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Sets a New Pace for UVic

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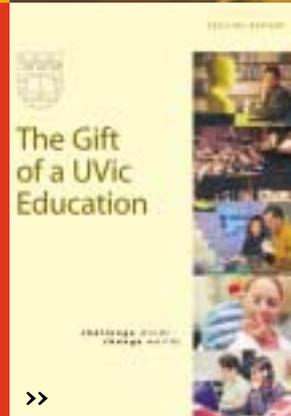
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On the cover: New UVic President David Turpin in front of the McPherson Library. Vince Klassen photo.

COMPENDIUM: NAMES IN THE NEWS

UVic Chancellor **Norma Mickelson** has been appointed Member of the Order of Canada, recognizing more than three decades of service to the University of Victoria. She has been a professor, member of the board of governors and senate, the first female dean and is the first female chancellor. She is a pioneer in the area of employment equity and human rights...Professors **Vijay Bhargava** and **James Tully** have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada, the highest Canadian accolade in academics. Bhargava becomes the first member of the UVic engineering faculty to join the RSC. He specializes in wireless mobile communications electronics. Tully, currently chair of the political science department, has written extensively on European and North American politics and indigenous equality, self-government and land claims....Students in Nunavut will have the opportunity to earn UVic law degrees under a unique program arranged through the faculty, the Nunavut government and the federal justice department. "There's nothing else like this in Canada, maybe even the world," says law dean **Jamie Cassels**. The territory targeted the university to be its partner. "They know we're small, student-centered and committed to Aboriginal legal education."...Prestigious 3M Teaching

Fellowships have been awarded to professors **Holly Devor** in sociology and **Dave Berry** from chemistry for their excellence in teaching and their commitment to improving teaching in higher education...The Gordon Head sports and office facility adjacent campus has been renamed the **Ian H. Stewart Complex**, for the Victoria businessman and lawyer who served 12 years on the university's board of governors, including eight years as its chair...Chemistry's **Reg "Dr. Zonk" Mitchell** is the B.C. Confederation of Faculty Association's "Academic of Year" for his efforts to raise public awareness of science. Mitchell's mad scientist alter ego has kept thousands of young kids on the edge of their seats for some 25 years...Writing professor **Lorna Crozier** won the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize for *What the Living Won't Let Go* at the Year 2000 B.C. Book Prizes. Crozier remembers seeing Livesay read at the University of Regina shortly after Crozier had begun her studies. "Here was this little grey-haired woman reading poems about sensuality. It really encouraged me to take risks in my poetry."...The home of the UVic law faculty has been re-named the **Murray and Anne Fraser Building** to honour the late founding dean and his wife. The dedication comes as the faculty celebrates its 25th anniversary. †

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MAILBOX

Greetings from the Temple City of India. I am delighted to have received the Millennium Festival issue of the *Torch*. We find the magazine interesting and fascinating. We do have a small wish which, we trust, you could fulfill. You see, my wife and I spent a few years at UVic in the last millennium, during the mid-60s to mid-70s. I was doing my graduate studies in the department of physics under Prof. H.W. Dosso and my wife worked briefly in the Law Library under Diana Priestly. We cherish beautiful memories of the campus in particular and the city in general. We wish to see more photographs of the UVic campus in your magazine. These pictures will tell us stories, so kindly oblige.

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Wish fulfilled. See UVic from the air (page 18). It's an impressive view. —M.M.



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ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TIM HENDERSON (BA '88)

*"What we gave, we have;
What we spent, we had;
What we left, we lost."*

—epitaph of Edward Courtenay, Earl of Devonshire

I came across this quotation as I was thinking about this, my first message as the president of the UVic Alumni Association. Our mandate, as an association, is to nurture and strengthen the bonds between students, alumni, and our university, and we are in the midst of a period of significant change at UVic.

We are saying goodbye to many old friends who have given so much of themselves to this community, and welcoming



President David Turpin and UVic Alumni Association President Tim Henderson: "A period of significant change at UVic."

our new President, Dr. David Turpin as he joins us. Expectations are high. The challenges are many. Our university has become one of the finest institutions in the world. With graduates all over the world—you could be anywhere as you read—you have a bit of Victoria with you.

Your alumni association is committed to supporting students and recent graduates and helping them make the transition into the larger community. We have established a network of mentors who share the experience and wisdom they have gained over the years with those

who are now meeting the challenges. Your association has developed a wide range of services that recognize your achievements and support for your university, and provide support for you in your daily lives.

Our students and new graduates need your wisdom and support. I invite you to maintain your connection with your university through the alumni association and continue to enjoy the support of the entire community.

Give us a call anytime, wherever you are, and find out what we have to offer. †

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NEW FACES WELCOMED TO ALUMNI BOARD



**Aquiles
Garro-Jimenez**

Aquiles graduated in 1989 with BA in political science. Before becoming a board member of the UVic Alumni Association, he served on the enterprises and affinity committee. Aquiles also enjoyed helping with the Millennium Celebration at the Royal BC Museum and in welcoming new graduates during the Alumni Calling program.

In addition to his work with the association, Aquiles is a director of the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, past-president of the Greater Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils, and a member of the National Council of World Federalists of Canada.



Ciel Watt

Ciel graduated in 1993 with a BFA in visual arts and in the same year joined the University Women's Club. Through this club, Ciel began volunteering for the Alumni Association. She has helped with stuffing envelopes, preparing the *Torch*

for campus and foreign mailing, handing out alumni pins at convocation, hosting at the president's champagne reception for new grads, and also greeting guests at the Millennium Celebration at the Royal BC Museum.

Ciel also serves on two alumni committees: the grants, scholarships and awards committee and the active alumni and social events committee. Ciel became a board member in the spring of 2000.

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GRAND GRADS

Usually grandparents wait in the wings at convocation with cameras and plenty of film.

Not Adam Vrooman, left, who shared the June convocation stage with his grandson, Rob. The elder Vrooman picked up a BA in history, while the younger Vrooman graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Adam started work on his degree, one course at a time, in 1976—the year Rob was born.

“We’re kind of at other ends of the universe academically,” says Rob, and so their campus paths hadn’t crossed, at least not until graduation day. By special arrangement, the two graduated side-by-side. †



The element of service: chemistry professor, and honouary alumnus, Frank Robinson.

AN HONOURABLE ALUM

Frank Robinson is the type of person the UVic Alumni Association really counts on.

He became a chemistry professor when the university began in 1963 but the influence of the teacher, researcher, mentor, and volunteer extends way beyond the walls of the Elliott Building.

It’s fitting, then, that on his retirement from UVic Dr. Robinson has this year been inducted into the UVic Alumni Association’s ranks of “Honorary Alumni.”

“Frank worked tirelessly to be a friend and advisor to countless students,” attests Nels Granewall, who put forward the nomina-

tion. “Dr. Robinson has participated in almost every UVic convocation. Later on, he expanded his ceremonial role by preparing and delivering honorary degree citations.”

For six terms Robinson was the faculty representative on the alumni association’s board of directors, including chair of the scholarships and awards committee. “He has a quiet but confident manner,” says Granewall, “and I was able to see him resolve many issues regarding policy for allocating awards.”

A gift and citation were presented at the association’s annual meeting in May. †

VIKES GOLF: WATCH OUT SFU, UBC

UVic Vikes golfers will tee off for the first time next year and coach Bryan Carbery is confident the teams—five men and five women—will be contenders very quickly.

“I don’t think it will be too long before UVic is in the top five. The community has really embraced this program and I’m really going to enjoy teaching these kids.” SFU is third, UBC seventh in the 2000 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics men’s rankings while the UBC women are ranked first.

Uplands Golf Club will be the team’s practice course. The club also hosts the popular annual UVic Golf Classic to support student athletic awards. Carbery started his golf career as an assistant pro at Uplands before heading to Alberta for five years as a teaching pro. †



Set to swing: UVic golf coach, Bryan Carbery.



Finding your way around campus can be daunting at first. Not just for new students, but for their parents too ... even if they too were UVic students long, long ago.

In 1972 Barry Todd rode his motorcycle from Kamloops to Victoria and checked

into UVic’s Lansdowne residences for what he remembers as “a wild year.”

Todd’s son Jeff moved into residence this fall, with one key difference says the senior Todd: “He’s in Thompson block...that was all-girls when I was here. He would have liked that.”

Todd, and 400 other parents, took part in a half-day information forum—dealing with student financial aid, health services, athletics and recreation, and counselling services—over the Labour Day weekend. It’s part of the New Student Orientation program offered by the university.

“This session is not to take away from the fact that we view students as adults, because we do. It’s just that we realize that parents are still parents,” says Sue Corner, a UVic student affairs officer and orientation co-ordinator. “Students want to know where the coolest place to hang out is. Parents want to know about health services or how the grade point average

system works. We want to give them good information.”

Kathy Coleman, another former UVic student, is glad she and her son have a chance to participate in orientation — something she could have used when she started her studies in the early ‘70s.

“My son won’t tell me anything, so after 20 years away from the campus I get a chance to see for myself what’s going on up here,” says Coleman, now a teacher in Sooke. “He is going to be living at home so he won’t be as directly involved with the campus community as he would be if he were living here, so I think that it is important that he attends.”

UVic counsellor Janet Sheppard says: “Parents are not always sure what to expect. Should they worry if they haven’t seen or heard from their daughter or son for three weeks? What’s normal? What about exams, stress, and making new friends? Will they be safe? I try and help parents understand what it is like to be a student starting university in 2000.” †

CAMPUS COMPASS



A hungry foreign frog threatens native species on Vancouver Island

INVADING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

BY VALERIE SHORE

“BWUM, BWUM, BWUM.” THAT’S THE SOUND THEY MAKE... A BIG HUNGRY bass serenade that echoes across lakes and ponds, through the night air.

It’s the call of giant American bullfrogs—green, bug-eyed outsiders with huge appetites that are invading Vancouver Island and, it’s feared, overtaking native frogs and their habitat.

“Bullfrogs eat other frogs. Actually, they’ll eat just about anything. Whatever they can fit into their huge mouths,” says Purnima Govindarajulu, the UVic grad student investigating the biology of the bullfrog for her PhD.

To find out where the bullfrogs are, how fast they grow and what they’re eating, Govindarajulu and her assistant, Ron Patrick, spend summer evenings “frogging” on local ponds and lakes.

Paddling quietly in a canoe, they use a bright flashlight to scan for the reflection of beady frog eyes. Once close enough, Govindarajulu lunges for the frog. “After two summers of this, I’m pretty quick,” she laughs. “I haven’t fallen in yet, but we’ve taken in water a few times.”

The captives are plopped into a bucket and taken to the lab, where they’re anesthetized, sexed, measured, weighed and induced to throw up (to check stomach contents). Dabs of coloured plastic paint are injected into the webbing of each hind foot to identify individuals if they’re recaptured (they’re returned to their environment, usually about 24 hours later).

Bullfrogs are the largest frog in North America, measuring up to 20 centimetres in length—not including legs—and tipping the scales at up to 750 grams.

They were brought to B.C. several decades ago by people looking to enhance their water gardens and by farmers interested in marketing the bullfrog’s meaty legs.

Now they’re spreading by a rate of up to five kilometres a year and the ability of the region’s native frogs to adjust to this robust new competitor is a major focus of Govindarajulu’s work. The red-legged frog—recently listed as a threatened species in B.C.—and the tiny tree frog are easy meals for a bullfrog.

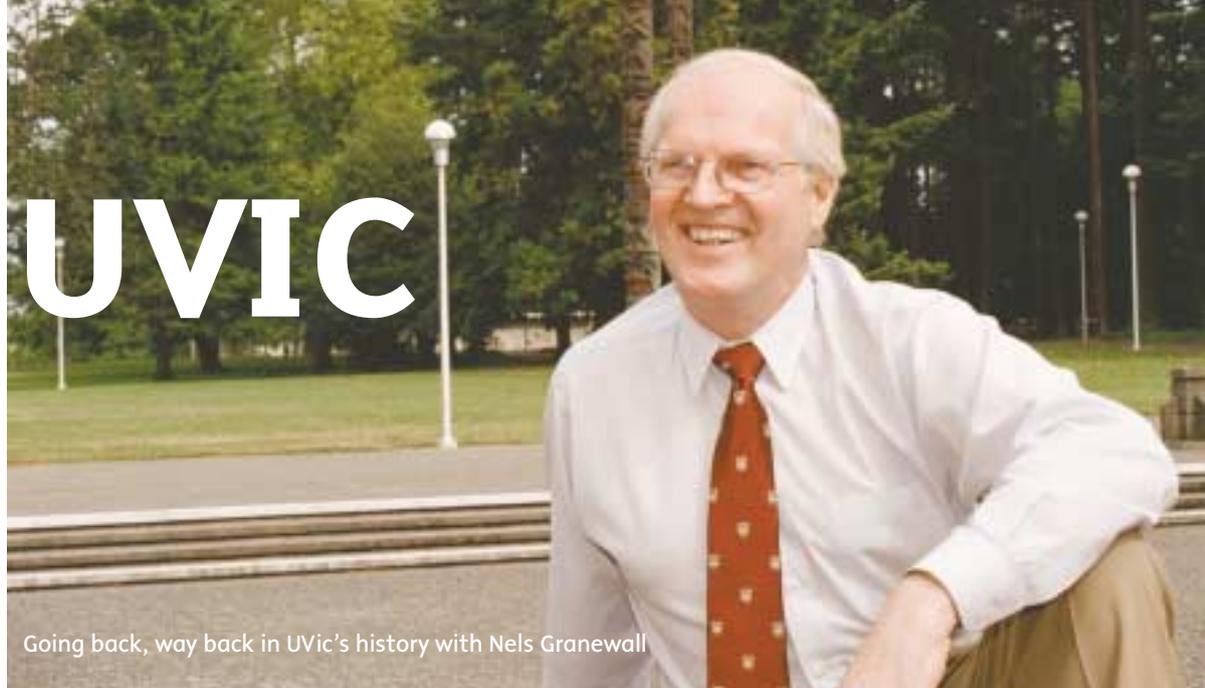
“The easiest thing we can do is not move frogs around, which people still do, especially now that aquatic gardens and backyard ponds have become so popular,” she says. “(But) wild frogs aren’t going to stay in your backyard, they’re going to hop away.”

As for kids, Govindarajulu encourages them to observe tadpoles, but to not take them home. Sometimes it’s a tough sell. “They ask why bullfrogs can’t be friends with other frogs,” she sighs. “They grew up with Walt Disney and here I am talking about predation. It’s hard.”

Even some adults have difficulty understanding why Govindarajulu euthanizes bullfrogs captured in new areas. “They get very irate and say I’m playing God, but my answer is that we’ve already played God. Bullfrogs don’t belong here and they’re endangering our native frogs.” †

For more on identifying frogs, go to: <web.uvic.ca/bullfrogs>.

MR. UVIC



Going back, way back in UVic's history with Nels Granewall

BY MIKE MCNENEY

IF IT HAPPENED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, IT'S A SAFE BET NELS Granewall knows a little something about it. He is a living history of the university he has experienced as a student, long-serving staff member, and veteran convocation marshal responsible for herding nervous new grads through their paces.

As his retirement approached this summer, Granewall shared memories from a UVic life that began as part of the very first graduating class in 1964 and continued through a career—first as an awards officer and then, in recent years, as alumni affairs officer—that brought him into the lives of thousands of students.

Through it all, he has been witness to the university's growth from its sometimes bumpy beginnings to the comprehensive institution that it is today.

His most prominent role is marshal of convocation—a job he started in 1967 and has performed every year since (and will continue to do in retirement).

"There's no rehearsal, they just get their regalia and line-up. So, I tend to bark out orders, but you have to have a little bit of sergeant-major—not everyone has got that," he says with a smile.

A "certain degree of masochism" comes in handy too, after 33 years of convocation addresses. Many were inspiring but others were, well, less so. You can hear the pain in his voice when he recalls the time an "Ottawa mandarin" literally pulled out the wrong speech and, completely unaware, went on for a solid 45 minutes explaining the state of the National Gallery of Canada. "By the end we were ready to either kill her or go to sleep."

Convocation moved to the University Centre in 1982 after a series of other venues including Centennial Stadium, McKinnon Gym, Memorial Arena, and the pyramid-shaped "ziggurat" in front of the MacLaurin Building. That site was abandoned after a couple of years because the sun bleached the colour out of the

silk hoods and the warmth frequently caused participants to pass out.

Heat was the last thing they worried about at Centennial Stadium convocation ceremonies, its biting wind prompting 1969 honorary degree recipient Sir Edmund Hillary to declare: "Christ, this is colder than the top of Everest!"

Granewall has a lifetime of campus stories, but his own story is equally compelling. He was born in the small Swedish town of Uppsala and at age 11 his family emigrated to Canada. It was 1951 and they choose to settle in Saanich where they took over a farm with 50 good acres of strawberry fields.

As he neared completion of high school, Granewall went to an open house at Victoria College and was "blown away" by Dr. Reid Elliott's knowledge: "He got me hooked on VC."

Student life was more intimate in those days, he recalls. "You weren't necessarily best friends with everybody in the school, but everybody knew each other to some extent. I would never have envisioned

this institution growing to the size it is today. I doubt the majority of people from my era would have imagined it, nor would they necessarily agree it's a good thing.

"When I started in 1959 there were 9,000 students at UBC and that was too big and unfriendly for a lot of us. Victoria College had only 1,000 students. It was smaller and friendlier. We're not small anymore and whether the route (UVic) chose—to go beyond the arts and sciences—remains debatable."

After graduating, Granewall entered law studies at UBC but tragedy struck during his second year. An automobile accident claimed the lives of his mother and father. He quit school to return home to help his brothers dispose of the family farm.

Granewall decided to take a few upper-level English courses at UVic and took a shine to one of his classmates—Carolyn Speakman, a girl who would drag herself from her sick bed coughing

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and sniffing but determined not to miss any of Dr. Ann Saddle-meyer’s popular lectures. Nels and Carolyn, now a teacher at Reynolds Secondary School, have been married since 1969.

By the time of their marriage, Granewall was two years into a 28-year career as awards officer, overseeing student loans, scholarships and bursaries.

“The campus population literally exploded between 1964 and 1968 and it was directly attributable to the introduction of Canada Student Loans. The process was a piece of cake until the summer of 1969 when all hell broke loose. Without warning the federal government imposed means testing on undergraduates and family income became the determining factor in whether a student loan would be awarded. There was not a word (in advance) from the government. I’ve never forgiven them for it.”

His contact with countless students made Granewall a natural for his final career stop at UVic—the alumni affairs office.

Alumni affairs director Don Jones calls him “Mr. UVic” and more than a few former students will say they couldn’t have got through UVic without him.

Granewall led the formation of 74 UVic alumni branches around the world, energized by recent grads who like the career and social networking opportunities offered by branch activities. Also under his guidance, there’s a group of about 20 current students active on campus through the Student Ambassadors program. They’ve left their mark on convocation through the sale of diploma frames and flowers and the addition of banners designating the convocation colours associated with each faculty.

“In the long run, reconnecting with alumni is going to have all kinds of positive spin-offs.” For Nels Granewall, the connection was never lost. †



THE LAND OF THE MAYA

BY EDITH KNOTT

THE ANCIENT MAYA CREATED A RICH AND SOPHISTICATED CULTURE, CENTRED on the timeless and recurring cycles of the heavens, with architecture rivalling the great monuments of ancient Egypt and the Greco-Roman world. A journey to archaeological sites brimming with the mysteries of an ancient civilization will be offered by the UVic Alumni Travel program's tour of the "Land of the Maya" beginning March 12.

The cruise, aboard the new 800-passenger Olympic Voyager, explores some of the world's most fascinating archaeological treasures in Tikal, Copan, Quirigua, Altun Ha, Tulum and San Gervasio and visit the countries of Honduras, Guatemala, Belize and Mexico, as well as Montego Bay, Jamaica and Key West, Florida.

On board will be a team of distinguished Maya experts who will present lectures, seminars and round-table discussions to help passengers broaden their understanding of these remarkable people and their history. Scientific and cultural rewards will blend with nature's beauty as the cruise visits some of the loveliest resorts in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, including Isla de Roatan, Cozumel and Key West. For those who like to swim or snorkel in crystal clear waters, there will be plenty of opportunities.

Another highlight of the Maya cruise is a complimentary full-day excursion to majestic Chichen Itza, the largest and most restored Maya archaeological site in Mexico. This excursion is

timed to coincide with the vernal equinox. A thousand years ago at the beginning of spring, the Maya inhabiting Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula gathered around the great El Castillo pyramid at Chichen Itza to celebrate a central myth in their culture with the setting sun. A symbolic celestial serpent of sunlight descends along the primary staircase of the great pyramid—from sky to earth—an event that happens only as the sun sets at the equinox.

During other sunsets at sea, passengers can join on-board astronomers to marvel at the starry skies from the unequalled vantage point of a ship at sea.

A special advantage of travelling with the alumni group is the camaraderie that develops on board. There is a bon voyage reception to meet fellow passengers before departure and the get-together afterward is a chance to share photo albums and memories.

Proceeds from the UVic Alumni Travel program help the UVic Alumni Association provide financial support for students attending the university.

The Maya Equinox Cruise—12 days including one night in Ft. Lauderdale—starts at \$3,190 and includes return airfare from Vancouver. A Maya Cruise Night will be held on campus on Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the David Lam Auditorium. Call Edith Knott at University Travel (250) 721-4322 or fax (250) 472-8624 to RSVP or for more information.

A MARTLET'S-EYE VIEW OF UVIC

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 - 05 McPherson Library (1964)
 - 06 Elliott Building (1964)
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 - 08 Engineering (Office & Lab wings) (1990/95)
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OUT OF THE GATE

PRESIDENT DAVID TURPIN SETS A NEW PACE FOR UVIC

BY MARIANNE SCOTT

AT FALL CONVOCATION CEREMONIES November 25, David Howard Turpin will be sworn in as sixth president and vice-chancellor of the University of Victoria. Just 44, he's someone who makes things happen fast—PhD at 23, full professor at 34, and a Royal Society of Canada fellowship along the way. *The Torch* introduces Dave Turpin: husband, father, Vancouver Island-born, and the man with the university in his hands.

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CHRIS BARNES, THE NORMALLY RESERVED MASTERMIND OF THE UVic earth and ocean sciences program, speaks enthusiastically about the new era beginning at UVic.

“When David Turpin accepted the presidency, I was absolutely ecstatic,” says Barnes, a member of the campus-wide group assigned to the arduous search for a new president. “We had two sets of criteria — one for the job, the other for the person. We realized we were looking for someone who could walk on water. Yet amazingly, we found close to a perfect match.”

Turpin, the son of a former United Church minister, is just the third UVic president in 25 years. He was born in Duncan and spent part of his childhood in Esquimalt before moving to Vancouver. He bubbles with enthusiasm about returning to the childhood places he biked and hiked.

“Victoria is one of the most beautiful cities in the country, with an outstanding university and a great looking campus. My family (wife Laurene Clark, daughter Chantal, 13 and son Joshua, 8) is excited about being here and the kids enjoy being near cousins and grandparents. And they just love the geography of Victoria.”

It's clear that Turpin is someone who does his homework. Last year, when deciding whether to pursue the president's position, he took time from his vice-principal duties at Queen's University to visit campus for a few days to see how students and others felt about UVic. And this summer, before assuming his duties September 1, the Turpin family took up residence in campus housing for part of July to help prepare, learn and get to know more about the people of UVic and Victoria.

“A great university is a product of people: faculty, students, staff and enthusiastic friends and alumni.”

He likes what he sees. “A great university is a product of people: faculty, students, staff and enthusiastic friends and alumni. Their support helps us reach our goals. UVic has done an exceptional job in developing interdisciplinary research and teaching programs and it has a strong international focus. It also has one of the country's leading co-op programs so (the university) is integrated effectively with the community. These are the waves of the future.”

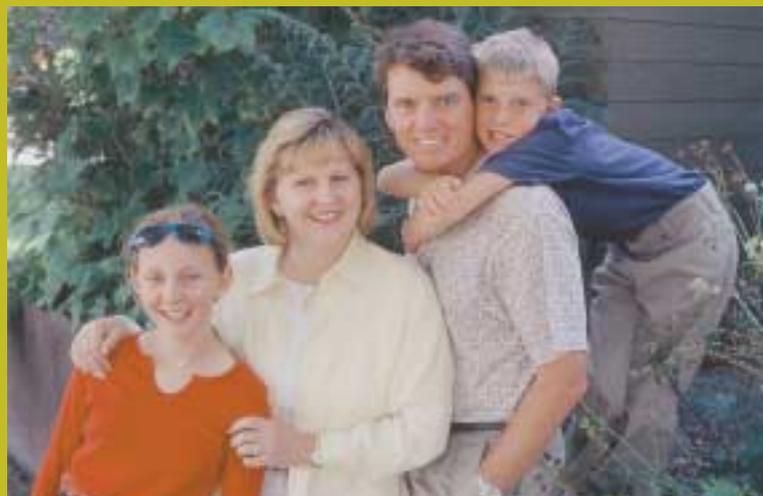
A future not without challenges, he readily concedes. Mass retirements of professors are coming in all faculties, student financial aid needs a boost and funding to Canadian universities has been on a 30-year slide.

These are the sort of obstacles that require university leaders to apply their inventiveness, says Peter Smith, retired Greek and Roman Studies professor and the author of the history of UVic, *Multitude of the Wise*. “A president sets the tone for an institution,” notes Smith. “We made great strides with Howard Petch and David Strong, yet maintained stability. But a president does more than keep the ship on course; a president should be wise and creative.”

Turpin's interest in science began early. “I was 10 when my mother gave me this big, glossy tome and said, ‘We're subscribing to the *Science Year Book* so you can look at things.’ I was entranced.” He remains an avid reader of science, biographies, travel, and current fiction titles. Recent favourites include Michael Ondaatje's *Anil's Ghost*, Jay Parini's *Robert Frost*, Bernhard Schlink's *The Reader* and others by Bruce Chatwin, Paul Theroux and Stephen J. Gould. He'll routinely run 10 kilometres at a stretch to keep in shape.

AN EARLY START

In his academic research, Turpin concentrates on plant physiology and biochemistry — work that earned him his Royal Society of Canada fellowship and the prestigious NSERC Steacie Memorial Fellowship for young scientists. “I'm interested in the processes of photosynthesis...how different processes, so often studied in isolation, interact and pull together into an integrated whole. I plan to remain intellectually engaged with my scholarship, but I've been clear to my colleagues in biology that my



NEW IN TOWN: Chantal Turpin, Laurene Clark, David Turpin, Joshua Turpin, UVic's “First Family.”

research activities will be collaborative. I'm president of UVic, that's my job, and I'll be focusing on that 100 per cent.”

His systemic approach to research reflects his approach to running a university.

“Within weeks of becoming Queen's VP academic,” he recalls, “Ontario elected the Harris Conservative government and along with every university in the province we were dealt massive budget cuts. What I'm proudest of is how we worked as a team (with the deans, faculty, students and administrators) with the goal of maintaining and enhancing the quality of education and research. This involved setting priorities through consultation and it culminated in the senate's unanimous endorsement of a ‘principles and priorities’ statement.”

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At the same time the Queen's student aid budget tripled.

"Dave moves fast and everyone around him starts moving at the same speed," recalls Queen's registrar Jo-Anne Bechthold. "He has a superb ability to recognize what the issues are. He gathers advice, decides what must happen, who needs to be engaged, and then we enter what we jokingly called, 'Turpin-time.' I've never had a job where I accomplished so much."

While he hopes never to re-live the Queen's budget cuts, Turpin recognizes UVic's own challenges. "Some of our best professors—approximately half our faculty—will retire in the next decade. We have to recruit absolutely outstanding people to maintain our present excellent faculty and we'll face fierce competition with universities across North America."

As for the students those new professors will teach, Turpin says UVic has to bolster its recruiting and financial aid budget,

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noting that B.C. has one of the lowest post-secondary participation rates in the country.

"There are many students that we provide offers of admission who go elsewhere because they receive better financial support. If we really want a diverse and equitable admission process we must make sure students make their decisions based on academic, not financial, considerations. We have to minimize the total cost of education for students. I'd like to see a significant increase in our student aid budget. That involves a partnership among governments, university and all members of the university community... it's a shared responsibility."

ON UNIVERSITIES, STUDENTS AND SOCIETY

UVic's annual operating expenses top \$161 million. About two-thirds of the university's revenue comes through the provincial government while student tuition contributes 22 per cent. "A tuition freeze accompanied by an offsetting increase in government grants (to universities) is one way to increase accessibility."

Reminding decision-makers and taxpayers of the benefits provided by universities is a key responsibility of a president, Turpin says.

"I don't think there's ever been a time when universities were more important than they are now. Even those who don't participate in university life benefit from the knowledge that's created. From resource industries to high tech, the innovation driving developments is mostly university-based. At the same time, university research strongly influences our understanding of social structures, culture and the arts, and how we look at ourselves as a community."

If the university is to continue to grow, even more resources will be needed.

"The key here is institutional autonomy. Universities must identify their own priorities, and whenever targeted government,



IN THE MIX: The president and first-year students meet during campus orientation week.

corporate or foundation funding can meet those priorities, that's tremendous. But we control our programs and maintain our autonomy. The challenge for us is to know when to say yes and when to say no."

What is the responsibility of the academy toward its students and, by extension, the broader community? Turpin, who won Queen's Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching, argues that it's helping students develop "excellent judgement" no matter what area they're studying.

"This includes scientific judgement, the ability to observe, deduce, hypothesize and test; historical judgement, the ability to put things into historical perspective; philosophical judgement, the understanding and appreciation of one's own biases; aesthetic judgement, an appreciation of the higher callings of the human spirit through fine arts and literature; and finally, value

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judgement, recognizing the impacts of one's actions on others and the responsibilities that we have to our fellow citizens locally, nationally and internationally.

"These attributes, along with literacy, numeracy, team-work, communication, and a comfort with using technology are the essential elements of a university education."

Throw in a healthy mix of people from all over the globe and UVic — with a reputation for quality teaching and high standards of scholarship dating back to the days of Principal E.B. Paul and the first seven students attending Victoria College in 1903 — comes into focus as a vibrant community of students, faculty and staff led by a young president brimming with confidence and enthusiasm.

"The initiatives I've seen at UVic—in both teaching and research—speak to an institution on its ascendancy. There are exciting opportunities here and I'm just thrilled to be a part of it."

Marianne Scott is a Victoria writer whose work has appeared in North American and British publications.



LAURENE CLARK: The president's partner thrives on challenges.

DAVE TURPIN'S GROWTH CHART

- 1956** Born in Duncan, B.C.
- 1977** BSc (cell biology), University of British Columbia
- 1980** PhD (botany/oceanography), UBC
- 1980** Outstanding graduate award (oceanography), UBC
- 1980-81** Vice-President, Sigma Resource Consultants, Vancouver
- 1981-85** Assistant Professor, Biology, Queen's University
- 1985-90** Associate Professor, Biology, Queen's University
- 1988-91** Vice-President, "Great Lakes Tomorrow" community group
- 1989-90** NSERC E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship
- 1989** Queen's Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 1990-91** Professor, Biology, Queen's University
- 1991** Darbaker Prize in Phycology, American Botanical Association
- 1991-93** Professor and Head, Botany, UBC
- 1993-95** Dean of Arts and Science, Queen's University
- 1995-2000** Vice-Principal (Academic), Queen's University
- 1998** Fellow, Royal Society of Canada
- 2000** President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Victoria

TASK TAKER

UVic's new president isn't the only one in his household with a crowded resumé. The accomplishments of his wife, Laurene Clark, are equally well-known in Kingston business and educational circles.

A native of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Clark holds three degrees — a BA in arts from the University of Prince Edward Island, a master's in physical education from the University of Ottawa, and a master's in public administration from Queen's University. Although her initial career direction was sports administration — "I was a sports nut all through high school and university." — she soon realized that project management was a much better fit.

"I love to problem-solve. I'm willing to take any problem, find out as much as I can about it, and come up with solutions."

Clark's resume includes stints as general manager of the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce and of Kingston and the Islands Boat Lines. In 1993, she began a series of projects at Queen's including marketing and planning an international studies centre in Britain and the establishment of the Kingston-area Advanced Technology Education Consortium.

But Clark's biggest challenge came in 1996 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. "Having been a very active and healthy person all my life, it was a very big shock," she says. Immediately, the professional problem-solver kicked into gear. "I needed to see all the studies and educate myself. I couldn't make any decisions [about treatment] until I knew what the heck I was dealing with."

Because her tumour was a rare form that tends not to spread in its early stages, her treatment was successful. By then, Clark had linked up with the World Conference on Breast Cancer, founded by a group of Kingston women in the mid-'90s. Within months, she was vice-president and organizing the program for a 1997 conference.

"These conferences bring together everyone who has an interest in breast cancer," says Clark, who is now president of the organization. "The idea is to create more dialogue around breast cancer issues, not just in North America, but around the world." The next conference—in June 2002—takes place in Victoria and is expected to attract 1,200 participants from more than 70 countries.

"I tell people I like to work for relaxation. For me, a new problem to solve is as good as a rest; it's how I entertain myself."

—VALERIE SHORE



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Business

After finishing a certificate in business administration, **LESLEY QUIN** (CBA '95) started working at UVic in February 1996. Currently Lesley is an employment assistant at the Student Employment Centre. "If you're on campus sometime drop in and say hi. Otherwise you'll probably find me on the race course in my sailboat." ♦ **JEFF HARRIS** (MBA '95) and **LISA EWERT** (BA '91) recently married and moved to Silicon Valley, California where Jeff is brushing up on his golf game and Lisa, her wine-tasting skills.

Education

TERRANCE BERSCHIED (Cert '99) was forced into early retirement when his Canadian Coast Guard program was discontinued as a cost-saving measure in 1996. Terrance immersed himself in the Certificate in Continuing Adult Education program and completed the required elements in a single year. Now Terrance has his own business, tutoring students 50 or better and seniors. "Don't leave your academic achievements at the door; bring them, your work experience, and your aspirations into this program. You will leave fulfilled." ♦ **GREG GIDMAN** (MA '92) coached Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York to two consecutive NAIA national soccer tournaments and has been selected NCCAA National Coach of the Year in 1998 and NSCAA Regional Coach of the Year in 1999. Greg is an assistant professor in Physical Education, Summer Sports Camp director, and head men's soccer coach. He also coaches the under-17 boys New York State Olympic development team. Greg and his wife Lori have four children: Jenna (8), Scott (6), Josie (4), and Trent (2). ♦ Following her professional year, **DEIDRE GILLIS** (BEd '97) taught fine arts in White Rock for a year, then in Surrey for two years. Deidre married **DR. CAMERON TANSEY** (BSc '91) in 1993, and in 1995, she left teaching to raise a family and start an interior decorating business in Smithers. Cameron is a dad and a dentist. Both are trying to stay sane while raising their son and two daughters. <room-service@bulkley.net> ♦ **ROBERT**

MANLY (BEd '82) retired May 21 after 12 years assisting in the United Church ministry and 18 years teaching in B.C. public schools. Robert is living in Nova Scotia to be close to his grandchildren and he has bought a home in Upper Kennetcook, Hants County. ♦ On June 8, **DALE MORRISON** (BEd '81) married **DR. DAVID WIGHTON** (PhD '91) in Meigle, Scotland. David recently retired from the Open Learning Agency, previously having worked for the Ministry of Education at the former Education Technology Centre. ♦ After graduation, **ALISON RODRIGUEZ** (BEd '96) and her family moved to the British Virgin Islands. Alison is working for the government on a contract basis as a music teacher at one of the local primary schools. If anyone has questions about the region's education system/standards, Alison would be happy to answer them or point you in the right direction. <arodrigu16@hotmail.com>

Engineering

DON RADVAN (BEng '88) moved to the United Kingdom in 1992, married in 1993, and spent a year in New York before moving back to the U.K. in 1994. Don and his wife have three lovely children—David, Andrew, and Emma. "If you drop into London, let me know." <don_radvan@hotmail.com>

Fine Arts

PAMELA GRAHAM (BFA '99) is works for the RCMP in London, Ontario as a communications assistant to the officer responsible for public and media relations. ♦ **TREVOR JONES** (MA '76) retired from teaching in School District #51 as a strings teacher in June 1999. Trevor and his wife Jackie are continually involved in music, itinerant art, and tennis. ♦ **KATHLEEN MULLIGAN** (BMus '83) and her family are in New Zealand where she has worked for 11 years teaching music at a high school for girls. She has a successful concert band and travelled to Samoa in July. Eventually, she would like to return to B.C. to work: "Can anyone help me with suggestions?" <muju@ihug.co.nz> ♦ **JASON TICE** (BA '97) lives in

Cincinnati and works as a senior consultant with a nation-wide insurance software development effort. ♦ **MALCOLM WRIGHT** (BFA '78) moved to Vancouver following graduation and proceeded to New York (1987) and Toronto (1988). Malcolm is currently working in Nanaimo for Home Depot, enjoying fly-fishing, and "NOT doing any art these days!"

Human & Social Development

CRAIG BYERS (BSW '90) enjoyed facilitating many special needs adoption placements after leaving UVic and worked for two years as the administrator of a licensed B.C. adoption agency. Last year Craig went to Dalhousie University where he received his MSW. He, his wife Shelley, and their daughters, Megan and Kayla, drove across Canada to Salmon Arm. He is employed as an adult clinician with North Okanagan Health Region. ♦ **ROBERTA HAMILTON** (BSN '87) moved to Fort St. John in September 1999 from the Cariboo. Roberta is the manager of preventive services at Peace Liard Health.

Humanities

JILL AINSLEY (BA '97) recently won the Canadian Journal of History's Graduate Essay Prize for her paper "Some Mysterious Agency: Women, Violent Crime and the Insanity Acquittal in the Victorian Courtroom", published in the April 2000 issue of the *Canadian Journal of History*. ♦ **SUSANNE ANDERSEN** (BA '90) would like to thank all her professors in the department of French Language and Literature, and the department of Hispanic and Italian Studies. Thanks to the assistance of her professors, Susanne has been teaching in these disciplines for nine years. ♦ **PETER CARL ARMSTRONG** (BA '68) joined Rio de Janeiro's GGG Marketing Consultants earlier this year after devoting 27 years of service to two of Brazil's beverage industry giants, the Brahma Breweries and Companhia Muller de Bebidas. ♦ **DOROTHY (DUTTON) CHUHRAN** (BA '68) has a new job as an instructional designer for a company in Livonia, Michigan. Dorothy

would like to hear from members of the class of 1968 at <dchuhuran@vsi-hq.com>. "Anyone out there still working?" ♦ **GERALD CURTIS** (BA '98) is living two hours north of Montreal. Gerald is rebuilding a 100-year-old house to break away from academia. "I'm having a ball. If any old classmates come out this way, call me. I'd love to see you. I have an extra hammer for you!" <gcurtis@satelcom.qc.ca> ♦ **JAN DUERDEN** (BA '96) is back in Kamloops, teaching at the University College of the Cariboo and loving it. Anyone who wants can drop her a line at <jduerden@cariboo.bc.ca>. Thomas Madden...I saw your message in the last *Torch* ... please keep in touch!" ♦ **ANDREW GIBBS** (BA '91) was called to the Bar of Ontario in February and now practices law with the Department of Justice in Ottawa. His wife, **CHRISTINE DUFF** (BA '91, MA '95), is working on her PhD in French from the University of Toronto. Their son Curtis, brother of Olivia, was born in June. ♦ **MICHAEL LAURIE** (BA '70) recently retired from the practice of law at Bell Island, Newfoundland where he has a farm and a B & B as a side-line. His wife Alexa is chief medical officer at the local hospital where she holds daily clinics as a family physician. They have three daughters, all of whom want to be medical doctors following their mom. According to Michael: "There are too many lawyers anyway." <laurie@the-zone.net> ♦ **JOANN MCCAIG** (BA '83) is currently a writer and sessional lecturer at the University of Calgary, where she completed her masters and PhD. Joann recently published *The Textbook of the Rose* with Cormorant Books. ♦ **CHRISTINA NEWBERRY** (BA '99) works as a freelance writer. Christina's articles have appeared in *Student Life Magazine* and *Post Magazine*, and her ad copy writing has appeared in the Peace Arch News. She is currently the editor and publisher of *Wordsmith Magazine*, an on-line literary magazine. ♦ **STEVEN SEN-SHOU LIN** (BA '91) returned to Taiwan after earning his masters from UBC in '95. He's the editor/translator for the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation. "I am looking for a friend named Kim Knudsen (BA '92).

Friends may reach me at <steven_lin@tzuchi.org.tw> or <lin-senshou@yahoo.com.tw>.” ❖ **WAYNE STRANGLUND** (BA '72), a Victoria area realtor and former president of the Victoria Real Estate Board, has been elected the 2000/2001 president of the B.C. Real Estate Association. Wayne is a veteran of 33 years in real estate, covering all facets of the business including sales, appraisal, leasing, property management, land development, construction management, and insurance. ❖ **KIMIKO TSUKADA** (MA '89) has finished her PhD in linguistics at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. Kimiko received a one year post-doctorate scholarship from Curtin University of Technology in Perth.

Science

JANICE KING COOKE (BSc '91) worked for just over a year at Weyerhaeuser in Seattle, then completed a PhD in plant biochemistry at the University of Alberta. Janice married in 1998 and moved to the University of Florida for a postdoctoral position, where she “continues to work with forest trees.” ❖ **SAMANTHA FLYNN** (BSc '93) was recently inducted into the Association of Professional Biologists as a registered professional biologist. Samantha has been working as an assistant ecologist at the BC Conservation Data Centre, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks since 1994. <www.elp.gov.bc.ca/rib/wis/cdc> ❖ **ANDREA KALDA** (BSc '95) completed an MSc in human kinetics at UBC, looking at lymphedema following breast cancer treatment. Andrea lives in Wales with her boyfriend, working as a psychiatric nursing assistant at a medium secu-

rity forensic unit. <andrea@kalda.org> ❖ In June 1998, **PETER LAWSON** (BSc '96) seriously injured his legs in a bicycle accident at the end of his first year at Western States Chiropractic College in Portland, Oregon. After ten weeks in the hospital and almost two years of intense rehabilitation, Peter was slated to resume his second year studies this summer. Special thanks to all of Peter's friends who supported him through this hard time. <plawson@cnnw.net> ❖ **WAYNE LOUDET** (BSc '69) went on the 1969 UVic Rugby tour to Britain and stayed one more year at UVic for his teaching degree. In 1970, Wayne started teaching in Vancouver and moved to Duncan to teach math and computer science to grades 8-12. Wayne currently teaches at Frances Kelsey Secondary in Mill Bay. He played rugby for Cowichan, and occasionally turns out for the over-40s matches. Over the last 30 years, Wayne has coached basketball, rugby, and track and has started a computer software company (Phoenix Info-Media). Wayne is married to Marina and has two children and two grandchildren. ❖ **JENNIFER LUSH** (BSc '96) received her MD degree from UBC in May 2000. Jennifer started a two-year family medicine residency program in Victoria this June. ❖ **JAROSLAW OLESZCZUK** (BSc '95) graduated at the top of his class in the faculty of medicine at Lubin University in Poland. He assumed a new position beginning July 1 at the major maternal-fetal medicine unit in Lodz, Poland. Jaroslaw also started working on his PhD thesis under the supervision of his new director. As well, he manages a private laboratory that is becoming more and more

successful. <jarek@eskulap.am.lubin.pl>

Social Sciences

SARAH BUNCE (BA '93) just moved to Australia where she is seeking to gain employment or to further her education. ❖ **BRIAN CARR** (BA '87) “spent the best five years at UVic” and is now teaching at Frances Kelsey School in Mill Bay. Brian married **LESLIE REID** (BA '83) and has two children, Natalie (7) and Aidan (4). As the rowing coach at Brentwood College School, he remembers the great times he had there with the UVic rowing team. “I know over the past few years Howie Campbell and Rick Crawley have been trying to get an alumni gathering during the Brown Cup. I am hoping, as is my great friend **GARRY MCCOMB** (BA '83, LLB '87), that we will generate enough support next year that we can make it a great event. Watch the calendar and we hope to see all you rowers next spring at the Brown Cup to have fun and put UBC where they belong—behind us!” ❖ **ANTHONY FLOOR** (BA '89) returned to Victoria, after three years in Vancouver, to join the firm of Green, Horwood, Munro & Tuckey as a chartered accountant. ❖ **SHELLY JOHNSON** (BA '83) is completing her master of social work at UNBC. Her thesis topic is “First Nations Women Chiefs in Northern B.C.” Shelly is teaching social policy in the College of New Caledonia in Prince George. She is married and has two children aged 9 and 13. ❖ **ROBERT KLEEMAIER** (BA '91) graduated with a bachelors degree in translation from the School of Translation and Interpreting in Maastricht, Netherlands, combining English, Dutch, and German. His focus was in translation,

specializing in science and technology. Robert is working at Philips N.V. in Eindhoven, but is expecting a transfer to Rotterdam in the near future.

<kleemaier.raaijen@planet.nl> ❖ **PATRICK MCCAULEY** (BA '96) has been living in Toronto for the past couple of years. He and his partner have decided to move to Winnipeg to escape the concrete and hectic pace. Patrick invites any grads of 1996 in Winnipeg to contact him at <patrickmccauley@hotmail.com> and arrange a get together. ❖ **TRACEY NYHAGEN** (BA '90) is a recreational therapist at the Valley View Centre in Saskatchewan. Tracey is working with mentally and physically handicapped people and finds it very rewarding and well worth her time and energy. “I hope others have been equally lucky with their careers!” ❖ **ART POLLARD** (BA '83) has been working for BC Ferries for 13 years. His wife of almost three years is a registered nurse at Royal Jubilee Hospital. Art's interests continue to be home renovation, golf, ice hockey, politics, and toastmasters. Art and his wife are looking forward to purchasing a house and raising a family soon, if their extensive volunteer work doesn't get in the way. ❖ After graduating from UVic, **DARIEN RUSSELL** (BA '97) completed his bachelor of education at UBC. Darren now teaches at two elementary schools in Delta and Surrey. In 1998, he married fellow UVic grad **NICOLE GLOVER** (BA '97). Nicole has just completed her second year of law at UBC. They have a cat they named Tori in honour of their days at UVic. Both Darren and Nicole are able to put their psychology classes to good use by analysing their behaviourally challenged cat. †

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When Carrie Donohue's kidneys failed, husband Ken decided on one thing he had to do.

TO GIVE AND TO RECEIVE

BY KEN DONOHUE (BA '93)

WHEN I ASKED MY WIFE, CARRIE (BA '95), TO MARRY ME I PROMISED HER my heart. I never expected to give her my kidney too. But that's exactly what happened in March 1999.

Fourteen months earlier, Carrie had been diagnosed with end-stage kidney failure and would need a kidney transplant. She couldn't believe it when the doctor told her she'd need a transplant: "I just started crying and thought to myself that I was too young to need a transplant. I wondered how long I would be on dialysis before a kidney would come available. It was very overwhelming and so unreal."

We soon realized that Carrie wasn't alone, that there were over 500 people in British Columbia who were waiting for an organ transplant—500 other people who shared Carrie's pain. She had a wishful, yet naïve thought that somehow a kidney would come available in a few months. But as the days turned into weeks and the weeks turned into months, it soon became apparent that wasn't going to happen.

It was at that time that I casually told her I would give her one of my kidneys. Her first comment was, "Oh no you're not." She knew I was serious, but she didn't want to put me or anyone else in jeopardy. "I was content on waiting for a kidney. It couldn't take that long, could it? But as time went on, I soon tired of going to the dialysis clinic for five hours, three times a week," she recalls. "His kidney was looking better everyday."

Finally, some five months after the initial blood test, we received a call from the transplant co-ordinator asking us when we wanted to book the operation. It is difficult to explain what we felt then. It was really a combination of disbelief that it was going to happen and excitement that life would include more than dialysis, that we could do things that some people take for granted like travelling and starting a family.

The day before our surgery, Carrie went to what she hoped would be her last dialysis run. "I was scared and excited. And I felt guilty knowing that some people had been waiting for a number of years for a transplant, while I only waited a year."

After a sleepless night in the hospital, I was taken to the operating room, but not before confusion set in when they got Carrie's chart mixed up with mine. I kept joking that I didn't want to get one of her kidneys.

The O.R. was abuzz with activity. But soon after I arrived, I was asleep. I never did see the surgeon, but judging from the pain I felt when I woke up, I knew that he had completed his task.

Later, when Carrie was rolled into the operating room, she asked, "where is it?" The nurse lifted up a small cooler containing my kidney. In a few hours it would be in her and hopefully working.

With my part of the procedure over, I lay in my bed—in pain, but it was numbed by overwhelming happiness. A smile came across my face and a tear fell. It felt good that I had helped my wife and now our future looked much brighter.

That first night I wasn't allowed out of bed, but I so desperately wanted to see Carrie. I lay there, thinking that she was only a few rooms down the hall, but somehow she seemed so far away. Knowing that I was determined to see her, the nurses were kind enough to push my bed into her room so I could see her. We were both tired and didn't say much. I mumbled a few things to her, but just seeing her made me so much better. After 10 minutes she rang for the nurse to take me back to my room.

A year and a half has passed and we are both doing well. Those days on dialysis feel like a lifetime away, but for so many people the need has never been greater.

In B.C., there are 570 people waiting for a solid organ transplant. Many will die before they get a second chance at life. But there is something we can all do—register to be an organ donor. In B.C., people need to register their wishes on the Organ Donor Registry. Your driver's license decal is not enough. Call the BC Transplant Society toll-free at 1-800-663-6189 or visit www.transplant.bc.ca.

Ken Donohue works for the B.C. Transplant Society in Vancouver. Carrie has returned to school for her education degree.