

UBC NEWS ROUNDUP

Dr. Dennis Chitty, professor of Zoology, and Dr. Geoffrey Durrant, professor of English, are the 1973 recipients of the Master Teacher Award at the University of B.C.

The eighth and ninth recipients of the award will share a \$5,000 cash prize that goes with the honor.

The 12-member selection committee responsible for screening a record 38 nominees for the annual award also awarded Certificates of Merit to six other UBC teachers. All remain eligible for the award in future years.

Certificate of Merit winners are:

Mr. Keith Alldritt, associate professor of English; Mrs. Elizabeth A.E. Bongie, assistant professor of Classics; Prof. James P. Kutney, of the Department of Chemistry; Prof. R. Stephen Milne, of the Department of Political Science; Dr. Jon T. Schnute, assistant professor of Mathematics; and Mr. G. Glen Young, assistant professor of Forestry.

MEDAL AWARDED

Dr. George Woodcock, one of Canada's best known literary critics and writers, has been named the 19th winner of the University of British Columbia Medal for Popular Biography.

Dr. Woodcock, who is editor of the UBC journal *Canadian Literature* and a lecturer in the UBC English department, was awarded the 1972 medal for his 133-page book entitled *Gandhi*, published by the Viking Press in New York and Fontana Books in England.

The book deals with the life of Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948), the Hindu religious and political leader who led opposition to British rule in India through non-violent disobedience and non-co-operation with government authorities.

AWARDS OFFERED

The parks branch of the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs is offering a series of \$2,000 scholarships for graduate studies in the fields of natural parks and outdoor recreation and historical archaeology and restoration architecture.

The scholarships will be awarded to Canadian citizens and are tenable at foreign universities only if required courses are not offered at Canadian universities. Applicants should submit biographical material, including a record of degrees held and a transcript of marks as well as study proposals to: Director, Parks Canada, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, 400 Laurier Ave. West, Ottawa, Ont.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Dr. Roy L. Taylor, director of UBC's Botanical Garden, is the new president of the Biological Council of Canada.

The Council, which is made up of 13 major national biological societies representing some 5,000 Canadian scientists, is an important voice for biologists in the development of national science policies.

CONSTRUCTION START

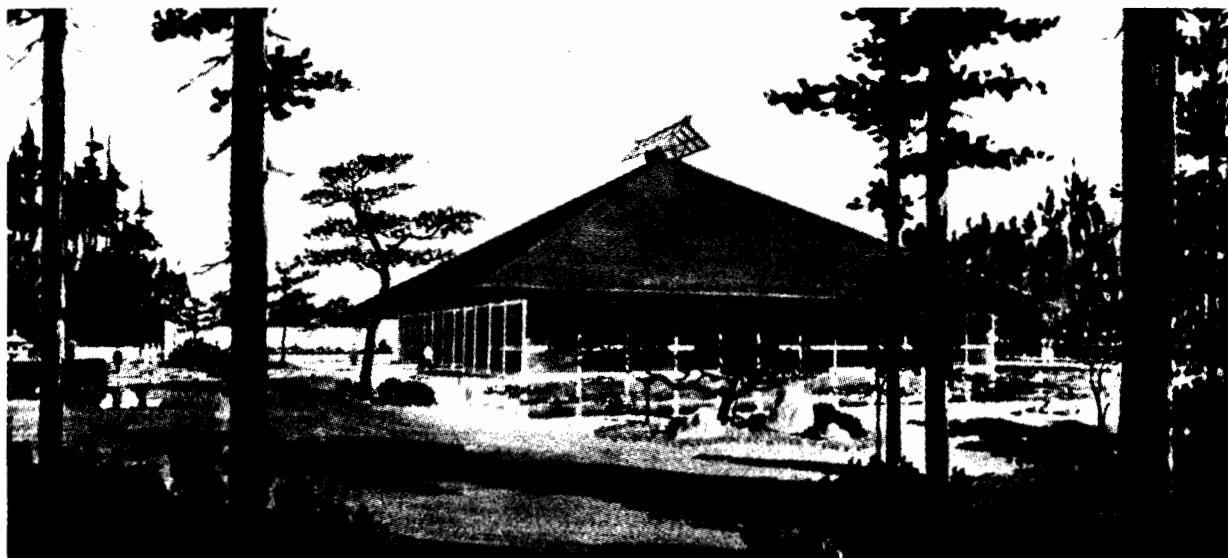
UBC's Board of Governors has awarded the first contract leading to construction of the Museum of Man to house the University's collections of anthropological artifacts.

The \$28,000 contract, awarded to Joda Construction Ltd., provides for a rough excavation for the main Museum building and the installation of drainage to help check erosion at the site.

The Museum will be built on the site of the former Fort Camp residence north of Northwest Marine Drive overlooking the Strait of Georgia and the North Shore mountains.

The Museum will house UBC's famed 10,000-piece collection of Northwest Coast Indian art, valued at close to \$10 million, the Walter and Marianne Koerner masterwork collection of tribal art, and other collections.

The decision of Dr. Koerner, a former member and chairman of UBC's Board of Governors, and Mrs. Koerner to donate their collection to the UBC Museum was instrumental in the decision of the federal government to appropriate \$2.5 million to aid construction of the building.



Artist's conception of UBC's proposed Asian Centre

\$300,000 Closes Gap

UBC's Board of Governors has given a Vancouver architect, Mr. Donald Matsuba, authorization to proceed with preliminary drawings for the \$1.9 million Asian Centre which the University plans to build adjacent to the Nitobe Gardens on the western edge of the campus.

The building to be used for the centre is the Sanyo Electric Co.'s pavilion which was one of the hits of Japan's Expo '70. The steel girders that formed the structural components of the building were dismantled and shipped to Vancouver in 1971 as a gift from the people of Japan in honor of B.C.'s Centennial. The girders are now in storage on campus awaiting a start on construction in time for completion by the summer of 1975.

Funds for the construction of the Centre are being raised in Canada and Japan. To date the provincial government has given \$400,000; another cheque for \$400,000 from the federal government was expected by April 30; \$200,000 has been pledged from the profits of Japan's Expo '70 and the Federation of Economic Organizations in Japan is conducting a campaign to raise \$600,000. This leaves \$300,000 to be raised in Canada.

Chairman of the Canadian fund-raising committee

is Mr. Alan Campney, well-known Vancouver lawyer and president of both the Vancouver Board of Trade and the Canada-Japan Friendship Society. Honorary chairman is Dr. Norman MacKenzie, former president of UBC.

UBC has given land valued at \$160,000 as the site of the Centre and has also agreed to undertake the cost of maintenance.

About one-half of the centre will house the University's 180,000-book Asian Studies library. The remaining half will be divided into a public area for cultural displays and performance facilities and a section housing offices for faculty and graduate students in the Department of Asian Studies and the Institute of Asian and Slavonic Research.

"This centre will represent a major step in the cultural and economic exchange between Asia and Canada," said Mr. Campney. "It will be the first such centre providing facilities available to interested groups and the general public. This is why such a large portion of the centre, one-quarter, is being designed for art and artifact displays and special performances."

Donations to the public campaign may be directed to the Asian Centre Fund, Suite 15 - 1030 West Georgia, Vancouver.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

You quote the "parson's egg" and give a garbled explanation of the allusion. It was, however, the "curate's egg." The bad egg was not inflicted by a lady parishioner, but by a high dignitary of the church.

The Punch caption reads: "Right Reverend Host: 'I am afraid you've got a bad egg, Mr. Jones!' The Curate: 'Oh no, my Lord, I assure you! Parts of it are excellent!'"

Does one detect in you the corrupting influence of the establishment apologist - anti-feminist at that? You wish to portray the victim as a respectable member of the establishment at the table of a female outsider - rather than as the lowly curate suffering at the hands of the top brass. Shame on you, Sir. We expect straighter reporting than that.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

M.H.L. Pryce,
Professor,
Department of Physics.

We are grateful to Prof. Pryce for correcting the allusion which was used in the opening paragraphs of the story entitled "Jobs: The 1973 Outlook," which appeared in the March 29 issue of UBC Reports. We vigorously deny any anti-feminist sentiments, however, and emphasize that we pride ourselves on straight reporting. -Ed.

Dear Sir:

I have a small problem for which I ask your help. My wife, Anne Wood, a Ph.D. candidate, wishes to obtain (beg, borrow, buy, or steal!) a copy of the following report: *British Columbia. Survey of the School System, 1925*, by J.H. Putnam and G.M. Weire, Victoria, Banfield, xi-556 p. Perhaps you would be good enough to bring this

to the attention of your readers. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,
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DEAN OF WOMEN

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appeared to me that much of the potential helpfulness in the function of a Dean of Women was being vitiated by having that responsibility. Some people in the University and the community believed that I performed a disciplinary function. They would say 'This girl is not properly dressed, please speak to her.' I never saw my role in this light."

To some degree, perhaps, Helen McCrae has always had to deal with the traditional view of a Dean of Women's office as the last bastion of conservatism, particularly where women's morality was concerned. Yet, through the years, Dean McCrae believes that the Dean of Women's office has been able to stay alive at UBC because it has managed to evolve and has been "open and flexible and conscious of the opportunities that are available." She believes that one reason it has managed to maintain its relevance when similar offices are closing their doors on campuses all over North America is because the office has never been political. She says that she has regarded herself as an ombudswoman and advisor rather than as a lobbyist for any particular group or philosophy.

"Often I have lent my personal name because I have had to follow my conscience, but I have always felt that the office of the Dean of Women should be open to every group of students and that as Dean of Women I could never take sides. Because of this the Dean of Women's office has never been popular, but it has stayed alive."

Perhaps the office hasn't been popular, but no one said that about the Dean of Women.