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Freddie Wood Turns 50, Again

The Frederic Wood Theatre's season of 50th Anniversary activities kicks off Nov. 18 with the opening of Stages of Success: Theatre at UBC since 1916, an exhibit featuring more than half a century's worth of memorabilia from the theatre including old programs, photos and reviews. It will be on display from Nov. 18 to Dec. 5 at UBC's Robson Square campus, open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Ever wondered what it would be like to trod the boards for a living, or work behind the scenes? In conjunction with the exhibit, alumni now working in the theatre and film industries will talk about life in the business in a series of free public presentations. The seminar series begins Nov. 22 with a talk given by two of the three "lone gunmen" from the X-Files TV series. Tom Braidwood and Bruce Harwood will talk about acting in TV and film. Other alumni scheduled to talk include Morris Panych, John

MacLachlan Gray, Bill Millerd and Chan Centre architect Bing Thom. All seminars begin at 7:30 p.m. at UBC Robson Square. For more information and a complete seminar schedule visit www.theatre.ubc.ca or call 604-822-0050.

Freddie Wood anniversary activities will culminate in a grand homecoming party for alumni the afternoon of Dec. 7, followed by a Fundraising Gala in the evening. Both events will be held at the Frederic Wood Theatre on campus. The homecoming runs from 1 - 6 p.m. and admission is free but let organizers know if you plan to attend by e-mailing them at fwt50@interchange.ubc.ca or calling 604-822-2678. Tickets for the Fundraising Gala, being held to support the Frederic Wood Foundation and student scholarships, are \$125. The event includes a variety show with well-known theatre alumni Nicola Cavendish, Joy Coghill, Jane Mortifee, Richard Ouzounian and others. To purchase tickets call 604-822-2678. □





Freddie Wood Productions over the years have included Sempre Fidelis, 1991-92 (above, left) with Tom Scholte and Laara Sadiq and Lysistra, 2001-02 (above, right) with Jessica Clements.

UBC AROUND THE WORLD

Teaching the Teachers in Kenya

New Master's Degree in education makes it possible. By CATE KORINTH

Stepping into a classroom in Kenya feels like stepping back in time. An authoritarian teaching style focuses on memorization and discipline, a legacy of the days of British rule in Africa. Add physical surroundings that are drab and bare – nothing more than rows of desks and a blackboard – and it is almost surprising to see these classrooms packed with up to 80 students. Despite these primitive conditions, many Kenyan kids are so keen to improve their lives that they literally run miles to get to school every day.

Paul Beckingham, along with his wife and five children used to live in Kenya where he worked as a missionary for two and a half years. He is currently a theology professor at Carey Theological College on the UBC campus.

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"I have been so touched by the Kenyan people I've met that I am dying to return and make a difference for teachers and students," he

Beckingham believes that teacher enrichment is the answer to the Kenyans' outdated teaching style. To replace their current tools of discipline and punishment, teachers need the basic communication skills to help their students to learn. Through teacher development workshops, Beckingham intends to demonstrate counseling and listening skills.

But first, he realized that he

would need to acquire some new skills himself in order to help effectively. To teach adults – they learn differently from children and teens – he had to know more about adult learning styles. Furthermore, if he were to teach teachers in a developing country, it was crucial he properly understood the global forces that so strongly impact these communities – economics, politics, culture and history. The Faculty of Education's new Masters of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change was a perfect match.

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Paul Beckingham is surrounded by some of the Masai children he hopes to help in the Great Rift Valley of Kenya.

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"I have classmates that are educated black students in South

Africa – just like the people I'm trying to help develop in Kenya – and they are very insightful," says Beckingham.

He hopes to return to Kenya in two years, once he graduates and his teaching appointment at Carey Hall ends. \square

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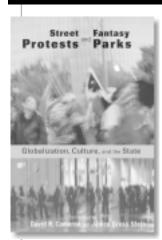
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FACULTY OF ARTS UBC KILLAM TEACHING PRIZES

Once again the University of British Columbia is recognizing excellence in teaching through the awarding of prizes to faculty members. Five (5) prize winners will be selected in the Faculty of Arts for 2003.

Eligibility: Eligibility is open to faculty who have three or more years of teaching at UBC. The three years include 2002 - 2003.

Criteria: The awards will recognize distinguished teaching at all levels: introductory, advanced, graduate courses, graduate supervision, and any combination of levels.

Nomination Process: Members of faculty, students, or alumni may suggest candidates to the Head of the Department, the Director of the School, or Chair of the Program in which the nominee teaches. These suggestions should be in writing and signed by one or more students, alumni or faculty, and they should include a very brief statement of the basis for the nomination. You may write a letter of nomination or pick up a form from the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Arts, in Buchanan B130.

Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on January 20, 2003. Submit nominations to the Department, School or Program Office in which the nominee teaches.

Winners will be announced in the Spring, and they will be identified as well during Spring convocation in May.

For further information about these awards contact either your Department, School or Program office, or Dr. J. Evan Kreider, Associate Dean of Arts at (604) 822-6703.

IN THE NEWS

Highlights of UBC Media Coverage in October 2002. COMPILED BY BRIAN LIN

Barber Donation

B.C. businessman and entrepreneur Irving K. (Ike) Barber has given \$20 million to UBC to build a high-tech library that will be the first of its kind in Canada.

"I have created some disposable income and I wanted to find a responsible way to inject this income back into the roots of British Columbia," Barber told the National Post. Barber's donation was the largest capital gift UBC has

"This kind of takes my breath away," UBC President Martha Piper said. "I can think of no adequate way to say thank you, Ike."

Value of International Students

In a letter to the editor, director of UBC's International Student Initiative Don Wehrung emphasizes the value and contribution of international students.

"It is not true that [international] students are a 'cash cow,'" Wehrung told the Vancouver Sun. "We believe that UBC, its students, faculty and the province all benefit from having additional international students on our campus, but mostly from their presence and participation in campus life rather than economically."



International students add value to campus says ISI director Don Wehrung.

High Tech Trash

UBC toxicologist Chris Van Netten is worried about the health risks posed when developed countries send their e-waste to third world countries.

It is estimated that 100,000 people in the Guiu region in southeastern China toil to recover valuable materials from computers like copper and gold.

"If these people stay in that environment and they will be exposed, the incidence of cancer will be very high among that type and number of people," Van Netten told CBC Television.

C.H.I.L.D. Chair

The Children with Intestinal and Liver Disorders Foundation has named UBC researcher Bruce Vallance as its first endowed chair.

Vallance has been focused on the role of bacteria and parasitic infections in causing inflammatory bowel disorder, which affects about one out of every 5,000 individuals.

"It's an interesting research area because it hasn't been heavily studied," Vallance told the Vancouver Sun. "So basically whatever finding or observation you make is new."

Nobel Prize winner worked at UBC

Nobel Prize winner Daniel Kahneman left UBC 16 years ago because of provincial funding cuts to post-secondary education, UBC's Psychology Dept. head Richard Tees told the National Post.

"Canadian universities will be raided over the next while," Tees said. "U.S. universities have lots of retirements coming up and this is a natural place to hunt for good people. If the universities don't have enough money, they will lose their best people."

Tees, who is a friend of Kahneman, played a role in luring the psychology professor and his future wife, also a professor, to UBC in 1978. □

UBC Remembers with Nov. 11 Services

As global events continue to heighten our sensitivity to war and its impact, UBC will hold its annual Remembrance Day Services on Nov. 11.

Services begin at 10:45 a.m. in the foyer of the War Memorial Gym. All members of the community are invited to attend the memorial, which commemorates the sacrifices of Canadians who have participated in wars over the last century.

About 350 faculty, staff, students and members of the off-campus community are expected to attend the services, held at the campus landmark built as a memorial to British Columbia's war dead.

During the First World War, 697 UBC students saw active military service - 78 were killed. In the Second World War, 1,680 students enlisted - 169 lost their lives. \square

UBC Gains \$46 Million for High-Tech Facilities

Funds aimed at doubling the number of grads. BY HILARY THOMSON

UBC will receive \$46 million in provincial funding for facilities to support students in high-tech programs.

"This is a strong endorsement of UBC's leadership in high-tech education," says UBC President Martha Piper. "The expansion builds our capacity for learning and research and allows us to make an even greater contribution to B.C.'s economy."

The funding is part of a \$95-million capital expansion program at

B.C.'s four public universities to support the provincial government's commitment to double the number of B.C. graduates from high-tech programs.

The funds will support the construction of the Chemical and Biological Engineering Bldg., a sixstorey, 10,000 sq. metre-structure that will be located between East Mall and Health Sciences Mall immediately south of the Health Sciences Parkade. Construction will start in December 2003.

In addition, two facilities will be expanded with construction starting April 2003.

"Through this outstanding commitment, UBC will be able to dramatically improve and expand its programs in electrical and computer engineering and computer science which are essential in fueling the high-tech industry," says Michael Isaacson, dean of the Faculty of Applied Science. \Box

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Michael Goldberg

BY KATE JOBLING

One of UBC's overall goals is to participate as an active member of the 21st century by educating future citizens to think globally and by advancing international scholarship and research.

Tangible results of this initiative include the opening of the Liu Institute for Global Issues, the Centre for International Health and the Institute for European Studies. In addition, UBC and the University of Washington have established a joint Canadian-American Studies Program and UBC's office in Hong Kong has opened. An even more recent tangible result was the Global Citizenship Conference held on campus Sept. 4 to a standing-room audience of 876 people.

Michael Goldberg, associate vice-president, has been guiding UBC's International program since January of this year.

One of your department's strategies is to "internationalize" the campus by increasing the numbers of international students and by encouraging more Canadian students to enroll in study-abroad programs. In 1999, international undergraduate enrollment increased to 1,192. By 2000, it reached 1,343. What is it currently?

We're at 1,958 or 6.1 percent of the student body. So, while we're not where we want to be, we can take a certain amount of pride that we are continuing to move the

Are international exchanges still on the increase?

This year we sent 426 students to 150 partner universities in more than 40 countries. That's an increase of 37 percent over last year.

UBC has concentrated its international, academic and research initiatives in three major areas: Asia Pacific, the Americas and Europe. Has the Hong Kong office been as effective as you expected?

The Hong Kong Office has been a very important symbol of our activity internationally. It has also helped us sustain the strong international relationships developed by UBC students, faculty, staff and external partners to strengthen long-term support for UBC.

Besides Hong Kong, do we have



Michael Goldberg, associate vicepresident guides UBC's international program.

a physical presence in any other

Not at the moment but we are looking to open offices in other locations in Asia and possibly even somewhere in Europe.

Another international goal has been developing international initiatives by promoting the contributions of research universities. What progress has been made?

What I have discovered since taking on this position is that we can't possibly do everything we want to do. So, we've focused on two major organizations Universitas 21 (U2I) and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU). With U21, we have made considerable progress on several projects including student exchanges, a teaching and learning resources catalogue (UNSW) and a commitment that our deans will meet jointly on an annual basis. Moving forward, we are looking at several new opportunities including an international comparative policy/research consortium, international co-ops, internships and placements, staff and faculty exchange programs and best practices benchmarking, and information exchanges.

What else are we doing to reach the goals outlined in Trek 2000 document?

Since taking over responsibility for the international area, I have established a campus-wide forum for discussing international issues. Struck this past spring, the 20-person committee, called the Campus Advisory on International Activities (CAIA), is made up of a variety of people from various faculties and departments and meets once a month to share updates and information from an international perspective. It's a great mechanism because so many of us are on the road a lot and it allows us to identify synergies and share experiences.

What sets us apart from other universities doing this?

We are not alone. A number of universities are expanding their international component. But UBC is definitely at the forefront. We are unique in several ways. First, as a university, we are committed to the program of internationalization. It is one of our five vision areas. Second, we have a strongly international faculty and staff. And finally, given the diverse social, cultural and economic interests of our British Columbia community, UBC will continue to cooperate with other educational institutions, industry, governments, agencies and our communities to advance internationalization and share the benefits. \square

Michael A. Goldberg is the H.R. Fullerton Professor of Urban Land Policy in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration at UBC. He is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. He graduated from Brooklyn College with a BA (cum Laude) in Economics. He did his MA and PhD in Economics at the University of California at Berkeley. He came to UBC Commerce in 1968 and was Dean of the Commerce faculty from 1991 to 1997.

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UBC United Way Volunteers Clean Up

Fund-raising passes the halfway mark. BY KATE JOBLING

A team of 15 dedicated volunteers from various UBC departments spent Sept. 27 cleaning and painting the Coast Foundation's clubhouse at 11th and Main. It took hours to complete but the effort was appreciated.

"It was a great jump-start to getting our clubhouse back in shape and making it a more inviting place for our members," says Jack Beatty, manager of the Coast Foundation, an organization which supports adults with mental illness in the Lower Mainland. "It also gave us an opportunity to speak with the volunteers one-on-one and break down some stigmas they have about mental illness.

"Everyone who comes into the newly-spruced clubhouse is inspired by the changes," says Beatty.

The clubhouse clean-up was just

one of the activities put on by the United Way during its Days of Caring, a week-long event designed to promote awareness for the agencies supported by donations.

"One of our campaign goals at UBC this year was to participate in a Days of Caring event. We easily achieved this and the planning committee is really pleased," says Deborah Austin, this year's Campaign Chair. "We really have to thank all the volunteers – especially members of CUPE Local 116, CUPE Local 2950 and AAPS – who gave of their time."

This year's United Way campaign at UBC is more than halfway towards its goal of \$400,000. The campaign continues to accept donations and pledges until the end of December. For more information, call 604-822-8929 or e-mail unitedway@ubc.ca □

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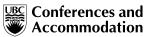
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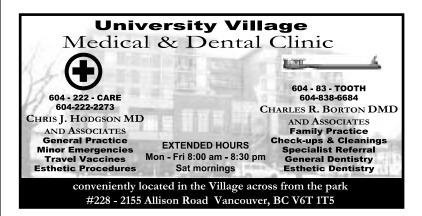


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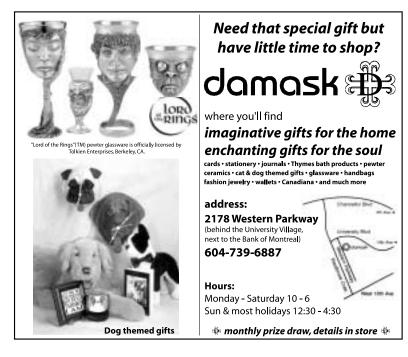
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The International Perils of Ada Christopher, Student Recruiter

Glamour job is gruelling work. BY MICHELLE COOK

None of Ada Christopher's colleagues wants to travel with her.

It's not that Christopher and the other members of UBC's International Student Initiative (ISI) don't make a great team. It's just that wherever Christopher goes, unusual things seem to happen.

unusual things seem to happen.

"They call me the leading indicator of natural disasters,"
Christopher laughs as she lists the calamities she's experienced while crisscrossing the globe to talk about UBC with potential students. These include a hurricane in Puerto Rico, earthquakes in Mexico and India and, on a recent trip to Japan, the biggest typhoon to hit Tokyo since the Second World War.

As the university's co-ordinator of International Student Recruitment and Advising, handling unexpected occurrences – natural or otherwise – are all in a day's work for Christopher and the rest of UBC's international recruiting team.

On the road, Christopher visits up to five schools a day and often attends education fairs in the evenings and weekends.

"You can see thousands of students and talk non-stop for nine hours a day and you're exhausted, and then you have to get up and do it all again the next day," Christopher says.

Christopher is a counselling psychologist by training (she has an MA from UBC), but it was her interests in travel, different cultures and intercultural communications that led her into the field of student recruiting. She joined ISI as UBC's first international student recruiter in 1000

From September to November of this year, the ISI team, along with others from faculties and Enrolment Services, will spend the equivalent of 410 days on the road on 46 separate recruitment trips to other parts of Canada, 20 U.S. states, and 26 countries.

Advising students is also an integral part of Christopher's job. She answers many of the hundreds of email inquiries that pour into the ISI office ranging from how to fill out application forms to how to get involved in campus activities. \Box



International recruiter Ada Christopher travels the world to attract students but the best part of her job is seeing them arrive on campus.

International Student Initiative Attracts More Students Every Year

Recruitment efforts account for major increases

BY MICHELLE COOK

Listen to any conversation on campus and you're likely to hear Spanish, Arabic or Chinese being spoken, not to mention an increasing number of American accents.

Students from around the world are showing an overwhelming interest in UBC, thanks to the International Student Initiative (ISI). Launched in 1996 as part of the university's *Trek 2000* vision, ISI is responsible for promoting UBC to potential applicants overseas and recruiting a broad range of international students.

The ISI's efforts to diversify the student body are changing the face of UBC. This past September, 572 new fee-paying international undergraduates arrived on campus, bringing the total number of international students to 1,514 (or five per cent of undergraduates) for the 2002/03 academic year. In addition, the number of applications from international students spiked 47 per cent over last year's figure.

"There's really been a metamorphosis," says Don Wehrung, the Initiative's director. "Prior to 1996, we did not actively recruit undergraduate students from outside of Canada, but since the initiative started, our intake of international undergraduates has increased by 27 percent every year."

Wehrung adds that, during the same period, the university's international exchange programs and professional graduate programs also experienced significant growth.

While the recent increased interest in UBC from overseas has been linked to the events of Sept. 11, Wehrung says the principal reason for growth is that UBC has actively gone out to seek qualified undergraduates.

To help attract foreign students, ISI introduced International Student Awards in fall 2001. The financial aid initiative offers 10 to 12 awards annually that require nominees to demonstrate both high financial need and high academic merit. Worth \$14,000 to \$30,000 annually, the renewable awards are open to qualified international students who otherwise couldn't afford to come to UBC. □

Lionel E. McLeod Health Research Scholarship Winner



The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) is pleased to announce that Brett Abrahams is the recipient of the 2002 Lionel E. McLeod Health Research Scholarship. The award honours Dr. Lionel McLeod, the founding President of AHFMR.

Mr. Abrahams is currently pursuing a PhD in Neuroscience, under Dr. Elizabeth M. Simpson at the Centre for Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics at the University of British Columbia. He has received numerous awards and scholarships during his academic career, including a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Doctoral Research Award, and the Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia Outstanding Achievement by a Doctoral Student Award. Mr. Abrahams' research focuses on the molecular mechanisms underlying

brain development and behaviour. He is interested in the effects of a particular nuclear receptor in the developing brain and eye, as well as evaluating its effects on aggressive behaviour. More knowledge in this area could lead to better understanding of human developmental diseases associated with abnormal behaviour and/or brain pathology.

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Dr. McLeod was the Head of Endocrinology at the University of Alberta, Dean of Medicine at the University of Calgary, President of AHFMR from 1981-1990, and President and Chief Executive Officer of the University Hospital, Vancouver.

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Sharing Cultures with Korea, Japan and Mexico

Joint Academic Programs popular with students

BY ERICA SMISHEK

UBC continues to strengthen its place in the world community thanks to Joint Academic Programs with Korea, Japan and Mexico. These programs include both academic and housing elements, allowing students from these countries to share and understand their distinct

cultures with those of Canadians.

UBC President Martha Piper and
Dr. Sung-Joo Han, president of
Korea University officially opened
Korea University-UBC House, on
Oct. 30. Since September, students
from Korea University in Seoul
have been living in this integrated
residential environment with 100
UBC students.

The program mirrors an existing program with Kyoto's Ritsumeikan University. "Rits House" opened in

March 1992 for 100 Japanese students and 100 UBC students. In addition to apartments with four private bedrooms, two bathrooms and a shared kitchen, dining and living areas, Rits House features a Japanese-style tatami room and the Ritslab Multimedia Facility with computers, a language lab and a comprehensive resource library.

Construction on a third residence in co-operation with Mexico's prestigious university Tec de Monterrey has begun at Place Vanier, with completion scheduled for September 2003. Each year, approximately 100 students from Tec de Monterrey are accepted into the joint academic program with three program length options – term, academic year or summer. Students can also take courses toward an accredited and internationally recognized certificate in 20 specialty areas.

"We have had a great response," said Silvia Martinez, director of the Tec de Monterrey-UBC Joint Academic Program. "Initially, the students didn't know much about UBC and Canada. But now that they know, they love UBC, they love it in Vancouver and the program is continuing to grow." □

UBC AROUND THE WORLD

1 England

Last summer, UBC Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies Prof. Anthony Barrett led a team of UBC students to the village of Baginton in central England to carry out the annual excavation of the Lunt Fort, a Roman military establishment dating to the age of the emperor Nero.

The UBC team is the only non-British unit to be granted access to the site designated by the British Parliament as a site of national importance.

(2) Germany

UBC Computer Science Prof. Wolfgang Heidrich is heading up a joint project with McGill University and the Max-Planck Institute in Germany using remote robotic technology developed at UBC. The project will enable medical students to practice surgical techniques and simulate actual operations without requiring a cadaver.

UBC researchers are using the robotic arm to cut through liver and artificial brain tissue and to record cutting and deformation forces as well as other data so realistic that surgical simulations can be developed.

³ Syria

Since 2001, UBC Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies Asst. Prof. Lisa Cooper and graduate students have been working with researchers from a number of Canadian universities and museums on the archaeological expedition of Tell 'Acharneh in Western Syria. The site occupies several millennia in antiquity and was recently visited by Syrian Minister of Culture Najwa Qassab Hasan.

(4) Japan

UBC Civil Engineering Assoc. Prof. Loretta Li is supervising graduate students at Kyushu University in Japan on a project that investigates the performance of various natural soils as municipal waste landfill liners. The work examines retention of toxic leachate that is generated by the action of water on waste fly ash, which is commonly deposited in municipal landfills.

(11) Guatemala

A team of students from UBC's Global Outreach Students'
Association built water filters in the valley community of Chitulul, Guatemala last summer. The team uses BioSand water filters, developed by the Centre for Affordable Water Sanitation and Technology in Calgary, to remove 100 per cent of parasites and 99.9 per cent of bacteria, including cholera, which recently killed two dozen children in one rural community.

(10) Brazil

The UBC Faculty of Commerce has signed an agreement with Fundação Dom Cabral (FDC), a leading executive development school in Brazil. Under the agreement, Commerce will work with FDC on joint executive training programs and host an EMBA module on our campus in August 2003. Discussions are now underway on co-operative executive programs in logistics and supply chain management.

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(5) China

UBC became the first Canadian university to offer an MBA program in China when the Faculty of Commerce launched its International MBA Program at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in 2001.

The program has been officially approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education and is taught entirely by UBC Commerce faculty. Recruitment is underway for the second group of students to begin classes in January 2003.

6 Vietnam

In May 2003, the Centre for Human Settlements will conclude a five-year \$10-million project to help reduce poverty in Vietnam. Canadian and Vietnamese academics are working together with 15 Vietnamese communities to reduce poverty by building latrines and wells, rearing hardier breeds of chickens and planting incomegenerating pepper trees. UBC is also helping Vietnamese universities generate solutions to localized poverty. The Canadian International Development Agency provided half the funds for the project.

⁹ India

UBC School of Nursing Director Sally Thorne took part in the first graduation ceremony at the Guru Nanak College of Nursing in Punjab, India, where UBC faculty and students have been helping to provide better education for young women and improve health care since 1997. "You would not believe the pride that this rural region of the Punjab takes in UBC," says Thorne, "and how high profile our university is here."

⁽⁸⁾ Australia

Philip Evans, director of the UBC Centre for Advanced Wood Processing, recently completed the first description of the wood anatomy of a new conifer tree species discovered five years ago growing in an isolated sandstone gorge near Sydney.

The species, called *Wollemia nobilis*, was known only from the fossil record and was previously thought to be extinct. The new discovery has sparked worldwide interest.

(7) Hong Kong

School of Architecture Assoc.
Director Jerzy Wojtowicz recently received Honourable Mention in the International Competition for the Development of the Intergrated Art, Cultural and Entertainment District at the West Kowloon Reclamation Waterfront. The award was given for "its elegant and well-balanced simplicity and the appropriate distinctions it draws between cultural and commercial uses," noted the jury.

Lower Mainland Students Seek Solutions for Students in Afghanistan

Understanding children's rights. BY ERICA SMISHEK

Think globally, act locally.

That's what students at two Lower Mainland schools will do as they take part in a worldwide challenge to improve education for youth in Afghanistan. In October, the Youth Millennium Project launched pilot projects at Princess Margaret and Britannia Elementary Schools as a prelude to "Challenge 2003: Afghani Children and Education," which begins in January 2003.

Different teacher packages will be tested at these schools to ensure students understand material designed to bring attention to what life is like for children in Afghanistan. The students will then design their own projects for Challenge 2003.

Lisa Thomas-Tench, executive director of the Youth Millennium Project, says the goal of Challenge 2003 is to encourage youth around the world to get involved and to help the children of Afghanistan participate in education and secure a more promising future for themselves and their country.

The Youth Millennium Project is a joint initiative of UNICEF and the Faculty of Education at UBC. It was founded in 1999 by UBC grads Justine Wiltshire and Rebecca Slate, who invited youth around the world to discuss issues important to them and carry out a local plan of action. Today the project has more than 10,000 participants in 80 countries.

UNICEF and the Afghanistan Ministry of Education report a massive return of children to the classroom. Nearly 1.25 million children are now attending school in 20 provinces, with the enrollment of girls more than 90 per cent higher than last year.

"We don't want to focus on causes," Thomas-Tench says. "We want kids to understand children's rights and get ideas for what is necessary to create positive change." □



Penticton hosts UBC international students

Student ambassadors for UBC's International House take a break during a tour of the Tinhorn Creek Winery in the Okanagan Valley in late September. Each year, 25 international student ambassadors spend a weekend with a Canadian family in Penticton. The students, selected on the basis of diversity of country, gender and program, share their culture with their hosts while experiencing Canadian customs and values. More than 1,000 students have participated in the hospitality program started 47 years ago by International House in conjunction with the Vancouver South Rotary Club and the Penticton Rotary Club.

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David Foot Presentation

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Each year, the UBC Alumni Association recognizes select men and women from the UBC community who bring knowledge and understanding to our world. Previous award recipients incuded Evelyn Lett, Arthur Erickson, Nathan Nemetz, Patricia Baird, Bill Millerd, Edith McGeer, Norman Young and Michael

The awards are presented at a gala dinner in the fall. This year the dinner will be held on Nov. 14, 2002 at the Fairmont Waterfront. Call the Alumni Association offices for information.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT > Roy MacLaren, PC, BA'55, MSc, MDiv

Alumni Award of Distinction



He spent 12 years with the Canadian Foreign Service in Hanoi, Saigon, Prague and the United Nations in New York and Geneva. From 1996 to

2000 he was High Commissioner for Canada in the UK and Northern Ireland. His professional writings draws from his experiences as a diplomat, much of it concentrating on Canada's historical role in international affairs.

MacLaren was first elected as an MP in 1979. He served as Parliamentary Secretary for Energy, Mines and Resources, Minister of State (Finance) and Minister of National Revenue. As Minister of International Trade he negotiated the final stages of NAFTA and the Uruguay Round of GATT, which created the World Trade Organization.

He is a strong proponent of multilateral free trade. When in 1998 he stood as Canada's candidate for the directorship of the WTO, he stressed the disadvantages faced by developing countries in the global system and the need for fairness. He is presently Canadian Chair of the Canada-Europe Round Table, the Canada-India Business Council and the Canadian Institute for International Affairs.

MacLaren gives back to his alma mater by sitting on the advisory council for the Faculty of Graduate Studies.



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Ag Sci wins international award

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences' Global Resource Systems (GRS) Program has won the Scotiabank-Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) Award for Excellence in Internationalization for 2002.

The program, headed by Prof. George Kennedy, won in the category of Broadening the Student Experience. Members of the selection jury were impressed with the undergraduate program's unique integration of science, language and regional studies. Launched in 1996, the program gives students a sense of how science operates in the real world through a combination of language training, cultural studies and international experience. There were 50 students in the GRS program in 2000-01.

Kennedy accepted the award at a special ceremony held in Ottawa in late October.

Film Awards

Faculty and students of UBC's film program are celebrating several awards this month. UBC Film Prof. Sharon McGowan's film Society's Child has been nominated for a Gemini Award for Best TV Movie or Dramatic Miniseries. The movie chronicles the life and death of Nikki, a nine-year-old girl with Rett Syndrome, a genetically triggered disability that only affects females.

McGowan and three other partners produced the CBC film, which was broadcast in February.

The awards, presented by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, recognize outstanding achievements in the Canadian film and television industries and will be aired on CBC Television on Nov. 4 from Toronto. This is McGowan's first Gemini nomination in this category.

A film produced by a team of UBC students won the Telefilm Canada Award for Best Emerging Western Canadian Director for a Short or Mid-Length Film at the recent 2002 Vancouver International Film Festival closing ceremony. Big Shoes to Fill was directed by Michelle Porter and produced and edited by Sidney Chiu. The cinematographer was Shannon Kohli. The award comes with a \$4,000 prize.

Woollard receives McWhinney award **Robert Woollard**, Royal

Canadian Legion Professor and Head of the Dept. of Family Practice, has received the Ian McWhinney Family Medicine Education Award

Awarded by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the honour recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to family medicine education in Canada.

Woollard, a full-time faculty member since 1989, is recognized for his influence on the development of the discipline of family medicine at the undergraduate and postgraduate level and also in the area of continuing medical education and role modeling. He chaired the Implementation Task Force for UBC's new medical school curriculum. \square

UBC Med Students Impressed with Cuban Health-Care System

High quality of care stems from high quality of caring. BY HILARY THOMSON

Few North Americans would suspect a model public health-care system could be found in a developing country.

Yet for four UBC first-year medical students that's exactly what they found in Cuba during an eight-week elective this summer.

We wanted to expose students early in their career to innovations in the Cuban medical system," says Jerry Spiegel, director of Global Health at the Liu Institute for Global Issues. "The elective gave students a better appreciation of the range of population health issues and showed them how much is possible with limited resources."

The long-term goal of such exchanges is to equip and motivate Canadian physicians researchers to promote global health involvement, he adds.

The trip was made possible through UBC's collaboration with the medical school in Santa Clara in central Cuba. Based in student residences, students shadowed family doctors at community practice clinics, took field trips to learn about issues such as emergency, rural and occupational health and studied Spanish.

"I came back with a deeper sense of the social aspects of medicine,"

Global Issues

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Spiegel to Direct CIH

UBC's Centre for International Health (CIH), initially established as

part of the College of Health Disciplines, will now also be affiliated

with the Global Health Research Centre at the Liu Institute for

Global Health Director Jerry Spiegel will direct CIH and says the

new relationship will provide greater opportunities to expand

involvement in international health at UBC. Initiatives include linking

policy and research with training and other professional activities for

faculty and for students through the Global Outreach Student

For more information about CIH, contact Jerry Spiegel at

says student Erin Adams. "The extreme sacrifices made by Cuban doctors reinforced for me the basic elements of choosing medicine as a profession, namely, a genuine care for people's health and a passion for the art and science of medi-

Student Arlene MacDougall

"I learned how impressive the Cuban medical system was both in organization and delivery. I realized that a high quality of care could be given in the absence of technology and resources."

Elizabeth Kenward appreciated learning about the role of doctors in international politics and health policy as well as ideas for patient care that integrate natural, physical and medical treatments in one clin-

Cuba's system emphasizes preventive medicine and neighbourhood-based family medicine with clinics located every three or four blocks in a community. Regional systems of health-care services and continuing professional training also enrich the country's delivery of health services, says Spiegel.

When students weren't doing academic work, they took in beaches, opera, museums and

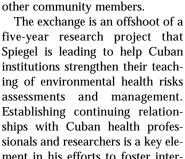
open-air concerts and played soccer in the streets with children in Santa Clara. Despite language barriers, all students were impressed with the warmth and helpfulness of their medical school hosts and

ment in his efforts to foster internationalization among Canadian academics and students.

"Public health is a national priority in Cuba and funding is maintained at all costs," he says. "We Canadians have a lot to learn from this model." Spiegel also co-chairs a national group called Coalition for Global Health Research (Canada) that seeks to develop Canada's role in international health research.

Following a September 2001 conference he chaired at the Liu Institute for Global Issues, global health experts agreed to form a coalition to seek and co-ordinate funding and research opportunities to address health needs of developing countries through a coalition.

Spiegel and coalition member Arun Chockalingam, assistant director of the Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health based at St. Paul's Hospital, will travel to Tanzania this month. They will participate in a joint meeting with the African Forum for Health Research and the Global Forum for Health Research to explore opportunities for collaborative research on African health issues. \square



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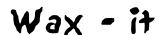
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Fall Congregation Ceremonies Include Installation of New Chancellor

Honorary degrees for Ike Barber and Shirley Tilghman. BY HILARY THOMSON

installed during Fall Congregation ceremonies to be held at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts Nov. 27 to 29.

Chancellor Allan McEachern will officially join the UBC community on Nov. 27 at 10 a.m., after which he will preside over nine ceremonies where more than 2,600 students will receive their degrees. All ceremonies will be broadcast live on the Internet.

The chancellor will present honorary degrees to UBC alumnus and benefactor Irving K. (Ike) Barber and Princeton University president Shirley Tilghman.

Born and raised in Canada,

UBC's new chancellor will be Tilghman is a leader in the field of molecular biology. Her research has focused on mammalian genetics and the role that genes play in the development of mammal embryos. Her research accomplishments have earned her membership in the National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society of London.

Tilghman's teaching has been recognized with the 1996 Princeton President Award for Distinguished Teaching. She is also well known for her national leadership in promoting women in science and enriching the early careers of young scientists.

She receives her honorary degree at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 27.

Barber graduated with a Bachelor



Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman will receive an honorary degree at Fall Congregation

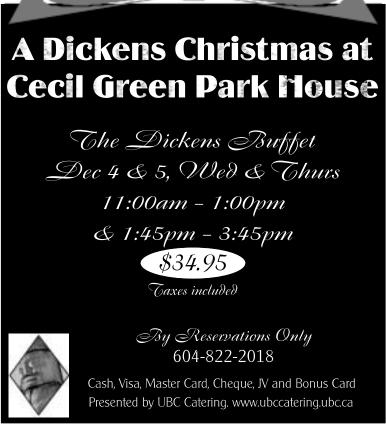
of Science degree in Forestry in 1950. He founded Slocan Forest Products Ltd. in 1978 and built it into one of the leading lumber producers in North America.

Barber's community endeavours include construction of a forestry laboratory at the University of Northern B.C.; establishing the Irving K. Barber Diabetes Research Endowment Fund at UBC; and the Ike Barber Human Islet Transplant Laboratory at Vancouver Hospital in partnership with UBC. Last month Barber donated \$20 million to create the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre that will transform Main Library into a high-tech information centre that will serve both the campus and the international community.

Barber receives his degree on Nov. 27 at 10 a.m.

A schedule of ceremonies, web broadcast and ticket reservations is at www.graduation.ubc.ca. □





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UBC Women's Soccer Team to Nationals

UBC's leading goal scorer Sarah Regan fights her way past a UVic defender in Canada West action earlier this season. The Thunderbirds (14-1-1) captured their first Canada West title since 1995 and earned a trip to Edmonton for this weekend's CIS national championship tournament.

TIME PIECE

In the August edition of UBC Reports we ran this 1957 photo, which was taken to promote the campus bowling alley. We asked if any one knew what ever happened to this young pinsetter. One of our readers directed us to Gerry Foran and he told us what he's been up to since 1957.

"You have found the little pinsetter. I'm sorry that I don't know what happened to Jan. I met her the day the picture was taken. She chose me to be in the picture, but never explained how I was chosen over the other pinsetters. I attended University Hill High School and graduated in 1961. My father was Chief of the University Fire Department and we lived at the second alarm Fire Hall at 1550 Acadia Road.

My dad was the Chief until he passed away in 1963. I went on to take my CGA diploma and 22 years later became a Trustee in Bankruptcy. Thank you for the information and the reminder that there was a time when I was a 'little guy' Gerry Foran."



Above: Gerry Foran as a 14 year old UBC pincetter in 1957. Right: Gerry Foran today as a CGA.



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Now that we've solved that mystery, we have another Time Piece puzzle for you. The headline tells us that Gail and Keith Sandercock were surveying fish in East Pakistan in 1964. Whatever happened to these UBC fisheries experts? □