

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 2007

President's Report

Please accept my apologies for not being at this Board meeting; I shall be in Malaysia, attending the 21st (a significant number in Asia) anniversary celebration and convocation of our new partner, HELP University. While there, I shall present a talk on teaching and learning philosophy at a conference they are hosting as part of the celebration. I shall then travel to Shenzhen University where I shall complete the arrangements for offering Aerospace and our Pilot Training/Business program to them. I shall also give a keynote address on "Global Education" while there.

There are many year-end summaries from UCFV areas and departments in this report, so I shall hold most of my thoughts until the May meeting. But I would like to note the opening of the Heritage Sikh Temple in Abbotsford on April 1st. The opening was attended by the Premier and many MPs, MLAs, mayors, etc. I was honored to be asked to speak. Satwinder Bains did a great job as MC.

A high point for UCFV was the announcement that through the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies and Research and our History department, we shall write the history of the Indo-Canadian pioneers to the valley and of the temple. I had hoped that the Premier might be able to announce our Chair in Canada-India Business, but that is still in process. We do expect an announcement soon.

We also expect the Campus 2020 report to be released some time this month. It apparently is written and being reviewed by the Premier's office. We do not know what it says about UCFV so we are all keeping our fingers crossed!

Faculty of Arts & Applied Arts

Communications:

The Communications department has completed its Full Program Proposal (FPP) for a Minor in Communications, to be offered at UCFV, implementation immediately following the Degree Quality Assurance Board's (DQAB) approval (anticipated by fall 2007 or winter 2008). The department has begun the rounds of internal and external committee review, already receiving unanimous approval and support from the Arts Curriculum committee (March 16). The FPP for a Minor in Communications will next be brought before UPAC and then UCC, prior to submission to the DQAB in late spring or early summer.

Communications continues to support Aboriginal Access programming by offering customized versions of CMNS 155 and 251 to Early Childhood Education/Child & Youth Care (ECE/CYC) program students at Seabird Island First Nations this spring and next fall.

Communications 125 and 251 have been offered in partnership with the Business department for the India Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) cohort at Chandigarh, India. These courses were customized to suit method of delivery requirements of the hosting institution. Instructor, Madeleine Hardin, was in Chandigarh helping with student orientation in 2006 and will return in

summer 2007. She says the students are motivated, bright, and a delight to teach. The first cohort will have completed these two courses by the end of the current semester.

Communications will offer a new course designed to support the Web Design certificate program offered by CIS starting fall 2007. CMNS 175: Writing for the Internet is highly anticipated by students at CTC/Abbotsford Secondary as well as CIS students at UCFV.

In winter 2007 Communications ran a new writing practicum course, CMNS 412. Students and community practicum placement supervisors report that the course is a great success. Students are working for the United Way, Inside Art, Cancer Society, and Cultural Diversity Awards, to name a few placements. Students are writing PR publications, liaising with the press, developing fundraising documents, brochures, letters, posters, and ad copy.

Madeleine Hardin continues to work with the development committee of the Centre for Indo Canadian Studies and, as a volunteer, has recently raised \$100,000 for the restoration of the historic schoolhouse in Clayburn Village.

Richard Dubanski's research sabbatical is going well. Richard is investigating connections between the development of new curricula in 'reality writing' and the burgeoning industry of non-fiction and documentary forms in print, on film, and online, with a view to potential curriculum development in CMNS at UCFV. Richard is also co-developing and hosting a new series of public readings, called *Red Letter Days*, sponsored by the Writers' Union of Canada.

Criminology/Criminal Justice:

Criminology students, Lisa Otway and Stephanie Van De Walle, spoke at the Western Society of Criminology Conference in February and, by all accounts, gave an outstanding presentation.

Fashion Design:

February mid-term break may have been a time of relaxation for most students but Fashion Design second-year students were working. The week of February 19-23 was spent in various work places around the Lower Mainland. The students were involved in Work Practicum placements in businesses involved in all aspects of the fashion and design industries, from costume construction in the UCFV Theatre department to dyeing of natural fiber yardage at Maiwa Handprints, to the drafting of technical patterns at Arc'teryx.

February also saw a real treat for fashion students and the college community at large. Noted Vancouver costume historian Ivan Sayers braved a February 28 snowstorm to bring garments from his extensive collection to the Abbotsford campus. He entertained a small, but appreciative audience with his humorous take on women's clothing from the extravagant layering of the latter part of the 19th Century to a sleek and sophisticated Dior gown of the 1950s.

Planning is well underway for this year's Graduate Fashion Show. Absolute Style 2007 will be held Thursday April 19, 2007 with two shows (2:30 pm and 7:00 pm) in the Student Activity Centre, Abbotsford campus. This event is the culmination of two years' dedication and hard work on the part of Fashion Design students. Everyone is welcome to come to the show. In addition, the Fashion Labs and Studios will also be open on April 19 from noon until 5:30 p.m. with displays from both first- and second-year students.

Saturday, April 20 is the date of orientation for incoming Fashion Design applicants. The department is looking forward to the next intake of students into the Fashion Design program. Recent changes to the format of the program means that some courses that were previously restricted to those accepted into the program are now open to the general student body.

History:

The History department, with the support of the Association of History Students and the Dean of Research and Industry Liaison, presented a very successful public lecture by Dr. John S. Conway on the topic of "The Teaching of Contempt: The Christian Churches and the Holocaust." Dr. Conway, a professor emeritus of History at UBC, has published widely on the Holocaust and on Jewish-Christian relations. The lecture, which took place in the Lecture Theatre on the Abbotsford Campus, drew an attendance of approximately 75-100 people, including members of the community, faculty, staff, and students (many of them currently taking our History of the Holocaust course). It led to a lively discussion on the historical failure of the Christian churches to live up to their responsibility towards their Jewish elders, and to the importance of inter-religious dialogue between Christians, Jews, and Muslims in today's world.

The event was organized as part of the History department's Distinguished Speakers series. The History department would like to thank the Marketing and Communications department for its assistance in publicizing the event.

Visual Arts:

Print Media instructor Davida Kidd's exhibition *Core Dump* was reviewed by Vancouver critic Robin Laurence in the following two publications: (1) "Davida Kidd", *Border Crossings Magazine*, Issue Volume 25 No. 24 Issue #100, Winter 2006 p. 89-91 and (2) "Davida Kidd : Bjornson Kajiwara Gallery Vancouver", *Canadian Art Magazine* Winter 2006 p. 79. Davida also participated in the exhibition *CURRICULUM*, Contemporary Works by seven leading Educators of Print, hosted by the Malaspina Print Society Gallery January 16 - February 11, 2007. In addition, Davida's work will be seen in two international shows in Europe: *CONTEMPORARY PRINT* Exhibition/Conference Falun Triennial 2007 in Falun, Sweden, August 25 to November 4, 2007 (invited artist); and *Between the Subliminal and the Sublime* at the Gallery of the National Museum in Warsaw later this year.

Painting instructor, Shelley Stefan, was published in January 2007 in the *Visual Codec One Shot 2006* project, which was a juried contest/publication featuring selected artists from the tri-city region (Vancouver, Seattle, Portland). The work published was "*On Entitlement*" Acrylic on Canvas 2006.

Foundations and Senior Studio instructor, Brenda Fredrick, was successful with a request to include UCFV in the Exhibition Publication Exchange program, which will result in UCFV receiving exhibition catalogues/publications free of charge for the library. Thus far, we have received exhibition catalogues from The National Gallery Library & Archives, Hart House Gallery (U of T), Museum of Civilization, Ottawa Art Gallery, Agnes Etherington Art Centre (Queens), Thunder Bay Art Gallery, as well as three boxes of contemporary national/international artist catalogues from Agnes Etherington.

Further to exhibiting *The Drag King Project* at Gallery Gachet in Vancouver during Vancouver's annual gallery hop SWARM, the Surrey Art Gallery just purchased three of New Media instructor

Toni Latour's *The Drag King* images for their permanent collection and will be commissioning a writer to write a text on them.

Video Production and Word and Image instructor, Tom Konyves, has a new book, *OOSOOM* (Out of Sight Out of Mind), a 'surrealist novella' which will be published this spring by BookThug, the Toronto small press. 'The form of the book moves through a surreal landscape on the limbs of near-clichés. The characters are naïve performers on the eve of a new performance, providing the odd shreds of narration to a sustained hallucination.' Tom has also launched the first phase of a new website, www.vehiculepoets.com, dedicated to the work of The Vehicule Poets, Montreal's "group of 7", who were most active in the Montreal poetry scene of the late 70's. A gala event was sponsored by Le Musee Contemporain de Montreal where they hosted a performance/reading at Place des Arts, as well as launched a new anthology of their work, entitled *The Vehicule Poets Now*, published by The Muses Company and introduced by George Bowering. The event was recorded and broadcast by CBC radio. (Tom was a member of The Vehicule Poets, initiating the *Poetry On The Buses* project, as well as producing his work in video, coining the term "videopoetry".)

Digital Photography instructor, Ana Gomes Black, will show her video piece called "Petting" at the Gallery 44 *Proof 14* show in Toronto, Ontario this coming July 2007.

Art History instructor, Aleksandra Idzior, had her text, "Urbanotopia and the Frontier in Moscow and New York at the end of the 1920s", published by *The Journal of Architecture* (November 2006) v. 11, n. 5, 569-575.

The Visual Artists Gallery in Chilliwack is hosting *Unnatural* featuring work by UCFV Visual Arts students. The exhibit showcases works in a mix of mediums, styles, and messages and runs until April 13.

Past graduate, Hannah Bennett, was a guest artist at the *Dundarave Print Workshop* on Granville Island (Vancouver). The show ran from February 12 to March 11 and included works in a variety of print mediums.

Second-year Visual Arts student, Ryan Evanoff, has a staff position as a junior photographer for West Coast Illustration (WCI). WCI, a firm that focuses on architectural and lifestyle illustrations/photographs for various companies, is located in Chilliwack and is run by Jayson Noftle who is a Professional Member of the American Society of Architectural Illustrators (ASAI).

Faculty of Science, Health & Human Services

Agriculture:

High school students enrolled in the Dairy Apprenticeship program offered in Enderby, BC visited the Chilliwack campus to learn about the Agriculture livestock production programs and see the facilities. They were provided with information about the broad spectrum of careers in the agricultural livestock sector. Departmental Assistant, Shelley Hayes, also arranged a number of local tour sites for the students to visit while they were in the area.

Director, Norma Senn and Brent Bailey, Agriculture Technician, attended the City of Coquitlam High School Career Fair to promote awareness of agriculture as a career choice. From their

perspective, the career fair was excellent because the organizers had students do some written assignments about agricultural careers and many students were asking for information.

The BC Landscape Nursery Association had their March growers meeting in the Agriculture Building, Chilliwack campus on March 15. They met some of the current students and a few alumni, toured the facilities and heard about the horticulture and IPM (Integrated Pest Management) programs.

In March, Norma Senn spoke in Langley on the history of the horticulture industry in the Pacific Northwest.

The Agriculture Student Association conducted a food drive during March in support of the Chilliwack food bank.

Minter Country Gardens donated some organic insect control supplies to the department. The 55 liter donation is worth just over \$800.

Health Sciences:

Health Sciences has received confirmation from the Ministry of Advanced Education for a 30 percent expansion of seats in the HS/RCA (Home Support/Resident Care Attendant) program in 07/08, followed by a 25 percent increase for the Practical Nursing program in 08/09, and a 50 percent expansion of seats in the BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program for 2009/2010. Such significant growth in these programs will require development of additional clinical placement experiences for students, recruitment of faculty resources, and relocation of Health Sciences to our new and expanded space on the UCFV Campus at the Canada Education Park.

On March 2, the Dental Hygiene program hosted the *Straight Talk on Spit Tobacco* workshop to a large crowd of oral health professionals. Health Canada sponsored the workshop for each of the five health regions in BC, with UCFV Dental Hygiene program selected as the host site for the Fraser Health Region. The Dental Hygiene program also hosted a free Dental Care Screening Clinic for low income clients on March 14, 2007. This screening clinic is sponsored by the British Columbia Dental Association and involves a number of local dentists. In addition, several Dental Hygiene students have organized an interactive exhibit on dentistry to be presented at Science World on April 21 and 22, 2007. This will be the first time that Science World has incorporated a display with a dental theme. The Dental Hygiene program continues to run several public clinics per week and is actively recruiting clients.

Home Support/Resident Care Attendant programs in the Fraser Health Authority, not unlike other regions in BC, have experienced a steady decline in program applicants at a time when there is an increasing demand for these graduates. In recognition of this issue, a coalition has been formed to aggressively recruit applicants for HS/RCA programs in the Fraser Health Authority. The coalition includes Ministry of Advanced Education (MAVED), Fraser Health Authority, UCFV, Kwantlen, Douglas College, representation from private programs, and the BC Care Providers Association. This group has just received funding from MAVED and the Fraser Health Authority to launch a marketing campaign throughout the Fraser Health region that will focus on recruitment for the spring and fall enrolments. This campaign will include radio, print, and website marketing and is intended to enhance program-specific recruitment strategies. The coalition will also focus on long-term planning for the recruitment and retention of HS/RCA workers. MAVED is looking to this coalition group to establish a sustainable model that supports an increase in HS/RCA graduates.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program (BSN) will participate in hosting a visit from 15 Korean nursing students from May – September 2007. In collaboration with the International Education department, nursing faculty will be involved in arranging tours of healthcare agencies, lectures focused on Canadian nursing, and facilitating shared learning opportunities with UCFV nursing students.

Physics:

On March 20, Instructor Dr. Tim Cooper, spoke on the science of climate change and global warming at UCFV's Chilliwack campus. The UCFV Physics Students Association (PSA) sponsored this event. In recent months, Dr. Cooper has gained recognition as a leader in the Fraser Valley on the subject of global warming and what it will mean to our region. His personal website, www.cutcarbonnow.com, shares this message, along with a link to a petition to the Federal government to act authoritatively to reduce greenhouse gasses.

School of Social Work & Human Services:

Gwen Point, Instructor, has won the BC Aboriginal Tourism Ambassador Award. Gwen attended Indian Northern Affairs Canada: Indian Studies Support Program Provincial Committee quarterly meetings. She was also the keynote speaker for the Aboriginal Education Association PSY: BC Teacher Federation Conference. She gave the opening Stó:lō welcome for the Chilliwack School District Professional Day. She was the guest speaker for “World Faiths – Who gets to go to Heaven?”, UCFV ElderCollege, and the UCFV Early Childhood Education Family class.

Adrienne Chan, Instructor, has had her paper accepted for the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work meeting, in conjunction with Congress, for May. This is part of her SSHERC (Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council) funded research and a student from the BSW (Bachelor of Social Work), Susi Schecker, will be co-presenting.

Robert Harding, Instructor, has accepted an invitation from the Canadian Embassy in Berlin to go on a speaking tour of Germany in May, 2007. He will be presenting on his research into media representations of Aboriginal people in a number of venues, including the University of Jena, the Canadian Embassy in Berlin, the University of Greifswald, the German Institute in Tubingen, the German-Canadian Society in Hamburg and public lecture halls and high schools in Nurnberg, Stuttgart and Munich.

Director, Gloria Wolfson recently served on a Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) panel that reviewed the application of Malaspina University College to offer a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW). The report was just presented to DQAB. It was a real learning experience—hopefully one that can be put to use as UCFV gets ready for the DQAB review of the proposed Masters in Social Work (MSW).

She also attended Deans and Directors of Human Service programs as well as a meeting of the Social Work Education Consortium (SWEC). Gloria is one of two BC representatives to Association of Canadian Educators in Social Service Programs (ACCESS). This group just met in Ottawa and it appears that they will be able to join as an affinity group through a sector council in NonProfits. This is co-sponsored by ACCC (Association of Community Colleges).

Science Advice Centre:

On May 3, Darren Francis, Coordinator, and Educational Advisor, will be presenting on student retention at the Third Annual International Conference on Personal Tutoring and Academic Advising in Edinburgh, Scotland. The title of his presentation is "Forensic Advising: Discovering the Clues for Student Retention".

Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair 2007:

The annual Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair was held at Seven Oaks shopping centre in Abbotsford on February 27. Science project categories included Life Sciences, Health Sciences, Physical & Mathematical Sciences, Engineering & Computing Sciences, Biotechnology and Earth & Environmental Sciences. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 were eligible to enter.

Once again, UCFV faculty enthusiastically contributed to the Science Fair as judges for the student projects. Participating faculty included Barbara Moon, Maple Melder-Crozier, David Chu, Susan Milner and Edith Camm.

Wanda Gordon, Acting Dean of Science Health & Human Services, presented the UCFV Science Fair Scholarship to Emily Kuo and Alice Zhang, Grade 11 students from Yale Secondary School, for their science experiment "Electrifying Algae". Both Emily and Alice will be attending the Canada Wide Science Fair in Truro, Nova Scotia from May 13 to 20.

Acting as mentors in assisting the award winners to prepare for the Canada Wide Science Fair are Edith Camm, Coordinator for the Environmental Sustainability Centre and Physics instructor, Tim Cooper.

Faculty of Community Access, Business and Information Technology

Business:

The Business Administration department has been very active the past few months working on a number of initiatives.

Program Development

BBA option in Marketing:

Mark Breedveld is taking the lead on the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) option in Marketing. Two new courses are currently being developed. Kim Milnes is developing the course outline for e-marketing and Cindy Stewart is developing the course outline for brand management. We hope to offer these courses beginning Fall 2007.

BBA option in Human Resources:

Mary Burns is leading the initiative on a BBA option in Human Resource Management and is ready to go through the approval process.

Tourism and Hospitality:

Lorne MacKenzie is responsible for development and articulation of international programs and universities. Currently, he and John Potts, International Education department, are working with

universities in France and England for a joint BBA with an option in Hospitality Management which also links into a Masters degree in England.

Marketing:

UCFV Business department has received the rights to offer our marketing students professional certification from Sales and Marketing Executives International (SMEI). We are the first post-secondary institution in Canada to offer SMEI certification. We will be running a pilot of this program in the summer semester.

Sponsoring an SMEI *Lunch and Learn* meeting at UCFV on April 4. Kim Lawrence, UCFV Director of Marketing Communications, will be the featured speaker. Attending will be 15 to 20 SMEI members, mainly sales managers and business owners from the Fraser Valley.

Under Development

Masters program:

Carole Bonanni is commencing the application process for a Masters program in E-business.

BBA Not-for-profit

Student Success Course

Lachlan Whatley is working with David Chalk to develop and implement a student success course for business students.

Information Items

Both D.J. Sandhu and Ed Li gave a presentation at an educational seminar in India on March 18. DJ's topic was on the area of "Canadian Education System" and Ed's was on the "Rise of India from a Canadian perspective".

Fiona McQuarrie has completed the latest data analysis phase of her research on employer support for employee leisure activities. This data came from a survey of employers receiving a Canadian "best employer" designation in the past two years. She plans to submit a conference paper based on these data to next year's Canadian Congress on Leisure Research.

Fiona acts as a peer reviewer for submissions to the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada conference (Gender and Diversity in Organizations division) and the Academy of Management conference (Gender and Diversity in Organizations, Management History, and Critical Management Studies divisions). Fiona will attend the ASAC conference which is in Ottawa the first weekend in June.

Fiona has been invited to give a talk on some of her research to the Comparative Media Studies program at MIT in Boston at the end of April. While at MIT she will also be attending a conference on "Media in Transition: Creativity, Ownership and Collaboration in the Digital Age".

Regional Literacy Coordination Program:

Since November 1999, the College and Career Preparation (CCP) Department has worked in partnership with Literacy BC, The National Literacy Secretariat, the Ministry of Advanced Education and, most recently, Literacy Now (2010 Legacies Now Foundation) to provide leadership, resources, and support to literacy programs and initiatives in the UCFV region. This initiative is fundamental to the overall goal of ensuring people of all ages have access to the

literacy and learning opportunities they need and want in order to increase their skills and knowledge.

The Regional Literacy Coordinator (RLC) acts as the literacy contact person for the UCFV region, providing leadership and support for its literacy programs and services. The RLC works to increase communication and networking among Fraser Valley communities, school district and college-based learners, practitioners, researchers, administrators, organizations, and institutions. The RLC helps develop and administer literacy programs and strategic planning groups in the community at large, and advises all levels of government and UCFV personnel about literacy issues when requested.

This initiative has been successful because the framework upon which it is built is UCFV-based, community and learner focused, and strives to build partnerships which effectively integrate existing UCFV, school district and community services and resources. Highlights of this year's activity are outlined below.

Highlights of 2006-07 RLC activities and programs include:

- The development of strategic planning committees in each major community within the region: Mission; Abbotsford; Chilliwack; Agassiz/Harrison; Hope/Boston Bar, each of which is receiving financial support from Literacy Now and input from the RLC to undertake and develop community literacy action plans. In Chilliwack, the RLC is Chair of the Chilliwack Learning Community Society. This successful initiative is enjoying provincial recognition and additional, unsolicited financial support from both 2010 Legacies Now and the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance.
- The development of the *Joint Action Plan for Adult Learning and Literacy* for Regional Literacy Coordinators, Literacy Practitioners and the BC/Yukon Region of Service Canada.
- Presentation to the BC Select Standing Committee on Adult Literacy.
- Presentation to the Premier's Summit on Literacy and Learning.
- *Weaving Literacy into Family Resource Programs* – a one-day facilitated forum for Family Resource Program practitioners – led to the development of two community-hub model Family Literacy programs: *Central Gateway for Families* (Chilliwack) and *Parents and Children Together* (Abbotsford). Both offer a range of integrated literacy-based family and child support services centered on a CCP Adult Learning Centre on-site at local elementary schools.
- A stand-alone CCP Adult Learning Centre operates successfully in the evenings at Harry Sayers Elementary School in Abbotsford.
- Successful negotiation with Chilliwack Community Services led to their assuming, in partnership with UCFV, Canada's first and longest standing family literacy program: *Families In Motion*, initially developed in partnership with Fraser Valley College in 1991.
- *Literacy and Parenting Skills* (LAPS) training has been provided to community service practitioners working with low literacy adults in need of improved parenting skills.
- On April 4, the Fifth Annual Learners Talking to Learners event, known as "*Sharing Our Words*" will see approximately 100 fundamental-level adult learners from both community-based and UCFV programs congregate on campus for a day of celebration,

story telling & reading, public speaking and campus tours. This has become a signature event, which has seen numerous community-based adult learners consequently register for CCP classes and for whom “*Sharing Our Words*” is often their first experience with a post-secondary setting. This year’s event will be hosted on the Chilliwack campus.

- On May 18, the Regional Literacy Coordinator will host a one-day regional event titled *Forging a Learning Region*. Keynote speakers will include Cynthia Whitaker, Executive Director of Literacy BC and Brenda Leclair, Executive Director of Literacy Now. The goals of this event are to: develop a network of the various literacy planning initiatives working within the UCFV region; identify the initial framework components required for supporting and sustaining both a regional and the community-specific literacy action plans; provide an opportunity for the regional network to hear from and consider the supports and services available and possible from both UCFV and the provincial level of literacy organizations; ensure the regional network and individual community groups are working collaboratively and in keeping with the evolving provincial scene.

College and Career Preparation (CCP):

The College and Career Preparation (CCP) department was nominated for an award in the *Inclusive Environment* category at the recent *Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards* celebration. Dean Karen Evans, Department Head Sue Brigden, and many faculty and staff members from the department attended the dinner at the Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre on March 9.

The winner of the *Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Award for Marketing and Outreach* was Chilliwack Central Elementary School, the home of one of the department’s community-based classes. The CCP department partners with Chilliwack Community Services to provide fundamental-level English and math courses for parents in the *Central Gateway for Families* family literacy program, which is part of an integrated range of family support services offered at Central Elementary School. The strength of this family literacy program lies in the fact that parents go to day-classes in the same school as their children, so they are able to demonstrate the importance of education to their families. As a result of their CCP classes, some participants have become very enthusiastic about education both for themselves and their children and have enrolled in on-campus UCFV courses.

The CCP department also runs two community-based classes in Abbotsford. The department has partnered with Abbotsford Community Services to provide a CCP instructor to teach English and math to parents in the *Parents and Children Together* family literacy program located at Godson Elementary school. The same instructor teaches adults in an evening CCP class at Harry Sayers Elementary school. As is the case in Chilliwack, these classes have motivated participants to enroll in on-campus UCFV courses.

The department’s community-based classes have not been limited to Chilliwack and Abbotsford. During the Fall 2006 semester, the department partnered with Seabird Island Band to offer three community-based classes: English 081, Math 084, and Computers 061. Due to the success of these classes, the department has been approached by groups from Hope and Mission and we hope to expand the number of community-based classes we offer in the future.

The CCP department will be hosting the annual Adult Basic Education Association of BC Conference May 9 – 12, 2007. This is an opportunity for adult educators from school districts, university colleges, and colleges from around the province to get together. The keynote speaker is Cynthia Whitaker, executive director of *Literacy BC*. The conference includes workshops on

innovative strategies for teaching math and English to adult learners, as well as updates from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Advanced Education, Ministry of Economic Development, and Ministry of Attorney General. Bruce Corbeil and the students in UCFV's chef-training program will be providing meals for the conference.

Computer Information Systems (CIS):

The CIS department will be hosting the annual regional Skills Canada Web Design competition again this year at UCFV on March 29, and the provincial competition on April 18, at Tradex - Abbotsford airport. This is Stephan Bohm's 12th year being involved with Skills, and each year CIS hosts the regional and provincial, and every three years, the national. The regional usually attracts some of the brightest students from local schools and is a chance to promote CIS. Also, with the provincial at Tradex we have another unique opportunity to promote UCFV and CIS, as a few thousand local high school students will be bused in for the day to see the competition. UCFV will likely have a booth setup again. This is an opportunity to speak with local students, and find out what careers they are interested in. Finally, special thanks to Dave Anderson, who is setting up the lab for the regional.

Economics:

Michael K. Maschek, Ph.D. joined the Economics department in 2006. June 2006, Gerard Ballot presented "Learning Organization and Competition" at the International J.A. Schumpeter Society Conference in Nice-Sophia-Antipolis. It was based on the co-authored work of Jasmina Arifovic, Gerard Ballot, and Michael Maschek.

http://www.ie.ufrj.br/schumpeter/pdfs/ISS06_FINAL_PROGRAMME.pdf

Refereed Articles and Papers: "Revisiting Individual Evolutionary Learning in the Cobweb Model - An Illustration of the Virtual Spite-Effect" in *Computational Economics*, 28(4), pp.333-354.
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/1572-9974/>

Mission Campus:

From mid-January until mid-March, UCFV Mission has played host to Canada World Youth. Nine students aged 19 to 25 from the Ukraine and nine from across Canada spent two months in Mission volunteering in various agencies and meeting twice a week on the Mission campus. The College and Career Preparation department benefited from two students who worked with Mission Literacy Association to create a web page. As these students became involved in literacy programs in the community, they volunteered in two classes, a basic literacy class and an introductory computer class. Shawna McNeil, from Calgary, Alberta and Ira Martynovych from Kiev, Ukraine assisted CCP instructor Jan Contant in both classes.

Other participants in the program worked at such places as the Indian Friendship Centre, Xa:ytem, the Women's Resource Centre, the Restorative Justice Centre, the Early Childhood Development Committee's Success By Six Project, Mission Secondary School's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, Mission Chamber of Commerce and the Mission Arts Centre.

Their stay in Mission was so successful, that Canadian Project Leader Clare Whelan announced to Mission Council that she would be bringing another team to Mission in September. This team will include nine members from across Canada and nine counterparts from South Africa. They hope to be part of the UCFV Mission community again.

The students have been highly visible in the community and on the Mission campus. They also toured the Abbotsford campus and provided information about the exchange programs from Ostroh Academy National University in Ostroh, Ukraine where all of the Ukrainian students attend. Several of the Ukrainian students also attended a few classes as observers and to talk about the Canada World Youth Program.

The Canada World Youth Team wishes to pass on their thanks to UCFV for their hospitality.

Teacher Education Program (TEP):

Two new full-time faculty have been hired for the start of our Teacher Education Program. Dr. Elaine Decker comes to us from BCIT where she was Associate Dean, Academic Studies. Dr. Decker is looking forward to being back in the classroom. Dr. Renee Norman has been teaching in the Vancouver School District and brings a wealth of experience with her.

This May will be our first intake for this new program with room for 32 cohorts. In two years we will be welcoming our secondary stream of 32.

Submitted by:
Skip Bassford

