



Teaching and learning united by visiting scholar

According to Dr. Richard Gale, integrating the worlds of teaching, learning and research brings greater insight into the classroom.

“We need to pay more attention to what college and university students learn, and how they learn, and why they learn,” says Gale, an expert in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and the new Visiting Scholar at Douglas College for 2007-08.

His key message to college and university educators and researchers is simple – if not surprising.

“I think we pay too much attention to how we *teach* and too little attention to how students *learn*.”

For professors, research and teaching are often two separate worlds, Gale notes. But there is much to gain from applying their skills as researchers and scholars to their work in the classroom.

Gale cites the example of an economics instructor who researched why his students scored higher on weekly tests when they were given time to work in small groups. “He analyzed the data to discover that precisely what he had been trying to eliminate – the socializing that occurred in the first 15 minutes of group time – was really team-building. And that team-building is what made it possible for the students to be much more efficient when they finally started talking about the actual work – in the last five minutes.”

Gale recently completed a five-year term as senior scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in Stanford, California. Judging by the turnout of over 150 Douglas College instructors at a lecture Gale gave last February,



faculty here are interested in paying attention to what, how and why students learn.

Over the coming year, Gale will support the College faculty in gathering data on student learning and will assist in building networks among like-minded researchers in BC and elsewhere.

“Working within a college environment that provides four-year degree programs is just fascinating,” says Gale, referring to Douglas College’s nine bachelor’s degree programs.

Vice President of Education Dr. Jan Lindsay underscores the College’s longstanding commitment to giving students a top-quality learning experience. “We are delighted to have such a distinguished scholar here. Dr. Gale’s leadership in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning will help us build evidence-based research on student learning as we continue to provide the best experience for our students.”

According to Gale, Douglas College and BC are leading the way in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Having just returned from Ottawa where he addressed Canada’s major federal funding agencies, he adds, “I suspect a lot of the other provinces are going to follow along.”



New Board Chair announced

Andrew Taylor, General Manager at Task Tools and Abrasives, was elected Chair of the Douglas College Board at June’s Board meeting. Taylor, who is also an executive board member of the BC Division of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, has held senior positions as President and Chief Operating Officer in a number of Manufacturing Companies with both public and private ownership. He has been active on the College Board since February 2002.

Mary Hemmingsen, General Manager, Capital Plans, Asset Management and Projects at BC Hydro and Ann Kitching, former college instructor and administrator, were elected to Vice Chair positions.

Left: Andrew Taylor, Douglas College Board Chair

Forum brings blueprints to life

Soon the blueprints will be rolled up and the exodus will begin to newly built and renovated facilities at the David Lam Campus.

An August 28 forum hosted by the VP Educational Services office revealed plans to move an entire faculty and begin accommodating over 1,000 students.

A cross-college logistics group has been working towards a seamless transition into the new facilities. The move will take place over three weeks in December and is scheduled to be completed by January 2008 with little or no impact on student schedules.

The new site will feature more than \$1.5 million in computers, printers and networking equipment. Approximately 140 employees, mostly Health Sciences faculty and staff, will set up offices, classrooms and labs so classes can take place in January.

The 9,720-square-metre Health Sciences Building

features classrooms that serve up to 40 students, a simulation centre, Health Information Management Lab and a Scholarly Commons that will provide an interdisciplinary centre for scholarly activity. The building will also be home to the Health Sciences Continuing Education office, as well as the new Centre for Health and Community Partnerships.

Situated in a new location on the western tip of the campus, the 660-square-metre Bookstore is expected to be operational by November 2007.

The Library has been renovated to free up 154 square metres of previously unfinished storage space. This area will house the 5,000 books, DVDs and videos currently in the Health Sciences collection. One new Library staff position is already in place to serve the Campus’ growing needs.

David Lam Campus staffing and services will expand

in a number of areas. Two Admissions Officers from the Registrar’s Office have already been relocated and an additional Information Services Assistant will join them by mid-October. A new, permanent Employee Relations staff member will be onsite beginning January 2008. Student Services is also planning to renovate a classroom into office space to accommodate additional staffing.

The current cafeteria will be replaced by a Tim Horton’s kiosk and Coyote Jack’s burger grill and the existing seating area will be open to the public and local high school students. An additional dining area, reserved only for Douglas College students and employees, will open in September 2007.

The formal grand opening is scheduled to take place in Spring 2008. Watch the INSide for more David Lam Campus expansion updates.

Retiring employees to be celebrated

This year the careers of 23 retiring employees will be celebrated at Douglas College’s 10th Annual Retirement Dinner. This annual event brings current and past retirees together to remember their working lives at the College. The Retirement Dinner

will take place October 26 at 5:30pm in the New Westminster cafeteria. For those wishing to support their retiring friends and colleagues, tickets may be purchased through Employee Relations Coordinator Wendy Davies at 604-527-5340.

Quote of the Month

*By all these lovely tokens, September days are here,
With summer’s best of weather, And autumn’s best of cheer.*

—Helen Hunt Jackson, *September, 1830-1885*

Events Calendar

September 13

The Arts at One presents *When Love is Kind* featuring soprano Carolyn Sinclair, baritone Riley McMitchell and pianist Karen Shumka. 1pm. Performing Arts Theatre.

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The Payroll Department celebrates *National Payroll Week* with an Open House celebration on Thursday, September 13 from 1-4pm in room 4720.

To September 17

The Amelia Douglas Gallery and the Douglas College Institute of Urban Ecology (IUE) present *Greenlinks '07: Inheritance* featuring paintings by Barry

Cogswell plus exhibits by IUE. Details: 604-527-5723

September 20 to October 26

Amelia Douglas Gallery presents *The Empress in Her Garden* featuring paintings by Glenda Leznoff and ceramics by Kinichi Shigeno. Opening reception September 20, 4:30-7:30pm. Details: 604-527-5723

September 20

The Arts at One presents *Duo Spiritoso - Music for Two Guitars* featuring guitarists Jeffrey McFadden and Andrew Zohn. 1pm. Performing Arts Theatre.

September 27

The Arts at One presents *Red Chamber - Secret of the Chinese Court* featuring Mei Han on zheng, Guilian Liu on pipa and Zhimin Yu on ruan. 1pm. Performing Arts Theatre.

October 4

The Arts at One presents *Robin Shier Jazz Quintet* featuring Robin Shier, trumpet; saxophonist Bill Abbott; bassist Darren Radtke; drummer Bernie Arai and pianist Miles Black. 1pm. Performing Arts Theatre.

Pet fair coming to David Lam

The Douglas College's new Animal Health Technology program is hosting a free pet fair on Friday, October 5 as part of National Animal Health Week at the David Lam Campus. Open to the public from 2-4pm, the session is an opportunity to get answers to your pet-care questions, win animal-themed prizes, meet dogs and handlers from the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS) and tour new animal health teaching labs. (Visitors should note that health rules do not allow pets on campus.) Animal Health Week is a national public awareness campaign organized by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. For more information about the pet fair or Animal Health Technology program call 604-777-6214.



The summer of deans

The summer brought the appointment of three new deans to Douglas College. Dean of Language, Literature and Performing Arts Dr. David Duke (left), Assistant Dean of Child, Family and Community Studies Gary Tennant (front) and Dean of Health Sciences Mike Tarko (back).



Remembering John Damron

The Douglas College community is mourning the loss of John Damron, a member of the Psychology department, who passed away on August 8. Damron had been on a medical leave for many years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. His family requests that those wishing to commemorate his passing make a donation to the Alzheimer Society of BC.

Need a new College business card?

Request them online! Just go to douglascollege.ca/employees/cmo.html and choose Business Card Request from the menu on the left. The card will be created based on the information provided by you and then sent to the Print Shop. Before ordering, please take a

moment to read the following:

- The College uses a standard template for cards, so custom design/layout is not possible.
- Your card will be created based on the information provided by you. It is your responsibility to check for spelling errors, wrong room or phone

numbers, incorrect job titles etc.

It takes about two weeks for cards to be laid out and printed. Employees at the New Westminster Campus are responsible for picking up their cards from room 1102 (Print Shop) after that time; cards for David Lam Campus employees will be

delivered. Please do not call the CMO as they are not alerted when cards are ready.

Business cards are printed in groups, not as individual print jobs, so do not be alarmed if you get more cards than you requested.

Briefly

The numbers are in. The Douglas College Foundation raised over 400,000 Aeroplan miles from donations made to the Aeroplan Charitable pooling fundraiser in May. Donated miles support students on social work practicums in Uganda or hospitality work placements in Thailand. The Foundation extends its thanks to all Douglas College employees and Aeroplan members who donated as well as Aeroplan, the TriCity News and the Now newspapers.

The new Douglas College Faculty Association and BC Government and Service Employees Union collective agreements have been printed and distributed to all members. If any member has not received a copy, the agreements are also available from the Employee Relations department or online

at www.douglas.bc.ca/employees/employee-relations/collective.

Commit to taking transit for 12 consecutive months and you get a cost-reduced annual transit pass through the Translink Employer Pass Program. Employees pay for the transit passes through Payroll deduction. New participants may enroll in any month. Please contact Tania Dong at 5774 or dongt@douglas.bc.ca for more information.

It's been an active time for Michael Wilson. In recent months, the Geology and Anthropology instructor has presented conference papers at meetings of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers, the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society (SAS), the Geological Society of America, the BC Paleontology Symposium, and the 2007 Astronomy Roundup of the Royal Astronomical Society

of Canada (RASC). Wilson was also the invited dinner speaker for both the SAS and the RASC, speaking on such diverse topics as fossil bison, First Nations cultural landscapes and meteorites. He also co-authored a paper with colleagues Larry Todd and George Frison, "Bison dentitions, ages, and seasonality at the Murray Springs Site, Arizona" in the book *Murray Springs* which was published by the University of Arizona Press.

Educational Services Division welcomes **Sandra Bird** as Administrative Assistant, VP Educational Services, replacing retiring **Lynn Power**. She comes to Douglas with several years of senior administrative experience with TransLink and UBC. Facilities Services welcomes **Nancy Constable** as Manager of Facilities Services at the David Lam Campus. Constable replaces **Louie Giroto** who will move to Special Projects to take on

new and additional physical plant responsibilities for all campuses.

Child, Family and Community Studies welcomes **Christine David** as Departmental Assistant I. Child and Youth Care Counsellor Instructor **Lori Hawkes** was recently awarded a Master of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University.

The Faculty of Science and Technology welcomes two new lab technicians: **Rhonda Benke** in the Animal Health Technology Program and **Ryan Cook** in Sport Science.

Student Services and Development welcomes Instructional Facilitator **Davi Bachra** to Career and Employment Preparation.

Spomenka Lomigoric, Instructional Facilitator, is moving from the Basic Occupational Education program to join **Joy Conran**, Faculty, in the Customer Service and Cashier Training Program at the David Lam Campus.

The Office for New Students welcomes **Melody Puruganan** as the new Student Recruitment and Support Specialist at the David Lam Campus.

In the Finance department, **Claire Turner** moves from Accounts Payable to Budget Analyst.

Nicole Chabot moves from Accounts Payable to the new position of Accounting Coordinator in the Bookstore.

In the Centre for Sport, Recreation and Wellness, **Brian McLennon** moves from auxiliary to regular as Activities Coordinator replacing **Ed Lunn** who has moved to Faculty. **Sean Velasco** moves to the new position of Sports Facility Attendant.

Financial Aid's **Michelle Shauer** and husband Brian welcomed baby girl Ava Sanne on July 5. Ava was born at 2:50am, weighed 7.2lbs and was 20 inches long.