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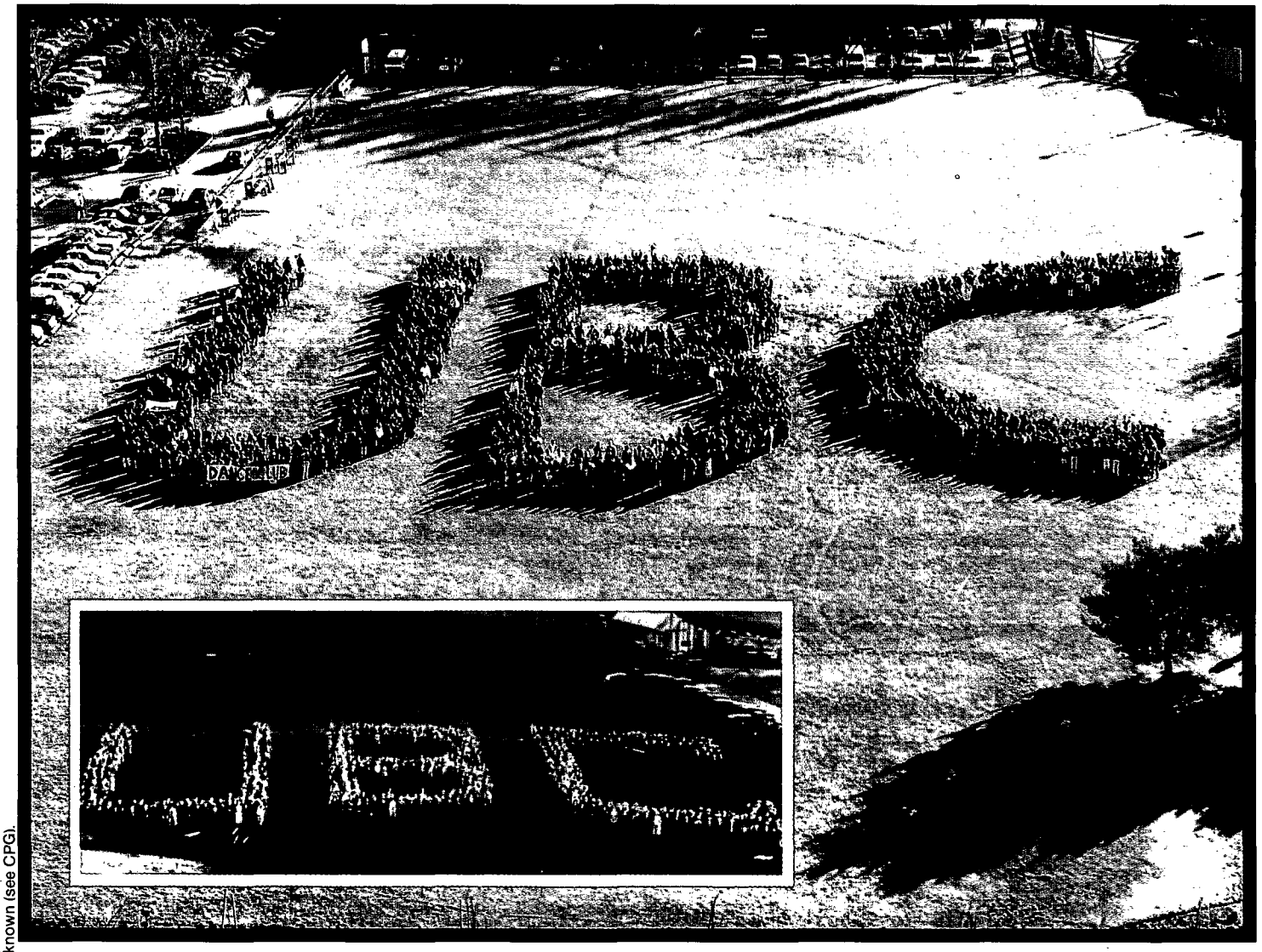

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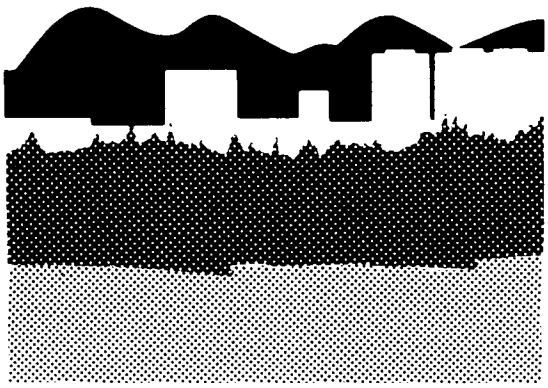

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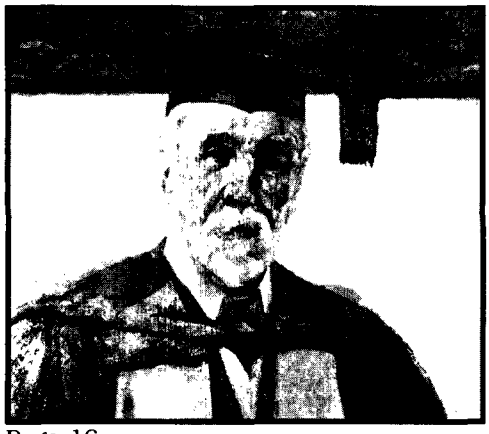

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Editor's Notes

This quarter's cover says a great deal about UBC. The colour photo was taken in early January of this year (on the only sunny day in the whole month), at the kickoff to this year's 75th Anniversary celebrations. Students, staff, faculty and visitors all donated their bodies to the cause and, though you can't tell by looking, they are all waving madly at the camera.

The black and white inset photo is, of course, the famous 1922 photo of UBC students assembled at the Point Grey site of the campus.

The enthusiasm and hope shown by those early students is still strong today. In spite of tuition hikes, climbing entrance standards and crowded classes, UBC students still feel a fierce pride in their university, and the community at large still places a high value on a UBC degree.

The next 75 years, it appears, will be just as positive as the last 75 were.

By showing you various aspects of the campus (from politics to pulsars), the **Chronicle** tries to maintain that same kind of pride in its readers. We try not to pull any punchs (see this month's article on UBC Art), but we don't hesitate to heap on the praise, either ("Star Light, Star Bright").

We also have our usual features, a stroll down memory lane ("After the BA") and information on Open House and the UBC Campaign.

This issue also contains a ballot and information on this year's Board of Management elections. Please vote.

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From the President

The Spring **Chronicle** is a time for looking back and looking forward. As this is my last column, I would like to share some of the ups and down of being the "CEO" of a 125,000 member association whose ties that bind are the camaraderie of UBC.

The start of my term coincided with all campus fund raising, including the Association's Annual Fund, being consolidated under the umbrella of the Development Office. After a long tradition of raising funds for scholarships and alumni/student activities, the role of the Association was redefined as "friend raising."

The response to the new role has been mixed. To manage costs and content more efficiently, changes were made to the Chronicle. Our communications department has done a good job of bringing out a better product on time and within budget.

However, alumni groups who traditionally raised their own funds to support activities face an uncertain future. Friend raising costs money. As this issue goes to press, a year after the change of role, terms of the core grant from the university are still not agreed upon, and procedures for fund raising by alumni groups are unclear. Uncertainty is disconcerting to volunteers and staff. Establishing a new partnership between alumni and the university is a high priority.

The highlight of the past year was the opportunity to meet so many graduates. My most enduring memories will be of reminiscences about student days. These invariably led to an offer of support for the university. Some promised funds, others volunteered time and energy to student, faculty and alumni events. To all who participated, thank you.

The challenge for President-Elect Mel Reeves and his incoming Board is to harness the abundant good will graduates have for UBC into active support for the university. Alumni activities, and the resources to support them, are limited only by our imagination and commitment.

I would like to say a special thanks to the Board, staff and to my special friend Rick for all the support. It was an honour to represent the graduates of UBC. My best wishes to you, Mel, as you carry forward the grand traditions of UBC as the 71st President of the Alumni Association.

Ann McAfee

Ann McAfee, BA'62, MA'67, PhD'75

Activities

Branches

Australia

Christopher Brangwin, BEd. (Sec) '71, MA (Geog) '73, took advantage of a business trip to Vancouver to visit the Alumni Association offices at Cecil Green Park in November. UBC alumni in Australia interested in alumni activities can contact Chris at: 4 Fairweather St., Bellevue Hill, New South Wales, Australia 2023.

Toronto

New to Toronto? Looking for social or career contacts? Come and join UBC alumni for talk and good cheer at 8:00 p.m. on March 21 at the Rose & Crown, Yonge & Eglinton.

Nanaimo

The Nanaimo alumni gathered together to have dinner with Dr. & Mrs. Strangway at the Coast Bastion Inn on November 24th. Dr. Strangway brought the group of 60 graduates and their guests up to date on university affairs. Margaret BSN'54 and Hugh Heath BA'49, LLB'50 were gracious hosts for the evening, and Dr. James Slater PhD'71 once again ably coordinated the event.

Homecoming Week — 1990

If you are planning a visit to campus during our 75th Anniversary Homecoming Week September 27 - October 3, plan to attend a special Branch Brunch at Cecil Green Park on the morning of September 28. See pages 10 and 11 of this issue and watch for more details in our June edition of the **Chronicle**.

Watch for upcoming events in: Kamloops, Penticton, Seattle and Los Angeles.

Divisions

Medicine

The newly (almost) completed Medical Alumni & Student Centre at 12th & Heather is the result of the efforts of many alumni and students. The Centre will officially open its doors on March 17th. The program for the day begins with a series of guest speakers including architect Paul Merrick, B.Arch.'64, (The City as an Organism); Dr. Wm. Bowie (Canadian Youth; Sexually Transmitted Diseases; What they know & what they do); Dr. James Miles (Love & Survival); and interaction with artist Sam Black. The festivities get under way at 4:00 p.m. when UBC medical students, who are staging a 'reverse trek,' will arrive at the Centre. Guests will then be given a tour of the facility, followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Watch for details of the Annual General Meeting & Awards Night to be held at the Centre on May 12, 1990.

The Victoria chapter of the Medicine division will meet for dinner on Friday, April 27th at the Union Club, with guest speaker Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan. For further details contact Dr. Bill Bell, BA'49, MD'54, at 388-4211.

Nursing

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be held on May 10th at Cecil Green Park, 5:30 for 6:30 p.m., with speaker Nancy Hall, Director, Health Promotion Programs, North Shore Health Dept. (Promoting Wellness: An Interdisciplinary Approach).

Teachers of the Visually Impaired

Members of this new division will celebrate their 10th anniversary reunion at 6:00 p.m. on May 26th at Cecil Green Park.

School of Library, Archival and Information Studies

The annual meeting and reception for new graduates will be held at 7:00 p.m., Cecil Green Park, on March 16th.

Professors Emeriti

A general meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. at Cecil Green Park.

Pharmacy

"UBC Pharmacy Alumni - Update 1990," co-sponsored by the division and the Continuing Ed. Division of the Faculty was held on January 20. The day-long seminar featured five excellent speakers and was attended by 96 pharmacists.

Grads came from Vancouver, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Grand Forks, Kamloops, Comox, Campbell River, Chilliwack, Whistler and Victoria.

All Pharmacy grads are invited to attend the Open House reception in the George Cunningham Building on Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Open House will run from March 9 - 11, and all Pharmacy grads are invited to return to UBC for the festivities. Call Louanne Twaites, Pharmacy Alumni President, at 228-7715.

Counselling Psychology

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of Counselling Psych will be held on September 29, 1990 at the University Golf Club. Details to follow.

Reunions

Special reunions are being organized this year for classes of 1930, 1940, 1965 and 1980. If you graduated in one of these years and are interested in participating on a reunion committee, please contact the Alumni Programmes office or fill in the "Keep in Touch" form on page 23. Some classes have already begun planning.

Class of 1930: 60th Anniversary on June 21, 1990.

Class of 1940: forming plans for Homecoming 1990.

Class of '47 Engineering: reunion in September, 1990.

Class of '50 Forestry: reunion at Harrison, April 27-28, 1990.

Class of '50 Engineering: reunion at the Faculty Club on September 29, 1990.

Class of '55 Commerce: tentative plans for a fall reunion.

Classes of '55 & '57 Medicine: combined reunion in June.

Class of '65 Forestry: reunion in July.

Class of '65 Nursing: reunion in May.

Class of '70 Law: reunion at Whistler, September 14 -16.

Education of the Visually Impaired Classes of '78, '79 & '80: combined reunion on May 26.

Class of '80 Forestry: 10th Anniversary August 17–19 at the Vernon Lodge.

Class of '80 Law: reunion on September 28th.

Class of '80 Medicine: tentative plans for reunion in September.

Other Classes making plans are:

'48 Commerce
'50 Law
'55 Commerce
'60 Civil Engineering
'60 Forestry
'65 Engineering
'65 Pharmacy
'66 Law
'70 Medicine
'70 Pharmacy
'80 Electrical Engineering
'80 Mechanical Engineering
'80 Home Ec
'80 Pharmacy

We would like to offer a special thanks to Jim Dutton and Alan Lawley, managers of

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Financial Hijinks Ruffle AMS Executives

A letter on AMS letterhead appeared on the front page of the November 28th issue of **The Ubyssey.** It stated, simply, that the AMS requested an internal audit. The story dominated campus news for weeks.

So what's all the fuss about? It's about the "borrowing of funds" from AMS accounts by the elected AMS Director of Finance and the subsequent handling of the matter by the AMS Executive and Council.

The Director, Karl Kottmeier, took a temporary leave of absence from his position, and the AMS wasn't talking: their lawyers advised a "no comment" stance until the audit was complete.

The audit revealed irregularities in the administration of AMS funds. The most serious was Karl Kottmeier's personal use of AMS money.

Kottmeier was also an officer in an AMS funded club, a clear conflict of interest according to the auditors, and there was an account for a defunct club (Victoria Invasion) through which executive meeting expenses were funnelled. Other executives were implicated.

Students were dissatisfied over the AMS' handling of the matter but Executive had a close working relationship with Kottmeier, and they all admitted difficulty in remaining objective.

One of AMS's options was to press criminal charges, but they voted against such a move. Kottmeier repaid most of the $8,000 he had "borrowed," and made arrangements to repay the remainder. Members felt Kottmeier had already paid a heavy price for his actions, and that his future employability was in jeopardy.

The Graduate Student Society passed a motion that the RCMP be requested to pursue an investigation. Law students also supported legal action. But, on January 17, the AMS again voted not to press charges.

On January 19th the RCMP decided to initiate its own investigation. The AMS is cooperating with the RCMP.

The AMS voted to bring Kottmeier before student court, but Kottmeier did not appear. He sent a letter to the court requesting an adjournment until the RCMP's investigation was concluded. The court denied the petition and found him in contempt.

At press time, the matter had spread to involve another AMS executive: Director of Administration and presidential candidate Andrew Hicks. He appeared before student court on February 5 to explain his authorization of expenditures on the Victoria Invasion account. He refused to recognize the court's authority and the court found him in contempt. He later contacted the court, stating that he wanted to resolve the situation. Tuesday, February 6 was set as the date for a new hearing.

Other News

- On December 18, the Board of Governors announced a 4.8% tuition increase. The raise appears moderate, but students were angry anyway, since the raise comes on top of last year's 10% increase.

Other universities also announced tuition hikes, and students from SFU, UVic and UBC organized protests. It did nothing to influence a change in the determination of the governors to raise tuition. However, the Minister of Post Secondary Education, Bruce Strachan, in response to the protests, announced that his ministry is going to "conduct a government study into the accessibility and affordability of college education."

- Engineering faculties across Canada have been going through rigorous soul-searching since the massacre in Montreal. UBC was no exception, especially since it was the only engineering faculty which still staged the Lady Godiva ride. There was much discussion on campus about whether the ride would be held this year, and if so, what to do about it.

The engineers kept quiet until the last moment. The new procession included a knight in shining armour (whose gender was concealed), followed by a horse and buggy filled with engineers of both sexes. So, a tradition which is no longer considered appropriate was ended and new one begun.

Remembering Montreal

On December 11, UBC held a memorial service for the women killed in Montreal. David Strangway, Alumni President Ann McAfee and others spoke. The following is a speech by Vanessa Geary, AMS external affairs director.

We are here today to mourn the 14 young women killed at the University of Montreal, and to express our support and sympathy for those injured and for the families of the women.

When I heard the reports on the radio, I felt shocked, I felt sick, I felt horrified and scared, but I was not surprised. Not surprised because this incident is not unique. People say Marc Lepine was crazy, and this incident is the result of a madman.

Yes, Marc Lepine was a disturbed young man, but this incident, although extreme, is not isolated. Women face acts of violence against them everyday—abuse, sexual harassment, rape. As I sat listening to the radio, I thought of the man who attempted to stop Chantal Daigle from having an abortion and his remark of how he "never hit her hard enough to leave a mark."

I thought of the James Bond movie I saw a few days earlier where a woman is violently murdered, and perhaps raped in scene one, and another is brutally whipped by her lover as punishment for having been disloyal to him in scene two.

Society is full of examples, but at this time we must turn to our own community and scrutinize ourselves. UBC is not a place that welcomes women on an equal basis with men. UBC is not a place where women feel safe or secure. At this campus women are confronted with intimidating situations all the time. The Lady Godiva ride is but one example. In the March 1989 edition of the engineers' newspaper, the Red Menace, Bob the Engineer said the best way to get a woman into bed was to put a gun under her chin. At the engineers' song festival, the lyrics of one song included a line about beating a woman with a steel bar. I heard a story not long ago about a woman who was in physics, at the top of her class, but had dropped out after her life was threatened by a male student.

These incidents are real. According to a recent study, 56% of women are afraid to walk alone at night. At UBC, I would estimate that percentage is closer to ninety.

I commend the university for establishing the Sexual Harassment Committee and the Office for Employment Equity. But these are only a beginning. Unless this university addresses these other problems, unless we learn to live together, sisters and brothers in understanding and acceptance, UBC will never be a world class university.

Alumni News

Constitution and Bylaws Change

Amendments to the constitution and bylaws of the UBC Alumni Association will be presented to members in a special resolution at the AGM to be held in May, 1990. These changes are made pursuant to the Societies Act and reflect the present structure of the Association.

Copies of the changes will be available at the meeting. If members have any questions, please call the Association at 228-3313.

New Vice President Appointed

In May, 1989, Ron Longstaffe was elected Senior Vice President of the Alumni Association. Under the constitution, the Senior Vice President automatically becomes President the following year.

Ron brought a wide range of community and UBC experience to the Association. Unfortunately for UBC, the Commonwealth Games Committee agreed with our assessment of Ron's ability. In November Ron was selected as president and chief executive officer of the 1994 Victoria Commonwealth Games. Ron moved his family to Victoria and, with regret, submitted his resignation to the Association.

Under the constitution, when a Board position becomes vacant during the term of office, the Board of Management has the authority to fill the position. A search committee was struck and Mel Reeves, BComm, MSc, LLB was selected to the position of Senior Vice President. Mel brings experience in a variety of business, alumni and student activities to the Association.

Agi Events

The highlight of a busy agi alumni autumn was the Career Fair for Agi undergrads. Alumni from every area of agribusiness gave undergrads a look at what the work world had in store for them.

Agi alumni volunteers will be at Open House March 9 - 11 to greet visitors. The 40s grads are having an informal get-together at the UBC Botanical Gardens on Friday, March 9 between 2 and 4. Grads from that decade are invited to stop by for a cup of coffee.

Geography 75 years old

Geography Alumni Alliance celebrates 75 years of Geography 101. Taught the first year by the late Dean Brock, this was the first geography course to be offered in a Canadian university.

The dinner and party is to be held at 6:00 Friday, March 9th in the Grad Centre Ballroom. Call 228-2663 for information.

Annual General Meeting Announced

The Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in mid May (date not yet confirmed). All graduates of UBC are invited.

The business part of the meeting will include various committee reports on the past year's activities, discussion of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and the announcement of the winners of the Board of Management elections. Members will receive a copy of the Association's Annual Report.

Business complete, members are invited to linger over cocktails to chat with old friends, discuss Association business and talk over plans for the future.

Please call the Association offices for exact date and time of the meeting.

First Nations Grads Reunion

First Nations House of Learning is sponsoring a gathering of all First Nations people who have graduated from UBC. The reunion will be held during the last week of May in conjunction with the Longhouse dedication. Call Madeleine MacIvor at 222-8940 for details.

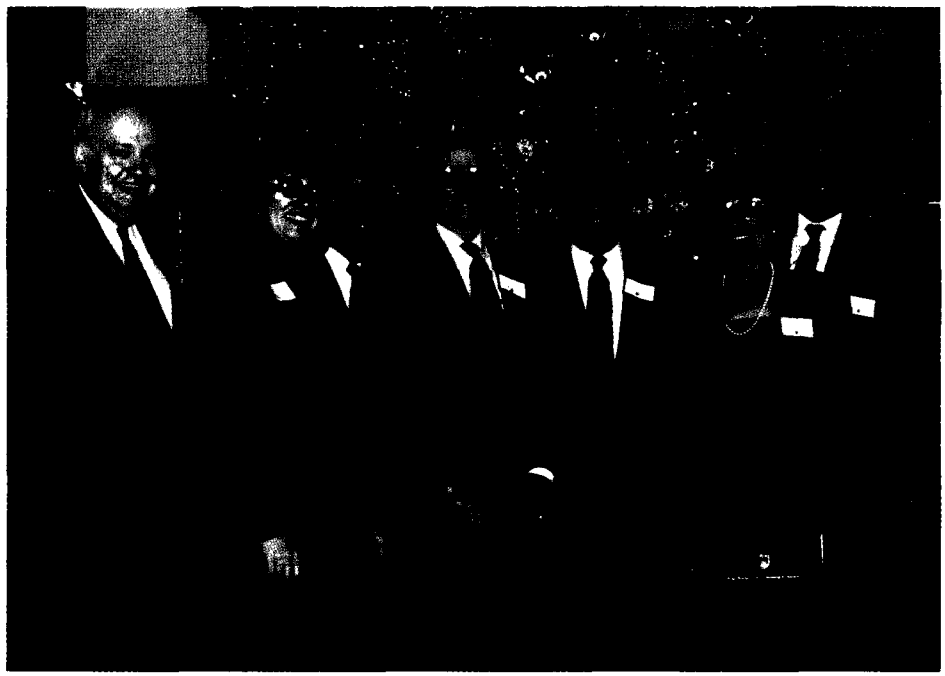
Brock Hall: Memories Wanted

Brock Hall is 50 years old this year. It was built in 1940 and has undergone several sea changes in its life.

It has hosted many celebrations and events including frosh orientations, sock hops, banquets, concerts, ceremonies and dances. We are planning another celebration on the occasion of its 50th birthday during Open House in March.

We invite you to join the celebration and share your memories. Please send us any photos, memories and mementos you are willing to share and we will display them. Original photos will be returned upon request.

Send your memories to Sylvia Palmer, Student Counselling and Resources Centre, Brock Hall, 1874 East Mall, Vancouver, BC, V6T 1W5. For more information call Kim or Teresa at 228-3811.



Alumni Award winners and others pose for posterity at the Annual Volunteer Christmas party held at Cecil Green Park on December 14. The others are, from the left, Dr. Strangway, Alumni President Ann McAfee and Past President John Diggens. The winners are, left from Dr. Diggens, ***George Plant****, winner of the Blythe Eagles Service Award,* ***Doug Whittle****, Honorary Alumni Award,* ***Mary Plant****, co-winner with her husband, and* ***Dr. William Benjamin****, winner of the Faculty Citation Award.* ***Pat Carney*** *(Alumni Award of Distinction),* ***Anne Bassett*** *and* ***Paul Yee*** *(Outstanding Young Alumni), will receive their certificates this spring.*

The Volunteer party was a great success.

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75 Years of Leadership: The Presidents of UBC

Over the past 75 years, ten presidents have charted the course of The University of British Columbia. In their own way, each has worked towards a common goal: to make UBC one of the great universities of North America.

Building a great university requires the commitment of students, faculty, parents, government, alumni and the community. But the architect, the visionary, the leader who sets the pace, is the president.

Here are career highlights of six UBC presidents who served the longest.

Frank Fairchild Wesbrook

1913-18

Leonard Sylvanus Klinck

1919-44

UBC's Presidents

Frank Fairchild Wesbrook
1913-18

Leonard Sylvanus Klinck
1919-44

N.A.M. (Larry) MacKenzie
1944 - 62

John Barfoot MacDonald
1962 - 67

Kenneth Hare
1968-69

Walter Gage
1969-75
(Acting 1967 - 68)

Douglas Kenny
1975-83

K. George Pedersen
1983-85

Robert H.T. Smith
pro-tem 1985

David W. Strangway
1985-

Frank Fairchild Wesbrook was born in Ontario and educated at the University of Manitoba. He graduated in 1890 with Master of Arts and Doctor of Medicine degrees. In 1892, he won an endowed studentship at Cambridge University. His achievements secured him a professorship at the University of Minnesota where he became its first full-time Dean of Medicine.

Wesbrook's international reputation as a leading educator attracted the attention of Dr. Henry Esson Young, B.C.'s Minister of Education and Health. Young offered the presidency of B.C.'s new university to Wesbrook. He accepted only after the government assured him of adequate financial support.

Wesbrook and a team of architects developed plans for the new campus. He sent his new librarian to Europe to buy books and searched Eastern Canada, the U.S. and Britain for top quality staff. But cutbacks and delays put Wesbrook's dreams of a Cambridge on the Pacific on hold.

Despite the hardships of World War I, Wesbrook managed to open classes at UBC on September 30th, 1915. Students and faculty squeezed into the old McGill campus on the Fairview slopes.

Just three years later Wesbrook died. His dream was unfulfilled, but his life and the motto he suggested *Tuum est*—It's up to you—have inspired many who became associated with UBC.

Leonard Klinck's academic career began with his appointment as professor in McGill's agriculture college in 1905. He came to UBC in 1914 at the request of Wesbrook to help choose the site for the Faculty of Agriculture. His reputation as a hard working and respected researcher preceeded him. Wesbrook soon made him Dean of Agriculture and his right-hand man.

After Wesbrook's sudden death, Klinck accepted the presidency. He remained in that position until his retirement in 1944. His service to UBC spanned one-third of the university's history, longer than any other President to date.

During that time he led the university through one crisis after another: its wobbly infancy in the Fairview Shacks, the war-delayed move to the Point Grey campus, the controversies of the 1930s and the trying circumstances of World War II. He supervised the physical expansion at Point Grey and built three strong faculties: Agriculture, Arts and Applied Science.

Klinck passed on to President Mackenzie a solid institution, ready to spread its wings.

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N.A.M. (Larry) MacKenzie

1944-62

Larry MacKenzie relished being President. He was an outgoing individual who had a flair for the job.

Born in Pugwash, Nova Scotia in 1894, MacKenzie served in World War I. After the war he returned to Dalhousie where he graduated with distinction from law school. This success lead to post-graduate work at Harvard and Cambridge.

In 1940 MacKenzie was appointed President of the University of New Brunswick. After four years his taste for new challenges took him to Vancouver for an interview at UBC. In 1944, he became the university's third President.

One month after he set foot in B.C., MacKenzie convinced Premier Hart to allocate $5 million to UBC for a capital building grant.

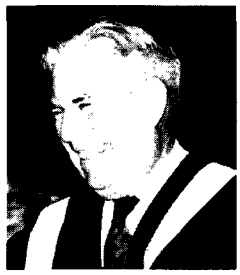
After the war, MacKenzie was faced with a surge of returning veterans wanting to reclaim lost time. Together with Physics Head Gordon Shrum, he concocted a plan to use vacant army huts. In the space of a year they assembled 370 huts from 23 different locations to create an instant campus.

MacKenzie initiated UBC's first major capital campaign in 1958, the centenary of the province. The campaign raised $11 million, more than doubling its goal. The Government of B.C. matched private gifts with another $10 million.

During his presidency, MacKenzie opened the Physics Building, the north wing of the Library, the War Memorial Gym, the Faculty Club, the Buchanan Building, the Medical Sciences Building, the Law Building and student housing.

Walter Gage

1969-75
(Acting 67-68)



Born in Vancouver in 1905, Walter Gage was known as the "Dean of Everything." During his 57 year association with UBC, he held almost every administrative post available. Gage enrolled in UBC as a student in 1921. He graduated with a BA in 1925 and a MA in Math and Physics in 1926. Later that year he started teaching at UBC.

Gage loved his work on campus. Holidays were a nuisance and sabbaticals out of the question. In 1969, at the age of 64, Walter Gage became President.

The standing-room-only status of Gage's math classes was legendary. Gage was a great teacher. Even as President he lectured 11 hours a week to 500 students, preferring, as well, to mark his own exam papers.

Though Gage was by nature a private person, he was generous and thoughtful. As Dean in charge of Financial Services he often loaned desperate students money from his own pocket.

Typical of Gage's generosity was his response to being the first winner of UBC's Master Teacher Award. He immediately turned over the $5,000 award to the university to buy books for three campus libraries.

When Walter Gage died in 1975, a memorial service was held in the War Memorial Gym. All classes were cancelled in order to allow faculty and students to attend.

Douglas Kenny

1975-83

When Douglas Kenny was asked to be president he replied, "I've always been willing to do what this university asked. It is, in part, paying back what I would say is a debt."

Kenny, a native of Victoria, had strong ties with UBC. He received his BA from UBC in 1945, his MA in 1947 and later his PhD from the University of Washington. Except for a two year teaching stint at Harvard, Kenny never left UBC until his retirement.

During his term Kenny set two main goals essential to a great university: to ensure a high quality of instruction, and to encourage research.

He cautioned students training specifically for a current job market and encouraged them to seek a liberal education.

To Kenny, UBC was a university on the frontier, integrating classic values with new research.

David W. Strangway

1985-

David Strangway was born in Ontario in 1934, the son of United Church medical missionaries. His early schooling was in Angola and Rhodesia. Later, he returned to the University of Toronto where he received his BA, MA, and PhD.

Strangway taught at M.I.T. from 1965 to 1968. For three years he worked as NASA's Chief of Geophysics where he was responsible for research on the Apollo space mission.

After serving as Chairman of the Geology Department at the University of Toronto, he was promoted to Vice-President Academic. In 1985, David Strangway was installed as UBC's ninth President.

Like his predecessors, Strangway wants to make UBC a great university. He spearheaded the development of a distinctive mission statement for UBC and launched its first fund-raising campaign in over 20 years.

The President's Fund

From Wesbrook's choice of the Point Grey site to MacKenzie's army huts and Strangway's launch of The UBC Campaign, strong presidents have demonstrated their flexibility and creativity in meeting UBC's needs.

In this era of rapid change, flexibility is more important than ever. Through The UBC Campaign, the President's Fund will be established to support emerging priorities. The fund will also provide more graduate fellowships and entrance scholarships. UBC alumni can help shape UBC's future by contributing to this important fund.

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Open House 1990

Thousands of callers throng to your doorstep and want to stay for three days. What do you do with them?

At UBC, we let them star in a movie, gaze through a telescope, pan for gold or explore Kid's World.

Open House 1990 is the centrepiece of UBC's diamond anniversary and will take place across campus March 9, 10 and 11. Most regular classes on March 9 will be cancelled for this first major event of UBC's year-long 75th anniversary celebrations.

"This is the perfect opportunity for the community to see and experience the many exciting contributions that UBC makes in teaching and research," said Agricultural Sciences Dean Jim Richards, chair of the Open House 1990 committee. "More than that, it's an opportunity for the public to see close-up the facilities that are available here at UBC."

Three years ago, thousands of visitors crowded the campus to take part in more than 400 events, displays and activities. In 1990, we are inviting UBC's friends, neighbours and alumni back to campus to discover what our faculties, departments and schools have been working on.

Our visitors can watch the light bulbs switch on as great moments in science are re-enacted by the Science Faculty. Or they can find themselves on the set with a film crew from the Theatre Department. Children can play and learn at Kid's World. There will be an imagination market and puppet shows to entertain and teach tomorrow's university students.

Gold fever will rage at the M.Y. Williams Geology Museum where some of the world's largest gold specimens from Harvard University will be on display. From there, visitors can head over to Pharmaceutical Sciences to explore advances in drug research.

At Agricultural Sciences, there will be free plant seedlings, a landscape design studio, quail hatching, live fish and animal displays, and nutritional know-how tests.

Visitors can examine a relief map of the environmentally sensitive Stein Valley at the Forestry Faculty. Or they can explore new cultures at the Museum of Anthropology and the Asian Centre.

For athletes, there will be Sportsfest, a collection of displays and demonstrations of sports at UBC. The judicial-minded can test their legal sense at mock trials staged by the Law Faculty. Afterwards, visitors can test their stress levels at the Psychology Department.

For the starry-eyed, there will be day and night viewing at the UBC Observatory. And for those with a green - or not so green - thumb, they can talk to the experts at the Botanical Garden.

In keeping with the anniversary theme, the Geography Department plans to hold guided tours to show how UBC has changed with the landscape of Point Grey over the past 75 years.

"We funded all 12 faculties, eight outreach programs as well as the departments of sports and recreation, and School and College liaison," said Erin Redden, co-ordinator of Open House 1990. "The Open House Committee received many excellent proposals and we endorsed every project we received. Unfortunately, we were unable to fund them all."

The exhibits and displays will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and all exhibits and parking will be free.

For further information about Open House, please call 222-8999.

Spring Events

March 9, 10, 11
OPEN HOUSE

March 15 or 16
Bio Tech Lab Opening

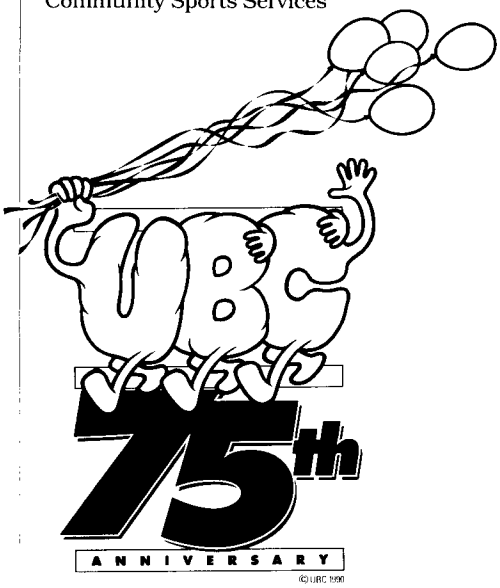
March 17
UBC Triathlon;
Fundraising Children's Circus
at Old Auditorium & Dinner at MacKenzie House

March 24 - 29
"Storm the Wall" - Intramurals event

March 25
"UBC At the Orpheum"
(coordinated by the School of Music)

April 5
20th Anniversary Medieval Workshop

April - August
Spring/Summer Sports Program;
Community Sports Services



We will be organizing pre-arranged travel packages for Alumni returning to Vancouver for Homecoming. Watch for details in the Summer ***Chronicle.***

Discover Summer

April 27 -
"Discover Summer at UBC" Opens:
Tour Programs, Outdoor cafes, Campus facilities open to public

April 28
Theatre Dep't: Historical Fashion Show

April 29
The Manufacturer's Ride for Heart: Charity Bike Ride

May 1 - 28
B.C. Asian Art Exhibit

May 4 - 6
Wheelchair Basketball Championship

May 11 - 12
Pacific Coast Music Festival

May 28 - June 22
Spring/Summer program for retired people

May 29 - June 1
Congregation (8 ceremonies over 4 days)

June 6 - 9
Applied Ethics Conference

June 23
Malcolm Knapp Research Forest
Driving Tour (Research Forest Open House)

June - August
Children's Theatre programs
(Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays)
Summer Stock Theatre programs

July 10 -15
Canadian Special Olympics

July
International Male Choirs Gathering

July 3 - August 10
"Summer Sounds" - daytime music series

July 3 - August 10
"Music for a Summer's Evening" - evening music concert series

July 20
Tai Pei Sinfonietta

July 28
UBC Super Sale: Recycling and Environmental Fair

August 13 - 18
Native Language Conference Week

Homecoming

Sept. 8
Shrum Bowl

September 23 - 24
Logan Cycle 200

September 24 - 26
Cecil & Ida Green Professorships - Conference on Global Environmental Challenge

September 27 - 30
Class Reunions Weekend

September 27
75th Homecoming Ceremony

September 27
1990 Gala Great Trekker Dinner

September 27 - 28
Neuroscience at UBC: A Symposium

September 27 - October 3
Lecture Series: Pacific Rim Development

September 28
Alumni Branch Brunch - Cecil Green Park

September 28 - 30
75th Anniversary Alumni Hockey Homecoming Weekend

September 28 - 30
Alumni Tennis Tournament

September 29
Homecoming Football:
Blue & Gold Classic

September 30
Arts 20 Relay

September 30
UBC's 75th Birthday Party

Other Fall Events

October 21 - 22
Day of the Longboat: Intramurals event

November 10
75th Anniversary Remembrance Day Dance

November 11
Remembrance Day
Observance Ceremony

November 12 -17
UBC Soccer Bowl

Nov. 29
Special Graduation Ceremony

December
Lights of Learning event
(lighting the campus)

Watch the Summer Chronicle for up-to-date information on Summer Festival and Homecoming activities

UBC Alumni Association Board of Management Election 1990-92

Association Members:

There are five positions to be filled on the Alumni Association Board of Management: Senior Vice President, Treasurer and three Members-at-Large. The Member-at-Large and Treasurer positions have been filled by acclamation. Two candidates are contesting the Senior Vice President position.

Vote and Mail Today

Please vote according to the directions on the ballot on page 20. The results of the election will be announced in May at the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting and will be published by May 31, 1990.

Janet Gavinchuk BComm'77, MBA'86
Alumni Returning Officer

Your Vote Counts

The Alumni Association is directed by the Board of Management. UBC graduates help set the direction of the Association by annually electing its officers. The Vice President automatically becomes President the following year. The Treasurer is elected for a one-year term and Members-at-Large are elected for two years.

The Board of Management's Nominating Committee ensures a full slate of candidates. In selecting nominees, we search for people who will bring a broad range of experience and perspectives to the Association.

The Association appreciates the commitment all these candidates make to the university and its graduates by offering to stand for election.

We commend these candidates to you. Please mail your ballot today.

Melvin R. Reeves, BComm'75, MSc'77, LLB
Chair, Nominating Committee

Officers 1990-91

President

Melvin Reeves, BComm'75, MSc'77, LLB

Alumni Activities: Life Member, UBC Thunderbird Society; Member UBC Resource Council 1983-84; Executive Member 1982-83; Chair, Alumni Fund Committee 1982-83.

Campus Activities: Executive Member, Big Block Advisory Committee 1972-73; Executive Member University Athletic Committee 1972-75; Served on many Athletic committees, 1972-76.

Community Service: Law Society of BC; Vancouver Club; Life Member, Wesbrook Society; Point Grey Social Credit Association 1988.

Occupation: President, First Merchant Capital Corporation

Mel Reeves

Past President

Ann Pickard McAfee, BA'62, MA'67, PhD'75

Alumni and Campus Activities: Board of Management and Executive 1984-87 and 1988-89; Senior Vice President and Chair, Alumni Council 1988-89; Chair, Long Range Planning 1984-87; Distinguished Alumni Award (Geography) 1987; *Ubyssey* Editorial Board 1959-62; Public Relations Officer, Women's Athletic Association 1959-60; Sessional Lecturer, School of Community & Regional Planning 1975-80; Faculty of Commerce & Business Administration 1987.

Community Service: Canadian Housing Design Council Board 1978-83, BC Chairman 1980-83; Federation of Canadian Municipalities Housing Committee 1987-88; Chair, BC Housing Conference 1986; Canada Mortgage and Housing Scholarship Committee 1981-87; Social Planning & Research Council, United Way 1979-83; Housing Committee, Canadian Council on Social Development 1975-79.

Occupation: Associate Director of Planning, City of Vancouver.

Ann McAfee

Members-at-Large are elected for two year terms. The following have one year left in their terms:

Janet Calder, BASc'74, MBA
Martin Cocking, BA'87
Curt Latham, BA'58, MD'62

Return Ballot and Identity Certificate See Ballot Page 20

To Be Elected

Vice President

Shayne Brent Boyd, BComm'81

Alumni and Campus Activities: Chair, Great Trek Relived 1989-90; Vice President, Communications 1988-89; Board of Management 1988-89, 1986-87; Treasurer 1987-88; Student Affairs 1986-87; Vice President, Gage Residence 1980-81; AMS External Affairs Committee 1980-81; Student Administrative Council 1980-81.
Community Service: Fund Raising, Vancouver Cystic Fibrosis.
Occupation: Manager Financial Systems, BC Children's Hospital.
Statement: As we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of UBC, I believe that the leadership of the Alumni Association must look forward, reaffirming our commitment to foster the lifelong relationship that each graduate has with the university. We can only accomplish this as independent supporters of the university. I have the right combination of experience, drive and commitment to help in achieving this objective.

David Coulson, BComm'76, LLB'80

Alumni and Campus Activities: Current: Chair, Alumni Fund Allocations Committee; Chair, Alumni Association Open House Committee; Member, President's Alumni Advisory Committee to the 75th Anniversary. Treasurer, 1988-89; Chair, Executive Finance Committee 1988-89; Student Senator 1978-79; AMS Treasurer 1975-76; Chair, AMS Finance Committee 1975-76; Chair, AMS Budget Committee; Student Council 1974-76.
Occupation: Lawyer
Statement: The way to foster the relationship between UBC and its graduates is to help alumni support specific areas of the university through fund raising, providing scholarships or bursaries, and organizing alumni activities. The Association has gone through many changes in the past few years. These changes were reached by evolution and dialogue. We must remember that the Alumni Association exists for the overall benefit of its members and the university. That must be the overriding tenet for any project the Association undertakes.

Elected by Acclamation

Members–at–Large

Martin J.G. Glynn, BA(Hons)'74, MBA'76

Student Activities: Pres., Commerce Graduate Society 1975-76.
Community Service: Chair, Fund Raising Cttee for Financial Services Sector, BC Children's Hospital, member 1990; Director and President of the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association 1984-87.
Occupation: VP & Mgr. of the Hong Kong Bank of Canada, Main Branch.

James Stich, BSc'71, DMD'75

Alumni Activities: Board of Management 1989-90; Chair, Divisions Council 1989-90; Co-Chair 75th Great Trekker Gala Dinner; Dean's-President's Committee on Future of Dentistry in BC 1986-87; President, Dental Alumni 1987-89, VP & Fund Chair 1985-87.
Occupation: Dentist

Jim C. Whitehead, BA'62, MA'68, MSc, PhD'87

Alumni Activities: Fund Raising Steering Committee 1989; Vice President Geography Division .
Community Service: Past Director of Urban Development Institute of Alberta; Economic Development Committee, Calgary; Planning Advisory Committee, Calgary; Science World Fund Raising Cttee.
Occupation: VP Development, First National Properties

Treasurer

Colin Davies, BComm'81

Alumni and Campus Activities: Board of Directors, Commerce Harvard Business Game; consultant on information systems development to UBC; Vice President, Computer Science Option.
Occupation: Senior Manager, Andersen Consulting

Martin Glynn

James Stich

Jim Whitehead

Colin Davies

Other Representatives to the Board of Management

Under our constitution, people may be elected or appointed in the following categories: The Executive Director; chairs of committees; Faculty Association rep.; 1 convocation Senator; 1 representative of the AMS; and any other position the Board may designate.

Star Light, Star Bright

Get your wish in quickly. A team of UBC researchers has bad news for the North Star. Is it finally fading after 40,000 Years?

by Jaymie Matthews

To many people, the most familiar star in the night sky is "The North Star," dubbed Polaris or Ursa Minoris by astronomers. It is hardly the brightest (ranking about 50th), but by virtue of its unique position almost directly above the Earth's north pole, this star captured the attention of sailors and navigators and inspired the imagination of many others. Shakespeare first coined the phrase "...constant as the Northern Star," and singers and poets have echoed that refrain ever since.

Actually, astronomers have known for well over a century that Polaris is a pulsating variable star. But the Bard may have the last word after all. The latest results from a team of UBC astronomers suggest that the pulsations of Polaris are fading fast, and the expression "constant as the Northern Star" could soon take on a new meaning.

Polaris is a supergiant star - roughly 30 times larger and 1500 times brighter than our sun. It is also an example of a Cepheid variable - a pulsating star which expands and contracts in a regular cycle lasting days to weeks. Such vibrations usually die out quickly, but if a star's temperature falls in a narrow range known to astronomers as The Instability Strip, that star can continue to vibrate for a long time. The vibration period of a Cepheid is related to its absolute brightness, which in turn can be translated into the star's distance. Since Cepheids are so bright, they are visible at extreme distances—even in some other galaxies—and serve as a basic yardstick for the cosmic distance scale. Astronomers are eager for more information about the nature of Cepheids, since many fundamental questions about galactic structure and cosmology hinge on the distances derived from their pulsations.

For a Cepheid, Polaris pulsates with a rather short period (about four days) and has a history of strange behaviour. Its pulsations are detected as small variations in brightness and surface velocity. (The later measurements exploit the Doppler effect. When the star expands, its light is shifted slightly to bluer wavelengths; during contraction, the spectrum is red-shifted.) Older observations of Polaris appeared to conflict with more recent results: the variations were larger in the past, and the period of the star was definitely changing in some fashion. But astronomers could not agree on exactly how or why.

To tackle the problem, UBC researchers Nadine Dinshaw, Jaymie Matthews, Gordon Walker and Grant Hill decided to take a close and intensive look at Polaris. They collected over 230 spectra of the star during eight months in 1987-88 with the university's 40 cm telescope. Whereas previous observers had recorded their data photographically, the team used a sensitive electronic detector called a Reticon, allowing them to make the most precise measurements yet of the star's pulsations. They also re-examined (with the help of modern computer analysis) observations gathered during the past century. Taken together, the new and old data portray Polaris as a dying Cepheid.

Analysis shows that the period of Polaris is increasing at a uniform rate of about 3 seconds per year. This increase can be explained if the star is slowly becoming larger and cooler as it evolves. The strength of the pulsations had been

Jaymie Matthews (left), Nadine Dinshaw and Gordon Walker, three members of the team, standing in front of the university's 40cm telescope

nearly constant (with the surface moving in and out at a top speed of roughly 9000 kph) until at least 1956. Sometime between then and 1980, something happened. The pulsations began to weaken and the amplitude plummeted. The new data reveal surface motions that have slowed to the rather sluggish pace—for a Cepheid—on only 2700 kph and are still fading. Since Polaris has a temperature which puts it at the cool limit of the Instability Strip, and the star appears to be cooling with age, Dinshaw and her colleagues argue that Polaris is now outgrowing its phase as a Cepheid.

Theory predicts that once a starlike Polaris becomes stable against pulsation, its vibrations should die in only a decade or two, in agreement with the UBC results. But since theory also suggests that Polaris may have spent the last 40,000 years or more as a pulsator, astronomers are being treated to a rare and fleeting glimpse of the final days of a Cepheid.

While the pulsations of Polaris may be dying, the new observations shed light on other variations. The researchers believe they have detected a subtle signature of the star's rotation, betrayed by 'starspots' carried across the visible disk of Polaris. In addition, they have traced part of the motion of Polaris in a binary system it shares with an unseen stellar companion.

As seems fitting for the North Star, the study of Polaris has had a very Canadian flavour, even before the UBC effort. In the late 1960s, Donald Fernie of the David Dunlap Observatory performed a thorough analysis of the star's light variability. In 1983, A. Arellano Ferro (then at U of T) first noted the decline in pulsation amplitude and suggested that Polaris might be evolving from the Instability Strip. Recently, Canadian astronomer Nancy Evans used data from the International Ultraviolet Explorer satellite to search for the binary companion of Polaris.

The UBC study of Polaris also highlights the importance of smaller telescopes to astronomy. Although large instruments like the 3.6 cm Canada-France-Hawaii telescope (which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 1989) are responsible for many exciting breakthroughs in stellar and extragalactic astronomy, small telescopes also play a vital role in astronomical research. There remain many stars like Polaris in our galaxy—too bright for the giant telescopes—which still harbour interesting secrets.

Bright stars often have several names, but Polaris has garnered an impressive list of aliases over the years. Some of these are: Angel Stern, Lodestar, Navigatoria, Pole Star, Star of Arcady, and Young-He-Goat. ❤

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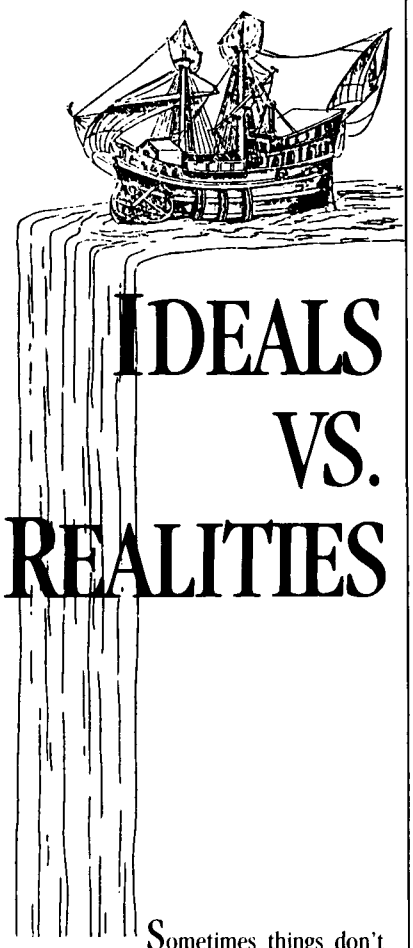

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Art For Art's Sake

The university's Fine Art Collection grows and prospers in spite of itself

by Robin Laurence

Since its founding in 1915, over 900 works of art have come into UBC's possession, mostly through donations. You might have trouble identifying the first donation (records weren't kept before 1935), but there is emphatic and appreciative documentation of the most recent: an oil sketch by Emily Carr, together with a pencil drawing by her friend and protegé, Jack Shadbolt.

These works were given to UBC by Professor Emeritus John McDonald and were among the highlights of the university art collection exhibited at the UBC Fine Arts Gallery last fall. Researched and organized by Scott Watson, the gallery's new curator, the show included pieces by Frederick Varley, David Milne, L.L. Fitzgerald and B.C. Binning.

What the exhibition revealed is how each work contributes to what Watson calls "a history of university culture." Since UBC's art has been acquired largely through donations, the relationships of the donors and artists to UBC and to each other form a network of local affiliations and regional continuities.

Professor McDonald's story is exemplary: He taught in the Spanish Department for many years and is a longtime friend of Jack Shadbolt, with whom he visited Emily Carr on the day in 1932 when he acquired **Forest Interior**.

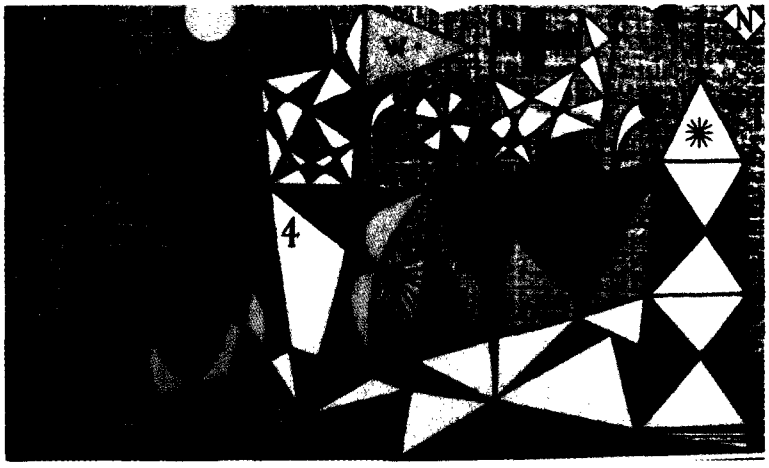
Carr's early influence on Shadbolt can be seen in his 1939 drawing, **Numatl Mask**, which employs an Indian theme, and it is apt that Professor McDonald donated the Carr and the Shadbolt together. Years later, Shadbolt painted a mural for Mcdonald's house, which Mcdonald also gave to UBC; Shadbolt repainted it as **Emergent Image**, and the triptych now hangs in the Great Hall of the University Library. "The collection is more than the aesthetic statement," Watson says. "It's a record of the people who gave and their circle and their interests."

Other works, other records, have come into the collection through former presidents, professors and department heads, through sororities and societies and the UBC contingent of the C.O.T.C., through alumni and families of alumni and artists themselves.

Among the most distinguished of these artists was B.C. Binning, who taught in the School of Architecture from 1949 and who became founding head of the Fine Arts Department in 1955, while concurrently acting as the first director of the Fine Arts Gallery. A powerful influence upon modernist art and architecture in postwar Vancouver, Binning was also a gifted painter, draughtsman and muralist, and a visionary presence in Academe. He is represented in the UBC collection by an oil painting (donated to the Fine Arts Gallery by his nephew, Peter Reed), an oil sketch, and pieces of a ceramic mural from the old CKWX Building. The mural was partially salvaged last year before the building was demolished, and is now in storage, waiting, as June Binkert explains, to be incorporated into the planned Creative and Performing Arts Centre at UBC.

Binkert, who acts as "registrar" to the university collection and who has been secretary in the Department of Fine Arts since its inception, is adamant that such a memorial to Binning is long overdue. "There's absolutely no reference to B.C. Binning on this campus at all, and I think he was a very important person. Not just for fine arts on campus, but for architecture in the city and art across the country."

Binning's **Night Harbour** was bequeathed to UBC by another visionary, Hunter Lewis. Lewis, who taught in the English Department and sat on the Board of Directors of the National Gallery, was the first person to suggest assigning



from top left, clockwise: Jack Shadbolt, ***River Reserve****; B.C. Binning,* ***Four Ships on a North West Course****; J.W.G. MacDonald,* ***Mt. Lefroy, Lake O'Hara****; Frederick Varley, portrait of UBC's first chancellor,* ***Francis Lovett Carter–Cotton****.*

an individual or body to be responsible for UBC's art collection (which is now overseen by the President's Committee on University Art). He also proposed, in 1940, the idea of a student collection of art in Brock Hall. The idea was later promoted by Binning and J.R. Longstaffe, resulting in what is now the Alma Mater Society Collection, fifty-six very fine pieces of contemporary Canadian art.

Among Professor Lewis' bequests to the university was a 1933 Jack Shadbolt watercolour, another link in the culture network. Most of the nine Shadbolt works in the university collections are early and formative, showing the artist's development toward the nature-based "lyrical abstraction" for which he is known today.

Other West Coast landscape-inspired abstractionists in the university collection are Gordon Smith and Takao Tanabe, both of whom have taught in the Department. Some of their works are a part of the Department's Study Collection, which is comprised largely of prints purchased in 1973 from a grant by the Merrill Foundation. With this grant, the Department was able to acquire prints by outstanding Canadian, American and British artists, including Robert Young, Joyce Wieland, Sam Francis, David Hockney, Andy Warhol and Jasper Johns. So inflationary is the current art market that a few of the American prints in the Study Collection now command prices ten to fifty times what was paid for them.

Another valuable body of prints came into UBC's possession through a bequest from an alumnus who died on the other side of the continent. He left a portion of his estate to the university, including eleven early Inuit prints from Cape Dorset. Most famous of this group of stonecuts, stencils and engravings—probably most famous of all Inuit prints—is Kenojuak's **Enchanted Owl**, whose look of bright wonder seems particularly appropriate for a university.

Also appropriate, in a stodgily traditional way, are commissioned portraits of presidents, chancellors, deans and other academics. What is surprisingly unstodgy is the choice of portrait artists over the years, in some cases from among the best in Canada. Charles Comfort, a bold muralist and watercolourist, and Director of the National Gallery of Canada from 1960 to 1965, painted six portraits for the university, including Dean Henry Angus and Chancellor Sherwood Lett. Lilias Torrance Newton, a founding member of the Canadian Group of Painters and one of the most distinguished portrait artists of her age, painted President Norman Mackenzie and Dean of Women, Dorothy Mawdesley. But the most valuable and significant portrait in UBC's collection is that of its first chancellor, Francis Lovett Carter-Cotton, painted in 1927 by Frederick Varley.

Varley was one of two original members of the Group of Seven who settled in Vancouver for a time. Arriving in 1926, he taught at the Vancouver School of Art, but his impact was felt far beyond that, stimulating concerns for modernism and expressionism that reached Emily Carr in Victoria. Lawren Harris, who came here in 1940, was also a great influence upon Carr, encouraging her to abandon Indian themes for the primal imagery of the rain forest. His presence was also a stimulus to J.W.G. (Jock) Macdonald in exploring the possibilities of pure abstraction.

Harris is represented in UBC's collections by an untitled orange and yellow abstraction (from Dr. Norman Mackenzie) that is suggestive of automatic drawing. Macdonald is represented by a 1944 pink and blue plaid landscape, **Mount Lefroy, Lake O'Hara**. Originally purchased for the

Officer's Mess of the C.O.T.C., **Mount Lefroy** was presented to the university in 1978 by the Combined Services Trust Fund.

Years earlier, some officer of great perception had convinced his fellows to decorate their mess with landscapes painted by Macdonald and Emily Carr, and it was with equal perception that these works were donated to the university. **Plumed Firs** and **Wasteland**, the C.O.T.C.'s two oil on canvas paintings by Carr, are now the most highly valued works in the entire UBC collection. (The nine Carrs at UBC command a total market value in excess of one million dollars. The sad irony, of course, is how little Carr realized in sales in her own lifetime. The collection abounds in tales of "I bought this sketch from Carr for $10 ..." and "That painting cost 50 framed ...")

With the exception of the commissioned portraits, UBC has never established an active acquisitions policy. As a result, the collection has grown in a somewhat eccentric and undirected fashion. In addition to the 20th century Canadian works, there have been donations of British and European paintings and drawings, among them a still life by Vanessa Bell, a portrait study by George Watts, a cupid by Sir Matthew Smith, and a pencil drawing by Ernest Kirchner, all valuable and interesting if not exactly relevant.

The Canadian works, which comprise the core of the collection, are historically and aesthetically significant, but they are hardly extensive. Beyond that, Scott Watson concedes, "Not all the works in the collection are of museum quality," while one of his colleagues less diplomatically asserts that "ninety percent of the collection" is beneath consideration. The less than immortal ninety percent includes quantities of amateur pencil and watercolour sketches, portraits of anonymous people by equally anonymous portraitists, irrelevant photographs of near and distant places, mass-produced drawings of European parks and palaces, and odd pieces of furniture and fabric, maps and scrolls, stained glass and armour and brass rubbings that were deposited at UBC because there apparently was nowhere else for them to go.

Much of this mediocre stuff came into the university's collection years ago, when its policy was to accept all donations. Now works are screened by the President's Committee on University Art, which supervises all aspects of the collection, from acquisition to maintenance and display. The chairman of the Committee, Dr. Sheldon Cherry, explains: "We don't accept everything that's offered. It has to meet a certain standard of quality in the view of the Committee." This somewhat more ruthless approach, however, is not meant to discourage potential donors; Dr. Cherry is keen to attract new works to the university. As Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor of Civil Engineering, and former board president of the Vancouver Art Gallery, Dr. Cherry is incarnate proof that the arts and sciences are compatible. His work on the President's Committee seems to be the most appropriate vehicle for his belief in the positive impact of art upon the university environment. Enthusiasm radiates from him as he describes his vision of quiet corners of the campus, transformed by beautiful and unexpected pieces of sculpture, drab interior walls illuminated by paintings.

*left: Emily Carr, **Forest Interior;** above: Lawren Harris, **Mountain Spirit** (AMS Collection) Next page: June Binkert displays one of many "in storage" works in the UBC Collection*

Dr. Cherry sees the campus as an extended gallery space, and essentially that is how it functions. Most of the collection is located in offices, libraries and conference rooms throughout UBC, and until a new Fine Arts gallery is built (projected for completion between 1992 and 1994), this represents the only practical method of both exhibiting and storing the work. The current gallery setting, which is little changed since 1948, is not exactly a brilliant focal point for the university's art. Long and low, punctuated by metal girders, and located in the noisy rear of the Library basement, the space would be awful if it weren't so downright hilarious. Or vice versa.

Dr. James Caswell, Head of the Department of Fine Art (which is responsible for administering the Fine Arts Gallery), is quick to point out that innovative uses have been made of the space over the years. "It represents a challenge and has often been used in an extremely effective fashion ... not in spite of the space, not just making do with the space, but actually using it in a creative fashion." But he is equally quick to add that "It is not going to be something we will move out of with any sadness whatsoever."

Whatever the gallery's limitations, it probably represents a safer and more secure home for university art than most of the places in which that art now resides. Pieces have hung for years without being moved and been subject to deterioration from light, dust, heat and vacillating levels of humidity. "The whole collection needs to be looked at thoroughly," June Binkert says. "And I reckon it would take probably $100,000 or so to put it back into order." For now, urgent conservation work is done on an ad hoc basis. As for security, work is only displayed in high traffic areas that can be locked at night. Nevertheless, a David Milne watercolour (valued at $12,000) disappeared last May from a conference room annex in the President's office.

Despite safety and conservation embarrassments, nobody on campus is advocating recalling all the works to storage. Even if storage space were available, dark seclusion is not what the university art collection is all about. Both Scott Watson and Dr. Cherry are convinced that the university represents a special place for art, a place where there is stimulating interaction between students and highly visible pieces of two-, three- and multi-dimensional work.

Watson, who would like to see more contemporary art in the collection, explains that a "sophisticated contemporary art program" allows students within an institution to be aware of what is happening in the field of art, just as their studies update them on what is happening in their own areas of specialization. "Contemporary art can serve as a bridge between art and science, between disciplines," Watson says. But he admits that it will be difficult to attract important pieces to UBC before the new gallery is built and a specific collections mandate has been established. "If you want a gallery with some seriousness to it, and you want objects of some quality and some historical importance," he says, "then you need an acquisitions policy." You also need an acquisitions budget. "Without one, you cannot really have a very interesting collection."

Dr. Caswell explains that you don't have to possess "the Getty Endowment" in order to build up a collection. "The art market is so crazy these days that one does not set out to collect an example of every great artist in the history of world art. But there are still areas that one could focus on with not very much money and, over a period of time, build up a very respectable collection." He cites, as an example, his alma mater, the University of Michigan, whose gallery began purchasing work thirty years ago and now possesses a "very, very good collection. They buy a piece or two each year and it does add up."

There is a consensus that the new Fine Arts Gallery has the potential to consolidate the university's diverse art collections and establish UBC as a serious entity in the field (something it cannot now claim). But the gallery's future, the collection's future, will be contingent upon adequate funding, funding to undertake serious programs of exhibition, education, research, publication and conservation. Not to mention having a little left over to purchase works of art.❤

Robin Laurence is a Vancouver freelance writer who writes on a variety of art issues.

"Oh June, You're So Left Bank"

If you have any questions about he University Art Collection, you will be inevitably referred to June Binkert. "Speak to June," says the Chairman of the President's Committee on University Art. "Speak to June," says the Head of the Fine Arts Department. "Speak to June," says the Curator of the Fine Arts Gallery, "she knows more than anybody."

June Binkert has been secretary to the President's Committee since 1959 and secretary to the Head of Fine Arts since 1955, the year B.C. Binning started the department. She is a one-woman registry for the 900 piece collection which is scattered across the UBC campus. She also helps oversee its care and maintenance. However, she's a bit apologetic for these diverse functions:

"I'm not a trained art historian or conservation expert or registrar. I'm a secretary!" Listening to her history, though, you find that she is far more than a secretary. She's a fine arts pioneer.

June grew up in England, joined the WRENs during WWII, then attended Kings College, London University, where she took a degree in history. "And then," she says, "I did a secretarial course because that was the sort of thing women did in 1951."

The prospect of staying on in postwar London, though, was not attractive. "I would earn £5 a week and I'd live in a bed-sitting room with a gas ring."

She jumped when a Canadian friend invited her to come to Vancouver. She soon found a job at UBC in the Registrar's Office, then went to work for B.C. Binning and Peter Oberlander in the School of Architecture. In 1955 she became Binning's secretary in the department he'd been asked to found.

June and Binning *were* the Fine Arts Department in those days. Among her many duties, she maintained a small slide library in a filing cabinet and helped Binning run the exhibition program.

June served on the university's Fine Arts Committee, and was involved in the infamous Dylan Thomas reading at UBC. He was, of course, quite drunk. "Everybody had a terrible time getting him to the right place and he had to be propped up on the stage. But he was a big hit."

Binning stepped down as department head in 1968, and retired from UBC in 1974. June carried on, "But of course it isn't the same job now. There was Mr. Binning and me in that office in the basement of the library, and now there are eleven art historians and nine artists, two people running the gallery and two people running the slide library..."

She is scheduled to retire in June, 1991, and some Fine Arts staff are saying that will create a "bit of a crisis." Ian Thom, Senior Curator at the Vancouver Art Gallery, says "It will be the passing of an era when June retires."

June is not quite so apocalyptic. The secretarial work is not as engaging as it once was, and as for the university's art collection, her simple hope is that someone will be hired to care for it.

Was she a bohemian in those hectic, art-filled days of the '50s and '60s? "I don't think so," she says, "but I have an elder brother who's a parson in England, and whenever I went home he would always say, 'Oh June, you're so Left Bank!'"—RL

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John McLaren BA'39 was made assistant professor emeritus of medicine by the board of trustees of Northwestern University. He was also appointed to the emeritus staff in medicine at Evanston (Illinois) Hospital. He has been with both institutions since 1948.

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Charles Cooper BA(HonsChem)'43, MA'45 was a professor at Queen's University from 1975 to 1987 when he was made professor emeritus in the department of metallurgical engineering. In 1989 he was appointed adjunct professor in the department of metals and materials engineering at UBC ... **Joy (Joyce Carter) Inglis** BA'41, MA'65, while living on Quadra Island near the native village of Cape Mudge, helped Harry Assu with his memoirs, entitled *Assu of Cape Mudge, Recollections of a Lekwiltok Chief*, UBC Press, 1989 ... **Peter Lindenfeld** BASc'46, MASc'48 is a professor of physics at Rutgers University. He is the 1989 recipient of the Robert A. Milliken medal, given by the American Association of Physics Teachers, and is doing research in superconductivity ... **Robert W. McRae** BComm'40, MA'54 is living in Toronto. He reports that during his student years he drove street cars at night and on weekends. He also wrote for the **Province** and some trade journals. He was so busy studying to keep his scholarships, that he had no time for campus activities ... **Grant Moreton** BComm'47 has been appointed interim executive director at Richmond General Hospital. Moreton is a former president of Shaughnessy Hospital and a chartered accountant ... **Victor (Vic) L. Pinchin** BSA'44 lives in Winnipeg and has been retired for 5 years from his job as vice-president and director of industrial relations for Canada Safeway. He is active as a management trustee on a multi-employer pension plan. He and wife **Gwen** BA'42 enjoyed the '44-'45 reunion.

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Rod Bailey BSA'53 is Associate Deputy Minister with Agriculture Canada. He will be working for Agrodev Canada and the Asian Bank in Pakistan and Bangladesh ... **Al Boggie** BA'50, MD'54 has been elected President of the Medical Council of Canada for 1990 ... **David C. Campbell** BComm'55 is now an economist with the National Wildlife Federation in Washington DC. One of his assignments is to help in the fight against the proposed Rafferty and Alameda Dams in Saskatchewan ... **Raymond E. Counsell** BSc(Pharm)'53 received the Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award from the University of Minnesota in November 1989 ... **Owen C. Dolan** BA'51, LLB'52, a partner in Clark, Wilson, Barristers & Solicitors, has been selected to receive a Canada Volunteer Award Certificate of Merit ... **Dr. Hibert Doornenbal** BSA'52, MSA'56 is retired from his position at the Lacombe Research Station in Lacombe, Alberta ... **Roger Montgomery** BComm'56 has been appointed BC regional manager of Canada Trust/Realtor ... **Albert C. Plant** BComm'55 will manage the Toronto law firm of Shibley, Righton & McCutcheon as chief operating officer ... The Investment Counselling firm of Phillips, Hager & North Ltd., which was started by UBC grads **Art Phillips** BComm'53, **Bob Hager** BComm'61 and **Rudy North** BComm'63, is celebrating its 25th anniversary ... **A. Harold Skolrood** BA'56, BEd'57 retired from the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge, where he was a professor of education. He taught during the 50s and 60s in Burnaby senior and junior secondary schools ... **Donald E. Waldern** BSA'51, MSA'54 retired as director of Agriculture Res. Station, Lacombe, Alberta after 31 years as a research scientist (animal nutrition & biochemistry), research director with the research branch of Agriculture Canada and 5 years as an assistant associate professor of animal science, Washington State University at Pullman. Dr. Waldern and wife Sharon live in Summerland, BC ... **Robert L. Ward** BComm'59 has joined the investment firm of Gammon International in the capacity of investment sales ... **Henry Wiebe** BA'51, BEd'56 has published his first book of poems entitled *The Ferryman and Other Poems*.

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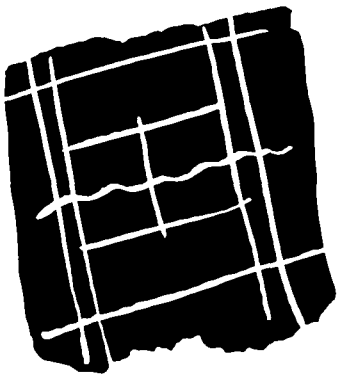
Gordon Andrews BASc'61 is a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Waterloo ... **Phil Bartle** BA'65, MA'71 is the country representative for Radda Barnen (Swedish Save the Children) in Pakistan, where he is working with Afghan refugees. He and his family live in Peshawar, about forty kilometres from the famous Khyber Pass ... **Kirby Carter** BComm'69 has been appointed manager of Agro BC Limited, a subsidiary of ConAgra, Inc., a major Canadian trader of domestic and export grains ... **Pamela (Preston) Clark** BEd'66 has moved to Oakville, Ontario, where her husband is Canadian regional manager for Rockwell International ... **Malcolm Clay** BA'65 is a partner in the chartered accountancy firm of Peat Marwick Thorne ... **William I. Coleman** BA'65 has been appointed to the position of vice-president investment sales at Bruce Freeman Real Estate Services. He has been involved for twenty years in the area of trade relations between Canada and the Pacific Rim ... **Kenneth Dyba** BA'64 is enjoying a successful career as a journalist, an-



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MSc'74 is the president of Norecol Environmental Consultants Ltd. which has contracts with companies that now must take environmental design into consideration before they embark on large projects. The company currently has contracts in Australia, Central America and Taiwan ... **Tony Hume** BComm'76 has moved to Ganges on Saltspring Island with his wife Ruth and their four children to do some consulting and lots of fishing ... **Philip A. Laing** BA'72, LicAcct'74 is enjoying southern California after moving there in August 1988. He accepted a management position with a Long Beach ocean freight consolidator ... **Peter Leggat** BSc(Agr)'73 is employed as vice-president and general manager of Royal LePage Real Estate Management (Western) Ltd. ... **Mary (Overton) McConville** BEd'77 now has three children ... **Robert McKay** BArch'70, previously the director of design and construction of the BC Pavilion at Expo '86, is now the general manager of operations and development at Quadrant Developments ... **Brian J. McParland** BASc'79, MSc'81, PhD'85 has been elected a Fellow of the Canadian College of Physicists in Medicine and is working as a clinical physicist at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto ... **Russell T. Mark** BComm'76, upon completion of a secondment to the Province of BC as senior representative in the province's Tokyo Office, was again seconded to the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo as Special Advisor (Investment). Both secondments have been from Coopers & Lybrand's Vancouver office ... **R. Anne Mudie** BSc'77, MD'82 and **Andrew Jin** MHSc'88 were married on July 22, 1989 ... **Michael Morris** BArch'73 has formed The Michael Morris Architectural Group in Edmonton ... **Eric Nellis** PhD'79 is now head of the history department at Okanagan College at Kelowna after having taught history at UBC for several years ... **Lorna (Woodman) Sapp** BEd'76 taught in one room schools at Douglas Lake Ranch and Big Creek (Cariboo-Chilcotin) until 1982. She married rancher/logger Gene Sapp in 1980 and they have three children. The family is living on a small farm in the Williams Lake area ... **Phyllis Simon** MLS'73 is a mother of two and owns and operates Vancouver Kidsbooks. She still finds the time to run 20 to 30 miles each week! ... **Dennis G. Swan** BComm'71 has been appointed assistant vice-president, investments for Truscan Realty Ltd ... **Sieu Toon** BA'77 has opened a restaurant in the Metrotown area called the Royal Mandarin Cuisine, *which serves northern Chinese food* ... **John Vernon** BA'71 of the Red Carpet Inn, Washburn, Wisconsin, has been selected by the Wisconsin Innkeepers Association as the winner of the 1989 General Manager of the Year award ... **Mohan K. Wali** PhD'70 has joined the faculty at Ohio State University as professor and director of the School of Natural Resources ... **Alice (Delaney) Walker** MFA'76 is in her second year as an English language instructor at the United Emirates University. She also writes a weekly column for the *Gulf Weekly*, a magazine which circulates in six countries in the Middle East. She would like to know if there are any other UBC graduates in her part of the world ... **Paul S. Walters** BComm'78 has been appointed executive vice-president of the Hudson's Bay Company and president of Zellers Inc. ... **Brian Whitehouse** BSc'76 is now working for the Canadian Centre for Marine Communications ... **Gordon Wilkinson** BASc'71 has left his position with the BC government and is now employed as manager of control survey with Geosurvey in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia ... **David E.M. Williams** BComm'78 was awarded his chartered financial analyst designation by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts ... **Allan Wong** BSc(Pharm)'79 married **Lisa Chang** BComm'84.

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Lindsay Abbie BEd'88 is teaching physical education and English at Southern Okanagan Senior Secondary in Oliver, BC while residing in Penticton ... **James P. Almaas** BASc'81 and family are now living in Republic, Washington, where James is chief mining engineer with Echo Bay's Kettle River project ... **Mark R. Attisha** BSc(Hon)'84 recently joined the DMR Group Inc. as an analyst in their Ottawa office ... **Geoff Bailey** BASc'85 transferred to Timmins Division as senior civil engineer after 4 years at Giant Yellowknife Mines in the NWT as project engineer ... **Jacqueline Bradshaw** MLS'86 has been appointed program coordinator at Vancouver Community College's Oakridge Centre microcomputer lab ... **Mark Bridgefoot** BA'88 married Tania Wilkinson in April of 1988 ... **Dean R. Brox** BASc'85, formerly with Steffen, Robertson and Kirsten in Johannesburg, is now at the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London ... **Carey A. Cameron** BSN'81 received her MSc in computation from the University of Manchester, England and has joined the firm of Peat Marwick McLintock as a senior consultant for information technology in health care systems in England ... **Deborah Lin Chan** BComm'84, and husband **Dr. Thomas J. Chan** BASc'83 returned to Vancouver after a stint in Dallas, Texas. They have started three new businesses ... **Randolph Dick** BComm'89 is working for Gammon International Realty (research & sales) ... **Brenda (Parker) Dickau** BEd'81 and husband John have moved from Delta to Surrey now that their two children are grown. Brenda is still teaching grade 7 in Cloverdale ... **Ian Douglas** BComm'80 is working for Dominion Securities in Nanaimo as a stockbroker. He was married in 1987 to Carolyn Mogg ... **Diane P. Driver** BSc'87 married Michael Abundo in August of 1988. She is currently working on her MSc in microbiology at UBC ... **Susanne Ebeling** BA'87 has been teaching French at her old Vancouver high school, Magee Secondary, and is enjoying it very much ... **Janet Erasmus** BA'88 will marry John A. Nolli in August of this year, soon after he graduates in forestry ... **Bruce Ewert** BASc'86 is assistant winemaker for Andrés Wines in

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Windsor, Ontario ... **Anna Kelly Fung** BA'81, LLB'84 clerked in the BC Court of Appeal before joining the Vancouver law firm of Davis & Company in its corporate/commercial department. Since October 30, 1989, she has been practicing corporate/commercial law with the firm of McCarthy & McCarthy ... **Sharon Graydon** BA'80 has just completed her first year in her own PR/communications consultancy, after spending 4 years working with Burson-Marsteller ... **Sarita Gupta** BSc(Pharm)'82 and husband **Cameron Zaremba** BSc(Pharm)'85 moved to Saudi Arabia in June 1989 and are both working as pharmacists at the Al Hada Hospital in Taif ... **Vincent C. Hanemeyer** BASc(GeoEng)'86 recently received his MEng from Carleton University and is now working for Golder Associates in Hamilton ... **Douglas J. Hill** BASc'89 has moved to Prince George to work for the Ministry of the Environment ... **Grant Hogarth** BA'83 received his MA in English (Rhetoric & Composition) from Ohio State. He is now pursuing an MSc in technical communication at Rensselsen Polytechnic Institute in NY ... **Alison Hunter** BMus'80 has moved to Whistler with her husband and two daughters and is commuting one day a week to teach at the Vancouver Academy of Music ... **Gail Lin Joe** BEd'83, MEd'85 heads the ESL department at Coquitlam College. She recently returned from a trip to Tokyo, where she implemented the curriculum she had written at CC's affiliate school. She hopes to return there to teach in the spring ... **Ken Johnson** BASc'81, MASc'86 is engaged to marry Krista Logerg this year. They will spend 2 months honeymooning in Australia. In the fall they will move to Edmonton from Yellowknife ... **Yennie Chee-Yen Jong** BA'83 received her BBA from SFU and has been transferred to Calgary by Petro Canada, where she works in the accounting division ... **Eric Jonk** MASc'86 is a project engineer at Deutsch Metal Components in Gardena, California. He was a ballroom dancer in a musical salute to George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" on First Interstate Bancorp's float in the 1990 Tournament of Roses parade ... **Gerret W. Kavanagh** MBA'83 was recently awarded his chartered financial analyst designation (CFA) and has joined Walwyn Stodgell Cochran Murray Ltd. as an investment advisor ... **Keith F.R. Kirkwood** BASc'87, recently an employee of Buckland and Taylor in North Vancouver, is now studying at the University of Western Ontario Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel under Dr. A.G. Davenport ... **Terri (Bakes) Klassen** BEd'87 was married on August 26, 1989 in St. Catherines, Ontario. She started teaching grades 6 and 7 in September ... **Margot Koning** BA'81, MBA'85 and **Mark Wells** BSc'79, MSc'82 were married in August 1989 after 10 years of courtship. Mark received his PhD in oceanography from the University of Maine, and the couple moved to San Diego where Mark is now working as a research chemist for the Scripps Institute of Oceanography ... **Karin Litzcke** BHE'80 is doing an MBA at the University of Western Ontario ... **Gary Lockhart** BASc'88 and **Christine Yakura** BSc'87 were married in September 1989. Gary is taking a master's degree in materials engineering at UBC, and Chris is a research technician at the UBC department of medicine ... **Kevin McDowell** BASc'88 is presently working in Fort McMurray as a process engineer for an oil sands plant ... **Brian T. McIntyre** BComm'85 is engaged to commerce undergraduate, Debra Newman ... **John MacKay** BA'87 married Lilya Zaitseva in Moscow, where he was studying Russian, on June 30, 1989 ... **Hugh McLean** MA'88 is working as a network planner with CIBC in Vancouver ... **Patrick C. Madaisky** LLB'88 was called to the Bar in 1989. He now practices corporate and commercial law at Alexander, Holburn, Beaudin & Lang ... **Mike Madill** BSF'86 and **Kim Nalesnik** BScPT'89 were married on September 2, 1989. Kim is working in private practice and Mike is district silviculturist for the Chilliwack Forest District ... **Robin Manley** BSc(Geol)'89 and **Steve Price** BScGeol'87 were married in May 1989 and have been traveling through Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and England ... **George K. Markin** BRE'86 is the new parks and recreation director for the town of Rainbow Lake, Alberta ... **Jennifer (James) Nicol** BMus'86 graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor of Music Therapy from Wilfrid Laurier University. She has been employed as a music therapist at the Oak Bay Lodge in Victoria since April 1989 and was married in June to Jerome Nicol ... **Katherine J. Owen** LLB'88 was called to the Bar in 1989. She is now practicing corporate and commercial litigation with Alexander, Holburn, Beaudin & Lang ... **Shelby (Dowling) Parkinson** BA'80 is living in Philadelphia while her husband, David, works on his PhD in management at the Wharton School. They had a daughter, Alana Joy, in March 1989 ... **Ruth Picha** BA'85, LLB'88 has joined the firm of Doig, Baily in Burnaby ... **Mike Purdon** BSc'86, BA'88 is in his second year of medical school at McGill. He was recently in Victoria for the wedding of his sister **Penny (Purdon) Hulbert** DipSpEd'83 ... **Margaret Rankin** BComm'83 is now working for the Advisory Board Company, a research firm in Washington DC. She spends her time between Vancouver and Washington and travels across Canada visiting clients ... **David Ranson** BA'88 and **Heather Campbell** BA'88 were married in September 1989 and are now studying and working in Victoria ... **David Reimer** MMus'87 graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a MLIS in June 1989. Since then he has been working as a music cataloguer at the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library ... **Jim Richardson** BASc'86 retired early from Amoco Petroleum and has relocated to Vancouver Island to pursue life as an independent businessman ... **Gwennith M. Robinson** BSc(Geol)'82 is working for Gow Valley Industries as a Senior Geologist ... **Robert J. Ross** BComm'83 married **Alix McLeod** BComm(CA)'84 in September 1988. Robert is a brand manager at Canada Packers Inc. in Toronto, and Alix is a financial analyst with the TD Bank ... **Susan Corinne Rushton** BSN'85 received her Master of Health Services Administration degree at Dalhousie and has been appointed administrator of Bulkley Lodge, Smithers, BC ... **David W. Shaw** BASc'80 is director of engineering at Standard Aero Ltd. in Winnipeg ... **Kerry M. Smith** BA'83 received an LLB from the U of T in 1987, was admitted to the Alberta bar in 1988 and now practices natural resources law with McCarthy & McCarthy in Calgary ... **Kenneth Chong So** BSc'83 was married on August 5, 1989 ... **Steven A. Town** BSc'86 is an engineer with Northern Telecom. He plans to be married in June of this year ... **Jonathan Sterwar** BSc'80, MBA'89 as been awarded his chartered financial analyst designation by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts ... **Elsie Tse** BA'86 lives with her husband, Sze-Hon Kwan, in San Francisco ... **Jennifer J. Walker** BSc'85, MD'89 and **Daniel F. Worsley** BSc'85, MD'89 were married at St. Mary's Church in Vancouver in May 1989 ... **Ruth**

Walker BSc'88 married **Clarence Martens** BA'87 in August 1989. Clarence is in a master's program in computer science at the U of T and Ruth is interning in dietetics at St. Michael's Hospital ... **Donald S. Webster** BSc'87, MSc'89 completed his MSc at UBC in August of 1989. In September of the same year he began the MBA/LLB program at York University ... **Wilfred Woo** BComm'82 has been appointed director of The Chinese Services Group of Coopers & Lybrand's Vancouver office. He has spent the last four years in the firm's Hong Kong office. He is fluent in Cantonese, Shanghaiese and Mandarin dialects and is a member of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants ... **Joel Yuen** BSc'86 married **Gigi Loy** BA'85 on July 8, 1989 in Vancouver. They live in Fort St. John where Joel is working at a pulp mill and Gigi is teaching ... **Bert Zethof** MBA'80, two-year-old son Nicholas and wife Val moved to Victoria last year, where Bert has joined the BC Ministry of Regional and Economic Development.

Births

Ellen Janet (Nightingale) Berry MA'80 and husband Jim would like to announce the birth of Amanda Lea, born on May 22, 1989; a sister for Andrew ... **Gregory H. Brown** BA'82, LLB'86 and **Anna-Maya (Sipila) Brown** LLB'86 are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Sarah Christina, on October 18, 1989 in Prince George ... **Linda-Rae J. (Walker) Carson** BA'85 had a little girl on February 23, 1989. Linda-Rae is a teacher in the Edmonton public school system ... **I. Jane Churchill** BSc(Agr)'85 is pleased to announce the birth of daughter, Christina Faye, on March 6, 1989, a "practical project in reproduction" to go along with the MSc in reproductive physiology at the U. of Saskatchewan ... **Campbell Day** BSF'71 and wife Bodil announce the birth of twins, their second and third children, on December 21, 1989 in Drammen, Norway. Cam is now working with Forindeco (Norway), owned by **Roar Gjessing** BSF'61, as a forest consultant, mostly in Tanzania ... **Karalee Drdul** BHE'77 and Gordon Mann are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Alexzandrea Nancy, on November 6, 1989. Karalee is a school counsellor in Campbell River ... **Robert Hlatky** BSc(Agr)'69, MA'73 and wife Judith wish to announce the birth of their son, Robert Michael Martin Hlatky, on October 20, 1989. Brothers Timothy (18) and Westin (3) welcomed their brother to the family home in Nelson, BC ... **Martin Hopper** BASc'81 would like to announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Rose, on August 19, 1989. He also has a son, Neil, aged 2 . Martin works for the City of Santa Clara, California as division manager of power supply in the electric department. He has lived in San José since his graduation, and he says he survived the 7.1 September earthquake! ... **Monica Jahrig** BSc(Agr)'78 and husband Charles Hof are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Jayda Caroline, born on September 16, 1989. She would also like to thank those who organized the '78-'79 reunion; she enjoyed meeting old friends again ... Born to **James Joyce** BA'74 and Linda James, a son, David Matthew, on November 12, 1989 ... **Julia (Thompson) Lymburner** BEd'80 and husband Ken announce the birth of their daughter Sarah Ashley on July 17, 1989 ... **Tom MacKinnon** LLB'72, who married Kadria Zaripova in Moscow, Soviet Union in December 1987, takes pleasure in announcing the birth of a baby girl, Jane Kadria, born on July 18, 1989 ... **Sheila (Murphy) Marshall** BSR'77 and husband Ray are pleased to announce the birth of Michael Murphy Marshall born on August 16, 1988, a brother for David and Kevin ... **Robert B. Maule** BA'86 proudly announces the birth of Sylvia Victoria Jirapapha Maule on 10 October 1989. Elder sister, Noy Naa Pamela, is thrilled ... **Mike Nicholls** DMD'85 and **Rhonda (Bishop) Nicholls** BA'77, MLS'82 are pleased to announce the birth of Madalen Claire on October 11, 1989. Her big brother, Owen Michael, was born on July 18, 1986 ... **Victor Nishi** BSc'82 and **Lynda (Arbeider) Nishi** BEd'82 had a boy on March 24, 1988. First grandson for **Phyllis (Wensink) Arbeider** BHE'56 ... **Margaret (Mathews) Parlor** LLB'76 and husband Bryan welcome their new son, William, born December 22, 1989 in Ottawa. First grandchild for **Bill Mathews** BASc(GeoEng)'40, MASc'41, retired profes-

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sor of geology, after whom little William was named. Proud uncle is **Tom Mathews** BSc'72 of Toronto ... **Pastor Brian M. Pierson** MA'88 and **Julie (Jerome) Pierson** BPE'78 wish to announce the birth of Olivia Joy, born on August 20, 1989 in Langley, BC. A sister for Owen, Brock and Preston ... On April 8, 1989 baby girl Alysha was born to **Serena (Woods) Rata** BSR'77 ... **Yeshova (Porzecanski) Raz** BSc'81 and Hadas Raz are the proud parents of their first child, a baby boy named Nitzan, born on May 7, 1989 ... **Leonard Surges** BASc'79 and Kathryn Racine announce the birth of a son, Harold Alexander Lyle, on May 17, 1989 ... To **Andrea Szametz** BA'75 and Gerald de Ga, Victoria Judith, in Toronto on October 22, 1989 ... Born to **Tremain Tanner** BA'78, MA'81 and **Diane (Fowler) Tanner** BSc'80, MSc'85, a daughter, Natalka Katherine, on July 9, 1989 in Singapore. Tremain has been working for Coopers and Lybrand Management Consultants in Singapore and is now returning to Vancouver to work for the Ministry of International Business ... **Pamela (Finnie) Williamson** BSN'82, husband John and big brother Scott are pleased to announce the arrival of Maxwell Warren, born October 3, 1989 ... Born to **Miriam (Bray) van der Est** MLS'77 and **John van der Est** BSc'76, a son, Adrian John, on December 7, 1989; a brother for Paul.

In Memoriam

John Allert BSc(Pharm)'61 died on July 21, 1989 of cancer. He is sadly missed by his wife Linda ... **Donald Hamilton Baker** BASc(Chem)'34 died on August 15, 1989 after a long and distinguished career in BC's pulp and paper industry. He was an executive with BC Forest Products Ltd. when he retired. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Amy (Seed)** BA'36, BSW'37, daughter **Wendy McLean** BA'66, son **David E. Baker** BASc'69 and their families ... **Pearly Ransdell Brissenden, Q.C.** BA'31 died peacefully at home on December 28, 1989. Mr. Brissenden practiced with Douglas, Symes & Brissenden and its predecessor firms for 50 years. He was a Bencher of the Law Society, President of the Vancouver Bar Association, a Commissioner for Uniformity of Legislation in Canada and as honorary counsel for the Vancouver Foundation. He is survived by his wife Norine ... **Florence Verona Brown** BA'26 passed away on December 12, 1989. Florence taught business education for 36 years at Point Grey and Lord Byng secondary schools in Vancouver. She continued to teach at UBC after her retirement from the public school system ... **Arthur E. Buller** BA'33 died suddenly at his home in Victoria on June 5 of last year ... **Dorothy Mary Cameron** MA'65 passed away in Calgary last July 25 ... **Barbara A. Carstens** BA'68 passed away on December 6, 1989 ... **Christopher J.A. Dalton** BComm'34 died peacefully at Lions Gate Hospital on December 20 of last year. He was a past member of the West Vancouver School Board and the BC Parole Board. He is survived by his wife Margaret, by his sons John and Jeremy and their families ... **A. Boyd Ferris, Q.C.** LLB'54 passed away suddenly at Whistler, BC on July 31, 1989. He was called to the BC Bar in 1955 and was appointed QC in 1969. He was a Law Society Bencher; Governor of the Law Foundation; Chairman of the Attorney-General's Committee on the Rules of Court; a Founder of the Continuing Legal Education Society and Provincial and National President of the Canadian Bar Association. He was also active in the community. He will be missed by his wife Kerry and family ... **Howard James Gardner** BComm'48 died in Calgary on September 24, 1989. He was an executive with the Hudson's Bay Company since graduation from UBC. He was a founding member of the Chinook Rotary Club of Calgary and belonged to the Royal Victoria Yacht Club ... **Richard Harris** BComm'46 died in Vancouver on December 30, 1989. He taught at John Oliver High School in Vancouver from 1925 until his retirement in 1966. Survived by wife Marjory and his two children, Cole and Susan ... **Clifford F. Hillary** BA'32 died October 8, 1989 ... **Thomas Henry Gosset Jackson** BA'35 passed away in his seventy-eighth year in Montreal on March 28, 1989. During WWII he was Meteorological Officer attached to the R.C.A.F. in St. Hubert and Dorval. He was an accomplished man who taught 20 years for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and became General Secretary of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers, editing *The Teachers Magazine*. He was awarded the Diploma of Distinguished Merit by the Board of the Order of Scholastic Merit. The federal government recognized his service with the Centennial Medal in 1967 ... **Drennan Hincks** BASc'27 died in Montreal in May, 1989. He and his wife Eileen died within a week of each other ... **Frances Muriel (Locke) Hodge** Ba'36, BComm'37 died on August 24. She maintained a strong connection with UBC and the Alumni Association. She was active in the University Women's Club. Frances organized a major reunion in 1987. Her husband, **Robert Hodge** BASc'37, predeceased her by five years. Their four children are all UBC grads ... **Eric Holmgren** BA'47 passed away in August of 1988 after a courageous fight with cancer. He was provincial librarian in Alberta from 1959 to 1973 and then was heritage historian for the provincial archives. His great loves were history and geography. He was active on committees and boards which deliberated on geographical place names and was one of four Canadians at the first UN conference in Geneva on the standardization of geographical names. He wrote with wife Patricia *Over 2,000 Place Names of Alberta* ... **Bryant Holmes Hunter** BA'56 died suddenly on November 17, 1989 at the age of 55. Bryant graduated from the U of T school of dentistry in 1961 and conducted a private practice in Richmond, BC for 27 years ... **Donald F. Hutchinson** BA'31 died suddenly on October 10, 1989. During 1929-30 he was treasurer of AMS and served as its president in his graduating year ... **James Albert Imlah** BA'22 died on July 8 of last year after a long and distinguished scholarly career. He received his master's degree from Clark University in Massachusetts. He then taught at the University of Maine, where he introduced a course on Canadian history. He later joined the history department at Tufts University and received his doctorate in 1931 from Harvard. He remained at Tufts throughout his professional life. He became instrumental in the fight to raise university teachers' salaries, serving on many committees and commissions. Tufts University awarded him an honorary degree in 1981 for "excellence in teaching, impeccable scholarship and leadership in academic affairs." He is survived by second wife Miriam and his two daughters, Ann and Janet ... **Mr. W.H.D. Ladner** BSc'48 died in January of last year ... **Richard Fong Lim** BASc(ElecEng)'57 passed away December 3, 1989. He is survived by his wife and three sons. He had worked for BC Tel since his graduation from UBC ... **Dr. S. Wah Leung**, Dean Emeritus of Oral Biology, died on November 18, 1989 ... **Constance L.B. (Still) Lynch** BSA'45 passed away on December 23 in Burlington, Ontario. She is survived by her husband John ... **John F. McLeod** BA'48, LLB'55 passed away in October of 1989 ... **Norman A. McRae** BSF'50 died on October 23, 1989. He retired from the BC Forest Service in 1978. He is survived by wife Dorothy, daughter Keely and her family and a sister ... **Rosemary J. McTavish** BEd'70 succumbed after a long battle with leukemia. Rosemary was a teacher/counsellor with York House School in Vancouver. She is missed by husband **Ian McTavish** BA'70, LLB'73 and her two young children, Jodie and Alison ... **Margaret Joyce (Barnard) Maber** BA'73 died of cancer at age 40, February 15, 1989 in Victoria, BC. She is survived by her husband **Colin** BASc'69, daughter Carolyn and son David ... The faculty of the General Nursing Program at BCIT is establishing a memorial fund in memory of the late **Angela (Collins) Mazzocato** MSN'77, who passed away on September 23, 1989. The award will be presented annually to a first year student for academic and clinical excellence. Angela Mazzocato had a very positive influence on the education of a great number of student nurses during her 17 years as a faculty member in the General Nursing Program at BCIT ... **Naomi Spencer Page** BA'50 died on January 20, 1989 ... **Lawrence W. Prowd** BA'45 died suddenly in New York on December 13, 1989. He was on his way to Paris, France to visit his daughter and her family for Christmas. Besides his UBC degree, Larry earned his MA at the University of California. He was a Lieutenant in the Canadian Army Service Corp. during the war ... **Paul Cameron Russell** BA'56 died on July 26, 1989 in Michigan. In 1961 Dr. Russell joined the faculty of Alma College in Michigan. He became professor of piano and head of the music department, retiring in 1988 ... **Joan Stusiak** BA'43 passed away at home in El Cerrito, California on October 8, 1989 ... **Hansa Thakkar** MLS'76, beloved wife of Ranjit, passed away on June 6, 1989 at the age of 56 years. She is also survived by a daughter and son ... **Victor Vishniakoff** BA'50 died suddenly on November 1, 1989 at the age of 66. Survived by his loving wife

Lydia Thelma Mary and daughters Victoria and Katherine ... **Ellen (Nellie Mellish) Whaites** BA'29 died on December 22, 1989 in Victoria at the age of 83. While at UBC she excelled in swimming, diving and grass hockey. She taught for many years in Vancouver. She is survived by many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren ... **Robert James Wilson** BA'35, MA'37 died in Toronto on March 30, 1989. While a student at the University of Toronto, he was a research grantee with the Banting Research Foundation and a Fellow in Hygiene and Preventative Medicine. From 1942-45 he was Surgeon Lieutenant Commander of the R.C.N.V.R., serving in Newfoundland. In 1945 Robert joined the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories and was on the Faculty of the School of Hygiene at the U of T. Dr. Wilson eventually became director of Connaught and, when it separated from the university, became chairman and scientific director. He played an important international role as consultant to the Pan American Health Organization and to the Smallpox Eradication Program of WHO. He is survived by wife Madeleine, daughter Lynn and son Ray ... **Dr. E.S. Wybourn** BA'44 has died ... **Robert Morgan Young** BComm'47 died in June of last year.❤

Tose Uchida 1895-1989

Chitose (Tose) Uchida died on November 27, 1989 at the age of 94. She was the last known surviving member of UBC's first graduating class.

Tose's niece, **Jane Uchida** BA'57, MSc'60, says her aunt was not very active socially, partly due to the fact that she had to take in sewing to put herself and her brother through school.

Tose became a teacher and taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Alberta until 1939, and then returned to Vancouver.

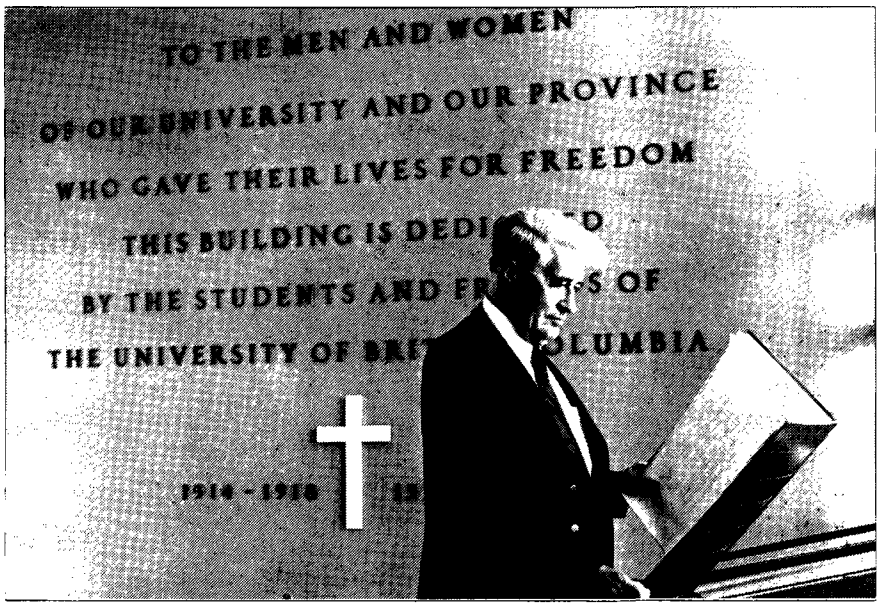
She taught English to Japanese immigrants in Vancouver, but was sent to the Cariboo in 1941 during the internment of Japanese-Canadians. There, ever the teacher, she taught in a one-room schoolhouse.

She stayed in the Cariboo after the war, and taught grades 1 - 4 in Williams Lake. She taught one year in Surrey after moving back to Vancouver in 1960.

She spent the rest of her life with her family, caring for her mother and forming a close relationship with niece Jane's children, Melanie and Brad.

According to the 1916 yearbook, Tose's aim in life was "to do nice things unnoticed," and she wanted to finish her life as "a sweet old lady." Her wishes were amply fulfilled.

Besides Jane and her children, Tose is survived by her brother Matasaburo and his wife.



Malcolm McGregor: 1910–1989

Malcolm Francis McGregor, one of UBC's finest teachers, died on November 16, 1989.

The first time I met him, Malcolm McGregor was not a happy man. The receptionist called my desk and said, in a whisper, "There's a man here to see you about the **Chronicle**, and he seems pretty mad. Should I tell him you're out?" No, I said. Send him down.

But he *was* mad. He came into my office waving the latest copy of the magazine and told me it was intolerable that a university magazine should carry so many errors. He sat down and leafed through the issue, showing me the carefully circled and corrected mistakes he had found. There were errors in punctuation, syntax and spelling, and, the error he found most heinous, the word "honourary."

"There is no 'u' in honorary," he said. "It doesn't have the same root as 'honour.'"

He was right, of course, and I agreed with everything he said. I had nothing to defend: I wasn't even the editor then. As far as I was concerned, there WAS no excuse for a university magazine to contain such errors.

He was taken aback at my attitude: he expected an argument.

We spoke often after that, both in person and on the phone. He even wrote an article for the magazine ("Second to None," Fall '88) in which he attacked all levels of linguistic discord with his typical humour, rigour and absolute insistence on correct English usage.

I came to like him very much. He was a dogmatist, but he was neither harsh nor offensive. His refined, ironic sense of humour pervaded his criticism and made talking with him a joy.

He was born in England and grew up in Creston, B.C. He earned a BA'30 and an MA'31 at UBC and his PhD at the U. of Cincinnati in 1937.

He returned to UBC in 1954 where he was head of the classics department between 1954 and his retirement in 1975. He served on the university's Senate for 14 years and became known as its conscience. He was also known as a classics scholar and his book *The Athenians and Their Empire* (reviewed here in Spring '89) is used as a standard text. He was given an Honorary LLB by UBC in 1983.

But his most memorable accomplishment was as a teacher. He felt that teaching was the noblest calling. He was given what he considered the most valuable recognition, the Master Teacher Award, in 1974. After his retirement, he taught history at VCC.

Malcolm McGregor was the embodiment of the classic university professor. He respected tradition (he wore his academic robes to class), loved teaching and went about his pursuits with high energy and total dedication. He will be missed by his family and friends, by the many students who were touched by his magic, and by his friends at the **Chronicle**. ***–CP***

Environmentalism and the Future of Progressive Politics

by **Robert C. Paehlke PhD'75**
Yale University Press, $25

Dr. Paehlke's new book deals with the complex problem of politics and the environment in the 1990s and beyond.

By examining environmentalism from the conservationist movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries to the environmental politics of the present day, he provides a compelling historical framework for action in the 1990s.

According to Paehlke, modern environmentalism was born with the publishing of Rachel Carson's **Silent Spring**. While early conservationists were mostly concerned with the preservation of wilderness, modern environmentalist concerns are largely urban issues such as chemicals in food production and industrial pollution. This, initially, has broad appeal. Something which affects the food that everyone eats and the air which everyone breathes cuts across all political and social boundaries.

But environmentalism in the '60s and '70s was soon broadened to reflect concern with overpopulation and energy - concerns which dealt with limitations to human activity. Environmentalism took a more political stance; it challenged consumerism and the concept of unlimited economic growth.

This becomes Paehlke's main theme: how political parties relate their policies to environmental priorities.

His analysis shows similarities between modern conservatism and environmentalism in that both desire a return to a more wholesome past, self-sufficiency in food and energy production, decentralization of government and local economic and political autonomy. However, politically conservative views are often held by those involved in polluting industries, and their extensive political power is usually based on business interests which are indifferent, even hostile to, environmental concerns.

Paehlke believes that environmentalism is most closely linked with left of centre politics. Their commonalities include a revulsion towards waste (especially in the face of human need), the willingness to change society, a long term outlook, a global view, restraints on consumerism, controlled management of industry and the measurement of accomplishment by non-monetary standards.

He also finds some fairly substantial differences. Generally, environmentalists reject centrist governments, applaud the decline of the working class, and reject the notion of unlimited economic growth.

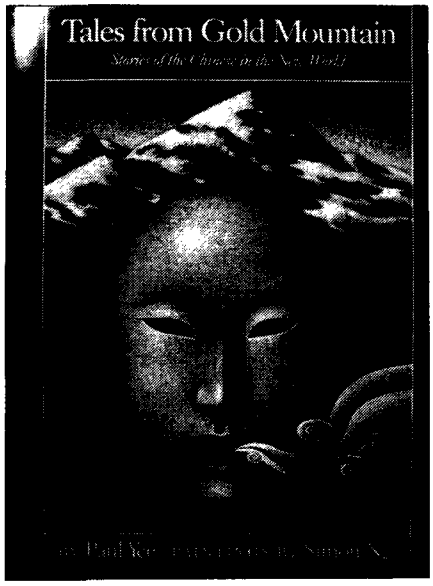
The major hurdle environmentalists face in allying themselves with the centre left is their strong stand on decentralization of government. But this difference may be offset by their mutual willingness to intervene in the marketplace.

It is becoming increasingly evident that environmental issues will be an important part of our lives. Like Americans who were shocked from their complacency by the bombing of Pearl Harbour, all people and all nations will have to change their lives radically. The political agendas of many nations are already changing in response to the environmental crisis, and Paehlke concludes that the goals of both progressive politics and environmentalism would be served by fusing together into a single potent political and social movement.

Dale Fuller

Tales from Gold Mountain

by **Paul Yee BA'78, MA'83**
Paintings by Simon Ng
Douglas and McIntyre, $16.95



Myth and folk tradition play an important role in any culture, especially an immigrant one. People facing the realities of a new land often retreat behind the old culture to help them through the vast transition they must make.

Chinese workers arriving in western Canada in the nineteenth century were particularly alien: odd clothes, hair, behaviours and facial features contributed to their being treated as barely human by many in their new home. They carried their folk culture along with them as one way to buffer themselves from the harshness of new world prejudice and raw Canadian culture.

Paul Yee in his new book, **Tales from Gold Mountain**, has written a series of mythic stories of these Chinese immigrants, and has given us a glimpse of the magic and brutality of their experience.

One story tells of the horrors of the mining camps, and how one young man must bring peace to the souls of dead Chinese workers whose bodies have been thrown in the river. Another tells the story of Kwan Ming who must find his boss ("who was fatter than a cast iron stove and cruel as a blizzard at midnight") a suit that will never tear, a pair of boots that will never wear out and forty loaves of bread that will never go stale or lose his job. He does, with the help of his friends, and the evil boss is destroyed.

These and the six other stories, like all good folk tales, tell of the victory of goodness over evil and deceit, and show how the spirit can soar in the face of abuse, hatred and death. The writing is simple but beautiful, and while the stories deal with adult themes, they are accessible to all ages.

The illustrations by Simon Ng are strikingly provocative, and blend modern realism with oriental tradition.

Highly recommended.

C.P.

Not For Gold Alone: The Memoirs of a Prospector

by **Franc Joubin BA'36, MA'43, DSc'58 and D. McCormack Smith, MLS'75**
Deljay Publications

Graduates of UBC will enjoy this Horatio Alger story with its portraits of Walter Gage, Henry Gunning, Harry Warren and many others. From the orphanage in Victoria to shovelling coal in Chinatown, working on the Empress Hotel construction with a wheelbarrow to discovering uranium deposits at Elliot Lake in Ontario, the book takes us on an exciting journey. The second half of Joubin's life, spent as a volunteer geological advisor to the United Nations, is truly inspiring.

The book is well produced and is a mine of information concerning British Columbia, Canadian and world history as seen through the eyes of one of UBC's most famous graduates.

William Gibson

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hours between Visa payments and bumping into dear old David.

"Who's he?"

Dear old David is a guy you knew from high school. He dropped out in grade eight. He's a plumber now and lives in Shaughnessy.

"Surely you don't regret your BA?"

Certainly not. If I hadn't gone to UBC I would never have known the culinary joys of chop suey at Yum Yum's in Old Aud. Or walking out to the back-40 or "B" lot in the pouring rain. Or the tinny sound of the Ladner Clock Tower as it bongs its way around the hours. Or the I-got-51-and-50-is-a-pass on my Oceanography exam. These memories are Midas-precious.

"Very touching. What about the survival tips?"

Oh, yes. First you must lose your sense of humour.

"Why on earth do that?"

Because you've just spent four years thinking up silly essay titles and discussing Professor W.'s sexual orientation, and darn it, it's time to get serious. I recommend a basic accounting course with Block Brothers.

"Anything else?"

Yes. Take all those dozens of credit card applications they send you after you graduate and build a bonfire in your back yard. Do not save one application or you will need many more Block Brothers' seminars to keep up the payments.

"What about work though? How do you get what you want?"

By constantly reminding yourself that you survived your science requirement and first year English with Michael Misogynist. That took guts. The job will come. Be patient.

"What about all those well-meaning relatives who keep saying, 'And what are you going to do now, dear?'"

If you're feeling optimistic that day, tell them you're going to join CUSO, that your minor was in Good Works. If you're feeling low, tell them that grad school looks really promising and you've decided to devote your life to Milton.

"Finally?"

Remember all the good stuff that is absolutely yours and no one else's. How Hedda Gabler made you cry. The Merlin mustiness of Main Library. That generous-spirited professor who became your friend and mentor. The adventures you shared with your Friday afternoon seminar mates after an evening in the Pit. That winter evening you spent three hours in the Woodward Bio-Medical Library reading case histories in abnormal psychology. Being passionate about theatre and "borrowing" roses from the rose garden. Remember muttering French 24 hours a day in the hope that one or two phrases would spring to mind during your oral exam. Remember the Nitobe Gardens when the cherry trees are in blossom.

Sure there's life after the BA. There are frustrations, highs, lows, small and large victories, tear-gained wisdoms .... all the things that happen in school, except on a wider, chillier stage.

"But has your BA really helped you to achieve your dreams and goals? What kind of practical value does a degree in arts have?"

It has taught me to ignore these types of questions. To listen to the voice inside and not the doubting voices around me. I know the discipline and work it took to earn that BA and I know that dreams aren't always tangible items to be boxed and bowed like a Christmas present. You walk proud with your dreams, the way I walked with the heavy graduation robes and mortar board. And reserve the term "practical" for engineers and nurses.

"Thanks for this, Marjorie." ❤

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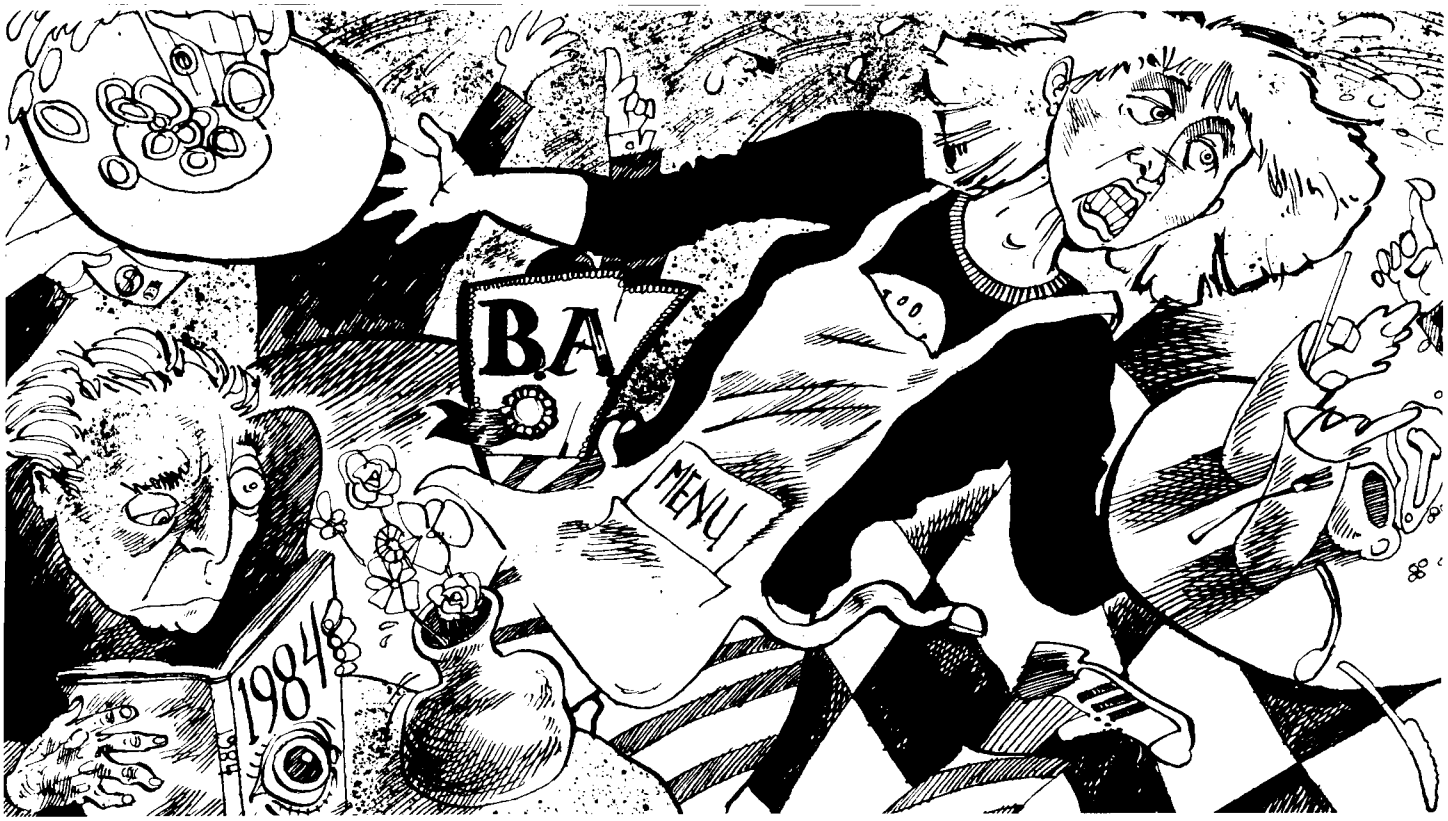

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After the B.A.

Reflections on life after slogging through the Arts

By Marjorie Simmins, BA'84

I'm waiting for that call from Barbara Frum. Have been waiting for several years now. It will come.

"Good evening, Marjorie. I understand you've survived life after the BA. Would you like to tell us about it?"

Yes, Barbara, I would.

"All right. Go ahead."

It was 1984.

"What was?"

The year I graduated from UBC. You could never forget a date like that.

"Why not?"

Because it was George Orwell's year. Remember? They re-printed thousands of copies of **1984**. The whole campus must have read or re-read that book. I remember feeling smug that Orwell's forecast was nowhere near my reality.

1984 was a wonderful, wacky and weird year. Remember our northern magus, Pierre Trudeau's long, cold walk on a stormy February night to "... see if there were any signs of [his] destiny in the sky"?

So many contrasts in that year: the pomp and pageantry of the papal tour and only a short while later, Ethiopia's devastating drought. Cyndi Lauper squeaked to the top ten with "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," and Jeanne Sauvé became Canada's first woman governor-general. Tiny baby Fae lived for 20 days with a transplanted baboon heart. The Princess of Wales gave birth to son Henry and Roland Joffe showed us **The Killing Fields**.

But the part I remember best was the recession.

At first I thought a recession had something to do with geophysics or earth science. Turns out it meant the economy. It meant bankruptcies. It meant leaving your resume on top of a three foot stack of other resumes. It meant going to the UIC office to look at postings and getting excited about a library assistant's job for $4.50 an hour. It meant fifty people with BAs applying for that job. It meant waitressing for three years after the BA.

"Did that depress you?"

Well, considering I was elected UBC's most obnoxiously cheerful undergrad for four years running, yes, you could say it depressed me.

I just thought it was going to be different....

"What was going to be different?"

After the BA. I mean really, once you've learned the intricacies of the semi-colon, the colon and the dash, you expect life to dazzle you with financially rewarding challenges.

You have major expectations, quite aside from your major in English. You also have major debts, which is why I keep waitressing. But that's not the worst of it.

"There's more?"

Oh, yes. The worst of it are the Practical Attacks.

"Explain."

Practical Attacks are when you wish you had majored in Nursing. Or Computer Science. These attacks usually occur in the dark, desperate

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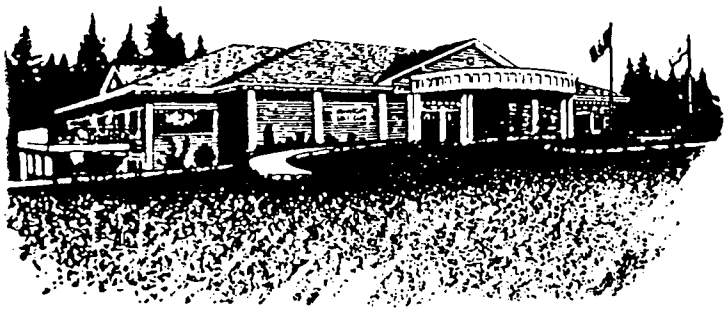

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