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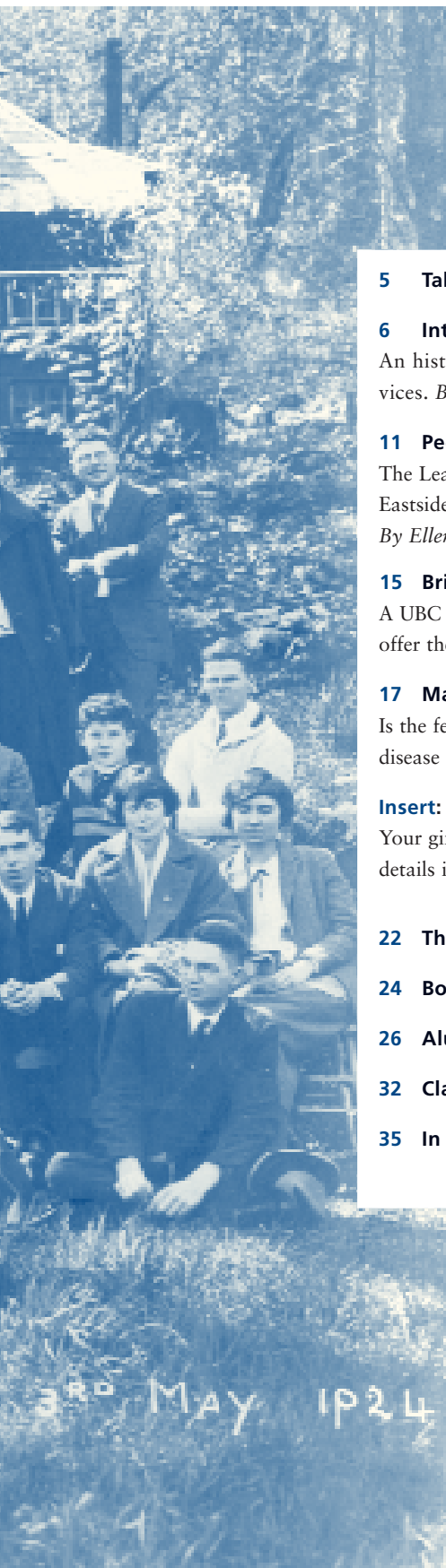
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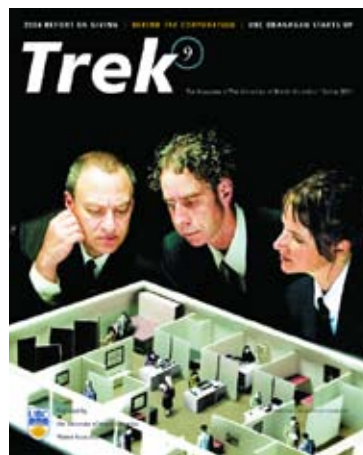
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UBC graduates picnic at the Wigwam Inn, May 3, 1924. This photo was sent in by Mary and George Plant, who wonder if anyone recognizes the grads pictured.

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ONE GREAT UNIVERSITY – TWO GREAT CAMPUSES

Quick Facts about the Okanagan's new University of British Columbia campus

The Okanagan gets a distinctive research-intensive university that builds on the achievements of Okanagan University College and the history of UBC. People from both institutions will chart the future for the new UBC campus.

UBC Okanagan opens its doors on what is now the North Kelowna campus of OUC in September 2005. The first UBC degrees will be granted in May 2006.

ACCESS

UBC Okanagan opens up:

- ▣ 5,500 UBC seats by 2009
- ▣ Seats for 900 new students by September 2005
- ▣ 1,000 new residence spaces

LEARNING

UBC Okanagan will have:

- ▣ One world-class degree
- ▣ Post-graduate programs
- ▣ Integrated region-wide college transfer
- ▣ Distinctive programs
- ▣ Its own Senate
- ▣ Campus globally linked by technology

RESEARCH

UBC Okanagan will create:

- ▣ New research funding
- ▣ Expanded research programs
- ▣ Links to UBC Vancouver / global research



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- ▣ New high-speed ORAN network

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

UBC Okanagan will be a regional economic driver:

- ▣ Impact of 4,500 more students, new faculty and staff
- ▣ New research infrastructure
- ▣ Annual economic impact: \$263 million

SOCIAL BENEFITS

UBC Okanagan will contribute to the region:

- ▣ Health linkages
- ▣ Community service learning
- ▣ Co-op opportunities
- ▣ Creative and Performing Arts

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

- ▣ More Okanagan representation on the UBC Board of Governors
- ▣ Work with OUC students, faculty and staff to build the future
- ▣ Create a community advisory council
- ▣ Town hall meetings and community roundtables



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UBC Okanagan to Open in 2005

▣▣ The first student intake at the new UBC Okanagan campus will occur in September, 2005. The North Kelowna campus of Okanagan University College will become the base for the new university, and UBC administrators will work with OUC faculty and staff to expand university-level offerings there and at other regional centres. OUC will continue to operate, granting degrees and diplomas until August, 2005. Current students are guaranteed completion of their programs.

The creation of the new campus will result in 5,500 new spaces for post-secondary students in the Okanagan by 2010. The remaining campuses of OUC, renamed Okanagan College, will also be expanded, with more university transfer, trades and other applied training programs.

Former OUC board chair, Brad Bennett, has been appointed chair of the President's UBC Okanagan Community Advisory Council, and will oversee the transition.

Martha Piper, commenting on the choice of Kelowna, BC's fastest growing region, for the new university, said, "A research intensive UBC campus in the Okanagan presents an exciting opportunity to attract outstanding faculty and students to this spectacular region of British Columbia."

UBC Okanagan The North Kelowna campus of Okanagan University College now part of UBC.



The Corporation Joel Bakan (centre) looks for psychopathy with film makers Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott

UBC Okanagan will respond to local needs and opportunities in teaching and research, and the campus will have its own academic senate and deputy vice chancellor to promote development of distinctive programs that honour OUC's strengths and traditions."

Psychotic Corporations

▣▣ Can the behaviour of corporations be compared to the pathological behaviour of individuals? Law professor Joel Bakan thinks so, and if the success of *The Corporation*, the film based on his book, is any indication, so do millions of other people.

In *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*, recently released in Canadian and American bookstores, Bakan uses models of human psychopathy developed by UBC professor

Robert Hare to assess corporate behaviour. A psychopath is defined as a person who is pathologically self-interested, lacks the capacity to be concerned about others or to feel guilt or remorse when others are harmed, and does not feel any moral obligation to comply with social or legal norms. When Bakan sets large corporations up against these and other indicators, they don't fare well.

Law in the US and Canada asserts that companies take on a persona upon incorporation, and have certain responsibilities to their shareholders, not to society in general. Thus, a large car company can justify not correcting lethal design flaws in its products because it will cost less to pay out potential law suits from victims than it would to fix the problem. Both the book

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NEW RELATIONSHIPS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES



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UBC, Association Join Forces to Reach Alumni

“Moved by Miss Peck and Mr. Wright that an alumni association be formed. Carried”

– *Minutes of the first meeting of the UBC Alumni Association,*
May 4, 1917

The UBC grads who met that evening in 1917 at the Fairview shacks were, more or less, the same people who formed the Alma Mater Society a few years before. In both actions, they responded to President Westbrook’s motto for UBC, and his belief in personal responsibility: Tuum Est! It is Yours.

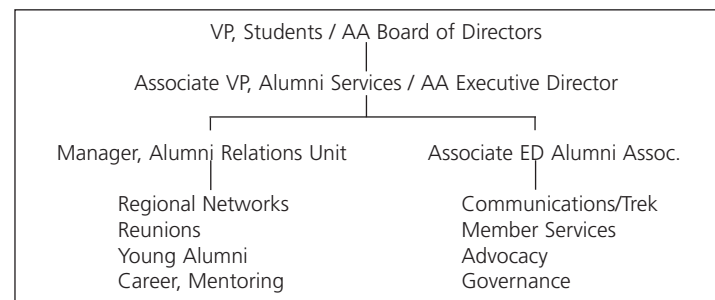
The new alumni association gave itself a simple mandate: “To further the interests of the university and the alumni.” They would do this by maintaining contact among alumni, the university and its students; by assisting the university in keeping its needs before the public and the government; and by personal service.

And for the next 87 years, it did just that. Alumni volunteers did most of the work for the first 40 years, keeping address records up-to-date (in shoe boxes in someone’s basement), raising money through the annual fund (which it did until 1989), organizing class reunions, producing a magazine, supporting university initiatives (such as the “Back Mac” campaign in the mid ’60s) and developing an alumni relations program.

Enrollment skyrocketed at UBC when Baby Boomers entered the system, then kept growing (10,000 in 1960, up to 22,000 in 1970, just over 40,000 today), resulting in a boom in alumni numbers. Of the more than 200,000 degrees granted by UBC since 1915, more than 100,000 have been granted since 1990. That fact, coupled with the university’s growing understanding of the value of alumni, caused both Association and UBC officials to re-think the structure of alumni services.

Currently, the Association’s Executive Director reports directly to the Board of Directors, which sets policy and determines focus and goals. No direct administrative link exists between the Association and the university, though agreements are in place for such things as payroll and employee benefit services. Funding is provided partly by the university and partly through funds the Association raises through affinity partners and other sources.

The new structure will look like this:



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NEW ERA FOR ALUMNI SERVICES



On February 27, 2004, the Alumni Association Board of Directors enthusiastically approved an agreement between the Association and the university to provide integrated alumni services to UBC's 190,000 living graduates. On March 18, UBC's Board of Governors unanimously approved the agreement.

This is an historic agreement. The Association has been the sole official provider of alumni services to UBC graduates since it was formed in 1917. We have developed programs for reunions, mentoring, regional networks, young alumni and many more, including production of *Trek* and its predecessor, *The Chronicle*.

In the past few years, the Association and the university have identified a need to address service delivery to our member base which grows by 7,000 graduates annually. Universities depend on strong alumni affinity to recruit new students, help current students face the realities of the workplace, and to encourage alumni to work with faculties as volunteers, among other things. To extend these services, and the other services we currently offer, means more personnel and more financial resources.

Our Board of Directors approached the university in early 2002 with suggestions for an integrated approach to alumni services. That those suggestions have been largely incorporated into the agreement signals an expression of faith on the part of UBC and a determination to work toward common purpose on the part of the Association. It is a win-win-win agreement for UBC, the Association and you, our members.

The accompanying article on new alumni services provides a good survey of how the agreement will work. Ultimately, of course, our goals are to increase UBC's reputation and the value of your degree. We are confident that this agreement will achieve those goals.

At the very beginning of the negotiations for this agreement, the university agreed that the independent voice of alumni was a sacred trust. As a result, one of our prime tasks as an association will be the development of a strong Advocacy Program. By training influential graduates in the issues facing universities today, and arranging interactions with appropriate business and government leaders, we will ensure that the voice of alumni is heard and respected.

We look forward to working closely with the university to provide you with the best alumni services in Canada, and to help make UBC the country's preeminent post secondary institution.

– Jane Hungerford, BED'67
Chair, UBC Alumni Association

A new position, Associate Vice President, Alumni Affairs, will be created to oversee the work of the Alumni Association and a new Alumni Relations Unit under the VP, Students portfolio. This AVP will report directly to the Association's Board, and to the VP, Students.

The Alumni Association will take on the challenge of developing an advocacy program, while continuing to produce *Trek Magazine*, manage member services and coordinate governance issues. The new Alumni Relations Unit will manage reunions, regional networks, young alumni and career mentoring program, and begin development of a faculty-based alumni program.

This shift in service provision took place officially on April 1, 2004. The only change members are likely to notice is more service, and more contact. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact our offices.

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– Chris Petty, editor

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and the film are packed with examples of similar corporate activity, and, at the very least, cause the reader/viewer a few moments of consternation.

The film has become a hit in Canada, and is due to be released in the US in June. It has won much praise and many awards, including the audience prize at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

The Corporation is currently playing in theatres across Canada.

Disputing International Law

■ Law professor Pitman Potter is leading a research project involving 12 universities to explore how different cultural values influence governments' interpretation and application of international laws. They hope their findings will help international legislators write regulations that take cultural diversity into account, and lead to a decrease in international disputes.

Potter thinks a government's non-compliance with international laws is often misunderstood as a failure of political will. "The values upon which another country's laws are based are as rich and valid as our own," he says.

The team, which includes anthropolo-



T-BIRDS BASKETBALL CHAMPS!

UBC's women's basketball team has won the 2004 Canadian Interuniversity Sports Women's National Championship for the first time in 30 years. They beat the University of Regina Cougars 60-53 in a dramatic final. Centre Carrie Watson (left) hoists the Bronze Baby Trophy, and Sheila Townsend hoists the CIS banner.

gists, sociologists and experts in dispute resolution, commerce and law, will focus on Canada, China and Japan. The research is being funded by a \$2.5 million grant from SSHRC.

Young Workers at Risk

■ Workers' compensation claims in BC show that youth are more vulnerable to injury in the workplace than their older counterparts. "Young people have higher claim rates mainly due to inexperience," says Mieke Kochoorn, an assistant professor in UBC's department of Health Care and Epidemiology. "New workers may be too intimidated to ask questions about safety, not yet prepared in terms of work or safety training, or so eager to prove themselves on the job that they perform tasks they're unfamiliar with."

Early injury can sometimes result in enduring related health problems, says Kochoorn. She will analyze 15 years of data from provincial health records and the WCB to compare claimants and non-claimants of the same age, gender and geographical area and see if claimants have used the health system more than non-claimants over the long-term.

She hopes her research will throw

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light on the repercussions of work-related injuries and promote efforts for preventative action, aimed at younger workers.

UBC Rubs Shoulders with the Best

■ ■ A new survey published by the European Commission and cited in the January 24 issue of *The Economist* ranks UBC 35th among the world's top 500 universities. The only other Canadian university in the top 75 is Toronto, ranked 23rd. The top ten included the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and MIT, with Harvard clinching the top spot.

The survey was based on academic and research performance factors such as the number of Nobel laureates produced, the number of published articles in journals, and the number of highly cited researchers. UBC scored particularly well in the number of articles cited in the Science Citation Index-expanded and the Social Science Citation Index. Our most cited researchers include economist Erwin Diewert, geneticist Phil Hieter and neuroscientists Edith and Patrick McGeer.

He d' Man

■ ■ Haig DeB. Farris, BA'60, LL.D. was featured in a cover story in the March, 2004 issue of *BC Business*. The piece, called "The Godfather," describes Farris as the dean of BC's private investors, and part of a network of venture capitalists, "startup angels," across Canada.

Farris is an early adapter. He's the guy who has the latest breakthrough gadget before anybody else. He wore out his first Palm Pilot before the rest of us even knew they existed. When they morphed into all-in-one organizer-camera-video-audio-telephone-television-GPS-MP3 machines, he thought, "What's next?"

Maybe that's why he was drawn to venture capitalism. The irresistible allure of "What's next?"

He's considered an angel in the high-tech, start-up world. When someone comes up with a surefire, killer business idea that has a tech focus, Farris and his partners sit down with the idea people,

work out a business plan and provide seed money. He has become a key element in Vancouver's high-tech sector, a man sought after as much for his desire to foster new industry as he is for his uncanny business acumen.

In the *BC Business* article, Farris was described as someone who knows everyone who counts. With his network of angels across the country, he has contributed significantly to the country's economy.

Farris is also a strong community supporter. He has served as chair of the Science Council of BC, as a member of the Premier's Advisory Committee on Science and Technology, as director of the Vancouver Opera and the Vancouver Playhouse. He is also one of the university's staunchest advocates and was a close friend of Cecil Green, who died in 2003.

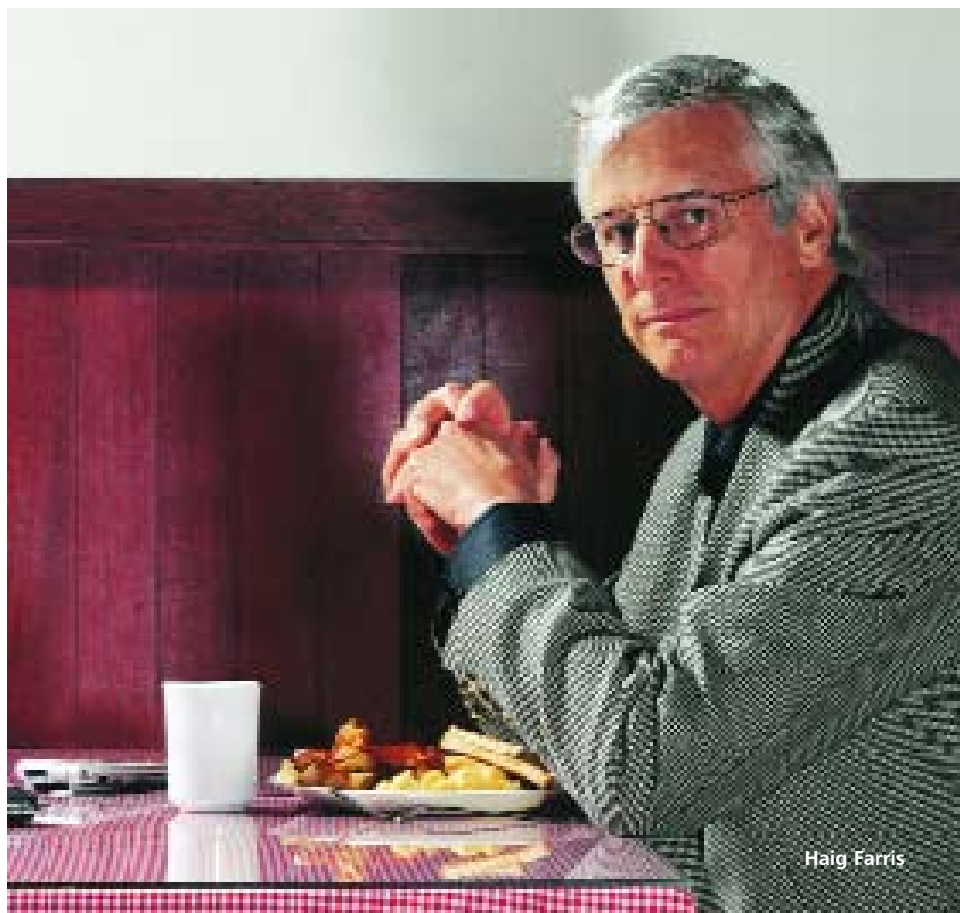
Farris' UBC connection goes back to his grandmother, Evelyn, who was the first woman in Canada to be a member of a

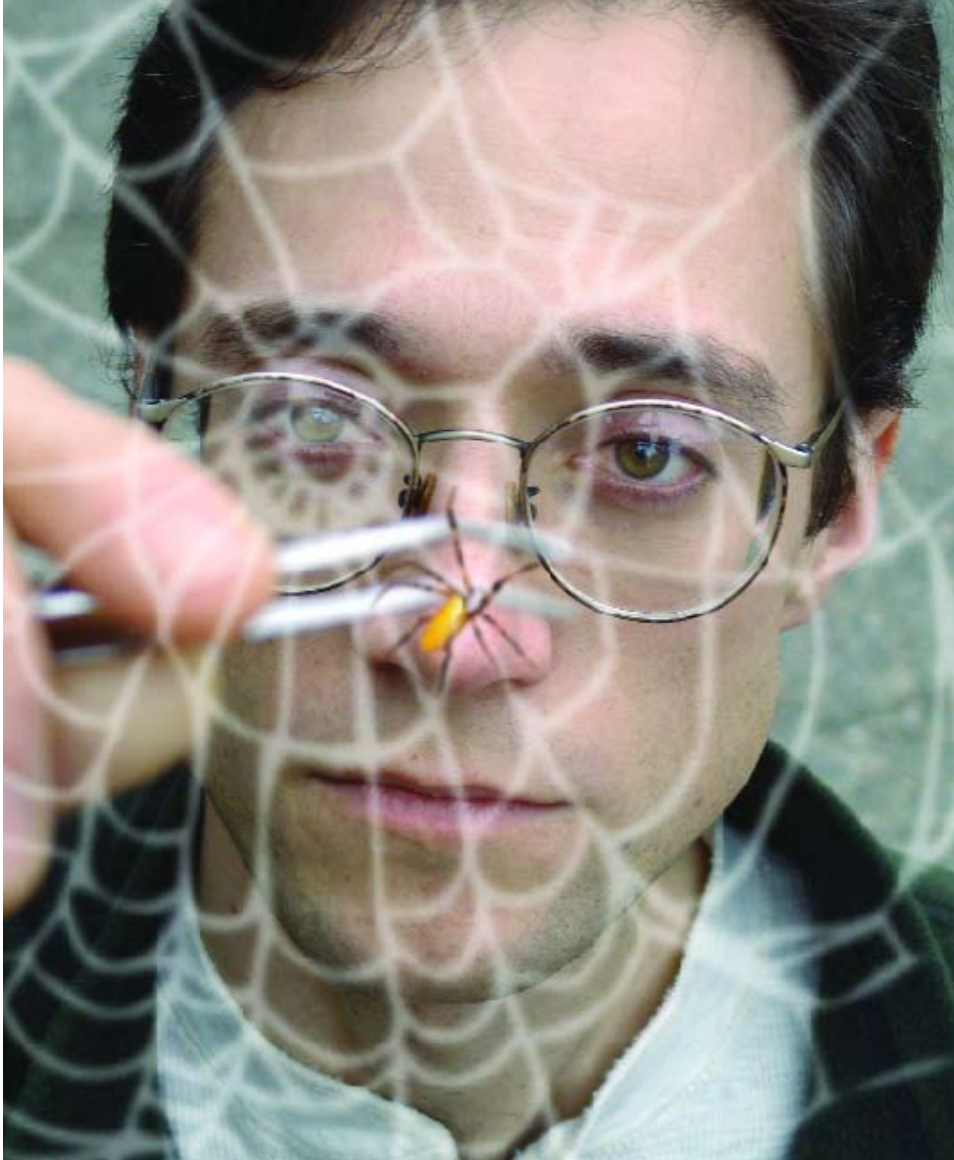
governing board of a university. She also founded the University Woman's Club.

The Needle and the Damage Done

■ ■ Some needles in the medical arsenal look more like instruments of torture than implements for administering medication. Deep-tissue needles, for example, can be 15 centimetres long. Needle insertion is a common procedure, but it can go off course when it moves through deep tissue. Missed targets mean further insertions, pain for the patient and anxiety for the practitioner. It also has the potential to cause bleeding, damage tissue or spread cancerous cells.

A hand-held steerable needle developed by UBC engineers may solve these problems. The shaft of the needle contains a retractable, flexible solid core controlled by the practitioner's thumb on a joystick. The core keeps the needle straight until it needs correction, then the practitioner backs the





Professor Carl Michal is working with spider silk to unravel its sticky mysteries.

core off and bends the needle to its new course. Once the tip of the needle reaches the target, the core is retracted from the needle shaft and medication can be delivered or a biopsy sample taken. The core also prevents the needle from picking up unwanted tissue and helps eliminate the potential for spreading cancerous cells. The developers hope to use the needle with ultrasound, giving practitioners a visual of the needle's position.

The needle is the invention of Robert Rohling, a joint appointee to the departments of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering professor Tim Salcudean and masters students Richelle Ebrahimi and Stephen Okazawa.

The needle has only been tried in

simulations, but its inventors are already thinking of improvements. "The next step may be to let the computer handle the joystick and monitor the needle's progress. Eventually, a robotics system may take care of both pushing the needle and steering the tip."

Synthesizing Spidey's Silky Steel

■ ■ When Spider Man shoots a line of web up a building and swings wildly back and forth like a *Cirque de Soleil* acrobat on speed, it never crosses our mind that the line might break. We all know spider silk is incredibly strong for its diameter, and if we humans could somehow learn its secret we could do all manner of things with it. Research is underway to incorporate

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a spider's genetic material into the milk-producing glands of goats, with hopes of producing web-like substances in the milk. Astonishing.

Here at UBC, assistant prof. Carl Michal and PhD candidate Philip Estes are working on another aspect of Spidey's web. When spider silk gets wet, it contracts dramatically. Some researchers think supercontraction happens during rain or heavy dew so the slumping web will keep its shape and not fall apart. Michal and Estes have figured out how the process happens at the molecular level and want to find out how the process can be retarded without compromising the strength of the fibre. The ultimate goal is to produce a tough, synthetic spider silk, able to yank real people up the side of buildings. The project is funded by NSERC.

Preventing Heart Damage

Treatment for heart attack victims can cause further damage to the heart muscle. Reperfusion, which corrects restricted blood flow to the heart through surgery or drug therapy, produces a sudden supply of oxygen to the heart. A side-affect known as the Oxygen Paradox can cause further damage.

Together with colleagues in California, professor David Granville hopes that drugs used to combat acid reflux and ulcers can minimize the damage caused by reperfusion. The drugs inhibit an enzyme called CYP2C9 that is present at increased levels during reperfusion and implicated in the damage to heart cells. In rabbits and rats, the drugs' suppression of the enzyme prevented cell death.

The research was published in the February 3 edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. ■

Take Note is compiled from Public Affairs files and news releases.

BY ELLEN SCHWARTZ

*The Learning Exchange
brings expertise, education and
new opportunities to
Vancouver's Downtown Eastside*

PEOPLE CONNECT

A RAIN-SOAKED FRIDAY AFTERNOON on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Wind spatters drops against my umbrella as I head north on Main Street, past Powell, nearly at the water's edge. At 121 Main, I fold my umbrella, duck into the doorway, and find:

Warmth. A soft brown-and-white carpet underfoot. Eight computers, all in use, their operators transfixed, wrapped in silence but for the tapping of the keys. Three or four people sitting at a rectangular table strewn with newspapers and magazines, two others on a loveseat, discussing the neighbourhood housing crisis. A bookcase full of books on sociology, psychology, philosophy, history. A knot of people gathered by the coffee machine, waiting for a fresh brew, comparing assignments for a Humanities course they are taking at UBC. Two or three staff members, ducking in and out of their offices, greeting patrons by name, sharing a quiet laugh.

Drop-in centre and seminar site, study centre and gathering place. This is the UBC Learning Exchange.

Ron McKay, a patron:

"I've been coming in for about five months. Usually I come in to use the computers – do Internet job searches or gather information. It's a very comfortable place to be. People connect. We discuss what's happening in the community, how people are feeling about politics, social causes, what can be done to improve lives. There are people here with passion. This place has opened up a little bit of UBC to me."

UBC'S NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Blame it on Martha Piper. Shortly after arriving at UBC in 1997, the president decided it was time to take a new look at the university's strategic direction. She initiated a consultative process that asked, among other questions: What should be the role of the university in society? How should the university engage with the community in which it is situated? The outcome of that process was



"When students do their volunteering as part of a course, the learning is more powerful, they realize the connection between theory and real life."

– Margo Fryer, Director of *The Learning Exchange*

a renewed vision, called TREK 2000, which stated: "Universities have a responsibility to reach out to the larger community and play a role in supporting social change."

The notion that the university should engage with the community and take a leadership role in social issues is, of course, not new. But it has gained new-found emphasis in Europe in recent years and is part of a growing international movement to make the university an agent for social change.

So. Given this new sense of social commitment, how could UBC make it happen? The TREK consultation had identified Vancouver's Downtown Eastside as an area in which UBC could play a positive role, so administrators began to make plans to open a campus in the neighbourhood.

Not so fast. When community residents and organizations heard about the plans, they put up their hands. Long positioned on the receiving end of largesse and good intentions from a myriad of government and social agencies, community members said they were tired of being "done to" and wanted to be "done with" for a change.

An anonymous Learning Exchange patron:

"I first heard about the Learning Exchange when I saw posters about it. UBC was going to 'invade the neighbourhood.'" She laughs. "But I was open to it, interested in what it had to offer. I started coming in almost as soon as it opened. It's a good place to relax, get away from the neighbourhood, drink coffee. All kinds of odd ideas get exchanged here. The Learning Exchange is a very objective place. There's an open concept. People are easy-going. You meet diverse people from all walks of life and all parts of the world."

In the summer of 1999, UBC hired Margo Fryer, a PhD student who had returned to school after doing research in community settings for many years, and Brian Lee, an engineering student, to talk to community organizations and residents to find out how UBC could most effectively develop its presence in the area.

Go slow, the residents said. Consult. Build trust. Build partnerships. Be low-key. Start small. Be respectful. Value our knowledge and expertise. Work with us to address the issues we think are important. Make a commitment to the area.

UBC scrapped its plans for a large Downtown Eastside presence in favour of a small storefront office. When the Learning Exchange opened in 2000, there was no fanfare, no gala launch, no media event. Staff simply unlocked the doors. And people started coming in. Five or ten a day for the first several months. Ten or twelve. Fifteen or twenty. Now, thirty to forty people visit the Learning Exchange each day, sometimes as many as fifty. They come to check their email, read the paper, do Internet research, attend lectures and programs, visit, talk, argue, write resumés, take computer workshops, do homework, access the on-line resources of the UBC library. They come to learn. To teach. To exchange.

Wesley Erickson, a patron:

"If you have any question, this is the place where you're going to find an answer. Lots of people here are educated – and if they don't have the answer, you can always hit the computer.... Today I'm looking up tax information on the Web. I also come in to chat with people. It's a great place to unwind. For me, the best thing about the Learning Exchange is the openness. You feel welcome. And the rules are easy: you just have to respect each other."

Margo Fryer, now the director of the Learning Exchange:

"At the Learning Exchange, we're bringing together two different cultures – the university and an inner city community – that have traditionally been quite separate. They've both seen each other in stereotypical ways. So there are major misperceptions to overcome."

"Downtown Eastside residents have tended to look at the university with suspicion, seeing it as an outside institution that

wanted only to use the community for its own purposes. When they heard that UBC was 'moving in,' there was concern about gentrification. People were worried about being pushed out by economic development. They saw the university as arrogant and pushy, removed from real life."

"And members of the UBC community tended to see the Downtown Eastside as the media painted it: a hotbed of poverty, crime, drug addiction, prostitution, mental illness and homelessness."

"But of course there's more to it – on both sides. Both communities are diverse and complex. And what we're trying to do here is bring the two of them together to learn about and from one another. From the beginning, we tried to develop the centre following the advice we got in our community consultations. We kept it small, focused on meeting the needs and interests of the residents. And it's paid off, because instead of dismissing us as an outside entity, the community is giving us a chance. We're beginning to get past the stereotypes. We're building relationships, and that's the key to making this work."

WHO'S THE TEACHER?

Another Friday afternoon. Rima Wilkes, a UBC assistant professor of Sociology, is giving a talk at the Learning Exchange on the issue of gender in the military, part of a three-talk series she's been delivering this semester. Or, rather, she's participating in a conversation, because every time she makes a point, one of the dozen or so people seated in a semi-circle in the Learning Exchange's back meeting room interrupts to ask a question, challenge an assertion, add an observation. It's a crackling discussion, and Wilkes is loving every minute of it.

"People here are so great. They're so interested. They immediately connect the course content with their own experience. They have a unique perspective and ask great questions."

"Participants often disagree with what I'm saying – and, unlike many of my students on campus, they're not shy about expressing it." She laughs. *"It's been a*

really good learning tool for me, in dealing with people who don't soften their comments. I've learned not to take it personally.

"Teaching here is giving me ideas that I can apply to my regular courses. I'm making my courses more interactive. I've incorporated community volunteer experience into my courses, and the students are really responding positively.

"I've gained in other ways, too. Coming down here has broken down stereotypes that I had about who lives in the Downtown Eastside." Wilkes smiles ruefully. "In some sense, people like me need it more than the people in the Downtown Eastside."

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Lecture series like Rima Wilkes' aren't the only education programs offered by the Learning Exchange. "101" courses – non-credit, survey-style courses developed and run by various UBC faculties – are also offered through the Learning Exchange. The courses are free to low-income participants and include a meal before each class, bus fare to and from the UBC campus, free course materials, and a library card, which gives students access to campus libraries. Typically, graduate students and faculty deliver the lectures, and undergrads act as tutors and course coordinators.

The first 101 course was Humanities 101, started by UBC students in 1998. The success of this course inspired other students to start Science 101 in 1999. These courses continue to be organized by the faculties of Arts and Science, respectively. To date, the Learning Exchange has used the 101 model in its Music Appreciation 101 course, offered in partnership with UBC's School of Music; Entrepreneurship 101, supported by HSBC Bank Canada, in partnership with the Sauder School of Business; and Self-Advocacy 101, specifically developed at the request of area residents, especially women, and designed to teach advocacy skills and cover topics such as immigration, mental health law, landlord-tenant issues, welfare law and child protection.

Geraldine James, a Learning Exchange patron who is currently taking Humanities

101:

"When I saw a poster for the course at the Learning Exchange, my first reaction was, 'I'm too old to go to school.' But there was no pressure to get a certain grade, and I love learning, so I signed up. I love it! It opens up your mind again if you've been dormant. I even love doing my assignments, even though you don't have to.

"The students range in age from 25 to 65 and are from all different nationalities. I've noticed that the teachers take particular interest in this class. It's a challenge for them. The students are quite knowledgeable – many of them, because of their life situations, have little to do but read.

"I use the computers to complete my assignments, do research, write my papers. I really like the camaraderie here. Sometimes it's a bit off the wall. A lot of us could be described as 'square pegs,' but everybody fits in here."

STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Back in 1999, when Margo Fryer and Brian Lee were conducting their research on the shape of UBC's presence in the Downtown Eastside, they consulted with community organizations, who expressed interest in having student volunteers assist them in carrying out their activities. So when Fryer and Lee issued their report to UBC, their first recommendation was: "Develop a program to enable students to do volunteer work in organizations in the Downtown Eastside."

The university agreed, and, even before the Learning Exchange opened its doors, the Trek Program was born. The numbers tell the story: in the program's first year, 1999-2000, 30 students volunteered and were placed in a handful of community organizations; this academic year, 600 students will participate, including 175 in intensive placements during Reading Week, serving with 14 partner organiza-

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING, or CSL, is a model for experiential learning in which community service is integrated with academic content. Whereas traditional co-op placements focus on developing students' professional skills, CSL is designed to cultivate a sense of commitment to civil society and engagement with social issues.

"CSL tries to challenge students not just to do the work and then go home, but to think critically about what they're experiencing and to reflect on the root causes of the issues," says Margo Fryer, director of UBC's Learning Exchange.

Professors integrate the CSL model into their coursework in different ways. They may ask students to keep journals about their experience, hold discussion groups or forego exams in favour of having students write essays reflecting on how their community work relates to course texts or issues covered in class.

"When students do their volunteering as part of a course, the learning is more powerful," Fryer says. "They realize the connection between theory and real life. Profs who integrate CSL into their courses report that they are getting really interesting essays from their students. They see the student learning in a stronger way. Community service brings the learning alive."

UBC is part of a national coalition of 10 universities working to build momentum for CSL across Canada. In addition to sharing resources and curriculum ideas, the coalition seeks to create a long-term funding infrastructure to support CSL programs and pilot projects.

tions. There is even an exchange program in which students from UBC and the University of Guelph trade places to experience community service in locales and cultures far from home.

Shayne Tryon, manager of the UBC Learning Exchange Trek Program:

"At first, our students were from the Faculty of Arts, people in the Humanities and Social Sciences. But recently more Science students have been coming out. They're looking for something beyond the lab."

"When students work with people from another community, it pushes them to reflect on their own lives. They learn about themselves. They develop self-awareness and understanding. Very often, I hear students say, 'This is the most important learning opportunity I've had in my time at UBC. It's the highlight of my university career.'"

Students in the Trek program perform all manner of work: they tutor children in academic subjects, lead sports and recreational activities in after-school programs, spend time with residents of hospices, renovate a youth drop-in centre, prepare meals with women at women's centres, work in community gardens, paint a transition house.

Elaine Barbour, Community Liaison Worker at Grandview/?Uuqinakiuuh Elementary School, which this year is hosting 30 Trek volunteers:

"The volunteers enable programs to happen. For example, our volunteers work one-on-one with kids in classrooms, help with our Visions after-school program, work with the children in our school community garden, and conduct an outdoor education program that takes kids hiking, canoeing and cross-country skiing. Without them, we simply couldn't offer these programs to our students. They also act as positive role models. But most important, they give the kids one-on-one attention, which they greatly need. That improves their literacy skills and behaviour. The stu-

dents in our school are performing better and are more motivated to learn because of the work of the Trek volunteers."

The students' community work may be part of their university courses or it may be totally separate. Initially, most Trek students got involved on their own initiative, but as both students and professors have seen how community-based service enhances learning, a trend has emerged toward incorporating the volunteer experience into course design. This model is called community service learning (see sidebar), and its growth at UBC illustrates its rise at universities around the world: over the past two years, the number of UBC Trek volunteer placements that were done as part of required coursework went from zero to 130.

Natalie Day, a UBC student in the Trek Program, who is currently doing community service learning in three of her UBC classes:

"After participating in community service learning in three of my courses, I'm definitely a fan of this learning strategy. I gain so much more out of my volunteer experience than I do from reading some textbook or sitting in a lecture hall. I feel like I'm more engaged in the classes where I do community service learning. Instead of cramming for the final two nights before the exam, I find myself thinking about the course over the entire semester. Getting out in the community helps me make the connections between my volunteer experience and the course material. Sometimes university classes can be so focused on the theoretical and abstract, so it's interesting to see the concepts in actual practice in the real world. Plus you have the warm feeling of knowing that you are somehow helping people and giving back."

LOOKING AHEAD

Starting a book club. Developing new 101 courses in response to community requests. Expanding volunteer opportunities. Offering more computer workshops to

different community groups. These are all plans that the Learning Exchange hopes to implement in the near future.

Of course, much depends on funding. To date, the centre has gratefully relied on support from a variety of partners, including Dr. Lloyd and Mrs. Kay Chapman, the Kahanoff Foundation, HSBC Bank Canada, Industry Canada, Hampton Place residents and Staples Business Depot. Now, the Learning Exchange is seeking secure funding from individuals and organizations so that it can become sustainable.

There's one other element of the Learning Exchange that has yet to be fully developed, and that is a truly reciprocal exchange of learning and knowledge. So far, most of the structured learning has been directed from the university to the community; there is, as yet, no formal mechanism by which community members can offer their knowledge and experience to the university.

That is something that Margo Fryer would like to see happen. "We're trying to create an environment in which people develop relationships and everybody learns." She smiles. "Maybe someday we'll have a 'Community 101' course for people at UBC. Then we'd have a true learning exchange."

Terry Johnson, a patron:

"I heard about the Learning Exchange when it was about to open. I heard it was providing Internet access. That was what I was looking for. I also wanted to search the UBC library for information on different topics. I came in to check it out and I've been coming ever since."

"There's quite a good selection of books here. I read a lot of sociology and economics texts. Some people are math buffs. People down here are well read and intelligent. There's a real thirst for debate. People want to learn. The Learning Exchange is meeting that need. It's a good first step." ■

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KATRINA PACEY

Bringing 'Law' to the Downtown Eastside BY VANESSA CLARKE

Q: How many lawyers does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: How many can you afford?

A: Three. One to change the bulb, two to prepare the bill.

A: Only one, but it will take two years of litigation.

A: Two. One to change the bulb and one to start a class action suit against the manufacturer.

A: None. Lawyers don't change lightbulbs. But a team will be assigned to prepare a brief outlining your legal responsibilities should you decide to hire an electrician.

Our culture has come up with many more rude answers to this poser. Greed, slipperiness, and the use of indecipherable jargon are the accusations most commonly hurled at lawyers, and the basis for most jokes. A 2002 survey commissioned by Columbia Law School revealed that about half the American population thinks that lawyers do more harm than good, more than a third think they are dishonest (only politicians were judged to be worse), and a little under two thirds think that lawyers are overpaid.

Katrina Pacey, a UBC law student and long-time social activist, thinks some of this disrespect is understandable. "Law has established itself as a business, rather than as a social service," she says. And the education process has reinforced that. "There are no legal aid articling positions anymore, and students are nervous about stepping off the corporate law track. Too often, the success of litigation has to do with how much money a person has, and to me, that's not justice."

But Pacey also thinks the Law is an essential part of social change. "It provides the tools for change and progress, and that's why I've gone to law school: to collect the tools."

She started law school a few days after September 11, 2001, the day the World Trade Centre was attacked. The law school was shaken up. During the next few months, the law school carried on frenzied discussions about the political and legal implications thrown up by the American response, and examined new security measures under the lens of human rights and the integrity of national and international law.

Never a sideler, Pacey waded into the fray. The experience made her realize that few opportunities existed for law students to talk about important issues of the day, and understand how those issues influenced legal practice. So she founded UBC Law Students' Social Justice Action Network.

Katrina Pacey, at the Goddess of Democracy statue, UBC campus. "It drives me crazy to see people sucking up water from a puddle into their syringe so they can inject."



"It's been well received and encouraged by many of the faculty," says Pacey. A forum the network organized on the recent BC referendum on aboriginal treaty rights, for example, was made a required part of the first year law curriculum. The network also exposes students to lawyers who practice outside the corporate environment, focusing on issues of social justice.

Pacey also established a connection between the school and Pivot Legal Society, a non-profit legal advocacy organization based in the Downtown Eastside. She started as a student volunteer and is now one of four executive directors. Since Pivot deals with the social problems that run rampant in the Downtown Eastside, it counts on community consultation for its direction. "Pivot is about going to where the people are," says Pacey. "We don't have office hours, and we don't operate within the constraints of regular organizations."

One of the first projects emerging from these consultations was a Rights Card for Downtown Eastside residents, containing information about basic legal rights in the event of being stopped by the police. "People get stopped a lot in this neighbourhood," says Pacey. Most are stopped because police suspect them of possession or use of drugs. She doesn't think the current police crackdown is an effective way to deal with drug addiction. "The situation in the Downtown Eastside is what happens when you criminalize poverty," she says. "Criminal law doesn't have the capacity to cure social problems. It just drives them underground. Prohibition of drugs or the sex trade results in violence and disease, not a solution." As well, people at community meetings claimed that interactions with Vancouver Police sometimes involved intimidation and use of unnecessary force. Approaching that issue from a legal perspective, Pivot began collecting affidavits.

Pacey and other volunteers sat on the corner of Main and Hastings at night taking statements from people who claimed to have witnessed or been involved in negative encounters with the police. They used the affidavits to file a complaint against the Vancouver Police, requesting that it be investigated externally. An RCMP team was contracted to work on the investigation and will soon conduct interviews with the complainants, in the presence of Pivot lawyers.

Pivot's latest project addresses the reform of prostitution law. Pacey says that cracking down on prostitution pushes women into more vulnerable situations. "Sex trade workers are being displaced all over the Downtown Eastside which means that they can't team up any more and spot for each other," she says. Pivot developed a project plan, again based on the affidavits model. "This time, instead of it being stories of victimization, we wanted to use their affidavits as expert's opinion evidence, the same way

a lawyer would hire an expert psychologist." Pivot gave the women a basic outline of the law, then asked one question: If you were talking to law and policy makers, what would you tell them and why?

With the resulting 91 affidavits, Pivot created a constitutional argument calling for decriminalization of prostitution. *Voices for Dignity: A Call to End the Harms Caused by Canada's Sex Trade Laws*, was released in early March, 2002.

Pivot has been criticized for using extreme methods. While everyone agrees that the Downtown Eastside has more than its share of social problems, little agreement exists on how to tackle them. Pacey takes pride in the stance of her organization. "Pivot is cutting edge and not afraid to take risks," she says. "Sometimes that means speaking outside normal comfort zones and taking non-mainstream positions. But we stay strong and secure by making sure our

arguments are legally tight and our legal analysis is of the highest quality. That gives our work credibility."

That credibility was strengthened recently when Pacey received a YWCA Woman of Distinction Award, acknowledging her history of service to the community.

Currently, Pivot is developing a business plan and raising money to establish a lawyers' cooperative. As in a normal law firm it would involve one-on-one client work, but in a cooperative, democratic system. It would also involve income sharing. "The profit would be shared among the lawyers and some of it would go to Pivot to fund strategic litigation," says Pacey. "One of our goals is to provide law students with an alternative when they finish school."

In Pacey's opinion, UBC's law school is evolving in a positive direction. "There are great professors in property law, for example, who talk about native land rights, others in criminal law who talk about prisoners' rights," she says. But while civil liberties issues are integrated into the curriculum, they aren't formally recognized. "Such special topics are often put at the end of the week during first year," she says. "They offer them on sexuality, racism, feminism and law, and indigenous perspectives, but I consider them tokenized and they're seen as such by many law students. My goal is to see them more formally integrated into the curriculum."

Pacey has a strong belief in personal accountability, and is grateful for her education and supportive social network. She believes in sharing some of that good fortune by working with those in less fortunate positions to assure them of fair treatment and equal rights. She turns the popular perception of lawyers as being less than honourable on its head. And if you asked her to change a lightbulb, she'd do it for nothing, she'd leave you a spare, and she wouldn't sue if she fell off the stepladder. ■

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MAD COW DISEASE AND THE FEAR OF DEATH

ABY SCOTT YATES

As an agricultural reporter, I occasionally ask my children to list the people we need to be thankful to for the meal in front of us. Try it and you will find even the most simple fare traces a complex journey through many hands before it winds up as the crucial energy that powers us through our days. The 98 per cent of us in North America who don't farm and who aren't otherwise part of the complex food system, take a lot for granted. As a city boy who took a job as a reporter for one of the few remaining agricultural newspapers in North America, I am something of an expert on the subject.

A remark by novelist Somerset Maugham goes to the heart of our ignorance. He said, "The degree of a nation's civilization is marked by its disregard for the necessities of its existence."

We disregard a lot about modern agriculture. We are either not interested or we actively don't want to know how we are fed. Which is why food scares, like Mad Cow disease, always catch us by surprise, frightening the bejesus out of some people and making all of us wonder just how safe our food is. I believe the North American food system is among the safest

in the world despite the confirmation of a BSE infected cow in Canada on May 20, 2003, and the case in the U.S. announced on December 23, 2003. At the same time, I sympathize with all the hand wringing. What is known about Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy is scary. What isn't known is scarier still.

Most scientists trace the origin of the disease to an English farm. In fact, until some clever headline writer got involved, it was called Pitsham Farm syndrome, after a dairy in South Downs, England, where it was first recognized as a separate malady. That was in 1984, and it wasn't big news. Researchers eventually posited that BSE was related to scrapies in sheep, which was first identified in the 1730s. No one much worried about the disease because, like most ailments harboured by animals, scientists felt it could not morph into anything harmful to humans. Called a "species barrier," it's why dogs don't get the measles and why 200 years of eating sheep brains didn't result in the end of English civilization. A breakdown in the species barrier between sheep and cows is the dominant theory behind the rise of BSE. Although other hypotheses exist, the majority of those who adhere

to this explanation believe the balance between the two species was upset when cattle strayed from the strict dietary regimen they had perfected over thousands of years of evolution.

A science fiction movie from the early 1970s about a future of chronic food shortages depicted the same fate for mankind as mankind has been inflicting upon cows since around the mid-20th century. Imagine a bovine Charleton Heston screaming, "Soylent Green is us," and you get the picture.

As cud chewers, cows are nature's perfect vegetarians. They harvest various grasses and other plant matter, and turn them effortlessly into high-grade protein. Modern agriculture meddled in that by including in their rations meal which contained rendered sheep and cow parts. Not only was it cheap, the extra protein encouraged faster weight gain. In the process, we not only turned cattle into carnivores, we turned them into cannibals.

Speaking of cannibals, one of the reasons we know so much about the class of diseases called Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (which include scrapies, BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans) is due to research conducted



Is our reaction to Mad Cow disease an exercise in prudent caution or a descent into wild hysteria?

by Carleton Gajdusek on Papua New Guinea in the 1950s. A medical doctor who eventually went on to win the Nobel Prize, Gajdusek investigated a strange neurological disorder spreading through the population of the Furo tribe. It turned out that the tribe's women, lacking an appropriate protein source for themselves and their children, developed a novel dietary supplement. They ate those who died and in the process created an epidemic. Gajdusek's research revealed, in autopsy, that the tribe's disease was similar to Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, and established a link between CJD and scrapies.

But it wasn't until 1988 that the British government mandated the destruction of BSE infected cows and halted the use of cow, sheep and other ruminant animals in cattle feed. The restriction, however, did not extend to exports and ruminant laced feed continued, like English explorers of an earlier time, to spread around the world. Just as assumptions had been made about the species barrier between sheep and humans, so too were they made about cattle and humans. As a result, the feeding of rendered animals for export continued for 11 years until March 20, 1996 when the British government announced a potential link between Mad Cow disease and a new variant of CJD. The original CJD was identified by German researchers in the 1920s. A rare and very fatal disease, it ordinarily struck people over the age of 50. Suddenly, however, this new variant (vCJD) was striking young people and at a much higher rate than should have been expected. To add to the public's fear, vCJD was not your ordinary get-sick-and-die disease. This is a malady made for a tabloid era. It eats holes in your brain. It was initially misdiagnosed as a physiological disorder. Death comes by degrees so that in the end, all that's left is the husk of a person.

If that's not enough to frighten you, consider that scientists don't really know how the disease works. In fact, there is less agreement among researchers regarding the origins and causes of BSE than there is of AIDS, two diseases that incubated their way onto the scene at about the same time. A majority of scientists think BSE is caused by

a malformed piece of protein called a prion. Different forms of these prions are found in sheep with scrapies, cows with BSE and people with CJD and vCJD. Nevertheless, there's still plenty of debate within the scientific community. The problem with the prion theory is that prions don't have detectable RNA or DNA. A central tenet of modern biology is that every entity able to reproduce itself must contain a nucleic acid. If prions can somehow spread without this basic building block of life, well, even the scientist who posited the idea called it heretical.

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malformed prions are hard to eliminate. They can't be killed by heat, radiation or acid. In order to reduce the risk of them getting into the food supply, Canada and the U.S. have restricted the use of "specified risk material." That's because prions congregate in certain areas of the body. Among items excluded from the human food chain are the skull, brain, eyes, vertebral column, spinal cord and tonsils, along with other body parts of cows that must now be dealt with in other ways. "Downer cattle" — animals that are non-ambulatory — have also been prohibited from the export chain in Canada and completely in the U.S. The thinking is a cow that can't walk is more likely to be suffering the effects of Mad

Cow than one that can. Many reports exist, however, of perfectly healthy-appearing animals being diagnosed with BSE.

The single most important item in preventing the spread of BSE is probably the rule enacted in both North American countries in 1997 to prohibit ruminant-on-ruminant feeding. Rendered cow and sheep material can still be used to feed pigs and chickens.

Although the disease has shown up elsewhere around the world (including Japan and a number of European countries), no place was harder hit than England. Over

the past 15 years, 183,000 cases of BSE in cattle have been confirmed out of a British herd of 50 million head. Meanwhile, 139 definite and probable vCJD deaths have occurred in Britain. In the United States, only one death has been linked to vCJD and that individual lived much of her life in England. No deaths have been linked to Mad Cow in Canada. Based upon these numbers, a Canadian is far more likely to be killed by lightning (around ten a year) than to die as a result of eating a BSE tainted hamburger.

Nevertheless, there are no restrictions, other than common sense, against standing out in a storm. That's because there are risks we accept and risks we don't. Doug Powell, an associate professor at the University of Guelph, is an expert on how we look at food safety as a society. In general, we ignore the little things that make the biggest difference in keeping us healthy and become panicked about the afflictions which we are unlikely to face. He tells a story about a social event held at his children's school shortly after the BSE infected animal was found in Canada. Concern over the hamburgers led the organizing committee to change their food vendor. They assured everyone in a letter sent home with the children that only hamburgers from naturally raised cattle would be used. On the day of the event,

the adults ate their hamburgers, talking about Mad Cow, while Powell, who has his PhD in food science, watched cooks using the same utensils to take hot dogs off the grill and give to little children as they used to put thawed, raw hamburger patties back on. Any food safety specialist will tell you this is a no-no. The kind of basic sanitation techniques that prevent outbreaks of diseases like E-COLI O157, salmonella and Hepatitis aren't very glamorous. So we end up worrying about Mad Cow instead of making sure our counters are clean, that we have different cutting boards for different tasks, that meat of any kind isn't left unrefrigerated and that we really do wash the lettuce.

"The unsexy stuff is the stuff that is going to make people sick," says Powell.

People, however, see different risks differently. A dirty cutting board is a familiar risk, a BSE infected hamburger isn't. Furthermore, Powell says, food is a special case because of its direct and constant contact with our lives. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are aware of their unique responsibility. As a result, throughout the BSE crisis in both Canada and the U.S., the agencies provided reams of material, available over the Internet, to keep the public and the media informed. Powell believes the regulators do a good job.

"Everything can be improved, but when you're doing it day-to-day, you don't have the luxury of armchair quarterbacking," he says, explaining that individuals on the front lines are often operating under a best-guess scenario which leaves them open to criticism after the fact. "I still think we do a better job than most other countries in terms of being open and taking our lumps when they're deserved," he said.

With BSE, the USDA was actually ahead of the curve. In 2001 the agency requested the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis to review the potential danger from an outbreak of the disease. Its conclusions, which were reconfirmed after

the Canadian find, said BSE posed little risk. Powell laughs when asked about the media response to Mad Cow. The media do what the media do, he says. After the initial "freak out stage," he gives reporters good marks for a balanced approach.

David Ropeik, director of Risk Communication at the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis, said in the Washington Post that coverage of Mad Cow demonstrates the tendency for reporters and editors to highlight the dramatic, the frightening and the controversial aspects of risk stories, and to play down information that puts the risk in perspective. David Shaw, a media critic writing in the L.A. Times, put it more succinctly. He called the reaction "mad media disease."

Mary Lynn Young, associate professor of Journalism at UBC, says these after-the-fact analyses that second-guess initial media coverage have actually become part of the news cycle. She says one way to combat extreme reporting is for media outlets to hire more specialized reporters — individuals steeped in science who can provide story context from the very beginning. Which doesn't mean readers or viewers are off the hook. Young says the public must become more critical of all the information they read or view.

By and large, it appears the population was able to differentiate between the real and the perceived risk of BSE. An American poll conducted in February 2004 found fewer than one in 10 of those surveyed think they or a family member is likely to become infected by Mad Cow Disease in the next 12 months.

The governments of both Canada and the U.S. worked hard to keep it that way, but a kind of "beef patriotism" that crept into Mad Cow updates left Lisa Johnson wondering whether economics or safety was the chief concern. Johnson, who wrote her master's thesis at UBC on evaluation of Mad Cow media coverage in Canada over a four month period, said she was troubled by articles that actively encouraged beef consumption. She came away from her project questioning the

wisdom of public officials making safety announcements with an economic argument.

Without a doubt, however, there is a strong economic component to the Mad Cow story. Canada, with the world's 13th largest cattle herd, will forfeit billions of dollars to lost export opportunities and the U.S. will lose billions more. Canada exported about 70 per cent of the beef it produced before Mad Cow, much of it to the United States. The U.S. exported 10 per cent of its production, most of it to Japan. Although a lot of the money that's being lost goes to pad the bottom line of vertically integrated beef companies, middlemen and retailers, it's important to remember the links that dangle at the end of the chain: ranchers and farmers. Every year there are not only fewer of them, they are older. The average age of a farmer/rancher in the U.S. is 55. In Canada it is 50. Meanwhile, more of their children are taking jobs in the city where the pay is higher and the frustration lower.

It's likely the economic repercussions from Mad Cow along with the requirements to stem a future outbreak (including a sophisticated computerized cattle tagging system) will spark another agricultural exodus. Unlike the media frenzy and intense government oversight that accompanied the discovery of a dangerous, but low risk disease, the slow erosion of North America's agricultural front line won't be much remarked upon. We take for granted that which we have in abundance and despite the difficulties that confront the North American food complex, most of us have plenty to eat.

Ignorance of modern agriculture also appears inexhaustible. And even those who aren't fat, are happy. ■

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Chronicle



UBC Women's Field Hockey Team, 1912

Sent in by J. Peter McGeeer, BA'44, MA'46, whose mother, Ada Schwengers, is pictured centre. UBC did not gain degree-granting status until 1915, and was a satellite of McGill University, hence the sweater insignias.

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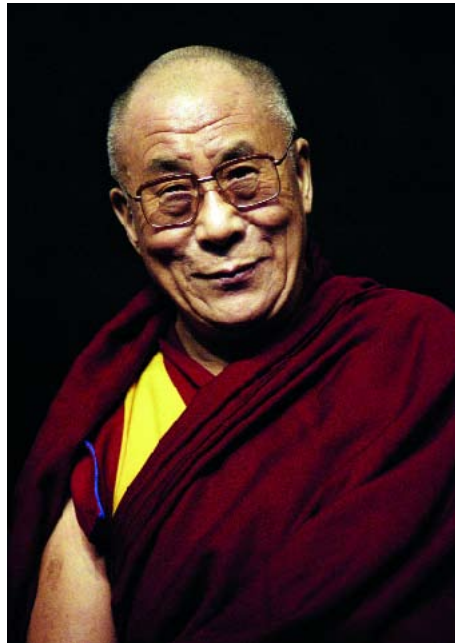
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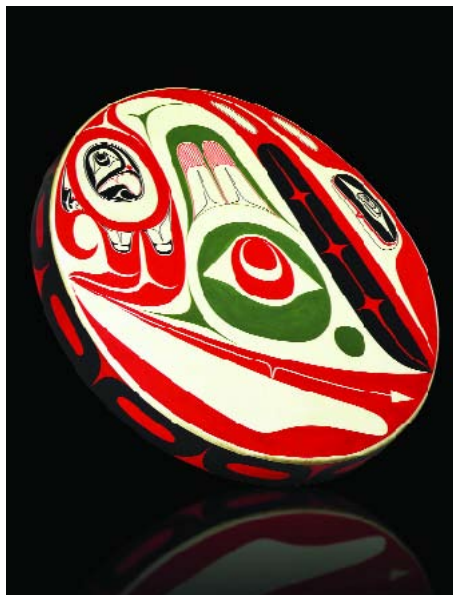
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His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama will receive an honorary degree from UBC April 19, 2004. He also will be taking part in a Roundtable discussion "Balancing Educating the Mind with Educating the Heart" on April 20.

Sea Monster, 2000

Acrylic on deerskin, 71 cm diameter
Collection of Robert Davidson



MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Wearing Politics, Fashioning Commemoration

Factory Printed Cloths in Ghana

UBC grad student Michelle Willard has developed a collection of printed cloths that the Ghanaians consider to be highly significant. Her exhibit, opening during Black History Month, shows how these cloths are worn in Ghana to proclaim political loyalties and commemorate important events.

Mehodihi: Well-Known Traditions of Tahltan People

Our Great Ancestors Lived That Way

This first museum exhibit of Tahltan First Nations art and culture highlights the profound and continuing links between the Tahltan and their land, culture, and heritage. Funding for this exhibit was provided in part by the Department of Canadian Heritage Museums Assistance Program.

Pasifika: Island Journeys

An Exhibition of the Frank Burnett Collection of Pacific Arts (Until May 9)

In 1927, Vancouver-based traveller and writer Frank Burnett donated his private collection of 1200 Pacific Islands' objects to UBC. The exhibit comprises more than 100 objects from Micronesia (Kiribati), Polynesia (Cook Islands, Samoa, Niue, Marquesas, Tonga), and Melanesia (Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea).

To Wash Away the Tears

A Memorial Potlatch Exhibit

Based on a memorial for Maggie Pointe of the Musqueam Nation, the exhibit includes a contemporary 14-foot West Coast style canoe and its contents donated by Shane Pointe and Gina Grant. This is the first exhibition curated at MOA by UBC's Critical Curatorial Studies graduate students.

Dempsey Bob

The Art Goes Back to the Stories

Fourteen panels of text and photographs. Exhibit also features three of this world-renowned Tahltan artist's most recent bronze sculptures.

Site to Sight: Imaging the Sacred

Students of Anthropology 431 have developed an exhibition of photographs that examine how and why we create sacred spaces in our urban environment.

Robert Davidson: *The Abstract Edge*

Recent Works by Renowned Haida Artist

Thirty works by Davidson with five 19th century Northwest Coast artifacts. Include several paintings on canvas, paper, and stretched deerskin drums; carved and painted red-cedar panels; laser-cut sculptural works (anodized aluminum); and sketchbooks. Historical objects include painted bentwood dishes and a painted canoe paddle.

EVENTS

Public Celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Saturday, April 17, 2:00-4:00 pm (free with regular admission)

A concert by hand-drummers World Rhythms for Peace to honor the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Vancouver.

One Voice Harmonic Choir

Sunday, April 18, 12:30-1:30 pm (free with regular admission)

A concert by the One Voice Harmonic Choir in celebration of the Dalai Lama's visit. Composed of eight men with diverse musical and theatrical backgrounds, the Choir's original music combines harmonic overtone singing, throat singing, Tibetan chanting, vocables, mantras, chants from around the world, and vocal improv, using



Chanticleer fascinates and enthralls for much the same reason a fine chocolate or a Rolls Royce does: through luxurious perfection." – *Los Angeles Times*

Tibetan bells, conch shells and several percussion instruments.

BELKIN ART GALLERY

AA Bronson

April 30 - June 27, 2004

BELKIN SATELLITE

Makeshift

April 8 to May 1, 2003

(Exhibition and workshops will be held at Interurban, 9 East Hastings, Vancouver)
Makeshift presents the work of several artists in dialogue with the inner city spaces

surrounding the Johannesburg Art Gallery. For more information, call 604-726-7159.

Clare E. Rojas: *Will Poor Will*

May 8 - 30, 2004

The first exhibition of Clare E. Rojas' work in Canada. Her site-specific installations create otherworldly landscapes and narratives that unfold through miniaturist paintings, handcrafted sculptures and musical performances. ■

BOOKS

Lola by Night

Norman Ravvin, BA'86, MA'88

Novel, Paperplate Books (2003), \$19.95

■ ■ A writer of racy romances living in Barcelona with a cult following loses her father in an accident. Her investigations into his past lead her to Vancouver (where her father once spent a year) and the unraveling of a mystery that embroils a vanished downtown poet and a scion of old Vancouver money.

Ravvin won the K.M. Hunter Emerging Artist Award for his story collection *Sex, Skyscrapers, and Standard Yiddish* and the Alberta Multiculturalism New Fiction Award for his novel *Café des Westens*.

Spirit Wrestlers: Doukhobor Pioneers' Strategies for Living

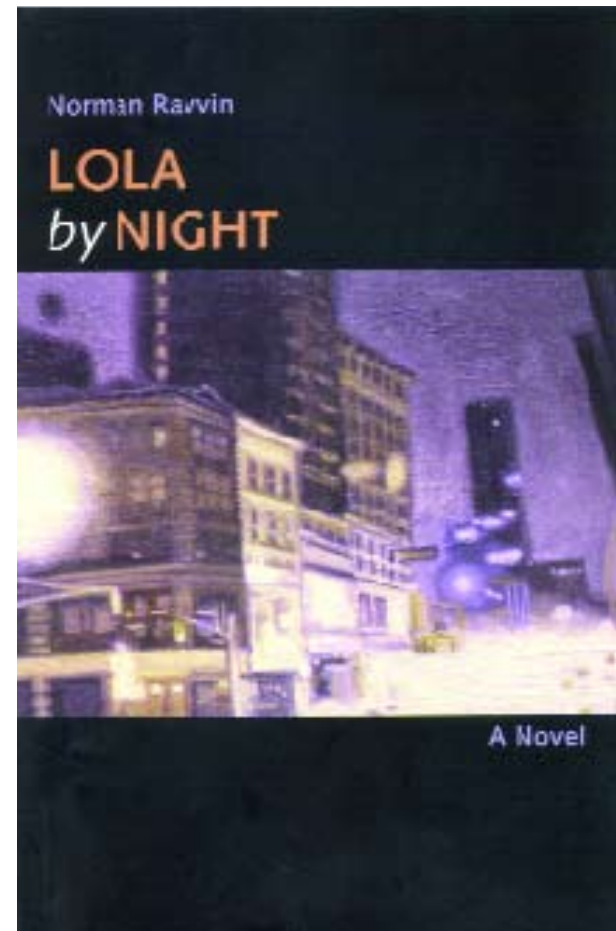
Koozma J. Tarasoff, MA'63

History, Spirit Wrestlers Publishing (2003), Book: \$89.95, CD-ROM \$30

■ ■ ■ Doukhobors practiced odd social and religious customs in 19th century Russia, and had the misfortune of practicing them on desirable land. They were persecuted and forced off their farms, causing a small flap on the international scene. Queen Victoria took pity and offered the sect some land on the Saskatchewan prairie, where many emigrated in the early 1900s.

Their time in Canada, their culture and their legacy make for fascinating history. Simma Holt's "Terror in the Name of God" told the story of a splinter sect, the Sons of Freedom, and their violent activities in Canada.

This set explores that history and its roots with more than 700 photos, sketches



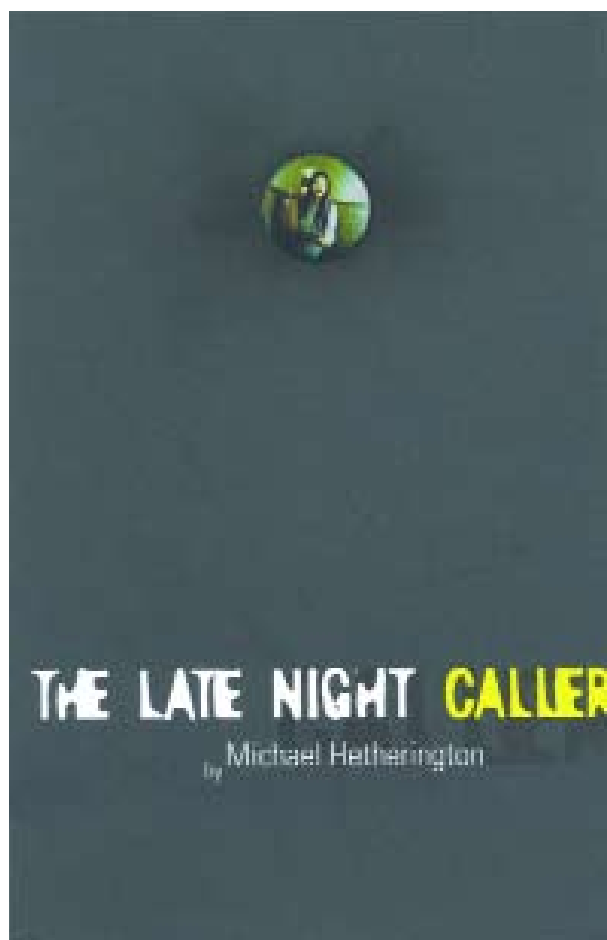
and maps. The author aims to dispel any misconceptions about this minority group and reveal the contributions of its pioneers to wider society. He hopes the strategies of the Doukhobors will inspire positive approaches to life in today's society.

The Late Night Callers

Michael Hetherington LLB'83

Short stories Turnstone Press (2003), \$16.95

■ ■ The words 'magical' or 'surreal' included in a book review will immediately turn some readers away, while causing others to read on. The easy magic of science fiction and fantasy, where the redefined world helps suspend our disbelief, is a magnet, either attracting or repelling. These stories don't exist in altered worlds, but worlds we recognize as here, now. Hetherington



steps outside the five senses, outside sanity, in some cases, to look back on the real world and reflect. They are fascinating, involving and frightening, and although none is longer than a few pages, they stick.

Explorers of the Pacific Northwest

Betty Sherwood, BA'64, & Janet Snider
Non-fiction Canchron Books (2003)

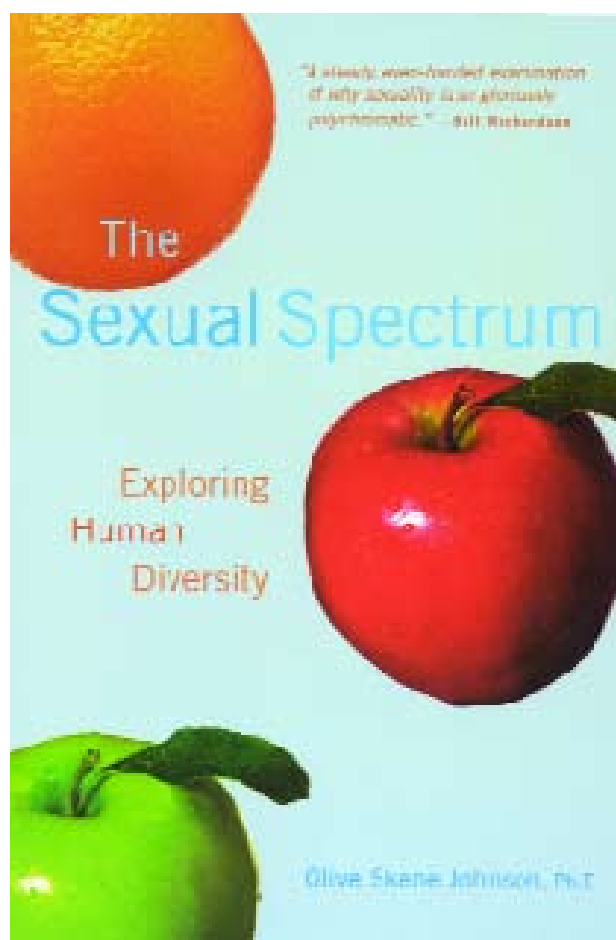
▣▣ This book provides a simple historical account of the lives of Captain James Cook, Captain George Vancouver and Sir Alexander Mackenzie and their explorations of the places and rivers in the Pacific Northwest that now bear their names. The information is clearly presented, with large type, many illustrations and maps, and plenty of supplementary information, including a timeline running along the bottom of the pages. Aimed at young

people and with enough visual stimuli to hold their attention, the book encourages readers do a little exploring of their own, providing list of places to go, websites to visit and books to read.

The Sexual Spectrum

Olive Skene Johnson, BA'50, PHD'80
Non-fiction Raincoast, \$24.95

▣▣ Topics like same sex marriage, gay and lesbian parenting, and queer rights provoke many different reactions, not all of them informed. Olive Skene Johnson takes a timely and frank look at sexual diversity in an effort to understand it and apply that understanding to examining related social shifts and legal debates. Sifting through existing research and anecdotal experiences, she explores questions such as: Is sexual diversity new?



Why do men and women think differently? Apart from their sexuality, are homosexuals and heterosexuals different? What happens to people born with the genitals of both sexes? Why do some people feel compelled to change their gender? How do genes, hormones and society affect our sexuality?

"I became interested in the topic of homosexuality when I learned that my two older sons were gay," says Skene Johnson. "I began researching the area and discovered a large body of fascinating findings, not just about homosexuality but about human sexuality in general, and about sexual diversity in particular. I realized that most people had no idea how diverse human sexuality is, nor how much had been discovered about it. I wanted to share this knowledge with other people." ▣

ALUMNI NEWS

YOUNG ALUMNI NETWORK EVENT REPORTS

The Young Alumni Network is as busy as ever. In February we held our annual *For the Love of Money* seminar, when representatives from CIBC and Freedom 55 demystified mortgages, investing and life insurance. In the same month we held a *Networking Night* at Opus Bar in Yaletown, a great spot to catch up with old friends and make some new ones over drinks and appetizers. In March, we held our second annual *Beer 101* night at the Oland Specialty Beer Company. Attendees sampled beers from around the world, learned how to pair beer with food, and were even able to perfect the traditional Belgian Pour.

Over the next few months, young alumni volunteers will explore ways of contributing to the community. We are already involved with the *Cinderella Project*, which helps underprivileged high school graduates with formal attire for their graduation activities on April 18. We will also look at ways to get involved with the UBC Learning Exchange in the Downtown Eastside. Projects will include planting community gardens and painting murals in schools. For more information, please contact Dianna DeBlaere Ladicos at yammentor@alumni.ubc.ca or 604-822-8917.

Keep checking the Young Alumni section of the website (www.alumni.ubc.ca/programs/youngalumni) for upcoming summer events, including a Vancouver Canadians game and another networking night at Opus.

TODAY'S STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP

Mentoring Programs

Students face many challenges when they leave campus to venture out into the real world. Who better to offer them advice than UBC alumni, already successful veterans in the world of work? We need alumni in the Vancouver area who are willing to talk to current students about their career paths since leaving university. We have developed various ways for you to get involved and inspire students to see the potential of their degrees. For example, *Science Career Expo* in October draws nearly 500 science students eager to hear what our science graduates have to say

Grad Remembered

Members of the Class of 1943 robed up to relive the thrill of graduation. They took the long walk across the stage at the Chan Centre during the fall convocation ceremony, November 27, 2003. Afterwards, they congregated at Cecil Green Park to revel in the moment.

Chris Petty photo.



about career opportunities. We present many other events throughout the year. If you would like to participate, call Dianna at 604-822-8917 or email yammentor@alumni.ubc.ca.

UBC Tri-Mentoring Program

This program matches senior students with faculty or industry mentors in their areas of study. In turn, the senior students mentor junior students within their faculties. The program is career-related, structured, time-limited and flexible. Mentors can make a real difference in a student's life, and meet other like-minded professionals while reconnecting with their faculties. To learn more, please contact Diane Johnson, 604-822-0132 or email diane.johnson@ubc.ca. For additional information, please see: www.students.ubc.ca/careers/mentoring.cfm

UBC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 16 – 5:30 p.m.

HSBC Hall, Robson Square

- ▣ Announcement of the 2004-2005 Board of Directors
- ▣▣ Review of changes in the Constitution and Bylaws
- ▣ Announcement of the 2004 Alumni Achievement Award recipients
- ▣ Review of the alumni services agreement between UBC and the Alumni Association

Please RSVP to 604.822.3313

Refreshments will be served.



Beer 101 Young Alumni raise their glasses to examine the depth of colour of a true ale.

Beer 101, an educational evening meant to introduce young alumni to the mysteries of malt beverage, is not just an excuse to gather with friends to drink beer and have a good time. Honest.



OCTOBER 1-3

ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2004

Alumni Reunion Weekend is an annual event to welcome our graduates back to campus to meet up with old friends, see the old haunts, and experience the new UBC. With class reunions, significant anniversaries (10, 25 and 50 year) and faculty events, there's something for everyone. And while most events are limited to alumni, many are open to all alumni and friends. Check our website, www.alumni.ubc.ca for details and updates.

REUNION WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday, October 1

11th Annual Murder Mystery Night at Cecil Green Park House, 7:30 pm
Free UBC Wind Ensemble concert at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts.
Concert open to all alumni and friends.

Saturday, October 2

Pancake Breakfast at Cecil Green Park House for reunion classes. Reservations required as space is limited. Alumni welcome to bring one guest. RSVP to: aluminfo@alumni.ubc.ca or 604-822-3313 (toll free) 1-800-883-3088

REUNION WEEKEND REUNIONS

Class Reunions

Agriculture '54, Oct 2, tour of Nitobe Garden, lunch at Asian Centre
Arts/Science '54, Oct 2, lunch at Green College, tour of campus
BASC '54, Oct 1-2, lunch at Cecil Green Park (Fri), faculty tour and lunch, reception at CEME (Sat)
BASC '64, Oct 3, evening reception at Cecil Green Park House
BASC(ELEC) '69, Oct 1-2, tour of ECE building and dinner (Fri), Dinner at Green College (Sat)
Commerce '54, Oct 2, faculty activities
Dentistry (all years), Oct 1, Annual Golf Tourney at University Golf Club, BBQ lunch
Education '94 & '79, Oct 2, luncheon with Dean at Scarfe Building
Home Ec. '59, Oct 2, activities TBC
Law '79, Oct 2, dinner at Cecil Green Park House
Nursing (all years), Oct 2, luncheon at UBC Botanical Garden, 12:30
Medicine '64, Oct 1-3, reception at Green College (Fri), other activities TBA
Pharmacy '94, Oct 2, tour of faculty, lunch
Pharmacy '74, Oct 1-2, dinner at University Golf Club (Fri), tour of faculty, lunch (Sat)

For more information on Alumni Reunion Weekend, to arrange a reunion, or for any other enquiries about reunions, please contact Jane Merling: merling@alumni.ubc.ca 604-822-8918 toll free 1-800-883-3088

UPCOMING 2004 REUNIONS (year-round):

For information on organizing a reunion, contact Jane Merling 604-822-8918, merling@alumni.ubc.ca

Applied Science

BASC '74 October 6
MECH '84 April 25
Chem Eng '64 June 26
Chem Eng '69 TBA
Civil Eng '64 TBA
Elec Eng '60 - '90 August 19
Mech Eng '54 TBA
Mech Eng '64 July 24
Mech Eng '74 TBA
Mech Eng '84 April 24-25

Contact May Cordeiro 604-822-9454 mcordeiro@apsc.ubc.ca for information on Applied Sciences reunions.

Conference on Inter American Student Projects

From 1963 to 1969, university students volunteered to spend summers in Mexico. If you were part of CIASP, visit www.ciasp.ca/ and get in touch with old friends.

Classes

Class of 1944 November 25

Commerce

Commerce '63 TBA.
MBA '84 September 25

For info on Commerce reunions, contact Christine Glendinning at 604-822-6027 or christine.glendinning@sauder.ubc.ca.

Home Economics

Home Ec '54 TBA.
Home Ec '64 June 26
Home Ec '69 September 29-30

Forestry

Forestry '54 May 18-20
Forestry '73 July 9-11
Forestry '84 August 14-15

Greeks

Alpha Gamma Delta 100th Anniversary
May 2

Law

Law '54 May 14-15
Law '59 May 8
Law '66 September 22
Law '69 September 17-19

Medicine

Medicine '54 June 1-4
Medicine '94 July 10
Rehab Medicine '79 TBA

Microbiology

Microbiology '93-'94 TBA

Nursing

Nursing '59 June 14

Pharmacy

Pharmacy '64 TBA

Physics

Physics '74 August 13



Pharmacy '53 reunion Classmates meet up at Jim and Diane Sharp's home on September 20, 2003.

Later, they dined at Cecil Green Park House. The night before, they all met up at Louanne Twaite's residence for a fabulous dinner.

REGIONAL NETWORKS

It's been a busy start to 2004. In January, a crowd of alumni came out to the Korean Alumni Network's AGM at the Shilla Hotel and passed the torch to Allan Suh, BSC'79, MBA'81. Alumni also gathered informally in San Francisco, London, Toronto, Indonesia and Los Angeles.

In February, President Martha Piper met with alumni in Ottawa with guest speaker Allan Tupper, associate VP Government Relations. In March, it was on to New York City where Pamela Wallin, Canada's Consul General to New York, and Martin Glynn, MBA'76, President & CEO of HSBC Bank USA, wowed the crowd at the Penn Club.

There's plenty going on in your area to help you connect with fellow grads, learn about new happenings at UBC and network with alumni from other Canadian universities. If you aren't getting the news, be sure to update your email and mailing address. www.alumni-ubc.ca/ser-

vices/address 1-800-883-3088, 604-822-3313.

New Regional Contacts

Seoul, Korea

Allan Suh, BSC'79, MBA'81
Email: allansuh@seosec.co.kr

Santiago, Chile

Pablo Barañao, MASC'03
Phone: 56-2-685-2190
Email: pbaranao@achs.cl

San Diego, California

Beth Collins, BCOM'93
Phone: 858-717-2384
Email: islandprin@yahoo.com

Help Wanted!

With more than 50 regional networks, there's bound to be one in your area. Visit the website for a complete list. If you don't see one in your region, please contact Tanya at twalker@alumni.ubc.ca, 604-822-8643 or toll free in



Alumni in Chile First gathering of UBC alumni in Santiago, Chile, November 2003.

Back Row: Barry McBride, VP Academic, John Friesen (founding director, UBC Continuing Studies), Carlos Andrade MBA'03, Barbara McBride BED'72, MED'82. **Front row:** Marta Friesen, Pablo Korach MASC'58, Pablo Baranao MASC'03, Raul Molina Colvin MBA'03, Michael Goldberg, AVP International.

North America at 1-800-883-3088. You may be the right person to start a regional network in your area. Many of our reps could also use your help in planning activities, answering questions from prospective students and their parents as well as helping relocating alumni.

Upcoming events

Saturday, May 1

Boston All Canada Universities Dinner hosted by University of Ottawa
Langham Hotel Boston, 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 6

New York Lounge Night with the University of Western Ontario Alumni. Visit our website for more details.

Tuesday, May 18

The Canadian Club of Ottawa has invited Dr. Piper to speak at a luncheon in the ballroom of the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel. Recent CC speakers were Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, former Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Premier of Alberta Ralph Klein, Canada's then-Ambassador to the United Nations Paul Heinbecker, and Alcan Inc. President Travis Engen. Reservations are \$30 for UBC Alumni and Friends by calling Jean Ness at 819-682-2877. Please indicate your UBC connection.

Monday, May 17

London UK wine tasting. Check the AA website www.alumni.ubc for more information.

Sunday, May 30

Toronto Monthly Brunch and Planting at High Park, 11:00 am

Wednesday, June 2

Seattle Mariners clobber the Toronto Blue Jays in Seattle. Join alumni from other universities and members of the Canada/America Society.

Thursday, June 3

Celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the UBC Alex Fraser Research Forest and Williams Lake's 75th at Alumni and Friends events with Martha Piper.

Saturday, July 10

Victoria All Canadian Universities Alumni Picnic at Beaver Lake park.

Visit our calendar of events to find out what's happening in your region www.alumni.ubc.ca/events/index. Stay tuned for details on receptions, parties to welcome new grads, and summer student send-offs. ▣



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Ottawa Event: Alumni gathered in Ottawa on February 18, 2004 to meet Martha Piper and guest speaker Allan Tupper, associate vice president of Government Relations (pictured right). Accompanying Allan are Martin Ertl, vice chair of the Alumni Association and MC Alex Cameron, BA'96, LLB'99.



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5:30 pm

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Sept. 29 to Oct. 7, 2004

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(Alternative dates can sometimes be accommodated.)

For more information call
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30s

George Evans BA'31 BSC'31 (joint) celebrated his 95th birthday recently. He attended UBC during the early days and earned a joint degree in Arts and Engineering. To commemorate his birthday, George's family made a generous donation towards the university's new Chemical and Biological Engineering Building.

40s

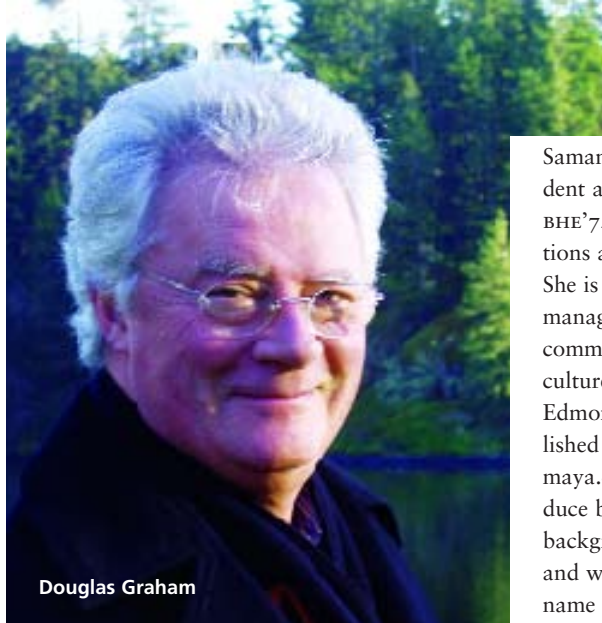
Rev. Max Warne BA'44 received his Bachelor of Divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology on May 4, 2003.

50s

Barbara Large (Nelson) BA'53, BED'54 has been dedicated to higher education throughout her career. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and was recently presented with an MBE at Buckingham Palace.

60s

Philip V. Allingham BA'68, PHD'88 published a major paper in New York City University's *Dickens Studies Annual* on Phiz's illustration for *A Tale of Two Cities*. Recently awarded tenure and the rank of associate professor, Philip is teaching Victorian fiction and Intermediate-Senior Curriculum and Instruction at Lakehead University ... **Richard Buski** BA'67 will retire from PricewaterhouseCoopers on June 30. For the past three years he has been the Country Senior Partner for Russia, living in Moscow with his wife Alice Larson. After graduating from UBC, he joined the Economics Division of the National Energy Board. In 1969, he joined the Toronto office of Coopers



Douglas Graham

& Lybrand, receiving his CA in 1972 and then moving to the London, UK, practice for two years. He became a partner in the Canadian firm in 1978. After the 1998 merger with Price Waterhouse, he led the firm's banking practice until joining the management board of the firm's Central and Eastern Europe and moving to Russia. Richard and Alice will travel before returning to the West Coast, and hope that daughters Sarah and Margaret (both in Toronto) will join them here ... **Alice E. Davies** BED'65 won a gold medal for Canada at the World Tap Dancing Championships in Riesa, Germany, in December 2003. Alice also tap dances with The Hot Flash Hoofers, a new North Shore Master Star Discovery ... In June 2003, **Douglas Graham** BSC'69, MD'72, FASAM was awarded the Dr David M. Bachop Gold Medal for Distinguished Medical Service by the BCMA "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to medicine, notably in the field of addiction medicine." The award citation also noted: "He was a leader in the creation of the Physician Support Program of BC to assist medical colleagues and their families who were experiencing problems with physical or mental health or emotional crisis."

70s

Alana DeLong BSC'70 was elected member of the Alberta Legislative Assembly for Calgary Bow in March 2001. As a member of the government caucus she is an active participant on policy committees. Alana is married to Dennis Beck and is mother of James and

Samantha Beck. She is now a graduate student at UBC ... **Carolyn Hall** (Andruski) BHE'74 completed an MA in Communications and Technology in September 2004. She is currently working as a knowledge management coordinator and internal communications officer with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development in Edmonton ... **Brenda Guiled** BSC'72 published a novel, *Telling Maya* (www.tellingmaya.com). Since Maya and her kin reproduce by parthenogenesis, Brenda's zoology background was useful when researching and writing the story. She has respelled her name from Guild to Guiled to help people pronounce it correctly ... **Josephine Mar-**

golis Nadel BA'74, LLB'77 has joined PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as director of the Centre for Entrepreneurs and Family Business in Vancouver. She assists entrepreneurs and family businesses with a variety of business planning and succession issues. She was previously at Owen, Bird where she was a senior partner practicing law in the areas of tax, commercial law, mergers and acquisitions.

80s

Dan Johnson MSC'80, PHD'83 has left Environmental Health, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to accept a Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Grasslands Ecosystems. He has also been appointed professor of Environmental Science in the department of Geography at the University of Lethbridge, where he currently teaches Biogeography. Dan was recently married to Julie Mori in a Buddhist ceremony on the shore of Lake Tahoe. Julie is an agricultural engineer, currently in a doctoral program in Epidemiology at the U of A ... **Susan Johnson-Douglas** MA'80, EDD'84 has been elected a Fellow of the American Psychological Association for 2004. Fellows are selected for their outstanding contributions to the research, teaching or practice of psychology. She is a professor of Psychology at the University of Ottawa ... **Michael Glenister** BSC'89, BED'92 married Yvonne Grot-Glowcynski on August 10, 2003. Michael teaches science/math in Surrey and is a part-time magician ... **Joanne Keech** (McBean) BASC'89 has started her own process engineering company, Pulp Solutions by Keech ... Sports physiotherapist **Paige Larson** (Macdonald) BPE'84, BSC(PT) (U

of T) is the only person from Western Canada to be selected for the Canadian medical team for the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, Greece. She has worked with the Canadian Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team since 1999, travelling with them to the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, Australia, and to the 2002 World Championships in Kitakyushu, Japan. The team won gold in both competitions. More recently, Paige and the team were in Argentina winning the Paralympic Qualifying Event. She is owner of the North Shore Sports Medicine Clinic – Physiotherapy (with locations at Capilano College and North Shore Winter Club), as well as Deep Cove Physiotherapy. “I competed at the national level in synchro skating and provincially in swimming and field hockey,” says Paige, “but I knew I would never get to the Olympics on my athletic ability. I saw physio as an opportunity to be involved.” ... **Paul McIntyre** BASC'88 and wife Angela welcomed their daughter, Claire Elizabeth McIntyre, into the world in October 2002. They are enjoying life in the San Francisco Bay area. Angela works as a program manager with Intel and Paul was recently promoted to associate professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Stanford ... **Jane Muller** BSN'87 has recently returned to BC after several years overseas with her husband and has recently accepted a position with the Interior Health Authority as nurse manager for an LTC unit.

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Arthur D. Azana BCOM'94 married **Pam Cejalvo** BSC'96, BSN'99 on August 12, 2000. Pam is a nurse at VGH, and Arthur is a partner at D&H Group, Chartered Accountants ... **Anjili Bahadoorsingh** BCOM'90, LLB'94 and **Gary Khan** BSC'84 announce the birth of their daughter, Anikha Janna Bahadoorsingh Khan, on November 13, 2003 ... **Alexandra Bertram** BA'97 and **Joe Philbrook** were married October 11, 2003, in Toronto ... **Lara Cleven** BA'92 and **Abdulhakem Elezzabi** MSC'89, PHD'95 announce the birth of their second son, Youssef, in November 2003, a brother for Muhammad, who was born in 1999 ... **David Jan** BCOM'90 and wife **Chelsea Seaby** announce the arrival of their first child, Eric Kieran Jan on July 11, 2003 ... **Jason De Quadros** BA'98 and **Leanne**

De Quadros (De Wilde), residents of North Vancouver, announce the birth of their daughter, **Jacinda Raia Celeste De Quadros**, born December 1, 2003, 6lbs, 3oz. ... **Michele Melland** BFA'90 and **Rich Strassberg**, a white collar defense attorney with Goodwin Procter in New York City, celebrate the birth of their twins, **Stella** and **Alexander**. They were born in NYC on May 8, 2003. Michele and Rich were married in Vancouver in 1999 and they live in Manhattan, where Michele continues her theatre career. Michele can be reached at vancouveractress@aol.com ... **Willem Maas** BA'95 is assistant professor at the Center for European Studies, New York University ... **Linda Ong** BA'94 works with CBC Television in BC as a contract program marketing coordinator. She was formerly a communications officer with

Knowledge Network.

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Bruce Wayne Foster PHD'00 is a tenured faculty member in the department of Policy Studies at Mount Royal College and is also program chair for the degree in Non-Profit Studies ... **Dulce Aparicio** BSN'00 and **Mike Feder** BA'00, LLB'03 were married on September 7, 2003, at Cecil Green Park House. Dulce is pursuing graduate studies at UBC and Mike is clerking for the BC Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada ... **Atma Persad** MD'00 and wife **Karen Persad** MD'00 are pleased to announce the arrival of their second son, **Hayden Campbell**, born February 16 in Duncan, BC. Atma and Karen are family doctors in

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Jean Downing MA'59 on December 17, 2003 ... **Hugo Laanela** BA'60 in July, 2003 ... **Gertrude Hanson** BED'67 on December 4, 2003, in Victoria, BC ... **Dr. Josephens (John) Hoes** BSC(AGR)'57, MSA'58 on November 27, 2003, of Alzheimer's, aged 79 ... **Ewan Rowntree** LLB'49 on January 19, 2002 ... **Marc Aaron Rozen** BA'89 ... Theatre director **Cameron Wright** BSC'96, in Toronto, on February 15, 2003.

(Margaret) **Dale Charles** BSC(OT/PT)'76
Born and raised in Summerland, BC, Dale Charles was an outstanding student at UBC. She was a leader in physiotherapy practice, possessing top credentials in physiotherapy skills. She started a private practice in Pent-
icton in 1982, forming the clinic group Dale Charles and Associates. Her enthusiasm for her profession remained throughout her battle with breast cancer. Dale died on January 22, 2004. The Dale Charles Physiotherapy Clinic remains a legacy for her life work.

Grace Emmaline Funk (Tomlinson) BLS'67, MLS'77
Grace was born on Easter Sunday, April 20, 1924, in Saskatoon. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 8, 2004, following a short but valiant fight with cancer. Grace was a life-long learner. She taught at various elementary and secondary schools throughout the Okanagan and from 1971 to retirement in 1989, she was a librarian at Harwood Elementary School in Vernon, BC. She served as an officer in several teachers' and librarians' associations. Other activities included reviewing and editing books and sessional teaching at the universities of British Columbia, Victoria and Regina.

Among numerous awards and honours, Grace was awarded the

Margaret Scott Award of Merit by the Canadian School Library Association in 1986. Grace married Jacob (Jack) Abram Funk, who was also a teacher as well as a WWII veteran, on July 23, 1945, in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. They lived in Ladysmith, BC, where their first son, Michael, was born in 1946. They next moved to Agassiz, BC, and purchased a farm just east of Lumby, BC, in 1949. Two more sons were born there — Jonathan (1951) and David (1953). After Jack's death in 2001, Grace sold the farm and moved in May, 2003, to Coquitlam to be near her family.

Grace was a devoted and very active member of the Anglican Church of Canada, serving as a member of the parish council and warden and lay minister at St. James the Less in Lumby. A lifelong interest in reading resulted in a large collection of books, primarily in the areas of science fiction / fantasy, mystery and the humanities. Her best known collection was the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and related materials (recently purchased by Marquette University Archives, Milwaukee, Wisconsin). Other interests included playing with her computer, traveling, collecting stamps, turtles, spoons and other objects.

Her grandsons, Shaun (13), Ryan (10) and Kevin (8), were at the top of her agenda in recent years and they will fondly remember going down all the Atlantis waterslides every summer with grandma.

Predeceased by husband Jack, parents George and Edna, and brothers-in-law John and Peter, Grace is lovingly remembered by



Grace Emmaline Funk



Colin Bridges Mackay

her sons and grandchildren, sisters Marion Kingston and Shirley Paine, daughter-in-law Colleen, sisters-in-law Hilde, Betty and Pearl, and numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and many friends worldwide. Memorial donations may be made to the Anglican Church

of St. James the Less, PO Box 351, Lumby, BC, V0E 2G0.

Colin Bridges Mackay OC, QC, BA, DCL, DÉS, DED, LL.D'49
President emeritus of the University of New Brunswick, Dr. Mackay died Tuesday, November 25, at the age of 83. Dr. Mackay, who served as president of UNB from 1953 to 1969, has been described as the single most influential person in that university's growth and development during the 20th century.

Born in Rothesay, NB, in 1920, Colin B. Mackay was the son of respected lumber merchant Colin Mackay. His mother's father, H. S. Bridges, was a professor of classics at UNB, and his mother was born in UNB's Old Arts Building. He received his early education at the Rothesay Collegiate School, following which he attended UNB and graduated in 1942 with a BA.

Dr. Mackay served with the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War and commanded a landing craft on the beaches of Normandy during the invasion of Europe. Following the war, he entered Harvard Law School, transferred to the University of British Columbia and graduated with a bachelor of laws in 1949. Dr. Mackay joined the Saint John law firm of Gilbert & McGloan and was a lecturer in UNB's faculty of law.

At the age of 33, he was appointed president of the University of New Brunswick, the youngest university president in Canada at that time. During his years as president, Dr. Mackay oversaw a period of extraor-

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dinary growth: enrolment increased 525 per cent, from 767 to 4,792; the faculty increased from 70 to 318; the Saint John campus was established; there was unprecedented development on the Fredericton campus; the Law School in Saint John and St. Thomas University in Chatham both relocated to the Fredericton campus; a plethora of new faculties and programs were created; and the university's budget grew from less than \$1 million to \$13 million. University governance also changed dramatically to include student input and participation in all areas of university life.

Dr. Mackay was involved in every facet of university life and worked closely with Lord Beaverbrook, chancellor of UNB, to transform the university into a comprehensive, national institution. Dr. Mackay concluded his presidency in 1969 and in 1971 accepted an appointment as executive director of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. He also became active in international affairs, serving on several Canadian delegations to the United Nations and working as an adviser to the Canadian International Development Agency. He helped to foster institutions of higher education in five African nations and in 1980 chaired the evaluation mis-



John J. "Jack" Noonan

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Mrs. Osborne and her son have. Dorothy Osborne is proud of the lasting effect that her late husband Robert has made upon UBC. For 33 years Dr. Osborne was a coach, teacher, and administrator to the sports community at UBC. From leading men's basketball to its first national championship as a seventeen-year old freshman, to being named to the Order of Canada, Robert Osborne's life is a testament to outstanding achievement. By establishing an award in Robert's name, the Osborne Family is ensuring that future generations of UBC students will benefit from his legacy.

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sion of the United Nations Educational and Training Program for Southern Africa.

An Officer of the Order of Canada and Queen's Counsel, Dr. Mackay received honorary degrees from Mount Allison, UNB, Dalhousie, St. Dunstan's, St. Thomas, Memorial, Western, Colby College, the University of Maine, Laval, and the universities of Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho. In 1978 he became UNB's first president emeritus. His extensive record of professional and community service demonstrated his commitment to the community and to society.

Throughout his life, Dr. Mackay remained involved in the life of the university, maintaining an office on the Saint John campus. He was an adviser to his successors and a dedicated supporter of the institution.

Dr. Mackay was predeceased by his wife, Mary Ives (Anglin) in November 2001. He is survived by his sister, Janet Hart of Vancouver, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Donations in his memory may be made to the H. S. Bridges Scholarship, established in honour of Dr. Mackay's grandfather, at the University of New Brunswick.

John J. "Jack" Noonan BA'51

Formerly of Peterborough, Ontario, Jack died suddenly at his home in Leominster, MA, on Saturday, December 13, 2003. He was born in Kelowna, BC, and served as a Lancaster Bomber pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII. After earning his bachelor's degree in mechanical

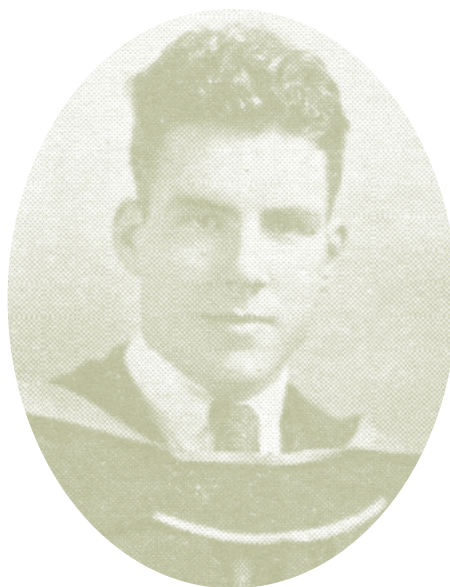
engineering, he was employed by General Electric for 35 years before retiring in 1986. He was married to the late A. Arlene Noonan and is survived by daughters Patricia Cooney of Ancaster, ON, Janet Laubenstein of Bethlehem, PA, and grandchildren Matt and Bryce Laubenstein, Eric Coleman and Meredith Cooney.

James Johnston Pyle BA'35, MA'37, PHD
Doc Pyle passed away on January 10, 2004, at Coshocton Memorial Hospital. He was born April 26, 1914, in Calgary, Alberta, to the late Frederick George Pyle of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Bertha Elizabeth Carolyn Johnston of Manitoba. Doc's wife of 60 years, Margaret Scott Arthur Pyle, brothers Donald and Gordon, eldest son Derick Ross, and granddaughter Janet Johnston Pyle, predeceased him. He is survived by sons Bryan Arthur (Terri) and Dr. Kevin James (Sandy). Also surviving are daughter-in-law Carol Lutz Pyle, seven grandchildren, Scott William Pyle, Julia Elizabeth Brown (Daniel), Jeanne Margaret Conrade (Guerry), Shane Arthur Pyle, Eric Ross Pyle (Christine). His great grandchildren are James William Pyle, Jennifer Lynn Pyle, Daniel Derick Brown, Cassandra Leigh Pyle and Natasha Rae Pyle.

After gaining his chemistry degrees at UBC, he went on to study for his PHD in Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude, from McGill University ('39). While at UBC, Doc lettered in Varsity Rugby for 4 years. The team recorded a perfect season and finished the season with a win against Stanford in the stadium where the Rose Bowl game is held.

The General Electric Company employed Doc for 30 years, during which he received seven US patents and three letters of commendation from the US Navy for work completed in over 3,000 projects during WWII. GE appointed Doc to be a consultant to the Manhattan Project, which was responsible for developing the Atomic Bomb.

Doc was active in many organizations both locally and nationwide. He was a member of the Coshocton Rotary from 1955 and president between 1963 and '64; a past president and member of the Board of Trustees for the Coshocton Memorial Hospital; chairman of the United Fund Study Committee and the Red Cross fund drive; director of the Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee; a member of the Board of Directors for the



James Johnston Pyle

Friends of the Animal Shelter; and a member of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Sigma Xi and the Ohio Academy of Science. He also organized Coshocton Great Books discussion group.

Donations may be made in Doc's memory to Friends of the Animal Shelter or the Coshocton Rotary Foundation.

Kenneth Henry Adair Sotvedt BA'68
Born April 28, 1937, in Wells, BC, Ken passed away peacefully on July 28, 2003. He is survived by many family members and friends, including wife Karen, mother Anne, brother Jim (BA'66), sons David (BCOM'88), Christopher and Kevin, four grandchildren, nine stepchildren and 12 step grandchildren. Ken first enrolled at UBC in 1955, where he became a brother of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He entered the teaching profession in 1962, devoting 39 years as a teacher and principal, mainly to the Delta School District. After taking time away from UBC to develop his teaching career and start a family, Ken earned his BA, majoring in English and Mathematics; he later went on to complete a Masters of Education degree at Western Washington University.

Along with his dedication to family and career, Ken's guiding passion was music. He joined the Kitsilano Boys Band when he was 13 years old, and conducted the band at their 75th anniversary concert one week before his death. Ken was instrumental in

the growth of the Vancouver Firefighters Band, serving as its conductor for more than 30 years. Fishing was another of Ken's life-long passions, one that he enjoyed even to the day of his passing.

Ken's energy and passion as an educator and musician, his keen sense of humour, and his devotion to family and friends is greatly missed. Donations in Ken's memory will be gratefully accepted by the Ken Sotvedt Memorial Music Scholarship, c/o Delta School District #37, 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta, BC V4K 5B4.

Alan Webster MBE BASC(CIVIL)'33
Alan passed away peacefully on January 5, 2004, in New Westminster, BC. He was born in Coed Talon, Wales, in 1908, and his family emigrated to Canada in 1911, settling in South Burnaby in 1913. After graduating from UBC, he worked as a crew manager for Unemployment Relief, building sections of the Trans-Canada Highway near Wallachin. He joined Federal Public Works in 1937, eventually supervising the construction and maintenance of harbours and wharves in BC and the Yukon. Alan joined the militia in 1934 and enlisted for active duty as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Engineers on September 1, 1939, and was sent to England in 1941. Shortly after D-Day in 1944, he went to France, and with the rank of Major, he helped erect and secure the bridges for advancing troops through France, Holland and Germany. During this time, Alan was mentioned in dispatches and made a Member of the British Empire. After the war, he returned to his job with Public Works. He retired in 1972 as district manager of BC and the Yukon.

Alan's lifetime passion was tennis. From his early years maintaining his family's grass court in Burnaby to his final years coordinating a local junior league, Alan worked tirelessly to promote the sport at every level. Spanning eight decades, he served on numerous committees with Tennis BC, organized major events, created junior and adult leagues, co-founded the White Rock Tennis Club with wife Enid, supported world class junior tennis exhibitions and encouraged and promoted grassroots tennis programs throughout BC. In 1974, Edith and Alan were honoured with the title of *Mr. and Mrs. Tennis BC*. Tennis Canada presented Alan

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with the Distinguished Service Award in 2001.

Alan's philosophy was "Don't sweat the small stuff." He lived it well. He was a true gentleman — a warm, kind and generous man with an incredible sense of humour. He will be missed and lovingly remembered by daughter Barbara, BPE'69, son Bruce, daughter-in-law Brenda, and grandchildren Jasmine and Jacob.

J. Murdoch Maclachlan BA'40

John Murdoch (Murdo) died as he lived, with courage and dignity, on July 8, 2003, after 93 wonderful years of sharing and giving and "showing the way," leading by example. He was greatly loved and will be sadly missed by his daughter, Kim Collett, BA'65, (Wayne, BCOM'63) and his son, John Maclachlan, BCOM'70, (Maureen), his grandchildren, Elisabeth (BSC'96) and Meghan Collett BHK'98, BED'00, and Darren and Lindsay Maclachlan, who adored him, and seven nieces and nephews, as well as his numerous friends in Chilliwack and at The Summerhill in North Vancouver, where he has lived independently near his family for the past two years. His positive outlook, gentle wit, quiet wisdom, warmth and sense of fairness, justice and equality quickly found him lasting friends and respect throughout his life. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Ann (BA'33), in 1993, brother Bob and sister Margaret (Linzey).

Murdo received his Teaching Certificate from Normal School in 1928. He gained his BA from UBC after over a decade of summer school plus one year in the late 1930s. He discovered a love for Journalism early on, and was the Upper Fraser Valley correspondent for the Vancouver Province in the 30s while teaching public school, and at UBC was active on the Ubyyssey, working alongside Pierre Berton.

A long time Fraser Valley resident, Murdo was born in Manitoba on March 22, 1910, and moved to Chilliwack with his family in 1925. He was well known from teaching school and for his years with radio station CHWK but he will long be remembered

J. Murdoch Maclachlan



Rosamund Watters (Piggott)

mitted involvement was both provincial and national as well, where he helped to start the BCTF, the broadcasting program at BCIT, and Fraser Valley College. He contributed broadly to the ethics and conduct of national broadcasting. His war effort was as a Flight Lieutenant with the RCAF as navigational instructor. He was Chilliwack's Citizen of the Year in 1967.

The family wants to thank the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at Lion's Gate Hospital Palliative Care ward for their gentle care over the past six weeks. Memorial donations may be made to Chilliwack Community Services Society, 45938 Wellington, Chilliwack, V2P 2C7.

Rosamund Watters (Piggott) BHE'51

Rose Watters was born in Armstrong, BC. She passed away in Nanaimo on October 4, 2003. At UBC, while serving mashed potatoes in the serving line at Fort Camp, she met a young, irresistible student of Forestry Engineering, Bob Watters. They married in 1952 in Vancouver and had three children: Frances, Bruce and Lorea. Both Frances and Bruce were educated at UBC.

Her family was important to Rose and was always her first priority. She also loved to garden, refinish furniture (especially old chests), play the piano, care for all the animals that found their way into her life and stay in touch with the friends she made as the family moved around the province.

She is sadly missed by her husband, daughter Frances Watters (Paul Devine and Callum) of Vancouver, son Bruce Watters (Barbara and Andrew) of Prince George, and daughter Lorea Stewart (Brent, Taylor and Cailean) of Berwyn, Alberta.

Memorial donations may be made to a scholarship fund established in the names of Rose and her sister Nora Piggott (also a graduate of UBC) to help deserving grade 12 students in Victoria: Piggott Scholarship Fund, care of Dale Kilshaw, 1538 Arrow Rd., Victoria, BC, V6N 1C5. □



JOHN M.S. LECKY UBC BOATHOUSE

UBC'S HISTORY IS FULL of amazing athletic achievement. Storied teams, outstanding individuals, inspiring leaders: whole books could be written about our athletic stars.


While any attempt to identify “the best athletic achievement” would only serve to start a rugby brawl, it can’t be denied that the rowing tradition at UBC has created more than its share of glory for the university.

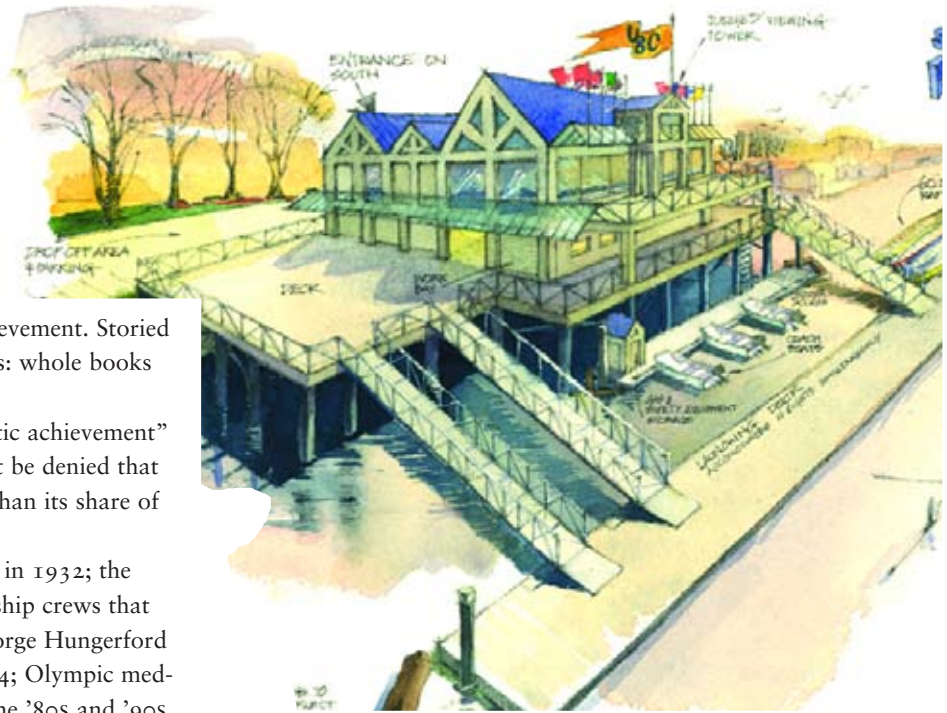
Some highlights: Ned Pratt's Olympic bronze in 1932; the glory days of coach Frank Read and championship crews that dominated the sport for most of the 1950s; George Hungerford and Roger Jackson's Olympic pairs gold in 1964; Olympic medals from Tricia Smith and Kathleen Heddle in the '80s and '90s. Any list of extraordinary rowing accomplishments only risks omissions.

And UBC rowing seems to be a predictor of future success. Federal cabinet ministers, chief justices, provincial judges and professionals in law, medicine, business and the arts have all started out as rowers. Currently, three UBC athletes, part of Canada's eight-oared crew, are in training for the Athens Olympics, and our women's crew is set to compete at the Royal Henley in June.

For years, UBC rowers trained in various places around the Lower Mainland: Coal Harbour, False Creek, Burnaby Lake and the Vedder Canal. Marine traffic, poor facilities and invasive plants have marginalized most training areas. UBC rowers now store their equipment in an open air parking lot and use the waters under the Burrard Street bridge to practice. Poor resources are taxing the program, and UBC risks losing the best athletes to better-equipped schools.

But help is on the way. A group of UBC grads and former rowers has been working for seven years to build a new facility. The John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse, through a partnership with UBC, St. George's School and the City of Richmond, will soon become a reality on the Middle Arm of the Fraser River south east of the Vancouver Airport. The new facility is in the architectural drawing stage and the team has raised three quarters of the total needed for completion. It will be home to UBC's men's and women's rowing teams, have great spectator facilities and serve as a self-sustaining community resource through recreational rowing programs, community outreach and social events.

For more information about the John M.S. Lecky UBC Boat-house and the “Gold for Life” campaign, contact Steve Tuckwood, UBC Athletics, 604.822.1972. 



Above: Artist's impression of the John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse, to be located on the Middle Arm of the Fraser River. **Below,** Frank Read with the 1956 eight-oared crew. They won Olympic silver in Melbourne. Note the Marine Building and the smog of industry in the background.



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