

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE UCFV BOARD

October 2005

The fall term is now well underway. The halls are full of students; the parking lots are overflowing with cars; it is impossible to book meeting rooms; the cafeterias and coffee bars have long lines; there is a constant buzz of conversation. In short, UCFV is booming, and life is good!

In addition to all of the start-up duties, which has kept everyone busy, this year has started with a flurry of activity around the University Campaign. The community core group has been recruited. It consists of Phyllis Stenson from Agassiz, Trevin Rogers and Dave Sliman from Chilliwack, Karen Matty, Randy Blair, David Hull and John Smith from Abbotsford, Kelly Chahal and Abe Neufeld from Mission. They are meeting with Bob Warick and me on a weekly basis, and are already offering excellent suggestions and meeting with influential community members. They are already to be congratulated for their community spirit.

Bob has been working full time, and full out, on the Campaign. He has put together flyers, fact-sheets, posters and presentations, arranged many speaking engagements for me and senior administration, and worked closely with the media. The media has responded well. Radio and newspaper reporters have interviewed members of the core group, Rob Nicklom, students, Bob and me, and have given excellent coverage. The Abbotsford News, for example, ran a double page special feature about the issues on Saturday, September 18th. Other papers have run significant feature stories and editorials endorsing our goal. Bob wanted me to be sure to mention that he could not have managed to produce all that he has done without the unstinting support of Marketing and Communications and the staff in my office, all of whom have worked far beyond any of the requirements in their job descriptions.

I have put aside several of my normal duties (*e.g.*, the reporting of the Development and Marketing and Communications offices) in order to make time for the Campaign. In the last few weeks I have met with many community members, both inside and outside the university. I have made presentations to the Abbotsford Executives Association, the Chambers of Commerce, Abbotsford and Chilliwack School Boards, several Rotaries, and have hosted a dinner for the mayors of the Valley. Internally, we have had two UCFV forums on the topic (in Abbotsford and Chilliwack), and I have made several presentations to the Student Union Society, the Alumni Board and our Community Advisory Councils.

Response from everyone has been positive. The only major concern, voiced both at a couple of community meetings and by our SUS president, is whether we would continue to offer university preparation and trades and technical training. When they were assured that this is exactly why we are pursuing the comprehensive regional university model which has been established at Thompson Rivers University, they were unanimous in being completely supportive.

Each community group has offered their support, and several have offered suggestions. Most of them have agreed to write to our MLAs and the Minister of Advanced Education, and to urge their colleagues to do so as well. One member of the Mission Chamber of Commerce responded by organizing a letter-writing campaign for employees of Scotiabank. Others will be doing the same.

Both the SUS and the Alumni Association have offered their complete support. The students have started a letter-writing campaign, with several hundred letters having already been sent to the MLAs.

The Alumni Association is asking their members to respond similarly, and to take the campaign to their work places.

All in all I can say categorically that UCFV's community, both internally and externally, is strongly behind the Board in seeking university status. They understand that the opportunity is here and that the time has come. Judging by the response so far, I am certain that they are and will be letting the government know their opinion on this issue.

Of course other things are proceeding. I have engaged Caldwell Partners to help us in our search for a VP Academic and Provost, and that search has begun. Within the next week I plan to launch the search for VP External. We have succeeded in hiring an excellent Director of Marketing and Communications, which will be a great help as we drive to become and then re-brand ourselves as a university. The VP Academic, Deans and Heads have met to evaluate last summer and plan next summer's full semester term, and to begin putting together the academic plan. We have made progress on budget planning in SAG, and are planning to have much of the budgeting process done before Christmas.

With all of this activity, I trust that the Board will understand why our Strategic Plan update has been postponed to the November meeting of the Board! I am appending reports from several departments, which have managed to get them in even with our high pressure fall start up. The Board, I think, will be as impressed by their activity as am I.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND APPLIED ARTS

Visual Arts

The Faculty of Visual Arts has been involved in a range of professional and community activities which include the following:

David Kidd has had reviews of her work in Georgia Straight July 28th – August 4th and in British Columbia: Drawing Room, Galleries West Magazine Fall 2005. She has been approached this year to donate a piece for the Arts Umbrella Annual Fundraiser entitled "SPLASH" and to produce a piece for the Aids Memorial Society Fundraiser this fall. She has also been invited to exhibit in the 3rd International Conference on Computer Graphics and Interactive Technologies in Australasia and Southeast Asia, November 29th - December 2nd, in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Alexander Haeseker, Lecturer Emeritus ACAD, has been invited by the Bharat Bhavan Art Centre in Bhopal, along with the National Academy of Fine Arts in New Delhi, India, to nominate five Canadian artists to participate in the 7th Bharat Bhavan International Biennial of Print 2006 India. It will take place at the Roopankar Museum of Fine Arts. David Kidd is one of the five chosen artists from Canada. The exhibition takes place in February 2006.

Toni Latour partakes in a group exhibition this fall called 'Art Positive' at 1.6 Gallery in Vancouver, in support of *A Loving Spoonful* - an organization that provides food to persons living with Aids. She is also showing in a group exhibition this September called 'Fuzzy' at the Oakville Galleries. Toni has had a solo show scheduled at Gallery 96 called 'The Race' and has just been advised that she will receive a Canada

Council travel grant to attend the opening in Ontario. In August she will be acting as judge at the Vancouver Student Film Festival.

Grace Tsurumaru is working with Cheryl Wannamaker who is the Tenant Services Manager for the Mission Association for Seniors' Housing to bring the history of Mission to the interior of the new assisted living homes. Called *The Cedars*, the name of the building is based on the logging industry and history of Mission. The idea is to involve photography in this production, so two senior UCFV photography students (Devon Allen and Kelly Macintosh) will be involved in documenting the industrial sites and neighborhoods of the area, and these will be combined with images from the Mission archives so that people can see the transformations that have taken place in this city. The UCFV Visual Arts Department will be formally recognized as one of the contributors to this project. The students will start work within the next couple of weeks.

In September our new sessional Interdisciplinary Media instructor, Jaime Clay, performed in a live musical performance at H.R. MacMillan Planetarium. Jaime also provided the opening music for an exhibition of digital prints, September 15th, at Video in Studios, Main Street.

Phil Smith, sessional instructor of Pop Culture, provided the liner notes for the 25th anniversary reissue of *Vancouver Compilation of First Punk Rock* album from Vancouver, CD, Sudden Death Records, Vancouver. In July he performed live with full visual accompaniment at the H. R. MacMillan Space Centre (aka The Planetarium), Vancouver, and was interviewed on *Featured Artist* on North by Northwest, CBC Radio One.

Chris Friesen, painting sessional, curated an exhibition of *Emerging Artists* at the Kariton Gallery in Abbotsford, as well as UCFV students' self-portraits in the Abbotsford Civic Auditorium Gallery in August - October 2005. Chris' solo exhibition "Opticality" at Elissa Cristall Gallery in Vancouver runs September 7th – 28th, 2005.

History

The prestigious Canadian Historical Review has published an article by UCFV's Dr. Barbara Messamore in its September edition, entitled "*The Line over which he must not pass: Defining the office of the Governor General, 1878*".

FACULTY OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mathematics & Statistics

In the spring, the UCFV Department of Mathematics and Statistics held its eighth annual math contest for local middle and high school students. It was the biggest yet, with 75 students from 14 schools attending.

The UCFV tuition waiver was awarded to the second-place winner, Nanjeet Singh Tiwana of Robert Bateman. The first-place winner, Robert Tseng of Yale, had already won the tuition waiver last year.

Five hundred dollars in cash prizes, donated yet again by Envision Financial, and many books and smaller prizes, donated by the FSA, were also awarded.

The entire department participates in this annual event, which gives them the opportunity to meet some outstanding young students and to make contact with other local mathematics educators.

Physics

George McGuire, instructor, has two books coming out this year or early next:

Enns/McGuire, *Computer Algebra Recipes, A Gourmet's Guide to the Mathematical Models of Science, Volume 1*, Springer Verlag, NY, 2005. Enns/McGuire, *Computer Algebra Recipes, A Gourmet's Guide to the Mathematical Models of Science, Volume 2*, Springer Verlag, NY, 2005.

He is also working on another two:

McGuire, G., *Computer Algebra Electrostatics*, Waterloo Maple, accepted for publication in 2006/2007.

McGuire, G., *Computer Algebra Magnetostatics*, Waterloo Maple, accepted for publication in 2007/2008.

Rob Woodside, instructor, will be submitting a paper with Dr. Das of SFU.

Tim Cooper, instructor, did collaborative research at the University of Ohio and has had an article in the physics journal, *Phys. Rev. C*, accepted for publication.

Derek Harnett, instructor, spent ten weeks at the University of Regina working on a research project in collaboration with Dr. Randy Lewis and his PhD student.

School of Social Work and Human Services

The School of Social Work and Human Services will be helping sponsor the BC Association of Social Workers' Conference (BCASW), November 11th and 12th. Faculty will be attending, and 3rd and 4th year Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) students will be attending with financial assistance in conjunction with the BCASW (British Columbia Association of Social Workers).

The Forensic Psychiatric Substance Abuse Counselling Certificate cohort held their "graduation" ceremony in August. They have been noted in the September 15th edition of *Pulse: News For and about the People of the Provincial Health Service Administration.*

Gloria Wolfson, Curtis Magnuson, and Georgina Marsom had an article published in the Journal of Social Work Education. The title is "*Changing the Nature of the Discourse: Teaching Field Practice Online.*"

Gloria Wolfson continues her work with the Abbotsford Addictions Centre. She also recently attended a conference in Berlin sponsored by the International Society for the Prevention of Cruelty and Neglect to Children.

Gloria Wolfson and Adrienne Chan are currently working on a research project on encouraging a research culture in primarily undergraduate institutions. They are also working with the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) on several projects, including some program evaluations.

Gwen Point, a faculty member with a cross appointment to the School of Social Work and Human Services and the Department of History, was among those honoured by the Sto:lo Nation at a ceremony on September 26th at Seabird Island. The purpose of the ceremony was to honour those Sto:lo people who have significant achievements in higher education. Gwen will be the guest speaker at the Foster Parent/Foster Family appreciation event for Sto:lo.

Gwen Point is continuing her five-year appointment by the Sto:lo Nation Chiefs to the Provincial Indian Studies Support Program (ISSP), which provides funding to promote access to quality First Nations Post-Secondary learning programs for First Nations learners.

Adrienne Chan and Pieter Steyn are working on a research project for the City of Abbotsford on “*Seniors’ Needs*”.

Adrienne Chan published "*Policy Discourses and Changing Practice: Diversity and the University-College*" Higher Education, 50 (1), July 2005. Adrienne also wrote a review of "*Becoming Chinese American, A History of Communities and Institutions*" Him Mark Lai, 2004, Journal of International Migration and Integration, 6 (1) Winter/Hiver 2005.

Adrienne Chan presented "*Reinserting ‘Diversity’ into Social Work Research Education*" paper at the Annual Conference of Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work. London: University of Western Ontario, May 2005. She was also elected Chair of the Standing Committee on Race, Ethnic, and Cultural Issues.

Adrienne Chan gave a presentation on *Hate Crimes in Vancouver* on September 22nd (sponsored by Public Safety and the Solicitor General). She was on a panel that spoke on initiatives regarding youth, anti-racism and hate crimes.

The School will soon be presenting an Expression of Interest for offering a Master’s of Social Work (MSW) degree. The Ministry of Children and Family Development, who hires MSW graduates, is in support of the proposal.

Science Advising

Darren Francis, Educational Advisor for Science, completed the Graduate Certificate in Academic Advising from Kansas State University. This graduate program is an intensive on-line program that is developed in partnership with the National Academic Advising Association. Darren not only is one of the first 50 graduates of this program, he is the only BC graduate and possibly the only Canadian graduate.

FACULTY OF COMMUNITY ACCESS, BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Library and Information Technology

The 2004-5 Annual Report is provided as information, please see the attached document.



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President, UCFV



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FROM THE PROGRAM HEAD – THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

The primary goal of the Library & Information Technology Program is to provide the most relevant education possible for our students, which requires the management of several ongoing challenges. In order to offer an exciting, dynamic environment dedicated to student success we must first and foremost, attract and retain dedicated and talented instructors. We must also work closely with both internal and external partners to examine the library context in which our graduates will be expected to function. We continually look for better methods to provide instruction in current technologies and issues pertinent to today's libraries so that our graduates have up-to-the-minute skills that employers value. We are very proud of our graduates and the success they attain in many different library settings throughout BC and the rest of Canada. This year our many challenges have included staffing changes, physical moves and course development. Our faculty and staff have proven themselves up to these challenges and have undertaken projects with energy and enthusiasm.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Over the past year and a half program faculty and staff have worked closely with our Program Advisory Committee (PAC) members to critically examine what we do and how we do it. Our far-ranging and stimulating discussions have included a review of current library practices, challenges and job opportunities. We are delighted to announce that our PAC overwhelmingly approved the proposed program changes including required courses, revision of course content and program concentrations. We are now finalizing the proposal which will go to our Curriculum Committee and UCFV's new Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) for discussion and approval. Our goal is to have the changes in place for students entering the program in September 2006.

Throughout this process we were supported by our PAC members who spent many hours reviewing documentation and making considered suggestions for improvements. We value their opinions and insight and appreciate the contributions they have made to our new program.

STAFFING

We are very proud of the calibre of instruction provided by program faculty. Students benefit from the knowledge and creativity their instructors bring to the learning environment and their particular strengths and expertise support the learning of all our students. A significant event that will effect the look of department faculty in the coming year was the birth of Christina Neigel's daughter, Katherine Sophia, born April 14th right after exams were marked and grades posted. Christina will return to work in August of 2006 just in time to prepare for our new program. We are delighted to welcome Corinne McConchie as our newest full time instructor who took over Christina's teaching role May 1st. Corinne brings many years of experience in public and academic libraries, as well as invaluable teaching experience as a sessional instructor for the LIBIT Program and the PLSB Community Library Training Program. We are also fortunate to have the ongoing support of sessional faculty, Kelly Stewart and Susan Buss, each of whom has taught in our program for several years. This year we also welcomed Patti Wilson, Coordinator of Public Services at UCFV, who brought her expertise to LIBT 140 – Library Public Services.

ONLINE COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

We are proud to announce our first graduates from our Online Collaborative Program, managed jointly with the Library & Information Technology Program at Langara College. We are delighted with the success of these students who, like many of their colleagues, live in the far reaches of BC. Our next intake (Fall 2005) has a wait list and our newest students will be taking the program from as far away as Ottawa and Japan. We have even had an enquiry from a potential student in Iran!

NEW SUMMER SEMESTER

In an effort to respond to student needs, UCFV has for the first time ever, offered an 11-week summer semester. The LIBIT Program is delighted that our two courses, LIBT 145 and LIBT 270, have been very well received by students.

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PARTNERSHIPS

Tours and practicums provide students with the opportunity to put newly-found skills into practice. Thank you to the staff of the following libraries and archives who so generously donated time and resources to host LIBIT program students through tours and/or practicum placements:

- Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang
- BC Archives
- BC Courthouse Library
- BC Hydro
- Canada Customs & Revenue Agency, Research & Knowledge Centre
- Credit Union Central
- Ecole Mission Centrale
- Fort Langley National Historic Site
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Headquarters & Aldergrove, Chilliwack, Clearbrook, Maple Ridge, Mission & Murrayville Libraries
- Gordon Greenwood & Dorothy Peacock Elementary Schools
- Langley Fine Arts School
- Legislative Library
- Mennonite Educational Institution
- Ministries of Health Services, Children & Family Development & Human Resources
- Ministry of Forests Library
- Ministry of the Attorney General Law Library
- Mission Community Archives
- New Westminster Museum & Archives
- RCMP Pacific Region Training Centre
- Royal Columbian Hospital
- Summit Pacific College
- Surrey Memorial Hospital
- Surrey Public Libraries: Guildford, Cloverdale, Fleetwood & Semiahmoo branches & Technical Services
- Stó:lô Nation Records Management Department
- UCFV Abbotsford
- Vancouver Art Gallery
- Vancouver Maritime Museum
- W. J. Mouat Senior Secondary
- Westminster Abbey & Library

GUEST SPEAKERS

Once again we were very fortunate to have a variety of guest speakers who generously shared their expertise with students and faculty. Students in LIBIT 100 responded enthusiastically to the panel discussion featuring Surrey Public Library Circulation Supervisors Wendy Friesen, Glenda Halley and Bob Cunningham. Thanks to Carol DeBoeck for her efforts in arranging this visit. Students were also fortunate to hear from recent LIBIT grads Allison Lambert, Nancy Merritt, Tiffany Olsen and Wendy Wallis who spoke about their successful employment strategies. Wally Peake and Sharleen Rutledge from Corrections Canada joined Kathy Bryce of Andiron Consulting to promote employment opportunities and strategies with program students. It was encouraging for students to hear of the many opportunities for Library Technicians in the work world. Thanks also to Balbir Singh Gill, Multicultural Librarian at FVRL who joined our LIBIT 110 class to discuss the challenges of serving diverse communities.

LIBRARY & ARCHIVES CANADA

The LIBIT Department and UCFV's Library jointly sponsored Sase Deoparsuad's dual presentations on recent administrative changes at LAC and the interlibrary loan capabilities of AMICUS. Audience members included program students and library staff from many Lower Mainland libraries. Thanks to Kim Isaac, Christina Neigel and Mary-Anne MacDougall for all their work in organizing this valuable event.

CHANGING TECHNOLOGIES

Program faculty and staff are aware of the need to keep abreast of technological developments that are the norm in libraries today. We make every effort to provide instruction and practice in the use of current and evolving technologies. Our students benefit from both our free educational license to OCLC services and the joint license with UCFV Library for Library of Congress tools including *Classification Web*. In addition, we appreciate the continued support of library software vendors Surpass, L4U, Follett, ITS, Library World, and InMagic who provide complementary access to their programs which allows us to expose our students to a broad range of electronic systems. This year we also purchased a barcode scanner and were fortunate to receive the donation of a microfiche reader/printer.

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Faculty recognize the rapidly changing environment in which libraries function. Course development is an important way to ensure the best education and employment preparation for our students. The LIBIT department received funding for the development of *Advanced Internet Information Retrieval* which was successfully presented online in Winter 2005. Student response was very positive and we thank Christina Neigel for the creation and delivery of this course.

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MARKETING DIRECTIONS

UCFV is in the process of completely redesigning our institution website. LIBIT Department research shows that a full 50% of program applicants discover our program through our website so it will be revamped to reflect institutional changes and to bring a fresh new perspective to this valuable communication tool. In addition, we continue to seek innovative & effective ways to promote our program. Many of our students are long-time library users and come to us because they value libraries and want to contribute to library service. This year we sent promotional posters to over 200 public and academic libraries throughout the province. We also sent information brochures to HRDC offices province-wide.



We also promote our open courses to all UCFV students via posters mounted around campus buildings. The graphic above is being used to promote fall 2005 courses.

ON THE MOVE...

UCFV is making major adjustments to physical space which has meant that the LIBIT Program will consolidate classroom, workroom and office space in time for Fall 2005 classes. We are looking forward to integrating the changes and adapting current teaching strategies to ensure the best learning environment for our students.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Congratulations to Shauna Bryce, this year's recipient of the Risa Deverell-Beaton Scholarship and to Karin Grossman, recipient of the BCLA Scholarship. Jo-Ann Sleiman's paper, "Le cinema et le societe quebecoise", won top prize in the French category in the UCFV Writing Centre's annual student essay competition.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Our student association continues to provide enrichment in both the educational and social aspects of students' lives. Student volunteers manage a recycling program, workshops and social events such as the annual grad dinner. A particularly successful event was an employment workshop in which employers spoke about their hiring practices and then took part in mock interview sessions. Students received immediate feedback on their interview skills and suggestions for improvement. Thanks to employer representatives Kim Isaac, Lubbert Vanderlaan, Laurie Malmas and Rebecca Raworth for their enthusiastic participation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Noreen Dragani attended the Association of Alberta Library Technicians conference in Camrose, Alberta in May. She returned with a renewed sense of vigour and lots of ideas for making the program stronger and more responsive to the needs of students and employers. In order to prepare new course material Jan Lashbrook Green is conducting a review of current library literature.

DDC WORKBOOK REVISED

Christina Neigel spent many hours revising the DDC Workbook that is an invaluable tool for students attempting to untangle the intricacies of the Dewey Decimal Classification System. Thanks to student Linda Hall for her careful editing and number verification.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

In an effort to broaden their scope and develop independent learning skills, we encourage program students to join professional organizations, attend conferences and subscribe to listservs. We appreciate the annual visit from BCLA executive members who make a point of including Library Technicians in association events. Michael Burris and Diana Guinn met with students in Fall 2004 to provide membership information and encourage attendance at BCLA functions.

THANKS TO UCFV...

It takes an entire village to educate a child, and an entire institution to educate LIBIT students! So, thanks to all of those at UCFV who continue to support the LIBIT Program: Admissions and Records, Assessment Services, Bookstore, Career Centre, Employee Relations, Facilities, Faculty Services, Financial Aid, IMS, ITS, Library, Print Services, Student Services, UCFV Online and the Writing Centre. And of course, thanks to Dean Karen Evans and Administrative Assistant Jo-Anne Trevelyan. We couldn't do it without you!

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF 2004 GRADUATES

Once again we have terrific news on the employment front. The 2004 LIBIT graduating class consisted of 22 students. The survey was conducted in January 2005 and 21 of our graduates responded.

1. Are you currently working at any kind of employment? Yes=20 No=1 [still looking for work]

2. If so, are you working in a library? Or in a job that is somehow related to your training?
Where? Yes=19 No=1

Abbotsford Christian School, Abbotsford School District, Burnaby Public Library, Corrections Canada, Fraser Health Authority, Fraser Valley Regional Library, Langley School District, Mennonite Educational Institute, Revenue Canada, St. John Brebeuf School, Thompson Nicola Regional Library, University College of the Fraser Valley.

3. If you are employed, are you working full or part time? Part time= 10 Full time=10

Several part-time workers are happy with their hours. One of the part-time grads is continuing her studies as well as working part-time. Several of the part-time workers are working more than one job and are getting all the hours they wish.

4. If you are employed, is your position permanent? Yes=19 No=7

Several of the grads have permanent part-time positions as well as non-permanent on call hours.

5. Regardless of whether or not you are employed, are you currently looking for work in an active way?

(Possible student, homemaker, etc.) Yes=5 No=16

6. If employed, would you give us an approximate salary range? IE: between \$20,000.00 and \$25,000.00 /year or \$12.00 - \$14.00 per hour.

Number responding: 21
Average salary: 18.90 per hour
Range of salary: 9.00 to 24.00 per hour

Percentage of graduates employed: 95.24% of respondents

***Percentage of graduates employed
in library or related work:***

95% of respondents