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UBC Seen

A Year-End Resolution: Remember the Alumni Fund

It's that time of year again! You're making lists of things to do before January 1, 1982. One item found on a lot of alumni lists is a reminder to make their annual donation to the **UBC Alumni Fund.** Gifts from alumni are used to provide badly-needed financial aid for students and to assist campus project that enhance the educational experience that UBC offers.

Many alumni have written to ask if the alumni fund is no longer sending individual solicitations. This year, as an experiment, the fund annual report and a request for donations was included in the autumn issue of the *Chronicle.*

A special Alumni Fund reply envelope was bound into the *Chronicle* but any envelope addressed to the UBC Alumni Fund, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1X8 (for U.S. resident alumni the address is The Friends of UBC, Inc., Post Office Box 483, Bellevue, Washington, 98004) will reach its appointed destination. All gifts will receive tax receipts promptly. Donors are reminded that gifts will be directed to areas of greatest need unless they specify otherwise.

And a Happy New Year to you, too. From UBC....

New Students Retreat: The Essence of UBC

"A great way to meet people." "Could have had fewer speakers but more in-depth coverage." "Very informative." "Saturday night's buffet made up for the breakfast and lunch!" These were some of the comments from the 32 students who attended the September New Students Retreat at Camp Elphinstone on the Sechelt Peninsula.

The weekend began, for most, with a mad dash on Friday afternoon from the English composition test to SUB to catch one of two buses leaving for Camp Elphinstone. Once on the bus you found mostly strange but friendly faces. You began to relax as the bus threaded through the West End and ambled across the Lions Gate Bridge. But what was this? The bus was going into North Vancouver ... up Capilano Road. Were you really going to Horseshoe Bay ... to Camp Elphinstone? The driver confessed he wasn't lost. It was just that his old bus had never made it up Taylor Way with a full load!

Camp Elphinstone is not for the faint-hearted. The accommodations weren't the Hilton but they just added to the atmosphere. Friday night's ice-breaker sessions were a hit. The students were encouraged to throw out questions. The first, "Where's the beach?" smoked out the Torontonian in the group! To learn a bit about the individuals in the group, each person had two minutes to question one other person who in turn did the same. It was amazing to find that one freshman already had four part-time jobs. Next question: When was he planning to study?

Friday night's party and sing-along was a real hit for some and a real headache for others. Saturday morning arrived too soon and the serious sessions began.

Student president Marlea Haugen spoke about the Alma Mater Society and encouraged the students to serve on its many committees. "Why Get Involved?", the keynote address by Brent Tynan, a member of the Student Affairs Committee, was well received, judging by the standing ovation he received from the group before they adjourned to the party at the old lodge with the music supplied by the CITR.

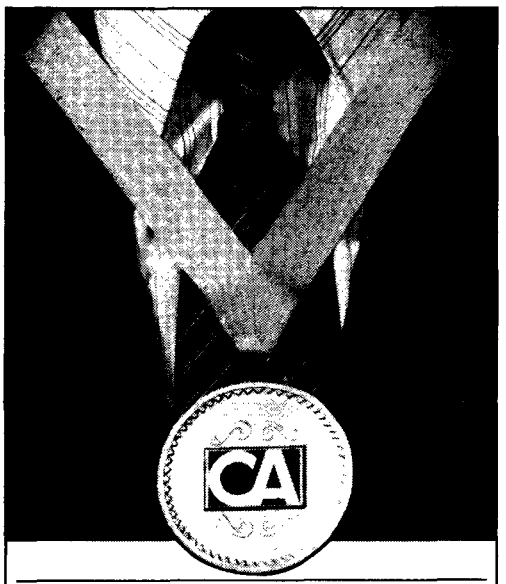
The Sunday morning evaluation and planning session spawned a Frosh Committee which intends to be a functioning group, competing in intramurals and planning their own activities including future New Students Retreats.

The woodsy location, the brilliant sunshine, the tranquil beach surrounded by the spectacular mountains, the sing-alongs and *those* parties were fringe benefits that made the weekend special.

By the time the buses came to pick up the group most people had found a friend or two to walk the mile to the Langdale Ferry Terminal.

Patrice Woo

The mountains, sea and sun were important parts of the New Students Retreat. Alumni president, Robert Smith (standing) was a resource person for the event (see story above).



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The skirl of bagpipes signaled the beginning of an important event in the university's history: the inaugural dinner of the Wesbrook Society. Over 140 alumni and friends of the university attended the October 29 event at the Faculty Club. (Above) Dr. Russell Palmer and his wife were greeted by (from second, left) George Morfitt, society chairman, Peggy Morfitt (hidden), Chancellor J.V. Clyne and Betty Clyne and UBC President Douglas Kenny and Meg Kenny. (Below) Professor emerita Dorothy Somerset chatted with Beatrice Wood, widow of Prof. Freddy Wood.

A very special moment in the program was the unveiling (opposite page, top) by Robert Smith (left), alumni president, of the UBC Proof of "The Family Tree," an original lithograph by internationally-known artist, Sam Black (right). Prof. Black donated 100 copies of the lithograph for presentation to the charter members of the Wesbrook Society. (Membership in the society is offered to individuals and corporations donating at least $1,000 annually to UBC.) (Below, (right) Mrs. Lois Fisher (left), the only woman member of the Thunderbird section of the Wesbrook Society received an update on UBC athletics from athletics director Robert Hindmarch and his wife.

(Left) UBC piper Bruce Thomson and Peggy Morfitt led in the head table.

If This is Fall It Must be Reunions

Reunions, like people come in all sizes and shapes ....Almost half of the members of **Law'51** attended their Sept. 2 gathering. In toting up their distinguished alumni the class noted that 18 of their number had joined the bench. (*Is this a record?*) Four faculty members who had taught the class were on hand: Dean George Curtis, Gilbert Kennedy, Roy Herbert and Charles Bourne....**Law '71** had its day Oct. 3 when 120 attended their 10-year reunion at the Four Seasons Hotel....**Nursing '61** held a two-day reunion with brunches and dinner with 37 attending....**Home Economics '61** celebrated with a luncheon at the Faculty Club....**Applied Science '46** and **'51** and all the **1956 classes** met October 24 for a dinner dance at the graduate student centre. Nearly 200 enjoyed the event.....The same evening the Vancouver Rowing Club hosted the fifth **UBC/VRC** reunion. A large crowd was on hand to meet the new UBC rowing coach Boris Klavora and former coach Frank Read. It was the first time that UBC's women rowers had participated in the reunion. (The women's crews were first formed in 1977.)....The **ice hockey** alumni won their 7th annual game against the Thunderbirds, 5-4, in overtime, Oct. 17. A dinner-dance followed the game. "Reunion team of the year" was the '62-'63 Birds, winners of the first-ever national championship.

Alumni Branches: Where and Why?

"I'm a UBC graduate living in New York City. I see from the *Chronicle* that there is a branch of the alumni association here. Would you let me know who to contact for further information?"

Now that's just the sort of thing the members of the branches committee like to hear. It's their job to plan programs for alumni living away from Vancouver that will help keep the alumni in touch with UBC. There is a wide variety in types of events — open houses, displays, speakers and social events, but they all offer alumni an opportunity to renew links with UBC and to meet other alumni living in their locale.

Programs are formulated and organized with the assistance of a local representative to ensure that they are of interest to alumni living in the area. One of the newest branch programs involves some of UBC's peripatetic faculty members who have offered to speak to alumni gatherings on their academic excursions.

The branches committee is actively seeking additional branch contacts. If you have some time to offer UBC, the committee or your local

representative would like to hear from you. A listing of current alumni reps is on page 27.

New York alumni are organizing a reception to meet UBC president Douglas Kenny in mid-March. Branch representative Rosemary Brough (212) 688-2656 is looking for members for her organizing committee.

Vancouver Institute: The Second Season

Saturday Night Live at UBC is a learning experience. Especially for those who attend the Vancouver Institute lectures.

Plans are still being finalized for the Spring '82 series but among those who have been invited to speak are: Nobel prize winning author, **Saul Bellow; Robert Heilbroner,** a political economist from the New School for Social Research in New York; Oxford philosopher **Charles Taylor; David Williams,** president of Wolfson College, Cambridge, who will speak on the environment and the law; **D. Gerry Wasserburg,** a "very entertaining" geophysicist from California Institute of Technology; economist **Lawrence Klein** and Oxford physicist **George Rada.** These last two are both Cecil H. and Ida Green Visiting Professors.

Two visitors from Princeton are among the invited speakers. Historian **Lawrence Stone** will discuss the origins of the modern family and musician **Edward Cohen** will illustrate aspects of music with his piano.

Land use is a topic which provokes heated debates in B.C. and UBC agriculture professor **V.C. Brink** will examine agricultural land in B.C. The name of the annual *Vancouver Sun* lecturer was not available at press time.

The alumni association, which is represented on the Vancouver Institute Council by president Robert Smith and executive director Peter Jones (who is honorary secretary of the Institute), provides administrative support services that help make the institute's weekly programs possible.

The spring season of lectures begins January 23. The program giving full details of the lectures will soon be available from the alumni office (228-3313).

The Vancouver Institute lectures begin at 8:15 p.m. in the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre. While the lectures are free new members are most welcome. The modest membership fees ($15/family, $10/individual, $2/students) are used to defray printing and advertising costs. To join, send your cheque to the alumni office, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road Vancouver B.C. V6T 1X8.

The Spirit of Fairview

UBC's founding students were — and are — a remarkable group. Representatives from the classes of '16 to '25 are actively involved with projects designed to continue the Fairview traditions and to preserve the history of the university and its students. One of the biggest events on the Fairview calendar is the annual running of the **Arts '20 Relay.** This year over 800 students participated in the run from the original UBC site at Fairview to the Cairn on

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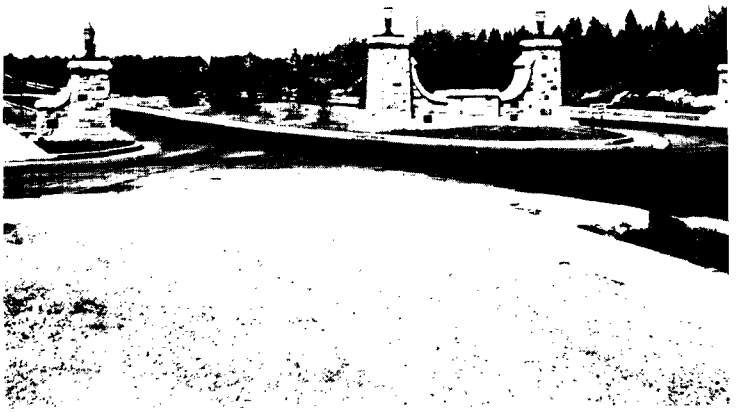

In the '20s they put up The University Gates (above). In the '60s they took them down – a traffic hazard, it seems. In 1981 they put them up again – thanks to a gift from the 1980 grad class.

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Get in Touch

Main Mall. Fairview members were on hand to start the race and welcome the winners and present the prizes. The committee has almost completed its project to hang photographs of all the university registrars in the new administration building. The Fairview members are inviting the classes of '26 to '44 to become involved in the preservation of the history of the university. Grads from those years are urged to contact the alumni office if they are interested. *(Maybe the new group could be called the Point Grey Committee? – Editor)*

UBC's on FM: Are You Listening?

CITR, the campus radio station will flick the switch in February that will put it on the FM radio band for listeners in the Lower Mainland.

The move to FM follows several years of cable broadcasting and long discussions with the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission. Funding for the new transmission equipment was obtained through the assistance of the UBC Alumni Fund ($4,000), the Alma Mater Society and other community donors.

CITR will be broadcasting from 8 a.m. to midnight, daily with news, public affairs and a wide range of music programming. UBC Calendar will offer news of coming campus events while Cityscape will cover the Vancouver scene. There's the Thunderbird Review for sports items and the Melting Pot interviews faculty and students on current research projects. There will also be programs on women's issues and the environment. CITR has made a name for itself on the music it plays, often music that is not heard on commercial stations until much later. With all these plans it sounds like CITR will be a good place to turn to.

The Whistler Experience...

UBC's Whistler mountain cabin — on the doorstep of the skiing areas — is available for individuals or groups year-round. When the snow is on the ground, you can often ski from the door to the bottom of the lifts.

The cabin has been completely renovated and can accommodate up to 60 people. Ideally suited for groups of 10 or more, the cabin has modern facilities and is owned and operated by the Alma Mater Society.

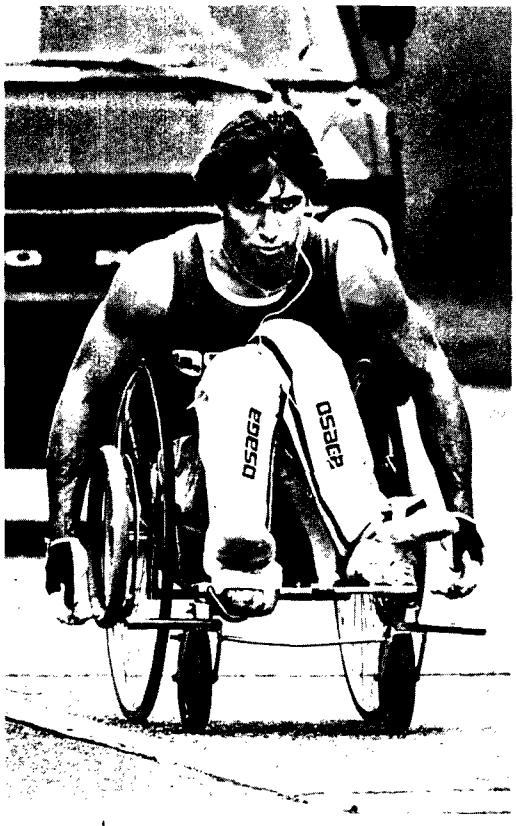
The main lodge has a large kitchen, washrooms and showers, a main lounge and a quiet lounge. The adjoining building contains four dorms, which have been redesigned for more privacy.

The campus community is invited to use the cabin on a casual basis. For the non-student population, the cabin is open Mondays to Fridays, from Nov. 1 to May 31. For more information or reservations, call the AMS at 228-3966.

Alumni Miscellany

Co-op Education is growing at UBC, as it is elsewhere in Canada. Some 18,000 students at 34 Canadian universities and colleges are now involved in the program.

Co-op Education integrates periods of academic study with paid, related work experience. Participating UBC students, mostly engineers and some foresters, do three summer work placements. A total of 105 men and women were placed this past summer with 45 different employers, a significant increase since 1978 when the first 14 women participated. For more information on how Co-op Education can be a part of your organization or company contact the UBC Co-op Education office, 228-3449....**Alpha Gamma Delta** alumni are working to establish a scholarship fund for undergrad sorority sisters. The UBC Alumni Fund has agreed to act as initial depositors for the AGD award, and will issue official tax receipts. Scholarship committee spokesman Susan Tennant says she hopes alumni will continue their support. Cheques can be made payable to the UBC Alumni Fund, and Tennant asks that donations specify whether the funds should be allocated to the fraternity, or the award.... Outstanding women take note! If you were a member of **Delta Sigma Pi,** a campus sorority whose purpose was to recognize women of high leadership, scholarship and service, then please notify the alumni association. Patrice Woo of the student affairs committee would like to hear from you. Plans are being made to reactivate the group.



Vancouver Sun

Rick Hansen has nine units to go before he becomes the first disabled person to earn a UBC physical education degree. This fall he rolled his way around a 20 mile campus course in one hour, 36 minutes to raise money for wheelchair sports. (The Ubyssey calls the annual event "The Rickathon.") Hansen, one of Canada's outstanding athletes is aiming for the marathon at the '84 Olympics for the disabled.

Haida artist **Bill Reid's** masterpiece sculpture, 'The Legend of the Raven,' is the subject of a new film produced by the UBC Museum of Anthropology with the aid of an Alumni Fund grant. Twenty minutes long, it follows the carving of the sculpture from the original inspiration to the unveiling last year by the Prince of Wales. The film is available from the MOA, 228-5087.

Jennings Memorial Scholarship

Friends and colleagues of mathematician **Stephen Jennings** are raising funds to endow a scholarship in his name.

While at UBC, Jennings founded the honors math program and served on the task force that led to the establishment of the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University, as well as the community college system.

At Victoria he became dean of graduate studies, vice-president of the university and acting president.

Friends and alumni wishing to donate to the scholarship fund may send a cheque payable to the Stephen A. Jennings Scholarship, University of Victoria Foundation, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Y2. Or contact W. R. Gordon, BA'57, MA'61, at 477-6911, local 6163.

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The Financial Crunch Comes to UBC

The financial crunch. We've all heard of it. We're all seeing what it's doing to our incomes and cost of living. But as alumni we should also be aware of its effect on post-secondary education in this country — particularly on UBC.

The provincial government makes direct grants to the university — though a large percentage of that funding comes indirectly from the federal government as a result of a long-standing agreement. This agreement is about to undergo some substantial changes as a result of the November 12 federal budget. In this issue of the *Chronicle* Michael Valpy, a former editor of the *Ubyssey*, and now Ottawa columnist for the *Globe and Mail*, reports on these changes and what their impact may be on Canadian universities. I hope you will read his report.

Consider the difference that a university education has made to your life, to the life of your family and on a wider plane to the province, the country and even beyond its borders. If there is not more than survival support for the academic enterprise we will all suffer.

Research, particularly at universities has led the way to a better life for all of us. But research is not something which can be turned on and off like a tap. It needs a pool of highly educated individuals and, for the most part, very sophisticated equipment and materials.

There's a domino effect in education. Without the incentive and financial aid students won't be in the classroom to be taught. Without teaching, research will suffer and the effect will be felt in every field from health sciences and humanities to applied sciences and the arts. The price of *not* supporting higher education is a price this country can not afford.

On its part the university needs to tell its story. Only in this way can strong public support for higher education be generated. Every dollar that is given to the university — whether from alumni, corporations, service clubs or individuals means much more that just a financial contribution. It shows the political decision makers the priorities of their voters.

I urge you, as alumni, to make your support of the university known. I urge you to learn as much as possible about the questions debated and the decisions taken by our elected officials that effect post-secondary education. I also urge you to question those decisions in light of their long-term implications. As alumni and citizens, TUUM EST.

Robert J. Smith
President, UBC Alumni Association

Current Events ...

Education institutions throughout the country are examining their programs and budgets in light of current economic conditions. UBC is not an exception. The following material is reprinted from UBC Reports *and outlines the university's situation and the action that President Douglas Kenny has taken. (It has been edited for space reasons.)*

At the October 16 meeting of the university senate President Kenny reported on the financial situation. He said:

The university has reached the bottom line — academically and fiscally.

It is clear that our present financial resources cannot continue to support the quality, the size and the scope of the academic programs we now have, much less sustain sufficient capacity to lead in the exploration of new academic areas. Of course, our current fiscal situation is not unique among institutions of higher education in North America. McGill, for example, has an estimated $15.5 million deficit for 1981-82.

Our finances are in a state of grave uncertainty for three main reasons:

(a) double-digit inflation;

(b) operating grants from government significantly below what the university has requested; and

(c) the university does not have the same ability as most of industry to offset rising costs with rising productivity — there are few, if any, shortcuts to producing highly educated people....

Obviously, the university must seek to

Fifty Years Ago....

Fifty years ago the university was faced with a financial crisis that threatened its continued existence. The students, alumni and faculty launched a sustained and successful campaign to encourage public support for the university. Winston Shilvock, BA'31, BCom'32, an active member of the Student Publicity Campaign has provided some memories of those times.

"The first intimation of the drastic cuts in the provincial government grant (almost over 50% in two years) reached President Klink just before Christmas." The students knew nothing of the cuts until a blast came from the *Ubyssey* on January 12. By the end of the month the students felt some positive action should be taken and a meeting was called on the suggestion of two alumni to discuss the possibility of concerted action to influence the public support of the university. In the space of two days the Student Publicity Committee was established with an executive chaired by Ken Martin. It was decided to show the public how dramatically the various faculties would be affected. When news of the budget cut reached the general public it no longer seemed to be a question of whether or not one faculty could continue to do its work but whether or not the university could survive.

There were newspaper advertisements, thousands of letters, radio speeches, even book marks in libraries, to help make people aware of the problem. The students felt that almost everyone in B.C. was approached one way or another. The student committee arranged a meeting with the board of governors to try and get details of the cuts. Word got out and instead on one delegation there were 96 different organizations on hand to plead that action be taken to stop "the slaughter of the university."

The effect of this publicity was a statement from the minister of education that the matter was closed. The students after meeting with the government were undaunted and decided to play their trump card: a monster petition.

Speed was essential. An AMS meeting February 11 made the plans and the first-ever 'extra' of the *Ubyssey* recorded the results on the 13th. The success was phenomenal. More than 70,000 signatures were collected by 2,000 students.

In July the government rejected a report that recommended consideration be given to closing the university. That settled the matter.

The university was maintained, but at a reduced level. Recovery came fairly quickly after 1933 but for those who waited at Point Grey it seemed to be forever.

demonstrate to the province that the need for higher education is as important as many other public priorities and that the university will return invaluable economic and social benefits in exchange for the province's investment. Perhaps we have not sufficiently communicated to the public and the government the social, cultural and economic benefits of the university. I would welcome any suggestions on how the university may place this issue before the public and the government....

The belt-tightening had already begun in 1976, and by 1980 the academic ribs could be counted. The cumulative effect of this compression of funds, plus the announcement of an 11.83 per cent increase in the 1981-82 operating grant, which, incidentally, is totally inadequate to meet salary and wage increases and the higher costs of materials and supplies, adds up to a financial crunch of major proportions.

Higher education is not a source of inflation; it is a victim of inflation. Inflation has drastically increased our operating costs, but our income has not increased correspondingly....

About 15 per cent of the total cost of running the university is in non-salary items. Many of these expenses are virtually non-controllable costs, such as heat, light, water, insurance, telephone, paper, books and so forth. For 1982-83 the university has estimated an inflation factor on four distinct components of its budget as follows:

(a) utilities	25%
(b) books and periodicals	22.5%
(c) scientific equipment	17.5%
(d) other supplies	13%

The inflation on supplies will add about $4.7 million to our operating costs in 1982-83. And this brings me to an assessment of the financial consequences of the arbitrator's award for faculty salaries in 1981-82.

The university received an increase in the 1981-82 operating grant for general purposes of 11.83%. This represented the limit of the university's ability to pay salary increases in 1981-82. Accordingly, the university's final offer to the Faculty Association was a salary increase of 12% for continuing members, which included 3% for career adjustments.

The arbitrator awarded an across-the-board increase of 18% in addition to the 3% for career advancement adjustments. Thus, the shortfall is 9% of the salary base and associated fringe benefits for continuing members of the bargaining unit, i.e. 9% of $80,405,000 or $7,236,450....

(The agreement between the university and the faculty association calls for binding arbitration in the event they are unable to reach a settlement. – Editor)

I have taken three steps to assure that the additional costs and commitments arising from the arbitrator's award can be met. First, I recommended to the board of governors that they request the shortfall of over $7 million from the Universities Council in order to maintain the integrity and excellence of existing programs.

Second, I have taken steps to cope with the immediate shortfall this fiscal year and to minimize its effect on requirements for future years. Various budget control policies have been implemented to see us through the current year without a deficit and over the long run to adjust commitments so that they are consistent with expected revenues. I fully recognize that these belt-tightening policies are academically painful, but they are necessary to avoid a deficit — which we are not permitted to incur.

Third, and for the longer term, I am in the process of appointing a committee to advise me on the nature and location of retrenchments that may be necessary. I hope this committee will never have to make its recommendations to me. For if they do, succeeding generations will be the losers even more than we ourselves. The maintenance of quality universities is one of the few investments we can make in the future of society. Such an investment must not be thwarted. □

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Writing From Outside

The Personal View of George Bowering

The First in a Series of Essays by Distinguished University of British Columbia Alumni.

I am advertised in the SFU English department calendar as a teacher of creative writing. I have been trying for years to have the editors correct that error (or as I call it in my more testy moments, that calumny). I used to teach creative writing at a university in Montreal, when I was a writer-in-residence. Some of my students are now successful poets, journalists and fiction writers. But when I returned to the west coast in 1971, I started a career as a person who does not teach creative writing (or as John Newlove calls it, creative writhing).

I can imagine my teaching creative writing again. If a university in Belize asked me to come there and teach it for a year, I would go. It would be worth it because I would get a year in Belize. I would even consider a similar offer from Toronto. I have been offered such jobs lately in a few large Canadian cities, but at writer-in-residence pay, which would get me into trouble with my mortgage company.

You see that I am saying that the idea of teaching creative writing can be a good one — for the teacher. When people ask me why I don't teach a writing course, though, I say that I like to spend the semester studying great professional writing rather than looking at similar tyro poems and stories every year. Of course that is not all the story: in Montreal and Burnaby I have always voted against any departmental motion to expand the creative writing program.

But I took creative writing at UBC, as people keep reminding me. I even obtained half a degree in creative writing there in 1960. Then I became a catch-up student before getting into graduate school in literature. Most of my friends came as I did out of the hills to the glamor and dream of actual courses in writing, our writing. Later in our college years we alienated the people in charge of the writing program by going elsewhere for our inspiration, forming a kind of alternative course of studies in composition.

While I was enrolled in the official credit courses I learned one thing: keep writing, a lot. That was during my first year at UBC. Later, as a graduate student, teaching assistant, *Ubyssey* columnist, *Tish* editor, poet, and the worst actor in the Players' Club, I found time to write a 550-page novel in 11 months. You are not going to see that novel, but perhaps you have seen my name attached to the ambiguous adjective, "prolific." I credit my first creative writing course with that acquired trait.

When I was going to university, UBC was the only school in Canada with a department of writing. Now people can take creative writing courses for credit anywhere in the country. My daughter has been taking creative writing at primary school! When one asks a school teacher why the children are doing creative writing rather than spelling, the teacher will usually say that it is done in order to foster the children's creativity. When asked what that means, the teacher will more often than not reply that it means giving the child a chance to express herself.

When university students, thinking that I teach creative writing, tell me they want to study such a thing because of their desire to express themselves, my heart shrinks. Poetry is not yourself, I tell them; poetry does not come from inside. It comes as it always has, from the world. The poet's job is not to disgorge, but to read all the great and good writing that has been granted to the human race, to learn all the mechanics of our language, tune his body, and then listen. The poet is not an ex-presser but a reacher. The poet, Jack Spicer, was one of our teachers beyond the creative writing department. Poetry-writing is what Jack Spicer called it, the practice of outside.

I am sure that there are more creative writing courses than there are good writers in the country, so there are probably creative writing teachers in high schools, in community programs, and even in universities, who encourage their charges to express themselves. I know from my personal observation that there are teachers who support two bromides just as pernicious as the notion of expressing self. These are: "write what you know," and "find your own voice."

If I were really a creative writing teacher I would get a senior course, and try to deprogram the students who had learned to be satisfied with those notions. Find out what you can learn by writing, I would say. A writer's reach should exceed her grasp, or what's a pencil for? Try to forget your own voice, I would say, and listen hard for what the language is saying. If someone asks you, as citizens are always asking writers, who do you write for, who is your audience — be in a position to answer truthfully that when you are caught in the act of writing, you yourself are the audience, hearing a voice you've trained your ear to receive.

I was told near the end of one writing course that at last I had found my own voice, and at the time I felt warm and gratified, a dangerous condition for a writer. Fortunately I didn't continue to write that way. A writer who finds his own voice is likely to stay with it, turning out the same book over and over. That is what readers of schlock are looking for. If their favorite best-selling author tries a departure they become disappointed, and any writer interested in moolah and power does not want disappointed readers.

Similarly, writers who write what they know will keep on writing it, and they will tend to know little more late in their careers than what they knew after their first books. They will be what the semi-amateur newspaper reviewers are always looking for: writers who are "in control of their material." Now really, isn't that a dreadful phrase? □

George Bowering, BA'60, MA'63, is one of very few Canadians to have received two Governor-General's awards for literature. The first, in 1969, was for poetry and the second, last year, for his novel, Burning Water, The Story of George Vancouver. *One of the founding editors of the "notorious west coast poetry journal,* 'Tish,' *he is also an essayist and playwright. His most characteristic work, combining elements of verse and prose are called serial poems and published as separate books. He has taught at American and Canadian universities and is currently professor of English at Simon Fraser University.*

Whatever Happened to the Federal Education Dollar?

Michael Valpy

"A nation which seeks to compete must get its national and fiscal priorities right. We find ourselves at a time when new knowledge is going to determine the future of nations."
– UBC President Douglas T. Kenny

That statement by President Kenny is as good a theme-setter as any for this essay. It is contained in a brief he submitted earlier this year to the Parliamentary Task Force on Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements.

Federal-provincial fiscal arrangements is a mouthful of a label that means Ottawa pays about two-thirds of post-secondary education operating costs in Canada. The sum totals $3.5-billion for the current fiscal year. What Ottawa wants, and what Finance Minister Allan MacEachen's budget has signalled, is a new deal on the money it spends.

Let me now tell you that nothing more strains the capabilities of Canadian journalism than the subject of federal-provincial fiscal arrangements, particularly the workings of Established Programs Financing (EPF). *It is a horrible subject.* Newspapers and news magazines over the years have come to grips with its complexities by over-simplifying it, or by getting it wrong — and in either case by saying as little about it as they can get away with. EPF is fed-prov jargon for the federal payments made to provincial institutions and governments for hospital costs, health care and post-secondary education. I am writing about the post-secondary education part.

EPF pay-outs in the 1981-82 fiscal year are worth about $322.6-million to post-secondary operating costs in British Columbia, or about 67.3 per cent of the total. Mainly that amount is transferred directly to the British Columbia government. Roughly another $25-million of federal money can be added to the B.C. post-secondary pot this year under the name of "revenue guarantee"; remember that figure, it now is contentious.

EPF pay-outs are negotiated by Ottawa and the provinces every five years. The current agreement expires at the end of March, 1982. It is for the next five-year agreement that Ottawa wants new rules.

The new rules for post-secondary education financing proposed in MacEachen's budget amount to a slightly reduced growth rate in federal spending, plus more federal influence over how the money is to be spent. The new rules do not seem unreasonable.

Richard Bellaire, an expert on university financing who works for the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), says: "We can live with them . . . depending upon what the provincial governments do." He means: Depending on whether the provincial governments use their own money to make up for the reduced federal contribution, or whether they enforce cutbacks on services.

The reduction in the federal pay-outs is to be phased in — to minimize trauma. And the influence that Ottawa wants, so long as it is sensitive to the workings of the whole system, should improve the delivery of national post-secondary education. Ottawa simply wants to see post-secondary institutions turning out more of the kinds of graduates that the country's economy needs. That is what President Kenny's statement is about.

MacEachen, therefore, is delivering two messages:

First, he is saying the federal government has to restrain its expenditures. Ottawa has a big deficit. However, as MacEachen says in his budget: "Provincial governments have enjoined us to reduce the federal deficit, but not at their expense." In other words, he has been urged to cut, but not to cut into EPF.

But he argues that EPF pay-outs over the years have increased annually at a much faster rate than most provincial support for post-secondary education. Certainly that is true for British Columbia. In 1967-68, when post-secondary EPF began, Ottawa paid 60.8 per cent of post-secondary operating costs across the country (53.9 per cent in B.C.). In 1981-82, it is paying 63.6 per cent across the country (67.7 per cent in B.C.).

His second message is that Ottawa has been getting scant credit — in Ottawa jargon: insufficient visibility — for the money it does spend. The cash and tax-point grants Ottawa gives to the provincial governments for post-secondary education are unconditional; that is, without strings. The provinces alone decide how they are to be spent.

When the last EPF agreements were made, in 1976, federal-provincial guidelines on post-secondary financing were set down. The guidelines said Ottawa and the provincial governments together should work out national goals for post-secondary education.

Those consultations have gone nowhere, largely because the provincial governments have stalled on them. MacEachen now is insisting on consultations. He also is saying that if the consultations do not have a satisfactory outcome, he will become stingier with the federal cheque-book.

That is the framework. Let's look at the details.

What has MacEachen's budget cut immediately out of EPF? MacEachen says nothing. He says that what he has eliminated is something called the "revenue guarantee", which is not a part of EPF. By discontinuing it, MacEachen estimates he will save $5.316-billion over the next five years.

The revenue guarantee was first

introduced in 1972 as a five-year transition program to help provinces adjust to some income tax changes. It was a lure. The provinces didn't know what effect the tax changes would have on their revenues. So to entice them into accepting the changes, Ottawa promised to guarantee their revenues at a specified level until the new system was broken in.

The guarantee should have expired in 1976-77. Instead, in some unpredicted bargaining between Ottawa and the provinces it got folded into EPF entitlements for another five years. That, at least, is the federal explanation.

MacEachen says the provincial governments in the past have never let Ottawa include the revenue guarantee in EPF calculations. Therefore, he says, that is proof that even the provinces do not consider the revenue guarantee to be part of EPF. Gotcha, says MacEachen.

So that's $5.316-billion.

MacEachen also proposes to slightly alter the formula by which EPF pay-outs are calculated, beginning in April. That will save him another $374-million over the next five years — for a total of $5.690-billion.

But as he taketh away, he also giveth. He has introduced tax changes that will increase provincial revenues by $3.790-billion over the five-year period — leaving the provinces with a net reduction to their revenues of $1.9-billion. The effect of the one hand giving while the other takes is (apart from being MacEachenesque) to cushion the impact of the federal reduction.

MacEachen calculates that total EPF pay-outs over the next five years will be $104-billion ($9.2-billion for B.C.). The post-secondary share has been calculated in the past at 31.2 per cent of the total — so $32.448-billion ($2.87-billion for B.C.). The givething and takething amounts to a five-year net reduction for provincial revenues of 1.8 per cent. That, in turn, translates to a bottom line for B.C. post-secondary education of something like $50-million less from Ottawa.

The parliamentary task force on EPF concluded, after a summer's study, that post-secondary education is seriously underfinanced in most parts of Canada, but not because of the inadequacy of federal contributions.

It argued, however, that any sharp reduction in federal contributions likely would destabilize the entire system, because the provinces would not make up the difference.

What MacEachen has done is less than he was threatening to do and about what the provinces expected him to do. Richard Bellaire of CAUT said he attended a conference on post-secondary education in British Columbia earlier this year and was told by B.C. government officials that they anticipated the elimination of the revenue guarantee.

Provincial governments argued at the parliamentary task force hearings that growth in EPF pay-outs is not keeping pace with inflation. The task force agreed. But its report also pointed out that "forecasts of higher education operating costs . . . indicate virtually no increase in costs in real terms over the next several years."

The forecasts are contingent, of course, upon what demands Ottawa and the provinces put on the national post-secondary system. That brings us to the second of MacEachen's signals: more federal influence on post-secondary spending.

MacEachen says in his budget that unless there is satisfactory federal-provincial progress by March 31, 1983, toward establishing common national goals for the system, Ottawa will freeze EPF cash payments to the provinces for post-secondary education at the 1982-83 level. That threat closely parallels the proposal made to the task force by former federal deputy finance minister Thomas Shoyama, a UBC grad now teaching at University of Victoria's School of Public Administration.

That freeze would be devastating.

For British Columbia, in 1981-82, the cash portion (the rest is in tax points) of the EPF post-secondary pay-out was 58 per cent of the total. If MacEachen applied a freeze after 1982-83, it would mean a loss to B.C. of about $417-million over the next four years.

It is not clear what increased influence Ottawa wants. But you can put some statements together — MacEachen's, for example, to the task force: "The post-secondary transfer (EPF), to the extent it serves federal policy, is mainly related to long-term economic development."

And President Kenny's brief to the task force:

"Canada needs an estimated additional 1,500 researchers by 1985 to meet the federal target of 1.5 per cent of gross national product to be spent on research and development by the mid-1980s.

"Canada needs 8,000 foresters over the next decade, or twice the number now graduated in Canada. Canada needs 740 PhDs in agricultural science between 1980 and 1986, but is only turning out 49 graduates per year. Canadian universities have about 300 openings for business professors and yet 15 to 20 PhDs will be graduated annually . . . this shortage will prevent students from studying in faculties of commerce."

The federal-provincial consultations will be complex and delicate. What, first of all, does MacEachen mean by "satisfactory progress?" How much influence will Ottawa be allowed — and in what form — before the provinces cry out that Ottawa is intruding too far into the provincial constitutional domain of education? What will be the stance of the government of Quebec?

And if post-secondary education is increasingly to serve national economic development, what is the future for philosophers and English scholars, eh? □

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The Money Game

Alumni Summer College '82 Considers the Implications of Wealth

Anne MacLachlan

Ahh money ... if you haven't got it, how do you make it? If you make it, how do you keep it — better still, make it grow?

Most of us aren't very good at money management. Just as soon as we find a way to make an extra dollar — the picture changes. Faced with a bewildering array of options, struggling to keep abreast, most of us don't do as well as we could. We'll likely earn more than a million dollars in our lifetimes. *What will we have to show for it? What do we want our money to do?*

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An Outstanding Program

The college promises to be a "very special experience, a carefully-thought-through program that blends the intellectual with social and leisure activities.

"We will have some pretty high-powered people on the college faculty," says Joanne Ricci, assistant professor of nursing and chair of the alumni college committee. One such faculty member is Andrew Kniewasser, president of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada. Kniewasser, who usually addresses such august groups as economic councils, will be on hand as one of several resource people.

Another resource person will be economist Dr. Robert Will, dean of arts and professor of economics. (A list of the faculty will be in the next issue of The Chronicle.)

An important part of the program is informal discussion and exchanges between participants and faculty. "It's not just passive participation, it's a sharing process," Ricci says.

Social and Cultural Activities

The college offers more than just intellectual nourishment; there's food for the body and soul too. Social, recreational and cultural events are equally important.

Lunches, dinners and informal get-togethers dot the program, which has been arranged for up to 80 participants. Highlights include a tour of the Museum of Anthropology, with a Potlatch presentation by museum director Dr. Michael Ames (followed by a traditional Native Indian salmon barbeque). Director Dr. Roy Taylor hosts a tour of the UBC Botanical Gardens and a picnic buffet.

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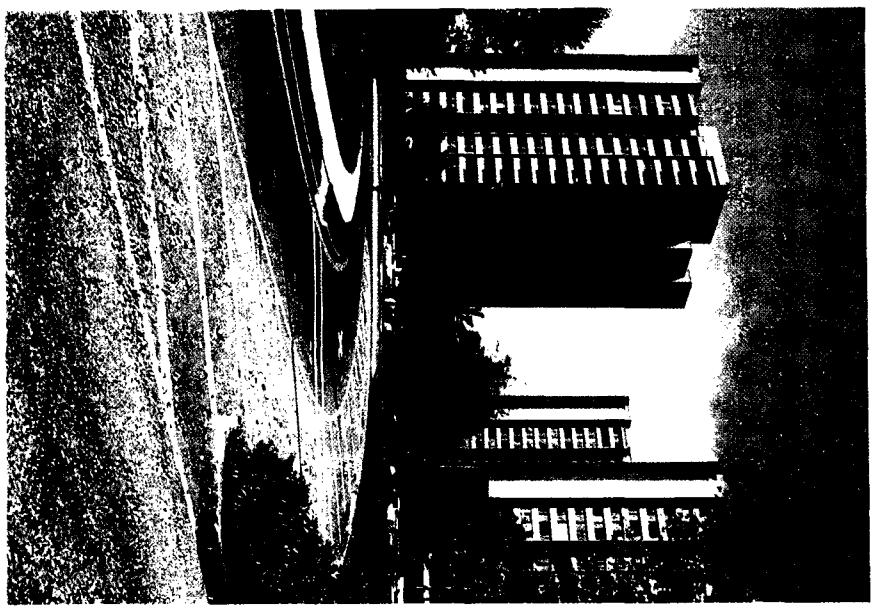

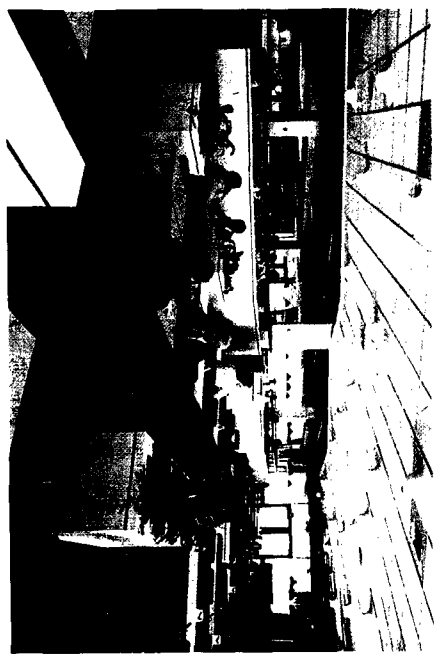

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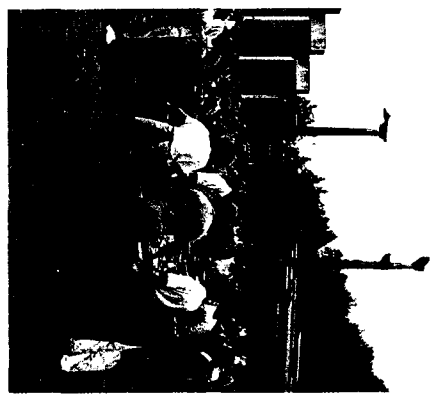
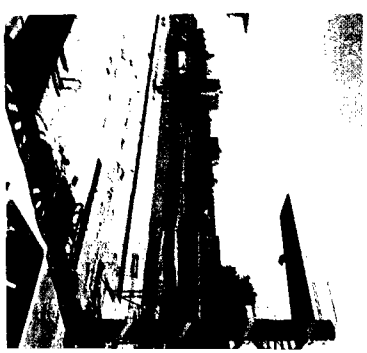
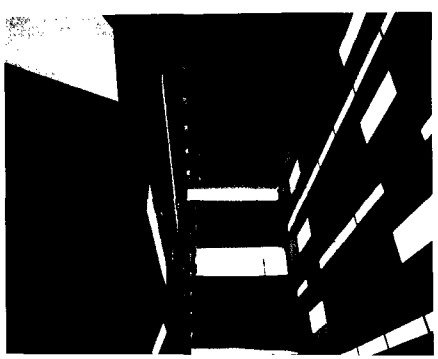
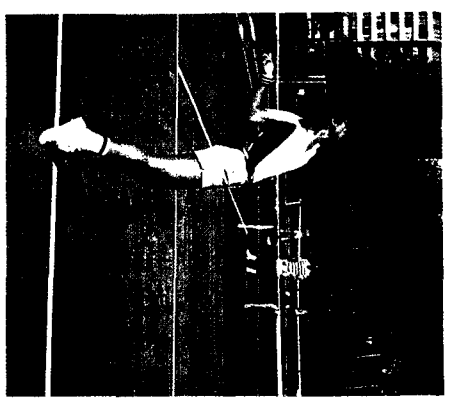








The Ghost of Canada's Past and Other Literary Lights.

When the cry "Author, Author ..." is heard an amazing number of UBC alumni can stand to accept the acclaim. Some of them are widely known like Pierre Berton, Earle Birney, Jack Hodgins,and George Bowering. Many others have more specialized but equally devoted readers. The Chronicle has sought out some of these writers and asked what makes them write. Each has a different story to tell. Space has restricted the number of participants, but maybe this is an article that should end "To Be Continued...."

It's always been assumed that John Diefenbaker wrote, or at least dictated his own memoirs. Ditto for Lester Pearson and Jack Horner. But it's not so.

Listed discreetly in publications as editor or principle writer/historian, ghost writer John A. Munro, has been publishing and popularizing the words and deeds of our politicians for the past 12 years. What forces led him to specialize in capturing what he calls "the sound and character" of his subjects?

While Munro, BA'62, MA'65, was working on his thesis under Dean F. H. Soward he taught Canadian history at Vancouver's Shurpass College. He fondly reminisces about closing his classroom door and bringing history alive for his students.

By 1969 he was resident historian in the federal department of external affairs. The following year retired prime minister Lester Pearson asked Munro to provide him with lengthy reports as the basis for his memoirs. Pearson, familiar with Munro's work at external affairs also requested that he produce a narrative to "bridge" the purely factual information. Not only was Munro bridging the facts, he was also selecting what Pearson-era history would be told, by virtue of deciding what material to include in the reports.

Pearson died while the second volume of *Mike* was in the works and Munro learned a great deal about the craft of ghost writing — literally and figuratively — from producing the 3-volume memoirs. He learned the necessity of protecting and defending his subject, confessing that "You do censor your material to a degree."

By 1973 Munro's reputation for memoirs was growing. The CBC approached him for assistance on a television series on former prime minister John Diefenbaker. The result was "One Canadian" in which Munro was billed as interviewer and historical consultant. About the same time Munro was asked to take on the Diefenbaker memoirs. In contact to the close working relationship with Pearson, Munro says that working with Diefenbaker, which included some 200 hours of interviews — was "straight ghosting from the beginning." Despite some tumultuous moments Munro thinks of Diefenbaker as sort of an uncle — for better or worse. He adds that sometimes it was necessary to render passages of *One Canada* muddy or to "fudge" them, especially when the Chief's memory conflicted with fact.

Recently Munro captured the "sound and character" of Alberta politician Jack Horner. He is currently finalizing the manuscript on a Western separatist and putting the last touches to *The Wit and Wisdom of John Diefenbaker*.

Beyond that the ghost writer says he is uncertain as to his future plans. What is certain is that John A. Munro, teacher, writer and today, director of the University of Saskatchewan Diefenbaker Centre — understands the importance of coloring our history and recreating the sound and character of Canada's past.

John Munro

Elizabeth Chater

A well-known critic once said that all people in society today were either "horrible" or "miserable," that most human beings are basically hopeless and unsatisfied with their lot in life. Not Elizabeth Chater, BA'31 ! She is so enthusiastic about what she's doing that it's almost contagious.

Chater, at 71, has been professionally writing historical romance novels since she was in her late sixties, although she has also published a murder mystery and several science fiction stories. The prolific writing career is only one of Chater's achievements. It follows an equally superb academic one.

After her three children were grown, Chater, at 53, took a master's degree in English and creative writing at San Diego State College, where she taught for 16 years. She didn't leave the college, though, without receiving the distinguished teaching award in 1968 and being voted outstanding campus professor in 1977, when she retired as professor emerita of English. As Chater says with a laugh, "the middle-aged Canadian lady did all right!"

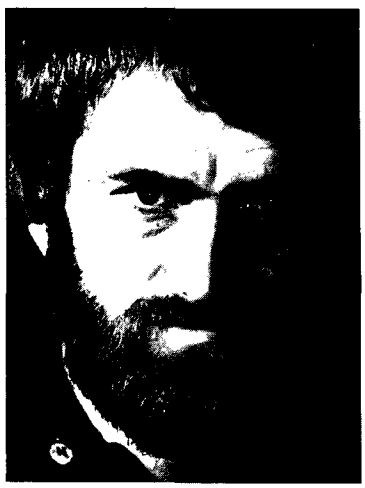
When her husband died in 1978, Chater immersed herself in her current passion, writing "Regency" and "Georgian" romances. ("Regency" referring to the period between 1811-1820 when the Prince of Wales was Regent before becoming George IV.) Part of the fun in writing the novels, Chater says, is the research, which involves travelling to Bath, England, to study the costumes, manners, and language of the period. She also uses a special slang dictionary to make her characters' speech more authentic. "The research is my recreation," she says.

Chater believes that she has succeeded in writing because she had once read that "you should write what you like to read," and took it to heart. When her science fiction stories were published in the '60s, she had to use a male pseudonym because it was not thought at the time that women were interested in science fiction.

At the moment, Chater is working on a contemporary romance, to be of a more racy nature than her comparatively tame "Regencies." "Young women don't want to hear about a gentleman kissing a lady's hand," she laughs. But she is a little apprehensive about this undertaking, aware of the emphasis in today's literature on the "physical act" of sex as opposed to the occasional witty remark about it in the historical romance.

But like the character of the woman she likes to portray in her novels, Chater is spirited and spunky, and one has the feeling she will still be adding items to her success story for years to come.

Elizabeth Collins



Ian Slater

It was about a year ago that Ian Slater began thinking of himself as a writer who teaches, rather than a teacher who writes. Slater (BA'72, MA'73, PhD'77) has just had his third novel published, and his completed fourth novel is now with his agent. All ecological thrillers, his books make good use of his varied background as oceanography technician, political science student and writer. Slater turned these disparate interests into a winning combination with his first book, *Firespill,* which was the $50,000 Seal Books first novel award winner in 1977. For the promotion of Slater's first novel, Seal Books even invented a new drink — Amaretto, Cointreau, Courvoisier and cream served in a dry-ice lined glass. *Firespill,* about an oil spill off the B.C. coast, sold 67,000 copies in Canada (usually 5,000 copies marks a fiction best-seller in Canada), sold well over one-third of a million in North America, and was translated into eight foreign languages.

Not bad for something originally written as a movie script while the author was also working on his political science doctoral dissertation on George Orwell. The Australian-born Slater had always written, but it wasn't until he began his studies at UBC that he took any formal creative writing courses. Those courses, he says, "taught me a lot about the discipline of writing. Writing a novel is 90 per cent hard work. You must begin with talent but you have to put in the time." Slater was twice a winner in the *Chronicle* Creative Writing Competition for UBC students.

After completing his PhD, Slater taught in the Arts I program at UBC — a multi-discipline program for first-year Arts students — and wrote *Seagold,* another thriller about off-shore mineral rights. His third novel, *Air Glow Red,* about solar power, was published by Doubleday in September.

His teaching load now cut to one course on engineers in society, for applied science students, Slater can devote more time to writing. But he chooses to teach for two reasons. He needs the money, as do most fiction-writers in Canada, but he also needs the social stimulation of being around students. "You can't write in isolation," he says.

Judith Walker

Roy MacLaren

"Writing is my game of squash," says Roy MacLaren. Liberal M.P. since 1979 for the Toronto riding of Etobicoke North, publisher and part-owner of *Canadian Business* and *Energy* magazines, Chairman of CB Media Ltd. MacLaren, BA'55, (MA,Cam.), is currently parliamentary secretary to the minister of energy, mines and resources. At the same time, notwithstanding his modest approach to writing, he has made a unique contribution to Canadian historical research in three books — *Canadians in Russia, 1918-1919* (Macmillan, Toronto, 1976), *Canadians on the Nile, 1882-1898* (UBC Press, 1978) and, most recently, *Canadians behind Enemy Lines, 1939-1945* (UBC Press, 1981).

How does he do it? Because he enjoys writing, MacLaren makes time for it. Most of *Canadians behind Enemy Lines* was written in the early hours of the morning and in airplanes ("The telephone doesn't ring").

Ever since his days at UBC, he has been "immensely interested in history and the way history is written." He does all his research himself. Although the books were not planned as a series, MacLaren admits that the feeling "Who knows Canada who only Canada knows?" prompted him to investigate the behavior of Canadians in various world hot spots. What stands out, in his view, is a hardy common sense, shared by the backwoodsmen working as boatmen on the Nile in the 1880s, the soldiers sent to Russia in 1918 and the cool-headed spies and saboteurs of World War II.

In *Canadians behind Enemy Lines*, MacLaren performs the difficult feat of combining individual stories of courage and ingenuity with a comprehensive view of the role of Canadians with the British Secret Service. He shows how this country's multi-national origins made Canadians particularly valuable as agents in France, Eastern Europe and Asia.

The agents who survived their training had a certain love of risk which MacLaren himself seems to share. He has never been satisfied to let the system carry him along. When he left the external affairs department in 1969, he had behind him a 12-year record of constant promotion, yet the feeling of being, as he puts it, "on the escalator" made him restless. He wanted to "get out and take some risks."

His entry into politics in 1979 corresponded to a desire to take an active part in Canadian public life. "It was not," he says, smiling, "because I imagined I had the solution to the country's problems."

MacLaren is already planning another book, which he describes as "less ambitious." He wants to edit the diary of an African explorer. His writing, which he modestly puts at the level of an amusement, a form of relaxation, has become necessary to him. "I would feel there was something wrong if I weren't writing," he says. More than just a pleasure, writing is a discipline, a way of keeping his balance in the world. "To write clearly is a way of thinking clearly. I am sceptical of unnecessary words. I write a draft and then throw out every redundant word. I try to tighten the prose until it squeaks."

Elizabeth Ritchie

Geoffrey Cornish

A superlative swing with your favorite club, the ball soaring accurately towards the first green — now that's satisfaction. Not a thought is cast towards the guy who made it all possible. It's only when that self-same soaring ball lands plop in a trap that you swear (silently, of course) at the person who designed the course in the first place....

It might well have been Geoffrey S. Cornish, BSA'35, one of North America's few golf course architects. Some 170 courses of his design are in play in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

Cornish faced his biggest challenge when wealthy financier Lawrence Wien got teed off at the endless waits. Wien, who then owned the Empire State building, went to Connecticut, bought a huge chunk of land, phoned Cornish and asked him to come and look.

What Cornish saw was a rocky chunk of land — lovely, but there was almost no soil on it. As Cornish tells the story, he said: "Wien, it's impossible." The owner's response was simply: "When do I get my golf course?" So they trucked in the soil, and the subsoil, and eventually built what is one of the most elaborate courses in Connecticut.

Another interesting course Cornish has designed is the New Ashburn, near Halifax, N.S., cut entirely through forest. He tries to retain as much of the natural terrain and vegetation as possible, so keeping a lot of the forest was important.

The opposite faced him at Macedonia in northern Greece, where almost nothing grew on a semi-arid strip of land squeezed between the ocean and high mountains. There the real problem was the way salt affected the minimal vegetation, he said.

But Cornish doesn't mind. He loves travelling and the variety of his job, and has no immediate plans to retire. There are some 102 golf course architects in North America, but since only 100 or so courses open yearly, most of their work is in improving existing courses.

Cornish, who lives in Fiddlers Green, Amherst, Mass., is senior author of a just-published history of golf course architecture, entitled, appropriately enough, *The Golf Course*. It's a long way and many courses from his first job at West Vancouver's Capilano in 1935 ....

Anne MacLachlan

Shirley Hewett graduated from UBC in 1955 with a BA, and the following year completed teacher training. And although she has taught, it has been writing — not teaching — that has occupied an important place in her busy life.

"I really got into writing when I became heavily involved in boating," she recalls. In the late '60s she wrote a regular column for the *Victoria Times* entitled "Around Our Shores," about sailboat racing, yachting, and people in the thriving boating community of Victoria and the Gulf Islands.

"There was a period there when I had three children in five years, and quit writing," she says. "The writing dropped off, but not the sailing! That was always my first love."

Jeremy Hewett, Shirley's husband, teaches sailing, sells boats, writes a little, and is generally an effective, energetic sailboat aficionado.

Together they ran "The Bosun's Locker," a boating supply store in Sidney near Victoria in the late '50s and early '60s, and started the first Island dealership for the "Cal" series of sailboats. Shirley's own business was "Bosun's Charters," the first sailboat charter and rental business in the area.

Through the 1970s, Shirley began writing and selling a steady stream of boating articles to local, regional and national magazines and papers. The classic Swiftsure sailboat race held every May from Victoria has become Shirley's special beat. She has been providing radio commentary on race days since 1969, and last January, she published her first book (with Humphrey Golby), "Swiftsure — The First Fifty Years." The book has elicited a good response, and is selling well in Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle.

For the past three years, Hewett has been handling the publicity for Victoria's annual Classic Boat Festival. "It's been very exciting," she says. "I'm fascinated by people and wooden boats." From her comfortable home on Ten Mile Point in Victoria, she can look across Cadboro Bay to the Yacht Club, where some of the most beautiful boats on the coast tie up.

Shirley Hewitt

"Writing is almost an addiction," she reflects. "There's such satisfaction in seeing it in print. But sailing is like that too; it gets in your blood."

Ellery Littleton

Beryl Rowland

In her latest foray into the Middle Ages, noted scholar Beryl Rowland, PhD'62, has come up with a fascinating, and sometimes bizarre, bit of bedtime reading. It is also a book with many firsts to its credit.

Called the *Medieval Woman's Guide to Health*, the book is a landmark both in the history of medicine and the social history of women. An early 15th century treatise on obstetrics and gynecology, it provided an astoundingly radical answer to medieval physicians' neglect. Rowland has reproduced the middle-English manuscript in its entirety, with facing page modern English translation.

The manuscript had tremendous influence on the medical treatment of women well into the 19th century. It provides a unique view of medieval life.

Prof. Rowland, a fellow of McLaughlin College at York University, said the indecipherable manuscript was "Very difficult. It was a challenge, as much as anything — and (the manuscript) was a first in every way. It was the first gynecological handbook, it was the first addressed expressly to women, and to urge women themselves to help one another."

It also was the first medical work written in English rather than scholarly Latin. Rowland has included a fascinating study of women throughout medical history. The description of recipes and procedures may fascinate and sometimes appall. The biological theories are bizarre in the light of modern knowledge.

Rowland is the author of six books on Chaucer and animal symbolism. "It all turns on language," she says, noting the inability of medieval scholars to agree on word meanings. She has done considerable pioneering work in the more ribald, slang, meaning of words or as she says, "popularized and interpreted that aspect of Chaucer."

Anne MacLachlan

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Don Abrams

Don Abrams, a finance teacher at Ottawa's Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology, became a writer — and a best-selling one — because he suddenly stumbled onto a great idea. An ardent small investor in the stock market, he discovered a strategy which, incredible as it may seem, enables the investor to make money independently of whether the market goes up or down. Not huge, high-risk gains, but constant, small profits on fluctuations, with practically no risk at all. Elated to find how well it worked for him, he wanted to share his discovery with as many people as possible. His book, *The Profit Taker*, published by Deneau and Greenberg of Ottawa in 1978 and by John C. Wiley and Sons of New York in 1980, is now in its sixth printing.

Having decided to write a book explaining the "Abrams Automatic Profit Taker" strategy, Abrams, BSA'55, did not let himself worry about the possibility of not finding a publisher. "I felt so strongly about this, I was prepared for self-publishing if necessary," he says, pausing with a twinkle to add, "You know when you're excited about something and those are the only things really worth doing. You are more persistent."

In any event, getting a publisher was not a problem. Abrams first brought out *The Profit Taker*, in conjunction with a TV teaching series, as a manual in the Algonquin campus bookstore. When 400 copies sold in a single week-end, Deneau and Greenberg were more than eager to publish.

In between promotional trips and media appearances, he has continued teaching at Algonquin College where he has been conducting a course in personal investment strategies for the past ten years. All Abrams' activities flow from his enthusiastic involvement with the problems of the small investor or would-be investor. As an author, he sees himself still primarily as a teacher, or, as he says, "a motivator", and his book, like his course, is in this sense "a labor of love."

He never dreamt of becoming a writer. He says he didn't know at first whether he would be able to say what he wanted to say. The hardest part was actually *starting*. Once he had a first draft down on paper, he "revised and revised and revised". The whole writing process took him from six to seven months.

Abrams, who now edits a monthly "Profit Taker Bulletin" containing up-to-date advice for users of his strategy, is making plans for another book. He intends it to be more general — a sort of personal finance motivator, offering people new ideas on how to profit from money-making opportunities. Asked whether this new project does not at least partially arise out of the unexpected development of a compulsion to write, Abrams admits that it does. While essentially a man of ideas, he is beginning to find that there is a unique and irresistible challenge in the actual *process* of "getting down what you wanted to say".

Elizabeth Ritchie

Bill Wolferstan

Bill Wolferstan never imagined when he graduated from UBC in 1964 with a BSc in geology and geophysics that he would ultimately emerge as one of the best-known and best-selling marine writers on the west coast.

He learned to sail in Calgary (of all places) and in 1967 travelled to England, where he bought a sailboat. Through a "series of lucky accidents," he was invited to crew on a sailboat headed for the Azores, and in 1968, served as a crew member on a voyage from Gibraltar to Antigua in the Caribbean. A life interest was firmly established. He completed a Master's degree in geography at Simon Fraser University with a thesis entitled "Marine Recreation in Desolation Sound," the long inlet north of Powell River.

After a year with the b ranch and two years in a consulting firm, he joined the ministry of environment, and has been involved with such things as "coastal development — pipelines, coal ports, and most notably, the issue of oil tankers off B.C.'s west coast." He has been engrossed in the preparation and presentation of the ministry's position on oil tanker traffic to to the National Energy Board. "That was a complex, long-term project," he says. "I'm working on offshore oil now — environmental assessments — all up and down the coast."

As for the writing, Wolferstan looks back to his Desolation Sound thesis. "It was there," he recalls, "that I discovered I could actually complete a long writing project. I summarized the thesis for *Pacific Yachting* in 1972. They liked it, and asked for more."

Since then, he has produced "five or six" articles a year on sailing and cruising, focussing on "accurate descriptions of the coast — the geography — as well as the history, and what you can do at various places." His first book was published in 1976. *Cruising Guide to the Gulf Islands*, is an extremely popular work, filled with color photographs, that has become a virtual sailor's handbook.

In 1980, he produced *Cruising Guide to Desolation Sound and the Discovery Islands*. Both books were published by *Pacific Yachting*. He is presently working on his third guide, *Vancouver to Jervis Inlet*, due out next spring.

Despite offers to work in publishing, Wolferstan prefers to stay on at the ministry of environment, deeply absorbed in his work. He has sailed in Europe — with his Dutch-born wife Clementine — and the Bahamas, and has written about those adventures. Now, with three small sons aged 5, 4 and one month, he confirms that he will definitely be doing "more sailing, more books — more slowly!"

"Please mention two of my professors at UBC who influenced me greatly," he asked us. "J. Ross Mackay, a world expert on Arctic geomorphology, and J. Louis Robinson, who taught me to love geography and to use maps — which I do all the time, at work and at play.".

Ellery Littleton

Audrey Thomas

Of course you don't make enough money to live on as a writer, Audrey Thomas says shortly, but I don't do it for the money. "I write because that's what I do."

Author of eight novels and short story collections, the latest of which was published in November, Audrey Thomas, MA'63, never seriously considered any other occupation. She, like many others, considers herself a full-time writer who works at other jobs because she needs the money. Jobs for the last few years have been teaching creative writing at Concordia University in Montreal, the University of Victoria and UBC. In the spring Thomas will take up a post as writer-in-residence at Simon Fraser University.

She'd really prefer to teach literature but it's almost a case of taking what she can get, even for someone with Thomas's credentials. Part-time, short-term positions are hard to come by, she says.

This fall Thomas has been teaching a course on novel-writing one day a week at UBC; the rest of the week she writes at home. Her work has been published not only on its own but also in magazines like *Saturday Night*, *Chatelaine*, *Atlantic* and a number of small creative writing magazines.

Getting her graduate degree in English literature was a part-time project for a while as well. Commuting from Surrey with small children in tow she took one course a year for a couple of years. If babysitting fell through at the last minute, she'd take her children to class with her.

None of the students ever complained, she says, but some of the profs felt such practice was "unprofessional." She would have completed her PhD in English at UBC as well, but her dissertation was not accepted. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me," Thomas says now, seeing an alternate career as university professor — regular salary, security of benefits and pension — that has passed her by. She never would have had the freedom to be a full-time writer. "Being an artist is the most free thing you can be."

Judith Walker

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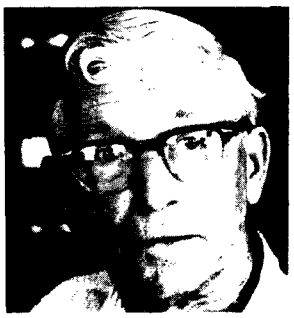

Homer Thompson

Creating history with a pick-axe and bare, gentle hands, Homer Thompson, BA'25, MA'27, LLD'49, (PhD Michigan) dug deep through the centuries to emerge as a leading world scholar and archaeologist.

It's a story in itself, how a farm boy from Chilliwack ended up in the office next to Einstein at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton. He credits a "magnificent group of teachers in the classics department at UBC" and at high school who fired his imagination — but he must have been some student. He entered university at 15 still wearing short pants.

According to a previous *Chronicle*, the freshman's dress "was too much for UBC's hairy-legged engineers, who de-bagged him and hoisted the offending shorts on an outside beam of the old Fairview physics building, where they fluttered ominously to other callow freshmen."

From that humbling start he went on to garner world-wide recognition for more than 50 years of distinguished work on excavations in the heart of Athens. He directed the dig, under the auspices of the American School of Classical Studies, from 1947 to 1968. It was during that time that he would spend half the year at Princeton, and the other six months in Athens, on a first name basis with ancient philosophers, kings and common men.

To talk with Homer (it seems inappropriate to call him Thompson) is to stroll through the marketplaces and temples of ancient Greece. Pericles and Socrates walk with him, this timeless man who is somehow modern and "with it."

Sometimes the modern age palls in comparison. Part of his award-winning work was to excavate and rebuild a magnificent covered market place that existed in pre-Christian Athens. "It's much more splendid than any shopping mall we have in New Jersey!" Homer says with typical humor and enthusiasm.

From 1953-'56 he rebuilt the 21-shop covered mall, or colonnade, known as the Stoa of Attalos, a gift to the city of Athens from the king of Pergamon more than 22 centuries ago. It was reconstructed according to its original design, giving a unique and literally monumental legacy of ancient Athens to the modern world. When it came time to build the vaulting roof over the double colonnades and broad terrace, it was west coast timber that provided the structural strength, great laminated beams of Douglas fir.

It is unique in major excavations to find all the records kept on the site. The Stoa was rebuilt primarily to house the hundreds of thousands of finds in the dig, which began in 1929 and still continues. Only last August one of the most important ancient buildings, the Stoa Poikile, or birthplace of the influential stoic philosophy, was uncovered.

"It's really a great experience, to start at a modern level and go right down, century after century. You can literally feel your way through the ages. There are areas where we have gone through from the 20th century to neolithic man. "Civilizations were rated on their throwouts. I sometimes wonder how our civilization would be rated on the basis of our garbage!"

Homer was interviewed during his visit to UBC this fall. He described his hectic public speaking tour to UBC — and several other Canadian universities as "just a rest" from his regular work.

Retirement? In his mid-seventies, he just laughs. He enjoys his work too much. "I still have a very large commitment still unfulfilled, still a great deal of writing to do."

Homer Thompson's work in the restoration of the Athenian agora is regarded as the pinnacle of the classical archaeologist's discipline. Working alongside was his wife and colleague Dorothy, whom he describes as "the serious scholar in the family," and a distinguished archaeologist in her own right.

He has the gift of the truly great, of communicating freely and simply about complex issues; of firing the imagination by sharing his experiences. "It's a marvelous experience," Homer says, recommending to all students of classical disciplines that they take advantage of any opportunities to help in a dig.

Maybe he never went that far from his Fraser Valley roots after all.

Anne MacLachlan

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Albert H. (Bert) Imlah, BA'22, (AM Clark, PhD Harvard) lives in Medford, Mass., with summer forays to a farm in New Hampshire. Retired in 1970 to emeritus status as Dickson professor of history at Tufts, and professor of diplomatic history, Imlah taught for 43 years at Tufts. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from the university in May. Imlah writes that he enjoys his freedom from fixed hours. Last spring classmate **Cora Metz McLennan,** BA'22, visited briefly while on vacation from her home in California....**Constance Peter Adams,** BA'23, writes from Canterbury, England, wondering what is planned for the diamond jubilee reunion of her year. Although she has lived in England for over 50 years, she still regards herself as Canadian and comes home every three years or so. She says the jubilee year coincides with the next probable date for a visit and she'd like to be here....UBC was a beneficiary in the estate of the late **Jean Marie Riddell Sherwin,** BA'27, who died in Victoria earlier this year. She was a former assistant director of social welfare for B.C. UBC is to receive two bequests of $5,000 each for a scholarship or scholarships to students in the school of social work or law.

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Dr. Thomas McKeown, BA'32, (PhD McGill, D.Phil Oxon, MBBS London, MD Birmingham) has been awarded an honorary doctorate by McGill. Dr. McKeown is emeritus professor and head of the department of social medicine and pro-vice chancellor of Birmingham University. He is married to **Olive Broome McKeown,** BA'30....**Katie Thiessen Poole,** BA'32, writes that she enjoys news of grads. She now lives at Fairmont Hot Springs in B.C.....**Hedley S. (Pete) Fowler,** BASc'33, wrote the introduction and background for a poem published this summer by Cominco Ltd. in its company magazine. The poem, by old time pioneer George Carter, was about life in the far north and Baldy mountain. Fowler worked on road construction and laid out some 20 miles of road north of the Nation River in 1932. He now lives in Oakland, Calif.....**Dr. William C. Gibson,** BA'33, (MD, Oxford) is executive director and trustee of the Terry Fox Medical Research Foundation of B.C. He is also a trustee of the Cancer Control Agency of B.C.

An early interest in natural history and insects led to a distinguished career for entomologist **Hugh Bosdin Leech,** BSA'33, (MSc Berkeley). Leech is curator emeritus of the entomology department, California Academy of Sciences, where he has been since 1947. Described as a "curator's curator," he was honored this year in the Pan-Pacific Entomologist magazine. During his tenure, the academy's coleoptera collection became one of the best-curated in the world and of international importance in systematics. Leech donated his personal insect collection, which contained more than 30,000 water beetle specimens, to the academy in 1947. Since then, his donations have totalled almost a quarter million specimens. Leech married classmate **Frances Quail,** BA'33, and after his retirement in 1975, they moved to northern California....

Qualicum Inn, a well-known resort on Vancouver Island, was originally a private boarding school for boys, founded by **R. Ivan Knight,** BA'35. Knight started the school with nine boys in 1935, and built Qualicum College two years later by raising money in England. After operating the college for 35 years, Knight retired in 1970 and the school was converted to a resort.... **Norman S. Free,** BA'37, MA'39, (PhD Berkeley), has retired with the title of professor emeritus of mathematical sciences. He has spent 29 years at Rensselaer Poly. Inst. in Troy, New York.

Norman Free, BA'37, MA'39

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Recently elected directors of the Canadian Council on Social Development are **Virginia E. Beirnes,** BA'40, LLB'49; **Darlene Marzari,** MSW'68; **Michael John Clague,** BA'63 and **David C. Pegg,** BCom'63. Beirnes is also president of the Opportunity Rehabilitation Workshops Organization in Vancouver....**Evelyn Cools Middleton,** BA'41, has been a painter, teacher and pioneer in the Okanagan valley. She and her husband founded the Paddock Fine Arts centre in the valley, where she continues to paint.

UBC poultry nutritionist **Beryl E. Warrack March,** BA'42, MSA'62, has been honored with a prestigious appointment. For the next three years, she will chair the poultry subcommittee of the U.S. National Research Council in Washington, D.C.....**J. Bruce Hutchinson,** BASc'43, has retired as vice-president of operations at ICBC. Prior to joining the insurance firm in 1974, he was vice-president of manufacturing at Northern

Telecom in Montreal, where he worked for 31 years....**Paul J. Frost,** BASc'44, senior research engineer with Crown Zellerbach in Camas, Wa., was recently honored for "outstanding technical contributions" to the pulp and paper industry. The award came from the technical division of TAPPI, the technical association of the pulp and paper industry. Frost is the first person in eight years to receive it. TAPPI has about 21,000 members in more than 70 countries.

One of the visiting Cecil and Ida Green lecturers this fall was Ronald P. Dore, who with his wife **Nancy Macdonald Dore,** BA'47, (MLS Calif.) enjoyed a brief visit to Vancouver. She has just finished a three-year term chairing the Sussex University (England) women's club.

Noted journalist, broadcaster and author, **Stanley Burke,** BSA'48, has been appointed to the chair of journalism and communications at the University of Regina. Burke, editor and publisher of the Nanaimo *Times* and the Saanich *Tribune*, is the first appointee to the Max Bell journalism chair, the first of its kind in Canada. The post will be occupied each year by a different individual. Burke is probably best known for several satirical lampoons of Canadian politics, entitled: *Frog Fables; The Day of the Glorious Revolution; Blood, Sweat and Bears* and *Swamp Song*. Burke brought us the land of conflaberation, where the bureaucrabs race sideways....
Elected vice president of Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd. is **William G. Wilson,** BCom'49, formerly general sales manager for the company in Toronto.

Beryl March, BA'42, MSA'62

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The new staff residence at the Gavin Lake environmental centre is named in honor of **Phil Bodman,** BSF'50, who died in 1977. Colleagues at the Cariboo Lumber Manufacturers Association forestry committee conceived the idea for the staff cabin, and built it, as a memorial to Bodman's dedication to recreation and forestry.

A poultry specialist with the B.C. ministry of agriculture, **Douglas M. Hamilton,** BSA'50, MSA'66, has been appointed as poultry extension coordinator in the south coastal region....The Rev. **Robert A. Wallace,** BA'51, minister at Rosedale United in Toronto, received his second doctorate this spring from San Francisco's Theological seminary....The new chair and chief executive officer of the B.C. Arts Festival advisory board is **M. Norman Young,** BA'52, a member of UBC's theatre faculty. Young also chairs the B.C. Arts board and the Vancouver Civic Theatres board and is honorary president of Theatre B.C. The new Festival general manager will be **Barry G. McDell,** BA'65, MEd'73. He's president of the Coquitlam district music festival, the largest of its kind in western Canada. The first B.C. Arts festival will be held in Kamloops in June, 1982 and will feature music, dance, theatre and the visual arts....**David A. C. Aird,** BCom'52, has been appointed president and executive director of the Canadian Construction Management Development Institute. Incorporated earlier this year, the institute's goal is to improve management effectiveness in the delivery of on-site construction. The head office is in Toronto. Aird, an associate professor at UBC for 10 years, most recently was with a management consultant firm and with Ontario Hydro.

Challenge for **Henry (Hank) M. Giegerich,** BASc'52, is in the high Arctic, where he is responsible for Cominco's Polaris mine on Little Cornwallis Is., 77 degrees north. As vice president of Cominco's northern group, he also is responsible for the Black Angel, Con, and Pine Point mines. Polaris is Canada's northernmost base-metal mine....
Kelowna architect **John Woodworth,** BArch'52, has been given the Soil Conservation Society of America's honor award for 1981. The award is given for significant contribution in natural resource conservation. Woodworth was cited for leadership in several organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of natural areas and open space in B.C.....**Ron Sedlack,** BA'53, is now the manager of employee relations for Amoco Europe Inc., in London, England. Formerly he held a similar post with the firm in Calgary....**Donald P. McKinnon,** BASc'54, has been appointed managing director, Europe, for the CNR. He became responsible for the railway's freight marketing and other corporate interests in Europe as of Aug. 1, 1981. He and his wife and two daughters live in London, while his two sons remain in Montreal....
Robert R. Affleck, BASc'55, has been named vice-president, environment, for Canadian Forest Products Ltd.

The associate chief judge of B.C. provincial courts is **James K. Shaw,** LLB'55. Appointed to the provincial bench in New Westminster in 1968, Judge Shaw became administrative judge for the coastal region in 1979....**Eleftherios Savvides,** BSA'56, is an agriculturist in Kavala, Greece....
Vancouver lawyer **Edward F. (Ted) Horsey,** BCom'57, LLB'58, is president of the Canadian Bar Association's B.C. branch....**Michael J.G. Randall,** BCom'57, is assistant chief financial officer for Trans

THE ALUMNI AWARDS

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Mountain Pipe Line Co. in Toronto. For the past nine years he was chief financial officer for an engineering consulting firm.

Manitoba's deputy minister of energy and mines is **Paul E. Jarvis,** BASc'58, the government's chief negotiator for three 'mega' projects. Manitoba is tying its economic future to three undertakings: the western power grid, to sell electricity to Alberta and Saskatchewan; a $500 million Alcan smelter, and a $600 million potash mine and refinery. Jarvis, who has extensive experience in resource and environmental planning and transport development, said it was "extremely satisfying" when the go-ahead memo was signed on the potash mine earlier this year.

Since 80% of Eaton's customers are women, **William McCourt,** BCom'58, (MBA Maryland) takes his severest women critics out to lunch — regularly. In a private dining room, the young vice-president of Eaton's Pacific division sits down with 15 women — and they tell him what's wrong with the company stores. As volunteer members of Eaton's consumer advisory council, they are responsible for a detailed assessment each month of a particular department, and how it stacks up against regional competitors. As McCourt says: "These are strong ladies. They say what they think." McCourt, responsible for 9,000 employees and 23 stores in B.C. and Alberta, got his start at The Bay. He even won one of their scholarships.

William George Davenport, BASc'59, MASc'60, was honored by the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in August. Dr. Davenport, who heads metallurgical engineering at the University of Arizona, won the 1981 Alcan award. Dr. **Thomas R. Meadowcroft,** BASc'59, won the 1981 Airey (Noranda) award for his contributions to the advancement of metallurgy in industry. He is general metallurgical and quality control manager at Stelco Ltd., Hamilton

William Davenport, BASc'59, BASc'60

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After 15 years of teaching and counselling in the Cariboo and Williams Lake area, Sister **Ethel Marie Devlin,** BEd'60, has returned to university in Ottawa to take courses on family counselling....**Jack R. MacDonald,** BASc'60, PhD'64, has been appointed dean of the college of physical science at the University of Guelph, Ont. Chair of the department of physics since 1975, MacDonald was previously with Bell Laboratories at Murray Hill, N.J. and was a visiting professor at Stanford....**Marshall (Skip) Bergsma,** BSc'61, MA'68, is the assistant superintendent of schools in the Terrace district. For the past five years he has been director of instruction for the vast school area....**Angus C. Campbell,** MEd'61, is superintendent of schools in the Saanich school district....**Earle K. Hawkesworth,** MEd'62, LLD Acadia) retires in December as deputy minister of education in Alberta.

Raymond W. Gattinger, BSW'63, has retired as district supervisor for the ministry of human resources in Castlegar, B.C.....
William G. Hamilton, BA'63, (PhD Oregon) continues to instruct in the geography and geology department at the Kalamalka centre (Vernon) of Okanagan college.....New superintendent of schools for the Kettle Valley district in B.C. is **Terry Keefe,** BA'63, MEd'77....

Thomas Meadowcroft, BASc'59

William J. Mussell, BA'63, BSW'65, is part-time manager and former chief of the Skwah Indian band in the Chilliwack area. The band has recently built a new pre-school for youngsters aged four and five years, emphasizing the importance of early childhood education in their community.... **George Alan Clark,** BASc'64, is director of policy analysis for the provincial highways department, where he is responsible for the development of a transportation policy for B.C. Clark has an international background in rail, urban transit and highway development....

Joanne MacKay Cram, BA'64, is information officer for the Community Arts Council of Vancouver. Cram says that people should describe an arts policy to the government, not the other way around....Vancouver lawyer **Paul Fraser,** LLB'64, president of the Canadian Bar Association, is the youngest to head that 30,000-member national organization.....

A. Rae McCombs, BASc'64, MA'74, (PhD Michigan) has been appointed acting regional programmer for Fraser Valley College....**James O'Rourke,** BASc'64, is executive vice-president of Brinco Mining Ltd. He joined the company in Toronto in 1979 before transferring to Vancouver this

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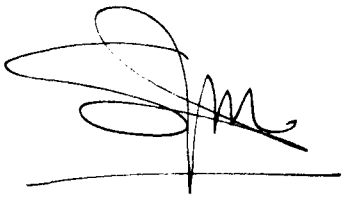

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year....**Bernard Poplack,** BASc'64, is vice-president of American Standard Heating in Montreal. His wife **Sherrie,** BA'66, MSW'68, works in the child psychiatry unit at the Jewish General Hospital....The founder and former head teacher of Point Grey's mini school, **John B. Tyrell,** BA'64, has been made vice-principal at the W. J. Mouat secondary in Clearbrook, B.C.

John Chan K. Wong, BSP'64, is Woodward's store manager in Penticton. He formerly was the store sales manager at Guildford in Surrey....**Harold J. Harder,** BSc'65, MSc'68, (PhD Iowa), has left his professorship at Trinity Western to work for three years in Bangladesh with the Mennonite Central Committee....The largest English-language publishers outside Toronto is the Vancouver firm of Douglas and McIntyre. Partner **G. Scott McIntyre,** BA'65, celebrated the company's 10th anniversary by opening an office and warehouse in Toronto. The firm's books are distributed widely in the U.S., Britain, and the Commonwealth, but the weak link has been the national list, McIntyre says. The company estimated it will do $2 million worth of business this year.

The Executive director of B.C.'s alcohol and drug programs is **John S. Russell,** BA'65, MEd'69.....The first Chinese Canadian to become a federally-appointed judge is **Randall Jun-Kue Wong,** BCom'65, LLB'66. Judge Wong took his place on the county court bench Sept. 24 at a ceremony presided over by B.C. supreme court Chief Justice **Allan McEachern,** BA'49, LLB'50, and chief county court Judge **David Campbell,** LLB'49. **Douglas Jung,** BA'53, LLB'54, the first Chinese Canadian to be elected as a federal MP, said at the ceremony that only recently have Chinese Canadian lawyers practised in B.C., let alone become judges. Also present was **Andrew W. Y. Joe,** BA'51, LLB'52, the first Chinese Canadian lawyer admitted to the Bar in B.C., in 1953; and **David Chong,** BA'54, LLB'54, a director of the Chinese Benevolent Association....**Charles B. Schom,** BSA'67, (MSc Texas A&M, PhD Calif) has been appointed associate professor and to the chair of marine biology at the University of New Brunswick. He teaches on the St. John campus, but lives in St. Andrews, where he is collaborating on salmon genetics research at the North American salmon research centre....**David Weismiller,** BA'67, is chief librarian at the Belleville public library. Previously he spent two years in Brazil as a consultant for CIDA in developing information services....**Craig M. East,** BSc'68, is a partner in the chartered accountant firm of Touche Ross and Co. East has spent the past two years on an interchange with the auditor-general's Ottawa office.... The latest collection of functional and experimental pottery by **Perry S. Haddock,** BA'68, was on show this summer at the Station Arts Centre in White Rock, B.C.....One course offered this fall at B.C.'s newest college, Kwantlen, is on 'war and the modern world'. Instructor **Barry Leach,** PhD'68, says it's the first such course to be offered at the college level. It deals with the history of war in Europe, the technology, the psychological and economic aspects of war. Leach served in NATO as a liaison officer to the West German army....The librarian at the Williams Lake, B.C., library is **Lillian Low Mack,** BA'68, BLS'69....**Pauline Lorraine Antonik Maughan,** BA'68, LLB'73, has been appointed a judge of the provincial court of B.C. After articling with the federal justice department, Maughan served as prosecutor with the department and later worked in the CPR law department.

Donald F. Meadows, BLS'68, became director of the Metro Toronto Library board Aug. 4. Previously he served as provincial librarian for Saskatchewan, from 1970-81, and also was special advisor on library affairs to the Saskatchewan government....**Sandra Sutherland,** BCom'68, LLB'69, has been appointed to the B.C. Hydro board of directors. She is also president and director of Vancouver City Savings, a member of SFU's MBA advisory committee, and a former public governor of the Vancouver Stock Exchange and director of ICBC....**Fern A. R. Miller,** BA'69, (PhD Yale), is a policy analyst with the Ontario government's provincial and interprovincial affairs secretariat.... **Judith M. Saltman,** BA'69, BLS'70, has won a $2,500 scholarship to study at the centre for children's literature in Boston, Mass.....**Daniel J. Sharp,** BCom'69, has been made coordinator of marketing for Gulf Oil in Canada. Sharp lives with his wife **Margaret,** BEd'71, in Thornhill, Ont.

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Playwright **Jay Leonard Angel,** MA'70, PhD'74, is flipping for fun and profit. Not real estate — cards. In the past two years Angel has designed and developed a new card game called The Flip Deck. One chain of games shops has ordered it, and a Japanese author plans on introducing it to Japan. It's a game that combines the simplicity of Old Maid, with the psychological bluffing of poker and the strategic manipulation of Go. Angel has invested his life savings in the project and hopes to come out a winner....Meanwhile, his latest play, "Unveiling," is due to be premiered at the New Play Centre this spring. He continues to teach a playwriting course at UBC.

The best advice for those who wish to turn their backyard into a putting green is — forget it. It's too much effort and can be quite costly, says **Steve Miller,** BSA'70, secretary treasurer of the Canadian Golf Course Superintendent's Association. He is also president of the Western Ontario Greenskeepers Association....Head coach of UBC's varsity hockey team is **John Douglas Moores,** BPE'70. While at UBC Moores was Thunderbird captain and three times a western Canada all-star, bringing the team to the national finals in his graduating year. He also won the Bobby Gaul award as outstanding graduating athlete. Moores teaches part-time with the Delta school board....**Arno Penner,** BSc'70, is teaching mathematics and science at Agassiz elementary-secondary....**Larry Thal,** BA'70, has room enough to move. He recently bought New Westminster's Royal Towers Hotel, with 95 rooms, a convention centre, pub, lounges, cabaret and all the usual facilities. Thal pumped $750,000 into renovations and now plans a $3.5 million, 60-room addition, to make the Towers a "first class hotel with good facilities," he says. Thal started out as a management trainee....

Robert W. Watson, BASc'70, has been made manager of transmission and distribution for West Kootenay power....**Bruce C. Bell,** BCom'71, LLB'72, is president of Chess Resources Ltd. in Calgary....**Terry J. Dever,** BSA'71, is the coordinator of livestock extension programs for the B.C. ministry of agriculture's south coastal region....**Ian Johnson,** PhD'72, has been appointed chief geophysicist for Scintrex Ltd., in Ontario. The company is involved in scientific prospecting....**Fred A. Galloway,** BA'73, is a theatre instructor and dramatist at Northern Lights College in Dawson Creek, B.C.....New principal at Windrem elementary in Chetwynd, B.C. is **John B. Harkness,** BEd'73....**Brian M. Lillos,** BMus'73, MMus'77, is teaching band in the Robron area near Campbell River, B.C.....Head of nursing training at BCIT is **Carole A. Gagnon Orchard,** BSN'73, MEd'80. She says that only 511 of 2,268 new registered nurses in B.C. last year came from B.C. schools. The government should spend more on training local people, instead of importing so many nurses to fill the vacancies, Orchard says.... **Peter Pedersen,** BA'73, BArch'76, has joined his father Russell in the architectural firm of Pedersen Associates Architects. He has opened the firm's Nanaimo branch.

Douglas Thorpe, BSF'73, is a resource officer, timber, in the Boundary forest district, in the Grand Forks area of B.C.....In Hamilton, **Robert Oldham,** BA'74, is with the public library in the performing arts and recreation section....One of the few full-time practising psychologists in Vancouver is **Lucille Giles,** BA'75, MA'80. She opened her one-woman counselling service in May, after

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Gregory Edwards

"Our medical research is not romantic, glamorous or sexy," says Gregory J. Edwards, BA'78. "These are the qualities of the healthy."

Edwards is one of many volunteers raising funds for medical research at UBC into gastrointestinal disorders — diseases which appear to be accelerating among young people. So far their volunteer society, SIR, (the Northwestern Society of Intestinal Research), has donated some $26,000 to gastrointestinal research at UBC, and is actively engaged in raising more.

It's a labor of love and dedication for Edwards and co-founders Charles and Doris Raeside, and Dr. Frank H. Anderson, MD'63. While a student, Edwards was unfortunate enough to contract Crohn's disease and had to take a year off before finishing his degree. It's only this year that he's been well enough to do volunteer work for the society.

The society says "each year more and more of our young people are being taken out of the mainstream of life by these diseases." About 2,000 patients suffer ulcerative colitis in B.C., and some 1,000 have Crohn's disease. The cause of both is unknown.

SIR is a patient self-help group, but it is much more — dedicated to promoting research at UBC into these chronic, progressive and often incurable ailments. The medical advisory board reads like a UBC's medical faculty list — all 12 doctors are associated with the university and with city hospitals.

Medical columnist, Dr. W. Gifford-Jones described a patient with IBD (inflammatory bowel disease) as a "young woman in acute distress. The disease was like a raging fire." While cancer maintains a high public profile, it is the rich uncle in research dollars, IBD the poor cousin.

SIR struggles on to raise money for research through raffles, donations and any way possible. Donations are tax deductible and if you wish to donate, or join, their address is Box 80838, South Burnaby, B.C. V5H 3Y1. Or phone 433-6655, and talk to Doris Raeside, full-time volunteer worker in the cause...Her dedication to the problem and UBC is amazing.

spending a good deal of time building up professional contacts. She also teaches at community college and is working on a program she calls "college for the terrified," aimed at mature students who are relearning academic skills....**William Say,** BA'75, was one of the participants in the Terry Fox marathon held Sept. 13 in Regents Park, London. It was organized by B.C. House and the Canadian High Commission....**William Hsieh,** BSc'76, MSc'78, PhD'81, is a post-doctoral fellow in applied mathematics and theoretical physics at Cambridge University, England.... **Lane Olson,** BMus'76, is full-time music minister for Langley's Christian Life Assembly....**Kathleen Pearson,** MLS'76, is studying at the Centre for Children's Literature in Boston, Mass.....The children's librarian in Terrace, B.C. is **Gillian H. Campbell,** MLS'77, just returned from a family visit to Belgium.

Chief accountant with Vancouver and Victoria Cablevision's B.C. operating division is **George G. Dorin,** BSc'74....**Robert C. Feenstra,** BA'77 (PhD, MIT) is teaching at Columbia University, New York....**Frances Collins Nowakowski,** MLS'77, is reference librarian at Dalhousie University's Killam library....**Jonathan Waddington,** LLB'77, is a prosecutor in the crown counsel's office in Nelson, B.C.....Assistant district agriculturist for the province in the Williams Lake area is **Dale Anderson,** BSc'78, MSc'81....**Gary J. Court,** PhD'78, has been elected vice-president of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi at Florida's Jacksonville University. He's also been nominated as one of 1981's outstanding young men of America. He's assistant professor of biology at Jacksonville....**Steve V.C. Davis,** BASc'78, is completing his final year in the MBA program at the University of Western Ontario and plans to return to work in B.C. in '82....Instructor **Glenn M. Hardie,** MEd'78, has had a book published called "Construction contracts and specifications." It deals with practical applications in building technology, the subject he teaches at B.C.I.T.....**Monica Rist,** BMus'78, is spending the year in Vienna as the 1981 winner of the Johann Strauss Foundation scholarship. She will be studying organ with Prof. Peter Planyavsky, organist at St. Stephan's Cathedral....

JoAnna Townsend, MSc'78, says Montreal is an exciting city to live in. She's senior business development officer for the Export Development Corp. in Montreal, providing financing and insurance to exporters. She also lectures at Concordia University in the marketing department of the international business division.... Rhodes scholar **Gordon G. Wong,** BSc'78, left Magdalen college, Oxford, in August with his doctorate. His thesis was on "nuclear magnetic resonance of intact tissues." Wong is now doing research at Harvard....New principal of Boundary Central Secondary in the Kettle Valley district is **James Calvert,** MEd'79....B.C.'s first woman Rhodes Scholar, **Catherine J. Milsum,** BA'79, received her master's in English literature at Oxford in June. Thus she became the first Balliol woman to take a degree in the university, says the Balliol college annual. Milsum is continuing her studies in English literature at Princeton....**Gail Nabata,** BA'79, MBA'81, is with the department of public works in Vancouver, while brother **Robert,** BASc'81, is doing post-grad work in Red Deer, for Alberta Gas and Ethylene....**Janet Pontifax,** BPE'79, is teaching at Osoyoos secondary in the Okanagan....The future of strawberries is definitely an up-and-down affair, says enthusiast **James Sandwith,** BSA'79. If planted in the usual fashion, the luscious berries take a metre of ground for 5 plants; but if planted vertically, Sandwith can grow 100 plants per metre, and produce an earlier crop, he says. On his eleven-hectare farm near Victoria, Sandwith is experimenting with growing the berries vertically, in plastic bags filled with sawdust, suspended in his greenhouse. Oh my, strawberry pie....One of two women accepted into the Victoria police force this year is **Phyllis Senay,** BPE'79, who recently graduated from the B.C. Police Academy.

Winner of the provincial government's highest scholastic award is **John Klippenstein,** BSc'79, a graduate mathematics student. Klippenstein will use the $20,000 Queen Elizabeth II centennial scholarship to pursue a doctorate in mathematics at Warwick University, England. He topped the dean's honor list in 1979 and won the Governor General's gold medal the same year. Klippenstein is interested in Warwick's 'catastrophe' mathematics program, applying math. to the study of physical processes such as volcanic eruptions. Runner-up **Michael Craig Webb,** BA'81, a political science grad, received an award of $4,000 to pursue his studies.

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Two zoology grads, **Wayne Goodey,** BSc'80, and **Allen J. Billy,** BSc'79, have founded a group called Citizens Against the Undermining of Science Education. It's a group of

John Klippenstein, BASc'79

scientists and lay people who oppose the teaching of the biblical theory of creation in high school, on the grounds that it is not scientific theory. Earlier this year, another group called the Creation Science Association urged education minister Brian Smith to introduce the theory of creation into B.C. schools. In March, the minister issued a statement to B.C. teachers suggesting that students might benefit from studying both creationist and Darwinian theories of evolution. Goodey and Billy are trying to counter the progress made by the creationists.....

Steven Campbell, BPE'80, has been appointed sports information officer for UBC Athletics....**Daniel W. Deyell,** MA'80, is a museum administrator with Wycliffe Bible Translators. The organization, which translates the scriptures into many languages, is working on putting aboriginal, or oral languages into written form for translation.... **Katrina L. Link,** BEd'80, is teaching grade four at Roft River school in Clearwater, B.C..... **Gordon McCall,** MFA'80, is artistic director of the Prairie Theatre Exchange, a semi-professional group, in Winnipeg.

With the soaring cost of food production, the government is looking at ways of producing cheaper vegetables. **Gordon Monk,** BASc'80, supervised the design of an experimental solar greenhouse at the federal government's Saanichton research centre. In the past four years, the cost of heating and ventilating commercial greenhouses has doubled to more than $45,000 an acre. Monk says a solar greenhouse would need auxiliary heating only in January and February. A conventional glass greenhouse of the same size is being used as a control in the pioneering experiment.... Joining the staff of Queen's Park school in Penticton is **Jane Crossan,** BEd'81....**John Ens,** BASc'81, is a project engineer at Vancouver General Hospital....**Scott Griffin,** BA'81, of Vancouver is one of three to win a Law Foundation entrance scholarship to the University of Victoria. The award, worth $4,500, is renewable if the winner maintains a first class average....**Dean Parfeniuk,** BASC'81, has won a $9,350 National Research Council scholarship to continue his studies at UBC.

BIRTHS

Ludwig N. Braun, MSc'80 and **Susan Clarke Braun,** DFrch'80, a daughter, Rebecca Susan, Sept. 5, 1981 in Zurich, Switzerland....**Joan Webb Challenger,** BEd'74, a daughter, Kristine Lorena, Aug. 14, 1981 in Victoria....**Brian A. Bruser,** BSc'70, LLB'74 and **Deborah C. Tate Bruser,** BA'72, MLS'78, a daughter, Rebecca Anne, July 24, 1981 in Smithers....**Brian T. Lecky,** BA'73, a son, Alexander Robert, July 19, 1981 in Vancouver.... **Merilyn Davis McKelvey,** BA'73, a daughter, Margaret Michelle, July 20, 1981 in Toronto....**Linda Albert McRoberts,** BEd'74, a daughter, Michele Colleen, Aug. 4, 1981 in Vancouver....**John A. Mutter,** BMus'69 and **Catherine Jean Thompson Mutter,** BEd'76, a son, Donald John, June 2, 1981 in Kelowna....**Brian A. Nordman,** BSF'71, and **Lynn M. Schierman Nordman,** BHE'72, a daughter, Erika Maurine, Feb. 6, 1981 in Mackenzie....**Dr. Philip W. Suckling,** PhD'77 and **Cheryl Lenington Suckling,** BA'79, a daughter, Sonja Tamara, June 16, 1981 in Athens, Georgia....**Dr. John Craig Whalley,** BSc'74, and **Linda L. Bratner Whalley,** BSc'72, MSc'74, a son, Matthew Thomas, Aug. 29, 1981, in Williams Lake.

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WEDDINGS

N. Larry Campbell, BCom'61 to **Holly J. Hannigan,** BHE'75, Oct. 10, 1980 in Kamloops, B.C.....**Lorna Gail Gordon,** BEd'67, to James L. Dade, March 20, 1981 in Pasadena, Calif.....**Michael Moewes,** BPE'79, to **Beth Louise Eley,** BSR'79, August, 1981 in Vancouver.... **Darshan A. Sihota,** BSF'79, to **B. Alice Brock,** BMus'79, July 11, 1981 in Penticton, B.C.

DEATHS

Ian J. Billington, BASc'51, MASc'52, (PhD, Toronto), August, 1981 in Ontario. A research engineer, he was a scientific consultant with the Institute of Aerophysics, University of Toronto. He was involved with the St. Andrews Art Festival, the National Association for the Photographic Arts and the Photographic Society of America. In 1978 he was appointed to the board of Arts Etobicoke. Survived by his wife.

Kenneth L. Brawner, BA'57, LLB'58, October, 1981 in Vancouver. An active member of the university community he was a former vice-president of the students' council and Chair of the UBC Alumni Fund. He served as president of the UBC Alumni Association in 1975-76. A lawyer in private practice, he was a member of the B.C. and Canadian Bar Associations, and on the interim Advisory Board of Trustees of Vancouver General Hospital. Survived by his wife, **Maureen McCartney Brawner,** BEd'57 and two children.

Andrew John Carmichael, BCom'44, LLB'48, accidentally August, 1981 in Vancouver. A member of UBC's first law class, he practised for 25 years in Vancouver. He was appointed a judge of the provincial court in 1973 and sat in the small claims division. Survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Col. George S. Clark, BA'22, June, 1981 in Vancouver. A corporate finance lawyer, he was a partner with the Vancouver firm, Ladner Downs. His brother, **Edward A. Clark,** BA'32, died in August, 1981 in New Brunswick. Edward worked in personnel and public relations for the Aluminum Co. of Canada, in Montreal. Both brothers served with the Seaforth Highlanders. George joined the Cadets in 1914 and was a member until his death.

George Peter Doerksen, BSc'63, (MSc Washington State, PhD South Carolina), August, 1981 in Liard Hot Springs Provincial Park. He taught throughout B.C. for several years and was working in the Tahsis mill to finance his biological studies on dragonflies. He was killed by a grizzly bear while on a research field trip. Survived by his parents and three brothers.

Edith Dwinnell Griffiths, BA'27, July, 1981 in Victoria. Living in retirement on Mayne Island, she was an active senior counsellor volunteer. Survived by her husband, two daughters, two sisters and a brother.

Ivan H.R. Jeffery, BA'47, April, 1981 in Maple Ridge. Survived by his wife and son.

William James Martin, BASc'71, May, 1981 in Ontario. A graduate in metallurgical engineering, he was mill metallurgist at the Parkdale Works, Steel Company of Canada, in Hamilton. Survived by his wife.

Robert T. McKenzie, BA'37, (PhD London), October, 1981 in London, Eng. An associate professor of political sociology at the London School of Economics, he was author of *British Political Parties*. One of Britain's top psephologists, he was inventor of the "swingometer," an instrument that translates complicated electoral data into layman's terms. He wrote regularly for the London *Observer*, and was a "household name" in Britain through his election night commentaries and interviews on BBC television and radio. *(See Letters section.)*

Gifford Earle Nesbitt, BA'43, June, 1981 in Vancouver. He taught for 45 years throughout Canada, and for the last 17 years at Lonsdale Elementary School. Survived by his wife.

Robert John Phillips, BEd'76, March, 1981 in Vancouver. Survived by his wife, **Gail Phillips,** BEd'75.

Eleanora (Nora) Piggot, BA'27, MA'50, July, 1981 in Victoria. After receiving her teaching certificate from the Victoria Normal School, she attended UBC. She began her teaching career in the Interior, and was later principal of Mount Lehman school in the Fraser Valley. In 1966 she retired as teacher and counsellor from Oak Bay Senior Secondary School. She was an active member of the Docent Association at the Provincial Museum. In her memory, former students and friends have established a scholarship fund for senior secondary students. Donations can be sent c/o Clara Hare, 3931 Cherilee Crescent, Victoria, V8N 1R7.

Cecil Edmund Yarwood, BSA'29, DSc'79, September, 1981 in Australia. Graduate study took him first to Purdue University, and then to the University of Wisconsin where he received his doctorate in plant pathology. In 1934 he moved to the University of California, Berkeley where he was professor of plant pathology for 25 years. His work in the relationship between plants and disease-causing organisms, and their control brought him international recognition. A member of the Wesbrook Society, he is survived by his wife and children.

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Letters

Robert MacKenzie: A Tribute

Dr. Robert McKenzie, BA'35, one of Britain's leading political scientists died Oct. 12 in London. In a tribute, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said: "He was one of the most astute and experienced political commentators of our time. It will be difficult to imagine an election without him." McKenzie was famous for his entertaining election night commentaries. His influence has been felt in Canadian politics as well. He was one of the first to encourage Pierre Trudeau to enter the political arena as a Liberal. A Canadian, McKenzie was also an academic, a professor at the London School of Economics. The *London Times* marked his death with a four-column front-page article.

University of Saskatchewan professor Arthur J. Wirick, BA'36, wrote the following tribute:

Bob McKenzie, reached London with the Canadian army in 1944 and made it his permanent home. When he died there, his reputation in Britain as a political commentator was unequalled. But Bob never forgot his beginnings. He retained his citizenship, deepened his knowledge of Canada, remembered fondly his youthful haunts and constantly revisited early friends, his hometown of Vancouver and his Alma Mater.

Bob flourished during his nine years at UBC. Even then, his consuming passion for politics foretold his vocation. Politics and diplomacy, domestic or foreign — these he revelled in! Although Bob himself held strong convictions, and expressed them, his passion was that of the analyst; his facility and felicity of expression was apparent in his writing.

But it was in his talk that the full force of his personality found expression. His special qualities — on lecture platform or television — were crystal clear. He had great joie de vivre, and took infectious delight in people. He chuckled. He could be gleeful, skeptical, satirical — and funny. But he could not be dull.

The story of his rise to fame in Britain has been told elsewhere. His 1955 book, *British Political Parties*, earned him a doctorate and secured his reputation as a scholar. It remains a definitive study in the field. Electronically speaking, Bob recently completed what he regarded as his supreme achievement: a BBC television series entitled "The Pursuit of Power," a series of interviews that explored the minds of Britain's political leaders. Released last summer, it won praise from London's critics, but has yet to appear in Canada.

Throughout the years Bob remained "the stout ego, the exuberant mind." We grieve that he has gone; yet we retain a lively and happy memory of him.

A Delightful Discovery

The returning alumnus discovers many changes on the growing UBC campus. During my last visit I had my first opportunity to use the facilities of the tastefully appointed Woodward Memorial Room on the first floor of the Biomedical Library. The superb collection of historical material in medicine and natural history provides a rich resource for scholars and recreational readers.

Dr. W.C. Gibson, Emeritus Professor of the History of Medicine and Science assembled the library with great success. His pioneering efforts are being nurtured by his successor, Dr. John Norris and the librarian, Dr. Lee Perry.

I'd encourage other returning graduates to search out the Woodward Memorial Room. The casual visitor should be warned, however, that in this inviting environment, the literature is so appealing that a brief visit may extend into several hours of delightful discovery.

Rodney K. Calverley, MD'62
San Diego, CA.

Mnemonics Anyone?

As a student at UBC I became interested in any means of lightening my work load, and happened upon the study of mnemonics. This study concerns the science of memory. It has occurred to me that many students would benefit from a book on the subject.

I would be grateful to learn of the favorite mnemonics or your readers. By this I mean a "memory crutch" such as the one known to all students of music: FACE being the key signatures of the treble clef. Students of geology will recognize the mnemonic for the Moh's Scale of the hardness of minerals, viz: Toronto Girls Can Fight And Other Queer Things Can Do, which is a memory device to enable geologists to remember the relative hardness of minerals, which are as follows: Talc, Gypsum, Calcite, Feldspar, Albite, Orthocluse, Quartz, Toitanium, Carborundum, and Diamond.

If your readers would care to send me their favorite mnemonic together with any knowledge of its author, I shall do my best to give credit where credit is due.

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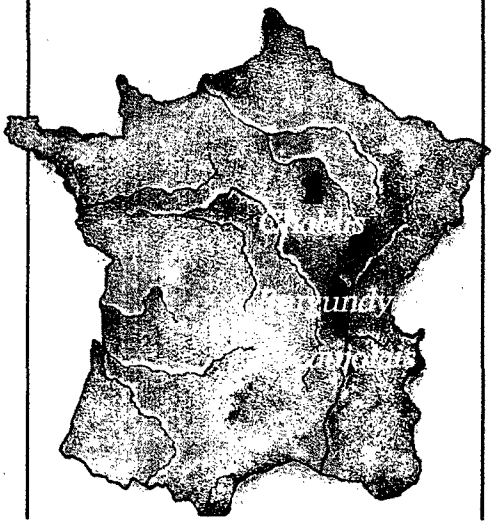

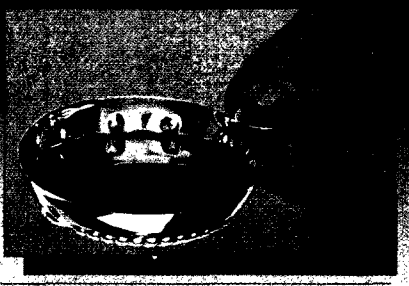

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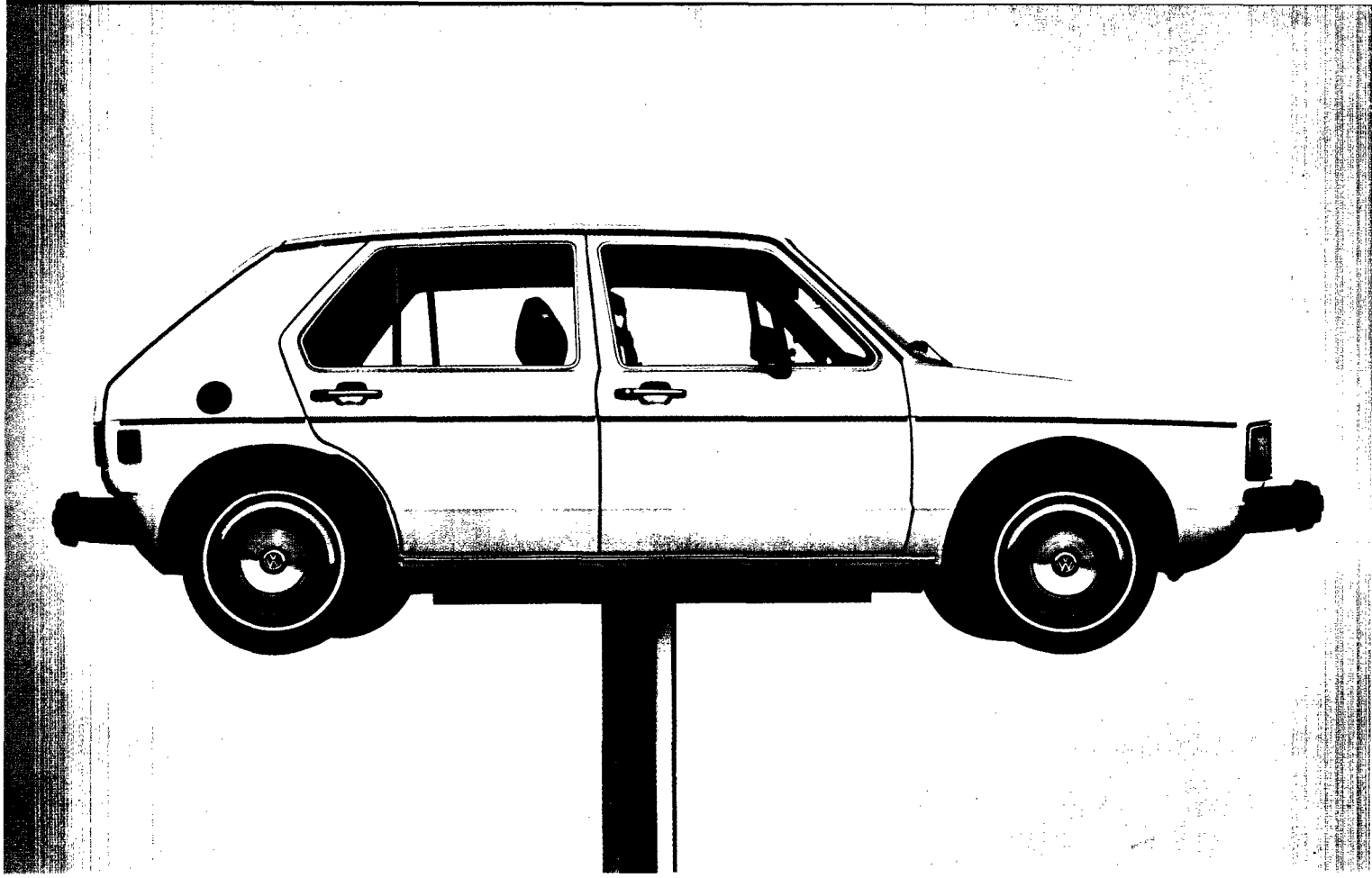

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