty To Stop Life Sustaining Measures For (pvs) Persistent Vegetative State Patients. Edward Keyserlingk. Scarfe 201 from 2-4pm. Call Karen 822-8625.

**Obstetrics And Gynecology Seminar**

Fibronolytic Enzyme Expressions During Early Implantation. Dr. Qiang Feng, U of Waterloo. B.C.'s Women's Hosp. 2N35 at 2pm. Call 875-3108.

**Geography Colloquium**

Acute Effect Of Air Pollution On Mortality And Hospitalization In The Lower Fraser Valley. Sverre Vedal. Geography 201 at 3:30pm. Refreshments. Call 822-2663.

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When Free Expression Hits The Fan: Contemporary Art In Indonesia. Prof. Astri Wright, U of Victoria. CK Choi Conference Room from 4:30-6pm. E-mail kjew@interchange.ubc.ca. Call Karen Jew 822-4688.

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Offshore Sand Resources. Gideon Almagor. Geological Survey of Israel. GeoSciences 330-A at 12:30pm. Call 822-3278.

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Medical Futility: Objective And Factual Or Subjective And Negotiated? Some Ethical And Legal Considerations. Edward Keyserlingk, Applied Ethics. Green College at 7:30pm. Call 822-1878.

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**Health Care And****Epidemiology Rounds**

The Development Of Guidelines And Criteria For Health Promotion In Primary Care Settings. Jim Frankish. Institute of Health Research, Health Care and Epidemiology. Mather 253 from 9-10am. Paid parking available in B Lot. Call 822-2772.

**Occupational And Environmental Hygiene Seminar**

Moisture, Mold And Health: Health Policy And Research In Finland. Aino Nevalainen. National Public Health Institute. UBC Hosp., Koerner Pavilion G-279 from 12:30-1:30pm. Call Kathryn Lewis 822-9861 or Dr. Paul Demers 822-0585.

**Classical And Near Eastern Studies Lecture**

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The Leaders of Tomorrow Awards, co-sponsored by the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, honour young people for their outstanding contributions and strive to inspire others to similar service. These awards recognize youth 17 years of age and under, and separately, youth aged 18-25.

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 23, 2001. For more information including other award categories, call Jean Pastore, Volunteer Vancouver (604) 875-9144.

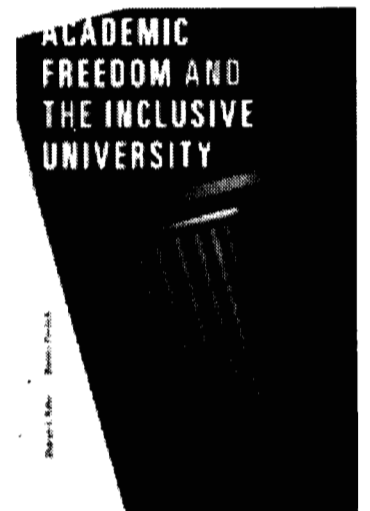
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Winners of these annual awards receive a plaque.

Nominations will be accepted from UBC students, faculty and staff and recent graduates until Feb. 15. They should be directed to the Office of the Vice-President, Students, Room 123, Old Administration building, 6328 Memorial Rd.

Award winners will be announced March 15 and will be honoured at a special ceremony.

CABSD's mission is to understand and address student needs and concerns. This committee advises the vice-president. Students,

on a broad range of student development issues.

**View new faculty/staff housing**

New faculty and staff rental housing has been completed and will be ready for occupancy March 31.

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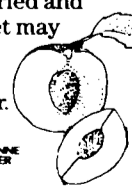
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# Database puts global resources at UBC researchers' fingertips

*Virtual community will help boost peer collaboration*

by Hilary Thomson, staff writer

LOCATING FUNDING opportunities and research colleagues worldwide will be simpler for UBC's researchers and scholars, thanks to an international research database made available by the Office of the Vice-president, Research.

Called Community of Science, (cos) the Web site is designed for use by scholars in all disciplines.

Nearly half a million investigators worldwide in all fields of research and scholarship use the site to publicize research, collaborate with peers, locate funding and conduct research. The Web site also has links to industry that will help investigators connect with the research and development community.

"This site helps to create virtual communities and promote collaboration between scientists," says Indira Samarasekera, vice-president, Research. "Research today is truly a global undertaking and the ability to communicate with peers is vital."

Features of the service include a database of funding opportunities with access to more than 16,000 grants in all fields of research. In addition, the site's Funding Alert offers a customized service that automatically e-mails individual researchers about funding oppor-

tunities that apply to their area of investigation.

cos also provides a portfolio of Web tools to create an online customized working environment. For example, cos Expertise allows individual members to post professional information and experience. The profiles appear on the Web site in a secure and standardized format.

Another Web tool, cos Workbench, is a customized Web-based workspace for professional development. Researchers can create a curriculum vitae home page and gain access to news, specifics of their area of interest, schedules of conferences, searchable information on hundreds of professional societies and meetings, calls for papers and other services.

Bibliographic databases, such as listings of U.S. patents and current published work in the biomedical,

geological, agricultural and engineering fields are another of the site's features.

There is also an abstract management system for researchers to write material collaboratively or conduct peer reviews on-line.

The cos community comprises 400,000 members at 700 universities and institutions in more than 120 countries.

Twelve Canadian universities subscribe to the site including the University of Alberta, the University of Toronto and McMaster University. Yale and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are some of the 180 U.S. member universities.

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## Honour Roll

The Dept. of Mechanical Engineering is honouring Prof. Emeritus **Geoff Parkinson** for his contributions to the department throughout his 40-year career at UBC by naming a wind tunnel after him at a ceremony on campus today.

The "Parkinson Wind Tunnel," located in the Aerodynamics Laboratory, serves as recognition for Parkinson's devotion to teaching and research in fluid mechanics during his tenure in the department from 1952 to 1992.

Parkinson is a respected authority on aerodynamics and made extensive use of wind tunnels in his research at UBC. He helped design two wind tunnels more than 30 years ago that are still in use today, including the one now named after him.

English and Women's Studies Prof. **Sneja Gunew** has been selected as one of six directors of the international Transculturalisms Project. Sponsored by the International Council for Canadian Studies, the project involves six groups of 10 researchers.


Together with a sister-team based in Brazil, Gunew's team will define and clarify the research program titled "The intermingling of cultures and its impact on Canadian or foreign national identity: past, present, and future."

She hopes to shed light on the cultural implications of the growing tensions between the increasingly blurred boundaries of the nation state in an era of globalization and, on the other hand, the growing chorus of voices within the nation asserting ethnic and indigenous distinctiveness.


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**Entries may be submitted from April 15, 2001 to June 1, 2001.**

**Prize awarded: Friday, Sept. 28, 2001**

Application forms may be picked up Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mark's College, 5935 Iona Drive, at the extreme northeast corner of the campus.



Internationally acclaimed musicians Lorna McGee and David Harding made the move to UBC and haven't looked back. *Bruce Mason photo*

## Commerce among top 100 in the world

### Faculty beats out other Canadian newcomers

UBC's Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration has debuted among the top five Canadian entries in a list of the best 100 business schools in the world.

UBC Commerce placed 59th overall in the third annual international survey of MBA programs conducted by *The Financial Times* of London.

The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania was tops in the survey, beating out Harvard, which has held the number one position in the past two years. Stanford placed third.

*The Financial Times* rankings are a result of a detailed study of 137 of the estimated 1,200 accredited MBA programs worldwide.

UBC's high ranking came as a result of its strong performances in the international categories, career progress of its graduates, doctoral student placements, and its research strength.

UBC Commerce Dean Daniel Muzyka is pleased with the faculty's strong, first-time showing.

"This is consistent with Canadian and U.S. ranking competitions

which also place our international and research strengths in the top tiers," he says.

Among Canadian schools, UBC was tops in the survey's ranking of number of international faculty. UBC also tied with McGill in the number of international students with 54 per cent and placed well among Canadian schools with 38 per cent of its students being female.

"This survey will help us focus our programs and services on emerging demands in the marketplace," says Muzyka. "We're pleased we're in the game and we expect to reach new heights in the coming years."

Among the top five Canadian entries, UBC placed behind top-rated University of Western Ontario's Ivey School of Business (19), York University's Schulich School of Business (35), McGill's School of Management (37) and the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management (46).

UBC beat out the other Canadian newcomers to the competition including McMaster, Queen's, and Concordia universities and the University of Alberta.

For more details of the survey, visit [www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com) and [www.commerce.ubc.ca](http://www.commerce.ubc.ca).

## Musical couple make UBC home

### Duo enjoys one less long distance relationship

by Bruce Mason staff writer

VIOLIST DAVID HARDING and flutist Lorna McGhee are among the most sought after musicians of their generation. They are also married and teaching at UBC where they are now able to spend time together, including onstage, while pursuing individual, international careers.

Harding, an assistant professor in Music since July 1999, is a member of Triskelion, a new Canadian string trio, and the Toronto String Quartet.

McGhee, a sessional instructor since last September, performs and records with the Mobius ensemble in Europe.

She will be a guest artist with Triskelion in the School of Music's Pacific Spirit Concert Series, Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Recital Hall, 6361 Memorial Rd. Tickets—\$20 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors—are available at the door.

"We're on the road a great deal," says Harding. "In fact we met in '97 at a festival in Scotland and were engaged three months later. Our

wedding — on the northern tip of Cape Breton in 1998 — was complete with local fiddlers."

"Then I went back to Indiana University, where I had been an associate professor since 1990. Lorna accepted a position at the University of Michigan and I put thousands of kilometres on my Toyota, mostly visiting her."

Triskelion is an ancient symbol composed of three branches radiating from a centre. The aptly named trio—which released a highly regarded premiere recording of their arrangement of Bach's Goldberg Variations last year—includes well-known violinist Martin Beaver and cellist Bryan Epperson, based in Baltimore and Toronto respectively.

Harding now has one less long-distance relationship.

"When David was offered the UBC job we thought long and hard," says McGhee. "I could have gone back to my old job in London, back to the treadmill and life in a huge city, where neither of us would have been our own creative boss."

Her 'old job' was with the BBC Symphony. One of the world's fin-

est flute players, McGhee was appointed co-principal flute in that orchestra at the age of 22. She studied at the Royal Academy of Music where she earned the top honour, the Queen's Commendation for Excellence.

"The first year at UBC was quite an adjustment — I made eight trips to Europe to play with Mobius," she says. Now she also teaches privately and performs with the best local musicians as well as continuing to play and record internationally.

Harding, a product of the famed Julliard School, has been a member of the Canadian Opera Company, Toronto Symphony, Chester String Quartet, and Tafelmusik.

He composed the string arrangements for rocker Tom Cochrane's Juno award-winning album *Mad, Mad World* and is busy with diverse recording and film projects.

"I left the Toyota back in Indiana. We have a home at the edge of the Endowment Lands and get around on mountain bikes," he says.

"The ocean and mountains remind me of my home in Scotland and we're meeting an amazing number of accomplished local artists," adds McGhee.

## Students pick BOG members

### Two to serve one-year term

TWO NEW STUDENT MEMBERS have been elected to UBC's Board of Governors for a one-year term following the recent Alma Mater Society (AMS) elections.

Maryann Adamec joins the board after serving as AMS president last year and vice-president in 1999/2000.

Originally from Calgary, Adamec is in her fourth year of a marketing major in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration. She serves as treasurer for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and as a committee member for International House and UBC's Aquatic Centre.

"I intend to use my knowledge of student affairs to increase action and awareness on issues such



Maryann Adamec



Tieg Martin

as sustainability, campus safety, transportation and international education," says Adamec.

Tieg Martin, a fourth-year Arts student, returns to the Board for a second term.

"The sometimes combative re-

lationship between the AMS Council and UBC administration is frustrating," says Martin. "I aim to improve communication and to increase the Board's profile among students."

His contributions to the Board include changing the term of office for student representatives to better fit with UBC's budget cycle.

Working toward a bachelor's degree in English and Medieval Studies, Martin is a dual citizen of Canada and the United Kingdom. He has lived and worked in Alberta, Australia, England, Quebec and Tunisia, and has traveled in South and southeast Asia, the Balkans, and Central America.

UBC's 15-member Board of Governors comprises the chancellor, the president, eight persons appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor, two faculty members elected by faculty, two full-time students elected by students and one person elected by and from those full-time employees of the university who are not faculty members.

## U.S. nuclear policy focus of conference

### Missile defense system subject of international debate

A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD at UBC Feb. 15-17 will debate the merits of a missile defense system designed to defend the United States against long-range missiles.

The conference, entitled *The Impact of National Missile Defense (NMD) on Global Nuclear Policy*, will take place at the Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues. It is hosted by the centre and the Simons Foundation.

"Since it is clear that in the fairly near term Canada will be asked to participate in NMD in some fashion, our nation's policymakers and attentive public must examine whether the American perspectives and national interests driving this program are congruent with the Canadian world view and policy objectives," says Lloyd Axworthy, director and chief executive officer of the Liu Centre.

Expert opinion in the United States is sharply divided on virtually every issue related to NMD, including, but not limited to, its very technical feasibility.

Supporters say it would protect the U.S. from ballistic missile attacks and would preserve the nation's capability to project military power around the world without risking harm to American troops and assets.

The conference will include a roundtable discussion with ex-

perts from across Canada, the United States, China, Russia and India. A public forum will take place on Feb. 16 from 7-9 p.m. at SFU Harbour Centre's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue.

A comprehensive report will be issued in the early spring and posted on the Liu Centre Web site at [www.liucentre.ubc.ca](http://www.liucentre.ubc.ca).

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