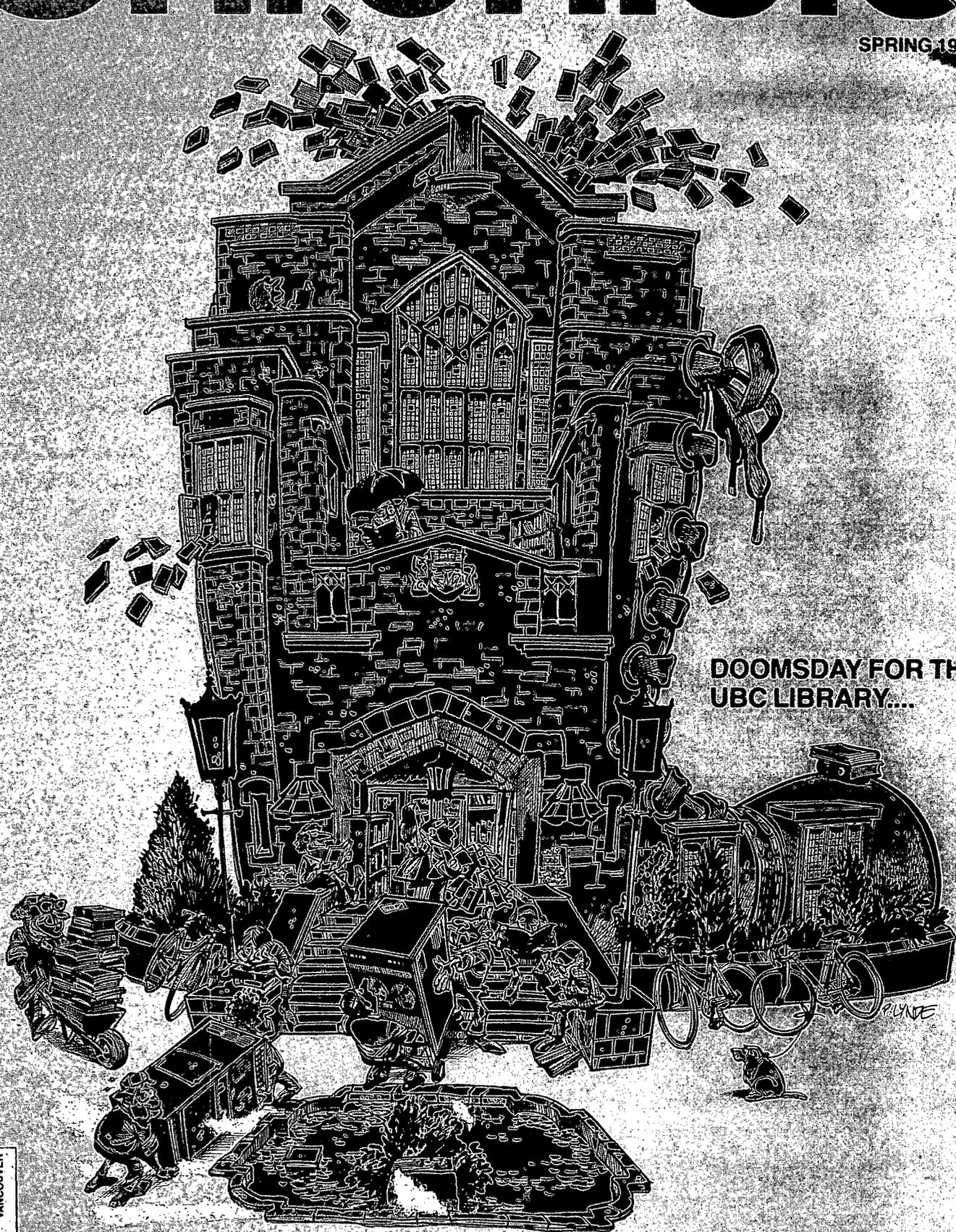


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The agenda for this year's meeting will include approval of amendments to the Association's Constitution. Members wanting a copy of these amendments prior to the Annual Meeting are asked to contact the Executive Director.

For further information call the Alumni Office, 228-3313.

Peter Jones,
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Plan on making an evening out of it and take advantage of the informal dinner that will be available prior to the meeting (\$8/person). Reception from 6:00 p.m. (no host bar), dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are essential. To make yours, call the Alumni Office at 228-3313.



UBC Alumni Association

Board of Management Elections 1980

On these two pages you will meet the 13 candidates nominated for members-at-large, 1980-82.

The elected executive positions were filled by acclamation. (Information on the officers and the 10 members-at-large who complete their terms in 1981 is found at the end of this section.)

VOTING: All ordinary members of the UBC Alumni Association are entitled to vote in this election. (Ordinary members are graduates of UBC, including graduates who attended Victoria College.)

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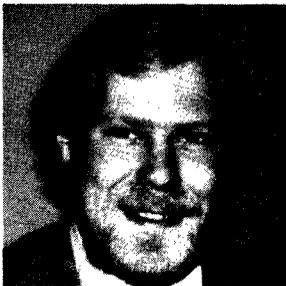
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Please follow the directions on the ballot for its completion, then cut it out and mail it to us. The list of elected candidates will be published by May 3, 1980.

VOTE AND MAIL TODAY

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Margaret Sampson Burr, BMUS'64
Alumni Returning Officer



Douglas James Aldridge, BAsc'74. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1978-80; chair, student affairs committee, 1975-77, 1978-80; nominating committee, 1979-80; special programs committee, 1976; AMS representative, board of management, 1972-73. *Campus:* president, Alma Mater Society, 1972-73; president, Engineering Undergraduate Society, 1971-72; chair, Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre, 1972-75; various committees. *Community:* director, Vancouver Centre Federal Liberal Association. *Occupation:* marketing representative, IBM Canada Ltd.



Virginia Galloway Beirnes, BA'40, LLB'49. *Campus Ac-*

tivities: Ubyssy; Totem. Community: formerly president: Vancouver Business & Professional Women's Club; Vancouver Council of Women; Community Chest & Council of Greater Vancouver (now United Way); charter president SPARC of B.C.; chair, Vancouver Community College Council, 1974-76; president, Vancouver YWCA, 1972-75; presently chair, house committee & board member, University Women's Club of Vancouver; chair, Selander Foundation; board member, Opportunity Rehabilitation Workshop. *Occupation:* company director; volunteer community worker.



Susan D. Daniells, BA'72, LLB'75. *Campus Activities:* Film society; VOC, law students legal advice program. *Community:* B.C. Law Union; Indo-Chinese

Refugee Aid Society; Vancouver Community Legal Assistance Society; B.C. Bar — Future Practice of Law. *Occupation:* Lawyer. *Candidate's Statement:* Having had family associated with UBC all my life, I feel a special interest in seeing the ties between the university and the community strengthened. The alumni association can function not only in bringing the problems of the university to the attention of the community, but in assuring that the university is alert and responsive to the needs of the community-at-large.



David William Donohoe, LLB'71, (BA, McGill; LLM London School of Economics). *Alumni Activities:* board of management, 1979-80; allocations committee, 1979-80; president, Young Alumni Club, 1977-78;

secretary, Young Alumni Club, 1976-77. *Campus:* external vice-president, Law Students Association; UBC student court. *Occupation:* lawyer. *Candidate's statement:* The alumni should be supporters of the university community in meeting some of its fiscal needs, in maintaining its good public image and in attracting outstanding students. I will try to assist in achieving these goals.



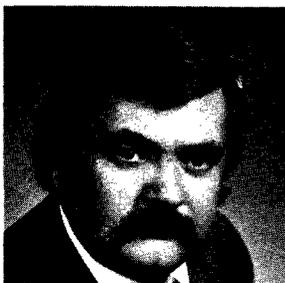
Harold N. Halvorson, BA'55, MSc'56, PhD'66. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1978-80; member: alumni/university community centre committee, university advocacy committee, cliff erosion committee, 1979-80; organizer, Margaret Armstrong memorial fund. *Community:* member, professional affairs committee & past chairman, Vancouver branch, Association of Professional Engineers of B.C.; chair, engineers group, United Way, Vancouver, 1976-77; director, Trail and district, Community Chest, 1966-67; Trail Boy Scouts Assoc., 1966-67. *Occupation:* Engineering consulting.

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Josephine Mary Hannay, RN, (BSN Manitoba), MSc'76. *Alumni Activities:* health service planning division representative to board of management; chair, division education committee; division executive; planning committee CCHSE/UBC alumni seminars; planning for change committee, UBC department of health care & epidemiology. *Community:* volunteer work with health funding campaigns, community centre, church, federal and provincial political campaigns, day care centre board member, 1977-78. *Occupation:* coordinator, community palliative care project, VGH. *Candidate's statement:* I have long been interested in contributing to student affairs at UBC. One area of particular interest to me is that of continuing education. My experience as education chair for the health services planning alumni division and as a member of the HSP planning committee currently designing a new UBC program for senior health personnel, would, I feel be useful in expanding continuing education through ongoing programs for the public and the professions.



Robert B. Mackay, BCom'64 (LLB, Alberta). *Alumni Ac-*

tivities: member-at-large, 1979-80. *Campus:* president, Commerce Undergraduate Society, 1963-64; A.M.S. representative, board of management, 1963-64; Alpha Delta Phi; Sigma Tau Chi; commerce faculty curriculum council, 1971-72. *Community:* past president and member, board of directors, B.C. Chapter of the American Marketing Association; treasurer, Media and Communications Law Subsection, B.C. Branch, Canadian Bar Association. *Occupation:* barrister and solicitor.

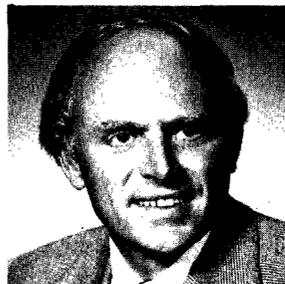


Alison Elisabeth MacLennan, LLB'76. *Campus:* speaker's committee; law school graduation committee; law school dean selection committee. *Community:* women's network. *Candidate's statement:* Sadly, the resources of the university are too frequently confined to the benefit of its daily participants. Too many of us on leaving the university as students, have no opportunity to return to participate in ongoing events. The establishment of a series of public forums exploring contemporary issues would benefit both graduates and members of the university community. I see the association as an instrument in the developing of such programmes.



Fred H. Moonen, BA'49. *Alumni Activities:* member, *Chronicle* committee, 1965-67. *Campus:* sports editor, *Ubysses*, 1948; associate editor, *Totem*, 1949; Sigma Chi fraternity. *Community:* present: trustee, St. Paul's Hospital; director, B.C. Forest Foundation; past: Family Service Agency; president, Canadian Public Relations Soci-

ety; Council, Vancouver Board of Trade; chair, Parish Board; chair, Advertising & Sales Bureau; chair, Grey Cup Parade; vice president, United Community Services; coach, West Vancouver Soccer Association; director, Pacific National Exhibition. *Occupation:* vice-president, government affairs, MacMillan Bloedel Limited.



Michael A. Partridge, BCom'59. *Alumni Activities:* chair, divisions, 1979-80; member, commerce alumni executive, 1971-79; president, commerce alumni, 1976-77. *Campus:* president, Beta Theta Pi alumni, 1969; editor, Commerce Undergraduate Society paper, 1958; commerce undergraduate society, 1958. *Community:* vice-president, Vancouver Opera Association, 1978-79; Vancouver Opera Board, 1976-80. *Occupation:* regional manager, London Life Insurance Ltd. *Candidate's Statement:* I believe that many more alumni will take a greater interest in the association if an organized plan to encourage participation is developed with the graduates of the various faculties and divisions. It would be my aim to work towards this goal.



David Richardson, BCom'71. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-80; member, communications committee, communications review committee, 1979-80, YAC review committee, 1979-80. *Community:* chair, Provincial Steering Committee on Infant Development Programs. *Occupation:* administrator, Sunny Hill Hospital for Children. *Candidate's statement:* I am looking forward to continuing to participate actively in the affairs of the alumni association.



Oscar Sziklai, (BSF, Sopron, Hungary), MF'61, PhD'64. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1974-80; forestry division, 1980-81; chair, Speakers Bureau, 1975-76, 1979-80; executive officer, 1976-78; co-author, *Foresters in Exile*, the story of the Sopron Forestry School graduates. *Community:* trustee, North-west Scientific Association, 1980-82; vice-president, Junior Forest Wardens of Canada, 1976-80; director, Canadian Institute of Forestry, Vancouver Section, 1972-73, chair, 1971-72, vice-chair and membership chair, 1969-70, program chair, 1968-69; director, 1970-76; B.C. registered forester; member: Canadian Tree Improvement Association; Genetic Society of Canada; Canadian Institute of Forestry; Western Forest Genetics Association; International Union of Forest Research; Men's Canadian Club. *Occupation:* professor of forest genetics, UBC.



Nancy E. Woo, BA'69, (MSc, American University). *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1978-80; allocations committee, 1979-80; communications, 1978-80; student affairs, 1976-79; awards and scholarships, 1975-77. *Campus:* Alpha Gamma Delta; Panhellenic; Chinese Varsity Club; women's field hockey, junior varsity; Phrateres. *Community:* Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, finance and maintenance committee; director, Public Relations Society of B.C.; communications committee, PRSBC. *Occupation:* business (Q Foods Ltd.) public relations.

VOTE TODAY

Officers 1980-81

The vice-president automatically assumes the presidency in the following year. This year the positions of vice-president and treasurer were filled by acclamation.



President

W.A. (Art) Stevenson, BAsc'66. *Alumni Activities:* vice-president, 1979-80; branches, 1979-80; chair, branches, 1977-79; officer, 1976-77, 1978-79; chair, Reunions '66 Engineering; past member, student affairs, special programs, president's special advisory committee.



Vice-president

Robert J. Smith, BCom'68, MBA'71. *Alumni Activities:* treasurer, 1978-79, 1979-80; commerce alumni, 1976-78; branches committee, 1973-75.



Treasurer

Barbara Mitchell Vitols, BA'61. *Alumni Activities:* officer, 1977-78, 78-79, 79-80; member, 5-year planning committee; speakers bureau committee, 1976-78; Young Alumni Club executive, 1977-78; constitution revisions committee, 1977-78; program director, UBC Alumni Association, 1966-72.

Members-at-large 1979-81



Robert Angus, BSc'71. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-81; alumni/university community centre committee, 1979-80.



Margaret Sampson Burr, BMus'64, (ARCT, Conservatory of Toronto). *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-81; branches, manager, winter tour, University Singers, 1979-80; returning officer, 1980.



William S. Armstrong, BCom'58, LLB'59, (LLM, Columbia). *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-81; chair, allocations, 1979-80; advisory committee to the UBC wills and bequests committee.



Jo Ann Hinchliffe, BA'74. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-81; branches, 1977-80.



Grant D. Burnyeat, LLB'73. *Alumni Activities:* officer, 1979-80; member-at-large, 1977-81; member, branches, president's special advisory committee, government relations; chair, student affairs, 1978-79; A.M.S. representative, board of management, 1971-72.



Robert F. Osborne, BA'33, BEd'48. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-81; chair, reunions/homecoming and special events, 1979-80.



Peggy L.E. Andreen Ross, MD'58, (BSc, F.R.C.P.(C), Toronto). *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-81;

chair, university advocacy, 1979-80.



Barry Sleight, BAsc'44. *Alumni Activities:* officer, 1979-80; chair, Cecil Green Park management committee, 1980-81; class chair, Homecoming, 1974 and 1979.



David G. Smith, BSc'69. *Alumni Activities:* member-at-large, 1979-81; finance committee, 1979-80.

Other Representatives to the Board of Management:

Under the present constitution representatives may be elected or appointed in the following categories. The honorary president (the president of the university); the immediate past president of the association; two of the convocation members of the university senate (served in rotation by the 11 members); two representatives of the faculty association; two representatives of the Alma Mater Society; and a representative from each active alumni division. In addition, any other individuals as the board may designate, for example committee chairs who are not elected members and special appointments.

Voting Instructions

Who may vote

All ordinary members of the UBC Alumni Association are entitled to vote in this election. (Ordinary members are graduates of UBC including graduates who attended Victoria College.)

Voting

There are 10 vacancies for the position of member-at-large, 1979-81 and there are 13 candidates for these positions, listed below on the ballot. You may vote for a maximum of 10 candidates.

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Doomsday for the UBC Library

....So many books, there'll be only one thing to do.

Move.

Clive Cocking

Basil Stuart-Stubbs is a haunted man. Ghosts lurk in the dark neo-Gothic vaults of the library troubling his every workday. They are the ghosts of the library's checkered past.

"With libraries, it's the things that you don't do that live on to haunt you," the bearded, youthful-looking librarian said recently over tea in his office. He looked remarkably unspooked for one filled with foreboding for the future of the university's central institution. "What haunts you, for example, are the things that you don't buy when they are in print. Then you go to buy them, they are no longer in print and you can't get them. We've done a pretty good job filling the holes left from the '30s and the '40s...."

But what principally troubles Stuart-Stubbs is not the state of the collection — acquisitions having been basically well supported lately — but where to put the library's steadily growing resources and how to accommodate its increasing number of users. It is the failure of past university building programs to provide sufficient new space for the library that now haunts the librarian. The much talked-about explosion of information has

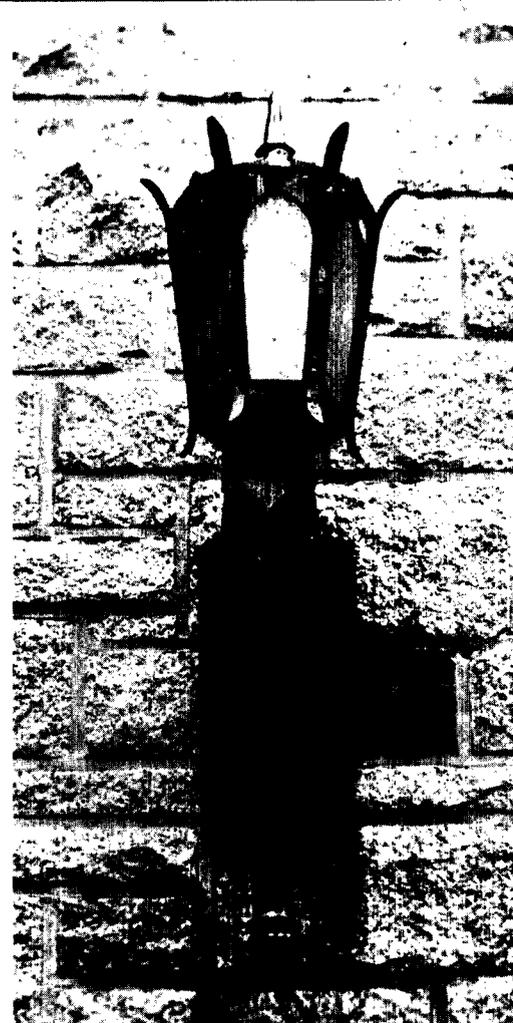
finally created an impending space crisis for the UBC library.

"What is happening now is that we will be out of space in the main library and in all the branches by 1988," said Stuart-Stubbs. "That's our Doomsday."

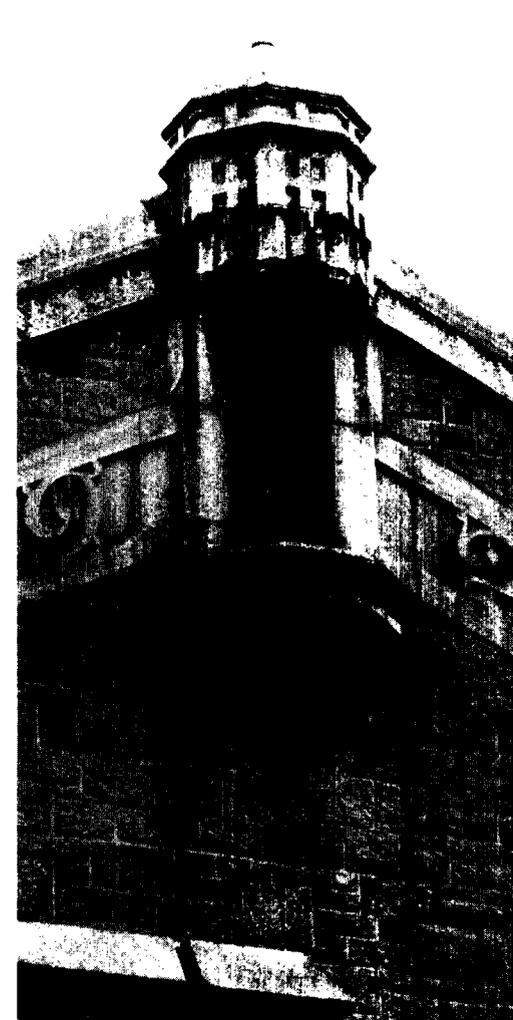
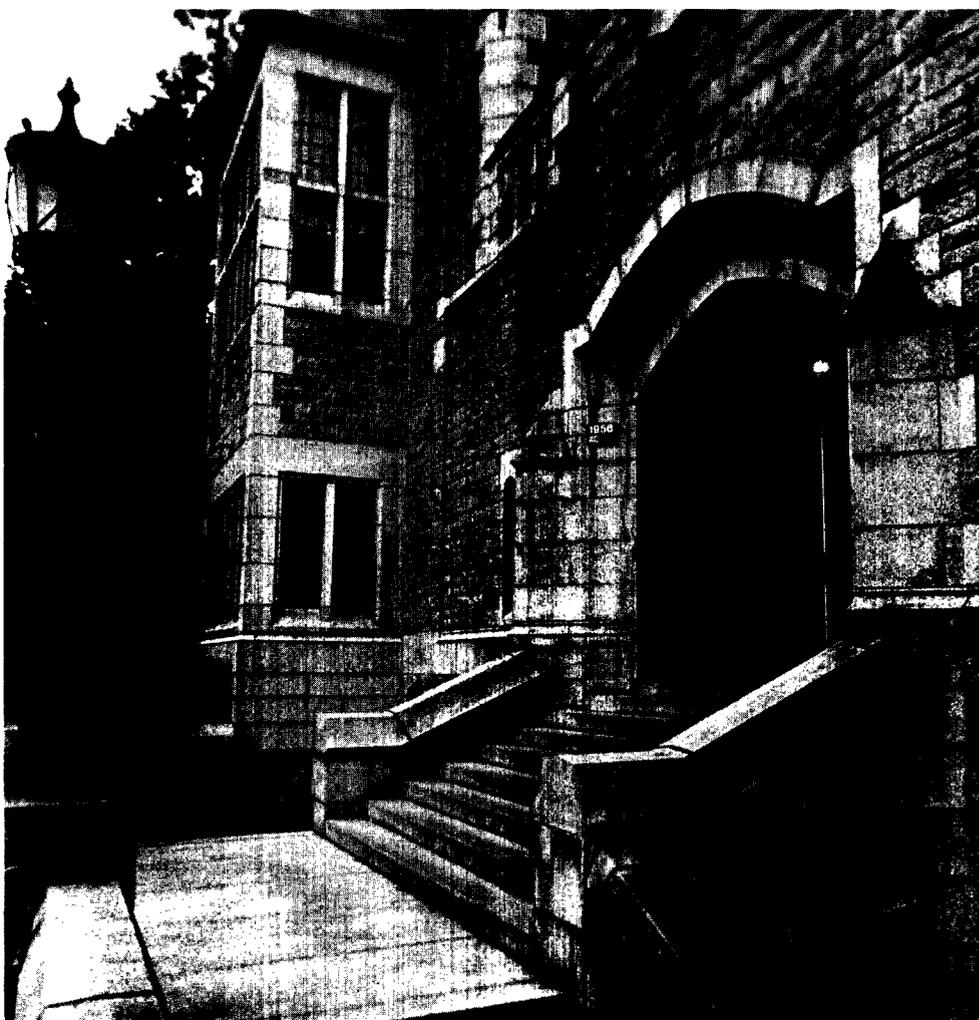
The librarian laid out the whole gloomy scenario in his last annual report. As a result, university president Dr. Douglas Kenny established a president's committee on library space requirements to investigate the situation and to recommend solutions. The committee, chaired by graduate studies dean Dr. Peter Larkin, is expected to submit its report sometime this spring.

The growth of the library collection, like that of the university it is designed to serve, has been phenomenal in recent decades. In 1967-68, the library, having doubled in size in the previous ten years, was on the brink of becoming a million-volume collection. A decade later it had doubled again to almost two million volumes. Inflation, coupled with the university's much more moderate growth rate, is expected to considerably reduce the pace at which library holdings grow in future. (The average cost, for example, of American-published books has risen in a decade from \$8.43 to \$18.03 — a gain of 114 percent.) The library's policy now is focussed less on expansion than on maintaining its strength, acquiring predo-

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Ken Mayer



“Baz” —

A librarian's librarian.

If there's one thing UBC's first librarian, John Ridington, persistently tried to achieve in his library, it was *silence*. If the current librarian, Basil Stuart-Stubbs, has a similar central concern, it's with service. This doesn't so much indicate that student behavior has changed over the intervening half century so much as the style of librarianship.

Aside from his herculean efforts to build the new library, “Honest John”, as Ridington was fondly called, was noted for his obsession with student discipline. His annual reports were filled with laments over students talking in the library and the periodic mysterious disappearance of “silence” signs. He once even went so far as to ban a student from entering the library with his heavy boots on, with the result that the student thereafter would take them off, hang them around his neck and ostentaciously pad around the library in his stocking feet — causing more disruption than his clomping heels ever did.

Basil Stuart-Stubbs — “Baz” to his friends — admits that there is still a problem with students talking in the undergraduate Sedgewick library. Recently, the library mounted a publicity program to persuade students it was in their best interests to be quiet and also established zones in the study areas for absolute quiet and where some conversation is allowed. But the librarian is not about to get obsessive about it.

“We're dealing with people in the prime mating years and inevitably there is going to be social activity in the library,” he says. “We're not in the business of being policemen.”

Basil Stuart-Stubbs, who is now 50, has spent his entire professional career within the UBC library system. Born in Moncton, New Brunswick, a 1952 graduate from UBC with a BA in honors philosophy, he first joined the UBC library as a cataloguer in 1956 after obtaining a bachelor of library science from McGill. He became the first head of the library's special collections division in 1961, where he was instrumental in broadening its holdings and adding some important collections of historical and literary papers and manuscripts. Basil Stuart-Stubbs became university librarian in 1964, just in time to carry forward the library's decentralization program — and see the library through a period of rapid growth and development in sophistication.

Stuart-Stubbs is a bibliophile whose

interest in matters pertaining to books extends beyond his neo-Gothic campus headquarters. As well as being involved on a federal level, on a committee reviewing the role of the National Library, he was also instrumental with provincial colleagues in persuading the B.C. government to go ahead with the B.C. Union Catalogue. In recent years he has played a major part in conferences urging more financial support for Canadian book publishing and examining issues involved in reform of copyright law. One of the key figures behind the establishment of the University of B.C. Press, he combines an interest in fine books as a member of the Alcuin Society with a passion for paperbacks in his personal reading. He also found time in recent years to co-author with Coolie Verner, the late UBC education professor, a massive and beautifully-produced atlas, *The North Part of America*. On top of all this, he is regarded by his colleagues as a personable and able administrator who has firmly set his personal stamp on the library's character.

One innovation that clearly defines the style of the library today is the recent radical change in book loan policy. In addition to trying to more accurately adjust supply with demand, the new policy is also aimed at ending the inequity of the old system under which students could borrow material only for a limited period while faculty could keep books for as long as they needed them. Students and some faculty members had long protested this inequity; the senate library committee's attention was once drawn to an extreme case where a faculty member had kept a book out on loan for 20 years. Now there is a standard loan policy for both faculty and students: most books (aside from the heavily-used Sedgewick collection) can be kept out for a whole term or until someone else wants them. When another person requests a book out on loan, the borrower must return it within a specified time or be fined.

“It's only when a user interferes with another's access to information that we intervene,” says Stuart-Stubbs. “We're much more interested in access than in thinking of ways of making people's lives miserable.”

John Ridington may be squirming in his grave at the library's regulatory laxity, but today's students think it's just great. But Baz wishes there would be just a little less talking over there in Sedgewick.



minantly current materials, but even so it should add its third millionth volume late in the 1980s.

Stuart-Stubbs is grateful for steady university support for acquisitions in recent years. It has enabled UBC, once ranked in the lower third of North American research libraries to now be counted among the upper third. In Canada, the UBC library is now ranked second behind the University of Toronto in size and scope of its collection.

In June 1966 the library produced *A Plan for Future Services* based on development of a decentralized library system and (ultimately accurate) projections to 1975 of a student body of 22,000, faculty of 1,422 and a collection of two million volumes. The plan called for a major expansion in physical space, but only part of it was subsequently built. Constructed were the Sedgewick undergraduate library, an addition to the Woodward biomedical library, the Macmillan forestry-agriculture library, the music library and a new law library — all of which are now at or nearing capacity. What was not built was a recommended major addition to the main library, a new science library and an education library.

Sufficient space was not provided for the two-million volume collection, nor is there any provision in the university's current building program for the projected three-million volume collection. The result is that holdings are steadily encroaching on staff work space and student study space and thousands of less active volumes have had to be placed in remote storage — more than 140,000 so far with more likely destined for the same fate.

"Something has to happen *before* 1988," Stuart-Stubbs emphasizes. "If you project back from when you need to start building, to be utterly safe we really should start digging the hole before 1985."

If all this sounds familiar, it should. This is only the latest crisis, though potentially the most severe, in the library's less than smooth history. Like the university, the library was born in adversity in 1915 at Fairview, initially crammed into a couple of rooms in the young Vancouver General Hospital's tuberculosis block. A modest, but respectable, basic collection of 22,000 volumes had been bought in Europe during the summer of 1914 by University of Minnesota librarian J.T. Gerould, whose UBC buying trip had to be cut short due to inflation and the impending war. It had abruptly become time to leave when he was arrested by German authorities on suspicion of being a spy — comically because of a plan of the UBC site he had in his possession.

Once created, the new university was then virtually ignored by a myopic provincial government and forced to exist on shoestring grants. And library "expansion" for the first decade at Fairview amounted to the addition of a "lean-to"



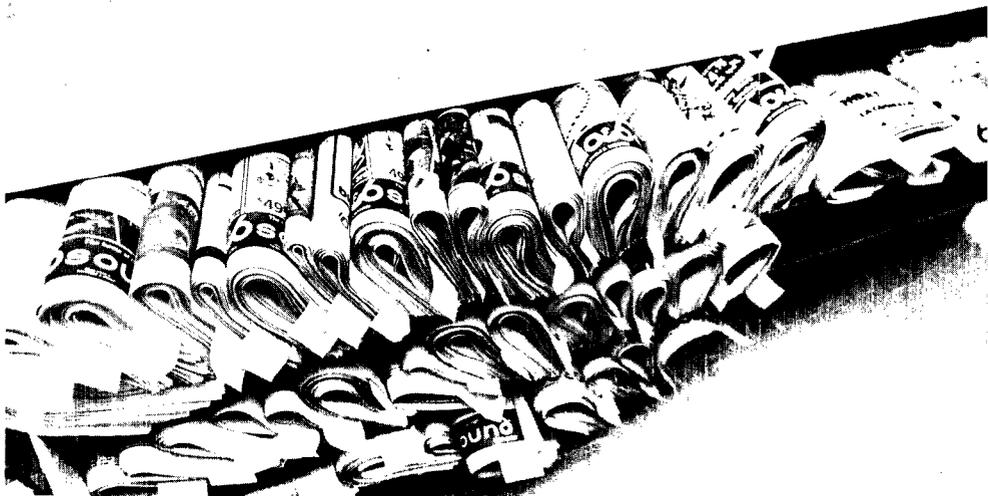
structure to house a further 10,000 volumes. By the time the library moved to its new building at Point Grey in 1925, the staff and books rattled around the spacious new quarters, according to one librarian, "like dry peas in a pod."

Space thus wasn't the problem for the fledgling university during the '30s: it was lack of money to buy books and periodicals. In the three years since the beginning of the slump, the provincial government slashed its grants to the university by two-thirds to a low of \$250,000 in 1932. The library had to cut staff by half and had only \$2,000 (down from about \$12,000 annually) to spend on building the collection. This would have meant acquisition of no new books and maintenance of only half the periodical subscription list had not the Carnegie Foundation later that year provided some relief with a \$5,000 annual grant for three years.

In the '40s, the library benefitted from more expansive budgets and the gifts of some substantial private collections, notably what became known as the Howay-Reid collection of Canadiana. By the end of the Second World War the library had a collection of 250,000 volumes and, with the returning veterans, a serious space problem once again — trying to serve 9,300 students with a building designed for 1,500.

Lack of adequate space continued to be a problem into the '50s, despite some easing provided by the opening of a new north wing of the main library in 1948. With the rapid growth of the student population, insufficient library study space became a lively campus issue in the late '50s: the stacks and reading rooms became scenes of heated arguments and even blows between students in territorial disputes. Completion of a new south wing to the main library (made possible by a generous gift from Walter Koerner and a grant from the Canada Council) in 1960 vastly reduced the problem. By the mid-'60s it had finally become a major research library, helped considerably by some sizeable gifts — the P.A. Woodward Foundation provided impetus for library decentralization by providing the Woodward biomedical library and H.R. MacMillan's gift of \$3 million in 1965 for new books led to a massive increase in the library's collection. Today the pendulum has swung back and it is ironic that the library seems to be facing hard times again just as it is embarking on an era of new, broader service to its users.

The library has eagerly embraced the computer age. Stuart-Stubbs laughs now at the predictions that were so prevalent a few years ago that modern electronic technology would make books (and there-



The Famous Dr. Sedgewick

UBC's subterranean Sedgewick Library, architecturally brilliant, original and innovative, is named for a man who was himself brilliant, original, innovative, and in his complexity, perhaps just a little subterranean too. That man was the famous Garnett Gladwin Sedgewick (1882-1949) the first head of the university's department of English. And famous he was — whenever some alumni out of the Sedgewick era get together the conversation still seems, sooner or later, to get around to Dr. G.G. Sedgewick, or unelaborated "G.G." as the students called him.

He was a short man who walked with a magisterial, rapid semi-strut. His head, disproportionately large, had a plume of white hair floating on top of its balding pate. Through his glasses glinted eyes at once mischievous and incisive.

The lecture room was his kingdom, especially Maths 100, then Arts 100, which he filled to bursting with his Shakespeare class, the old English 9. He had, as they say, a lot going for him — an exquisite sensitivity for literature, a superbly modulated voice capable of bringing out any nuance, a histrionic sense so powerful that a Sedgewick Shakespeare hour was as much enactment as instruction. And there was the Sedgewick Act — the flicking of a finger nail against the noses of front-row students who could not answer his questions, the despairing knocking of his head against the wall when the class dismally failed to meet his expectations, and the contemptuous uttering of "Pooh, pooh, pooh" to those who too rashly challenged his opinions. Not all students, of course, appreciated the act — but the dissidents were a small minority.

To speak of Sedgewick only in terms of the campus is to ignore a large part of his contribution to his society: he gave hundreds of lectures downtown or away from Vancouver, his became a familiar voice on the radio, for over a year he was a columnist writing for the *Vancouver Sun*. In the 1920s he reviewed books for the *Province*, heading each column with a favorite quotation from Montaigne:

I speak my opinion freely of all things, even of those that, perhaps, exceed my capacity and that I do not conceive to be, in any wise, under my jurisdiction.

And Sedgewick did speak his mind



freely in the community, on everything from the need for health insurance to the injustice, during World War II, of expelling the Japanese-Canadians from coastal British Columbia.

Nobody will ever be able to determine the full impact that Dr. Sedgewick had upon Vancouver and, indeed, British Columbia. Certainly Sedgewick consistently saw the realm of the university as much more, geographically, than the campus.

All things considered, it is not surprising that, in an editorial when Sedgewick died, the *Province* declared that, of all the faculty members who had taught at UBC, "the one best known to the people of the province at large was probably Dr. Sedgewick."

One of Sedgewick's greatest loves was music, particularly "noble choral music", which he described as "the most transporting of all the arts." This makes it particularly suitable that the Wilson Library with its resources of recorded music is under the same roof (or should one say the same earth?) as the Sedgewick Library.

The prime icon in the Sedgewick Library is the Lillias Newton portrait of Garnett Sedgewick. It has been cleaned recently and the disfiguring stains, left after the subterranean library sprang leaks, have been pretty well removed. Everybody who really cares for UBC should, at least once in a lifetime, make obeisance before it.

— G.P.V. Akrigg

Philip Akrigg, a former student and colleague of "G.G.", recently retired as professor of English at UBC. On March 18 he will give the Sedgewick Memorial Lecture celebrating the 60th anniversary of the first year that Sedgewick served as head of the department of English. The public is welcome to attend the lecture which begins at 8:15 p.m. in the Freddy Wood Theatre. For information call 228-3131.

fore libraries) obsolete. Computers and microform information *are* changing the nature of the UBC library, but there is no likelihood of its demise as envisioned by the prophets of a McLuhanesque wired world.

"Books are going to be the permanent core of the library for a long time to come," says Stuart-Stubbs. "The book is just a marvellous invention. It's taken several centuries to evolve and I don't think it's going to be replaced."

The book has not been dethroned as a repository of information, but at UBC it is now complemented by material available in machine readable form — in microform — and data stored in computers. In this way the library is able to provide faculty and students with a much broader range of information and service — and do so quickly.

The process began in 1965 when the library introduced a computer system to monitor the circulation of library materials. It ended the need for borrowers to fill out loan slips as each book now contains a machine readable loan card; it also ended users' frustrations in searching the stacks and waiting in line at the circulation department for books they couldn't find, as computer print-outs can now be consulted to locate all books out on loan and new books on order or being processed. For the library, it ended a lot of inefficient paperwork and brought order to a system that, under pressure of rapid university growth, had been rapidly deteriorating.

"We were able to cope with a 25 to 30 per cent annual increase in the number of books borrowed with no increases in staff for a few years after the system was introduced and later with only marginal increases," said Bob MacDonald, assistant librarian in charge of processes and systems. "Generally, we were able to restore and improve services."

The computer system has also given the library the data to maintain a collection that more accurately reflects the needs of the university community and to increase accessibility to information. It made it possible, for one thing, to reduce some long-standing student frustrations with reserve book loans. Previously, many faculty members were insisting that all books on their course lists be kept in the reserve collection, but the library was able to produce data on usage showing this was unnecessary and in many cases counter-productive. What they were doing in effect was working against students' interests by making the material less available by keeping it on short-term loan. As a result of this, the library now (aside from a few faculty hold-outs) determines what books will be kept on reserve on the basis of demand.

Since the beginning of 1978 the computer has been given an even more central place in the library's operations. Bibliographic information on all new material acquired from that time is now being stored

in a computer and is available to library users only in microfiche form — not in the old card catalogue format. The concourse to the main library thus now contains a growing array of microfiche readers, machines that enlarge the microfiches so that library users can get the information on the titles they want. It's the beginning of a process that will eventually see the entire card catalogue stored in a computer, with students and faculty scanning compact, computer-generated microfiche files with microfiche readers the way they now thumb through the card catalogue.

Part of the reason why the library has begun to computerize its catalogue is due to the space shortage. In 1977, for example, some 1,342,300 cards were filed into catalogues, about one-third going into the main catalogue. In that one year, this represented the equivalent of nineteen 60-drawer filing cabinets. It was expected that, if the library hadn't begun converting to a microfiche catalogue, the card catalogue would have had to have been expanded out of the main library concourse before now — but there is no room elsewhere.

Aside from this problem, it was also evident that, because the older system was so labor-intensive, it was becoming increasingly time-consuming and costly to maintain the card catalogue. And because of its size and complexity, it was becoming more unwieldy to use. But another impor-

tant motivating factor was the province-wide need for better information on library collections brought on by the trend toward greater sharing of library materials between B.C. university libraries. The upshot is that the provincial government-financed project to develop a B.C. Union Catalogue (a listing of all holdings in B.C. post-secondary academic libraries) is paying the cost of converting the UBC catalogue to a computer base — but unfortunately at a level that will take 10 years, twice as long as planned, to complete.

The library has incorporated the computer as an aid to research in other ways as well. Over the past three years, for example, it has been offering a computer-assisted bibliographic search service to enable researchers to extract results of the latest work in their disciplines from a constantly expanding number of journals. Using one of four on-line computer terminals (in the science division, social sciences, law library and the Woodward biomedical library), a librarian can tap dozens of computer data bases in eastern Canada and the U.S. covering publications in all major fields of science and technology, the social sciences, the medical and life sciences, and law. By asking the computer the right questions, a list of references can be extracted from many thousands of recent articles which relate to even the most esoteric line of research.

Rein Brongers, head of the library's science division and coordinator of the service, says researchers find it a valuable aid — not only because there is such a vast, ever-changing multiplicity of journals (more than 200,000) in existence, but also because the terminology used for topic entries in printed indexes varies from one index to the other. For example, he said, you cannot find an entry for "hovercraft" in the UBC card catalogue; you have to look under "ground-effect machines." Using the computer-stored data, the UBC service can produce within minutes (the computer can scan 35,000 references in a few seconds) what might take days or weeks to find — if at all — in printed indexes.

As a demonstration, Brongers decided to check out what research had been done on the noise problems in electric vehicles. Noting that the normal first step is to discuss with the researcher exactly what information is wanted and, with the help of printed indexes, determine the terminology used, Brongers discovered that the description the indexes used for the topic was "storage battery vehicles." He then picked up the phone, dialed a number that connected the UBC terminal with a National Research Council data base in Ottawa and typed in a few commands for searches relating to storage battery vehicles and noise. The upshot was that the computer index used the term,

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"electric vehicles" and after swiftly scanning broader categories involving thousands of articles, the computer finally printed out bibliographic references for two articles on research into noise in electric vehicles. The whole process took a little over six minutes.

"We only retrieve information about information," emphasized Brongers. "All the researchers get is a list of articles which may or may not contain the information they want."

With their computer-retrieved bibliographies in hand, researchers must then go through the journal articles for what they want. Most of the publications are probably available in the UBC library and those that aren't can be obtained through inter-library loan. The new service isn't free. UBC faculty and student researchers get a special subsidized rate, but off-campus users (and it's available to local companies) pay the full cost of the search.

For some kinds of esoteric information, researchers can conduct their electronic searches within the programs of the university's own computer. The university, in recognition of the increasing complexity of academic research and analysis, now has a steadily growing computer data library. Almost nine years old, an outgrowth of computer data-gathering by the political science department, the service is jointly operated by the library and the computing centre. It functions out of a large room in the civil engineering building equipped with two computer terminals and wall shelves stacked with computer tapes and program manuals.

"Just as special collections acts as archives for published work at UBC, so we act as archives for data files," said Laine Ruus, the librarian coordinating the service. "Our primary objective is to support research and teaching at UBC."

The data library gathers computer files of data (generally in the social sciences,

physical sciences and humanities) that researchers can manipulate to perform precise analysis and that can be used repeatedly over time. It's largely the sort of data (often statistical) whose bulk and complexity would, without computers, prevent much sophisticated analysis. Some of the data files include: Canadian census data, Canadian Gallup polls, results of political scientists' election surveys, Statistics Canada socio-economic analyses, stock market transactions and corporate economic data, satellite pictures of earth, and even B.C. Indian myths in the original language, as well as ancient Greek, Latin and Anglo-Saxon texts.

The data library sees its role as gathering data desired by researchers and, with the assistance of a computer programmer, helping them in their analyses. Some of the material is generated by UBC research and other files are acquired from various services and data bases throughout North America.

"One guy asked for the orbits of the sun, moon and planets," said Ruus. "We now have those for a period of 2,000 years. It gets a bit exotic at times."

There is no doubt that some people are finding the advent of the computer in the library just a bit too exotic. With the cataloguing system split between the old card catalogue and the new microfiche, Basil Stuart-Stubbs acknowledges that there is discontented grumbling heard on the main library concourse, notably from older faculty, and even older librarians, having difficulty adjusting. But at the same time there are others who find the new computerized services a tremendous aid.

Chemistry professor Dr. Laurence Hall, whose research interests span a number of areas of chemistry, recently wrote to the librarian strongly praising the library's computer-assisted bibliographic search service. "That help has made it

possible for us to embark with confidence on numerous new research programs over the past several years," he noted, "and I am not exaggerating when I comment that the next phase of my group's work will be essentially impossible without your staff's support."

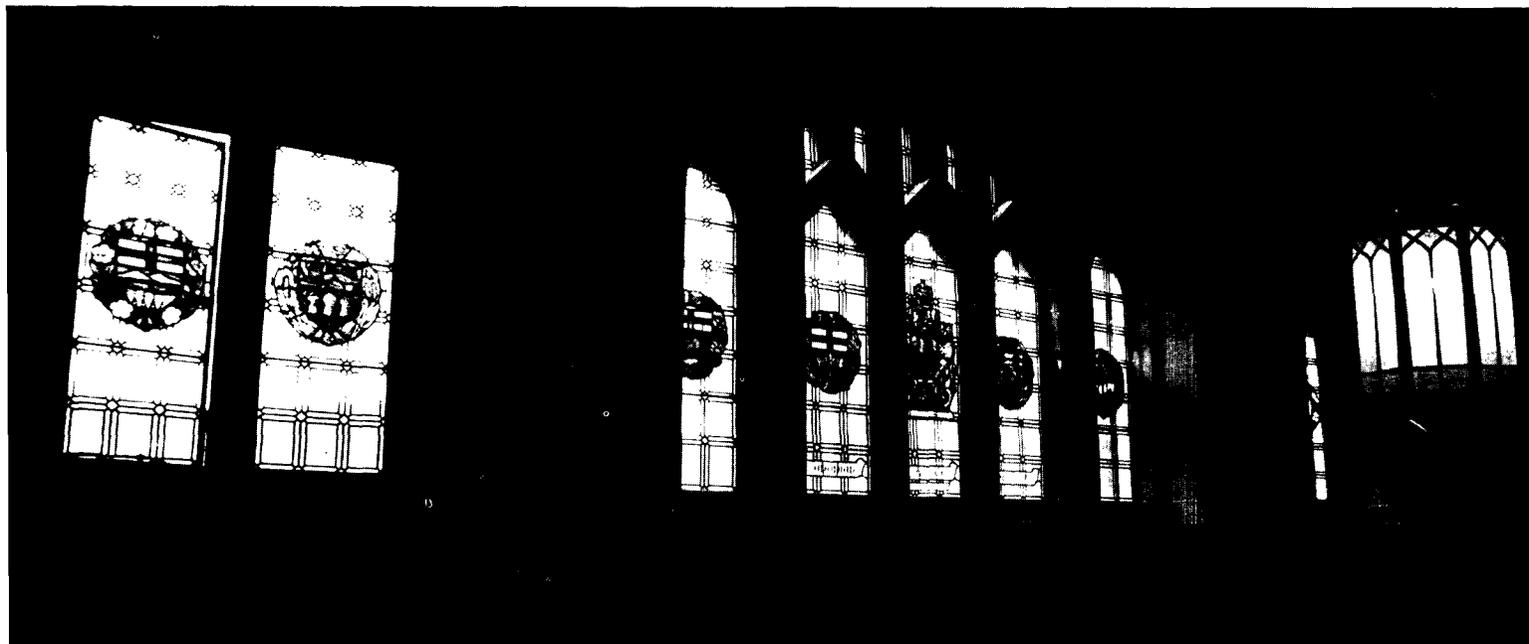
There is no doubt in the librarian's mind that all of this is the wave of the future. The library will make more and more use of the new electronic technology — adding more microform material (already the library contains as many microform items as printed volumes), perhaps video disc material and eventually developing more direct on-line computer access to information.

"If you just project what's happening now, it points to a library that is going to be a lot more complex in future," said Stuart-Stubbs. "We're going to require staff to be more sophisticated in helping users and the users themselves to be more sophisticated."

But for now the dilemma remains, how to accommodate continued growth in use of the older information technology — books — which is destined to remain the core of the library. By 1988, room will have to be found for about 400,000 additional volumes and related study space. This translates, in Stuart-Stubbs' calculations, into major expansion of the main library or a new building in the north end of the campus to serve research in the humanities and social sciences.

The fear that, in these times of restraint, the needed new space might not be provided, or provided in time, is what worries Basil Stuart-Stubbs, aware of how hard-won has been the UBC library's status as one of the top research institutions in North America. □

Former Chronicle editor, Clive Cocking, BA'62, is author of the new book, Following the Leaders, an insider's view of the media covering the 1979 federal election.



West coast Neo-Gothic

There's a myth that lives among UBC's first year students — "The Lost Soul of the Library Stacks." The scenario: It's warm — even hot sometimes — in the stacks and water fountains aren't commonly found along the aisles of books in any library. The mythical student wanders the stack levels searching for exits that can't be found. The effects of the heat are soon felt and the scene fades with the student crawling along the floor, grasping at the lower stack shelves, parched and panting for water.

While the stacks may be something of a maze to the uninitiated, the old building itself is impressive. A neo-Gothic castle on a west coast campus, whose architectural style ranges from vintage army hut to modern office tower.

Basically, the reason for the style is simply that it is impressive. More of the university's buildings would have been built on the same plan except for a chronic problem — not enough money. When the university's founders were laying their first plans in the early 1900s, they wanted UBC to start its life with a core of such buildings. This was especially true when the beautiful Point Grey site was chosen, and organizers imagined ships sailing past the steep cliffs topped by magnificent buildings. In those days, of course, architectural magnificence didn't mean Arthur Erickson and Simon Fraser University, it meant something old and European.

Early in 1912, the ministry of education announced a competition for architectural plans for the university. Any Canadian architect could enter, and competitors were asked to submit designs for four buildings, including the library, and a sketch of a general plan for the campus. The architects were told that Elizabethan, Tudor, or Scotch Baronial were considered the most appropriate styles for the buildings. In spite of the tempting offer of cash prizes of \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000, the education ministry received only 19 sets of plans. The judges weren't entirely satisfied with any of the plans, but finally chose the neo-Gothic design submitted by the Vancouver firm of Sharp and Thompson.

With grey stone walls and arched windows on both sides of the building, and with stained glass windows, high curving ceilings with oak beams, the library was the university's centre. UBC students were few in number in the early days, but they remember the library well more than 50 years later. "It was silent — very silent. The atmosphere was almost church-like," says Malcolm McGregor, whose association with UBC goes back to 1926, the second year on the Point Grey campus. He studied classics, math, cricket, rugby and the *Ulysses*, and returned to the university in 1954 as head of the classics department. McGregor remembers that John Ridington, the Librarian and "King" of the castle was not often seen — "because he was a king, after all." According to McGregor, the King had a remarkable beard, and was "about nine feet tall." "I fell up the stairs one day, and of course that made a Noise, and King John appeared. He looked at me and said, 'Boy, do you think this is a British Columbia beer parlor?'"

It's still quiet in the library, but it's not the same. The building isn't the centre that it was, and UBC's book collection has spilt out to buildings all over the campus.

But one thing hasn't changed. Every year, the library pond collects its quota of 'tanked' students.

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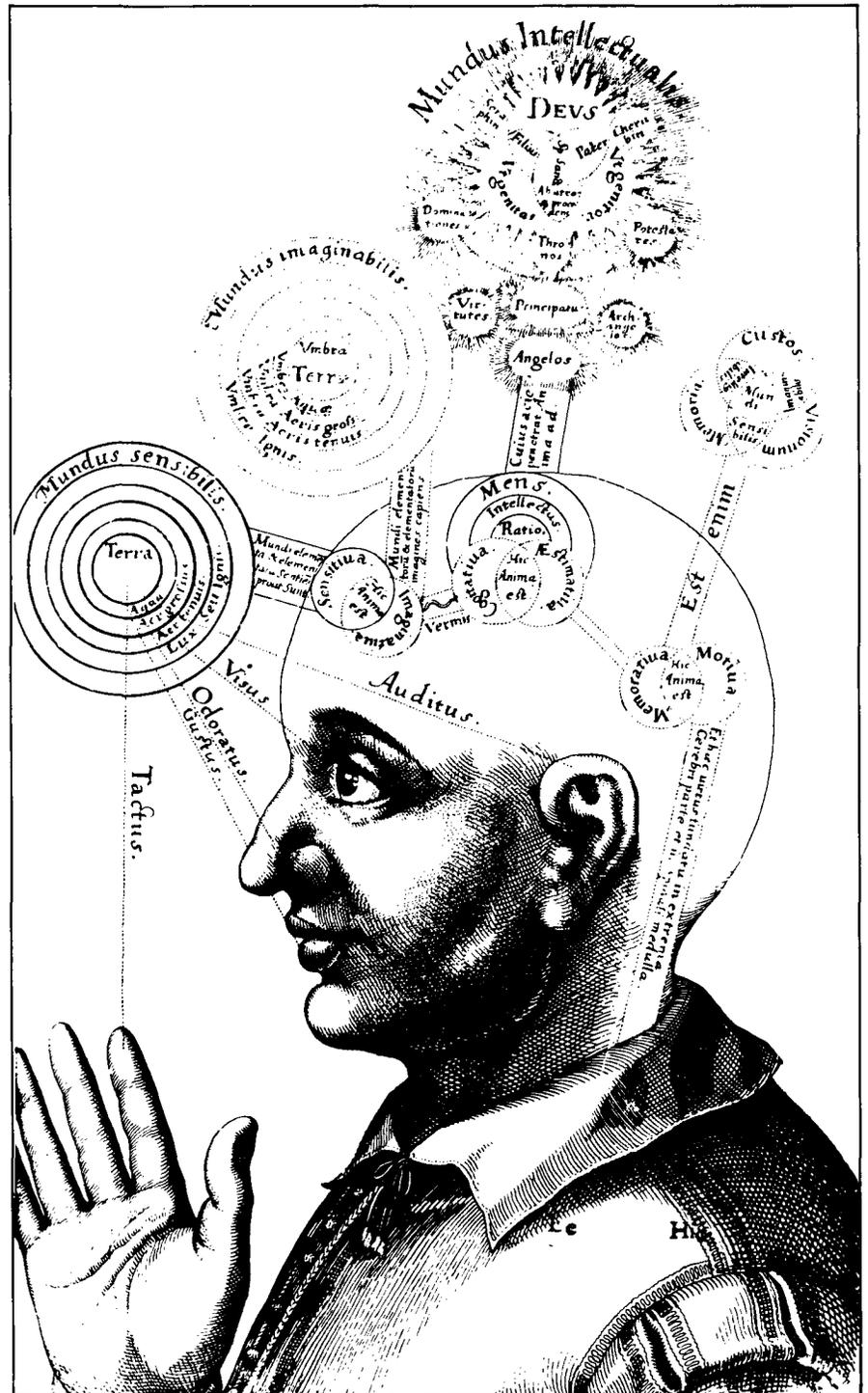
Tim Padmore

Here is the story of Juhn Wada's love for painting. I tell it because it reveals something of the man and also tells something of his science.

It begins when he is a medical student and discovers the art of Vincent Van Gogh. The violent, light-saturated style of the eccentric Dutch genius appeals to him in a way he finds difficult to understand. Much later, he is on sabbatical in the south of France, where Van Gogh did his most famous pictures. It is a glorious Mediterranean morning and the physician steps out on his patio to look across the sun-washed bay.

"I immediately understood why he had painted that way. I can't tell you why, even

The secrets of the brain, speculated upon by early anatomists (right, Fludd, 1619), are being explored and understood by today's scientists.





A test, developed by Dr. Wada, to determine the location of the speech centre of the brain is now mandatory especially before elective surgery. (Above) Wada and a medical team administer the test to an epileptic patient.

A Tragedy, With New Hope

There are probably more than 1,000 epileptics in B.C. who could benefit from the kind of surgery Dr. Juhn Wada has pioneered. Yet only about 10 operations a year are being performed. The roadblock is that, until now, there has been no way to identify these people and determine how the surgery should be done. The problem was not technology, but money: there was no facility equipped to do the exhaustive diagnostic work required.

Now, there is hope. The new UBC acute care hospital has space designated for an epilepsy diagnostic unit and Dr. Wada says he is confident he can find donors to give the funds he needs to equip and operate it for the first three years.

The equipment will allow automatic monitoring of an epilepsy patient so his seizures can be "captured" on vid-

eotape and brain wave recordings. This information is crucial for determining if the patient is a suitable candidate for surgery and for locating the precise area or areas where seizures are originating.

The centre, which will serve all of western Canada, will be able to handle about 200 patients a year. It will also be a unique education and research resource, says Wada. Few doctors-in-training ever get to see a real epileptic seizure, but here they will. And Wada hopes that research will allow B.C. physicians to expand the number of people they can help with surgery. Twenty per cent of epileptics do not respond to medication. Of those, only about one in ten is today considered a candidate for surgery. It is heartbreaking, says Dr. Wada, to have to tell the other nine that medicine has nothing to offer them.

now, but I understand it.... He could be my friend, this is the feeling I have."

The picture of this gentle, courteous brain surgeon sipping tea with the berserk Dutchman is a difficult one for the logical left side of the brain to comprehend. But this was of meeting not of the left, but of the right sides of these two brains.

Right brain? Left brain? This is the scientific side of the story.

A century ago Paul Broca, a French surgeon and collector of brains, decided on evidence obtained from stroke victims that the left side of the brain has the prime responsibility for speech and language. Since these functions are so important, it later came to be thought that the left side is, in fact, dominant. In the past 20 years or so it has become apparent that the right brain has complementary and equally im-

portant functions. Much of the information came in the course of operations to remove brain tumors or to excise tissue responsible for epileptic attacks. To determine where it was safe to cut, surgeons would stimulate different parts of the brain electrically, and the patients would report their response.

Gradually it has emerged that, in right handed persons, the left brain is responsible for logical, step by step operations (such as speaking a sentence or doing an arithmetic problem), while the right brain excels at intuitive activities, like art and music appreciation and pattern recognition.

This picture is simplistic, however, says Dr. Wada. His own introduction to the subject illustrates one pitfall. "The way I came into this was, I saw a patient

when I was a resident, who came in for treatment of a very difficult epileptic problem. He was a right handed man and had a problem on the right side and that side of the brain was operated on, knowing that right handed people usually have the speech function on the left hand side.

"He came out of the operation without any speech function," Wada says, shaking his head. "So I realized a method had to be devised to know ahead of time which side of the brain has the speech function."

The method he invented was to inject the blood vessels on each side of the brain in turn with an anesthetic that would produce temporary paralysis. If the patient lost his speech, it would mean that the speech centre was on that side. The test is now mandatory, especially for elective surgery, Dr. Wada says.

The right brain-left brain puzzle has continued to fascinate him. For example, is the division something we are born with or does it develop as the child develops language skills and logical thinking? The fact that persons who suffer brain damage on the left side can subsequently develop language skills centred on the right suggests that the division of labor is developed, not inherited.

But when Dr. Wada reviewed his own patients who had suffered brain damage as young children, he found many held on to the speech function on the injured side, even though speech was impaired. Similarly, damage on the opposite side produced lasting impairment of the spatial and visual functions.

In another set of experiments he and his co-workers dissected dozens of brains from human fetuses. They were looking to see which side the so-called speech zone was developing on. The zone is readily identifiable by eye and has been shown to be responsible for speech functions.

About three-quarters of the time, the structure was large on the left side and small on the right. Fifteen or twenty per cent of the time, they were about the same or the right side was slightly larger. Only rarely did the right side dominate. So it seems that the division of responsibilities is something very fundamental that begins long before birth.

Some 200 adult brains have also been dissected. One curious (and rather preliminary) finding is that female brains more often show the speech zone to be more developed on the right side. Noting additional evidence such as the fact that girls tend to mature more quickly than boys, Dr. Wada says he is convinced that "the female brain is not the male brain."

"But I stress," he adds quickly, "there is no hierarchy. If there is a difference it is a different pattern. I'm certain we won't be able to say 'This is better.'"

Another approach was to measure electrical signals produced by the brain in response to light flashes and click sounds. The clicks produced bigger signals on the speech side and the flashes a bigger signal

Juhn Wada's artist's eye and watercolors combine to create scenes from Westcoast Indian life. A dugout canoe at Kitimat (right) and 19th century totem poles at Kitwancool are two paintings from a series he has donated to help raise funds to aid people suffering from epilepsy.

on the visual, intuitive side. Interesting, but not surprising. But when the same experiment was done with infants with no language capability, the same asymmetry was observed, again indicating that the division is very fundamental and only indirectly related to language.

It seems, he says, that the left brain deals with things already experienced and analyzed, while the right brain's strength is in interpreting the new and unfamiliar. The idea helps explain a fact observed by other workers: for the average person, music evokes responses in the intuitive right side, but for a professional musician the same stimulus activates the logical left side.

For Dr. Wada, the Mediterranean experience, the right brain insight into the vision of Van Gogh, was the beginning of a left brain awakening. That was when he first became seriously interested in painting. Wada's watercolors of Indian villages in the grey and gloomy Skeena River valley glow with Mediterranean colors.

He muses about the path that led him to be an amateur painter and a professional brain researcher. "Life is a series of accidents...." The accidents have been fortunate ones for many people however. Wada has a worldwide reputation in brain research, particularly in the treatment of epilepsy. He is one of the main reasons the quadrennial Epilepsy International Symposium was held in Vancouver two years ago, the first time it had ever been held in North America, and he has pushed successfully for new facilities at UBC that will



enable doctors to help many formerly hopeless epileptics through surgery. (See accompanying story.)

Building on his interest in the left-brain-right-brain puzzle, he is working on an operation to treat certain types of epilepsy by cutting part way through the connection between the right brain and the left brain. The idea is to stop seizure activity from spreading through the brain. The risk is that the operation will interfere with the coordination between the right and left brain and produce little or no improvement in the disease. Other surgeons have had mixed results and only one other centre in the world is doing this operation.

Dr. Wada has operated on four patients. To his delight ("It's an astounding thing") two seem completely cured. The

two others have only infrequent, mild seizures that do not cause loss of consciousness. The families are overjoyed.

Cutting the link between the two brain hemispheres has not just reduced the scale of the seizures, it has apparently interfered in a basic way with the seizure-initiating mechanism.

Dr. Wada is pleased, but not overconfident. "I am beginning to get a feeling for which patients will benefit from the operation," he says modestly. "Only now after two years I can tell you, I was scared. Every time a patient's family phones you or the patient appears in your office, you shiver and think, 'What's happened?'" □

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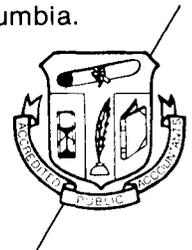
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News

It's Your Turn! Reunions for 5's and 0's

It's not too early to be thinking about reunions. If you're in a class year ending with a "5" or "0" — this is your year.... The Class of '25 is well ahead with plans for its 55th anniversary reunion. A committee chaired by Bert Smith has arranged a faculty club dinner for Friday, June 20 followed the next day with a summer picnic at the Bowen Island home of Eddie and Jessie Eades. The committee promises lots of time for conversation and renewing old acquaintances. The committee is keen to hear from anyone who has been part of the Class of '25, so that they may receive the reunion information. Contact Elsie Pain, 266-8284 or write to the alumni office.

Over 100 people are expected for the Class of '30 golden anniversary festivities, June 13 - 14. Events include luncheons, campus tours, a faculty club class dinner and possibly a harbor cruise. Bill Robbins and his committee are working on the details.... Hugh Radford from '55 **Medicine** is urging his classmates to attend their 25th anniversary at the Harrison Hot Springs Hotel on the weekend of May 9 - 10. His invitation contained a class photograph taken at the 1975 reunion and an admonition "if you don't recognize everyone you had better attend the 1980 reunion before fatness, baldness, and wrinkles totally obscure your memory".... **Nursing '70** will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a reunion weekend May 24 - 25. There'll be a potluck dinner at the home of Donna Fillipoff and a family picnic on Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Prospect Point picnic grounds in Stanley Park.... And in the really advance planning department Sandy McGauley Ulmi and Jane Pearce Laithwaite are getting ready for the **Home Economics '71** class reunion in the spring of 1981 and are starting a class newsletter in the process.

Cliff Erosion Control Work to Begin.

The UBC Alumni Association has welcomed the recent decision of the university board of governors to begin erosion control work on the Point Grey Cliffs.

Last summer an association committee headed by past president, James Denholme, prepared a critique on the current Swan Wooster Engineering proposals for control of the cliff face erosion. This alumni brief was presented to Stan Weston, a member of the board of governors, who constituted a one-man task force with a mandate to gather opinions on the Swan Wooster report and to prepare a plan to preserve the cliffs. The alumni association recommended that remedial measures should be taken as soon as possible to prevent further damage to the cliffs and inevitable undermining of university buildings. The threatened structures include Cecil Green Park, the Botanical Gardens headquarters, Graham House (School of Social Work) and the Museum of Anthropology.

"The association has a special and vital in-



Mark Kaarremaa

The University Singers made their third winter tour in January under alumni association and music department sponsorship. The 28-member choir, directed by associate professor of music, James Schell, visited Chilliwack, Port Alberni,

Duncan, Parksville, Nanaimo and Courtenay. (Above) Singers Heather Sabourin (left), David Martin and Elaine Smookler helped distribute information on UBC at the reception that followed the Nanaimo concert.

terest in the problem of cliff erosion at Point Grey," said association president George Plant. "Failure to correct it will have eventual impact on our home, Cecil Green Park. This building is part of the university's heritage and the alumni association feels an obligation to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to preserve and protect it."

The alumni cliff erosion committee has taken an active part in the discussions regarding the future of the cliffs and will continue to do so.

Alumni Forestry Division Established

A November, 1979 meeting of the forestry graduates, with representation from all classes from 1929 to 1978, resulted in the formation of a forestry division within the alumni association. The meeting was organized by forestry

dean Joe Gardner, who outlined the need for a link between the forestry graduates and the university.

A nominating committee of Marc Gormely, BAsC'29 and Bob Kennedy, MF'55, presented a slate of officers and the following were elected as executive officers of the new division: Robin L. Caesar, BSF'50, president; Elbert S. Reid, BSF'51, vice-president; Henry A. Olson, BSF'53, vice-president; John R. Wilby, BSF'70, vice-president; Esmond R. Preus, BSF'56, secretary.

The division's aims are to provide a means of communication between the forestry profession and the university, to assist in the development of a strong faculty of forestry and to advance the profession through the development of an *esprit de corps* among forestry graduates.... The **Librarianship** annual meeting is set for March 31 at Cecil Green Park. **Health Services Planning** has scheduled its annual meeting and dinner for May 13 at CGP. Details will be dispatched.



UBC has everything for a great summer family vacation - including room to throw a frisbee. A new continuing education program offers a combination education/holiday package at reasonable campus rates. (See story below)...Two young Alumni Club members head for the ski hills (below) during the YAC expedition to Mount Baker in January. The club is continuing its regular Friday evening activities and has expanded the Thursday sessions to include easy listening music as well as folk and jazz sounds. Memberships for grads and senior students, available at the door, 8 p.m. to midnight.

A Record Year For Alumni Fund

Gold stars and grateful thanks to all those who contributed to the **UBC Alumni Fund** this year, so far (There's still time to send your gift though. The fund year ends March 31!) It looks like this will be a record year for alumni giving. Gifts to the alumni fund totaled \$534,000 by February 8. This amount does not include the nearly \$200,000 received by the university through bequests from alumni. The annual report of the alumni fund will appear in the June issue of the *Chronicle*.

The **Walter Gage Memorial Fund**, to which so many alumni have generously contributed, is approaching the \$200,000 mark. A recent gift of \$2000 was presented to the Gage Fund by Arnold Greenius, BASc'47, MASc'49, on behalf of the B.C. section of the American Society for Metals. Greenius chairs the B.C. chapter which has over 200 members.



B.C. Binning Memorial Fellowship Launched

One of B.C. Binning's aims for the department of fine arts at UBC was to offer a master's degree in fine arts and in 1980, 25 years after he was appointed head of the department, this goal will be achieved. To celebrate this accomplishment, a fellowship in his memory has been established. It will be awarded to an MFA candidate who has completed the necessary requirements and who also shows exceptional promise in drawing.

The committee wants to raise \$50,000 to endow the fund — \$27,000 of which has been donated so far. An exhibition of Binnings paintings (including the self-portrait pictured here) is on view at the UBC Fine Arts Gallery March 5-29. Friends, students, colleagues and admirers of B.C. Binning wishing to contribute to the fellowship fund can send their gifts through the UBC Alumni Fund, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver B.C. V6T 1X8.



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Taking its cue from successful programs at several other universities, the UBC Centre for Continuing Education introduces the "learning vacation concept" to the UBC campus this summer. It's a family vacation package built around a cultural, educational and recreational atmosphere. Participating families will be able to live on the campus while taking the usual non-credit summer courses as well as being able to take advantage of the UBC sports and recreational facilities.

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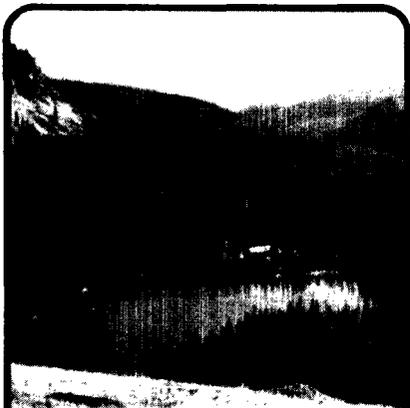
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cal education and recreation, and plenty of "play" space will be provided for older sports fans with the University public golf course, the swimming pools, tennis courts, playing fields, the nearby beaches and easy access to and from the city of Vancouver.

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Spring Branches Program Growing

UBC is going to **Prince George**.... The association is sponsoring a UBC Mini-Open House at the Pine Centre Mall early in May. Displays will feature the health sciences at UBC including the new acute care hospital, named for longtime UBC benefactor Walter Koerner. It might be called a UBC Week in Prince George because on May 5 there will be a reception and dinner for alumni and friends of the university to meet the members of the UBC's board of governors. The board will be holding one of its monthly meetings that day in Prince George. UBC students award winners (both academic and athletic) from Prince George area will be special guests at the dinner. Invitations and information on both these important events will be mailed in early April.... In late February alumni in the **Revelstoke** area were invited to hear Dr. Iain Taylor, professor of botany on the hows and whys of growing plants. The alumni association speakers bureau arranged this branch program in cooperation with Okanagan College.

Further afield.... Alumni in **England** should watch for news of the annual B.C. House reception, tentatively set for May.... Norm Gillies in **San Francisco** is working on the details for a Canadian universities luncheon for the Bay area alumni. Late May or early June the likely date, the guest speaker to be announced.... On the other side of the U.S. our **Washington, D.C.** alumni are hosts for the All-Canada Universities fourth annual dinner March 22 at the Lakewood Country Club, Maryland. UBC president Dr. Douglas Kenny will be the guest speaker. Louise-Mary Mason (703) 920-3808 has further information.

Alumni Miscellany

Sweat and Swim

Is fitness your thing? A Recreation UBC card may be just what you need. It gives you access to campus fitness and recreation sports programs and facilities. The cost is \$10 per year and it's available from room 203, Memorial Gym, UBC, 2075 Wesbrook Place, Vancouver V6T 1W5. (228-3936 will provide information).... To get into the swim, call the Aquatic Centre for times and prices, 228-4521. The Buchanan fitness centre, a sauna and huge, luxurious jacuzzi are there to enjoy.... Or perhaps you'd like to borrow a library book and you're not a student? No problem. A card is yours upon application and payment of a \$25 annual fee. For information call 228-3115 or drop by the main library circulation division.

Frank Gnuip Classic

Remember the Gnuipper? Well, a record number of golfers did, participants in the annual **Frank Gnuip Classic** held last summer. Organizers, Tom Thompson and Mike Sone report that the proceeds of the event raised \$6500 for the Frank Gnuip Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Gnuip fund will also benefit from the proceeds of the February 26 retirement dinner for *Vancouver Province* sports writer Eric Whitehead. Frank Gnuip was for many years coach of the Thunderbirds football team and an instructor in physical education.

Graduation Barbecue

There's an invitation out for everyone who'll be on campus for congregation this year — whether to collect another degree or to congratulate a relative or friend. The alumni association has dusted off the welcome mat at Cecil Green Park for its annual graduation chicken barbecue following the ceremonies and tea, May 28, 29, and 30. The cost is \$4 per person, full facilities. The whole family is welcome. Reservations must be made prior to May 26. For information call 228-3313 or send your cheque to the UBC Alumni Association, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver B.C. V6T 1X8.



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Jack Parnall

Jack Parnall, UBC's registrar for the last 22 years, retired in December with one main objective. "I plan to do what I've spent this morning doing — planting roses. I want to get a lovely flower garden first. I don't plan to rival Butchart but I'll see what I can do. Then I'll work on anything else I can get to grow."

"My hobby has always been gardening but UBC kept me too busy. There were always evening meetings," Parnall said. He gardens on his half acre just outside Victoria. "It doesn't sound like much when you're young but when you get to be 65, half an acre seems like quite enough."

Jack Parnall was born in Victoria and attended Victoria high school and Victoria College, before coming to UBC in 1933. That was the year that Walter Gage, who had been teaching at Victoria College, also came to UBC. Parnall received his arts degree in 1935.

Parnall originally planned to be a high school teacher. But during the Second World War he served as a meteorological officer for the RCAF. When the war ended, enrolment at UBC increased because of the number of veterans who, because of government veteran education programs, were now able to attend. More faculty members were needed for this boom and Parnall taught mathematics from 1945 to 1947. The following year an education degree took him into the high school classroom.

He returned to UBC in 1951. He was appointed associate registrar and then registrar in 1957, but he continued to teach math until 1975. "I felt that the fact that I did teach put me more in touch with the students," Parnall said.

Not that Parnall felt any lack of personal contact. "The registrar is constantly seeing students and their parents, and dealing with

their appeals."

"For the student with no problems, and that's probably the majority of students, they come and get their degree and may never see the registrar. But many students do have problems, or unusual situations, and these are the ones the registrar sees."

The registrar, whose signature appears on every degree certificate, handles the secretarial work for the senate and all the faculties and schools. He also interprets the regulations in the calendar and handles any problems students have with admissions or academic situations. "That can be the distressing part," Parnall said, "When a student is in trouble and you have to deal with it."

But it was the human contact Parnall enjoyed most about his career as a registrar. "I think most people think of it as dull and routine but it's really very lively."

Parnall returned to UBC when the number of veteran students was tapering off and in 1955 the university enrolment was very low. But after that UBC started growing rapidly. When John Macdonald became president in 1962 he suggested the provincial government increase its spending for post-secondary education and create more universities and colleges. "The period I was registrar showed the most change, from the time UBC was the only university and there was only one college, to today when there are four universities and 14 colleges."

Parnall doesn't have any particular advice to students after all his years at UBC. He only wants to say that "anything that's worth getting has to be worked for."

Apart from working hard on his roses, Jack Parnall doesn't have any particular plans for his retirement. "There's the inevitable trip to Hawaii and other things like that. But I'm not looking too far ahead. I'm keeping my options open."

— Merrilee Robson

Spotlight

10s & 20s

October reunions brought together many UBCers who greeted each other — in person or by letter. Among the latter, these notes from the Class of '19.... **Constance Elizabeth Highmoor Adams**, BA'19, taught at Crofton House for five years, then moved to Portland, Oregon for eight years, after which she and her husband moved to Longview, Washington. A past president of the American Association of University Women, she has been active in the League of Women Voters and is an avid gardener and weaver. **Richard Conrad Emmons**, BA'19, MA'20, (PhD, Wisconsin), joined the faculty of geology at Wisconsin in 1924, retiring in 1970 as emeritus professor of geology. Emmons regrets not being quite mobile enough to penetrate the "bush" for field work, but author of two books and 50 papers, he continues lab work on mineral genesis.... Warm greetings come from **Muriel Costley McDiarmid**, BA'19. Among her six children, 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren are nine UBC grads. During her teaching career, she lived in Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Harrison Mills, Clinton and Vancouver. She now feels a special interest in people, church and travelling.... **Eldred A. Murphy**, BA'19, now retired, also taught school in Vancouver, and spent 46 years with Empire Shipping Company of Vancouver, retiring as secretary treasurer and director.... **Anne Archibald Park**, BA'19, taught for the New Westminster School Board, then moved to the Trapp Technical School to teach mathematics. She has found the study of Spanish useful in her world travels.... **George C. Barclay**, BA'18, MA'45, and **Milton D. Bayly**, BA'17, also sent greetings to the class and ask any grads who wish to communicate with them to do so: Barclay, at 11907-223 Street, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 5Y4; Bayly, 1502 Cordova Greens, Largo, Florida 33543.

David B. Charlton, BA'25, has been awarded a 50-year member certificate from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and also the outdoor recreation achievement award from the U.S. department of the interior. Both awards are in recognition of Charlton's contributions to the preservation of the environment.... **Harry E. Mosher**, BAsC'27, and **Harry V. Warren**, BA'26, BAsC'27, DSc'78, have both travelled in the past 18 months: the Moshers to B.C. where they visited family and the Warrens to Britain, for a combination business and pleasure trip.

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The Canadian Independent Adjusters, in their annual conference in Banff in 1979, honored **George M. Meredith**, BA'31, for his "significant contribution to the general industry." Meredith, a resident of West Vancouver, is semi-retired.... The house lights dimmed on one of Canada's show business careers last December: **Gerald A. Sutherland**, BA'37, BCom'37, who became part of the Odeon chain of theatres with ownership of the Fairview, later the Roxy (part of his string which he sold to Odeon) retired as vice president and western

general manager of Odeon. He will work on his golf game and continue watching an average of 35 movies a year while waiting for some of his forecasts about the industry to come true: one of them, no single screen theatres in Canada in five years' time.

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Joseph A.F. Gardner, BA'40, MA'42, (PhD, McGill), dean of the UBC forestry faculty, who has been appointed as Canada's representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization forestry education advisory committee for a two year term, reports that Dr. **J.H.G. (Harry) Smith**, BSF'49, has been elected president of the Canadian Institute of Forestry for 1979-80. Also at the Jasper meeting of the CIF, **John Walters**, BSF'51, MF'55, was awarded the distinguished achievement award of the UBC research forest. New director of off-campus and continuing education for the forestry faculty is **Donald D. Munro**, BSF'60, PhD'68....The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada was \$14,500 richer at the end of an evening honoring **Kenneth O. MacGowan**, BCom'46, in Toronto. Co-founder of William M. Mercer Ltd., Vancouver, MacGowan retired January 1. The December party at the Harbour Castle featured dancing and gambling with play money for the benefit of the MSSC, of which MacGowan was national president in 1977 and 1978.

After 30 years with the utilities department of Medicine Hat, Alberta, **William L. Scott**,

BASc'48, has retired with the city's new power plant as a successful project under his belt. He'll use his retirement to "goof off, be impulsive," to restore a 1928 Chrysler and tinker with a 750cc Ducatti....The newly re-shuffled cabinet of the the B.C. government has five faces from UBC: They are **Garde Gardom**, BA'49, LLB'49, minister of intergovernmental relations; **Jack Heinrich**, BA'61, LLB'64, minister of labor; **Kenneth Rafe Mair**, LLB'66, minister of health; **Patrick McGeer**, BA'48, MD'58, minister of universities, science and communications and **Brian Smith**, BA'56, LLB'60, minister of education.

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After six years in Montreal with the SNC Group, **Douglas W. Russell**, BASc'50, has returned to Vancouver and opened a consulting service to liaise between the engineering industry and the government on domestic and overseas projects. He is "convinced that western firms suffer in doing business with the federal government simply because of geography."...**Janet M. Bulman**, BA'52, is the first executive director of TRACY (Taking Responsible Action for Children and Youth). She expects "the next five years to be quite exciting" and intends to lead "a strong advocacy group."...A message from Mexico brings good wishes for 1980 from **Kenneth L. Burke**, BA'52, LLB'58, who, as counsellor and consul at the Canadian Embassy, Mexico City, solves "the widest variety of problems that Canadians



Janet Bulman

have when visiting any foreign country." The Burkes are bringing up five beagles and two sons, 14 and nine.

R. Keith Jamieson, BASc'52, is on furlough from his work with the United Church in India. He spoke in Oshawa and Orono in October, and spent the first two months of his holiday enrolled in a theology course at UBC...What has ten computers and can remain aloft for 17 hours? The replacement for Canada's Argus patrol fleet, the Aurora. Program manager of the effort of replacing the entire Canadian contingent by March of 1981 is Brig.-Gen. **George MacFarlane**, BA'54, who comments, "We're on time and on budget."...Best-selling author, **Kenneth Donald Abrams**, BA'55, has developed a television series based on his book

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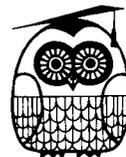
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Canada's new ambassador to Indonesia is **William H. Montgomery**, BA'56, LLB'59. He is accompanied to his new post by wife, **Julia P. Meilicke Montgomery**, BA'57....Editor of philosophy and economics with Oxford University Press, **James J. Anderson**, BA'57, MA'61, has been preparing the publication of a book co-authored by a fellow alumnus, **Harvey N. Gram**, BA'67. Gram's book, *Classical and Neoclassical Theories of General Equilibrium: Historical Origins and Mathematical Structure*, is scheduled for a 1980 release...."Harvard's concern isn't with deciding who is best but in developing our niche, the way we are different." That is the philosophy of the Harvard Business School, and it is one which the new dean, **John Hector McArthur**, BCom'57, does not plan to change. He also has no plans to move into the Georgian-style mansion historically occupied by the dean; he intends to stay put in Wayland, a small town near Boston, with his wife and two daughters, where he pursues the interest in forestry, developed as an undergraduate forestry major at UBC, by landscaping and gardening around his home.

Editorial apologies to **Robert W. Maier**, BA'57 (MBA, Western), whose name was inadvertently misspelled in the *Winter Chronicle*....**R.M. (Monty) Newnham**, MF'58, PhD'64, was guest speaker at the Deep River Science Association in Deep River, Ontario in November. Newnham, director of the Petawawa national forestry institute, spoke on "Future of Forestry in Canada."...**Beverly Joan Eales**, BSN'59, has been appointed long term care administrator for the Peace River Laird region with the Peace River health unit. She had been acting administrator for the past year....**Microtel Pacific Research** in Burnaby, B.C. has a new president: **John C. Madden**, BA'59, MSc'61 (PhD, Oxford), most recently with the federal government's department of communications, moves to his new position with the research subsidiary of B.C. Tel to "shape the growth of high technology research and development in British Columbia."...Professor of chemistry **Dr. John Frank Ogilvie**,



Michael Taylor

BSc'59, MSc'61, has moved from Kuwait University to the research school of chemistry of the Australian National University in Canberra.

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After three years with Hatch Associates, **Ivan A. Mozer**, BSc'61, has been made an associate. He spent the last year in Venezuela, responsible for operations at the Midrex direct reduction plant in Matanza....**W. George Slinn**, BSc'61 (MS, Ottawa; PhD, Cornell), has moved from the position of director of the air resources centre, Oregon State University to coordinator of the mechanical engineering program at the joint centre for graduate study at Richland, Washington....**Bell Laboratories** in Holmdel, N.J., has named **Michael G. Taylor**, BSc'61, MSc'62, head of the data systems and technology department. Taylor, at Bell Labs since 1967, is also a member of the advisory council of the communications section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

The October 1979 congress of the International Union of Societies of Foresters in Paris elected **Laurence Roche**, MSc'62, PhD'68, its president. He is head, department of forestry and wood science at University College of North Wales....Named coordinator of regulatory reform within the federal government is **John M. Curtis**, BA'63 (PhD, Harvard), who reports directly to the minister of state, treasury board, Ottawa. Curtis, formerly in consumer and corporate affairs, also teaches at Carleton University....**Richard W. Garner**, BSc'63, makes no bones about the fact that he is now living in Anchorage, Alaska. After two years with the U.S. public health service in Anchorage, he moved into private practice in orthopedic surgery with the Anchorage fracture and orthopedic clinic....**Wayne M. Osborne**, BCom'63, has been appointed superintendent of production at the Canada Works plant of the Steel Company of Canada. He has been with the company since 1963....New to the teaching staff of St. Thomas University in Fredericton, N.B. is **Robert William H. Castleton**, BA'64, MA'70, who joined the Spanish department as assistant professor in September, 1979....Among the mayors of B.C. municipalities elected in November who are UBC grads are **Michael G. Coleman**, BA'64, LLB'68, (Duncan); **William R. Whalley**, BEd'71, (Mackenzie) and **Don A. Ross**, BEd'69, (Surrey). If you were the people's



Laurence Roche

choice and we've missed you — please let us know!...Prior to joining Sulzer Bros. (Canada) Ltd., **Peter Wade Woolgar**, BAsC'65, was involved in Canada's energy supply industry. Woolgar has been appointed manager of the central region, located in Toronto.

Associate professor of history at Glendon College, York University, Toronto, **William D. Irvine**, BA'66, is the author of *French Conservatism in Crisis: The Republican Federation of France in the 1930s* (Louisiana State University)....Recent news from Sudbury, Ontario, is that **Kenneth P. Morrison**, BSc'66, is regional moose biologist with the Ontario department of natural resources....The Steacie Memorial Fellowship, one of Canada's most prestigious scientific prizes, was awarded to grads of UBC two years in a row: in 1979, the recipient was **Gordon Rostoker**, PhD'66, who, in studying the northern lights, has made major discoveries about the interplanetary magnetic field and the sun's role in the effects. The 1980 award was given to **J. Keith Brimacombe**, BAsC'66, for his work in computer modelling in the area of metallurgical process analysis....A tribute to the late John Diefenbaker has come from Lt.-Col. **June M. Whaun**, MD'60, who remembers a congratulatory letter addressed to her from the prime minister in 1966, upon her appointment to a fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. Whaun is employed by the hematology research department of the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

"I can't stand anything fake or plastic," says **Marilyn Gail Katz**, BEd'67, a freelance window dresser for Vancouver's top boutiques. From teaching art, Katz moved to clerking in a boutique and became a window dresser to fill a vacuum at the shop. Now she fills Vancouver's windows with fantasies — some so tantalizing that "window shoppers" are vandalizing the displays, leaving Katz dismayed. "How could they do that to my window?"... "Nutrition is not a four-letter word" — that's the message **Gillian F. Ackhurst**, BHE'68, dispenses in workshops sponsored by the B.C. Nutrition Council for the benefit of parents, teachers and others in the public health field in B.C....From Calgary comes word that **Ian R. Mayers**, BSc'68, is chairing the membership committee of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (he is a senior geophysicist with Mobil Oil Canada) and that the "Chronicle Connection" is as important to UBCers in Alberta as ever.

The Kelowna Garden Club was addressed by **Howard M. Resh**, BSA'68, PhD'75, president and director of Western Aquaponics, Ltd. Au-

Elections '80

On February 18, 1980 Canadians went to the polls for the second time in nine months. The result was a return of a Liberal majority (146 seats). Among the successful candidates from ridings across Canada were the following UBC grads: **Pat Carney**, BA'60, MA'77,(PC), Vancouver Centre; **John Fraser**, LLB'54, (PC), Vancouver South; **Ron Huntington**, BSA'46, (PC), Capilano; **Roy McLaren**, BA'55, (L), Etobicoke North; **Walter McLean**, BA'57, (PC), Waterloo; **Jim Manly**, BA'54, MA'76, (NDP), Cowichan-Malahat-Islands; **Don Munro**, BA'38, (PC), Esquimalt-Saanich; **Doug Neil**, LLB'50, (PC), Moose Jaw; **Nelson Riis**, BEd'67, MA'70, (NDP), Kamloops-Shuswap; **Svend Robinson**, LLB'76, (NDP), Burnaby; **Mark Rose**, BSA'47, (NDP), Mission-Port Moody; **Ray Skelly**, BA'67, (NDP), Comox-Powell River. We hope that our list of members is complete — if not, we would like to hear from you.

thor of *Hydroponic Food Production*, Resh's slide presentation dealt with greenhouses, propagation and soilless potting mixes.... The Saskatchewan Securities Commission has a new head, **R. Kenneth Stevenson**, LLB'68, who moved to the position from B.C., where he was deputy superintendent of brokers. He is a native of Saskatchewan.... **Derek A.C. Simpkins**, BSc'69, (MBA, Harvard) is the president of Clarke, Simpkins, Ltd., the well-known Vancouver automobile firm. He is also a director of St. George's School, Vancouver.

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Newly appointed field crops specialist with the B.C. ministry of agriculture at Chilliwack is **Donald L. Bates**, BSc'70, MSc'71. He has worked in Prince Edward Island for the past five years as a cereal and forage specialist.... News from Ann Arbor is that **Gerald H.B. Ross**, MSc'70 (PhD, University of Western Ontario), has been appointed pro-

ject director at the Institute for Social Research at Ann Arbor (University of Michigan). Wife, **Linda M. Bucholtz Ross**, BA'70, continues to draw for *OWL Magazine* and *Chickadee*, both from the Young Naturalist Foundation, Toronto.... **Ross R. Tozer**, BSF'70, has been named district manager of the Cranbrook forest district, in charge of administering ranger activities in Elko and Fernie. Tozer, in the forestry industry for nine years, has taken the regional golf championship for two years in a row and also enjoys raquetball.

After three years with the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association in Ottawa, **George E. Warne**, BEd'70, has joined the Markham parks and recreation department in Ontario. Warne is looking forward to the programs offered and feels the job is "a great opportunity to get back into the work I enjoy most."... New district agriculturalist at Chilliwack, B.C. is **Terry J. Dever**, BSc'71. He will provide extension programs on crop and livestock management in addition to his administrative duties.... **Cameron L. Stewart**, BSc'71 (MSc, McGill; PhD, Cambridge) is now an assistant professor in the department of pure mathematics, University of Waterloo, Ontario.... St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Parry Sound, Ontario has a new minister: **Ken J.J. Stewart**, BA'71, was inducted in a ceremony in September. The Stewart family moved to Parry Sound from Waterloo where he was a graduate student, following two years on Prince Edward Island.

Re-elected national secretary of the municipal law section of the Canadian Bar Association is **Roderick M. MacKenzie**, LLB'72, who ended his tenure as city solicitor in New Westminster, B.C., and entered private practice in Vancouver. Wife, **Anne W. MacKenzie**, BA'73, LLB'77, currently practises law as federal crown counsel with the department of justice in Vancouver.... Laboratory officer at the Canadian Forces hospital at Cold Lake, Alberta, **Donald S. Lim**, BSc'73, has been awarded a diploma of achievement with distinction for the officer professional development program.... **Richard D. McLellan**, BCom'74, has moved from Surrey, B.C. to Mackenzie, B.C.

John P. Mills, BA'74, is provincial development coordinator of amateur basketball in B.C. Mills, who was a member of Canada's national team during the 1972 China tour, is author of *Basketball: A Player's Guide* and a soon to be published coach's and educator's manual.... **Nina M. Spada**, BA'75 is spending a year in the People's Republic of China where she is involved in the training of prospective teachers of English. She has recently completed a masters degree at Simon Fraser University.... **Sidonie Boll**, BA'76, is co-winner of the Leo Ciceri Award for 1979, given to young actors to assist them in their training. She is a third year student at Montreal's National Theatre School.

Second secretary and vice consul at the Canadian Embassy in Yaounde, Cameroon, is **Nadine McDonnell**, BA'76, who served a term as president of Place Vanier.... A member of the B.C. government's "extern" program, **Keith Wong**, MD'77, has joined a medical group in Mission, B.C. Wong is a general practitioner who studied a year of anaesthesiology in Edmonton.... Twelve Grade 10 students from the Chilliwack and Kamloops school districts are enjoying a new study as part of their curriculum thanks to the work of **Miriam Doroghy**, BSF'78. The project, a pilot program in forestry at the high school level, is designed to en-



Richard Hall

Education in China, at least for a foreign exchange student, is an elusive thing. It doesn't follow a rational path, but has a haphazard route that most resembles a cross-country steeplechase. Some people give up at the mere sight, leaving the purse strings of Canadian government scholarships dangling lazily in the north China breeze.

Richard Hall, a UBC fine arts graduate (BA'73), is three years into the circuit — someplace past the water hurdle, but not yet on the home stretch. He started, as all students must, at the Peking Language Institute to tone up his Mandarin. When he passed the examination six months later the Chinese proposed sending him 300 miles away to an institute that has become the horror of exchange students, partly because of its chilly isolation. He balked. Since there was no space available at a Peking (Beijing) university, he languished at the Language Institute for another half year.

In second year he was accepted into the Peking University, where he discovered the closest he could get to art was philosophy. That turned out to concern itself only with the political thought of Marx, Lenin and Mao Zedong. At Christmas he refused to attend any more classes.

He was allowed to side-step into archeology which had just become the fourth area of study open to foreigners, joining history, literature and philosophy. But now he has applied to attend the Central Academy of Fine Arts to take an art history course.

Some foreigners have recently been accepted there, so the door may be open to him.

If it is, the least important advantage will be the actual course. As he explains, academic standards are low and teaching methods backward. Examinations lead only a half life after having been "rehabilitated" two years ago and there are no degrees, but worst of all "nobody particularly cares what foreign students do...the Chinese would be happier if there were no foreign students in the country."

But there are benefits and in Dick's case they carry a hefty weight. There are several museums in Peking where many up-to-date archeological finds related to his interest in art history can be seen before they appear in western journals. In fact, he would never see most of them, except in books, if he were not in China.

This year he is dually enrolled at Peking University and UBC, and is using his time (aside from the five hours a week he attends classes) researching for his master's degree thesis. If Hall is accepted into the art academy, he will meet a research student there who appears to be the leading expert on the 14th century painter he intends to do his thesis on.

Through the contacts he's made in his two years in China, Hall could possibly meet the man outside of the academy. But in China, it's always better to stay within eyesight of the official course, even if that course sometimes seems to get lost in the slough of bureaucracy.

—Felicia Klingenberg

courage youngsters to adopt careers in forestry....The ministry of agriculture has appointed **Madeline A. Waring**, BSc'78, as agricultural pesticide specialist at Cloverdale, B.C. She will upgrade the standard of farmers' knowledge about pesticides used for agricultural purposes....A November recital in Wolfville, N.S. (Acadia University) marked the debut as a husband and wife team of **Thomas B. Heppner**, BMus'79, and **Karen J. Pozzi Heppner**, BMus'79. Karen is a teacher and accompanist while Ben is in his second season with the Tudor Singers in Montreal.

Weddings

Bell-Lindal. John C. Bell, MA'72, to Tiiu Jennifer Lindal, BEd'66, June 30, 1979 in Delta, B.C....**Chamberlain-Vaines.** Robert E. Chamberlain, BASc'53, to Eleanore Vaines, December 8, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C....**Creelman-Cross.** Barrie W. Creelman, BASc'70, to Judy A. Cross, October 13, 1979 in Port Alberni, B.C....**Dahl-Eadie.** Edward H. Dahl, BA'67, to Susan Jane Eadie, BA'66, August 25, 1979 in Toronto, Ontario....**MacKinnon-Munro.** Hugh Stephen MacKinnon, BEd'78, to Kathleen Mary Munro, BEd'79, in Vancouver, B.C....**Moss-Roberts.** H. Howard Moss, BCom'76, to Theresa Roberts, BA'71, June 29, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C....**Nivison-Bryant.** Colin James Nivison, to Donna I. Bryant, BHE'70, August 18, 1979 in McLeese Lake, B.C....**Wilkinson-Visser.** Gordon Allin Wilkinson, BASc'71, to Theresa Maralynn Visser, BSc'73, December 29, 1979.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cross, (Susan M. Ogurzsoff, BA'72), a daughter, Giselle Adrienne, November 2, 1979 in Kingston, Ontario....**Mr. and Mrs. Dennis F. Dong,** BSc'69, (Linda A. Ogurzsoff, BMus'71), a son, Ryan Jefferson, June 9, 1979 in Kingston, Ontario....**Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R.W. Hall,** BA'72, MA'74, (Carolyn Deanne Andruski, BHE'74), a son, Michael James Peter, April 29, 1979 in Edmonton, Alberta....**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Killeen,** BPE'67 (MA, Simon Fraser), (Judith A. White, BEd'67), a daughter, Amy Jean, July 9, 1979 in Burnaby, B.C....**Mr. and Mrs. John Poulos,** (Anne Whelen, BA'75), a daughter, Christina Danielle, September 28, 1979 in Halifax, Nova Scotia....**Dr. and Mrs. H.C. George Wong,** MD'72, a daughter, Natasha Yan Yee, December 21, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C.

Deaths

Eugenie Ida Fournier, BA'20, October, 1979 in Tucson, Arizona. Survived by five nieces and nephews, (J.S. Lawrence Fournier, BCom'61).
Dorothy Ellen Brown Tupper, BA'27, November, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C. She was very active in the Parent-Teacher Association. Predeceased by her husband, Bertram R. Tupper, BASc'28, she is survived by her brother,

daughter and son, (Stephen M. Tupper, BEd'66).
Dorothy Reynolds Pound Dyde, BA'30, (BLS, MA, Toronto), November 1979 in Edmonton. Daughter of A.M. Pound, who donated the Pound Collection of Canadiana to the UBC library, she devoted much of her energy to helping Canadian artists. She was a trustee of the National Gallery of Canada from 1952 until it was amalgamated with the National Museums of Canada and she advised the National Arts Centre on its purchases. A resident of Edmonton since 1949, she was active on the board of the Edmonton Symphony, the National Ballet Guild and the Edmonton Opera Association. Survived by her daughter, Frances Plaut Hall, BA'63.

Nicholas Mussallem, BA'31, October, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C. A provincial court judge in Vancouver for eight years, he was a well-known defence lawyer in criminal court for 25 years. An expert on civil rights, he served in the Canadian Army in World War II. He is survived by his wife, Frances M. Lucas Mussallem, BA'33, BSW'64, brothers, Peter, BSc'42 and George, Social Credit MLA for Dewdney, two sisters, and a son.
Margaret P. McLeod Wilton, BA'32, August, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C. Survived by her husband.
Gordon T. Jamieson, BA'33, November, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C. Survived by his wife.
Richard T. Farrington, BCom'34, December, 1978 in British Columbia. Survived by his wife.



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William Wallis Pullinger, BASc'34, September, 1979 in Nanaimo, B.C. After graduation, he joined the National Research Council in Ottawa, and served as lieutenant commander in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. Co-owner and director of Adka Industries, Ltd. and Monarch Steelcraft Ltd. in Burnaby, B.C. until retirement, he was a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and the Dunbar Masonic Lodge. Survived by his wife, a brother, (Percy B. Pullinger, BA'40, BEd'56), a son and a daughter.

Donald Norman McDougall, BA'46, February, 1979 in California. Survived by his sister.

J. Rod A. Lindsay, BASc'48, January, 1980 at Whistler, B.C. President of the Class of '48, Lindsay was president and chief executive officer of Seaspan International Ltd. from 1974 until 1977, when he became chairman of the company. He served with the Seaforth Highlanders during World War II, and after graduation, joined Vancouver Tug Boat Co. in 1948. He was a former president of the B.C. Towboat Owners Association, the Vancouver Merchants Exchange, the B.C. Borstal Association and the Plimsoll Club, a governor of the Employers' Council of B.C., a director of the Council of Marine Carriers and a member of the council of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Survived by his wife, three daughters, (Valerie Munroe, BSN'75), three brothers (Barrie, BCom'58) and a sister, (Helen Lindsay Dusting, BA'49).

Mary MacKenzie Wellwood, BA'51. A major in Slavonic studies at UBC, after graduation she worked at CBC, Montreal, returning to Vancouver as B.C. representative of the "Voice of Canada" overseas. She was an active member with International House on campus, serving a term as president. She was a member of its board of directors for many years. She chaired the alumni communications committee and represented the alumni association on the UBC president's advisory committee on external television programming. Survived by her husband, Robert W. Wellwood, BASc'35 (PhD, Duke), three daughters and son, (Robert, BSF'73, MSF'78). A Mary Wellwood Memorial Scholarship fund in forestry has been established. Contributions can be made through the Alumni Fund.

Selwyn Perrin Fox, BSF'52, MAsc'67, October, 1979 in Vancouver, B.C. Fox, a research scientist in the western division of Forintek Canada, was recognized in July, 1979 with the L.J. Markwardt wood engineering award of the Forest Products Research Society. A Professional engineer, he was a member of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, the Vancouver Power Squadron and was active in the Boy Scouts of Canada. Survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. (A letter from Mr. Fox arrived at the Chronicle shortly before his death. It appears in the Letters section.)

Zoltan Borsos, BSF'59, October, 1979 in Alberta. Survived by his wife.

Robert F. Mason, BA'67, November, 1979, accidentally in Antarctica. A passenger on the Air New Zealand DC-10 that crashed in Antarctica, Mason was vice-president of a Los Angeles travel agency and is survived by his wife and parents.

Manfred K. Wenzel, BSc'73. Survived by his parents.

Mark Wilson Patrick, BA'75 (BArch, Tennessee), 1979, accidentally in Lexington, Kentucky. He was employed by Designer Management in Atlanta, Georgia. Survived by his sister, (Laura C. Patrick Johnson, BEd'70).

Letters

A Matter of Degrees

In the Autumn 1979 issue of the *Chronicle* Murray McMillan pleaded eloquently for the restriction of "degree-granting" status to the established, existing universities in the province, namely UBC, the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University.

The cause of McMillan's concern is recent legislation which allows Trinity Western College of Langley to grant the baccalaureate degree. Darkly he asks us: is the inherent value of a BA to be depreciated in British Columbia? So certain is he that the answer is yes that he can only suppose chicanery: "a political payoff of some sort?" he asks. His conclusion is that the passage of the Act represents a political payoff plus "railroading" in the legislature.

McMillan's article has several serious omissions and non sequiturs. The most serious omission is that almost nowhere does he discuss the substantive issue, namely: how should the province of British Columbia regulate institutions which wish to offer baccalaureate degrees? McMillan is almost completely concerned with process not substance. For example he tells us: "[o]nly the legislature can grant the right to grant degrees" and then "the college found a quick, political solution to what was basically an academic problem." Yet by McMillan's own admission it is a political problem not an academic problem as the legislature has made it so.

McMillan never asks whether the legislature should decide whether an academic institution can grant a baccalaureate degree. He seems to regard it as the natural order that the legislature makes such a decision. Yet in many places around the world they do not. In British Columbia the Universities Act has inevitably cartelized and politicized the degree-granting question. If, on the other hand, the issue is truly an academic issue Trinity should be able to make its case to one, or more, accredited bodies. Ideally such a body would be independent and non-political.

I have, as yet, said nothing on what such accrediting standards and principles should be — McMillan, of course, ignores this central question in any direct sense. Implicitly, however, he does address the issue when he talks about the value of a degree. Here McMillan's sins are those of commission, not omission. He claims "most hold to a traditional view that [the degree] is something of value, a badge of achievement no matter what the discipline." On the contrary many of us believe that it is the process of learning, the experience, that has inherent value, *not the degree*. Does this mean that the degree, as opposed to the learning experience, does not have value? No, obviously in our modern society the degree does have value, but it is primarily instrumental, not inherent. Its instrumental value to most people is that it helps them get a job, especially where the degree has a professional element. Do I object to this? Not at all if we do not mix it up with learning. The importance of this distinction between learning and degrees is that very different conclusions from McMillan's emerge. If the decision to get a given degree is a "human capital", income-maximizing decision one may

be much more skeptical of extensive government cartelization and monopolization of the degree-granting process. Rather it suggests a market model where students select those bundles of skills *and* degrees which they perceive will do them the most good. It further suggests that a variety of educational institutions should be allowed to develop to meet those needs. Undoubtedly there will be variations in price and "quality"....

The real substantive question, ignored by McMillan, is to what extent should governments intervene to standardize the educational product offered within their boundaries....

I believe that the government should ensure that an educational institution is honest and does what it says it will do, that is that the product is what it says it is. It should not get into the business of saying which product it likes. Who cares what the government thinks? What does Bill Bennett know about it? The spectre McMillan would raise at this point are the "50 religious denominations" and "special-interest groups" that will become degree-granting institutions. I must confess that rather than finding this a spectre I think it would probably add to the sum of "learning" (who can quantify it?) that goes on in the province.

McMillan is at his worst, and most anti-intellectual, when he delves into the academic curriculum at Trinity. He does not like it (I don't much like it myself). McMillan tells us "just how Darwin's theory of evolution fits in with Adam and Eve as chronicled by the 'inspired Word of God, without error in the original' poses a problem." Happily I can solve the problem for McMillan: the two theories are not reconcilable, they are *alternative* theories.

Let me mention at this point what adduced this response to McMillan. The day before I read the article a colleague mentioned that transfer students to our undergraduate program from Trinity were considerably more prepared for our program than many other transfer students. Irony indeed!

Finally let me say that I believe that UBC is a fine university. I am proud to work here. However I also believe the last thing it needs, or should have, is the kind of protection that McMillan asks for it. This stems from my belief that monopolistic education is as fraught with danger as any other form of monopoly. McMillan's own article reveals the narrow-mindedness that may result from encouraging such a monopoly.

Aidan R. Vining
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I wish to support Murray McMillan's article objecting to the giving of degree-granting privileges to a private sectarian college — or indeed, any private college.

Surely the minister of education knows of the troubles caused, two governments back, by a similar Act for Notre Dame College in Nelson? It was granted degree-status and then got into severe financial trouble. Dr. Walter Hardwick, present deputy minister of education, was deeply concerned in 1975, as the envoy of one government back, trying to salvage what could be salvaged, but eventually the university had to be dissolved. The people of the province had bailed it out for many years. To this day the public does not know of the millions of dollars used in a vain endeavor to keep this institution afloat. Its capital and operating debts were hor-

rendous; its cost per student enormous. (There's a thesis subject in here for future graduates.) It was obviously never going to be a viable institution.

The area had a large and flourishing public community college which gave university courses as well as advanced technological and vocational ones.

The Universities Council, in its first few months, had to spend more time on the welfare of the students in Nelson than on the welfare of the thousands at the other three universities, but there was no way of rescuing Notre Dame, and eventually the province had to stop throwing money away.

Except in one or two departments, notably teacher training, its faculty was not very good, and its degree had no standing, although students had been conned into thinking it had. The only positive thing that came out during long deliberations was that much less money could have been used to send third and fourth year students to established universities.

Trinity Western college may or may not go broke, but we should at least insist that no public money whatsoever should be put into an institution of dubious intellectual ability.

Dorothy Fraser, BA'32
Osoyoos, B.C.

(Dorothy Fraser is a former member of the Universities Council of B.C.)

Whereas we do not expect to find in the articles published by the *UBC Alumni Chronicle* a rigorous and exhaustive academic treatment of every subject covered, we do expect to find information which bears some resemblance to the standards of academic excellence which have earned UBC, our Alma Mater, a place at the forefront of higher education in Canada. The article "A Degree of Integrity" by Murray McMillan (Fall '79) sadly reflected only a treatment of erroneous and misleading material gleaned from local newspapers and a cursory glance at the calendar of Trinity Western College.

If Mr. McMillan would care to visit the T.W.C. campus in order to see the college in action he might be less inclined to use the *Chronicle* as a vehicle for the expression of religious bigotry and cheap journalism.

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Row, Row, Row....

I read the *UBC Chronicle* regularly and enjoy the publication very much. Although I have been in the States for nearly 25 years now, I am still a Canadian citizen and proud of it!

In the Fall '79 issue was an article, "The Agony and The Ecstasy of Rowing" by Sheila Ritchie and it brought back many memories — good and bad — of my undergraduate days at UBC. We did not have the luxury of a full-time coach back in 1939-41 and those who went out for rowing did so because they wanted to learn the sport and to get exercise. I was on the second Varsity shell rowing in the number 3 position and we spent many hours in the freezing weather on the Fraser River. We strained,



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caught crabs and tipped in the icy waters, rowed back and forth on the river and finally improved to the point where we were a pretty good crew. I don't think our crew ever won anything like an official race but we had the fun — and agony — of trying. Our club house was a small shack by the river where the shell was kept along with dry clothes; in those days there was no coach boat and the coxswain did all the directing and exhorting to greater effort.

Rowing has come a long way at UBC in the past 30 years!

In addition to rowing, tennis and skiing, taking an honors course in Botany and Biology, I had time to be president of the Artsmen's Undergraduate Society in 1941.

Thanks to you and Sheila Ritchie for reviving some very happy memories of UBC.

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I read with great interest and nostalgia the recent article "The Agony and the Ecstasy of Rowing" by Sheila Ritchie. It was excellent and I compliment both of you for the article.

Because I found no mention of the crews prior to 1954, save that they existed, I would like you to know something of the 1951-1952 period when I participated with John Warren, Doug Holbrook, Andy Smail, Glenn Smith, Ian Costillon, John Drinnon, Gerry Rendell, Bob Brodie, Dick Kania and Hank Matheson.

During that brief period, the Egg Cup competition was established between OSU and UBC. UBC was second to the Argonauts in the Canadian Olympic trials and won the consolation prize at Newport Beach (winner of the losers). The result of these efforts was a racing shell donated by Victor Spencer and coach boat! These new assets permitted the 1953 and 1954 crews to rise to greater heights which you have described.

Another characteristic of rowing, at least in 1952, was that we were scholars. "Supps" were unheard of and the combination of Frank Read, rowing practice and studies was a winner for all. I recall too that the introductory lessons in the barges separated the "determined" from the "distracted." The single shell available undoubtedly had some effect.

My congratulations are offered again; I wish the 1980 crew guts and stamina; and I hope you won't forget the oldsters next time around.

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Selwyn Fox died in late October. An obituary appears in this edition of the Chronicle. -Ed.

The article on rowing in Vol. 34, No. 3 by Sheila Ritchie was interesting and penetrating.

I was associated with the Rowing Club between 1945 and 1950. Although, we did some training at the Vancouver Rowing Club, we had our own boathouse on the Fraser River and during the season (all winter) many of us made our way, almost daily, from UBC to the foot of Blenheim Street.

The names of the most active students have gone from my mind today, but for several years the leading rower and recruiter was Philip Fitz-James, now a professor at the University of Western Ontario. Earlier on there had been others, but as I say I have forgotten their names.

Fitz-James kept the crew together and working and kept a bunch of amateurs like myself, either acting as coaches or as coxes. There was no wharf and the boat had to be launched directly into the cold Fraser River. Neither was there a coach boat. Whoever was coaching had to be already out in the water in a rowboat of some kind, or in another shell.

There was some co-operation and assistance from the Vancouver Rowing Club. Otherwise, the money for the shell and for other equipment came from the Alma Mater Society, completely.

I can't remember who we rowed against; presumably the Vancouver Rowing Club itself, and maybe Brentwood and other private schools. In any case, we did row against the elite of American rowing in, I think, 1946-47, where a giant world championship was held on Lake Washington at Seattle as part of the festivities for an international conference on the uses of the seas that was taking place at that time. UBC humiliatingly came in last. A photograph of the whole event is available in the *Life* magazine of that time. I think the UBC shell is barely visible, being so far behind the pack of leading crews. We all realized that our good-hearted, hard-working, volunteer efforts weren't enough and that we would have to get into the big league that the University of Washington and Seattle itself demonstrated. I think it was the winning crew at that event.

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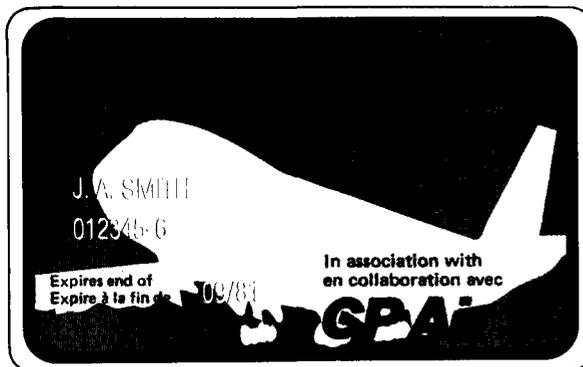
At Homecoming I was present at the seminar on "UBC 1999." And now, I would like to congratulate the Class of '39 for suggesting this meeting, and also the alumni office for organizing it. What a pleasure these packed, but swift, two hours were! On the stage what a remarkable assembly of talent, experience and accomplishment. My gratitude grew as the discussion developed. I left with a feeling of legitimate pride in the ability of our Alma Mater to produce leaders, who can lead. I was glad the chair was the source of a feminine voice. Perhaps another year our sisters, so to speak, will have the chance to define their vision of UBC's future. Ours is indeed a great university. But is it not monstrously large? We were reminded that "Small is Beautiful". We were wittily informed too, that China — indubitably an old and very wise nation — had only three lawyers within its entire boundary. We may add: how beautiful are economy and simplicity.

I shall hope that underneath and within the intensified, technological, academic superstructures of the coming decades that we shall continue to be aware of our personal interdependence, that we shall seek to preserve a sense of community, guard the humanities and foster every activity that would keep alive an expressive conscience at the core of things. Let us remember too that "leisure (is) the basis of culture", where leisure however is in the character of a harvest — a feasting on that which is living and fruitful within the individual personality; and moreover that poetic truth provides the most lasting nurture. As the panel of speakers maintained: indeed, the emphasis must be on "quality".

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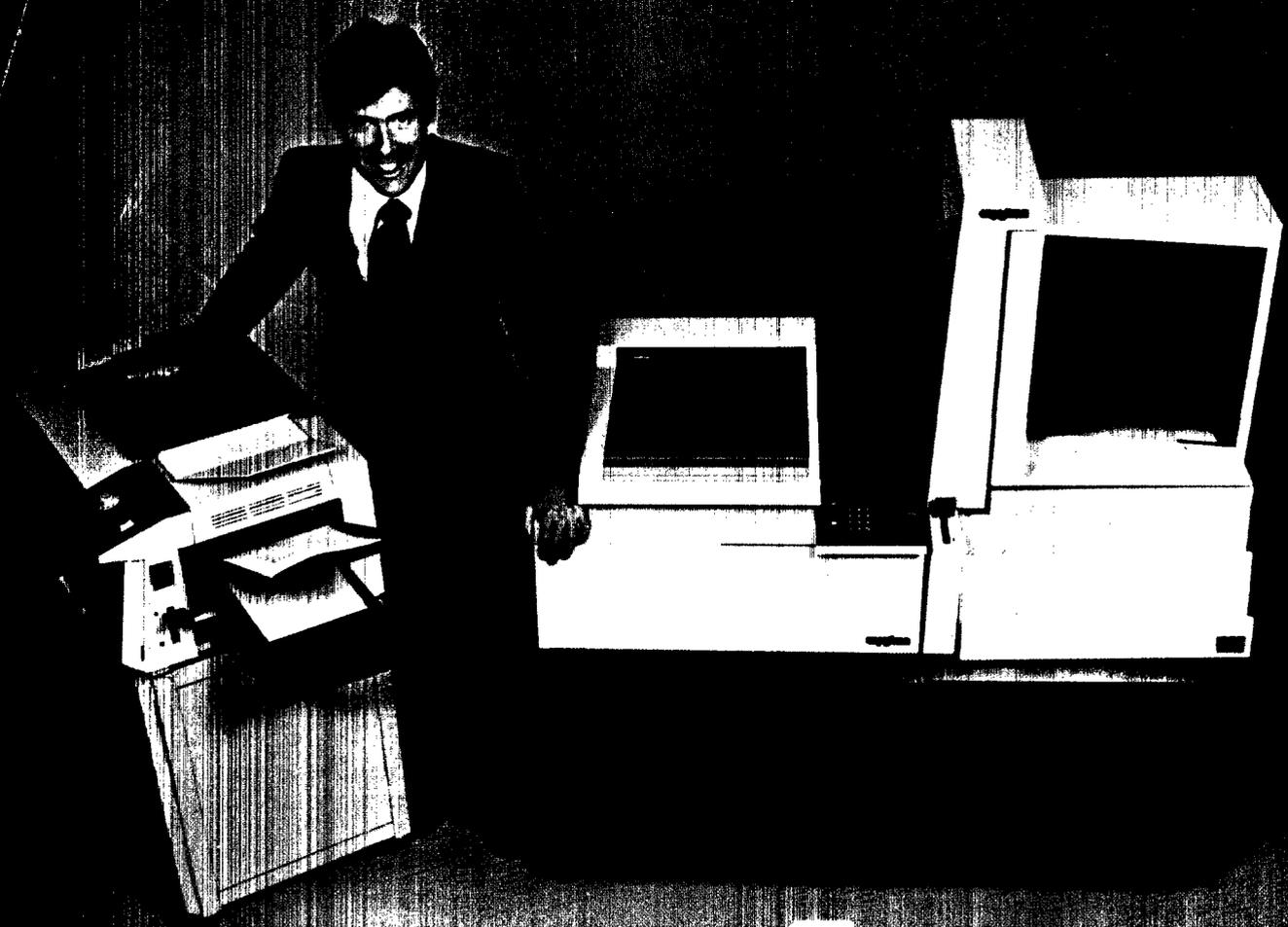
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