

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE UCFV BOARD

December 2005

It is hard to believe that another month has flown by. Looking at my calendar, I see that once again a great amount of my time, and that of the senior administrative team, has involved the same two issues – the new campus at CFB - Chilliwack and university status for UCFV. In addition to several meetings with the Ministry and many, many internal meetings, I have continued the community consultation; meeting with numerous service clubs and civic bodies. There have been many new endorsements for university status. Notably, the City of Abbotsford has offered their endorsement and facilities to show community support, and all three MPs for our region, Randy Kamp, Randy White and Chuck Strahl have publicly endorsed university status, and offered to meet with the mayors and provincial MLAs about the matter. My understanding is that there are now almost 9000 letters from the Valley, supporting Fraser Valley's university. We can now be confident that the communities of Fraser Valley strongly support the university status initiative. My understanding is that the support will continue to be shown, and that by the time the Board meets a group of concerned citizens from across the Valley will have formed a society dedicated to obtaining university status for UCFV.

Even though the many negotiations for new space and status continue to take up inordinate amounts of time, the rest of the university continues to function very well indeed. Some of the activity is detailed in the reports from various departments which I include below. Another major example is the opening on November 25 of the Centre for Social Responsibility. This Centre is jointly funded by the Ministries of Solicitor General and Public Safety, and Children and Family Development and Community Services. It is a provincial resource based within UCFV, where we shall develop a resource library, referral and information sharing service focusing on anti-social behaviours such as alcohol misuse, gaming and internet addictions. The Centre will work in partnership with law enforcement, communities and educators across the Province. The annual operating budget will be \$350,000. The Centre will be another large step forward in UCFV's development, and in our desire to work in partnership with our communities.

VICE PRESIDENT, LEARNING AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Writing Centre:

The Writing Centre's mandate is dual: to offer writing instruction to students of all levels of ability in all programmes and disciplines at UCFV, and to develop partnerships with faculty which foster student success in acquiring discipline based writing knowledge.

To date, our most important work has been in offering students one-on-one consultations in the context of their writing assignments in response to their course work. Over time, however, as UCFV has grown and is changing, we are seeking out more effective and efficient ways of providing students with what they tell us they need, and at the same time working more closely with faculty when they

approach us to incorporate discipline based writing instruction in their courses. The following initiatives briefly describe some of these efforts:

Working within the Disciplines: We are offering a substantial range of disciplinary-based workshops at the request of faculty. The workshops are usually designed in response to a course-based assignment which maximizes the relevance and usefulness to students and faculty. In the past year we worked with Biology, Criminology, Critical Studies Methodology, English as a Second Language, Geography, History, Kinesiology, Media and Cultural Studies, and Psychology.

Course Development: The increasing work we are doing with faculty in the disciplines together with our ongoing sessional teaching in the English, Communications and Criminology departments has led to course development work in the disciplines of Criminology and English, specifically Criminology 129 as a Writing in Criminology course and a section of English 105 as a Writing for Nursing course. While these courses are being taught for the first time this semester, and research is needed to examine the results, we hope such courses will contribute significantly to student success.

WritingCentreOnline: WritingCentreOnline is now up and running working with students from both the BCCampus and UCFVOnline environments. After some start-up challenges, we are now working regularly with online students in a range of different disciplines. This online work is as close as possible to our face-to-face work, offering students discipline focused comments on their writing as well as overview strategies, rather than “fixing” student errors. Students are responding well, and offer unsolicited praise for this work

Summer Semester: The high enrollment over the summer semester was certainly reflected in the number of students seeking consultations in the Centre. Besides the individual consultations, we taught a number of discipline specific workshops on research papers, article critique and citation practices to instructors who requested them. As a result we are pleased to report heavy usage of Centre resources.

Please drop by the Writing Centre if you would like to learn more about our work

Fall Semester Report - Department of Athletics:

The following is a summary report highlighting the events and accomplishments which took place in the UCFV Department of Athletics during the 2005 fall semester up to mid November.

Team and Athlete Accomplishments

Women’s Soccer – With a strong core of returning veterans and a promising class of recruits, expectations for the Cascades’ women’s soccer team were high coming into the 2005 season. Those expectations were met during the regular season as the team finished their last BC College Athletic Association (BCCAA) regular schedule in second place, and ranked #6 in Canada, with the program’s

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best season in their 18-year history by virtue of a record of 9 wins -1 loss - 4 ties. The only regular season blemish was a 2 -1 loss to the eventual national champions from Vancouver's Langara College, a team that the Cascades seemed to be virtually equal to. The playoffs unfortunately, did not produce the results that everyone associated with the team had hoped for. An upset loss in the opening game BCCAA semi-final playoff loss, to the host Thompson Rivers Wolfpack, eliminated the Cascades from national championship qualification. To the credit of the players and coaching staff however, they earned the BCCAA bronze medal the next day with a convincing 2-0 win over Douglas College.

Without question, the highlight at the end of the season was the individual accolades bestowed upon Andrea Wigman who became the most decorated soccer player in UCFV history, and deservedly so. The fourth year team captain became the first UCFV soccer player to ever be selected as the Canadian College Athletics Association (CCAA) National Player of the Year. The award was presented to Andrea at the national championships All Canadian awards evening, after she had previously been honored as the BCCAA Player of the Year and CCAA Athlete of the Month.

Cascades women's soccer players earned more individual recognition than in any previous season, reconfirming the quality of talent and the strength of the '05 team.

- CCAA/BCCAA Player of the Year: Andrea Wigman
- CCAA All Canadian: Andrea Wigman (2nd consecutive year)
- BCCAA First Team All-Stars: Andrea Wigman (3rd consecutive year; 4th All Star team selection), Crystal Hansenpflug (2nd selection)
- BCCAA Second Team All-Stars: Jessica Hartl (2nd consecutive selection), Lara Kustaski (2nd consecutive selection), Ashley Martin
- CCAA Player of the Month: Andrea Wigman

Men's Soccer – Under second-year head coach Alan Errington, the Cascades showed clear signs of improvement that bodes well for the future of the UCFV men's soccer program. With a year to recruit some top new talent, and having the opportunity to stamp his own style of play on the program, Errington's team quickly became a force to be reckoned with in the very tough BCCAA. Finishing above .500 for the first time since the 1995 season, the Cascades boasted a regular season record of 6 wins – 5 losses – 3 ties. Unfortunately, that record still was not enough to qualify the team for the BCCAA playoffs despite the observation from many that this was one of the top teams in the league this year. A serious injury to the Cascade's starting goalkeeper hampered the team early as the Cascades were forced to use a less experienced keeper who would have made a more significant contribution playing his regular position. Furthermore, the team was required to forfeit a win, and the 3 points that go along with it, late in the season when it was discovered that due to a miscommunication, a player with 3 accumulated yellow cards did not serve his one game suspension as required. The Cascades were not without accomplishments, however, as they managed to defeat 2005 provincial champion and

eventual national champion Douglas College. UCFV was also one of just three teams to take points from #2 nationally ranked Capilano College.

Individual awards earned are as follows: BCCAA First Team All-Star: Matt Hunt; BCCAA Second Team All-Star: Jonathan Craig

Golf – Golf was sanctioned as a conference sport by the BCCAA this past spring and, for the first time ever, UCFV participated in a season long Canadian college golf league during the fall. Highlights of this new venture from the UCFV program perspective include the hosting of a very successful tournament at the team's home course, the Chilliwack Golf and Country Club, in early October and the creation of a women's golf team – the only full team in the entire conference.

Coach Chris Bertram's men's team played in the middle of the pack for most of the season, but at the last BCCAA tournament they successfully reached their goal of surpassing Kwantlen's season long team score to finish as the BCCAA bronze medalists.

At the CCAA National Championships in Windsor in mid- October, the men's team seemed to save their best performances of the season for the last event. Each team member shot his lowest 18 hole round of the year at nationals, demonstrating that they had peaked for the biggest event of the season. Unfortunately, the team collectively was inconsistent at nationals but finished a respectable 9th in the team standings, out of 16 entries. The best performance was turned in by ace Paul Hickey who was the tournament leader after the first round by carding a very impressive 68. Hickey went on to place seventh overall.

Rowing – UCFV's rowing team experienced a "better than hoped for fall season" after losing eight rowers to graduation. The rowing team competed at several regattas culminating at the Canadian University Rowing Championships (CURC) in Victoria in October. The class of the rowing program this year has been the duo of Gareth Newcombe and Matt Douma. The tandem placed fourth in the men's doubles at the CURC, with Douma also nabbing a second place finish in the "B" singles race. Earlier in the season Douma and Newcombe also competed at the prestigious Head of the Charles in Boston, where they were sensational in achieving a second place result, beaten only by a heavy weight crew representing Harvard University. Their strong showing secured UCFV an invitation to next year's Head of the Charles, an event which typically draws over 30,000 spectators. They also won the Head of the River in South Surrey, finishing with the second fastest time in the regatta.

At the regional championships at Elk Lake, Karla Chinnery, Joanna Hawkins, Jody Hlady, and Sylvia Hiller placed second, behind only UBC while beating UVic, Alberta, Calgary, Trinity Western, and four other open crews. In the opening regatta at Head of the River, the women's quad, consisting of Ashlie St. Laurent, Sylvia Hiller, Silke Sorg, and Jaclyn Fiset took first place. Three UCFV graduates have taken the Level 1 technical rowing course and are staying connected to the program as

novice coaches. They have worked at developing a novice crew of 24 for next year, which will feed

the varsity program.

Women's Volleyball – Participating in their second year of BCCAA competition, the women's volleyball team looks much improved from their debut season when they won only 4 of 20 matches. Although the season has only just begun and the team has but one win and two losses, Coach Bob Yuen has recruited and molded a talented cohesive group. The two losses were suffered last weekend at the hands of perennial national power Malaspina University College in Nanaimo, while a season opening straight sets match victory over Columbia Bible College got the team off on the right foot.

Men's Volleyball – After a very impressive season opening win over Columbia Bible College, one of the customarily strong volleyball programs in BC, the second-year UCFV men's squad also dropped a pair at Malaspina in week two. The team's preseason success however, has earned the Cascades a #11 national ranking, down from their opening week #7 ranking, which was their highest national ranking ever. New coach Greg Russell, a former Olympian (1976) and Canadian National Team captain, has assembled a team which could challenge the traditional BC volleyball powers. Only the top 6 teams in men's and women's volleyball qualify for the provincial championships, scheduled for March in Abbotsford at Columbia Bible College. It would be gratifying to see one or both of the UCFV squads participating in that tournament right here in the Fraser Valley.

Men's Basketball – Like the two Cascades soccer programs, the UCFV basketball teams are completing their final season of BCCAA competition before they begin participating against universities in the CIS next fall. Given that the men's team has won national championship titles in 2000, 2002 and 2004, this should be another national championships season if that trend should continue. The Cascades are undefeated (3-0) early in this new season, and Coaches Pat Lee and Tom Antil have the team ranked #12 in Canada, and certain to be climbing.

Women's Basketball – Coach Al Tuchscherer's Cascades continue to roll along as they set their sights upon their 6th consecutive BCCAA Provincial Championship. With a 3-0 record and a #2 national ranking, the Cascades appear to be the class of the BCCAA again as they strive to improve upon last season's national championship silver medal performance. The provincial championships for both men's and women's basketball will be hosted by Malaspina University College in Nanaimo next March.

Special Events

Hosting Visiting Chinese Scholars – During the month of September, the UCFV Athletics Department was pleased to take an active role in assisting UCFV's International Education Department in the hosting of Professor Sun and Coach Lau. Sun and Lau were visiting from Sichuan Normal University in China, and were friends we had previously met during the women's basketball team's trip

to China in the spring of 2004. Sun serves as the Athletics Director while Lau is the women's basketball coach at SNU. During their stay the two visitors attended UCFV practices, games, department meetings and events as well as social activities organized by Athletics staff.

Alumni Soccer and Basketball Games – The Athletics Department worked closely with the UCFV Alumni Association to stage men's and women's alumni soccer and basketball games this fall. The soccer games were the first structured alumni games ever conducted. Both events, which culminated in social mixers after the games, were highly successful in facilitating the re-connection of former UCFV student athletes, their families and other UCFV supporters. Incidentally, the Alumni Women won the soccer game and the Alumni Men won the basketball games!

Banner Raising Ceremony – At the very first home basketball game of the new season, in front of a record overflow crowd on Friday November 4, President Skip Bassford and Board Chair Rob Nicklom re-presented the 2004-05 BCCAA Champion Cascade women's team with the banner that was raised to the rafters. Conducted during the half time of the men's game, this ceremony is conducted to signify that the Cascade team enters the new season as defending champions.

The Team Canada Masters Volleyball Team, comprised of former Canadian national team members and former Olympians, traveled to UCFV to take on the UCFV Cascades on October 4.

Developments in the CIS/Canada West Membership Initiative

Membership - It has been well documented now that UCFV was accepted as the 54th member of Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) last June at the 2005 CIS Annual General Meeting. It was a unanimous vote which reaffirms the quality of our application and the perception from the CIS about our preparedness. UCFV will begin competing in the Canada West Conference in CIS soccer and basketball beginning in the fall of 2006.

Facility Expansion – The development of an on campus gymnasium facility that will meet CIS standards is in the final planning and preparation stages with construction scheduled to commence as soon as the last details are finalized. A title sponsor for the building will be officially announced in the very near future, followed by a ground breaking ceremony. This building expansion will be situated directly south of the existing gymnasium and will accommodate somewhere in the neighbourhood of 1200-1400 spectators. The building itself features an attractive exterior design that will be a visual asset to the Abbotsford campus. A large lobby area will be engulfed in natural light during the daylight hours due to the floor to ceiling windows incorporated into the design. Patrons inside the gym, whether attending convocation, a trade show, the annual fashion design program show, or an athletics event, will be treated to an experience enhanced by state of the art sound and visual features. Completion is still expected by September 2006.

Staffing – This past May, UCFV Athletics hired its first Marketing Coordinator and Sports Information Director which was a CIS/Canada West requirement. Mike Tucker was the successful candidate in a cross Canada search, joining UCFV with valuable CIS experience gained from his previous employment at Brock University in St. Catherines, Ontario. In the short time that Mike has been on board, he has made many significant contributions to the Athletics Department’s marketing, media and sports information initiatives.

The first two full-time coaches were also hired this past summer. Beginning August 1, 2005, Al Tuchscherer was contracted to coach the Women’s Basketball Team while Tom Fast was signed as the Women’s Soccer Coach. Full-time coaches will be contracted to coach the Men’s Basketball and Soccer Teams some time during the spring of 2006 in preparation for the 2006-07 CIS season. Full-time on-campus coaches are a CIS/Canada West requirement.

Soccer Fields – The other outstanding facility issue to be resolved is the matter of a home field for UCFV’s CIS home soccer matches. Despite listening to an appeal by Vice President Tim Segger, the Abbotsford City Council did not reverse its decision to bill UCFV the exorbitant sum of \$100/hour for field usage so other options are currently being explored. The City of Abbotsford will be approached once more to reconsider that decision while at the same time, the City of Chilliwack has been approached to host UCFV home soccer games.

Personnel

Athletics Department and Student Activity Centre Staff Additions:

- Mike Tucker - Marketing Coordinator and Sports Information Director (SID)
- Al Tuchscherer – full-time Women’s Basketball Coach
- Tom Fast – full-time Women’s Soccer Coach
- Aaron Wilms – Athletic Therapy Coordinator
- Bryan Justin – Strength and Conditioning Coach*
- Chris Bertram – Golf Team Head Coach*
- Michael Gaetz – Concussion Management Consultant*
- Greg Russell – Men’s Volleyball Team Head Coach

(* = denotes members of the UCFV Kinesiology Faculty who are working with the UCFV Athletics Department; joining Roger Friesen who is the Athletics’ Sports Psychologist)

Miscellaneous

Adopt A Cascade Fundraising Program (ACC) – The AAC program is in its second year of operation and has proven to be a tremendous benefit to the Cascades’ team fundraising endeavours. It’s a donor solicitation program where student athletes reach out into the community to find sponsors to support them in their athletic and academic ambitions. The donors receive a tax receipt, acknowledgement and a Donor Benefits package, if it is requested. To date, the program has generated over \$30,000 for UCFV teams.

Sponsorship agreements for UCFV Athletics were reached with the Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre, The Abbotsford News, Dominos Pizza, The UCFV Bookstore, the UCFV Student Union Society, Lift Off Sport Supplements, Aquaclair water, and Sport and Spine Physiotherapy.

Website – In June, the Athletics Department re-launched its website which has received much praise and significantly more traffic than in the past (estimated 200,000 hits in 6 months). This is an important communications vehicle that we believe to be amongst the best of its kind in Canada.

Academic Support Program – An athlete study hall program is in its second year of operation and after the significant increases demonstrated in overall student athlete grade point averages, it appears to be achieving its objectives. Members of the volleyball and soccer teams are expected to attend each Monday night, while the basketball, rowing and golfers were expected to attend on Tuesday nights. The sessions were moderated by Academic Coach Ted Leavitt who provides support for study sessions and monitors the academic progress of student athletes. The biggest challenge for the program this year has been locating suitable space on campus to conduct the study hall sessions. Due to the cooperation of Wendy Watson in the Office of Student Assessment and Jill Harrison in University House, our space needs were met.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND APPLIED ARTS

Theatre

Ian Fenwick, department head, reports that one of the great joys of working in an institution of higher learning is getting to know so many wonderful students, then keeping in touch with them over the years as their lives unfold and their careers develop. It is immensely gratifying to witness the positive impact they make on their communities. The Theatre department's online newsletter (<http://www.ucfv.ca/theatre/newsletter.html>) has all the details on who's doing what.

Mad Mabel's Christmas Comes to Town - The captivating Christmas play *Mad Mabel's Christmas*, written by Chilliwack-born playwright David Cameron, comes to the UCFV theatre on December 1 and 2.

Kirkley: article published plus new appointment - UCFV Theatre Faculty member Dr. Bruce Kirkley recently learned that his article, "Caravan Farm Theatre: Orchestrated Anarchy and the Creative Process" has been accepted for publication in the forthcoming book *Theatre in British Columbia*. Editor Ginny Ratsoy praised Dr. Kirkley's article, citing it as "the best on Caravan." Bruce was also recently appointed Treasurer of the Association for Canadian Theatre Research, a national organization dedicated to supporting and promoting research on Canadian theatre.

Kudos to our "Angels" - Our thanks once again go out to those theatre "Angels," who have made generous financial donations to our various production and scholarship funds. Recent contributors include: Clara Cartmell, Danushe Stary, Lucy Williams and Richard and Lydia Zingel.

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If you would like to be a theatre "Angel," contact Ian Fenwick at 604-795-2838. No contribution is

considered too small.

Visual Arts

Recent faculty accomplishments:

- Jill Bain delivered a paper entitled “Signifying Absence: Experiencing Monochrome Imagery in Medieval Painting” at the Universities Art Association of Canada Annual Conference on Friday, November 11
- Aleksandra Idzior presented two lectures at the lifetime learning centre society in Mission entitled “Representation of a human form in sculpture”, October 3 and 17
- Chris Friesen exhibited his paintings at the Maple Ridge library, and will have his paintings featured in the film “Presumed Dead.”
- Davida Kidd's work was featured in JUXTAPOZ Art & Culture Magazine; on "SUBMISSION" at FUSE GALLERY 93 2nd Ave New York, NY, sponsored by Fernet Branca and The Village Voice; in the Toronto International Art Fair represented by Bjornson Kajiwarra, and at the 3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER GRAPHICS AND INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES in Dunedin, New Zealand.
- Davida has also just been informed that the International Cultural Centre in Krakow has received major funding to produce a 52-page catalogue of her work. Robin Laurence (who writes for the Georgia Straight and Border Crossings Magazine) is writing the text and Richard Noyce (art critic/author from Britain) is writing the foreword.
- In addition to this, The Institute of Arts of the University in Zielona Góra is publishing a major textbook on Print Media (professors of the Krakow Academy are the authors of the book) and will place fragments of an International Discussion Panel dated from 2003 in the book's introduction under the title: “Graphics on the Edge”. The seven people chosen to be quoted include: Richard Noyce (Britain), Davida Kidd (Canada), Basil Frank (Israel), Deena des Rioux (New York, USA), Janusz Akerman (Poland), Hanna Haska Canada/Poland), Lech Polcyn (Poland).

Student accomplishments:

- Erin Miller, first year Print Media student took one of her linocuts to Starbucks which is now requesting several copies of her print to display and sell. She has several interested buyers already!
- Kelso Butterworth is a first-year Visual Arts diploma student at the University College of the Fraser Valley. Thanks in part to lithography skills she's picking up in her print media class she produced a design that she took to the operators of Coastal Riders skate shop in Surrey, who were really impressed with the board and decided to display it in their window. Orders have rolled in and now with the help of private investors, Butterworth has purchased a quantity of blank boards, is currently setting up her own website (www.romanceskate.com), and is working on links from other skate shops to her site.

Communications - Faculty member Ryszard Dubanski launched his book *Black Teeth & Other North End Souvenirs* to an appreciative audience at UCFV's University House on October 28. The book is "a collection of linked non-fiction stories, a personal history of growing up in Winnipeg's tough multi-cultural North End in the 1960s". The UCFV launch was followed up with Ryszard's appearance in the RAW Exchange presentation at Vancouver Public Library on November 23 (part of a series featuring Readers and Writers in thematic dialogues based on their work).

FACULTY OF COMMUNITY ACCESS, BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Hope Centre:

Several continuing education classes will be held in the new year - Traffic Control, Workplace Hazardous System Materials Information System (WHMIS), Occupational First Aid Level I, Cashier's Training, Spanish Level I and Critical Analysis and Study Methodology 108 will be offered in the summer 2006 semester.

The obviously work related Continuing Studies courses are a result of working with both Chawathil and Free Rein, the Spanish comes through a group at the Baptist church who approached us and CSM 108 will hopefully appeal to our graduating high school students before they carry on to further studies. The continuing studies area was great at making this happen for us.

We will be attending our local Community Health Fair on November 19 to promote classes for the upcoming winter 2006 semester and promoting the university campaign.

Heritage Park Centre, Mission:

For the first time, a Mission Students' Association has been formed. A student lounge is now available for students to relax, study, or socialize with each other.

We are bringing back some Continuing Studies programs to the Mission campus. A course offering booklet has been published and circulated around the Mission campus and to the public. The people of Mission can read all about the courses that we offer. Kuldip Gill, our Writer-In-Residence will be using office space on the Mission campus and has already scheduled two poetry workshops through Continuing Studies on the Mission campus.

College and Career Prep:

Like the rest of UCFV, the College and Career Preparation (CCP) department has undergone many changes during the past few months. There have been personnel, workplace, and programming changes.

Personnel Changes - Our personnel changes began in the spring when Vicki Grieve, who ably served as department head for the past few years, was replaced by Dr. Sue Brigden. Changes continued during the summer when long-time faculty members Bonnie Hamilton, Sheryl Henderson, and Keith Mohammed retired and were replaced by Jan Oosterhoff Contant, Alyson Seale, and Barb Stirskey; and instructional assistants Darlene Carson and Virginia Minnabarriett retired and were replaced by Hilary Kennedy and Catherine Nelson.

Workplace Changes - The workplace changed dramatically for Abbotsford-based staff and faculty with the implementation of the space utilization plan. In early May, we packed up our long-standing and well-used classrooms and department office, relocating to a temporary space for the summer.

Working with the architects, Institutional Research and Facilities personnel, we designed a comfortable new office and resource area in the former Women's Centre and Cascade offices. This new area, Room A224, includes faculty and staff offices, a room with six computers, and a resource room where tutors can work with tutees or small groups can work on projects. The CCP department no longer has designated classrooms; fortunately, our multi-level classes are taught in the room adjacent to A224 enabling students, staff, and faculty to easily access department resources and computers.

The new CCP department office area in Abbotsford is a great improvement over our previous area. Faculty and staff now have places to meet privately with students and colleagues; at the same time, the area promotes the cooperation and collaboration our department strives for.

Programming Changes:

Summer 2005 Semester: The CCP department increased its summer semester course sections significantly this year, offering classes in both Abbotsford and Chilliwack. As a consequence, our student enrollment for summer 2005 increased by 300% over spring 2004. Students welcomed the opportunity to continue their studies during the summer and take courses that, previously, had only been offered during fall and winter semesters.

Community-Based Classes: To better serve students unable or hesitant to attend on-campus CCP courses, we have continued to change the way some of our programming is offered. Instead of only offering on-campus classes, we are also offering community-based classes in two of our UCFV communities: Chilliwack and Abbotsford.

Chilliwack Classes: Community-based classes are offered at two sites in Chilliwack. The first site, Central Gateway for Families, is an inner-city family learning centre established in 2004 by UCFV, Chilliwack Community Services, School District #33 (Chilliwack), and the Fraser Health Authority. The centre, located in a dedicated space in Central Elementary Community School, serves downtown families with young children by providing programs that offer integrated support and learning

opportunities. At Central Gateway, adult learners work with a CCP instructor to improve their basic literacy and numeracy skills or to acquire credits needed to complete the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood).

The second Chilliwack site is located at the Shxwhá:y Village Community Centre. The CCP department is pleased to be working with the Shxwhá:y First Nation community on the University College Transition Year Program project. This project, which was proposed by members of the Shxwhá:y community, has allowed UCFV to enter into a unique partnership whereby culturally-relevant and appropriate courses are taught off-campus in the community where the students live. CCP instructors began teaching education and career planning, English, and mathematics classes this past September. Students will continue to take most of their courses at the community centre during the winter 2006 semester when the CCP department will offer English, mathematics, and science classes; however, they will begin making the transition to the university environment by taking their CCP computer course on the Chilliwack campus in May 2006.

Abbotsford Classes: As a result of the work done by the Regional Literacy Coordinator (Julia Dodge), Abbotsford Community Services, and School District #34 (Abbotsford), the CCP department now offers two community-based classes in Abbotsford: one at Godson Elementary School and one at Harry Sayers Elementary School. Like the Chilliwack Gateway classes, adult learners work with a CCP instructor to improve their basic literacy and numeracy skills or to acquire credits needed to complete the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood).

A major goal of our community-based programming is to help students make the transition to on-campus programming. By providing classes in the community where students live and can access the support they need to be successful students, the CCP department is helping learners make the transition into the post-secondary environment. We are pleased with the results of our community-based classes and are working to identify sites for other community-based CCP classes in Hope and Mission.

Workplace TASK Program Changes: Due to the Space Utilization Plan and budget considerations, the department decided not to offer the Training in Attitudes, Skills and Knowledge for the Workplace (Workplace TASK) program in Abbotsford during the 2005/2006 school year. However, Workplace TASK programs continue in Mission and Chilliwack with strong numbers.

To provide some programming in Abbotsford for adults with special needs, one Fundamental-level English class designed specifically for such adults is offered this fall. Students in this class work with a CCP instructor and support workers on their literacy skills. The future of the TASK program in Abbotsford has yet to be decided; however, without additional funding it is unlikely the department will be able to offer three TASK programs in the future.

The Targeted Employability Skills Training (TEST) program, funded by the Vancouver Foundation, allowed the department to hire Michelle Rickaby to develop and implement a model for integrating

classroom instruction and work experience with specific skills training for TASK students. With the support of UCFV and Mission Heritage Park Secondary School, 30 TASK students were given the opportunity to gain work experience. The benefits of the TEST program to TASK students and their employers were numerous, so work experience will continue to be an important component of the TASK program.

New Computer 081 Course: In September, the Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) approved a new CCP course, COMP 081 (Introduction to Computers Part III). The course was developed because many students who complete COMP 071 indicate an interest in taking a more advanced computer course. COMP 081 follows the Advanced Level Computer Studies curriculum outlined in the Ministry of Advanced Education Adult Basic Education Articulation Handbook, so it is a provincially-articulated course that students can use to fulfill the BC Adult Dogwood program requirements.

Change can be difficult. Without a doubt, the recent changes have often been difficult for the department; however, they have also been very good for the department because, with them, have come new perspectives, ideas, and energies. Staff and faculty have been working with community groups in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope, and Mission to identify needs and increase awareness of our courses and programs. Our enrollment numbers are good this fall, and interest in our winter courses is strong. We feel very positive about the contributions we make to our students and UCFV and look forward to the future. Change is good.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agriculture Technology - Faculty member, Rose Morrison, attended an up-grading workshop for Environmental Farm Planners in Kamloops. As well, Rose and Norma Senn met with representatives of a developing organic farm producers institute in Keremeos. This group hopes to develop a practical training program for people interested in learning how to farm organically. If funding permits, they want to access many of our department's courses, using an on-line format so that their program can eventually be articulated and credentialed. To date, this group has received a small amount of money from the Western Economic Diversification Fund to conduct a feasibility study for their institute. They were able to identify several good potential practicum hosts for students with interests in organic farm production.

Faculty member, Tom Baumann, has just completed two paper reviews for the American Society of Horticultural Science journal "*Hort Technology*". One paper was on hydrocooling of strawberries and the other on carbohydrate concentrations in cranberries.

The agriculture students had enough candidates running for office in the Agriculture Student Society, that for the first time in many years, they had to hold an election to select officers.

School of Social Work and Human Services - Program Director, Gloria Wolfson, and faculty member, Adrienne Chan, completed a consulting contract for the Alberta College of Social Workers. The task was to create a series of competencies for social workers in Alberta and approval standards for programs offering diploma level social work education.

Physics - Faculty member, Derek Harnett, gave a talk called "*Designer Hadronic Operators from Group Theory*" at the University of Regina.



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