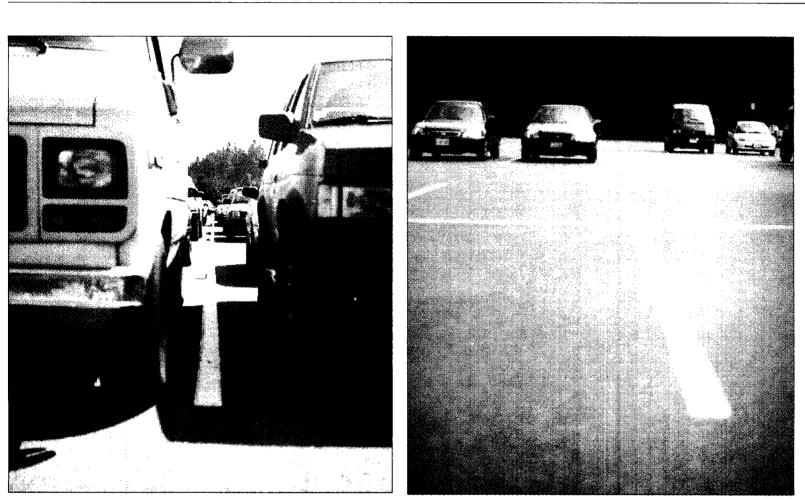
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HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW Parking lots that were full to bursting during classes and the transit strike have all but emptied as another winter session draws to a close. Exams for the more than 28,000 undegraduates enrolled at the university end next Thursday. The cycle begins again with summer session May 7. Janet Ansell photos

Winners improve student life

From ensuring a safe walk at night to Christmas trees, the common theme is making a difference

by Bruce Mason staff writer

BY DAY AND NIGHT Roger Miller is one of 6,500 hard-working graduate students who play major roles in every department at UBC.

While conducting research on superconductors at the Tri-University Meson Facility (TRIUMF) given to individuals.

"I was in a photocopy room when I was told I was needed at a meeting," Miller says, recalling his first GSS experience.

"I liked what I heard about supporting grad students and got involved as a representative. Then, after my first term as president, when the steep learning curve was behind me, there were still issues and problems facing the GSS." "We have different lifestyles and expectations than undergraduates. We have closer relationships with supervisors, more individual responsibility."

For more than three decades John Worrall's contributions to student life have included painting murals, providing an enormous Christmas tree and plants for the Forest Sciences building and numerous other initiatives.

Rick Joe, who is graduating with a Bachelor of Education, was instrumental in First Nations Education Awareness Day and other projects. The Alma Mater Society (AMS) Safewalk program and International House ESL programs earns the Helen McCrae Award for an AMS, GSS, OT UBC service to students.



Award-winner Roger Miller

Site zooms in to meet students' data needs

Latest update allows students to search for courses by keyword

A MAJOR REDESIGN of the UBC Student Services' Web site is designed to enhance the site's usefulness for students looking to register for classes, check schedules and link to on-line resources.

"We've redesigned the graphics, look and feel of it," says Angela Runnals, director of Communications Services for Student Services, who helped guide the redesign.

Since the site debuted in June 1998, it has undergone numerous changes and updates, but those responsible are especially pleased with the latest changes since they have been made only after extensive consultations with students.

"Students have told us through surveys and focus groups that they want only information that is relevant to them," says Runnals, who says they may have overwhelmed students in the past with the volume of print information provided.

"We've provided quick links to the highest use services and information for students such as the academic calendar and registration information," says Runnals.

"Students can search for courses by specifying keywords," adds Audrey Lindsay, director of Student Systems. "It is something that see Web site page 2

he has also served for three years as president of the Graduate Student Society (Gss).

The PhD student in Physics and Astronomy is among those who will be honoured April 26 by the Campus Advisory Board on Student Development (CABSD).

CABSD awards recognize exceptional contributions or significant improvements to student experience and learning.

Established in 1998, the awards are named for former members of the university community who made major contributions to student life.

Miller shares this year's Margaret Fulton Award with Education graduate Rick Joe of the Native Indian Teacher Education Program (NITEP) and Forestry Assoc. Prof. John Worrall. The Fulton award is Miller considers himself part of a group of some 300 people, mostly volunteers, who have revitalized UBC graduate student life.

They have turned around a nearly bankrupt graduate student society, established a health and dental plan and run a successful commercial operation including a pub and room bookings.

They've also provided services ranging from cheap lunches to the social and networking activities that are so important to graduate students, 20 per cent of whom are from outside Canada.

"The most important GSS function is to represent graduate students, particularly to UBC's administration," says Miller. Safewalk is a free service dedicated to making the campus a safe place for everyone at night. International House's flagship ESL program helps 250 students annually to polish their social and academic language skills.

The Faculty of Education's Centre for the Study of Curriculum and Instruction will receive the Peter Larkin Award for a graduate program or department.

It supports Education graduate students through a wide range of *see Winners page 2*

Staff recognized for 25-year service

UBC PRESIDENT Martha Piper will welcome 35 new members to UBC's 25 Year Club on May 9 at a dinner to be held in their honour.

The club recognizes staff members who have served a quartercentury at the university.

The year was 1976 when they first picked up a UBC pay stub.

It was the same year Apple Computer was incorporated—its home office the garage of one of its founders.

Howard Hughes died and Patty Hearst was on trial. Rene Lévésque and the Parti Québecois came to power in Québec.

Students wore plaid pants.

UBC's rowing team came a close second to the British team in the famous Henley Royal Regatta.

The landmark Museum of Anthropology officially opened along with the Curtis Building, home to the Faculty of Law. *see Twenty-five page 2*

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Twenty-five

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Members of UBC's 25 Year Club for 2001 include: Agricultural Sciences, Ronald W. Shann; Arts: Elizabeth L. Howarth; Athletics and Recreation: Joseph Puthen; Biochemistry: Laureen L. Molday; Bookstore: I. Richard Baker, Jennifer Pike; Chemistry: Angelo R. Ariganello: Dentistry: Kung Shun (Andre) Wong; Financial Services: Charles W. Erickson; Food Services: David Lau; Housing and Conferences: Linda Cheng, Jack A. Kwantes; Human Kinetics: Rochelle de la Giroday: Human Resources: Christina Duke; Land and

Building Services: Mary Blair, Harry R. Easton, Norman J. Gautschi, Edwin H. L. Haworth, Michael Khan, Matilda Lotscher, Scott L. Pickett, Alma Poropat, Raminderjit S. Sandhu; Library: Leeta R. Sokalski, Regina Tsanas; Metals and Materials Engineering: Carole **Duerden**; Museum of Anthropology: William B. McLennan; Nursing: Elizabeth Bragg; Obstetrics and Gynecology: Lydia Ng Sy; Office of the Vice-President, Academic: Elmer Morishita; Pharmaceutical Sciences: Daniel Y.L. Chan; Physics and Astronomy: Stan Knotek, Ivan **Tomecek**; Student Health Services: Kathy Brand; Student Services: Angela Runnals.

Winners

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programs including a unique master's program for inner city fulltime teachers, brown bag gatherings, research cafés, study groups and community outreach.

Nominations for the awards were made by students, faculty and staff. Winners were selected by the CABSD which includes representatives from across campus.

MORE INFORMATION

For information on CABSD awards. call Linda Yuen at (604) 822-3955.

Web site

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Kevin Gibbon ART FIBMS

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Lindsay explains that the new course search feature - unveiled this month — allows students to search on-line for all courses that deal with a specific subject matter, for example, "linear algebra."

They can find specific instructors and class times and then register for the class online. Faculty can also tap into this feature. Users can be assured that the information is the most current and up-todate available.

Students' use of Web registration has steadily risen in the past few years, Lindsay says.

From June to December, 86 per cent of UBC students used the Web to register for classes compared to 60 per cent in 1999-2000. This January, 93 per cent of course changes were completed via the Internet.

Lindsay says that UBC will eliminate Telereg, the university's telephone registration system, June 1. Telephone support service will still be available for those who cannot use the Internet.

Runnals says the university has been able to eliminate much of the materials that they formerly had to mail to students in the past by making services and resources available on-line.

"We now send students a very brief registration guide — it's 24 pages compared to 240 - and direct them to the Web site for more details." she savs.

The site can be found at www.students.ubc.ca.

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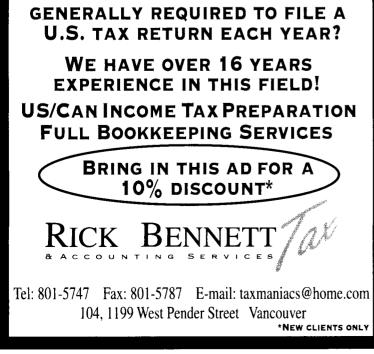
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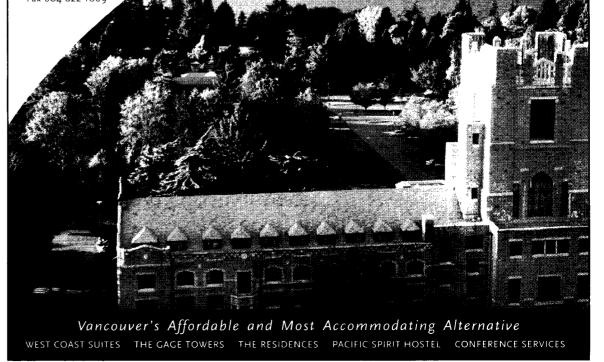
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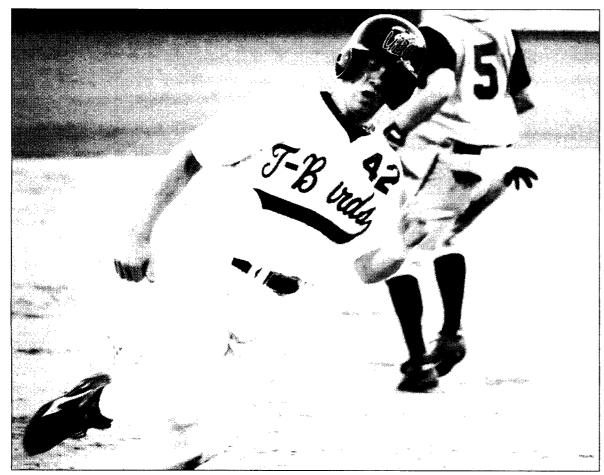
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SIGN OF SPRING Second-year Human Kinetics student and T-Birds second-baseman Ben Herman struts his stuff at a recent game in which UBC defeated Northwest Nazarene University. The 'Birds have only a few weeks to go in regular season play. The next home game is tomorrow at Nat Bailey stadium against Eastern Oregon State with first pitch at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$3 at the gate. For the latest standings visit www.athletics.ubc.ca or call (604) 822-BIRD for scores. Marc Weber photo

Supply set to meet demand

Goal is to get UBC researchers more bang for every buck

by Bruce Mason staff writer

UBC RESEARCHERS have successfully competed for hundreds of millions of dollars in the form of government grants. A university department wants to help them make the most of every one.

"Supply Management, under the leadership of Dave Rankin, has the responsibility to work with researchers to extract the greatest value from every cent," says Terry Sumner, vice-president, Administration and Finance.

"The challenge is to convince researchers that it can add value by reducing the cost of purchases, improving quality and effectively and efficiently freeing dollars for additional research," he adds.

Four months ago, Rankin seized what he calls a "huge opportunity and challenge" and left the private

ancillary service groups to engage in a productive dialogue with suppliers in one location," he says. "We sold out exhibit space in two weeks"

"Supply Management is getting the university on board Web-based technology which has not been utilized as effectively in the past. We want to make international resources available to UBC researchers to optimize their funding."

Rankin is focused on maintaining leverage for the best deals with all university suppliers, including air carriers and hotels.

"We want to add value to the front end but also keep our eye on surplus disposal," he says. "As rapid advances in technology shorten the life cycle of products we're challenged to reduce waste by recycling and selling or donating computers and other equipment."

"My main job is to coach Supply



New director Dave Rankin

Management staff and make certain they are enjoying the challenge and opportunity."

Pointing to a picture frame in his modest office he reads aloud a quote written by former colleagues "Have Fun With This!"

He's rushing off to have his head shaved to help raise funds for B.C.'s Children's Hospital.

Genome research garners \$35 million

Studies supported range

from worms to poplar trees

GENOMICS RESEARCHERS in B.C. will benefit from \$35 million granted to the province's genome scientists as part of a 22-project national investment of \$136 million, according to a recent announcement by federal funding agency Genome Canada.

"Congratulations to Genome B.C. and all the scientists who will be involved in this critically important research," says UBC President Martha Piper. "We are especially gratified that UBC researchers and our teaching hospital associates have been recognized so prominently."

Genome в.с. — a regional partner of the federal agency - will administer five large-scale projects in the areas of health, forestry, fisheries and the environment.

The value of these projects and associated infrastructure totals \$67.8 million and represents one of B.C.'s largest and most diverse public biological research initiatives.

"In в.с., we're targeting genomic research that will be important to the economic and social fabric of our province," says Genome вс President Roger Foxall. "We see not just the potential for major economic activity in B.C. but also the scope for significant advancements against disease, especially cancer."

Victor Ling, UBC assistant dean, Research, and vice-president, Research, at B.C. Cancer Agency (BCCA) will track how normal cells change into malignancies in the early stages of cancer. Researchers will conduct genomic analyses on cells to identify the mutated genes that distinguish early stage cancers from normal tissues.

Marco Marra, director of the Genome Sequence Centre at BCCA. heads up the expansion of the centre's technological infrastructure for genomic processes such as sequencing and mapping to accommodate large-scale projects.

The centre is a component of the Centre for Integrated Genomics, a joint venture of UBC and BCCA.

Microbiology and Immunology Prof. Emeritus Julian Davies will lead a project called microbial envirogenics that aims to improve researchers' understanding about the diversity of micro-organisms and the way they interact with their environment. The team will study a bacterium that is central to the carbon cycle.

A transparent worm called a *C*. elegans nematode and its relationship to humans is the focus of research for Zoology Assoc. Prof. Don Moerman.

Nematodes and humans have 7.000 common genes so they can be used as a source to create and better understand genetic mutations. This information can then be applied to human health issues.

Trees have built-in defense mechanisms against pests and environmental stress.

Joerg Bohlmann, an assistant professor of Biotechnology; Carl Douglas, head of the Botany Dept.; Agricultural Sciences Prof. Brian Ellis and Forest Sciences Prof. Kermit Ritland will study the genes of wood tissues, particularly the poplar tree, to better understand these mechanisms and will identify genetic markers in a variety of trees to inform tree breeding programs.

Researchers at SFU and the University of Victoria will use genomic research on Atlantic salmon to learn more about the structure and function of the salmon immune system. The research will further understanding of fish growth and reproduction.

Genome Canada is a not-forprofit corporation dedicated to developing and implementing a national strategy in genomics research with Genome Centres across the country.

Genome B.C., established in July 2000, co-ordinates genomics research in B.C. and brings together universities, research hospitals, other research centres and industry as well as government and private agencies.

. MORE INFORMATION www.genomecanada.ca.

sector to develop people and technology at UBC, the essential links in managing a supply chain along which \$200 million dollars in acquisitions moves every year.

"We envision a new leadership role and customer service framework, not only for goods and services procurement but also travel, freight, commodity tax and surplus equipment management," says Rankin. He has changed the name and scope of the department from Purchasing to Supply Management.

University researchers and suppliers such as Fisher Scientific, Ikon Office Solutions, Telus and Scotia Bank will pack UBC's Memorial Gym, April 26, for a supply management trade show, Acquisition Solutions 2001.

"The event provides an opportunity for researchers, faculty, staff and

HEADLINERS

Tranquilility of a transit strike

The Vancouver Sun, April 5, B5 Out at the University of B.C., Gordon Lovegrove is surprised. Lovegrove, the director of transportation planning, predicted Tuesday would be the busiest day for traffic out to the Point Grey campus, one of the top three commuter destinations. It didn't happen.

"It has caught me off-guard," he said. "I'm amazed at how well people are handling this."

He cited an e-mail survey of 35,000 students, staff and faculty that showed 45 per cent of respondents felt they lived close enough to walk or bike to campus.

"A lot more people are walking and getting on their bike than we anticipated," he said.

Women embrace law

The Province, April 8, A24

Reports that women are crossing the 50 per cent enrolment mark in American law schools have Canadian administrators wondering what took them so long to catch up.

"That bench-mark was sur-

passed here a decade ago." says UBC law professor Elizabeth Edinger.

"We've been like this for at least 10 years. We're at 56 per cent women this year."

"Our incoming class of 2001 has 67 women and 38 men. That's a pretty impressive statistic," says Yvonne Lawson, the law faculty's career development officer.

Going green

CAUT Bulletin, April, Feature

The UBC campus has saved more than 900 trees in the year 2000 by using recycled paper.

Environmental considerations

have even influenced the design and construction of buildings.

Freda Pagani, UBC's sustainablity director, is proud of the progress. Though she still sees room for improvement, she says it's important for universities to take a stand.

"If a university can't start acting sustainably, how can we expect other institutions to?"

Asked what she would say to a university that is reluctant to set up a sustainability program, she answers. "Why would you not? You can save money. you can have fun. you can build community and you can help save the environment. It's a bit of a no-brainer to me."

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Chan Centre Concert

Music At The Chan. Christopher Parkening, guitarist, Jubilant Sykes, baritone. Chan Centre at 8pm. \$28-\$48 adults; \$21-\$41 students/seniors. Call Ticketmaster (604) 280-3311 or (604) 822-2697.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Law And Society Midday Lecture Legal Education Discussion, Ron Friesen, director, Education, Continuing Legal Education Society of вс. Green College at 12:30pm. Call (604) 822-1878.

Cultural And Media Studies

A Talk. Jeff Wall, artist. Green College at 5:30pm. Call (604) 822-1878.

Health Promotion In Motion Seminar

Poverty's Negative Health Effects: What Can We Do? Deanna Williamson, Human Ecology, U of Alberta. Green College at 7:30pm. Call (604) 822-1878.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Trade Show

Acquisitions Solutions 2001. War Memorial Gym from 10am-5pm. To register, visit www.supplymanagement. ubc.ca/tradeshow. E-mail linda.hilts @ubc.ca. Call (604) 822-2638.

Statistics Seminar

A Simple Model For A Complex System: Predicting Travel Times On Freeways. Prof. John Rice, u of California. West Mall Annex 216 at 4pm. Refreshments (bring your own mug). Call (604) 822-0570.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Concert

Concerto Competition. Music Recital Hall at 2pm. Call (604) 822-5574.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Law Graduate Conference

Law At The Crossroads: Strategies For Change. Green College. Continues to May 5. Call (604) 822-1878.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Opening Reception

Early Chinese Ceramics From The Victor Shaw Gift. MOA Gallery from 7-9pm. Exhibition continues to Oct. 30. Call (604) 822-5087.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

International Conference

The Nature And Culture Of Forests. Ola Ullsten, former prime minister of Sweden, keynote speaker. Music Recital Hall at 4:30pm. To register, visit www.ies.ubc.ca/events/forest.html. Call (604) 822-1452.

FRIDAY, MAY II

Pathology Day Celebration Lecture Pediatric Origins Of Adult Obstructive Lung Diseases. Dr. James Hogg. BC Institute for Children's and Women's Health Aud. (950 W. 28th Ave) from 8:30-9:30am. Parking is limited. E-mail mgugni@pathology.ubc.ca. Call (604) 822-7102.

For information call (604) 822-9666 or the shop (604) 822-4529.

Research Study

Researchers at the Dept. of Psychology are conducting a study examining sexual functioning in women. The aim of this study is to help women who experience sexual difficulties. Your confidentiality will be assured. All participants will receive a detailed sexual psychophysiological profile for their participation. If you are a healthy, heterosexual, premenopausal woman who is currently in a relationship, please call (604) 822-2952.

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 habitat@vancouver.net or call (604) 681-5618.

Family Career Development Project

Parents and adolescents are invited to participate together in research that addresses how parents and adolescents talk about the youth's future. If your family faces challenges such as unemployment or illness, call (604) 822-4919 to participate.

Parents With Toddlers

Did you know your child is a wordlearning 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 30minute visit to our research playroom, please contact Dr. Hall's Language Development Centre at (604) 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 (604) 822-5250.

Participants Wanted

Are you a postmenopausal woman with type two 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 Darcye Cuff (604) 806-8601

Morris And Helen Belkin Art Gallery

Stephen Andrews: Likeness. Continues to May 13. Tuesday to Friday from 10am-5pm, Saturday 12noon-5pm, Sunday 12noon-5pm. (Closed Mondays and statutory holidays). Call (604) 822-2759.

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 (604) 822-9149.

Sage Bistro

To the faculty, students, administration and admirers of the University of British Columbia we present Sage Bistro at the University Centre. Sage is open Monday through Friday from 11am-2pm. Our luncheon menu changes weekly and features a wide selection of wines by the glass. For reservations please call (604) 822-1500.

Premenstrual Asthma Study

UBC/St. Paul's Hospital researchers are seeking females with asthma and regular menstrual cycles for a study of estrogen's effects on asthma symptoms and lung function. Must be 18-50 years of age and NOT taking birth control pills. Honorarium and free peak flow meter provided. If interested, please call (604) 875-2886.

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 involves 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 (604) 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 (604) 822-9028. Confidentiality and privacy protected.

Museum Of

Anthropology Exhibition

Early Chinese Ceramics From The Victor Shaw Gift. Continues to Oct. 30. Echoes 2001. Continues to May 13. Continuing Traditions. Continues to April 30. Attributed To Edenshaw: Identifying The Hand Of The Artist; Two Case Studies: Northwest Coast Art. Continues to Aug. 31. Conversations: The Tecson Philippine Collection. Continues to Sept. 3. Anthropology 432 Student Projects: What is Missing? Continues to Dec. 31. Hours are Wednesday to Sunday nam-5pm, Tuesday to 9pm (5-9pm free). Call (604) 822-5087.

calendar

APRIL 22 THROUGH MAY 12

Music Concert

Works By Richard Wagner, UBC Trombone Choir. Gordon Cherry, director. Music Recital Hall at 8pm. Call (604) 822-5574

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Scholastic Book Fair

Bookfair For Children Birth To Grade Three. Pacific Spirit Daycare, 5590 Osoyoos Crescent from 9am-1pm and 2:30-5:30pm. Call (604) 822-5420.

Dinner Speaker Series

Life's Like That. Nancy Lord, fashion designer. University Women's Club, 1489 McRae Ave. at 5:30pm. \$35. Call (604) 731-4661.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Classical, Near Eastern And Religious Studies Graduate Conference

Tombs. Martin Kilmer, keynote speaker. Green College Great Hall at 7pm. Continues May 5. Call (604) 734-2762.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Chan Centre Concert

Jon Kimura Parker, piano. Chan Centre at 3pm. \$12-\$42. Call (604) 822-2697.

Next calendar deadline: NOON, MAY 1



Plant Sale Horticulture Greenhouse from 9am-

6pm. Call (604) 822-3283.

Pathology Day Celebration

Bone, T-Cells And Mammalian Evolution. Dr. Josef Penninger, u of Toronto. BC Institute for Children's and Womfrom 3:30-4:30pm, Parking is limited. Call (604) 822-7102.

NOTICES

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Volunteer Opportunity: Leaders Wanted

A new program sponsored by the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board, "Living A Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions", needs you. Volunteer leaders preferably with, but not limited to, 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 to cope with serious health conditions. To inquire or register about leader training or the programs, e-mail mdavies@interchange.ubc.ca or please call Mark Davies (604) 822-0634. **Eyeglasses Needed** Recycled eyeglasses/sunglasses are desperately needed in the Third World countries. Donors may drop off any eyeglasses at the SUB or UBC Hosp. Call (604) 692-5616.

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UBC Gardens

The Nitobe Memorial Garden, UBC Botanical Garden and the Shop in the Garden will be open until Oct. 8 from 10am-6pm daily including weekends.

UBC Birdwalks

Anyone who is interested can meet at the flagpole above the Rose Garden

Traumatic Stress Clinic

Psychologists conducting research at the Traumatic Stress Clinic at UBC Psychiatry are offering free treatment

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Globetrotting takes on a whole new meaning in the form of well-placed architectural details at Green College. The college, which was founded eight years ago as an experiment in graduate student learning, is home to 100 residents, including graduate students, post doctoral fellows and visiting scholars. Janet Ansell photo

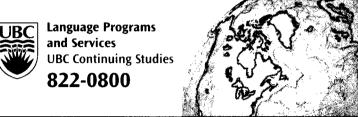
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UBC Press finalists include Citizens Plus: Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State by Political Science Prof. Emeritus Alan Cairns; Cycling into Saigon: The Conservative Transition in Ontario by David Cameron and Graham White; and Heavy Traffic: Deregulation, Trade and Transformation in North American Trucking by Daniel Madar.

The winner, to be announced May 8, will receive \$25,000. Two runners-up will be awarded \$10,000 each.

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Nominations are sought for the Synergy Awards.

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Past UBC-industry collaborations which have received the

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lune 1. For more information visit www.nserc.ca/programs/synerg/

It's telemental, really

The Mental Health Evaluation and Community Consultation Unit (MHECCU) has received \$400,000 in funding from Health Canada to develop telemental health services to rural and remote communities in B.C.

Part of the Community Mental Health Division in UBC's Dept. of Psychiatry, the unit will be able to increase access, efficiency and quality of mental health services offered through videoconferencing. Video education and training on a range of mental health issues for practitioners and families will also be supported with the funding.

мнесси is one of five funded projects valued at a total of \$7 million through the Canada Health Infostructure Partnerships and announced on campus recently by Federal Health Minister Allan Rock.

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Rail giant funds transport chair

Endowment will foster interdisciplinary work in faculties of Graduate Studies and Commerce

CANADIAN NATIONAL has pledged \$1.25 million to UBC to create the CN Chair in Transportation and International Logistics.

UBC will match CN's gift to establish the \$2.5-million CN Chair.

The interdisciplinary chair will focus on research and teaching in the fields of transportation, operations, logistics, supply chain management, land-use planning and community decision-making to lead to improved overall efficiency in the world's transportation sector.

"UBC has a strong commitment to foster a truly international university and our partnership with the North American rail industry leader means that we will be able to attract more top international scholars and students in this field," says UBC President Martha Piper.

"CN is proud to be a partner with UBC," says CN president and chief executive officer Paul M. Tellier. "This chair will help develop new expertise and lead research in transportation and logistics. Canada's economic competitiveness and prosperity depends very much on the continued strength of its freight railroads. For that reason, this field of study builds for the future."

The endowment will bring together transportation expertise from the Faculty of Graduate Studies' School of Community and Regional Planning and the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration.

"It is our goal to acquire the human and physical resources to develop a globally significant capability in the area of transportation and logistics," says Faculty of Graduate Studies Dean Frieda Granot.

"The new chair will create an important and permanent strength in teaching and research in the transportation sector."

Building on the university's strong research and teaching in transportation, logistics and public policy, the chair will conduct research that contributes to national and international dialogue in the transportation sector. UBC and CN will share expertise and new learning through workshops, conferences and executive training in the partnership.

Home of Canada's oldest academic and professional graduate planning program, the School of Community and Regional Planning maintains a strong focus on urban land use and transportation planning with expertise in integrated policy and planning research, professional education and community service.

Commerce's Centre for Transportation Studies fosters research and outreach on economic and public policy issues in transportation and logistics while the Operations and Logistics division offers a specialization in transportation and logistics at the undergraduate and master's level.

Honour Roll

Prof. James Dimmick has been appointed head of the Pathology

Dept. in the Faculty of Medicine. A UBC alumnus. Dimmick obtained his medical degree here in 1968 and joined the Faculty of Medicine as a professor of Pathology in 1990. He most recently served as director of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at B.C.'s Children's Hospital since 1992.

He succeeds former head Prof. Bruce McManus who now directs the new Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health. part of the new Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Dr. Bruce Crawford has been appointed acting head of the Dept. of Anatomy in the Faculty of Medicine.

A faculty member since 1977. Crawford is a UBC medical school alumnus and also holds a doctorate in Zoology.

A researcher of morphogenesis, or how the body and organs are formed, Crawford has also worked with the Canadian Space Agency investigating the effect of microgravity on development.

Crawford replaces Dr. William **Ovalle** who has led the department for the past five years.



Pathology Prof. James Dimmick

Classics Prof. Anthony Barrett, English Prof. John Wilson Foster. Math Prof. Dale Rolfsen, and Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education Prof. Linda Siegel are the Peter Wall Distinguished Scholars in Residence for 2001.

Each year, the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies selects up to four faculty members as scholars.

Scholars are selected primarily on their outstanding research record, particularly as it fits with the institute's mandate to support basic, interdisciplinary research.

Each scholar receives an office at the institute, an infrastructure budget of \$10,000 for any research-related expenses and up to \$5,000 for their research project.

The application deadline for next year's competition is June 30. For more information about

the program, visit www.pwias. ubc.ca.

Kim Gordon, associate director. Intercollegiate and High Performance in Athletics, has been selected as Canada's chef de mission for the 2001 World University Games.

A former member of the national rowing team, Gordon will lead Canada's contingent of some 225 athletes, coaches and staff to the bi-annual games to take place Aug. 22 to Sept. 1 in Beijing.

The games is the second largest international multi-sport event next to the Olympics. Approximately 5,000 athletes from more than 150 countries take part.

Gordon served as assistant chef, Operations, for Canada at the 1999 World University games in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, in which 153 Canadians competed, including eight from UBC.



Chef de mission Kim Gordon

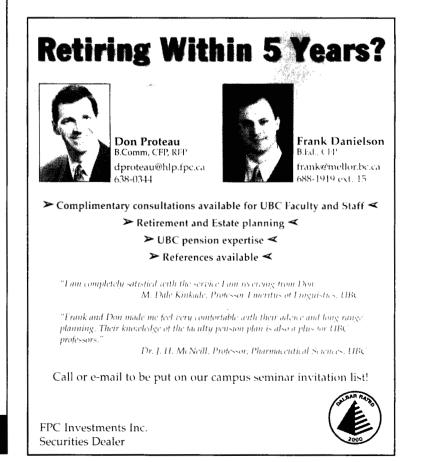
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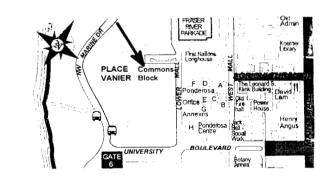


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Information Meeting for the campus community

on the Korea University — UBC House student residence

Sunday, April 22, 2001, 4 - 6 p.m. Vanier Commons Block, 1935 Lower Mall



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Many of Canada's migratory birds are disappearing. To help save them, call I-800-26-PANDA and ask about adopting a kilometre of migratory bird flyway.



To present and review the schematic design for the Korea University UBC House proposed to be constructed on the north-west corner of the Place Vanier site adjacent to Northwest Marine Drive. The proposed 4,400 square-metre building is a six-storey 200-unit single student residence.

Subject to Board of Governors approval, construction is anticipated to begin in August 2001 with occupancy in September 2002.

For information regarding access for persons with disabilities in the Vanier Commons Block, please call Gisela Haarbrucker at 822-9560. FREE PARKING will be available in the Fraser River Parkade. Please pick up a parking pass after the meeting in order to exit the parkade without charge.

Questions or for further information: Contact Jim Carruthers, Campus Planning & Development at 822-0469

FEATURE

Beauty is in the eye of long-serving staff

They came for the spirit of the place and add their own



Kathy Brand has seen a lot of students in her 25 years in Student Health Services. UBC students make more than 35,000 visits a year to the unit seeking care of illness and injury, preventive medicine and counselling. *Bruce Mason photo*

She's the 'heart and soul'

Students away from home get an education in health

by Bruce Mason staff writer

"KATHY BRAND is the heart and soul of this place," says Dr. Patricia Mirwaldt, director of Student Health Services, to which UBC students make 35,000 visits each year.

Brand, an administrative clerk, is flattered by the compliment from the sixth director under whom she has served.

"I love my job, mainly because of the team I work with."

"There is a good feeling here," she adds. "We 're providing a service which people really need and appreciate and most directors, doctors, nurses and support staff leave only because they're retiring."

take care of the injured and ill and still do. But we are much more involved in education and prevention. For example, we have a wellness co-ordinator and we're adding an expert on eating disorders."

She points out that many of the clinic's clients are away from home and their family doctor and want to

consult with someone about their health. Students are preparing for the outside world and a visit to the clinic is a highly teachable moment.

"Students are wonderful and very interesting, but high school doesn't educate them to take responsibility for their health," says Brand. "That's the best part of my job, but don't get me wrong, I really do enjoy my holidays as well."

Flying like a bird

Weekdays he's grounded, weekends he's airborne

by Andy Poon staff writer

OVER THE PAST 25 years, **Ivan Tomecek** has been quietly tending to the electronic needs of the Dept. of Physics and Astronomy in his role as an engineering technician. But when the weekend arrives, the 58-year-old climbs up the mountains to jump off them.

Tomecek is an avid practitioner of what he calls para-hiking — hiking one to two hours up a mountainside and then launching off strapped to a para-glider.

"I use to climb in Germany and my dream was to fly like a bird off the mountain and not have to climb down after I reached the top," he says.

Tomecek says he was attracted in part to Vancouver in 1974 because of the local mountaintops.

"I consider my home the mountains," he says. When he was considering immigrating to Canada in pursuit of a better future for his family, the clincher came when



Ivan Tomecek

some Canadian friends showed him pictures of Whistler mountain.

Although he didn't immediately join UBC when he arrived in Canada, Tomecek says that he had always aimed to work here someday.

He had learned about the university in Germany and been impressed by its reputation.

Tomecek's work day can take him from making repairs on x-ray machines to building electronic circuit boards for researchers and students to experiment upon.

"It is ideal work," he says. "I like the wide variety of activities, knowledge and skills I use — it's never boring."

'Ambassador' for department and UBC

Much has changed since Brand was hired Aug. 12, 1976.

"I was a Clerk 1, the monthly salary was \$760 and we were in the Wesbrook building," she recalls.

The department now consists of full- and part-time staff: 11 physicians, nine psychiatrists, four nurses and seven support staff.

Brand, who has worked in every clerical position in Student Health Services, says the clinic has been virtually paperless since 1985.

That made a big difference in storage of records and statistics. Two years ago a highly confidential computer system was developed to include such functions as scheduling scanning and lab reports.

"The biggest change is our basic approach," she says. "We used to

A 'little knowledge of cleaning' goes a long way

by Hilary Thomson staff writer

WORKING AS HEAD BARTENDER on Fiji might seem like a fantasy job for many, but for **Michael Khan** the opportunities waiting in Canada proved more attractive.

Khan arrived here in 1974, and after spending two years as a bartender in Vancouver's Hyatt Hotel, he happened to visit the Museum of Anthropology.

"I took a look around and became very keen — this was a beautiful place," says Khan who soon got a job as a janitor with 'little knowledge of cleaning' as he puts it.

He is now UBC's head service worker and for 18 years has been a supervisor of 45 custodial staff. He is responsible for custodial services at about 40 per cent of all buildings on the west side of campus, including Cecil Green Park, Norman MacKenzie House and the Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues. He also sets up major ceremonies on campus that can include

visits by world leaders.

"A highlight was meeting Boris Yeltsin and Bill Clinton," says Khan who helped with the arrangements when the then presidents' 1993 Vancouver Summit took place at UBC. The ability to handle a myriad of details is daily fare for a man who must provide everything from gigantic tents to umbrella stands.

One of his biggest yearly challenges is the set-up for Congregation ceremonies, which he has seen grow from a three-day event at War Memorial Gym to 22 ceremonies spanning a week at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.

Thousands of parents, students, faculty and dignitaries move through the building and it has to be spotless with only limited time for cleaning between ceremonies.

"Mike is a wonderful ambassador for his department and for UBC during Congregation," says Ceremonies manager Eilis Courtney. "He's invaluable to us."

Maintaining modern buildings is a simple job he says compared to cleaning the former Second World War army huts that served as classrooms when he first arrived at UBC.

In addition to his supervisory duties, Khan makes time for his involvement with UBC's United Way campaign.



Michael Khan

UBC is also where Khan met his wife, Fernanda, who works at UBC Bookstore and to whom he has been married five years.

"This is the greatest job — I meet so many people. I have no complaints at all."