

## **Mr. Robert G. Allan Visits UBC**

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On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the University of British Columbia SNAME Student Section welcomed Mr. Robert G. Allan of Robert Allan Ltd. to campus. Mr. Allan addressed a crowded room of eager students about the trials and tribulations of running a naval architecture consulting firm in British Columbia. He provided insight to the students about the diversity of the naval architecture industry, in both domestic and international markets.



The local SNAME student section has been working hard to diversify the UBC student group interested in naval architecture and related marine field. This particular event was directed primarily towards younger students; however, we were pleased to see students of all ages in attendance, from first years to graduates. In addition to mechanical and integrated engineering students, there were also students from atypical marine disciplines that showed an interest, such as mining engineering. The student section and faculty advisors will continue to work towards enhancing the naval architecture program and diversifying the student base.

We would like to extend special thanks to Mr. Robert Allan for speaking at this event, as well as Stephen Gatz, the student section chair for organizing it. Special thanks also goes out to the Pacific Northwest Section of SNAME for providing pizza and pop to the audience.

