

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

My 5 year
term as
director of
the School of
Health
Information
Science is
quickly
coming to a
close this
summer; for
me it seems like the time has flown
by! I have been happy and honored to
have had this opportunity to lead the
school and look forward to continuing
dramatic increase in enrollment was in

Anniversary. He was actively involved in Health Informatics curriculum development with several universities, colleges and associations. He also served as a visiting lecturer on the vendor marketplace, strategic procurement and the history of Canadian Health Informatics.

In recognition of the industry that had been the driving source of his career, Mr. Huesing established the annual COACH Founding President's Award in 1984, which recognizes the student at the University of Victoria's School of Health Information Science "likely to make a major contribution to the advancement of information management in the Canadian Healthcare system". He never turned down a chance to visit the School or give a research seminar. His involvement extended to the biannual international conference **Information Technology and Communications in Health (ITCH)** which the School hosts. He was a keynote speaker at ITCH 2007 and Conference Co-Chair of ITCH 2009.

Steven will be missed by all of us at the School who had the privilege to know him.

Message read at memorial service, April 22, 2009

Dear Family and Friends,

As much as I want to be there with you today to honour and bid farewell to Steven, regretfully I am not able to do so. Therefore, I have prevailed upon Linda Miller to eulogize the memory of Steven on my behalf.

When I heard the news of the passing of Steven, I must say, like all those who knew him well, that I felt an overwhelming amount of sadness and sorrow. But this sense of loss was quickly replaced by a strong feeling of joy as I reflected back on my memories of this man and of my enormous good fortune in having known and loved a guy like him for so many years.

To me Steve was a mentor, a friend, and quite frankly, an inspiration. I could and can only admire his

visionary and pioneering work in the field of health informatics. An industry to which I belong and one that owes a great deal of gratitude to a man who painted visions of where the industry needs to go; a man who put his "money where his mouth is" through the creation of organizations and forums to allow our industry and its community to grow and flourish; a man who was never bashful about poking and prodding the industry to

STUDENTS

Haley Moore, is this year's recipient of the COACH Founding President's Award. The award is accompanied by \$500.00 in cash, complimentary registration for the e-Health 2009 Conference by COACH: Canada's Health Informatics Association (this year in Quebec City, May 31 – June 3, 2009) as well as complimentary membership to COACH for 2009.

ALUMNI –



Amelie French

Andy French ('00) and wife Lise welcomed daughter Amelie Leah Marie French into their lives Feb 2, 2009 and report she is a tremendous joy at all times of the day and night.

We are proud to announce that Brian Chou, one of our recent graduates of the School of Health Information Science, has gained recognition as a part of the (unofficial) UVic

ITCH 2009 Memories

Information Technology and
Communications in Health (ITCH
2009), held February 19 – 22, 2009 at

