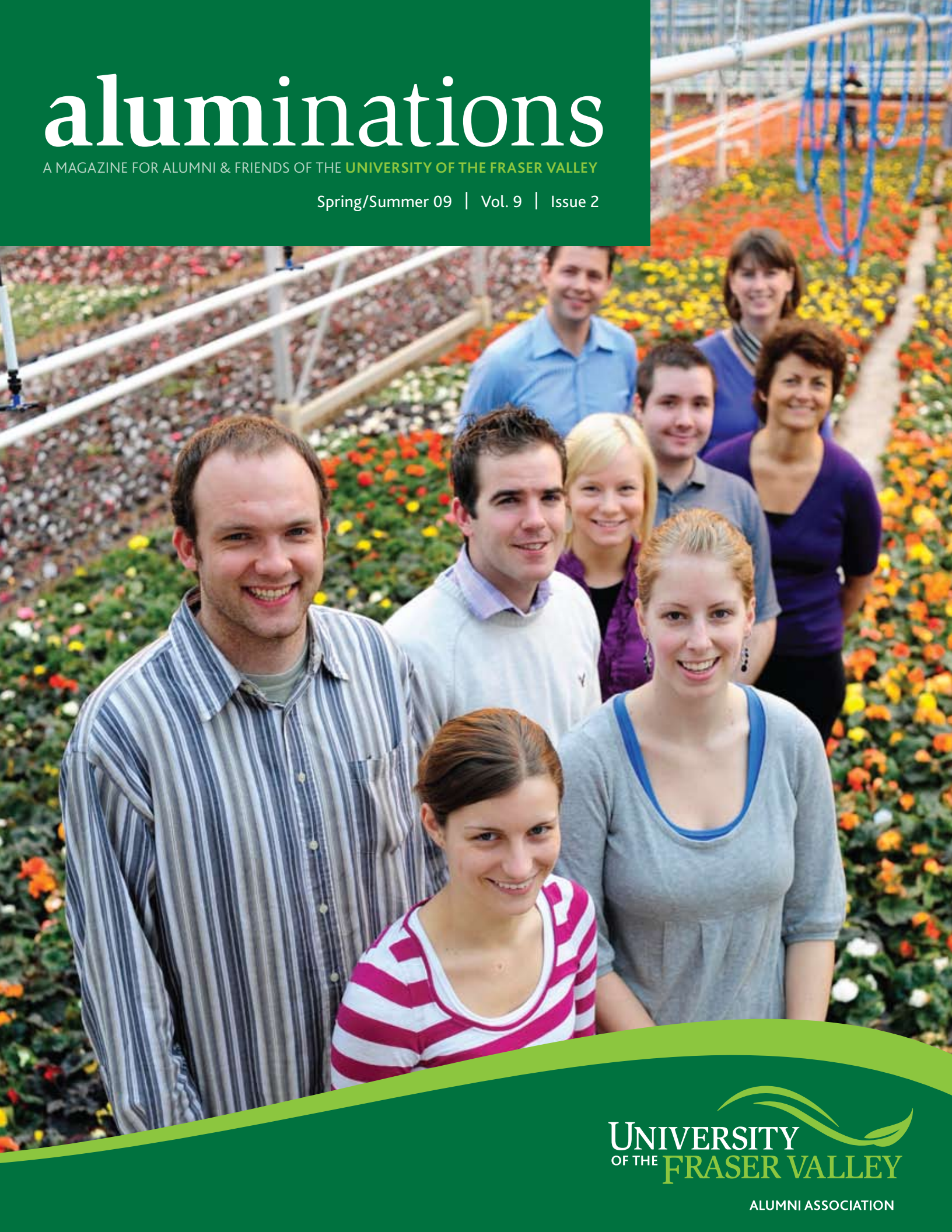


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Above: The Envision Athletic Centre was transformed into a high-fashion catwalk on April 29 when the UFV Fashion Design program presented its annual grad fashion show. Photo: John Van Putten/Abbotsford News

On the cover: DeVry Nurseries and Greenhouses has been expanding rapidly in recent years, and the company often looks to UFV to hire when it wants to add to its administrative team. Front row: Rick Kattenberg, Danielle VandeWeg, Trina Kuipers. Middle row: Jeremy Acker, Chelsea Flatt, Dave Walls, Fran Keefer. Back: Jack Rozendaal, Kathy Louwerse. Photo: Rick Collins



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Now that we're officially the University of the Fraser Valley, we've decided to refer to our institution by that name or by the UFV acronym in our stories.

chair'smessage

Photo: Bob McGregor



To begin, I would like to extend a great big thank you to **Stacey Irwin** for the tremendous job she and the previous boards have done in the past to make the Alumni Association what it is today. Through Stacey's dedication and hard work the Alumni Association moved from a mere vision to an organization that provides many benefits to the alumni of the university and has a significant influence on some of the decision-making processes at the university. As the new chair of the Alumni Association I have some big shoes to fill — and I wear a size 12!

I look forward to the challenge of following Stacey's tradition and have a great board of directors to work with to carry on the vision.

As the new chair of the Alumni Association it gives me great pleasure to

extend the warmest congratulations to the first official graduating class from the University of the Fraser Valley. What an exciting milestone this is for many of you who were involved in getting UCFV recognized as a full-fledged university.

Graduation is a special time — a culmination of the many hours of hard work undertaken by you to achieve your goal of achieving a diploma or degree. With graduation come many privileges including membership in our alumni association.

We hope you look back on your time at UFV fondly and wish to continue your relationship with us well into the future. We would also like you to take advantage of the benefits of membership and stay close to your school through the many activities the association provides for you to stay connected. When you get a chance take a minute and visit the UFV Alumni website at www.ufv.ca/alumni. All the best for the future in your chosen fields and we look forward to having you as active alumni of this fine institution.

Just a reminder to all those who wish to upgrade their existing parchment papers. The program is a great success and many alumni have taken advantage of it. If you have not applied for yours yet and are interested please contact alumni@ufv.ca and order yours today.

The Alumni board and I would also like to congratulate UFV president Skip Bassford on his well earned retirement. Skip has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Alumni Association and his contagious humour, attitude, and support will be

greatly missed. Best wishes in your future endeavours Skip, from all of the members of the board.

Of course with Skip's departure there is a big hole to fill at the president's level. The huge task of selecting a new president was undertaken by a well qualified search committee, of which Stacey was a member. With the appointment of Dr. Mark Evered as the new president and vice chancellor of the UFV, a new era has begun. We wish to extend a warm welcome to him and look forward to working with Mark in continuing to build the profile of the Alumni Association and its members.

Although the year is drawing to a close there are still many activities the Alumni Association will be involved with, including Skip Bassford's send-off reception, installation of the new president, and of course convocation. There is still much to do and I would like to thank everyone who supports the Alumni Association monetarily, with volunteer time, or both. It is the support of the many and their ongoing commitment that makes the association a success.

Best wishes to all for a successful future.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Luck".

Tony Luck, BBA '96/BA '07
Chair, UFV Alumni Association





Skip bids a fond farewell

UFV president **Skip Bassford** wraps up a busy and illustrious 11 years at the helm this June. Skip's accomplishments were many, but his crowning achievement was successfully guiding the campaign to secure university status for UFV in 2008. He's also proud of obtaining a large portion of the Canada Education Park on the former CFB Chilliwack for a new Chilliwack campus, and forging partnerships with the Indo-Canadian community that led to our Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies and the UFV BBA in Chandigarh.

New UFV president excited by opportunity

Dr. Mark Evered will be the new president and vice-chancellor of UFV.

He will replace current UFV president and vice-chancellor **Dr. H. A. 'Skip' Bassford** in July 2009.

Mark comes to UFV after a stint as provost and vice-president academic at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC. He holds a BSc in biology from McMaster University and a PhD in physiology from the University of Western Ontario. Over the course of his 30-year career, he has held research and academic appointments at Cambridge University, the University of Western Ontario, the Howard Florey Research Institute in Melbourne, and the University of Saskatchewan.

"I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, and students of UFV, building on the outstanding legacy they have shaped under the leadership of President Bassford," he says. "We are creating a new model of university, one that is tailored to the needs of today's students, our communities, and today's economic realities."

\$7.22 million in upgrades to Canada Education Park

The federal and provincial governments have combined to kickstart the process of moving more UFV programs to the Canada

Education Park by providing \$7.22 million for infrastructure improvements and renovation of a building that was constructed as a school for military engineers, and has been used by Sardis Secondary.

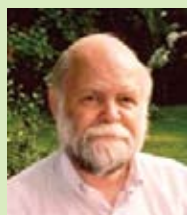
The university owns 85 acres of land at the Ed Park and opened a new Trades and Technology Centre in a renovated building in 2007. UFV plans to move most of its current Chilliwack campus programs to the Ed Park, and sell the Yale Road campus in order to finance new buildings at the new campus.

UFV comes out on top in *Globe and Mail* University Report

One of the province's newest public universities is also one of its best, according to the 2008 *Globe and Mail* Canadian University Report. UFV was ranked as the top public university in B.C. — of any size — for overall quality of education, quality of teaching, most satisfied students, best student-faculty interaction, and best career preparation.

UFV also listed at the top, or sharing the top spot, in its category nationwide for having the smallest class sizes, most satisfied students, highest quality of education, highest quality of teaching, course variety/availability, ease of registration, and best library facilities. UFV shares this category with 16 other universities, including Nipissing, Dalhousie, Thompson Rivers University, UBC-Okanagan, and St. Francis Xavier.

Goodbye to two UFV legends



UFV said a final goodbye to two long-time employees this spring, both of whom had contributed much to the university community over the decades.

Bonnie Sigaty, who brightened the life of many throughout three decades working with the public in the Office Careers, Continuing Studies, and Trades departments, passed away Feb. 14.

Jim Andersen, a longtime and much beloved English faculty member, also passed away in February.

You can read more about their impact on students and colleagues, and share your own memories, at the following links:

www.ufv.ca/guestbooks/jimandersen

www.ufv.ca/guestbooks/bonniesigaty

UFV adds Plumbing and Piping, Automotive Collision Repair programs

Even when times are tough, you're going to call a plumber when your toilet overflows or your pipes burst. That's why UFV is confident that its new Plumbing and Piping program will be popular.

UFV will also be turning heads with the new Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing program. Set to start this September, the 10-month certificate program will not only teach basic auto body repair, but will also focus on custom paint jobs and vehicle restoration.

Applications spike following status change

The change to university status has proved to be a popularity booster for UFV. Applications for fall admission are up 30 per cent over this time last year.

Several factors have combined to make it easier to recruit students for UFV. The change to university status from the more confusing university college label, combined with a major rebranding exercise, helped to boost credibility and visibility, according to VP external **Robert Buchan**. "Plus, in times of economic downturn, people generally think more about upgrading their education," he added.

UFV history book in the works

UFV quietly marked its 35th anniversary on April 4. The university is planning a history book to record its growth from an "instant college" with classes in church basements to the multicampus institution it is today.

If you've got stories to share, go to

www.ufv.ca/historybook



Photo: Rick Collins

Brazen shootouts in shopping plazas. Murdered teens dumped by the roadside. High profile gangsters living openly in Abbotsford. It makes for a sensational and scary time to live in the Fraser Valley.

But UFV criminologist Darryl Plecas says that the recent spike in gang warfare, although dangerous and alarming, is an anomaly, and that a new community-based approach called the crime-reduction model is already helping to reduce the overall crime rate and will do much to stem the gang warfare.

What crime wave?

By Dr. Darryl Plecas

When I became the RCMP Research Chair in Crime Reduction four years ago I stated publicly on numerous occasions that I should be fired if the crime rate in British Columbia did not drop significantly within five years. In fact, I suggested that anyone else who was espousing the benefits of this new initiative we were calling “crime reduction” should also be shown the door if crime didn’t drop. In particular, I suggested that we should be ready to fire a few senior government officials and political leaders in Victoria, the provincial head of the RCMP, and all

police chiefs and RCMP detachment commanders around the province. I made the suggestion because the provincial and federal governments, at the urging of the RCMP, had committed a substantial amount of money to the University of the Fraser Valley and Simon Fraser University under the umbrella of the new initiative. They established research chairs at both universities and together with several corporate sponsorships helped build very expensive secure crime labs in both universities. Beyond that, police and government officials redeployed significant resources towards the crime-reduction initiative.

Now four years later, it will look at first glance that we all should have been fired a few years ago. Certainly that would seem reasonable if you used as a measuring stick the volume of gang violence we have seen in the province over the last few years. Simply, we have witnessed an explosion in gang activity in the province, to the point where just a few months ago the federal Minister of Public Safety described the province as the organized crime capital of the country. But here’s why I am not getting ready to clean out my desk just yet.

To begin with, the gang problem has really overshadowed what’s actually happening with crime around the province. Specifically, while gang-related crime has been on an increase, crime overall in the

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 gang problem to
 largely evaporate.**
 —Dr. Darryl Plecas”



province (like that in Canada generally) has been on the decline for nearly 10 years. More significantly, the decline has been even more pronounced in recent years in those communities that have introduced specific crime-reduction initiatives, such as those focusing on chronic and priority offenders. In fact, several communities in British Columbia have seen their overall crime rate drop by more than 40 per cent in the last two years alone. And I am quite confident that you can expect further declines over the foreseeable future.

I must confess that we didn't invent the crime-reduction approach. We had observed the success of a similar approach in the United Kingdom, where they took concepts such as community and multi-stakeholder partnerships, evidence-based policy and practice, information and intelligence-led policing, and stakeholder accountability, and thoughtfully wove them into a new, comprehensive, and very successful response to reducing crime. Within a decade, crime in the UK fell by more than 40 per cent. Even with some important differences between the UK and British Columbia, we were confident that if communities around the province put in place the same basic principles and practices, we could expect to see the same kind of results here.

The results thus far are particularly encouraging, especially when you consider that we are still setting the stage for the crime-reduction model in B.C., rather

than fully practising the principles widely. Communities have been busy, however. They have been creating an awareness of the need to change the way we respond to crime and criminals. They have been getting stakeholder buy-in and developing new multi-agency partnerships. They have been calling for information-sharing across stakeholder groups, and the need for systems to facilitate seamless sharing. Meanwhile, the provincial government, through the collective efforts of its Crime Reduction Secretariat, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and Attorney General's Office, has been pursuing more efficient ways to facilitate information sharing, develop better partner and system integration, and support stakeholder responsibility.

At the same time, police have been busy developing a world-class crime and intelligence capability that will support the most ambitious crime-reduction initiatives. In short, with a commitment like we have never seen before in this province, stakeholders have been working to build up a broadly based capacity to better respond to crime. This commitment is critical because building our capacity cannot be overstated: our previous lack of capacity is perhaps the single-most significant reason why we have had such difficulty responding to crime in recent times.

To be sure, there are still challenges ahead. For example, while we might all

have a greater commitment to sharing information than ever before, the legal, privacy, and technical issues involved are extremely complex and will likely add several years to achieving ideal information-sharing systems and agreements. Further, while everyone agrees that we should move forward in an evidenced-based way, it will be some time before we have information systems in place which will allow audits and evaluations to occur in a timely and affordable manner. Finally, resources are and can be expected to remain a problem for stakeholders in and outside the system for the foreseeable future.

For the immediate future, gangs again are a particular problem, but you should watch for this problem to largely evaporate, because the police and other stakeholders are now applying crime-reduction principles towards gangs and organized crime. They have launched an all-out assault on gangsters, they are gathering a mountain of intelligence and evidence on them, their capacity to go after gangsters has increased dramatically, and recently more and more gangsters, including high-profile gang leaders, are finding themselves behind bars. Two years from now we will be looking back on the gang problem as a “spike in gang violence”. I am as sure of that as I have been about the expected success of crime reduction.

Dr. Darryl Plecas is a longtime member of the UFV School of Criminology and Criminal Justice who recently taught Crim 105 for the 105th time.



BBA grads Jeremy Acker, Dave Walls, Rick Kattenberg, and Jack Rozendaal have all launched a career with DeVry.

Photo: Rick Collins

Growing together

UFV supplies
steady stream
of employees
to DeVry
Greenhouses
and Nurseries

By Anne Russell

UFV is mandated to be a community-based institution, existing to serve its region's education and training needs.

DeVry Greenhouses and Nurseries of Chilliwack is one local company where this relationship can be seen in action. DeVry has been growing substantially in recent years, and when it's time to expand the office and management team, the wholesale greenhouse and nursery products company has been looking consistently to UFV.

In fact, when sales specialist **Jack Rozendaal (BBA '03)** surveyed the office staff at DeVry, he found that all but one had attended UFV in one way or another.

For some, the connection to UFV is in the distant past. **Kathy Louwerse**, part of the accounting team, earned her Office Careers certificate with a bookkeeping specialty in 1988. She's been a vital part of DeVry's operations since 2001, doing bookkeeping and handling accounts payable, payroll, bank account management, and GST/PST. Fundraising coordinator **Fran Keefer** took data processing in 1991. Office manager

Trina Kuipers earned the Accounting certificate in 1998. IT guru **Dave Boone** took a year of engineering in 2000.

For others, UFV is a more recent experience. Office assistant **Danielle VandeWeg** graduated from the Applied Business Technology program in 2008, after deciding she wanted a quick and professional way of getting trained for an office job. And fundraising coordinator **Chelsea Flett**, recently plucked from the greenhouse to work on sales to schools and other organizations, is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts degree.

In fact DeVry has been on a bit of a UFV hiring streak lately, taking on Bachelor of Business Administration degree graduates in 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2008.

The connection to the UFV BBA program started with Jack. He has been with DeVry part-time since his teenage years, when he would drop by after school to work in the greenhouses.

"I'm the luckiest guy here because I get to sell our stuff, and that's easy because we focus on quality so our product is excellent. We have a philosophy of expanding if the

opportunity is there, but ensuring that we maintain quality above all else,” he says.

DeVry started out in 1989, with a focus on growing zonal geraniums. An early client was Loblaws, which was establishing Real Canadian Superstores in B.C. DeVry has been growing along with this major client, going from supplying the first four Vancouver-area Superstores, to servicing more than 130 stores throughout B.C. and Alberta, as well as other big-box stores and many different retail garden centres.

“From Terrace to Cranbrook to Vancouver to Fort McMurray to Lethbridge, if you’re buying planters, hanging baskets, annuals, herbs, vegetables, or basket stuffers from a big chain store, chances are we grew it here,” says Jack.

Jack likes the flat management structure at DeVry, and the fact that owners **Pete** and **Arnold DeVry** have allowed him to mature with the company.

“I was always welcome to work here while I was going to school. I started in the greenhouse and then did some truck deliveries. Once I finished my degree, the owners let me take our extra poinsettias and launch a fundraising service. Now I look after corporate sales.”

Jack credits his UFV education with helping to broaden his mindset and preparing him

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to bring to work.

— Arnold DeVry



for a more responsible role at DeVry.

“The four years of broad experience I gained at UFV helped me to learn to think in a more in-depth way and make more well-informed decisions. That’s why education is so important. It’s not so much getting a piece of paper as how you apply it. Now I’m pursuing a master’s degree so I can lead myself and our team even better.”

Jack was president of the Business Administration Student Association (BASA) during his final year at UFV.

The power of networking worked out well for **Jeremy Acker (BBA '04)** who was a BASA vice president during his last year as a student. Jack knew him from UFV and approached him to join the DeVry team once he graduated.

Jeremy started in purchasing and moved into nursery sales, handling relationships with wholesale nurseries and many large stores.

“I never knew how much goes on in a wholesale greenhouse or nursery until I started here. It’s great working here because it’s such a young team — we’ve all been given a lot of responsibility very early on. It’s not a rigid hierarchy, and it’s almost like we’ve been given the opportunity to operate our own mini-business.”

Rick Kattenberg (BBA '07) is another local boy who worked in the greenhouse as a student. When he was approaching graduation from UFV he was offered an opportunity to go into the office.

Now he handles inventory control and also the seasonal agriculture worker program, which sees 100 Mexicans come to work for DeVry each spring. Rick took some French at UFV, and studied Spanish abroad for three

months courtesy of his employer, in order to better equip him to communicate with the Mexican workers.

His responsibilities with regards to inventory control include tracking and ordering pots, trays, tags, and other collateral supplies.

While at UFV he studied both human resources and inventory control.

“Those are the two things I’m doing most today, so I was well prepared through my education,” he says.

The most recent BBA graduate hired at DeVry is **Dave Walls (BBA '08)**, who works in bookkeeping, looking after accounts payable.

Dave is enjoying getting some bookkeeping experience and getting a close-up look at how a business operates. He’s planning on pursuing an accounting designation in the future.

“I really like it here,” he says of DeVry. “The culture is great and the work is right up my alley. I’m happy to be getting a well-rounded experience.”

Dave enjoyed his UFV experience, especially helping to put on accounting software tutorials and offering tax services to other students as part of BASA.

“So far we have been very fortunate with UFV graduates,” says DeVry co-owner Arnold DeVry. “They not only have a very good business sense and responsible nature, but they also have the right attitude, which is one of the greatest assets a person can have. We’ll definitely look to hire more UFV graduates when our team expands.”



Photo: Rick Collins

Danielle VandeWeg, Fran Keefer, Chelsea Flatt, Kathy Louwerse, and Trina Kuipers have all attended UFV.



Jaco Devisser (right) got started in his career by taking part in UFV's co-op program. Now an IT manager with Corrections Canada, he turns to the Career Centre to hire co-op students like Robert Breaks (left), who is pursuing his CIS degree at UFV.

Lasting Links

Photo: Rick Collins

UFV Career Centre forges ties with growing alumni network

By Patty Wellborn

Forget the classifieds. When **Jaco Devisser (BCIS '06)** is looking for somebody to hire, the first place he calls is the University of the Fraser Valley's Career Centre.

Jaco, who manages the IT department at Corrections Canada's Pacific Institution/Regional Treatment Centre, is a return customer when it comes to using the university's co-operative education students for short-term placements. Co-op placements are perfect opportunities for students to get some on-the-job training. Employers know the students are motivated and have specific skills. Jaco knows all about the success of UFV's co-op placements because he was a co-op student himself while he was taking computer studies at UFV.

"It really is a situation where everybody benefits," he says. "As a student, you are not only getting work experience, but you're also finding out if this is a job for you. As an employer, you get somebody who is keen, brings in a new and often different perspective, and has up-to-date technical knowledge."

Jaco started his studies at UFV in 1997 and took a number of co-op placements with BC Hydro and then Corrections Canada while working towards his CIS diploma. Even when he was hired full time at Corrections Canada, he continued his studies, earning his degree in 2006. He is now in a position where he hires staff and knows the quickest way to get a good employee is to start with UFV's Career Centre.

While on a co-op placement, students get a full understanding of a particular job. This is crucial to many employers, as they know a successful co-op student is going to turn into a successful employee. From the students' perspective, it's a great test drive of a career path.

"Co-ops are like the dating phase, before you get married to the career you choose," says former co-op student **Peter Pereira (BCIS '08)**.

"I had a hard time trying to decide what field in computer systems I should branch into," he explains. "At Agriculture Canada and BC Hydro, I provided support for users and clients and did some hardware and software troubleshooting. However, at my next placement, I asked to try something

“ Co-op terms are essential because skills you learn in school are applied and tested.

— Peter Pereira (BCIS '08)



different. I decided to take a software job and see how it worked.”

This particular job turned out to have web-related aspects, which Peter liked, and software testing, which he didn't enjoy so much.

“This co-op term led me to decide that the software concentration is not my cup of tea and this is a perfect example of why I strongly believe that co-op helps you make a good career decision.”

Peter started his computer studies in Mumbai, India, and came to UFV because he could transfer his credits in the CIS program here. He says as an international student, co-op terms are important because you learn about the Canadian working environment, vital knowledge if you are thinking of remaining in Canada once you graduate. Peter now lives and works in Toronto with Johnson & Johnson. He stresses that his co-op experiences helped get him there.

“Co-op terms are essential because the skills you learn in school are applied and tested,” he says. “After a couple of terms, I returned to school and knew exactly what courses to take so I could make a better decision about what to concentrate on to advance in my career. Additionally, the knowledge and insights that you get from your experienced supervisors and colleagues at work are incredible.”

In tight economic times, people need a place where they can get practical, hands-on help with their job search. Career Centre director **Deborah Bartlette** says there's a lot more to the Career Centre than co-op and career placements. She is anxious to keep in touch with alumni, as they are a proven valuable resource to current students. Deborah says there are many times when career coaching and mentoring from a graduate has made an impact on a student who hasn't yet determined a direction for his or her career.

“Our nightmare scenario, which happens too often, is that of students with a newly earned degree not knowing what career path to follow. They're about to graduate with a BA, but they don't know what's next, or where to turn. And this is where our alumni can be a big part of the services we offer at the Career Centre.”

The Career Centre's **Lindsay Sasaki** agrees that alumni are a valuable resource for the centre and current UFV students. She has been in touch with many graduates and often hears great hints and ideas about job searches and even transitioning into full-time employment.

“Often, recent graduates will be out of school for six months and might still not know where to start with their job search, or which direction to turn. That's where our alumni can really be helpful,” says Lindsay. “They can help our current students and recent grads find that first professional job.”

Deborah says the relationship between the Career Centre and its many students continue well after graduation. Now, with more and more alumni acting as mentors or job coaches with students, she says alumni can continue to be involved with staff and students at UFV.

This year, the Career Centre introduced CareerLink, an online network where alumni can register (free of charge) and they can view job postings, make an appointment to see a career coach, and access other career development resources. Alumni can also use CareerLink to respond to networking events and career fairs on campus, as well as for recruiting purposes.

“We have relationships with students who have completed a full circle,” she says. “They were work-study or co-op students, and now they are ready to hire people and they know students involved with the Career Centre will have relevant work experience. It's a wonderful and successful partnership that continues to evolve.”



Photo: Rick Collins

Lindsay Sasaki (left) and Deborah Bartlette (right) of UFV's Career Centre provide some advice to Brittany Hickmott, a fourth-year co-op student who's pursuing her BBA degree.



Photo: Anne Russell

Passion for Learning

Valerie Lowe
got so wrapped
up in her
subject matter
that she made
a documentary
about him

By Anne Russell

Call it serendipity. A fortuitous coincidence that led to a burning ambition. Or fate. Whatever you call it, the chance discovery of a documentary film in a government ministry library, and the later reference to that film by one of her university professors at SFU, started **Valerie Lowe (Dip Soc Serv '80, BA Ad Ed '00)** on a mission that has led to her producing a documentary about an under-appreciated pioneer of psychology.

Lev Vygotsky (1896–1934) was a Russian Jew and a very prolific writer whose cultural historical theory espouses the idea that we become “ourselves” through our cultural and group experiences, and that our psychological development is mediated by the tools around us.

His ideas were considered brilliant by many of his students and peers, but he was living in a time of oppression, and his work was banned by Stalin.

His early death also prevented his ideas from becoming more widely known. But they did survive, partly by being translated into English by peers outside the Soviet Union.

These days, Vygotsky’s theories are taught around the world, and there are many articles and books about them.

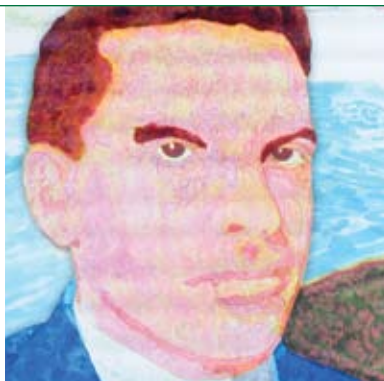
Valerie first encountered Vygotsky’s work when she was a staff trainer, designing curriculum for BC’s Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

“I was always searching out videos that I could incorporate into training, and in the ministry library I came across *Butterflies of Zagorsk*, about a school for children with severe disabilities outside Moscow that used the methods of Vygotsky to ‘bring children out’ of their isolation,” she recalls.

“Ten years later, I was taking a course in my Master of Education program at Simon Fraser University and a guest professor started talking about Lev Vygotsky and how his theory was being used in a school outside of Moscow.

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very unique.

— Valerie Lowe
(Dip Soc Serv '80, BA Ad Ed '00)



“I said, ‘I’ve seen an extremely interesting film about that school!’ This all happened at a time when I needed to make course choices for my summer semester at SFU. I decided to take the course offered about Lev Vygotsky.

“As I learned more about him I thought that what he brought to psychology was very unique and different, the idea that the mind develops within a cultural and historical context, that we become ourselves through others, and that our development is more than simply stages of individual development.”

Valerie wrote her final MEd paper about Vygotsky, but coming out of the course she still didn’t ‘get’ how you could practically apply his theory.

“Yet I knew that Vygotsky’s theory was being used in many contexts around the world and looked for videos about it. I found a few but they were geared to pre-school children. With some experience in media education, I thought it would be fascinating to produce an educational video that could be used by professors worldwide in teaching situations.”

So Valerie set off on a quest, taking out a second mortgage on her house and garnering investments and loans from friends and family. It took five years, trips to several countries, and contracts with film crews in several others, to capture the extent of Vygotskian practices throughout

the world. Using a mixture of interviews and commentary from his family members and educators who apply his work, archive photos and film footage, and contemporary examples of his work in practice, the documentary brings Vygotsky’s theories to life.

Valerie is now in the marketing phase of the production, hoping to recoup her costs by selling the DVD to educational institutions around the world. It’s been well received so far, and she’s even received requests for more examples of how Vygotsky’s theories are being put into practice, and for adding sub-titles in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian.

She sends thanks to UFV languages instructor **Alan Cameron** for providing Russian translation and voice-overs in the film, even serving as the voice of Vygotsky, and to UFV library technician **Heather LeGood** for guiding her through the process of selling and distributing in the educational market.

UFV figures prominently in the educational journey that prepared Valerie to be a documentary film producer. In fact, as she likes to put it, she has “grown up” with what started as Fraser Valley College, and with its instructors.

In the 1970s she was a high school dropout and a young mother raising kids on her own in Mission when she started taking courses.

“I was very scared at the start that I was out of my depth, but my instructors were very gracious and they helped me along the way.”

She earned her Social Services diploma in 1980, winning the academic achievement award, and started working in the non-profit sector. She also produced documentaries for the local cable TV stations.

Eventually she started working for the provincial Ministry of Housing and Social Development, focusing on frontline staff training and regional management.

When UFV launched its Bachelor of Adult Education degree, it seemed like the perfect fit, and Valerie enrolled to augment her teaching and curriculum design skills.

“The BA in Adult Ed offered the perfect opportunity to look at both the practical details and the big picture in education. It was a place to ask why we do things in a certain way, what we were trying to achieve, and for whose benefit?”

She also started her own consulting business on the side, offering workshop training and curriculum development to organizations and companies.

All along the way, Valerie has kept up a connection to UFV, coaching practicum students, and giving workshops to UFV departments. Even her Master of Education program from SFU was offered as a cohort course on location at UFV’s Abbotsford campus.

“UFV has been part of my life for 30 years. I was a rebellious young kid, and when I was ready to make a severe life change for the better, UFV supported me in that journey.”



Flights of Fancy

UFV Aviation
grad flies the
world with
British Airways

By Kim Lawrence

Most university students have big dreams, whether it's changing the world, helping the less fortunate, or making millions. **Christine Lavery-Massarini's** dreams included bush flying, flying and living overseas, and going to exotic places like the North Pole. And she's accomplished them all.

Born and raised in Simcoe, Ontario, Lavery-Massarini (BBA Aviation '03, Dip Aviation '97) moved to Abbotsford to study Aviation at UFV, earning her diploma in 1998 and upgrading it to a degree in 2001. She is currently living near Venice, Italy, and is flying all over Europe, Russia, and North Africa as a first officer on the British Airways Airbus 319/20/21 series out of London's Heathrow airport.

Lavery-Massarini's career path has not been as direct as the routes she flies today. During the summer of her first year at UFV, she drove to Whitehorse, Yukon, to make job contacts for the following year. It worked and she held several jobs there in

her first few years after graduation, logging valuable airtime by flying miners, outfitters, adventure tourists, and government officials around what she calls the most beautiful wilderness in the world.

From the sub-arctic to the tropics, Lavery-Massarini moved from Whitehorse to fly for an American company in Panama and Mexico for two years. The terrorist attacks of September 2001 hit all airlines hard and she lost her job, but took the opportunity to return to UFV to complete her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Aviation.

Her first job post-grad was with First Air, based in Iqaluit, Nunavut, where she flew regular routes for two years in addition to shuttling scientists in and out of research stations at the North Pole. A dual Canadian/British citizen, she turned her sights to the UK and ultimately left First Air for British Airways in 2006.

The only catch? She had to invest time and money to upgrade her flight credentials to a JAA-APTL (Joint Aviation Authority — Airline Transport Pilot Licence), which

is the highest licence a pilot can obtain. As first officers are generally hired with the intent of grooming them to become captains, Lavery-Massarini's career trajectory with British Airways looks very positive.

"Working for BA has been a dream come true and it is living up to my expectations," she says. "I finally feel like I have found a company where I can settle in and build a long and interesting career. I've always chosen jobs I wanted rather than doing what other people told me to do in order to build my resumé. It has been a very rewarding career so far and I wouldn't change it for anything."

Lavery-Massarini hyphenated her name last year when she married an Italian combat helicopter pilot she met while doing her UK licence conversion. She commutes to Venice on her days off and he tries his best to arrange his military duties around her flight schedule. "It is hard," she says, "but we both put a lot of effort into making each other a priority. Being married to a pilot helps because we understand each other's job and passion for it."

“ Working for British Airways has been a dream come true and is living up to my expectations

— Christine Lavery-Massarini,
(BBA Aviation '03, Dip Aviation '97)



UFV, in cooperation with Coastal Pacific Aviation at Abbotsford International Airport, offers one-, two-, and four-year aviation training programs. The one- and two-year diploma programs consist of training for the commercial licence followed by advanced training generally including multi-engine and instrument training, but with an optional flight instructor rating. The four-year degree program takes students through the private licence, commercial licence, and advanced training, and meets the academic requirements

for the UFV Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Learn more at www.ufv.ca/aviation or at www.coastalpacific.com.



Christine Lavery-Massarini's adventurous aviation career has taken her all over the world, from the sub-Arctic to the tropics and now to various European locations.



Cassie Silva (BA '08) received the Alumni Association scholarship in 2007 and is already using her leadership skills in the theatre world. She and colleague Megan McKenzie adapted and directed Kit Pearson's *Awake and Dreaming* for Abbotsford's Children's Theatre and also brought it to UFV's Directors' Festival. Cassie (foreground) is pictured here with Patrick Schweers (younger boy), Jamie Gourley (teen boy), Natasha Thompson, Nicole Provost, and Nada Moorthy.

Photo: Rick Collins

Giving back to where your journey began

By Melissa Beedle

In 2008, UFV alumni banded together like never before. Giving came in many forms, from the valuable gift of time, to convocation participation, to monetary gifts ranging from a few dollars to thousands. In fact, alumni participation and donations more than doubled, totaling more than \$28,000.

"Alumni are increasingly recognizing the value of their education at UFV and they're showing it," said alumni relations manager **Nancy Armitage**. "They are realizing that they truly can make a difference in shaping this institution and the Fraser Valley's future. After all, many UFV alumni go on to achieve great successes and will continue to lead the Fraser Valley's future in both private and public sectors."

Giving the gift of time

Over a decade ago, **Stacey Irwin (BBA '97)** saw the need to connect alumni and to celebrate their accomplishments.

In 1998, to make her vision possible, Stacey participated in a committee tasked with setting objectives that would become part of the university's five-year strategic plan (1999–2004). She realized at that time there was no structure in place that would allow graduates to remain connected to the university and to each other.

"Most universities have an alumni association and we knew that our alumni would benefit immensely from one," said Stacey. "Many grads expressed the desire to stay connected with faculty and staff at what was then called UCFV, and so my journey began." In large part because of Stacey's hard work, the university's first alumni association was founded in 2001.

Serving as alumni association chair from 2001 to 2008, Stacey has left a significant mark on the university.

"UFV gave so much to me, beyond an excellent education, and I wanted to give something back to the institution and other grads," said Stacey. "Forming an alumni association was a natural step. Not only can alumni leverage their association with the university to benefit personally through networking and professional development, but they can also remain involved in the community and promote their respective businesses."

Stacey remarked that founding, building, and chairing the alumni association for over a decade was a huge time commitment that required vision, determination, development, engagement, and persistence.

"We were faced with many challenges but together, we made it happen. Everything I learned from this experience is applied to my career and personal life every day. I'm a better person for the experiences I have had at UFV."

Alumni association creates awards for students in each faculty

Stacey is particularly proud of the association's most recent donation to the university. Using the proceeds from convocation photos, cap and tassel sales, merchandise sales, and MBNA MasterCard royalties, the association was able to create awards for students in four of UFV's faculties: Arts, Professional Studies, Science, and Trades. The association also funds a Graduate Leadership award. The association has been critical in keeping alumni involved with UFV's growth and development. It has also been the launching pad for several alumni-related initiatives, including this semi-annual magazine, a monthly e-newsletter, an online forum for grads to connect and share experiences, and an annual theatre event, among other undertakings.

UFV call centre connects with alumni

This January, UFV launched its first alumni call centre to reach out to alumni and encourage their continued involvement with the university.

"We have wanted to open a call centre for a long time, and with university status in place, we knew it was time," says UFV acting director of development **Ryan Koch**. He was delighted with the level of alumni participation. "Using call centres

to reach alumni is not a new concept for universities, but we were not sure how UFV alumni would respond. I am pleased that the personal touch of speaking with a current UFV student resulted in a significant increase from previous years' giving to UFV. This initiative has been another important step in reconnecting with our alumni."

Ryan believes this investment will have long-term benefits to our community. "It is in everyone's best interest to promote the vitality of our local economy by investing in one of our most valuable assets — our university. We hope that these gifts will inspire others from the alumni association who appreciate and have benefited from an education at UFV."

Alumni donations support students now and in the future

Our alumni donations help create student leadership awards, scholarships for academically successful students, and bursaries to assist students while pursuing an education.

"We are very grateful that alumni are beginning to understand how critical their support is, both for our students and for the growth of our university," said UFV vice-president external **Robert Buchan**. "Every donation, regardless of size, will ensure that all students are provided with the tools they need to succeed."



Photo: Bob McGregor

Former alumni association board chair Stacey Irwin has given back to UFV in many ways.

For more information on the university's fundraising goals, or if you are interested in supporting student success, please contact UFV acting director of development **Ryan Koch** at 604-851-6326 or ryan.koch@ufv.ca



Photo: Bob McGregor

Left to right back row: vice chair Paul Blessin, Randy Millard, treasurer Mark Brosinski, Adam Simpson, secretary Darren Penner. Left to right front row: Jason Barnes, past chair Stacey Irwin, chair Tony Luck, Bonnie Rai, Douglas Okero, Helen Yannacopoulos. Missing: Dan Harris, Baljeet Singh Kundan.



UFV donor Diane Delves looks over plans in front of her Tamarind condominium project with superintendent Doug Bos.

Photo: Rick Collins

Opening doors for Fraser Valley women in trades

By Brian J. Martin

Ask **Diane Delves** what she thinks about women in trades and she'll give you a determined look. "I'm a woman in the trades," she states. "There's no reason why others cannot do the same."

To prove her point, the Quantum Properties president and principal owner has created two new annual UFV scholarships for students in trades beginning this spring.

Diane launched a real estate appraisal company to assist developers in the Fraser Valley in the 1990s. As an appraiser, she became curious about her clients' trade. She also noticed that many new developments in the region were two-bedroom units, with little for the first-time homebuyer.

"I noticed that their one-bedroom units would sell in an instant, and yet there was a belief that people wanted more space," recalls Diane. "I felt there was a market for getting people into home ownership and that many would want to start at a smaller price point to transition from renting or living in their parents' home."

Recognizing this need, Diane partnered with a colleague to form Quantum Properties. At first, developing was little more than a side project — both fun and profitable. Gradually, Diane saw value in increasing her workload, eventually buying out her partner and becoming a full-time developer in 2006.

Under her guidance and the long days she put in (she's an admitted workaholic), Quantum Properties has become a major player in Abbotsford. Delves' company is busy trying to keep up with the demand for affordable and luxury housing in the city.

As Abbotsford and the Fraser Valley have been good to her, her family, and associates, she believes in giving something back. She has been a volunteer for many years doing committee work with her professional associations and working with the Aldergrove Credit Union on its board of directors.

"I'm happy to give financially when I can and help organizations that are good for the community and good for my industry," acknowledges Diane. "The UFV Trades and Technology Centre is just that. Graduates from the Drafting program could very well be my future employees. By investing in UFV,

I am in a sense investing in my industry and my own company."

"As for the woman-in-trades award, that's more personal. I have always been a non-traditional female and I've done quite well in non-traditional female roles. I would like to see women think outside the box. Just because you are a woman you do not need to limit your career choices. There are excellent careers for women in the trades."

The \$1,000 Quantum Properties Entrance Scholarship for Women in the Faculty of Trades & Technology is directed at first-year UFV students. Diane hopes that the financial incentive will encourage more young women to consider a career in trades. The \$3,500 Quantum Properties Entrance Scholarship in Drafting will assist a mature student, possibly one looking for a career change or a chance to combine their own experience with a formal education.

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New chair, grand “Envision”

By Melissa Beedle



Barry Delaney, the new UFV Foundation Board Chair is Senior Vice-President, Corporate Secretary and Risk Services, at Envision Financial

Barry Delaney doesn't just *envision* while at his day job as Envision Financial's senior vice president, corporate secretary and risk services. He also believes strongly in putting his business vision to good work in our communities, as indicated by his volunteer roles for causes ranging from health care and education to homelessness and international development.

To UFV's advantage, Barry was recently elected new chair of its Foundation Board after serving six years on the board as a member. Tasked with leading the team's new strategic direction, Barry is optimistic.

"We have a talented team of players on our board," says Barry, "If there is anything my experience has taught me, it is the value of a diverse board like ours. We are fortunate to have a great range of perspectives, including those of professionals outside academics, such as business, law, and accounting."

Barry is not ambivalent about the UFV Foundation's role in financially supporting the university's growth and development in the future. One goal of the foundation is to raise funds to support student awards, so that the university can use money it currently spends on awards for other purposes.

"Every year, UFV funds a significant number of student awards and we plan on raising funds to take the task of paying for these away from the university's general revenue stream, so that it can go toward other important teaching and student-related activities."

The foundation board is also reviewing other potential sources of income to continue to bridge funding gaps, including reviewing how the university can use its real estate assets to obtain revenue. For example, UFV is looking at selling its current Chilliwack campus on Yale Road in order to finance development of its new campus at the Canada Education Park in Chilliwack.

Barry recently served on BC Children's Hospital Foundation's board, chaired the Langley Homeless Shelter task force, and has volunteered with the Abbotsford Community Foundation. A strong supporter of international development through the Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA), Barry has traveled on assignment to Africa, where he's provided technical assistance to credit unions in Malawi and Ghana.

Contact him at Envision Financial at 604-539-7335 or BDelaney@envisionfinancial.ca.



Get your new university credential parchment!

UCFV and Fraser Valley College credential holders can apply for a new parchment that reflects the new University of the Fraser Valley name.

A parchment with the university name on it can increase your status, and make you more viable in the job market.

The graduates of 2008 were automatically mailed new parchment in December; please contact the Alumni Relations office if yours has not arrived.

Alumni from graduating classes in earlier years are eligible to apply for a new parchment by visiting the Alumni Relations office or downloading an application from www.ufv.ca/alumni.

Applications will be accepted through the Alumni Relations office until January 1, 2010.

News

Alumni Association creates new endowments

Stacey Irwin, who recently wrapped up a long tenure as a founding member and three-term chair of the UFV Alumni Association, is happy about leaving a legacy. In September, under Stacey's direction, the alumni board passed a motion to create two new endowments in addition to their existing endowment, allowing the association to offer four leadership awards each year to undergraduate students and one to those going on to graduate studies. The total gift, including the existing endowment and two annual awards is equal to \$38,500, which will produce five awards equaling \$500 each year.

A farewell to long-term directors and a welcome to five new ones

The Alumni Association held its annual general meeting on October 20. The board is pleased to announce the following new executive directors: Tony Luck (BBA '96, BA '07) as chair, Paul Blessin as vice chair, Darren Penner (BA '03) as secretary. New member-at-large directors are: Adam Simpson (BA '05), Douglas Okero (Cert Bus Admin '04), Baljeet Singh Kundan (BCIS '99), Randy Millard (BBA '00), and Helen Yannacopoulos (BFA '08). The board says farewell to: founder and three-term chair Stacey Irwin (BBA '97), vice chair Susan Francis (BBA '00), and secretary Donna Alary (BA '99). Bonnie Rai (BA '03) is serving another two-year term as member-at-large, and Tasenka Kushner (BScN '06) and Kelly Chahal (BA '95) have resigned their positions.

UFV's great hall named in honor of UFV alumni

UFV's great hall was officially renamed the Alumni Hall directly following the ceremony to install chancellor Brian Minter on October 27. Over time the Alumni Hall will be refashioned to exhibit all things alumni. Visit the hall to see the spectacular banner and learn about past Distinguished Alumni Award winners.



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Events

Annual alumni basketball game! Mark your calendars — October 3

You won't want to miss the fifth annual alumni basketball games. This year the men's and women's alumni teams will challenge the UFV Cascades in a game to rival all games on Sat, October 3. Everyone is invited to attend, free of charge. Join the Alumni Association afterwards for complimentary fun and refreshments on campus. Envision Centre Gymnasium on the Abbotsford campus
Women's game at 5 pm; men's game at 7 pm
Don't miss the fun and free appies after the game!
Casey's Bar and Grill on campus
Alumni Basketball Social, 9:30–10:30 pm

Annual alumni soccer games! Hold the date — August 29

Join us at Bateman Park as the UFV alumni soccer team challenges the UFV Cascades. Kick-off at 11 am. Then come out to enjoy free appetizers at the after game reception at Cheers Bar and Grill. Stayed tuned online for more details at www.ufv.ca/alumni.

Library and Information Technology alumni reunion coming

You won't want to miss this fun-filled weekend. Join us for a variety of social and professional development opportunities and to celebrate the 30th birthday of the LIBIT program. We are in the planning stages for a Fall 2010 event so be sure to get in touch with us early. Become a volunteer and

help spread the word to other LIBIT graduates! Stay posted to the alumni website for details as they unfold at www.ufv.ca/alumni.

Calling all Applied Business Technology alumni (formerly known as Office Careers)

ABT alumni are asked to get in touch with us. We are at the early stages of planning an alumni event for the spring of 2010. We'd like to learn what kind of event would interest you, whether it be social, professional development or business/career networking.
Contact us at alumni@ufv.ca.

Alumni Evening of Theatre big success!

The Alumni Association hosted the fourth annual Alumni Evening of Theatre on Friday, March 20. A full house of alumni and guests were invited to gather together free of charge to enjoy the UFV Theatre department's production of *Hamlet*. Alumni and guests enjoyed a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, raffle prizes, and the launch of the very special 2009 Alumni commemorative wine. Thanks for joining us.

Alumni basketball event — Cascades vs TRU

The Alumni Association in partnership with the UFV Athletics department hosted an alumni evening of basketball on Jan. 10. UFV alumni come together in the mezzanine of the Envision lobby for an exciting night of pizza, basketball, and in-game promotions.
The Cascades were narrowly defeated by rival Thompson Rivers University.

Images left to right:

- 1 — 2008 Alumni games: Anthony Lau going up for shot
- 2 — The Great Hall was renamed Alumni Hall on Oct 27, with Alumni Association board members on hand.
- 3 — Alumni Association board members Mark Brosinski, Darren Penner, and Stacey Irwin, along with staff member Helen Hughes, host the wine and cheese reception at the Fashion Show.
- 4 — Anyssa Carruthers, Janet Comer, Eduardo Dioses, Raimond Domino and Colin Watchorn are the 2009 Visual Arts grads
- 5 — UFV alumni panel speakers at Science Night
- 6 — Tony Luck, Melanie Schambach, and Ron Pennington unveil the 2009 wine label



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Sponsorships

Absolute Style 2009 — Fashion Show

Your Alumni Association once again played host to the evening show's wine and cheese reception featuring the Alumni commemorative wine. A special discounted ticket price was available to UFV alumni when they purchased their ticket from the Alumni Relations office.

Bachelor of Fine Arts grad exhibition reception

The Bachelor of Fine Arts grads once again organized an exhibition of their final work. The opening reception hosted by the Alumni Association was a great success. The annual grad show celebrated the work of the 2009 graduating class including Colin Watchorn, Anyssa Carruthers, Raimond Domino, Eduardo Diones, Janet Comer, and Dana Christie.

UFV's Science Night partnership

The Alumni Relations office on behalf of the Association worked closely with the UFV Science Advice Centre to engage science alumni in a panel session for UFV's recent Science Night on the Abbotsford campus. Alumni working in conservation biology fields, physics, and computing were present to speak to students from Grades 10–12 and their parents. Alumni speakers included:

- **Chantel Balback** (BSc Phys '05), now an Abbotsford Collegiate science teacher
- **Zoey Slater** (BSc '04), now with the Fraser Valley Conservancy
- **Fabiola Rojas** (BSc '05), now a lab technician, Neova Technologies.



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Activities

Alumni commemorative wine now available

We're pleased to announce the official launch of the fifth annual Alumni commemorative wine, limited edition. This year, the production of the label was a cultivated partnership between the UFV Alumni Association and local artist and alumna **Melanie Schambach**

(Dip Visual Arts '04). This year we feature four award-winning vintages including 2007 Chardonnay, 2007 Gewurztraminer, 2004 Merlot and 2005 Pinot Noir. Contact the Alumni Relations office to place your order. Proceeds contribute to the Alumni Association's endowments for student leadership awards.

Alumni Association launches new website exclusively for alumni

Every day alumni are signing up, logging in, and updating us on what you've been doing — all online. The UFV Alumni Association has launched its website exclusively for UFV alumni.

No matter when you graduated from FVC or UCFV, you are considered alumni of UFV. This new interactive website is designed just for you. Find old friends, connect with new ones, and express your Fraser Valley pride.

What you can do with your new website:

- Update your profile
- Develop your own personal pages
- Upload pictures
- Post messages
- Find lost classmates
- Learn about your benefits and privileges
- Learn about your association
- Register for alumni events

Check it out at www.ufv.ca/alumni



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Benefits

There are benefits to having an Alumni Association membership card. Here are just a few:

- **UFV Bookstore** — Receive a discount of 15% on your school supplies and UFV apparel at the bookstore.
**There is no discount on computer software or textbooks.*
- **UFV Athletics** — Support your Cascades by attending a game and receive \$3 off your ticket price when you show them your Alumni card. Discount available to UFV alumni only.
- **Student Activity Centre** — Want to keep up with those New Year resolutions? Receive a discount on a fitness membership to the UFV student activity centre.
- **UFV Library** — Tap into the resources at the UFV Library at all three campus locations free of charge.
- **UFV Student Union events** — As an alum, you'll receive a discounted rate to some of the hottest events being produced by the UFV Student Union Society.
- **Flight Centre** — offers alumni savings! Receive \$40 off your next international flight or domestic vacation package, plus Flight Centre will donate \$20 to UFV.
- **Envision Financial Services package** — Personalize your banking and enjoy the preferred benefits through our Envision financial services package.
- **Aluminations** — Free subscription.

Don't miss out on these great benefits. Be sure to update your membership today by signing up and logging into www.ufv.ca/alumni



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Keeping in touch

Spring 2009

Rod Lloyd (McCaughan), Dip '86 — After college and hosting for BC Pavilion at Expo 86, Rod moved to London where he juggled flying for British Airways, developing property, and fashion/music PR. Longing for the sun and the sea, he moved to Barcelona six years ago, and has a successful fashion design house with his partner, satisfying both of his passions — marketing and creativity.

Cecilia Bush, BA '98 — enrolled at UFV as a mature student and single parent to obtain her degree in English literature. She also received her certification to teach ESL and was employed as an instructor. She is currently employed at Canadian Food for the Hungry International as a foundations and grant coordinator.

Rick Gill, BA '98 — Once he finished his degree in criminal justice, Rick built a successful insurance and investments business with Sun Life Financial, servicing the Vancouver and Fraser Valley. Also, he recently completed his term as president of the Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association.

Gina Kreml, BSW '98 — has been working at Mission Community Services for the last 10 years, first as a family support worker. After completing her MSW at UBC, she is now a family therapist. Gina says her years of study at UFV provided her with a sound theoretical and practical framework. She appreciates the ideals and values learned from her instructors, especially people like **Georgina Marsom**.

Quentin Brown, Cert '00 — After completing his program in architectural drafting, Quentin worked for Panabode Log Homes in Richmond, and Visscher Specialty Products in Chilliwack. He is now working for the District of Mission as the draftsman for the planning department.

Ruby Peters Setchay, BA '00 — After completing her BA, Ruby went on to complete her Bachelor of Education at UBC. She then moved to Manitoba for a year before returning home to start her family. Ruby recently began teaching as a substitute teacher in a local private elementary school.

Sam Wagar, BA '01 — After graduating from UFV, Sam obtained his MA from SFU in history. He co-founded a church (Congregationalist Wiccan Association of BC) and a temple, and produced seven academic publications (the latest, "The Wiccan Great Rite: hieros gamos in the Modern West" is in press with the *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*). Sam is presently "knee deep" in organizing the fifth annual Canadian National Pagan Conference.

Brian MacLean, Dip '03 — has been a member of the Canadian Forces for 20 years. After completing his CIS diploma at UFV he was immediately posted to Ottawa. In 2006 he was posted to Winnipeg. He completed the gruelling Nijmegen March and a six-month tour in the Sudan as a UN military observer. Brian sends a fond hello to all of his CIS pros and wishes them well.

Crystal Auffray, BA '04 — was accepted to SFU's Professional Development program, where she completed a Bachelor of Education in 2005, and became a teacher-on-call in secondary schools in Abbotsford and Chilliwack, where she mainly taught English and French. Wanting to pursue a career in writing, she entered Douglas College's Print Futures: Professional Writing program in September 2007, and secured an editorial position at alive magazine in Vancouver.

Jennifer Ness, BA '04 — After completing her degree in Geography at UFV, Jennifer finished

her Master of Resource and Environmental Management degree (MRM) at SFU. Jennifer is working for an environmental firm in the Fraser Valley as an environmental consultant/planner.

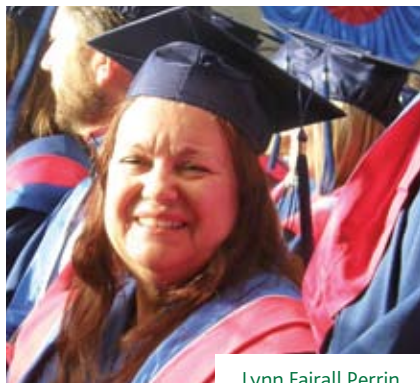
Marianna Rille, BSW '04 — After 20 years as a legal secretary, Marianna returned to UCFV to complete a Social Services diploma and BSW. After working in hospitals for the first few years after graduation, she is now working for Fraser Health Authority as a social worker in the geriatrics field. As a social worker for the NetCARE program in Chilliwack, she is helping seniors with complex medical conditions to continue living in the community.

Mina Holmes, BA '05 — is currently enrolled in the UBC Law program. She has been a full-time student and full-time mother of five and has worked during the summer for a First Nation organization.

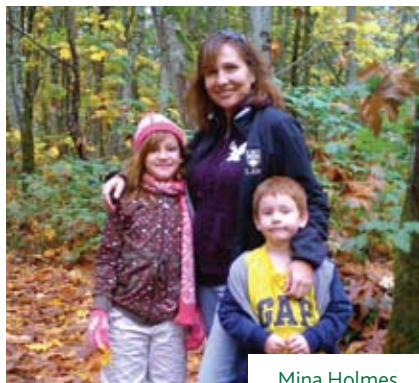
Camelia Perkins, BA '05 — is now employed with the Queensland Government working in Child & Youth Mental Health Services in Australia. She has completed a graduate certificate in psychotherapy and is now working towards a Master of Suicide Research and Prevention, which is affiliated with the World Health Organization.

Fabiola Rojas, BSc '05 — After completing her degree with a concentration in molecular and cellular genetics, Fabiola started working for the pharmaceutical industry where she researched treatments for chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections. Since then, Fabiola has returned to the Fraser Valley where she has joined the research and development team at a well known biotech company.

Ranbir Banwait, BA '06 — After graduation Ranbir completed her Master of Arts in English



Lynn Fairall Perrin



Mina Holmes



Rod Lloyd

Looking for LOST ALUMNI

If you know the whereabouts of anyone listed below please contact us at alumni@ufv.ca. If you provide us with information you'll be entered to win a new UFV sweatshirt.

at SFU and began her PhD last fall. Her areas of specialization include Asian Canadian and Postcolonial literatures. She is the recipient of a SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship.

Ruth Douglas, Cert '06 — Following graduation with an Agriculture Technology diploma in livestock production, Ruth has continued working in the dairy cattle industry. In August 2008, she started an eight-month work-exchange in New Zealand on a dairy farm to learn about agriculture on a global level.

Lynn (Fairall) Perrin, BA '06 — Lynn graduated from SFU in 2008 with a Master of Public Policy degree. One of the requirements for her graduation was to write an opinion editorial for the *Vancouver Sun*. Lynn's thesis was entitled "Policies to Promote the Security and Development of Farmers' Markets in B.C." and it can be found at <http://www.fairallconsulting.ca/thesis.pdf>.

Janet Price, BA '08 — graduated from UFV having achieved a Dean's list standing and a major in English and a minor in history. Janet is currently enrolled in the Teacher Education program at UFV and gets to cross the convocation stage again this June.

Congratulations Evan Wiens, BSc '06.
He won the Keeping in Touch draw for the Fall 2008 issue.

Alumni: be sure to submit a brief write-up telling us what you've been up to since graduation. Send it to alumni@ufv.ca. We'll print it in the next issue and enter you to win a prize.



Fabiola Rojas

Class of 2002

Karlie Adams
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Deborah Alfer
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Colby Anderson
Misaho Aoki
Ranko Arakaki
Erin Arkesteyn-Vogler
Kristopher Armstrong
Shayne Arndt
Douglas Asher
Lyubov Bab'yak
Jeff Baillie
Tony Bains
Lorne Baird
Tianna Baker
Dione Baker
Ashley Bakker
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Shawn Bourgoin
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Sue Brady
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Growing together

As spring turns to summer, signs of growth are all around us. Businesses are growing in this valley too, and UFV alumni are helping them to do so.

In this issue you'll read about the office gang at DeVry Greenhouses and Nurseries, almost all of whom have taken courses or programs at UFV. In fact, DeVry has hired four BBA grads in the past six years.

UFV also fosters intellectual growth. Valerie Lowe started with us as a young mother with little education struggling to improve her life, and has stayed connected to UFV through three decades and two credentials. She then looked to UFV as a resource when she was making a documentary about psychologist Lev Vygotsky.

Speaking of staying connected, did you know the UFV Career Centre is there for alumni? You can take advantage of career coaches and job postings to help launch or revamp your career, or come to UFV to hire our students or graduates.

Not everyone who graduates from UFV sticks around the valley. Christine Lavery-Massarini is now living in Venice and flying for British Airways after doing some stints in Canada's north.

Read on for more about these folks, a farewell to Skip Bassford, a hello to new president Mark Evered, and news about UFV alumni and donors.

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