

University Divisional Report –

A number of science labs were upgraded over the summer to meet increased demand of regulatory standards, to support research and to refresh the tired face of old millwork. Upgrades included

- New laboratory benches and cabinets
- Enhanced student learning center
- Improved air quality and temperature controls
- LED lighting
- Lighting and equipment controls
- Emergency power to support critical laboratory systems
- Increased electrical distribution to support laboratory equipment
- Provisions for the installation of technology advanced laboratory equipment
- General architectural refreshes which include painting, ceiling and flooring replacements

The Centre for Environment Sustainability (CES) continues to be active in the UFV community with their constant presence at events such as the Welcome Back Barbecue and New Student Orientation. They rolled out the new waste stations at the beginning of the fall semester which now include four separate bins for composting, mixed recyclables, refundable containers, and landfill items.

Their kick off meeting was held on September 21, 2017. They discussed their plans for the upcoming year which include battery recycling, Sweater Week, residence energy efficiency just to name a few things.

Green Party Leader, Elizabeth May, presented to a large group in Evered Hall on September 12th as part of the CES greenSPEAK series.

Biology:

Biology Professor, **Dr. Greg Schmaltz** has returned from his sabbatical; while **Christine Dalton** and **Dr. Stephen Thomas** have just begun theirs. The department welcomed a new faculty member, **Dr. Sandra Gillespie** on August 1st.

This year's Biology Field School was held in Tofino, BC from May 19-30, 2017. The registration response for this course was so remarkable that a second one was offered. Biology Professors **Dr. Allan Arndt**, **Dr. Nathan Bialas**, **Dr. Alan Reid** and Lab Technician **Avril**

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