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*This issue of Current Times heralds a new age in communications from Upper Canada College. Not only are you reading a newly formatted, smaller, print edition of the College's newsletter, but if you've provided the school with your email address, you'll see this same edition has been sent to you electronically as well. It is our hope over the next few months to reduce the number of print editions*  
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**CELEBRATORY EVENTS FOR THE PREP'S CENTENARY** are well under way. The year-long birthday party was kicked-off at a unique art exhibit in Weston Hall over A-Day weekend at the end of September. Entitled "Then & Now", the exhibit showcased the work of Prep Old Boy artists and current and former UCC art faculty. More than 145 guests attended the opening. As part of the proceedings, Steve Johnson, head of the Prep and Jill Alexander, coordinator of art made remarks about the art program at the Prep today and several current Prep students reflected on Prep life in 2002. As a result of "Then & Now" and in grateful recognition of former faculty member

emeritus who, at 101 years old is still going strong, Jack Schaffter, Murray Greatrex ('48-'93) and Edna Poffenroth ('78-'98). Many father/son pairs were present as well such as both Innes van Nostrands ('42 and '82). Highlights of the evening



Principal Doug Blakey, headmaster emeritus Hamish Simpson, and head of the Prep, Steve Johnson escort Alan Harris, master emeritus to the Prep Centenary Dinner.

GARY BEECHY

## Prep@100 – Events in Full Swing

Vernon Mould's ('47-'97) inspiration, contributing artist John Anderson '58 has donated his painting "Queen Anne's Lace and Grey Sky" to the Prep. It was officially unveiled in the Bitove Lounge on Friday, November 1st.



GARY BEECHY

Contributors to the Then & Now exhibit on opening night, left to right: John Anderson '58, Ajon Moriyama '82, Trish Osler P2006, 2012, Paul Shone '90, Peter Dako '78, Peter Adams '88, Mary Baronoski-Lowden, Rob Montgomery, Jason Moriyama '80, Jill Alexander.

One of the highlights of this centennial year saw 350 Prep Old Boys plus former and current faculty gather in the Prep Gym and Weston Hall for a commemorative dinner. On the evening of November 2, the Prep buildings were transformed by the presence of so many who had once been to school there. In addition to current faculty, many teachers from days gone by returned; among them, Alan Harris master

were a video especially created for the dinner and an "open mike" session where several guests shared their Prep memories. Some even read from their Prep report cards! Dinner chairmen Andy Burgess '83, Andrew Harvie '73, David Reburn '66 and Bill Wilder '75 were delighted by the turnout and enthusiasm. As David Reburn reports, "If the present is defined by the experiences of our past, then the 100th was one of those rare occasions for Old Boys, faculty and friends to reminisce and let the mind replay those old memories again and again – the evening was too short; the memories will last a lifetime."

Another element to the Prep@100 celebration involves current students at the Prep. A year-long speaker series entitled "Conversations with Boys" and arranged by principal emeritus Dick Sadleir commenced in October with a visit from a University of Toronto student team that builds and drives solar-powered cars. For an entire afternoon, boys were able to see and sit in a solar-powered vehicle as well as to ask questions and learn a bit more about the successes and failures of this engineering team. For further information about the UofT team please visit: [www.blueskysolar.utoronto.ca](http://www.blueskysolar.utoronto.ca).

Celebrate!



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## Norval offers Leadership Ropes Course

IN AN EFFORT TO EXTEND elements of the Norval experience beyond the UCC community, Norval director, Bill Elgie and teacher Grant Linney have created a new youth leadership program that will be available to the public. The new program will focus on using the low and high ropes courses as tools for developing leadership, problem-solving and decision-making skills, cooperation, risk-taking strategies, relationship building skills, building trusting relationships and more.

Bill and Grant are clear on the outcome of the sessions – “The rewards for youth and adults alike come from meeting challenges head on and accomplishing what they thought was impossible.”

In a typical six-hour program, participants might start with a warm-up session then move to problem-solving and trust-building activities. From there, students move to the actual ropes courses where they are instructed by experts and encouraged to try



climbing and then complete various elements of the course. At the end of each session, youth join a debrief session and discuss how to transfer learned skills into everyday living.

For further information about the Norval Outdoor School Leadership Education & Adventure Program, please call 905-877-3732.

## Search Committee for Next Principal Formed

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS has now formed the Search Committee that will undertake the task of seeking Doug Blakey's successor. Chairman Andy Pringle '69 has had the benefit of several hundred e-mails recommending many candidates from UCC's parent, Old Boy, and faculty & staff constituencies. A committee has been selected which represents the breadth and diversity of the Upper Canada College community and is comprised of representatives from the Board, the Association, the Foundation, faculty and staff, parents, and alumni. The Board believes strongly that the involvement of these key elements of the UCC community will ensure the appointment of an individual who will be able to build upon the important strategic initiatives that the College has undertaken in the last few years.

Consultations are now in process with all faculty, staff, parent groups, Old Boys, students, members of the Association Board of Directors, members of the Board of Governors, members of the Foundation Board of Trustees, and others to invite comment on the issues, challenges and opportunities that UCC's next principal will face and suggestions as to the background, experience, and personal qualities that the College should seek in the candidates for the position.

If you wish to comment directly (in confidence) to our search consultants, they are available at [admin@jwasearch.com](mailto:admin@jwasearch.com) and would be very pleased to hear from you.

## Prep Centre for Learning opens new space

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, the Richard Wernham and Julia West Centre for Learning has had two sites on campus: one at the Upper School and another at the Prep. Until this fall, however, the Prep Centre for Learning staff have worked in a temporary classroom while waiting for new “digs” to be made ready. On Monday, October 28, the Prep Centre for Learning formally opened the doors to its new, permanent location in the Howard Building (room H227). On hand for the celebratory reception were Centre founders and donors Richard Wernham and Julia West (parents of Nicholas, 2002), Steve Johnson, head of the Preparatory School, Doug Blakey, principal, Mary Gauthier, director of the Centre for Learning and Dr. Susan Elliott, coordinator of the Prep Centre. A handful of Prep students were also present to demonstrate some learning exercises so the visitors could see the Centre in action and new signage was unveiled outside the entrance.

Dr. Elliott says of the new space, “We are thrilled that the new Centre's design allows for both group and individual work, and is so centrally located at the heart of the Prep buildings.”

The Richard Wernham and Julia West Centre for Learning at the Prep is a resource for all Prep students and their parents. It is located on the second floor of the Howard Building, on the north side, just past the Wilder Library.



Adam Sgro, 2013, Form 2, and Amanda Guilfoyle, literacy specialist, demonstrate creating reading sounds.

CALEY TAYLOR

### The membership of the Search Committee is as follows:

**Andrew Pringle '69** P 2002 and 2004; Search Committee Chair and Chair, Board of Governors

**Robert Prichard '67** P 1999 and 2001; Search Committee Vice-Chair and former member, UCC Board of Governors

**Debra Grobstein Campbell** P 2003 and 2005, member Board of Governors

**Peter Carr '98** recent graduate of engineering program, Queen's University

**Nancy Hamm** P 1999, 2002 and 2003; UCC Association nominee and member, Board of Governors

**Richard Hood** Chair, English Department, Upper School

**Donald Kawasoe** Assistant Head – Student Life, Preparatory School

**Michael MacMillan '74** Vice-Chair, Board of Governors

**Kelly Meighen** P 2000 and 2007; Vice-Chair, Board of Governors

**Stephen Thuringer** Director of Facilities

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Dr. Cecelia Reynolds

## Dr. Cecelia Reynolds – Connor Visiting Chair

GERRY AND CARLA CONNOR, whose vision and generosity have created the Connor Visiting Chair for faculty development at Upper Canada College were honoured at a reception in principal Doug Blakey's office in early November. Also attending was Dr. Cecelia Reynolds, associate dean of OISE/UT who is the first-ever occupant of the Connor Chair.

The primary purpose of the Connor Chair is to provide relevant, on-site assistance, training and development for teachers. Visiting scholars will be brought to UCC to work with faculty on an individual, team and large-group basis on educational issues broadly applicable to the College environment. This year, Dr. Reynolds will be working in conjunction with the Richard Wernham and Julia West Centre for Learning and UCC faculty to explore the benefits of

using research models in the practice of teaching.

Reflecting on his family's commitment to this program, Gerry Connor observed that with three sons here, he and his wife Carla were parents at the College over a span of 19 years. During that time, they came to appreciate that what makes UCC work is people, and especially teachers. Gerry says, "The extra time or special interest of an educator can have a profound impact on a student and from a parent's perspective it's the institution with the best faculty that's paramount." He and Carla wanted to find a way to thank the UCC faculty and give them something back that might assure consistently high standards. The Connors also believe strongly in the UCC commitment to be a "private school with a public purpose" and see efforts like the Chair as important enhancements not only to the internal UCC world but to the broader educational community as well.

## Report to the Community

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, the Board of Governors conducted its first Report to the Community in the Student Centre at the Upper School. Board Chair Andy Pringle '69, shared his observations and enthusiasm with an audience of parents and alumni about four key points:

1. The current state and future of UCC.
2. Ensuring the boys have the very best educational experience.
3. Commitment to the health and well-being of all UCC students – today and in the future.
4. The Board of Governors' commitment to communicate fully, effectively and frequently.



Principal Doug Blakey and vice chair Michael MacMillan '74 also spoke about the College's Strategic Plan and current strategic initiatives, among them the "Green School".

If you were unable to attend but would like more information, please consult the UCC website at [www.ucc.on.ca](http://www.ucc.on.ca) and click on the Community Meeting icon.

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and increase the number of electronic issues that we send to our alumni, parents and friends.

### Why an electronic newsletter?

Our decision to go online is largely in response to your requests. The recent Old Boys' and Parents' surveys indicated that for many, electronic communications is becoming the most popular form of receiving and transmitting information. It is more immediate, easier to process and better transcends geography. (Imagine, parents and Old Boys who live in Calgary or Hong Kong will receive this edition – and all others – at the exact same time as readers in Toronto!) In addition, as UCC moves to become a "Green School", any effort to lessen paper use is positive.

By sending you an electronic issue of *Current Times*, our use of paper and all the associated costs are reduced dramatically.

### Is a print version still available?

Yes. While it's true that we would like – over time – to send out fewer printed copies of *Current Times*, please rest assured that we understand that some of you may still prefer to receive a print version. Indeed, this may be your only option. We want to be able to reach all of our Old Boys, parents and friends, no matter whether it's by regular mail or e-mail.

### What do I do now?

By March, those of you for whom we have an email address will no longer receive a printed copy of *Current Times* and will instead get

only the online version. If this is fine with you, do nothing. Your printed copies will stop coming. If, however, you still prefer to get a printed copy, you must let us know by clicking on the appropriate icon on your electronic issue or by sending an email message to [currenttimes@ucc.on.ca](mailto:currenttimes@ucc.on.ca) and indicating your preference. Please do not send a message if you want to continue getting the electronic *Current Times*.

If you want the online version but did not receive it this time, this means we don't have your email address! Simply go to the College's website at [www.ucc.on.ca](http://www.ucc.on.ca) and click on "Old Boys, Parents and Friends". Once on the Association page, click on the banner that says "Visit the Upper Canada College Association E-Mail Directory" and follow the steps for adding your address to the directory.

### Don't worry!

Those of you who received this print edition and for whom we have only a mailing address will continue to get the print version.

Please don't hesitate to contact the editors of *Current Times* should you have a question or a concern. We are easily reached by email (Chris Taylor: [ctaylor@ucc.on.ca](mailto:ctaylor@ucc.on.ca) or Alison Geyer: [ageyer@ucc.on.ca](mailto:ageyer@ucc.on.ca)) or by good, old-fashioned telephone (Chris: 416-488-1125 ext. 2233 or Alison at ext. 3341).



More recently, boys in Forms 5-Remove filled Weston Hall to hear *Globe & Mail* reporter John Stackhouse '81 speak



TOM SHARPE

John Stackhouse '81, *Globe and Mail* reporter, and Prep students in Weston Hall.

about poverty and homelessness. Mr. Stackhouse presented 6 types of poverty

(physical, spiritual, place, fear, education and money) which he has observed in his travels and interactions around the world. He also relayed some of his experiences when he took on the life of a homeless man on the streets of Toronto for a week. The boys asked astute questions about all aspects of his presentation.

For further information about Prep centenary events, including the next



GARY BEECHY

Two generations: the Innes van Nostrands, '42 and '82, arrive at the Prep Dinner.



GARY BEECHY

The Woods Family – brothers and cousins – gathered to enjoy the Prep Centenary Dinner. Left to right: Doug '66, Ian '68, Alan '69, Chris '70 and Richard '72.

"Conversations with Boys", please visit the UCC website at [www.ucc.on.ca](http://www.ucc.on.ca) and click on the Prep@100 icon.

## IB Primary Years Programme Application

STEVE JOHNSON, HEAD OF THE PREP reports with pleasure that at the September Board Meeting and after a presentation by Sarah Craig, PYP coordinator and Rob Lloyd, head of Primary, the Board of Governors unanimously approved a resolution that UCC formally submit its application for Primary Years Programme authorization to the International Baccalaureate North America.



Dr. Johnson says "The success of the PYP at UCC is due in no small measure to the dedication and hard work of Prep faculty over the past five years and to them I offer my sincere thanks. The energy and enthusiasm they have brought to the numerous workshops, conferences and curriculum grants as well as into the classroom help make this a reality."

The Primary Years Programme application was submitted on October 1st and it is hoped that the approval process will be complete by July, 2003.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Ian E. Finlayson '67

The College mourns the loss of Ian E. Finlayson '67 former vice chair of the Board of Governors, who died suddenly on November 1, 2002. Ian leaves his mother, Marjorie, his wife, Marlo and his sons Campbell '99 and Fraser 2000.

After graduating from UCC where he was a member of Howard's, Ian went on to Amherst College and Columbia University.

A devoted volunteer and supporter of UCC, Ian and his family provided the funding for two classrooms at the College; a music room at the Upper School in memory of Ian's father, R. W. ("Bill") Finlayson '26 and a primary room at the Prep. In addition, the Finlaysons were responsible for the rebuilding and placement of the Peacock Arch at the entrance to the Prep after the Peacock Building was demolished in 1991.

Ian was a trustee of The UCC Foundation at the time of his passing.

### Jay D. MacDonald

The UCC community is saddened by news of the death of master emeritus, Jay D. MacDonald on November 21, 2002. Mr. MacDonald passed away at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. He was 86.



Ian Finlayson

Mr. MacDonald came to UCC in 1945 to fill in for a few weeks as English master. He ended up staying for 30 years during which time he transformed the Little Theatre program. A highlight of his UCC career was the Little Theatre trip to Britain in the summer of 1951 when he and 34 boys toured in a production of *Our Town*. When Jay retired in 1975, he had successfully directed 60 theatrical productions at the College.

Old Boys remember Jay MacDonald fondly. As Palmer Swanson '55 put it, "Jay was not only Little Theater's driving genius, a first-rate teacher of English and literature... he was the best-dressed gentleman in Toronto!"

The Jay D. MacDonald Scholarship was created in 2000 by David Walker and other members of the class of 1951 to honour Mr. MacDonald's contribution to UCC. David Walker remembers that former students of Jay's "felt that he had made a difference in how they approached life. They valued him greatly for this".



Jay D. MacDonald

## Career Opportunity

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GREEN SCHOOL SOUGHT

Upper Canada College is seeking an individual who will provide leadership for the "Green School" initiative.

Reporting to the Principal, and with the full support of senior management and the Board of Governors, the Executive Director – Environmental Planning & Project Management will oversee strategic planning, policy development, project management and implementation of the Green School program. Bringing knowledge and expertise in this field, the Executive Director will ensure physical spaces effectively integrate environmentally sustainable and



sound energy conservation management and practices. The individual will work with faculty to enhance the curriculum to incorporate the vision of a Green School and to utilize the College's facilities as 'educational resources'. In collaboration with colleagues, the Executive Director will provide the leadership to support organizational behaviour that incorporates and reflects these same principles.

If you are interested in finding out more about this unique opportunity, please contact: Cheryl McClellan, McClellan Di Ni Associates, at (416) 693-0364 or [clmcc@interlog.com](mailto:clmcc@interlog.com)

Please feel free to forward this information to anyone you know who may be qualified and interested in the role. Responses should be submitted by December 16, 2002.

### A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know an individual who has made a significant volunteer contribution to the life of the school? We need to know. The **John D. Stevenson Award** for outstanding volunteer service is awarded each year at Founder's Dinner to an Old Boy or Parent whose commitment to UCC over several years has been exceptional. Nominations are solicited from all members of the College community and reviewed by the UCC Association's Board of Directors who selects the recipient. Nominations must be received no later than December 31, 2002.

To nominate a candidate for the **John D. Stevenson Award**, please phone Paul Winnell, managing director of the Association at 416-488-1125 ext. 2230.

## FOUNDER'S DINNER

CELEBRATING THE 174TH YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF UPPER CANADA COLLEGE  
AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2003

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HEADMASTER EMERITUS

**ALL ARE INVITED** – OLD BOYS, PARENTS,  
STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND FRIENDS



GARY BEECHY

### *The three tenors?*

*No, but Steve Johnson, head of the Prep,  
Jack Schaffter, former faculty member and  
Hamish Simpson, headmaster emeritus  
(l to r) will share the spotlight at Founder's  
Dinner as keynote speakers. Their topic:  
"Celebrating the Past – Shaping the Future"*



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**UCC HOCKEY NIGHT  
AT AIR CANADA CENTRE  
ON  
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PLEASE CONTACT  
THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT  
416-484-8629

## Association Notes and News

### A-Day Success

What a spectacular day Association Day (homecoming) day turned out to be! Amazing weather, activities for everyone all over the campus and lots of wins on the fields and courts! Thanks to the A-Day steering committee for a great job, especially Sharon Guinness-King (mother of Matt '99 and Geordie '03) and Adam Markwell '92 for their leadership as A-Day co-chairs.



CALEY TAYLOR

Upper Canada College was triumphant over Trinity College School on A-Day with a score of 41-19.

### Fall Reunion Dinners

The fall reunion dinner at the College, held the evening of Association



CALEY TAYLOR

The Class of 1982 assembled for their 20th reunion on A-Day.

Day, attracted a record crowd of close to 400. The classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997 were honoured, with the '82 group leading the pack in participation with 62 members of the class attending.

### Squash Tournament

Thanks to Ed Bracht '55 for organizing a squash tournament with Ridley alumni at the Toronto Racquet Club on October 30. A pleasant evening, with the UCC side victorious in just about every game!

### Branch Events

Several Branch events have been held over the past two months: London (Ontario), Boston, Kingston, Bermuda, Montreal, London (England), and Ottawa. All were well attended, especially the London, England dinner at the Royal Commonwealth Society Club with 77 Old Boys. Thanks to all Branch Presidents for their organizational leadership. After the new year events will be held in Halifax (January 18), New York (May 8), and Los Angeles and San Francisco (dates to be determined).



PAUL WINNELL

UCC Old Boys who are now at Queen's were the attendees at the Kingston Branch event. From left to right: Charlie Deeks 2000, Darcy Morris 2000, Pat Gossage '98, Matt Portner '98, Dave Shaw '98 and Kip Shaw '99.

## Upcoming Events

### Festival of Seasonal Music & Readings

Sunday, December 1; 4:00 p.m.  
*Laidlaw Hall, Upper School*

### Festive MarketPlace

Wednesday, December 4;  
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Upper School Foyer

### Classes of 2000 and 2001 Wing Night

Wednesday, December 18;  
9:00 p.m.  
*The Madison Pub*

### Lunch for Old Boys and Parents working downtown

Thursday, December 19;  
12:00 noon  
*Albany Club*

### Class of 2002 Wing Night

Thursday, December 19;  
9:00 p.m.  
*The Madison Pub*

### Cours d'été à Nice Information Evenings

Wednesday, January 8; 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 28; 7:00 p.m.  
*Lecture Theatre, UCC*

### "Adolescence: The Stormy Decade"

A practical course in 6 parts for parents of teenagers sponsored by the Parents' Organization with Dr. Ronald Clavier.  
Wednesdays at UCC, January 8, 15, 22, February 5, 12, 19  
Advance Registration is required – costs are \$150 per person or \$250 per family couple.  
For further information, please contact Charlene Yelavich at charleneyelavich@rogers.com or 416-231-3640

### Halifax Branch Reception

Saturday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.  
*The University Club*

### Founder's Dinner

Wednesday, January 29, 2003;  
6:00 p.m.  
*At the College*  
*See ad on page 5 for more details.*

### New York City Branch Reception and Dinner

Thursday, May 8  
*The Knickerbocker Club, 6:00 p.m.*  
*Smith and Wollensky Restaurant, 8:00 p.m.*

### Leaving Class Dinner

Friday, May 23; 7:00 p.m.  
*Student Centre*

### Joe Cressy Memorial Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 18; 11:30 a.m.  
*The Mandarin Golf Club*

### Family pleasure skating

Every Sunday afternoon,  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Music, ice monitors and complimentary hot chocolate  
*Patrick Johnson Arena*



### Pick-up sports for alumni and parents

For information about any of the events below contact the Association Office by phone at 416-484-8629 or by email at pwinnell@ucc.on.ca.

### Basketball

Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.  
*Lett Gym at Upper School*

### Soccer

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.  
*Lett Gym at Upper School*

### Hockey

Wednesday evenings,  
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
*Patrick Johnson Arena*

