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CELEBRATING CAMPUS LIFE ISSUE

Textile artist Joanna Staniszkis has spent more than 30 years searching the world for exotic fabrics to use in her work, but she found the inspiration for her latest project in her coat pocket.

Two years ago, while visiting the Natural Fibre Institute in her native Poland, Staniszkis dropped a few flax seeds into the pocket of her linen jacket. When she returned to Vancouver, she washed it and while it was drying, the forgotten seeds began to germinate.

For Staniszkis, an Assoc. Prof. in the Agricultural Sciences landscape architect program, those seeds formed the root of an ongoing exploration of linen and the flax used to weave it.

Using an empty greenhouse on campus, she began experimenting with the relationship between the plants and their end product. The result is the Linen Project, a series of sheer linen panels and sculptures that have been screen-printed with images of flax stalks and bundles of twisted linen cloth. Hanging alongside them are almost translucent dresses, skirts and tunics with flax seeds stitched into their seams, pockets and darts.

"There are layers of meaning in the installation. My goal was to create another dimension – a third dimension – to linen by growing flax from it," Staniszkis says.

Under the greenhouse ceiling fan, the gauzy pieces sway eerily in the early morning sun. To create them, Staniszkis stiffened the linen by boiling it with flax seeds, and then draped it into clothing and organic shapes. She spun some of the cloth herself from plants grown in her own backyard. The rest is custom-made for her by a mill in Poland.



PHOTO: MICHELLE COOK

The Joy of Flax

Providing the seeds for fabric and art. BY MICHELLE COOK

A few thirsty seeds forgotten in a pocket inspired Joanna Staniszkis to launch the Linen Project – an artistic exploration of the fabric-making process.

In one corner of the greenhouse, Staniszkis shows off an artistic pun: a linen-draped bed, table and rocking chair sprouting wispy blue-flowered flax plants.

"With this, I'm playing with the words bed linen and table linen, and giving them a new visual meaning," Staniszkis explains. "I'm using linen as a background for images of linen."

Staniszkis has been teaching at UBC since 1969, first with the former School of Family and Nutritional Sciences, and now with the Agricultural Sciences faculty.

As an academic exercise, Staniszkis says her ever-evolving linen installation has helped her to answer design questions, and discover new ways of handling the fabric. Some of her students even got into the act last fall by helping her to harvest her flax plants.

For now, linen remains Staniszkis' fabric of choice. Her next step is to compost some of the sculptures. She is also thinking of creating some flaxseed-filled scarecrows to "tease" the birds in her garden this fall.

"I'll watch to see whether they pick seeds from the ground or those embedded in scarecrows themselves," Staniszkis laughs.

Although the Linen Project isn't open to the public, Staniszkis is collaborating with filmmaker Geoff Browne to document the evolution of seeds to flax to fabric to art. □

Bomb Threat Brings Two-Year Suspension

Addressing misconduct is part of teaching process and a commitment to campus community. BY HILARY THOMSON

Soon after Sept. 11 last year, a student called in a bomb threat to disrupt an exam in the Henry Angus Bldg.

The building was evacuated, RCMP bomb squad and dogs were called in and students who had prepared for the exam had to reorganize their schedules to accommodate a postponement.

The call, made to 911, had been recorded and was played back to the students scheduled for the exam. They recognized the voice, which led to the culprit being suspended from UBC for two years.

"Students work hard to prepare for an exam and postponement can cause significant inconvenience. They don't support this type of behaviour," says University Counsel Hubert Lai.

"The campus community needs to know that we treat student infractions seriously," he says. "Often the incidents are disruptive and costly - our aim is to be fair,

thorough and expeditious in resolving them."

Both academic and non-academic discipline incidents have inexplicably increased - more than doubling in four years. In the 1998/99 academic year there were 27 student discipline cases and last year

"The student discipline process is meant to be a part of the education process," Lai says. "It's one of the ways we can teach students about what happens in the world."

there were 58. The nature of the cases does not vary significantly, however, with more than three-quarters of cases involving academic discipline.

Non-academic discipline cases include property theft or damage, assaults and harassment and usually are reported by UBC Campus Security or the local RCMP detachment.

Academic discipline cases often

involve plagiarism, much of it from Internet sources. TurnItIn.com, a U.S.-based Web site, is a resource available to any faculty member wishing to check the originality of a student paper.

Cheating on exams or finding ways to avoid exams also brings

academic discipline, says Lai. Stress is the common thread that connects incidents.

"Some students feel an extreme pressure to perform which leads them to take a chance out of desperation."

Alleged incidents are reported to the department head and dean. Cases are forwarded to the President's Committee on Student Discipline, which meets with the

student to gather and hear evidence and forwards recommendations to the president.

The six-person committee is drawn from a pool of 10 individuals comprising faculty and students that is being expanded this year to deal with the increased number of cases.

Each case is weighed on its own merits and factors such as prompt confession and remorse are considered. President Martha Piper has sole authority for issuing discipline and penalties can range from reprimand to expulsion. A student may appeal the decision to a committee of Senate whose decision is final.

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More information on student discipline can be found at www.policy.ubc.ca/policy69.htm.

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Personality research

A recent *Chatelaine* article features UBC Psychiatry Prof. Kerry Jang's groundbreaking personality research, which examined 1,000 pairs of identical and fraternal twins between the ages of 18 and 87 to try to understand how people with the same genes and raised in the same households can have very different personalities.

Jang's team has found that not only does environment affect personality, but your genes cause you to seek out a suitable lifestyle.

"You have a gene and you have to live with it," Jang explains, "but just because you come from a family of cautious individuals doesn't mean you'll never joyfully embrace hang-gliding."

Bonding

Emotional climates, especially in small business, have a great impact on the bottom line, UBC Commerce Professors Nancy Langton and Hakan Ozcelik told the *Province*.

Emotional climate is a kind of "psychological bond" that manifests itself by the employees working more productively, staying on with the company longer, and going that "extra mile" to make the business work better.

Employees see it as an organization supporting its employees and enhancing their personal importance. They feel their needs are being taken care of for growth, learning and personal worth.

Parkinson's cluster

Yet another cluster of Parkinson's has been identified. Four of seven office workers at a clothing accessories factory in Montreal were diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Donald Calne, director emeritus of the UBC Pacific Parkinson's Research Centre, told *Maclean's* he would like to investigate the Montreal foursome. Calne, who treats three patients in another cluster of patients who worked with Michael J. Fox in a CBC sitcom, is also following up on preliminary evidence of another four Parkinson's sufferers who worked together in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley.

"If there's a group of people in some situation - same place, same time - then the cause is likely to have been right there in the environment because they're unrelated," said Calne. "This is nothing genetic."

Media darlings

In a *Globe and Mail* feature about media-savvy academics, UBC's Lloyd Axworthy and Patricia Baird shared their experience dealing with the media.

Axworthy recalled a student



PHOTO: KENT KALLBERG

Lloyd Axworthy is a UBC academic who has learned to cope with the constant demand for media interviews.

walking up to him once, remarking that he looked a lot like Lloyd Axworthy. "I said, 'There's a good reason why.'"

Baird does about 100 interviews a year, but receives more calls from the media than that. "The only problem with being asked to comment on various issues is that it plays havoc with your schedule," she said. "You think you have a nice organized day, and then two or three reporters phone you."

Academics have a responsibility to make their findings open to the public, she says. "We are supported. We should be accessible."

Play ball

Jeff Francis, the UBC Thunderbird pitcher who was recently drafted by the Colorado Rockies into major league baseball, has already come to terms with the Rockies on a US\$1.85 million signing bonus and is one work visa short of joining the Tri-City Dust Devils of the NWL.

"Yeah, I'm getting excited," Francis told the *Vancouver Sun*. "I just want to get out there and start

throwing competitively again, to start my career as a professional."

As part of his signing ceremony, the Rockies flew him down to Denver where he got to meet many of their current major leaguers, including Maple Ridge native Larry Walker.

"The whole experience couldn't have been better," Francis added. "Larry told me to phone if I had any questions. They treated me well and showed me what life is like as a big-leaguer. It kind of motivates me to get there."

Martha Piper nominated as Nation Builder

UBC President Martha Piper is among 50 nominees for the *Globe and Mail's* Nation Builder of the Year. The national newspaper is looking for a Canadian whose efforts have contributed materially, intellectually or simply in terms of national pride, to Canada's sense of coming into its own.

Piper was nominated "because she led the fight to boost university research capabilities - and won. Because she has become Ottawa's favourite English-speaking university president. Because she has brains and charm, and knows how to use both." □

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Campus Tree Team Stays on the Cutting Edge

Kindred spirits collaborate on the care of UBC's woods. BY MICHELLE COOK

If a tree falls at UBC, it turns out that there are people – a whole team in fact – who will hear it.

The handful of specialists who tend to UBC's trees includes 22 landscape technologists – a.k.a. gardeners – and 15 labourers to help them out.

Their mission: to protect, maintain and enhance UBC's landscape. With more than 7,000 tagged trunks spread across 600 acres, it's a big job.

On days that begin before dawn, the team spreads out across campus to plant trees, prune them, brace them with steel cables, and combat the diseases, construction damage and insect attacks that threaten them. Upon a tree's demise, from old age or otherwise, they are there to take it down at the end of its life.

As the stewards of the campus landscape, what really excites this group is planting lots of new trees, shrubs and plants, like the 500 they recently added to the scenery at Cecil Green Park House, for future generations to enjoy.

And then there are the days the tree team dreads. In September 1999, a fierce windstorm toppled more than 60 lofty giants in a few hours. Crews rushed to campus to clear roads and keep people away from hazardous areas. Several weeks later, they were still cleaning up.

But the demise of even one old soul can leave its mark on this dedicated group.

Head gardener Kreso Pavlovic remembers his saddest day on the job was when he had to take down a majestic sequoia in front of Main Library.

"It was under stress from changes brought on by construction nearby," Pavlovic recalls. "Even though we saved the wood, I was sorry that it didn't have the chance to live to 800 years old. Losing trees is a lot like a person dying, but the best we can do is think about replacing them."

Meet the tree team

Four people guide the bulk of the university's landscaping, including tree care. With the help of a computerized tree inventory and a \$3.5 million annual budget, they are the ones who create new landscapes and determine maintenance work.

Andrew Wilson

Urban Designer/Landscape Architect

Years on campus: 4

His job: Designing landscapes for the UBC community out of the office of the university architect Tom Llewellyn.

His challenge: Making sure that all new landscape projects fit seamlessly into the campus like pieces in a puzzle. "Every change in this landscape, I'm involved in, but it's not about me as a designer, it's about what I can do to help the university achieve its goals."

His roots: Urban and regional planning and landscape architecture.

His tools: A Computer Assisted Design (CAD) program and a head full of ideas.

He's busiest: In summer. "Once the funding comes in April, we have to get projects up and running for September."

His favourite campus tree: The magnificent White Elm on Agricultural Rd. by the Hennings Bldg.

If he were a tree, he'd be: Grounded.



PHOTO: MICHELLE COOK

Helping to keep UBC's campus beautiful – and green – are (l-r) Andrew Wilson, Kreso Pavlovic and Collin Varner.

David Smith

Landscape Supervisor

Years on campus: 3

His job: He looks after the logistics of campus landscape, including the annual work plan, the operational budget, and the crews.

His challenge: Logistics. "We really do have to prioritize where we do the work. Some areas don't get visited more than once a year. Other places like the Rose Garden get visited frequently and are treated to a high level of maintenance."

His tools: A Geographical Information System (GIS) computer program that maps the location of every tree on campus.

He's busiest: In winter, when all the major pruning and reconstruction work is done.

His favourite campus tree: A "truly spectacular" oak on Main Mall near the Barn.

If he were a tree, he'd be: A bristlecomb pine, because "it's a tree that seems to survive in harsh environments and adapt well, and I guess I've always considered myself to be able to do that."

Collin Varner

University Arboriculturist

Years on campus: 16. Two in his current position.

His job: Inspecting the trees for insects and disease, and assessing hazards. "I help keep the aesthetics under control on campus, but it's definitely part insurance policy too."

His challenge: Keeping the biggest trees alive and healthy, and ensuring they don't get damaged by construction and campus expansion.

His roots: Horticulture. He's worked at the Botanical Garden,

owned an arboretum and written five local tree guides. He even gives expert testimony in lawsuits involving trees.

His tools: A library of reference books and a pencil for notes.

He's busiest: Year round. Winter is good for maintenance; summer is best for inspection.

His favourite campus tree: A rare Chinese fir near Main Library.

If he were a tree, he'd be: A giant sequoia because "they live to be 3,000 - 4,000 years old. Give me longevity."

Kreso Pavlovic

Head Landscape Technologist

Years on campus: 26. Head gardener since 1992.

His job: Working with the crews to bring the landscape architect's vision to life, and keeping

UBC's green areas beautiful and healthy.

His challenge: "The campus is twice as big as when I arrived in 1975, but the size of the crews is still the same."

His roots: Originally from a farming community in Croatia, Pavlovic's interest in soil and plants goes back to high school.

His tools: Good equipment - everything from leaf blowers to back-hoes.

He's busiest: Late fall, early winter. "In this climate, planting during the winter is best."

His favourite campus tree: The oaks on Main Mall.

If he were a tree, he'd be: An oak because "a single tree in a big field provides shade for farmers, and a place for people to gather under it." □

In this issue about Campus Living we give a nod to the people who have found their special place on one of Canada's largest and most beautiful campuses.

BY BRIAN LIN

Our Favourite Spots



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Sid Katz gets wet to get fit.

UBC Biotechnology researcher **Brett Finlay**, recently named one of 10 scientists “on the frontiers of medicine who just might change your life” by *Canadian Living* magazine, keeps fit by jogging through Pacific Spirit Park **1**. His favorite spots include the old Clinton Stables **2** and the water reservoir **3**.

David Tarrant, former host of the CBC hit show *Canadian Gardener*, is now Public Relations and Program Director at the UBC Botanical Garden. When he needs a quiet moment, he escapes to a 700-year-old Douglas fir in the Garden **4**. “It’s a wonderful old tree,” says Tarrant. “It wasn’t logged because it has a real bend in the stem. It’s a place for me to sit and ponder about life.”

Sid Katz, Executive Director of Community Affairs and the new Acting Director of the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, makes a splash during lunch break at the Aquatic Centre **5** three times a week. “When you are coming down with the flu, first you swim, then the steam room, then the noodles in soup with shrimp wonton at the SUB **6**, and voila! You feel 100% better!”

Herbert Rosengarten, Executive Director of the President’s Office, has scouted a perfect spot to ponder the meaning of life – or at least the latest vision for *Trek 2000*. He’s been fascinated by the Chung

Collection at the Main Library **7** and finds the rare books in the Special Collection inspiring.

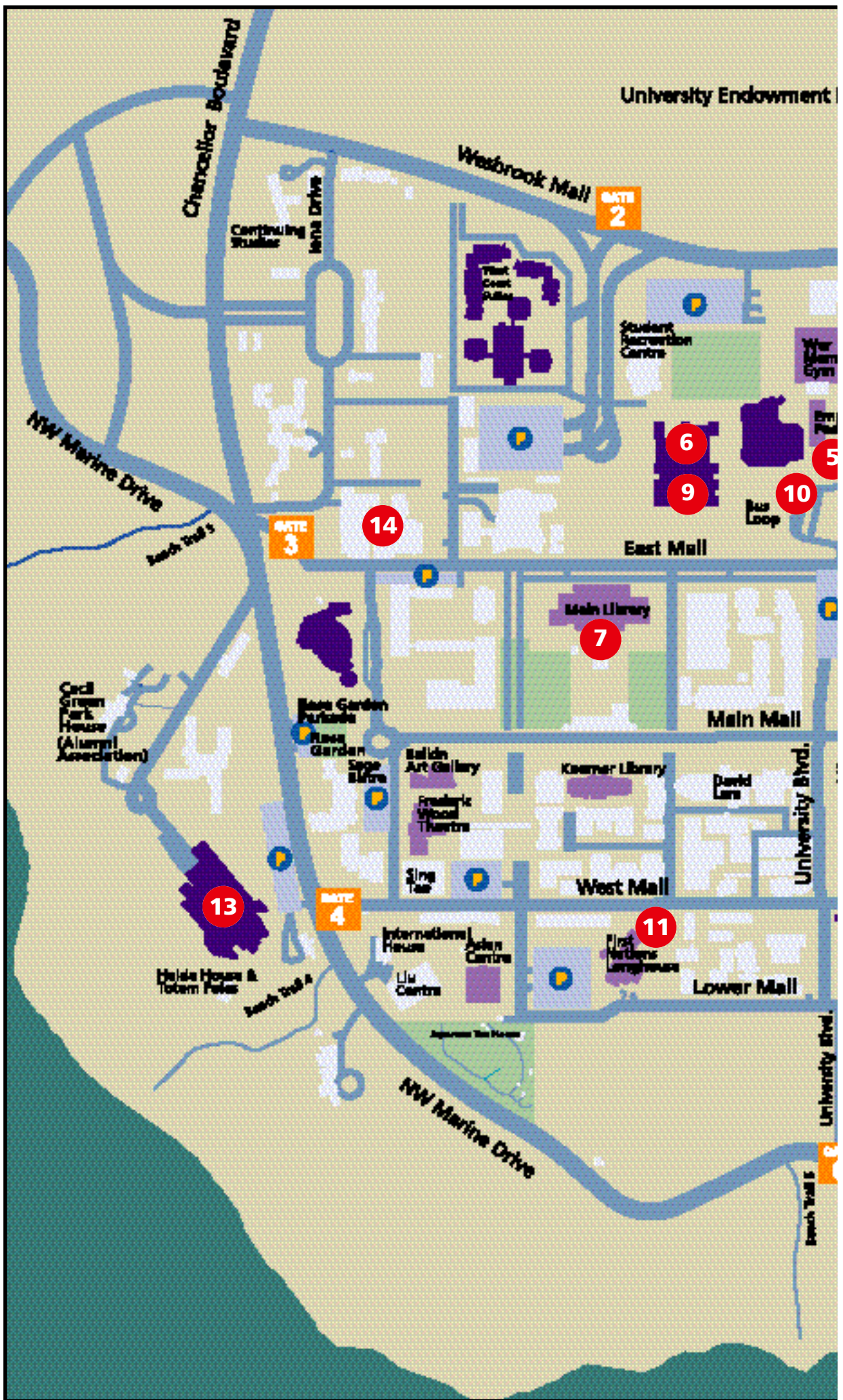
Thunderbird Baseball Coach **Terry McKaig**, who recently sent pitcher Jeff Francis off to the Major League, shares stories and win/loss records over lunch with other coaches at the University Village Chinese restaurant **8** just outside Gate 1. He also loves the drive to campus every morning. “It gets me excited to be coming to work, and not many people can say that!” says McKaig, who’s looking forward to a new baseball stadium on campus. “There is nothing like a baseball stadium to relax, and wind down!” For now, he finds solace at Nat Bailey Stadium, where he trains the T-birds.

AMS President **Kristen Harvey** can’t get enough of Bernoulli’s Bagels, situated on the main concourse of the SUB **9**. “I love their Montreal-style bagels, especially pumpkinseed,” raves Harvey, who also hangs out with her friends at the Gallery Lounge, also at the SUB, the grassy knoll by the bus loop **10** and the First Nations Long House **11**.

Psychology Prof. and dog expert **Stanley Coren** exercises by playing Frisbee with his dogs in the small field behind the Education Bldg. **12**. He also raves about the Museum of Anthropology **13**. “There is enough there so that I never get bored or jaded as I wan-



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der through the exhibits,” says Coren. “Any place that I can show to visiting family and colleagues and not grow to resent over many repetitions is a special place indeed.”

Film Prof. and producer of the critically acclaimed film *Better Than Chocolate* **Sharon McGowan** finds more than coffee at Candida’s, a small café tucked away in the Law Faculty’s student lounge **14**. “I really love this place because it has a great view of the mountains, and nobody knows me there,” says McGowan. “The place is normally populated with fresh, idealistic law students out to save the world, which can be somewhat heartwarming even for a cynic like myself.” □

Celebrated gardener David Tarrant (left) is most at ease among the trees.

Stanley Coren (right) and Dancer take a breather after a game of Frisbee.



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Brett Finlay takes a break from battling bacteria with daily jogs.

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CAMPUS FOOD FACTS

Did you know that if you laid out all the cinnamon buns consumed at UBC every year, they would more than fill the War Memorial Gym? Here are some other interesting annual consumption figures from UBC Food Services:



- Cinnamon buns: 450,000
- Muffins: 39,800
- Hamburgers: 32,700 patties
- Rice: 19,222 pounds
- Pasta: 14,600 pounds
- French Fries: 128,000 pounds
- Milk: 144,762 litres
- Coffee: 15,584 pounds
- Coca Cola: 35,000 gallons
- Bottled water: 79,333 litres
- Juices: 213,291 litres
- Eggs: 1,465,000
- Apples: 23,792 pounds
- Carrots: 21,152 pounds



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Andrew Parr, Director of Food Services, surrounded by many of the ingredients that feed the UBC community.

An Alarming Issue for Campus Patrol

False alarms are the most common call for security force. BY HELEN LEWIS

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Map showing location at Woodward Bldg, near the intersection of University Blvd and The Spine Hiller.

Ask around at UBC Campus Security, and they'll tell you about the time a prankster released a crate of chickens into Brock Hall, sparking a diseased-poultry scare and a two-hour round-up of the panicked birds.

Or the night a bunch of misguided adventurers were caught climbing the Chan Centre, using only ropes and the light of the moon.

They might even tell you the tale of poor King George and his missing sword (see sidebar).

Campus Security receives about 9,000 calls in an average year - but not all their cases are so bizarre. In fact, red-faced university employees who accidentally set off building alarms top the list of call-outs.

Nonetheless, the 65-strong unit has its hands full.

"We have about 35,000 students on campus and about 12,000 faculty and staff, so our area is similar to that of a small community," says Campus Security Associate Director Iain McLellan.

Campus Security officers are responsible for the safety and security of people and property on campus, carrying out patrols by foot, bicycle squad and car, and running the campus security bus. They help keep order at demonstrations, provide traffic control at car accidents and large events on campus, and respond to calls about everything from alarms and suspicious persons to trespassing and theft.

The officers handle minor assaults, vandalism and minor theft - usually diverting student offenders away from the criminal justice process and to the Student Discipline Board. On more serious issues, including assault, bomb threats and burglaries, Campus Security works with the campus' RCMP detachment, which is responsible for all matters that involve violence or threats of violence.

"Our relationship is very good - we assist each other, attend training sessions together and work together on community-based initiatives such as the Rape Aggression Defence program," McLellan says.

Regardless of the division of labour, Campus Security officers often receive the first call and are therefore first on the scene, sometimes facing unpredictable situations.

Not long ago, security officers were attacked with pepper spray



Patrol Supervisor Glen Macneil is a former member of the bike squad.

while chasing a person they believed to be an intruder.

Despite such dangers, officers are armed only with security training, negotiating skills and handcuffs. No pepper spray, no impact devices, and no weapons.

"Our officers are well trained, and selected for their ability to deal with issues in a common sense

manner," McLellan says.

It seems to be effective. The number of incidents at UBC has remained steady over the past few years, McLellan says, and is not disproportionate considering the size and population of the campus.

Troublemakers from off campus are often well known to Campus Security officers, who work with the RCMP to prevent them from committing offences.

"Compared to the type of crime, vandalism and social disorder you get outside, the campus is very safe. But there's a feeling here that because this is a university, everyone in the community is honest - it's not that simple," McLellan warns. "There are people out there who willingly and gladly take advantage of that false sense of security.

"Security on campus is a two-way street - employees need to make sure they lock doors, make sure they know who's coming in, not leave purses lying around, and use common sense." □

Calls to March 31, 2002 (not all categories are listed)

• Alarms	361
• Assist public	203
• Access	162
• Insecure premises	95
• Suspicious Persons	83
• Vandalism	35
• Theft	31
• Trespass	11
• Assaults	10
• Break and enter	6
• Bomb threats	2
• Bike theft	1

Assault on King George

The mystery of the missing sword.

It was the mid-'70s and King George V had been dead for more than 40 years when some rogue stole his sword.

The dignity of George's statue, which stands by the Woodward Biomedical Library, took a serious blow when some students made off with his sword in the dead of night.

For years, passersby placed soda cans and Styrofoam cups in his empty bronze hand - just where the sword should have been.

Twenty-five years passed before a mystery caller telephoned the UBC President's office, saying he was one of the students who had stolen the sword. For a quarter-century, it had taken pride of place in his rec room before his conscience got the better of him. Now, the former student said, he had returned the sword to the scene of the crime.

Campus Security officers found the King George's sword lying under some bushes near the statue, and Plant Operations staff returned it to its rightful home.

Lesson learned - the sword is now bolted in place. HL





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Derek Masselink avoids grocery-shopping guilt by growing food close to home.

Guilt, Gardening and Locally Grown Food

Go green, grow your own. BY DEREK MASSELINK

From Salzburg to Saltspring Island more and more people are seeking out locally grown food for their tables. Derek Masselink, UBC Farm's program coordinator, looks at what is driving the boom in community-based food systems.

It used to be that when I went shopping I could do it with a clear conscience. As long as I was buying whole wheat bread and brown rice and packing my groceries away in cloth bags, I was happy and care-free, safe in the knowledge that I was doing my part for my health and the environment.

My bliss was short-lived, succumbing to the seemingly endless onslaught of facts and figures documenting the damaging effects of meat on health and the environment followed by umpteen warnings about climate change, effects of pesticide residues and, more recently, genetically modified organisms. These warnings were the kiss of death to my clear shopping conscience, replacing it instead with stomach-gnawing, shoulder-checking, grocery-shopping guilt. I was becoming aware that my shopping decisions apparently were not only killing me but they were killing communities and even more worrisome, they were killing the planet.

Guilt is not a feeling that I like to cultivate so I needed to find something effective to do about it. The challenge was to find an activity that could alleviate environmental guilt, was good for my health and the environment, and most importantly was enjoyable to do. My wife and I eventually decided to take up food gardening, a pastime that promised reduced guilt, good feelings, full stomachs and a reduced impact on the environment.

This decision changed our lives.

What started as a tiny balcony garden 10 years ago has blossomed into a personal and now professional passion for growing food close to home.

Growing even a small amount of your own food can be extremely liberating and educational. The idea that you can produce some of what you eat is immensely empowering. When you have a garden, you no longer have to drive to the grocery store to buy carrots and beans because they grow just outside your back door. The simple act of gardening introduces you to what good, fresh food tastes and looks like. You come to know what can be grown and when it can be eaten. You may be surprised by the joy the harvest brings when it is shared with family and friends. Over time you may even begin to learn the skills of food storage and preservation or the art of "putting food by".

These are important "moments" because unwittingly you have created the beginnings of a small ecological food system, one that is localized, doesn't depend on large inputs of energy or nutrients, and supports and responds to the needs of your family and friends. Your garden has become what we in the food system business would call a personal food system, a good first step in the development of a larger community-based food system.

Today the average food item travels 2,000 km to reach your kitchen. This has tremendous consequences, such as reduced freshness, taste and nutrition, high-energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and reduced local economic health. Community-based food systems reduce the distance food travels from field to plate to

greatly reduce these negative effects.

Those of us behind the UBC Farm initiative believe there is an opportunity to develop a more localized food system here at UBC. To this end, we have established a community-based food systems program, which includes our Farm Market and Market Garden. We have also begun working with the various on-campus food services encouraging them to support the use and delivery of local, safe, nutritious food grown in a manner that is sustainable, good for the environment, economical and creates more on-campus learning opportunities. Two years ago we began by providing locally grown, organic veggies to Green College. This summer we will be hosting a weekly market at the Farm and plan to supply a number of on-campus food service outlets with fresh veggies.

So if the state of the environment has got you down, and a trip to the green grocer fills you with guilt, don't just sit and sulk, get up, and do something about it! Go and buy some local food. Visit a farmer's market. Better yet visit ours or, best of all, start growing your own. Chances are, like me, you'll be surprised how it will change your life! □

UBC Farm is a student-driven initiative to retain and re-create existing farm and forest lands at the University of British Columbia into an internationally significant centre for sustainable agriculture, forestry and food systems. For more information on the UBC Farm and the UBC Farm Market please contact 604.822.5092 or visit www.agsci.ubc.ca/ubcfarm.

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TIME PIECE 1937



UBC has always had its share of sacred cows, but was there ever really a time when cows were allowed to graze freely along the Main Mall in front of the old library? At first glance, this photo dated sometime around 1937 seems to suggest they did. But if you take another look, you may discover as we did that someone was using the 1930's version of PhotoShop to create a composite. What we still don't know is why. If you have any information that might help us solve this bovine mystery we'd like to hear from you. We'll accept all explanations from the inspired to the ridiculous and share the best with you next issue.

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New Arts Dean

Nancy Gallini has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Arts, effective Sept. 1, 2002. Gallini, a professor of Economics, comes to UBC from the University of Toronto where she served in several administrative roles including assoc. chair of Graduate Studies in the Economics Dept. and chair of the Economics Dept. from 1995-2000.

Gallini holds a B.A. in Mathematics and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. She is a Research Fellow at the Centre of Innovation Law and Policy. The Centre, funded by public and private sources and housed in the Law School of the University of Toronto, supports academic research and policy debates on issues related to the law, economics and policy of technology, conducted by law schools and related disciplines in Ontario universities.



Nancy Gallini

Professor Gallini has held visiting scholar positions at the University of California at Berkeley, the Yale Law School and Economics Department, and C.R.E.S.T. in Paris. Her primary research and teaching areas are the economics of industrial organizations and contracts, intellectual property and competition policy. For six years (1992-1998), Professor Gallini served on the editorial board of the American Economic Review.

Kroller wins Arts Award

Professor of English Eva-Marie Kroller is the 2001/2002 recipient of the UBC Dean of Arts Award.

In nominating Kroller, her colleagues and students described her as not only being passionate about what she teaches but also about the learning process itself.

Kroller's teaching and research specializations include comparative Canadian and European literature, postcolonial theories of comparative literature, and relationships between literature and the arts. She was chair of UBC's Programme in Comparative Literature from 1990 to 1995 and is editor of the journal, Canadian Literature.

The \$5,000 award, established by an anonymous donor, is equal in value to the Killam Teaching Prize and recognizes exceptional contributions by a faculty member in teaching, research, administration and service. Each year the Dean of Arts Award is given in the name of a distinguished emeritus professor. This year it is named for Prof. Patricia Merivale.

New Pharmaceutical Sciences Dean

Robert D. Sindelar has been named dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, effective Sept. 1.

A faculty member at the University of Mississippi since 1983, Sindelar served as interim dean of the School of Pharmacy and interim executive director of their Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences during 2000 and 2001. He currently serves as chair of the Dept. of Medicinal Chemistry, having served in that position beginning in 1993.

His postdoctoral work was completed at UBC and the State University of New York at Buffalo. His expertise lies in medicinal chemistry, computer-aided drug discovery and design, and pharmaceutical biotechnology. □

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John Howe Puts His Stamp on Four Decades of Service

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor student rallies could slow this mailman. BY HELEN LEWIS

John Howe has worked on campus for twice as long as most UBC freshmen have been alive.

He was at UBC when JFK was assassinated, when Armstrong walked on the moon, when Trudeau was elected and when the Berlin Wall fell. And as the world moves faster, as employees scramble for "better offers" and job loyalty nears extinction, UBC's veteran Campus Mail Service manager

together until Sid Howe retired in 1973.

In 1965, aged 18, Howe became a sorter in the mail room and in 1967 he started driving the campus' only mail truck – a little red 1952 Chevy. He was a mail delivery driver until his appointment as campus mail supervisor in 1991.

UBC's mail delivery system was vastly different when Howe joined the staff.

puters, but "I've always just wanted to work here," he says.

In 1990 he got a taste of congregation excitement, attending a graduation ceremony as one of just 75 people to receive a 75th Anniversary Medal for service to the university.

As the campus has grown, Howe has guided the Mail Service through changes to meet the needs of a burgeoning university population and the ever-increasing pace of business.

The janitors used to pick up the mail in the morning on the way to work, and deliver it . . . There were about 20 of them delivering around two million pieces of mail a year to 57 departments.

has found lasting rewards in staying put.

"I love being part of an organization that's grown from a small university to a world-renowned research institute, and watching that happen," he says. "It's good to be a part of it, and it's getting better all the time."

Howe was just 12 when he had his first job on campus, delivering copies of UBC Reports at UBC sporting events in the 1950's. He and his brother spent Saturday mornings putting hundreds of copies of the newspaper on car windshields during football and basketball games. Their delivery run complete, the boys would join their father Sid, a UBC custodian, helping to operate the football scoreboard.

Howe followed in his father's footsteps, joining the ranks of UBC staff with a job at the bookstore in 1962. The pair drove to work

"The janitors used to pick up the mail in the morning on the way to work, and deliver it," he recalls. "There were about 20 of them delivering around two million pieces of mail a year to 57 departments."

These days, Howe supervises seven mail sorters and five delivery people. With four one-tonne trucks and one courier van, they distribute about 6.5 million pieces of mail per year to about 280 departments and satellites on a budget of \$450,000.

Surprisingly, Howe says, the meteoric rise of e-mail hasn't affected the volume of mail needing to be delivered. "I thought it would," he admits, "but despite having e-mail, everybody wants hard copies as well."

Surrounded by students and teachers for the best part of five decades, Howe never harboured a yearning for the academic life. He has taken continuing education courses for management and com-

Throughout, he has taken pleasure in the day-to-day challenges of the job and in the company of his coworkers.

"Meeting people has been a great part of this job. I guess I've stayed on so long because of the job security and because the people are so good to work with. I have a great team," he says.

"It used to be more personal – you'd get out and meet everybody and give personal service way back when. Now it's e-mail and phone." But Howe is philosophical about this change, as he is about all the others he's seen and he's not ready to retire just yet.

"You've got to grow with the times," he says. □

* The Campus Mail Service's new web site (www.campusmail.ubc.ca) lists campus postal codes, international postal codes, services and policies.

New Fraternity Village to Open in 2003

The University will develop a new Fraternity Village as part of creating a new residential community at UBC.

"Fraternities are a vibrant part of campus life and we are excited that we have found a way to create a new Fraternity Village that will be part of the university town that is emerging at UBC," Vice-President, External and Legal Affairs Dennis Pavlich said.

The university is working with campus fraternities and Polygon Construction Management Limited to provide a cohesive community of Greek Letter groups while at the

same time allowing each fraternity to express its own individuality on the UBC campus. The new fraternity residences will be clustered in a village-like setting around a common courtyard that will serve as a gathering place for formal and informal events.

UBC has provided the fraternities with a long-term lease on the new site. Each fraternity is responsible for providing independent financing with respect to its residence. Construction of the new Fraternity Village is expected to start this fall with residency scheduled for September 2003.

"This is a very exciting venture and we have been fortunate to forge this relationship that will enable us to occupy these new residences and retain a campus presence for many years to come," said James Dixon, a Kappa Sigma alumnus who chaired a negotiating committee of fraternity alumni.

The sites of the existing fraternity residences around Westbrook Mall will be developed as residences for market housing to be built for UBC by Polygon.

Additional plans to provide a sorority residence on campus are also under way. □