

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE UCFV BOARD

November 2005

I am shortly on my way to the annual meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) in Ottawa, so shall make a verbal report to the Board. I have, however, received reports from various Faculties which I am submitting with the Board package.

VICE PRESIDENT – LEARNING AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Educational Advisors

We've experienced a busy semester start up on the heels of a very busy summer semester. There are definitely more students accessing our services, including a large increase in on-line Advising, which may partially be attributed to increased publication of our e-mail Advising address - advising@ucfv.ca but also to other general factors such as students and prospective students being comfortable with electronic media as a means of gathering information.

The BCTF job action occurring just as our applications for Fall 2006 opened, combined with the recent changes made to admissions to the BA and BSc (direct admission), have resulted in an increase in requests for information and assistance from current Grade 12 students and their parents. This is information which they would normally access through their high school counsellors at this time of year. We are responding to these requests by seeing more Grade 12 students and their parents in information sessions, workshops, and appointments (45-minute appointments, drop-ins and phone calls). We normally would not see large numbers of these students until February or March of next year.

As part of the response to this increased need for information for new students, we have fast-tracked revision of some of our web resources which we hope will be helpful (e.g. Prospective Students Step by Step Application Process at <http://www.ucfv.ca/advising/prospective/enroll.htm>) for all prospective UCFV students.

Access to quality advising in the first semester of post-secondary education is a large factor in retention, so we must be available for first semester students making decisions and plans for Winter 2006 and future semesters. This, combined with the need for access to advising for course and program planning for all UCFV students, at all levels and stages of their post-secondary education, as well as other prospective students (adult learners, career changers and transfer students), and this year's increased demand from Grade 12 students is resulting in a busier than normal Fall semester.

As members of the PSIBC (Post Secondary Institutions of BC), the UCFV Educational Advisors visited secondary schools in the Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack and Hope School Districts, as well as Aldergrove Community Secondary and Mennonite Educational Institute in September. We will be going out to the remaining schools in the Langley School District, Credo Christian High School, and the secondary schools in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows in the last week of November. The new UCFV

Viewbook was received enthusiastically by both the students and high school counsellors in our September visits. We will host the BC Post-Secondary Institutions Liaison Day at UCFV on Monday January 16, 2006.

The Educational Advising Fall 2005 Workshop Schedule has been finalized and students are registering to attend our workshops.

The schedule can be found at http://www.ucfv.ca/advising/current/cs_workshops.htm Also posters are up throughout the Abbotsford, Mission and Chilliwack campuses to publicize the workshops.

The Educational Advisors will host a Teacher Education Forum on October 28. This is the third year for this well subscribed event. UCFV, SFU and UBC representatives will speak about Teacher Education program options and the Langley and Abbotsford School District Human Resources professionals will present sessions on how to get hired as a new teacher. This event attracted over 100 students last year, and we have almost 50 signed up to date (October 20) for this year's event.

In addition to the provision of Advising services to students, UCFV Educational Advisors liaise and consult on a continuous and frequent basis with UCFV departments as well as being members of many UCFV committees and some community organizations.

Finally: Planning is underway for a Grad Studies Fair for Fall 2006, as well as ongoing revisions to web resources to assist students researching graduate and professional education opportunities. We appreciate the offers of participation and support from departments and programs at UCFV in these projects.

Disability Services

Dr. James Blackburn is taking a 37-week parental leave from his role as Coordinator of Disability Services. Glen Whitfield is serving as Coordinator during Dr. Blackburn's absence. Dr. Blackburn will be providing document reviews for Disability Services' intakes during the period of his leave on an intermittent basis.

Disability Services hosted an informational workshop on Dealing with Chronic Pain for students and staff on September 22. Fourteen participants were involved in discussing techniques and methods for dealing with the challenges that chronic pain presents. Due to the success of this workshop, Disability Services will be hosting a follow-up workshop on this topic in the new year. This workshop is part of an ongoing series of lunch informational sessions that Disability Services will conduct over the academic year. Topics to follow include coping with stress and depression and self-advocacy for students with disabilities.

In cooperation with Assistive Technology – British Columbia, Disability Services successfully obtained dedicated Kurzweil text-to-speech computer systems for the Chilliwack and Abbotsford libraries. These systems will provide assistance to students dealing with visual impairments and learning disabilities. A

workshop was held to demonstrate the operation of the system to Disability Services and Library staff. These systems are provided on a loan basis through Assistive Technology-British Columbia's Program for Institutional Loans of Adaptive Technology (PILAT).

Disability Services in both the Abbotsford and Chilliwack campus locations will be erecting a Wall of Fame for students that wish to provide photos and art work that demonstrate the many successes of students with disabilities at UCFV. The Wall of Fame will be placed in the Disability Services hallway in Abbotsford; there will be a similar wall in the Disability Services office in Chilliwack.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND APPLIED ARTS

Fashion Design

The faculty and students of the Fashion Design program are looking forward to a stimulating, hectic year – this academic start began with excitement and new beginnings in a newly renovated space in building D of the Abbotsford campus.

Students and faculty are adjusting well to the new location and facilities. The labs are bright and well laid out. The hallway areas – will once again showcase the works of fashion students with visuals and posters on bulletin boards, and the first class display windows – will exhibit designs and garments. The display cases layout and lighting offers impact and presence! Students are thrilled about gaining more exposure within the college community – as the location in Building D is a higher traffic area of the campus – allowing the skill, talent and works to be viewed by many more. Please be sure to take in the exhibits each time you stop by the campus.

Fashion students will be venturing to partake in Vancouver Fashion Week to gain exposure of the dynamics of product promotion and new trends and presentations. Other trips and lectures will explore production facilities, design house and the textile symposium at Maiwa.

Plans are underway for a New York Study Tour, April 28 - May 6, 2006.

UCFV fashion graduates have been making a mark in the BC apparel industry and as textile artists. Recent graduates have been successful securing employment, attaining their first fashion career position in Vancouver, Kelowna, Nelson and Mission, or landing their designs in small boutiques in Vancouver and Ontario. Past graduates continue to receive glowing recommendations regarding their sound knowledge, technical skill base and adaptability. Four students are continuing their studies.

Faculty members were busy this summer jurying wearable art shows, entering competitions, conducting workshops and compiling research.

Faculty member Deanna Devitt has been appointed to the Board of Directors for Apparel BC. Bev Fanzega continues to forge new ground with modulate 3D moduling for apparel pattern development. Rene Evans' fine felt works were on exhibit (*Connections: Silk and Wool*) in Vancouver last month.

Retired faculty member Yvonne Wakabayashi was awarded 1st place in the silk category and Best of Show in the recent Port Moody Wearable Art competition and show, sponsored by the Port Moody Arts Council. UCFV Fashion graduate Tanya King was awarded 2nd place in the silk category.

Retired faculty member and past program head Judy Hurley has been active within the Chilliwack Arts Centre and has exhibited her works in number of galleries in recent months.

English and Continuing Studies

UCFV's English and Continuing Studies departments are proud to announce an inaugural Writer-in-Residence program for 2006. Dr. Kuldip Gill has been selected as the first resident, in recognition of her contributions to the Arts and to the Fraser Valley community. To ensure continued support for the program, additional support from the *Canada Council for the Arts* is being sought for upcoming years. The 2006 program has been made possible by generous support from the Dean of Arts and Vice President Academic, as well as from the *Centre for Indo Canadian Studies and Research*. Dr. Gill will be available throughout the year to the UCFV community for consultation on creative writing and publishing, and will serve as a valuable resource for beginning and experienced writers at UCFV.

History

UCFV graduate Anne Toews has been awarded the 2005 Eugene A. Forsey Prize in Canadian Labour and Working Class History for her essay "The Canadian Communist Party and the Women's Labor Leagues, 1918 - 1929." This national prize competition is offered annually by the Canadian Committee on Labour History (a committee of the Canadian Historical Association) for the best undergraduate essay, or the equivalent, and for the best graduate thesis completed in the past three years.

Anne's essay was originally written for UCFV History 484 (Gender History in Canada) in Fall 2004 and is a wonderfully written, well-researched piece interweaving autobiographical accounts of women in the Women's Labor Leagues.

For more information on the Eugene A. Forsey Prize competition see:
<http://www.mun.ca/cclh/Forsey.html>

Canadian Committee on Labour History: <http://www.mun.ca/cclh/>

FACULTY OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agriculture Technology

In late September, the agriculture students (two bus loads) went on a departmental field trip to area farms. All went extremely well; every host complimented the students for being interested in agriculture and pointed out the many opportunities awaiting them.

In September, instructor Paul Gumprich was invited to the Peace River area to meet with local agrologists. Paul reviewed his research on radio frequency tagging of beef cattle which he did in cooperation with the BC Cattleman's Association. Paul had a chance to meet with area ranchers in Ft. St. John, Dawson Creek and Chetwyn. In addition to describing his research he provided information about our programs, especially concentrating on our on-line courses.

Second-year diploma student Travis Hopcott's summer employer flew Travis to Mexico for a five-day training session on poly tunnel construction. Travis's family is using the Haygrove Tunnel System (out of England) at their farm for season extension, and Travis has the opportunity to continue working for this international company when he graduates in 2006.

Kinesiology and Physical Education

The Kinesiology and Physical Education department has developed a Strategic Plan to help guide their efforts over the next five years. The Strategic Plan was designed to mesh with the UCFV Strategic Plan.

The Kinesiology and Physical Education Student Association raised \$301.15 at Dis-Orientation to send to victims of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. KPESA hosted a successful "Re-Orientation" BBQ for all returning and prospective KPE students. It is now planning a joint Christmas Cruise with the Criminal Justice Student Association.

The KPESA plans to participate in a Canadian Institutes of Health Research initiative called "*Canada on the Move*" where free pedometers would be handed out to students/faculty and staff at UCFV and their steps would be counted and included in a web-based system to collect data about physical activity in Canada.

The Writing Centre and the KPE department are now entering their second year of collaboration with an article/summary critique workshop offered by staff at the Writing Centre to students in an introductory kinesiology course. This workshop has proven to be very successful in improving the caliber of KPE student writing assignments relating to scholarly journals.

The Human Performance Lab was awarded a \$46,000 grant from the BC Summer Games Legacy Fund. The presentation was made to Chris Bertram, Wayne Welsh, and Jackie Snodgrass at Abbotsford City Hall in September. In total, KPE faculty have received \$266,000 in research related funding during 2005.

During 2005, Greg Anderson delivered 8 invited presentations, 7 scholarly presentations, and acted as a reviewer for 5 journals. Greg Anderson will be presenting a plenary session at the Saskatchewan Institute for Prevention's "*Best Start Saskatchewan Conference*" with a session entitled "Childhood Physical Activity: A Global Responsibility". Since August, Greg Anderson has had several papers published or accepted for publication. One paper recently published is the efforts of an undergraduate research student (Bernhardt) who is presently completing a Master's degree at the University of New Brunswick. A paper accepted for publication in 2006 (with Norwood) is also the result of an undergraduate student research project completed in collaboration with KPE faculty member Michael Gaetz. Anderson has also published several articles in practitioner based journals, such as the IDEA Fitness Journal which is the fitness journal with the widest readership in the world.

Anderson, G.S., J. Norwood, M. Gaetz, and P. Twist. EMG activity of trunk stabilizers during stable/unstable bench press. *In Press*.

Bernhardt, T. B. and G.S. Anderson. Influence of moderate prophylactic compression on sport performance. *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*. 19(2): 292-297, 2005.

Anderson, G.S., A. Courtney, D.B. Plecas and C. Chamberlin. "Multitasking behaviours of general duty police officers." *Police Practice & Research*. 6(1): 41-50, 2005.

Twist, P and G.S. Anderson. Youth trainability: Part 2. *IDEA Fitness Journal*, 2(10): 52-60, 2005.

Anderson, G.S. Certification confusion: Future considerations. *Fitness Business Canada*. 6(6): In Press, October, 2005.

Anderson, G.S. Certification confusion: Present practice. *Fitness Business Canada*. 6(5): 89-90, 2005.

Anderson, G.S. and P. Twist. Youth trainability. *IDEA Fitness Journal*, 2(3): 56-65, 2005.

Also since August, and in addition to the article listed above, Michael Gaetz has also been notified of one article accepted for publication while Chris Bertram has published one paper in "*Brain and Cognition*" in January.

Iverson, G. L. & Gaetz, M., Rzemoluck, E.J., McLean, P., & Remick, R. (in press). A new potential marker for abnormal cardiac physiology in depression. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine - to be published in December 2005*.

Bertram, C.P., Lemay, M., & Stelmach, G. E. "The effect of Parkinson's disease on the control of multi-segmental coordination". *Brain and Cognition*, 57(1), 16-20, 2005.

Gaetz has also recently been a co-author on two chapters: "Sport-concussion" and "Mild Traumatic Brain Injury", in a comprehensive book edited by Nathan Zasler. This book is referred to in the field as the best authoritative volume on brain injury and recovery from brain injury and will be published in 2006. Finally, Gaetz has launched a limited version of the UCFV Concussion Management Program. This program is currently intended to help varsity athletes with concussion by providing them with information about their injury, the best method to recover from the injury, and a new program based in exercise science and clinical management to help ensure that athletes are not returning to play while symptomatic.

Dave Harper was asked to be business mentor for the UBC Discovery Park's Accelerator Centre www.discoveryparks.com/Accelerator_Centre/mentoring.asp and has been invited to serve on public discussion panels for both the BC Student Biotechnology Network and the UBC Venture Capital and Private Equity Club. He continues to make public speaking appearances in Vancouver, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Hope on biotechnology topics; drug development, stem cell research, infectious disease, investing in biotech, and other topics, and recently published an article in the May/June edition of Natural Food Network Magazine entitled, "Vitamin E-ducation", and you will soon see an article in Words and Visions on influenza.

Dave presented a white paper to the UCFV teaching and learning group on his thoughts about the recent "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning" conference that he attended with several other UCFV faculty. He will be presenting a series of webcasts on developing online courses through BC Campus.

Dave Harper and Emilio Landolfi have been involved with other department members and students to develop a corporate wellness programme for the Abbotsford career firefighters. Further, Emilio has a paper accepted (Ethics in Educational Evaluation) that will be published in "The Journal of Curriculum Theorizing."

Graham Fletcher submitted his Ph.D. September 8 and is traveling to Sheffield, England to defend his thesis December 9.

School of Social Work and Human Services

The Transfer and Articulation Committee has approved the Social Services Worker Transfer Innovations project. The funding of \$9,714.50 and will be administered by SWHS (School of Social Work and Human Services).

FACULTY OF TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Aerospace

We attended three air shows this summer: Hope Flight Fest, Abbotsford Air Show and Chilliwack Flight Fest. Our present students generated a lot of interest by creating a fuselage mock-up and giving on-lookers the opportunity to try their hand at riveting. We had a number of requests at all three air shows to offer a Continuing Studies Aircraft Home Builder/Renovator course.

The Abbotsford Air Show was also the site of the first cross-border gathering of the Pacific Northwest Aerospace Cluster. Representatives from Aerospace companies throughout Canada and Washington State gathered for one day to network and make contacts with others in the industry. UCFV was highlighted as one of the hosts, offering tours of the Aerospace campus, sponsoring the networking event and even supplying students for parking attendants and airside escorts. The weather co-operated as it always does for the air show, making the day a huge success.

Composite Training within our Aircraft Structures Program got a huge boost this summer as we acquired two hot bonding machines. These devices will be used to train our students with the forefront of current technology in the field. We will also be able to use these bonders to offer Cascade Aerospace with upgrade training for their current employees, which will hopefully start as early as this November 2005.

We have also brought our course into the electronic age by introducing webCT as an online supplement to the program. So far, all responses have been very positive.

Al Riffal, instructor, attended the Federal Aviation Administration's Composite Repair and Maintenance Conference in Chicago, September 12 -16 helping to keep UCFV at the forefront of the industry

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standards. Dawn Patterson attended the Canadian Aviation Maintenance Council Conference and symposium in Montreal October 12 -14. We received a donation of a fuselage of a Firecat from Conair and a whole Tracker from Cascade.

Automotive Service Technician

UCFV hosted the Auto Service Technician Articulation Meeting held October 13 and 14 in Harrison Hot Springs. Attending the meeting were 25 automotive instructors from throughout the province. Chairing the meeting was UCFV automotive instructor, Bernie Duncan.

Guest speakers on October 13 were Mr. Lloyd Stamm from the Automotive Industry Training Organization (ITO) and Mr. Sam Loo from AirCare. Lloyd Stamm outlined the ITO model and its responsibilities and involvement in our Course Outline process, while Sam Loo gave a report on where AirCare has been in the past and where the program is going.

Guest speakers on October 14 were Mr. Lindsay Langill from Industry Training Authority (ITA), Mr. Rodger Hargreaves from the Ministry of Education and Susan Weber from Advanced Education Media Acquisition Centre (AEMAC). Lindsay Langill is the director of Red Seal Programs for the Province, and he gave a statistical report as well as future direction of ITA regarding Apprenticeship and ELTT programs. He also outlined the Interprovincial Examination construction process and the impact on our course outline.

Rodger Hargreaves spoke on the high school involvement in Automotive Training, and Susan Weber spoke on media issues affecting Automotive Service Technician Training. The meeting was a success and many issues were resolved. UCFV will be chairing next year's meeting, scheduled for October 12 and 13.

Culinary and Hospitality

Chef Bruce Corbeil and Chef Mike Doyle guided the students of the Professional Cook program in the creation of a multi-course mushroom menu for the Mushroom Industry Development Council. The growers gathered in Abbotsford on May 25, 2005 for a night of dining and market development. Guests at this event included the Honourable John Van Dongen.

Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport

Industry Partnerships

On September 27 and 28, Eaton/Road Ranger used our facility to train industry personnel on Road Ranger's 6-10-13-15-18 speed transmissions.

On September 30, Eaton/Road Ranger offered a training seminar on the latest products and lectured students on what it takes to work for their firm, explaining the various areas of employment available.

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On September 30, John Deere introduced to us three new 2006 Tractors. The tractors arrived on-site for students to view and explore the newest technology. John Deere is also sending the program a new engine as a teaching aid.

On October 4 - 7, John Deere used our facility to train dealership personnel from Canada and the US, on how to use computers in the shop for repair and diagnosis.

Welding Program

Welding classes are full and waiting lists are growing. We received a major steel donation from Clearbrook Iron Works. Our students enjoy working with the highest tech welding and fabricating equipment of all the welding programs in the whole Pacific Northwest. Our industry partners are very busy, and hire most of our students to work part-time while they are completing the program.



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