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#### All the Alumni Association News That Fits ...

Reports from branches, divisions and reunions from all over, Homecoming announcements, upcoming events, the Mentor Program, Pharmacy's 50 years, a new speakers' series and murder most foul.

#### News Features ...

75 years of Women's Studies and Women's programs; UBC's Olympians; a look at the great food from UBC Catering Service; and tough times getting a branch started in Taipei.

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#### 2nd Annual Alumni Achievement and Sports Hall of Fame Dinner

Last year's event was a smash hit, and this year's will be, too. Charlotte Warren gets a double shot: an Alumni Association award and induction into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame.

#### The Jade Peony

Grandmama's tales of her juggler and her affinity for collecting magical junk shape the life of a little Chinese boy in Vancouver's Chinatown. A short story.

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#### Cover

Wayson Choy BA'63 won a short-story contest in The Chronicle in 1979. In 1996, Douglas & McIntyre published his first novel, The Jade Peony, based on that story. The novel has become a Canadian bestseller. We reprint the original story here as a way of saying congratulations to Mr. Choy, and to give our readers a treat.

## The Olympics and Education



**T**his July I had the privilege of attending the Olympics in Atlanta as an official with the International Rowing Federation. It was wonderful to be part of the successful games for Canada. The experience brought back some great memories, affirming the best of what the Olympic Games represent. In spite of the transportation difficulties (a highlight was when the British women's rowing team commandeered a bus to take them to their venue), the level of competition was spectacular. My congratulations to our athletes, coaches and officials—you made us all proud.

The Olympics are an awe-inspiring stage for the physical demonstration of our human potential. The athletes gave a 100% effort backed by years of commitment to achieving the very best performance possible. In sport (as in all aspects of life), there will always be individuals who will succeed in spite of little support and seemingly insurmountable obstacles. But our greatest success came from teams and individuals who developed their skills through organized, long-term sports programs. The strength of the Canadian sport system is that it is flexible enough to accommodate athletes and coaches from both ends of the spectrum.

It's true that the Olympics today have been highly commercialized, but that isn't the point of all the training, dedication and determination. It's the personal achievement, the pushing of the envelope, the thrill and the satisfaction in the process, the tremendous feeling of doing the very best you can do. It is reaching your potential in an environment of respect and common purpose. And it is fun.

In the modern approach to education we overlook these essential aspects of our human experience. In spite of the fact that many individuals will succeed regardless of the odds, a long term strategy of support for education is important for our society. The goal of education isn't just commercial success. It is the benefits gained when people are allowed to push their own personal envelopes, to explore their own potential.

UBC has produced thousands of grads whose accomplishments are Olympian in the arts, sciences, humanities and athletics. In November, at the 2nd Annual Alumni Achievement and Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, the Association and the department of Athletics will honour some of these grads.

Two outstanding alumni will be on hand to add to the celebration. Allan Fotheringham will bring his humour and keen sense of observation to the task of MC, while Rick Hansen will be our keynote speaker. The 10th anniversary of the Man in Motion tour in 1997 will celebrate the legacy of the tour. Rick's newest dream is the creation of the Rick Hansen Centre at UBC.

And be sure to note the new UBC Downtown speakers' series, starting on October 15 with Stanley Coren, author and expert on sleep deprivation. Details on page 11.

Finally, I would like to note the passing of one of the Association's Past Presidents, Lyle Stevenson. Lyle served the Association during a challenging time in our history, and is fondly remembered. Our deepest sympathies go out to Lyle's family.

Tricia Smith BA'80, LLB'85, President

### 1996 UBC Alumni Association AGM

October 17, 1996  
6:30 — Reception  
7:00 — AGM

Cecil Green Park

Call 822-9565  
for more information

### Business Agenda

1. Call to order.
2. Acceptance of the 1995 minutes.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Returning Officer's report.
5. UBC Administration remarks.
6. Past President's remarks.
7. President's remarks.
8. Adjournment.

## Branches

We organize UBC branch events around the world. For more info about a branch in your area, contact branches coordinator at <dmcleod@unixg.ubc.ca> or, toll free: 1-800-883-3088. Phone direct: (604) 822-8918. Or call the rep in your area's listing. Remember to watch our WEB page for up-to-date details about events in your area.

### CANADA

**CALGARY:** Thirty-one alumni joined President Strangway and outgoing branch rep Alice Daszkowski at a luncheon on July 4th. Celebrate Homecoming at the Barley Mill at Eau Claire Oct. 17 at 5:30. Call Kimberly Haskell at 283-1204 or <khaskell.acs.ucalgary.ca>.

**OTTAWA:** Alumni/gov't reception with David Strangway and a keynote speaker, 5-7 PM, November 21, 1996, Chateau Laurier. Contact Carole Joling BA'67, BLS'69 at 236-6163, ext.2580 or <cjoling@idrc.ca>.

**TORONTO:** Recent events included a pub night at the Madison on July 22nd and a golf tournament on August 18th.

On Oct. 17 celebrate Homecoming with an informal recep-

tion to toast Dr. Bob McGavin BPE'65, a recipient of the Alumni Association's 1996 Award of Distinction.

Commerce alumni in Toronto are organizing a lecture series for the fall. Call Margaret MacDonald, 486-7369.

For more info on the following events, call Ann Richards BA'78, 594-8664 or Marian Petelycky BSc'86, 255-8521: Symphony Night on Nov. 13 and Art Gallery of Ontario, tour and reception.

Stay tuned in the new year for a theatre night. For more info, call Mati Szeszkowski at 955-4297.

### UNITED STATES

**CHICAGO/MILWAUKEE:** This new branch will be launched on September 22nd with a BBQ. Call Jay Phipps at 414 681-2078, <jaylhipps@aol.com>.

**SEATTLE:** A party is planned for December 12th. Contact Joan Whiley at 206 522-5416, <jwhiley@u.washington.edu>.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** On July 14th, alumni met with President Strangway for brunch at One Market Restaurant. Call Kent Westerberg BA'84, LLB'87, 408 287-2411.

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## In Memoriam

### Lyle Stevenson 1948 ~ 1996

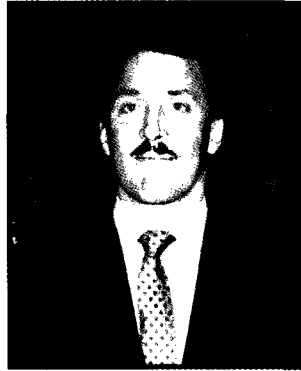
**T**he Alumni Association was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Lyle Stevenson, BAsc(ElecEng)'72, MSc(BusAdmin)'75 in June of this year. He served as president of the Association in 1987-88.

Lyle was a partner in Mandate Mortgage since 1980. He also served as chair of the University Endowment Lands Ratepayers Association.

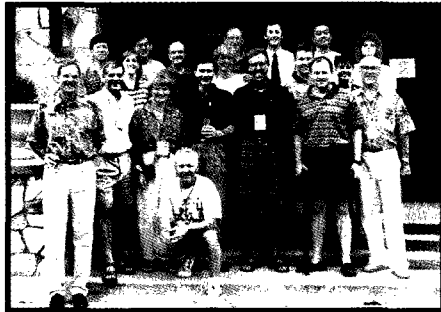
He served his term as Alumni president during a difficult period in the Association's history. As a prelude to the university's World of Opportunity campaign, the responsibility for university fundraising was transferred to the new development office, which some members saw as an abrogation of the Association's traditional function. Lyle steered the Association through this period with style and grace.

Deborah Apps, Associate Executive Director during this time, said, "Lyle was always a gentleman and loyal to both the university and the Association. He tried hard to bring the two sides together."

John Diggins, who served as Lyle's Sr. Vice President, said "Lyle wanted the Association to operate at the highest level. I have very fond memories of working with him."



#### ATLANTA '96: Alumni president Tricia Smith and Bob Hindmarch, VP of



the Canada Olympic Association and long-time UBC Athletics director, met with about 25 Atlanta alumni, friends & Olympic visitors at a pub night on July 25th at the Phoenix Brewing Company. Special thanks to Atlanta alumni Mike

Kilgallon BAsc'73, MBA'74 & Harold Cunliffe, BAsc'73 for their support. Our grads in Atlanta are now keen to start an alumni branch. Contact 1 800 883-3088 for info. For more on Atlanta, see pages 10 and 14.

### Can You Believe It!!!!

The first thing they tell you at journalism camp is to make sure you spell the names right! Well, we should have gone. In the last issue we got these two men's names wrong in our caption under the new Board. That's Gerry Podersky-Cannon on the left, and Chuck Slonecker on the right. Jean Forrest looks accusingly at the photographer.



## Creating an Endowment Heritage

**T**he university is currently working with the Greater Vancouver Regional District to develop an Official Community Plan (OCP) for the UBC campus. Our aim is to develop market housing for a portion of these lands in order to generate endowment funding for university programs and to diversify the university neighbourhood. This will create a unique and vibrant community, consistent with the GVRD's Livable Regions Strategy.

Endowments are playing a crucial role in our development as a world class university. As a public institution, UBC's core funding will always be provided by government grants and tuition. Endowments, which are simply investments from which we draw interest, generate funds for new programs and scholarships that traditional funding will not cover. Our Occupational Hygiene program and the School of Journalism are two examples of new initiatives made possible through such endowments. Without the flexibility these funds allow the university, we would not be able to meet demand as it develops, support students in need or create new opportunities.

Some of the land owned by the university is already being used to generate endowments. An area of the south campus known as Hampton Place has been used in this manner. When that development is complete, it will generate an endowment of more than \$85 million. Future housing development on campus will also be on a lease-hold basis, which means that our land asset becomes an endowment asset and will generating funds for UBC in perpetuity.

We are also working to bring more diversity to the university. The greatest universities in the world are an integral part of their communities. UC Berkeley, Columbia in New York and the Sorbonne in Paris, as only three examples, have helped create the identity of their cities. This university is playing as big a role in defining Vancouver.

UBC covers some 1,000 acres, less than half of which is taken up by the campus core. Anyone who has had to walk from the Buchanan Tower to the H.R. MacMillan Building in a hurry knows that the campus can't spread out much more. This is why, when you visit UBC, you will see so much construction going on in the middle of the campus. Our campus core will expand, and that expansion is taking the form of infill.

Non-academic development in the south campus area will add a dimension of diversity we don't have. If our campus is to become a neighbourhood, then we need a good variety of neighbours and services.

Our challenge is to create a unique living area while maintaining the character of the existing community. We have already begun to address the problem of traffic (UBC's net traffic flow has been reduced over the past few years), and we view the issue of environmental integrity as a high priority. The OCP process helps us and other members of the community work together to make a stronger university and a dynamic city.

We invite your comments and participation in this process.

David Strangway, President, UBC



## Thunderbird Athletics in Your Town!



It might not be the Olympics but the entertainment's just as good and it's a lot cheaper. Why not bring your family and show alumni support for UBC's student athletic teams. Cheer on the Thunderbirds when they come to YOUR town! (Note: Check times with your local host university.)

### University of Calgary

Volleyball (W) Oct. 18-19  
Basketball (M) Nov. 15, Nov. 16  
Basketball (W) Nov. 15, Nov. 16  
Hockey (M) Jan. 24-25

### University of Alberta

Football (M) Oct. 12  
Volleyball (M) Oct. 18-19  
Hockey (M) Oct. 25-26  
Basketball (M) Nov. 7-9  
Volleyball (M) Feb. 7/8  
Volleyball (W) Feb. 7  
Basketball (W/M) Feb. 14-15

### University of Manitoba

Football (M) Nov. 2  
Volleyball (W) Nov. 1/3, Nov. 8/9  
Volleyball (M) Nov. 8/9  
Hockey (M) Feb. 14/15  
Basketball (W) Nov. 8/10

### University of Saskatchewan

Hockey (M) Nov. 8/9  
Basketball (W/M) Nov. 29/30  
Volleyball (W) Jan. 10/11  
Volleyball (M) Jan. 10/11

### University of Victoria

Volleyball (W) Oct. 26/27  
Volleyball (W/M) Nov. 22/23  
Basketball (W/M) Jan. 31/Feb. 1

### University of Lethbridge

Hockey (M) Jan. 10/11  
Basketball (M) Jan. 17/18

## INTERNATIONAL

**ASIA TOUR:** President David Strangway and a delegation of UBC deans are touring six Pacific Rim countries Sept. 23-Oct. 1, meeting with alumni in these branches: **Hong Kong**, Sept. 23; **Singapore**, Sept. 24; **Kuala Lumpur**, Sept. 25; **Bangkok**, Sept. 27; **Taipei**, Sept. 30 and **Seoul**, Oct. 1.

**EUROPE:** President Strangway will tour Europe this fall. At the time of printing, alumni events are planned for the following: **Bonn** (October 23), **Paris** (October 24), **London** (October 25). Contact branch program coordinator Deanna McLeod for more information: 604 822-8918.

**FRANCE:** Alumni will meet in **Beaune** on Oct 5-6 for a weekend of wine tasting and touring. Call Mandy Kerlann at 33 80 24 92 94 for info on future events.

**HONG KONG:** In June, eight UBC MBA students came to town for the third annual UBC MBA summer program in Hong Kong. On June 30th more than 120 gathered for a Canada Day party at Jimmy's Sports Bar & Grill with U of T alumni. The Mentorship Committee was successful in recruiting mentors and is keen to sign up more protégés.

The Career Committee will hold the second in a series of workshops on September 28th. The AGM will be held on October 18. Call Iggy Chong, 852 2847 8780 or <100452.3441@compuserve.com>

**MALAYSIA:** A branch social was held on June 28th at the Star Nite Lounge. Call Susan Thomson, 60 3 408-5668.

**TOKYO:** UBC alumni gathered for a social on July 12th. Call John Tak, 81 3 3408-6171.

**TAIWAN:** Terry Fox Run and Brunch will be held on Oct. 6. Call Janis Connolly, 886 2 776 1073.

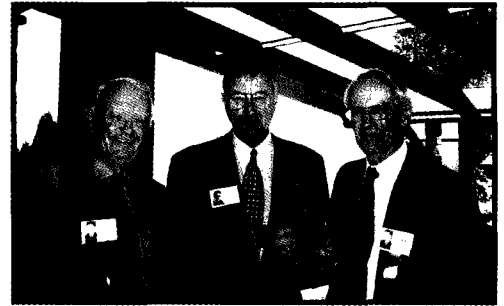
## Reunions

### Class of '46

June 19-21, 1996  
One hundred and thirty-six grads attended. Events included a Salmon BBQ, a campus tour, a trolley bus tour of Vancouver and lunch at the First Nations Longhouse. Class members took the Royal Hudson up to Squamish and returned on the Royal Britannia ship. At an Applied Science '46 dinner on June 21, members were presented with a biography booklet.

### Rehab Medicine '66

May 24 & May 25  
A great way to renew friendships amidst the panoramic views at Walter Gage! Highlights of the weekend, aside from seeing everyone again, included lunch with the faculty and an early morning walk in search of the "Rehab Hut."



Some of the organizers of the Class of '46 Reunion: Garry Miller, Art Jones, who did MC duties, and Charlie Bullen.

### Home Economics '53

May 23  
Eleven grads attended a potluck luncheon on May 23rd at the home of Mrs. Betty Anderson Dewar in Vancouver. This was Home Ec '53s first reunion.

**Law '71** celebrated its 5th reunion in 25 years. Terry Hartshorne, chair of the Volunteer Committee, worked hard to encourage a class donation to a UBC Law Faculty fund.

## Vanier Cup XXXII



The Canadian university football championship is coming to the Sky-dome on Saturday, **November 30, 1996**, game time 2:30 PM. UBC alumni will meet for a pre-game drink and munchies at noon at Joe Rockhead, 212 King St. W, and then head over to the game together. Call Ian Palm LLB'93 for more info at 463-3813 OR you can order tickets by calling the Vanier Cup Hot-line at 341-3902. (Early bird discount available until Nov. 1st).



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## REUNIONS 1996

For more info about these reunions, please contact Catherine Newlands at (604)822-8917 or (toll free) 1-800-883-3088, by fax at (604)822-8928 or (toll free) 1-800-220-9022 or e-mail to <newlands@unixg.ubc.ca>.

WHO	WHERE	WHEN
Nursing '86	Cecil Green Park	November 1
Geology '86	UBC Golf Club	November 9
Civ. Eng. '71	Cecil Green Park	October 4-5
Chem. Eng. '66	UBC	October 10-11
Commerce '65	Vancouver	October 18
Class of '41	UBC & Vancouver	October 18-19
Class of '36	Cecil Green Park	October 15
Men's Field Hockey	Cecil Green Park	November 9
25 Years of Women's Studies	Brock Hall Foyer	October 17

## REUNIONS 1997

Class of '47	Cecil Green Park	June 11 - 13
Law '72	Cecil Green Park	September 26
Ap. Sci. '47	Cecil Green Park	June 13
Mech. Eng. '87	Cecil Green Park	August 16
50 Years of Eng. Phys.	TBD	May 30- June 1
50 Years of Education	TBD	October

## Upcoming Reunions

### Commerce '65 — October 18

Reconnecting after 30 years of silence was such a hit during the monthly downtown luncheon meetings leading up to last year's banquet, the organizing committee decided to do it all over again at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Call 822-8917 for info.

### Engineering Physics

#### 50th Anniversary — May 30-June 1, 1997

All years are invited to the celebration. The planning committee can be found on our web-page at: <<http://www.physics.ubc.ca>>. Besides dinner, dance, entertainment, picnic, workshop and tours we are also planning a 50-year anniversary book. If you have any memorabilia or special memories to contribute, contact Ed Auld or Anita Mueller at (604)822-6451.

### Alpha Delta Phi — September 26

The 70 year anniversary banquet will be celebrated at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Contact: Matthew Hendley at 926-6552. Other plans include a golf tournament and a graduation gathering.

## Mentor Program

### 1996/97

The Alumni Association is working with the faculty of Arts and UBC's Career Services to launch a Mentor Lunch series during Homecoming '96. This will offer students a chance to look realistically at their career options by talking with established alumni. We're starting with students in Arts because those career objectives are not as easily defined as those students in small faculties or professional programs. The Networking Seminar is an important introduction for students to mentorship. Blair Grabinsky, manager of UBC's Career Services says that "networking skills are essential in today's marketplace."

If you have 10-15 years experience in the job market and would like to be a mentor, contact Catherine Newlands at 822-8917. This is your chance to support students!

We are also developing a mentorship program for our alumni living outside the Lower Mainland.

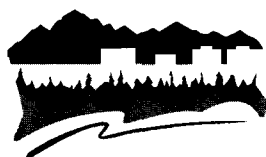
If you are interested, contact our branches coordinator at 1 800 883-3088, or 822-8928, or <[dmcleod@unixg.ubc.ca](mailto:dmcleod@unixg.ubc.ca)>.

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## A UBC Student Alumni Association

The Alumni Association's new student alumni association will help us establish bonds between alumni and students. Students who work with us will gain leadership and organizational management skills, and get an insight into how a professional association operates. Students will also support each other and help enhance their UBC experience. Call Catherine Newlands, 822-8917 for more information.

## Divisions

**BIOCHEMISTRY, PHARMACOLOGY & PHYSIOLOGY DIVISION:** On June 18, BPP alumni and guests were treated to an enjoyable evening with Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Michael Smith. In appreciation, the BPP Alumni Division made donations to the Vancouver Foundation and the Schizophrenia Society on his behalf. In July, BPP alumni shifted gears and hiked to Norvan Falls at Lynn Headwaters Park. For more information about the division contact Rochelle Stariha BSc'94 at <stariha@unixg.ubc.ca> or 987-3274.

**ENGINEERING DIVISION** wants input, suggestions and volunteers. Would you like to participate in golf tournaments, BBQs, mentor programs, EUS/Club/Alumni joint events, reunions, pub crawls, dinners? Send us your e-mail address to keep abreast of upcoming events, and help us start a 'Geer forum. Contact Dean Leung BAsc(ElecEng)'93 at 438-2277 or <dleung@korion.com>.

**FAMILY & NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES DIVISION** kicks off fall with a fashion show from Couture Fashions on October 30th at



BPP Division co-chairs Rochelle Stariha and Tracie Puzner with Dr. Michael Smith.

7:00 PM. \$10.00 for hors d'oeuvre, wine, coffee, tea and a \$5.00 discount on any purchase. Part of the sales will support the FNS Division. Tickets are limited, so buy them early from Barb Hartman BHE'78 at 943-6317 or Mari-Lou Laishley BHE'79 at 926-4130.

**HUMAN KINETICS DIVISION:** Just a note to you PE and HK alumni. Since the School has changed its name to Human Kinetics, the Alumni division is called the Division of Human Kinetics or just plain HK. We would love to know what career path you have chosen, what activities you are involved in or anything you think we should put in the

**B**allots for next year's Board Election will be in our next issue. The senior VP, treasurer and three members-at-large will be elected.

The senior VP serves one year; then becomes president for a one year term. The treasurer is elected for a one year term. Members-at-large serve for two years.

Any UBC grad is eligible. If you are interested, send your name, address, degree and year with a short biography, a statement about why you wish to serve and a black and white photo. Include the names and signatures of five UBC grads. For more information, call 604 822-3313.

The deadline for nominations is 4:00 pm, Thursday, February 13, 1997.

The Awards Committee is calling for nominations for the following awards:

Alumni Award of Distinction  
Honorary Alumnus  
Outstanding Young Alumnus  
Blythe Eagles Volunteer Award  
Faculty Citation  
Lifetime Achievement  
Branch Representative  
Outstanding Student

The nomination deadline is March 14, 1997. Recipients will be honoured at the 3rd Annual Alumni Achievement and Sports Hall of Fame Dinner. For more information, call 604 822-3313.

## Please Join Us In Our Deluxe Travel Line Up In 1997

Trans-Panama Canal Cruise	Jan. 22 - Feb. 1
Wings Over the Nile	Feb. 22 - March 4
Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Isl.	April 7 - 18
China and the Yangtze River	May 13 - 28
Blue Danube	July 15 - 25
Campus Abroad in Harrogate, England	July 16 - 24
Scandinavia and Russia Cruise	August 2 - 15
Rhine and the Mosel Rivers	June 24 - July 6
European Masters	September 7 - 15
Turkish Coast/Greek Isles	September 12 - 24
Campus Abroad in Lucerne, Switzerland	September 15 - 23
Wings Over the Okavango	Oct. 29 - Nov. 12
Sea of Cortez and the Copper Canyon	November 12 - 23
Rome Escapade	December 1 - 8

For more information please call Margot Dear at 822-9629 or outside Vancouver at 1-800-883-3088



newsletter. Contact Sabrena Wilson BPE'90, 687-7773, or <kmarlene@unixg.ubc.ca>.

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DIVISION** would like to hear from grads interested in joining its executive. It is a great opportunity to keep in touch. Call Susie Sziklai BLA'88 at 669-7710 for more information.

**MEDICINE DIVISION:** The Medical Student and Alumni Centre celebrated the official opening of Phase II on May 25, 1996 during the AGM and Awards Reception. The winner of this year's Wallace Wilson Leadership Award was John Cairns MD'68. Honorary Alumni Awards went to James Carter and Doris Kavanagh-Gray.

Michael Myckatyn MD'72 was elected president of the 1996-97 Executive Committee, replacing Stephen Tredwell MD'66 who will remain active.

The MSAC, located at 2750 Heather, is open to all medical students and alumni, and available for private non-medical events. Call 875-5522.

The 11th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner was held on Thursday, September 19 at the University Golf Course. Medical alumni and friends came out and had the usual good time and healthy fun on the links and over dinner.

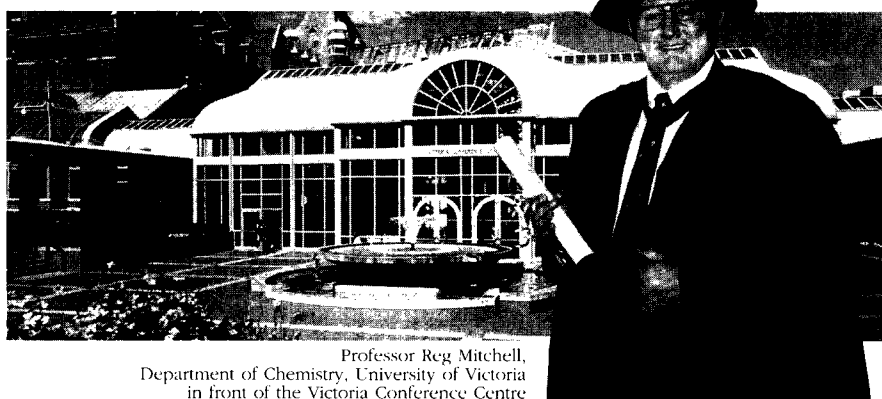
**GEOGRAPHY DIVISION:** Through generous alumni support, we were able to provide two scholarships in 1995-96. Congratulations to the recipients, Scott Ronalds and Linda Gabriel.

In June, alumni also took part in a casino night with the Commerce and BPP divisions.

A post-convocation event was held for graduates, family and friends at International House on May 30th with about 100 in attendance, while Dr. Timothy



*Cutting the ribbon at the official opening of MSAC's Phase II. L to r: UBC President Dr. David Strangway, Medical Alumni Executive President Dr. Stephen Tredwell, Faculty of Medicine Dean Dr. Martin Hollenberg and Associate Vice President Dr. William Webber.*



Professor Reg Mitchell,  
Department of Chemistry, University of Victoria  
in front of the Victoria Conference Centre

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Oke and Lew Robinson *BSc(Hon)'94*, assisted by Arthur Ng *BA'85*, handed out alumni "degrees."

A reminder to all alumni of the special AGM and reception for Dr. J.L. Robinson at Cecil Green Park on October 1, 1996. If you would like to help out or would like to become a member of the executive please call Arthur Ng at 929-1376.



Lew Robinson hands out one of the Geography Division's "degrees."

**REHABILITATION SCIENCES DIVISION:** The 1996-97 Mentorship Program is underway. If you are interested in mentoring an undergraduate student between October '96 and April '97 or would like to know more about the program, please call Matthew at 680-1080 or Nancy at 739-4215. The division extends a big 'thank you' to Sheila Branscombe *BSc(OT)'91*, the coordinator of the program, for all her work, and wish her well in her new job in Kelowna.

We are planning a Homecoming reception for October 22 at 6:30 pm at Cecil Green Park. Alumni, students and faculty are invited to come learn about our division, socialize and, of course, eat.

Thanks to Rosemary Wang who volunteered for our casino night. The Faculty of Medicine will help us in fund raising for the Margaret Hood (OT) and Jane Hudson (PT) Graduate Scholarships. 🍀

**NURSING DIVISION:** alumni to celebrate the achievements of colleagues at the Annual Dinner, Esther Paulson's *DipPubHlth'34* 90th birthday and the success of the new Mentorship Program. Verna Splane, recently appointed Officer to the Order of Canada and recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws at UBC, will give this year's Marion Woodward Lecture on October 24th. The division will co-host the reception before the lecture.

The Mentorship Program is a great success. Student applications will be accepted in September and the Mentor-Student Kick-Off will be held in November. We have established a mentor registry and welcome your participation. Please call 822-7428 for more information.



Award winners, l to r: Tilly Bara (*Alumni Recognition Award*), Verna Splane (*Officer of the Order of Canada*), Sally Thorne (*Award of Distinction*) and Linda Gomez (*Young Alumna Award*).

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Pat Fulton BSW'38, Dr. Richard Splane, Mary Clohosey BA'52, BSW'53 and Helen McCrae BSW'45, MSW'49 (former UBC Dean of Women) at Social Work Division convocation reception, May 31, 1996.



Dr. Richard Splane and Rosemary Brown BSW'62, MSW'67 at the reception on May 31, 1996. Both received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees this year.

## Tricia Smith at the Olympics



Alumni president Tricia Smith with UBC grads living in Atlanta: "Transportation difficulties" didn't stop her from getting to the party just the same.

As reported elsewhere in this issue, Alumni president Tricia Smith, herself an Olympic silver medal winner in rowing in 1986, spent some time in Atlanta this summer. Here's what she had to say about it.

"It was wonderful to be part of such a successful games for Canada, especially at the rowing course. As an Olympic silver medalist myself, it brought back some wonderful memories. But I must say I was happy this time to be on the finish line cheering on our crews rather than in a boat waiting to start.

"In spite of the transportation difficulties (a highlight was when the British women's rowing team

commandeered a bus to take them to their venue), the level of competition at the games was spectacular. No matter what organizational glitches occurred, when the athletes went into action they gave an all out effort based on years of commitment and preparation. We don't get to see that level of performance everyday, and it is quite inspirational to watch.

"While in Atlanta, I had the opportunity to get together with other UBC visitors and local UBC grads. Transportation difficulties prevented me from arriving in time to meet the entire group, but Bob Hindmarch did meet them all and it was a great evening."

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# 50 Years of Pharmacy at UBC

## Friday

Fifty years after they entered the first class of pharmacy at UBC, some of the original members plus 150 other alumni gathered at Cecil Green Park to celebrate the anniversary. Many perused the proofs of the soon-to-be published history book edited by Bev Louis and Louanne Twaites. Alumni travelled from Texas, Arizona, Missouri, California, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta.

## Saturday Morning

The topic for **Update 1996**, the continuing pharmacy education program co-sponsored by the Pharmacy Division of the Alumni Association and Continuing Pharmacy Education, was *Seamless Pharmaceutical Care*. Approximately 60 pharmacists, community and hospital practitioners, participated in the day-long session. The speakers' list and topics were: **Keith Campbell**, Professor and Associate Dean, College of Pharmacy, Washington State University, *Seamless Pharmaceutical Care and the Diabetic Patient*; **Pam Grant**, Ward Pharmacist on the Family Practice Unit at St. Paul's Hospital, *Medication Management on the Family Practice Unit*; **Elaine Kam**, Clinical Pharmacist, Burrard Pharmacy and Drug Information Specialist and Coordinator, SMILE Program, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC, *A Community Pharmacy Experience*; **Debbie Patrick**, Pharmacist at Riverview Hospital, *Another Hospital-Community Connection*; **Brenda Osmond**, Deputy Registrar, College of Pharmacists of BC, *PharmaNet and Seamless Care*; **James McCormack**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC, *Hospital-Community: Patient Benefits from Collaboration*.

The concept of seamless care is an attractive one. With patients being discharged ever earlier from hospital, good follow-up care becomes more important to successful therapeutic outcomes. Much discussion and some disagreement, occurred over the best ways for this to take place. However, participants seemed to agree that the challenge to resolve differences was an important one.

## Saturday Evening

More than 200 people were at the Wall Centre Garden Hotel Pavilion Ballroom. Greetings came from UBC President David Strangway, Alumni Association Executive Director Agnes Papke, College of Pharmacists of BC President Barbara Thompson and BC Pharmacy Association President Ron Stein. Former deans Finlay Morrison and Bernie Riedel shared their memories. Current Dean John McNeill reflected on the more recent progress of the faculty since his appointment in 1985. A slide show by Marguerite Yee and Diem Pham chronicled the activities of UBC pharmacy students from 1946 to 1996. Co-chair of the organizing committee, Marion Pearson, was MC.

## Sunday

More than 100 pharmacy alumni, family, friends and faculty enjoyed the sunshine as they returned to tour the campus, revisit the Cunningham Building and savour UBC's famous cinnamon buns.

## Monday

This was the day for the 7th annual Bernie Riedel Golf Tournament. Over 160 golfers played in the sun. The BBQ dinner was highlighted by numerous golf awards. ☼

In 1946, UBC began to train pharmacists for BC and western Canada. This year, the faculty held celebrations that drew grads, faculty and staff from across North America. Here are some photos and a journal of the proceedings.



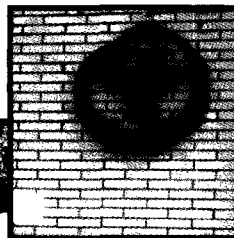
*Saturday banquet, Marion Pearson, mistress of ceremonies.*



*Wine and cheese reception at Cecil Green Park for members, spouses and friends of the first Pharmacy grad class, 1949.*



*50 Year Celebrations committee. Back row: Savita Jains, Sharon Kerr, Ken McGregor, Marguerite Yee, Sue Aro, Finlay Morrison, Gail Bellward, John Cloutier. Front row: Marion Pearson, Bev Louis, Louanne Twaites, Bernard Riedel, Colin Holyk.*



*Unveiling a commemorative plaque at the Pharmacy building.*



## Celebrating Women's Studies at UBC

~ by Sarah Dench and Jo Hinchliffe

UBC celebrates two significant anniversaries during this year's Homecoming: the 75th anniversary of the Women Students' Office, and the 25th anniversary of Women's Studies. Both these programs provide essential services for women students, but their origins and histories are quite different.

The Women Students' Office evolved from the office of the Dean of Women. In 1921, after much lobbying by women students, Mary Bollert was appointed Dean of Women by President Klinck. Her mandate was to counsel women in all but academic matters. The dean represented women students' interests to administration, and helped them adjust to campus life. The office was considered a symbol of UBC's welcome to women students.

Mary Bollert served until 1941. Dorothy Mawdsley (1941-1959), Helen McCrae (1959-1973), and Margaret Fulton (1973-1978) carried on her tradition. Following Fulton's term, the dean's functions were reviewed and the Office for Women Students was established and moved to Student Services, under the direction of Lorette Woolsey. She was followed by June Lythgoe, and in 1990 the office became the Women Students' Office under Marsha Trew, the current director. This work still involves the dual role of the original Dean of Women through individual services and programs focusing on mentoring, women's life experiences and safety.



Women students in residence, Mary Bollert Hall, 1953

The Women's Studies program began as a series of non-credit courses, again initiated by a group of women students, in the summer of 1971. That group obtained an Opportunities for Youth grant from the federal government to develop a course entitled "The Canadian Woman: Our Story." In August 1971, a brief proposing the creation of an interdisciplinary Women's Studies program was submitted to Senate. In April 1972, the ad hoc committee on Women's Studies at UBC met with interested faculty members, and Meredith Kimball, Helga Jacobson, Annette Kolodny and Dorothy Smith emerged to become the first teachers in the program. They prepared the proposal, which was approved by the faculty of Arts for initial offering in 1973-74.

In March 1989, the faculty of Arts Women's Studies committee recommended the establishment of a program in Women's Studies and a Research and Resource Centre. By 1991, students at UBC could register as majors in Women's Studies working toward a BA. In early 1990, President Strangway established the Provost's Inter-Faculty Advisory committee on Women's Studies and Gender Relations which recommended that the university establish a centre to strengthen and increase scholarship at UBC in these areas. The centre opened in July 1991.

Statistics from the President's Office in 1996 show that the number of women on campus continues to grow. Women undergrads are now in the majority, the number of women faculty is slowly increasing, and more women than ever before are entering non-traditional areas of study. The WSO and Women's Studies will continue to demonstrate strong leadership in the challenge to provide a balanced academic experience for women at UBC.

The Women Students' Office and the Women's Studies program will celebrate the anniversaries on October 17th, 1996 in Brock Hall. Call the Women Students' Office at 822-2415 for more information about the anniversary celebration.



Mary Bollert,  
Dean of Women, 1921-1941

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## UBC Catering Serves Up Feasts 365 Days a Year

One of the most indelible gustatory experiences I've had at UBC came about five years ago when I attended a private function at the Museum of Anthropology. I can't remember what the function was, exactly, but memories of the food they served still resonate in my mind. The big hit, for me, was the massive plate of peeled Alaska King Crab legs arranged like packs of asparagus spears around a big cut-glass bowl of seafood dip. And surrounding that extravaganza of crustacean appendages were other bowls piled high with cooked prawns the size of a baseball.

Elsewhere at that incredible feast were platters of fresh fruit, sushi, hot hors d'oeuvre, punch (both with and without) and an array of desserts too sumptuous to list. I wonder if ANYone remembers what the do was. The UBC Catering Service was responsible for laying out this groaning board, and ever since I have been astounded by how good their food really is.

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## Adventures on the Branch Front Lines: Starting from Scratch in Taiwan

By Janis Connolly BA'73

In 40 years Taiwan has grown from a community of farmers to a nation with the second largest foreign exchange reserves in the world. Economists credit this "economic miracle" to the industrious, type A personality of Taiwan's residents. The five-and-a-half day work week endures because adopting a five day work week may have serious implications for the GDP.

There is virtually no unemployment in Taiwan and people seem happy with their roles, however minor. Street vendors hawking shrimp dumplings chat animatedly to customers, small armies of car washers share jokes while polishing bumpers and toothless elders proffer fragrant orchids at busy intersections.



Janis Connolly BA'73  
Taiwan Branch Rep

The pace is frenzied. Everyone is in a hurry. Taxi drivers at dawn, even when there is little traffic, roar through amber lights. Scooter drivers crowd out pedestrians from sidewalks. And what was yesterday a shoe store becomes, with an overnight wrecking ball, a gleaming new restaurant.

Business and pleasure are often indistinguishable. Strategically arranged golf games bring together new contacts. Guanshi, or the principle of building relationships, is a vital element of Chinese culture. The Taiwanese do not like to do business with people they do not know and trust.

Taiwan is a claustrophobe's nightmare. Every inch of space is used up. A back alley cubbyhole is a pet store. Three or four boutiques crowd into the space that one would occupy in Canada. Whole families, dog included, travel around by scooter.

Everything is smaller. Cell phones are designed for smaller Chinese hands. A Canadian cinnamon bun franchise offers up their sweet wares in portions about one-third the size of their North American counterparts. Trucks and vans look ridiculously squat, like dinky toys.

Traffic gets worse every month. There are more than 500 vehicles and 6,500 motorcycles per square kilometre, and city officials say that 10,000 motorcycles and 1,000 autos are added to Taipei's streets each month. A 1 km taxi ride can take 45 minutes.

Is it possible to form an active UBC branch in this world? "Perhaps," is our current thinking.

Fresh from last year's Branch Reps' Summit we launched our branch plan. We were encouraged—and somewhat envious—of our colleagues who nurtured thriving alumni branches. Hong Kong's chapter, just across the South China Sea, had over 400 members, a number of special interest groups and a newsletter. And in Taipei, the English press carried regular notices of Penn. State, University of Minnesota and Georgetown University gatherings. Surely we, too, could build a thriving UBC branch.

Our first task was to update our alumni list which was considerably out-of-date. We discovered several distinguished UBC alumni in Taiwan, like John van Deursen BMus '85, a principal guest conductor of the Taipei Sinfonietta and Philharmonic Orchestra, and Hugh Stephens BA'67, Director of the Canadian Trade Office. We emerged from the exercise with greater respect for UBC's records department. Imagine keeping track of 150,000 alumni. We had only about 50 to contend with.

Having updated the alumni list we embarked on an information campaign via the fax machine. Our chatty, upbeat and user-friendly form invited alumni to share ideas on what they would like to do with their fellow alumni. We received zero replies back.

We plunged ahead anyway, and in March planned a Friday night after hours social at the trendy new Shangri La Hotel. We called alumni by phone with a follow-up notice by fax. Response to the event was encouraging.

It was a dark and stormy night the eve of the event, but Kent and I arrived early and ordered our first of what would be several drinks. And waited. An aging fellow walked in with his spouse. UBC alumni? No—University of Wisconsin. The bar began to fill up, but not with many UBC grads. At evening's end, a smattering of grads shared anecdotes with alumni from a number of American universi-



Taipei's traffic jams are just one of the factors that stall branch development there. Pic by JC

ties. If nothing else, the UBC name was sprinkled liberally through many conversations.

What did we learn from our humbling exercises? For one, we discovered that UBC grads in Taiwan were real entrepreneurs who had come here to focus on a career or to learn Mandarin. They had meagre amounts of leisure time, and driving halfway across the city for an hour and a half to attend a UBC social function was not high on their list of priorities.

We have not given up. A Canadian Alumni Association (CAA) in Taiwan has just been organized to bring together alumni to events such as brown bag lunches featuring professors from Canadian universities travelling through Taiwan. At a recent Canadian Education Fair, more than 25 new members signed up. Most are young and eager to mix with fellow Canadian alumni. The first event will be a Canada Day celebration at the beachfront home of a long time Canadian resident in Taiwan. Kent and I and the expected mob of other alumni grads will raise a glass to Canada—and UBC. 🍷

*Janis Connolly is a journalist for the American Chamber of Commerce in Taipei. She and her colleague, Kent Ollis BCom'90, share responsibilities as UBC alumni branch representatives in Taiwan.*



## Charlotte Warren Scores Twice at Hall of Fame and Alumni Achievement Dinner

by Don Wells BA'89

**P**ast Alumni Association President **Charlotte Warren BCom'58** can be excused for a bit of nervousness lately. November 18 is going to be a big night for her. That's when the winner of an unprecedented ten Big Block Awards as a Thunderbird badminton and field hockey star will join her remarkable father, **Dr. Harry Warren**, in the UBC Sports Hall of Fame.

Not only that, but MC **Allan Fotheringham BA'54** will ask her to make another trip to the podium at the Alumni Achievement and Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at the Hyatt Regency.

While the Hall of Fame selection committee gave her a unanimous thumbs-up for its fourth annual fall induction, an entirely different selection committee voted to distinguish her with the Blythe Eagles Volunteer Service Award.

Even in her undergrad days, Warren was an ambitious and influential political figure on campus. As president of the Women's Athletic Association from 1955 to 1957, her crowning achievement may have been convincing the AMS Treasury to increase the budget for women's athletics by 30%.

In addition to serving as president of the Alumni Association in 1977-78, her post-graduation years included nine years on the UBC Senate, ten years as alumni representative on the Women's Athletic Committee and a member of 75th Anniversary Athletic Heritage Committee as well as countless other behind-the-scenes activities.

Joining Warren in the Athlete Category are **Ken Winslade BPE'61**, a scholar and basketball captain who eventually was named Canada West MVP and the 1961 Bobby Gaul Award winner; **John Newton BCom'55**, a multi-sport talent who concentrated his efforts on the rugby and football field during the early fifties; **Mitch Ring BEd'90**, who switched from basketball to soccer and became one of the best players in the history of women's soccer in Canada; **Glenn Steele BPE'85**, a running back who led what is arguably the most balanced and potent offense in UBC football history to its first-ever Vanier Cup in 1982; and **Ken Elmer BPE'71**, a



Alumni achievement award winner and Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Charlotte L.V. Warren

starter for the late Joe Johnson's soccer Birds for five years before turning to a brilliant international career in track and field.

Though there is only one inductee in the Builder Category, the name **Father David Bauer** is sure to draw many of his former hockey players and friends to the Hyatt Ballroom. The late Chaplain of St. Marks College who coached the T-Birds as well as Canada's 1964, 1968 and 1980 Olympic Hockey Teams is one of the most revered coaches and humanitarian figures in the history of Canadian sport.

The lone inductee in the Team Category will be the Bob Osborne-coached 1947-48 basketball team, which won the 1948 Canadian Intercollegiate Championship and later formed the nucleus of the 1948 Olympic team also guided by Osborne.

Alumni Award winners were announced in the Summer issue of *The Chronicle*. They will be on hand with Charlotte to receive their awards and celebrate achievement at UBC:

### Alumni Award of Distinction

~ Bob McGavin BPE'65 ~  
~ Rosalind MacPhee MFA'94 ~  
(Posthumous)

### Branch Representative

~ Wilson Wong BSc(Pharm)'72 ~

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# The Jade Peony

A short story by Wayson Choy

hen Grandmama died at 83 our whole household held its breath. She had promised us a sign of her leaving, final proof that her present life had ended well. My parents knew that without any clear sign, our own family fortunes could be altered, threatened. My stepmother looked endlessly into the small cluttered room the ancient lady had occupied. Nothing was touched, nothing changed. My father, thinking that a sign should appear in Grandmama's garden, looked at the frost-killed shoots and cringed: *no, that could not be it.*

My two older teenage brothers and my sister, Liang, age 14, were embarrassed by my parents' behavior. What would all the white people in Vancouver think of us? We were Canadians now, *Chinese-Canadians*, a hyphenated reality that my parents could never accept. So it seemed, for different reasons, we all held our breath waiting for *something*.

I was eight when she died. For days she had resisted going into the hospital . . . *a cold, just a cold* . . . and instead gave constant instruction to my stepmother and sister on the boiling of ginseng roots mixed with bitter extract. At night, between wracking coughs and deadly silences, Grandmama had her back and chest rubbed with heated camphor oil and sipped a bluish decoction of an herb called Peacock's Tail. When all these failed to abate her fever, she began to arrange the details of her will. This she did with my father, confessing finally: "I am too stubborn. The only cure for old age is to die."

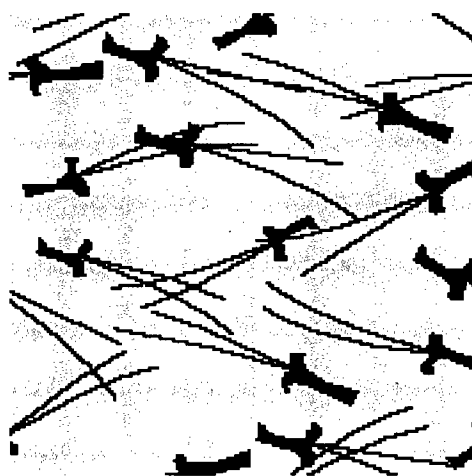
My father wept to hear this. I stood beside her bed; she turned to me. Her round face looked darker, and the gentleness of her eyes, the thin, arching eyebrows, seemed weary. I brushed the few strands of gray brittle hair from her face; she managed to smile at me. Being the youngest, I had spent nearly all my time with her and could not imagine that we would ever be parted. Yet when she spoke, and her voice hesitated, cracked, the sombre shadows of her room chilled me. Her wrinkled brow grew wet with fever, and her small body seemed even more diminutive.

"I—I am going to the hospital, Grandson."

Her hand reached out for mine. "You know, Little Son, whatever happens I will never leave you." Her palm felt plush and warm, the slender, old fingers boney and firm, so magically strong was her grip that I could not imagine how she could ever part from me. Ever.

Her hands were magical. My most vivid memories are of her hands: long, elegant fingers with impeccable nails, a skein of fine, barely-seen veins, and wrinkled skin like light pine. Those hands were quick when she taught me, at six, simple tricks of juggling, learnt when she was a village girl in Southern Canton; a troupe of actors had stayed on her father's farm. One of them, "tall and pale as the whiteness of petals," fell in love with her, promising to return. In her last years his image came back like a third being in our two lives. He had been magician, acrobat, juggler, and some of the things he taught her she had absorbed and passed on to me through her stories and games. But above all, without realizing it then, her hands conveyed to me the quality of their love.

Most marvellous for me was the quick-witted skill her hands revealed in making windchimes for our birthdays: windchimes in the likeness of her lost friend's only present to her, made of bits of string and scraps, in the centre of which once hung a precious jade peony. This wondrous gift to her broke apart years ago, in China, but Grandmama kept the jade pendant in a tiny red silk envelope, and kept it always in her pocket, until her death.



## 'Way Back in the '70s, The

*Chronicle* used to run creative writing contests. People would send in a million short stories and the editors, with help from the Creative Writing department, would choose the winners. Ultimately, the job got too big and the contest was stopped. But not before some pretty good fiction got published. *The Jade Peony* won the last contest in 1979. In 1996, the story grew into a novel that has become a Canadian bestseller. We thought it would be a treat to republish it. Wayson Choy BA'63, says that the incredible support he got from the department made a real difference to him, and that, as far as he's concerned, our Creative Writing program is the best he's ever seen. He currently teaches at Humber College in Toronto. *The Jade Peony* is available at most bookstores.

These were not ordinary, carelessly made chimes, such as those you now find in our Chinatown stores, whose rattling noises drive you mad. But making her special ones caused dissension in our family, and some shame. Each one that she made was created from a treasure trove of glass fragments and castaway costume jewellery, in the same way that her first windchime had been made. The problem for the rest of the family was in the fact that Grandmama looked for these treasures wandering the back alleys of Keefer and Pender Streets, peering into our neighbors' garbage cans, chasing away hungry, nervous cats and shouting curses at them.

"All our friends are laughing at us!" Older Brother Jung said at last to my father, when Grandmama was away having tea at Mrs. Lim's.

"We are not poor," Oldest Brother Kiam declared, "yet she and Sek-Lung poke through those awful things as if—" he shoved me in frustration and I stumbled against my sister, "—they were beggars!"

"She will make Little Brother crazy!" Sister Liang said. Without warning, she punched me sharply in the back; I jumped. "You see, look how *nervous* he is!"

I lifted my foot slightly, enough to swing it back and kick Liang in the shin. She yelled and pulled back her fist to punch me again. Jung made a menacing move towards me.

"Stop this, all of you!" My father shook his head in exasperation. How could he dare tell the Grand Old One, his aging mother, that what was somehow appropriate in a poor village in

China, was an abomination here. How could he prevent me, his youngest, from accompanying her? If she went walking into those alleyways alone she could well be attacked by hoodlums. "She is not a beggar looking for food. She is searching for—for...."

My stepmother attempted to speak, then fell silent. She, too, seemed perplexed and somewhat ashamed. They all loved Grandmama, but she was *inconvenient*, unsettling.

As for our neighbors, most understood Grandmama to be harmlessly crazy, others that she did indeed make lovely toys but for what purpose? Why? they asked, and the stories she told me, of the juggler who smiled at her, flashed in my head.

Finally, by their cutting remarks, the family did exert enough pressure so that Grandmama and I no longer openly announced our expeditions. Instead, she took me with her on "shopping trips," ostensibly for clothes or groceries, while in fact we spent most of our time exploring stranger and more distant neighborhoods, searching for splendid junk: jangling pieces of a vase, cranberry glass fragments embossed with leaves, discarded glass beads from Woolworth necklaces . . . We would sneak them all home in brown rice sacks, folded into small parcels, and put them under her bed. During the day when the family was away at school or work, we brought them out and washed every item in a large black pot of boiling lye and water, dried them quickly, carefully, and returned them, sparkling, under her bed.

Our greatest excitement occurred when a fire gutted the large Chinese Presbyterian Church, three blocks from our house. Over the still-smoking ruins the next day, Grandmama and I rushed precariously over the blackened beams to pick out the stained glass that glittered in the sunlight. Small figure bent over, wrapped against the autumn cold in a dark blue quilted coat, happily gathering each piece like gold, she became my spiritual playmate: "There's a good one! *There!*"

Hours later, soot-covered and smelling of smoke we came home with a Safeway carton full of delicate fragments, still early enough to steal them all into the house and put the small box under her bed. "These are special pieces," she said, giving the box a last push, "because they come from a sacred place." She slowly got up and I saw, for the first time, her hand begin to shake. But then, in her joy she embraced me. Both of our hearts were racing, as if we were two dreamers. I buried my face in her blue quilt,



and for a moment, the whole world seemed silent.

"My juggler," she said, "he never came back to me from Honan . . . perhaps the famine . . ." Her voice began to quake. "But I shall have my sacred windchime . . . I shall have it again."

One evening, when the family was gathered in their usual places in the parlor, Grandmama gave me her secret nod: a slight wink of her eye and a flaring of her nostrils. There was *trouble* in the air. Supper had gone badly, school examinations were due, father had failed to meet an editorial deadline at the *Vancouver Chinese Times*. A huge sigh came from Sister Liang.

"But it is useless this Chinese they teach you!" she lamented, turning to Stepmother for support. Silence. Liang frowned, dejected, and went back to her Chinese book, bending the covers back.

"Father," Oldest Brother Kiam began, waving his bamboo brush in the air, "you must realize that this Mandarin confuses us. We are Cantonese speakers . . ."

"And you do not complain of French or German in your English school?" Father rattled his newspaper, a signal that his patience was ending.

"But, Father, those languages are *scientific*," Kiam jabbed his brush in the air. "We are now in a scientific, logical world."

Father was silent. We could all hear Grandmama's rocker.

"What about Sek-Lung?" Older Brother Jung pointed angrily at me. "He was sick last year, but this year he should have at least started Chinese school, instead of picking over garbage cans!"

"He starts next year," Father said, in a hard tone that immediately warned everyone to be silent. Liang slammed her book.

Grandmama went on rocking in her chair.

She complimented my mother on her knitting, made a remark about the "strong beauty" of Kiam's brush strokes, which, in spite of himself, immensely pleased him. All this babbling noise was her family torn and confused in a strange land: everything here was so foreign and scientific.

The truth was, I was sorry not to have started school the year before. In my innocence I had imagined going to school meant certain privileges worthy of all my brothers' and sister's complaints. The fact that my lung infection in my fifth and sixth years, mistakenly diagnosed as TB, earned me some reprieve, only made me long for school the more. Each member of the family took turns on Sunday, teaching me or annoying me. But it was the countless hours I spent with Grandmama that were my real education. Tapping me on my head she would say, "Come Sek-Lung, we have *our* work," and we would walk up the stairs to her small crowded room. There, in the midst of her shawls, the old ancestral calligraphy and multi-colored embroidered hangings, beneath the mysterious shelves of sweet herbs and bitter potions, we would continue doing what we had started that morning: the elaborate windchime for her death.

"I can't last forever," she declared, when she let me in on the secret of this one. "It will sing and dance and glitter," her long fingers stretched into the air, pantomiming the waving motion of her ghost chimes; "My spirit will hear its sounds and see its light and return to this house and say goodbye to you."

Defly she reached into the Safeway carton she had placed on the chair beside me. She picked out a fish-shaped amber piece, and with a long needle-like tool and a steel ruler, she scored it. Pressing the blade of the cleaver against the line, with the fingers of the other hand, she lifted up the glass until it cleanly *snapped* into the exact shape she required. Her hand began to tremble, the tips of her fingers to shiver, like rippling water.

"You see that, Little One?" She held her hand up. "That is my body fighting with Death. He is in this room now."

My eyes darted in panic, but Grandmama remained calm, undisturbed, and went on with her work. Then I remembered the glue and uncorked the jar for her. Soon the graceful ritual movements of her hand returned to her; and I became lost in the magic of her task: she dabbed a cabalistic mixture of glue on one end and skilfully dropped the braided end of a silk

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thread onto it. This part always amazed me: the braiding would slowly, *very* slowly, *unknot*, fanning out like a prized fishtail. In a few seconds the clear, homemade glue began to harden as I blew lightly over it, welding to itself each separate silk strand.

Each jam-sized pot of glue was precious; each large cork had been wrapped with a fragment of pink silk. I remember this part vividly, because each cork was treated to a special rite. First we went shopping in the best silk stores in Chinatown for the perfect square of silk she required. It had to be a deep pink, a shade of color blushing toward red. And the tone had to match—as closely as possible—her precious jade carving, the small peony of white and light-red jade, her most lucky possession. In the centre of this semi-translucent carving, no more than an inch wide, was a pool of pink light, its veins swirling out into the petals of the flower.

"This color is the color of my spirit," she said, holding it up to the window so I could see the delicate pastel against the broad strokes of sunlight. She dropped her voice, and I held my breath at the wonder of the color. "This was given to me by the young actor who taught me how to juggle. He had four of them, and each one had a centre of this rare color, the color of Good Fortune." The pendant seemed to pulse as she turned it: "Oh, Sek-Lung! He had white hair and white skin *to his toes!* It's *true*, I saw him bathing." She laughed and blushed, her eyes softened at the memory. The silk had to match the pink heart of her pendant: the color was magical for her, to hold the unravelling strands of her memory . . .

It was just six months before she died that we really began to work on her last windchime. Three thin bamboo sticks were steamed and bent into circlets; 30 exact lengths of silk thread, the strongest kind, were cut and braided at both

ends and glued to stained glass. Her hands worked on their own command, each hand racing with a life of its own: cutting, snapping, braiding, knotting . . . Sometimes she breathed heavily and her small body, growing thinner, sagged against me. *Death*, I thought, *He is in this room*, and I would work harder alongside her. For months Grandmama and I did this every other evening, a half dozen pieces each time. The shaking in her hand grew worse, but we said nothing. Finally, after discarding hundreds, she told me she had the necessary 30 pieces. But this time, because it was a sacred chime, I would not be permitted to help her tie it up or have the joy of raising it. "Once tied," she said, holding me against my disappointment, "not even I can raise it. Not a sound must it make until I have died."

"What will happen?"

"Your father will then take the centre braided strand and raise it. He will hang it against my bedroom window so that my ghost may see it, and hear it, and return. I must say goodbye to this world properly or wander in this foreign devil's land forever."

"You can take the streetcar!" I blurted, suddenly shocked that she actually meant to leave me. I thought I could hear the clear-chromatic chimes, see the shimmering colors on the wall: I fell against her and cried; and there in my crying I knew that she would die. I can still remember the touch of her hand on my head, and the smell of her thick woollen sweater pressed against my face. "I will always be with you, Little Sek-Lung, but in a different way . . . you'll see."

Months went by, and nothing happened. Then one late September evening, when I had just come home from Chinese school, Grandmama was preparing supper when she looked out our kitchen window and saw a cat—a long, lean white cat—jump into our garbage pail and knock it over. She ran out to chase it away, shouting curses at it. She did not have her thick sweater on and when she came back into the house, a chill gripped her. She leaned against the door: "That was not a cat," she said, and the odd tone of her voice caused my father to look with alarm at her. "I can not take back my curses. It is too late." She took hold of my father's arm: "It was all white and had pink eyes like sacred fire."

My father started at this, and they both looked pale. My brothers and sister, clearing the table, frozen in their gestures.

"The fog has confused you," Stepmother

said. "It was just a cat."

But Grandmama shook her head, for she knew it was a sign. "I will not live forever," she said. "I am prepared."

The next morning she was confined to her bed with a severe cold. Sitting by her, playing with some of my toys, I asked her about the cat: "Why did father jump at the cat with the pink eyes? He didn't see it, you did."

"But he and your mother know what it means."

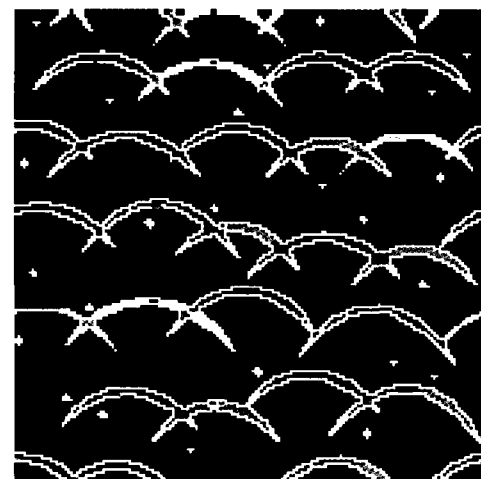
"What?"

"My friend, the juggler, the magician, was as pale as white jade, and he had pink eyes." I thought she would begin to tell me one of her stories, a tale of enchantment or of a wondrous adventure, but she only paused to swallow; her eyes glittered lost in memory. She took my hand, gently opening and closing her fingers over it. "Sek-Lung," she sighed, "*he* has come back to me."

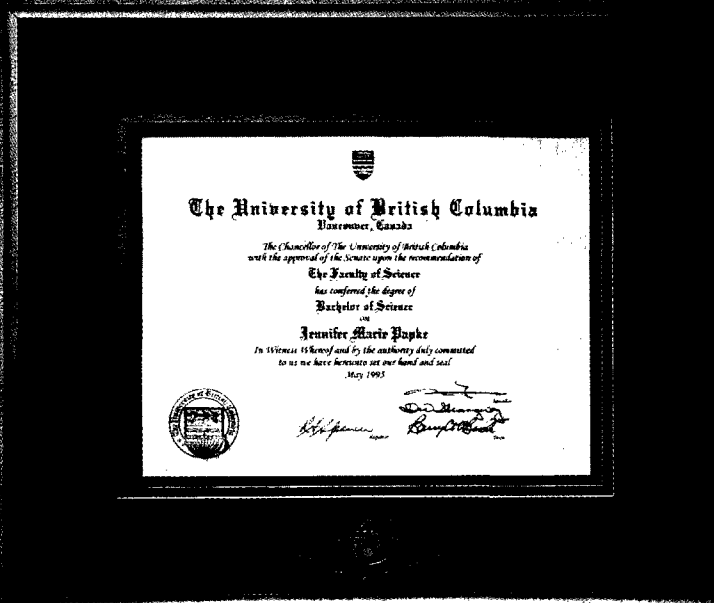
Then Grandmama sank back into her pillow and the embroidered flowers lifted to frame her wrinkled face. I saw her hand over my own, and my own began to tremble. I fell fitfully asleep by her side. When I woke up it was dark and her bed was empty. She had been taken to the hospital and I was not permitted to visit.

A few days after that she died of the complications of pneumonia. Immediately after her death my father came home and said nothing to us, but walked up the stairs to her room, pulled aside the drawn lace curtains of her window and lifted the windchimes to the sky.

I began to cry and quickly put my hand in my pocket for a handkerchief. Instead, caught between my fingers, was the small, round firmness of the jade peony. In my mind's eye I saw Grandmama smile and heard, softly, the pink centre beat like a beautiful, cramped heart.



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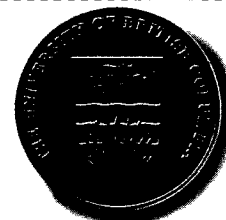
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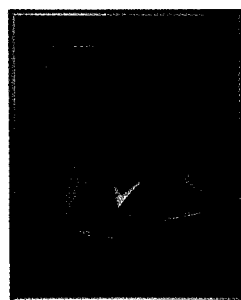
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## GRADUATE STUDIES

After a long and careful search, narrowed down in the end to four highly qualified candidates, Dr. Frieda Granot has been chosen as the new dean of Graduate Studies, replacing Dr. John Grace whose six year term ended in June.

A professor of Management Science in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration, Dr. Granot is no stranger to Graduate Studies, having served for the past five years as an associate dean. Responsible initially for student admissions and later for awards, under her tenure the number of graduate awards obtained by UBC at the national level rose significantly, and she helped create new fundraising initiatives for graduate fellowships.

Dr. Granot received a BSc in mathematics in 1969 and an MSc in computer science in 1971 from the Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology. In 1974 she obtained an interdisciplinary PhD in mathematics, computer science and business administration from the University of Texas at Austin, followed by a post-doctoral fellowship at Dalhousie University. In 1975 she joined the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration at UBC and in 1986 was awarded the Advisory Council Chair Professorship in Management Science. She is also a member of UBC's Institute of Applied Mathematics and is associated with the Forest Economics & Policy Analysis research unit as well as the Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations.

Dr. Granot is committed to the faculty's dual role of ensuring a productive and supportive environment for graduate students, and providing leadership in collaborative and cross-boundary research, teaching

and professional development. Priorities include recruitment and orientation of students, expansion of student involvement and recognition in faculty affairs, exploration of new fundraising initiatives and the continued support of interdisciplinary research through the faculty's various research centres and institutes.

## ARTS

Dr. Shirley Neuman, the dean of the Faculty of Arts, has just completed her term of office as chair of the English department at the University of Alberta. She is an experienced and innovative administrator, a fellow of the Royal Society (on which she currently serves as president of the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences), and past president of ACCUTE and the Canadian Association of Chairs of English. She has been active on SSHRCC committees, most notably the Major Collaborative Initiatives Programme.

Dr. Neuman's research interests include Canadian literature, women writers, modernism and autobiography. She was founding editor at two Canadian literary presses, NeWest and Longspoon; wrote on Gertrude Stein, Yeats and Robert Kroetsch; edited a collection of essays on Canadian women writers; published extensively in leading periodicals and journals and is working on a biography of Canadian writer bpNichol and the culture of his time.

The success rate of graduate students working under her supervision attests to Dr. Neuman's reputation as a teacher in high demand. At the University of Alberta, she was the founding chair for the new Women's Studies Program, introduced full funding for PhD students, initiated team-taught interdisciplinary graduate courses and expanded the undergraduate curriculum in post-colonial theory and cultural studies.

Dr. Neuman is joined by two new associate deans: Dr. Janet Walker

from the Dept. of Psychology and Dr. Neil Guppy from the Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology.

## LIBRARY

Many alumni are astonished by new campus construction. The Library system is part of this renewal. Because of size and location, Koerner is the focus. However, an annex to the Scarfe Building featuring brick, glass, a pagoda roof-line and interesting gardens should not be missed. Dean Sheehan's commitment to the Library's place in education programs is underlined by the location of its public areas adjacent to the Main Mall entrance.

1996/97 is the 40th anniversary of UBC accepting full responsibility for forming teachers and there are many graduates who profess nostalgia for times spent planning with teaching materials and ideas. When the Normal School closed, K-12 texts, children's books and pictures were briefly housed in Main and then transferred to the new Curriculum Lab on the 3rd floor of Scarfe although it was understood to be an unsuitable, temporary space. From 1968, professional monographs and journals created an evolution from laboratory to professional library but attempts to secure a better location were not successful until 1994.

Visitors to the new Education Library undoubtedly notice the adaptation to technology more than anything else. Card catalogues have been replaced by fiche and online access. Next year users will be served by "windows." This branch also maintains more than a dozen special databases on CD-ROM while the K-12 media collection features the same format as sample teaching materials. E-mail service and searches from locations on the Internet are now basic sources of instruction for all levels of research.

Services must also be adapted to faculty changes. Preservice students require resources on a twelve-

month basis. Research needs of faculty and graduates are sophisticated and diverse. However, probably more demanding than anything else is the acceptance of continuing professional education by most of BC's 40,000 classroom teachers. At least 25-30% have achieved status beyond the minimal level, and boards promote informal, noncredit workshops. Study without local collections presents problems but the Library is grappling with ways to streamline document delivery. The notion of a virtual library available at a distance is intriguing.

## LAW

The Faculty of Law's alumni-based UBC Law Endowment Fund campaign is underway with a goal to raise \$1 million. It will be matched by the university's President's Fund. The fund will enable the law school to support ongoing change and growth. Specifically, it will support the development of new curriculum in international trade law, intellectual property, communications law and alternative justice systems; research assistantships and financial aid for students; enriched programs in legal research and writing; public conferences and lectures on important issues such as constitutional change, environmental legislation and the implications of claims for indigenous self-government and other initiatives which will maintain UBC's excellent level of legal education and research.

The campaign is led by co-chairs Michael O'Keefe LLB'65 and Dorothy Byrne LLB'77 and honorary chair Dr. George Curtis QC, OBC, LLD(Hon)'82. Michael and Dorothy are assisted by James P. Taylor QC, LLB'49; The Honourable Lloyd MacKenzie LLB'48, Morley Koffman QC, LLB'52; Warren Wilson QC, LLB'67; Tom Roper LLB'74, Debra Sing QC, LLB'80; John Anderson LLB'90; The Honourable Mr. Justice Bruce Cohen LLB'65; The Honourable Judge Elizabeth Arnold LLB'78;



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For further information on the campaigns please call the Faculty of Law Development Office at 822-3303.

## AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Following a long tradition of providing adults with learning opportunities, first through extension and continuing education, more recently through professional development opportunities, the faculty is now providing credentials aimed at meeting adult learner needs in burgeoning knowledge areas.

A post-degree Diploma in Management of Aquaculture Systems is now available. Offered in conjunction with Malaspina University College, it provides the opportunity to acquire theoretical understandings and applied technical and managerial skills in a relatively new area. The program can be completed in nine months with participants able to take courses at both institutions. There is considerable flexibility in course selections that can suit individual interests.

Three of the Faculty's courses appropriate for the Diploma can be taken through distance education. Animal Science 480, 481 and 581, Intensive Fish Production, Fish Nutrition and Fish Diseases, respectively, are among the 12 introductory and specialized Faculty courses that students can take at home.

New initiatives in distance education involve the production of technology-oriented distributed learning materials which can be used in a variety of learning contexts on-campus and off. Credit courses in Turfgrass Management, Integrated Pest Management, Fruit Production, and Management of Sustainable Landscapes will be available for home or workplace study in the next year or two.

Certificates in Turfgrass Management and Garden Design are also being developed co-operatively with Continuing Studies. These programs should be offered early next year. Although the Garden Design Certificate will be provided face-to-face in intensive blocks totaling 6 weeks, much of the Turfgrass program will be available through the World Wide Web, multi-media and other technological delivery tools. These courses will also be available on a stand-alone basis. The faculty also has links to the Certificate in Watershed Management program that is being developed through Continuing Studies and the Institute for Resources and Environment.

## FORESTRY

Research support in the Faculty of Forestry has grown steadily over the past five years. Last year we received more than \$7 million from extramural funding sources. In 1991 the figure was \$4.3 million. Most of it was for research activities. Provincial sources accounted for 41% of our research funds with more than half of that coming from the newly created Forest Renewal BC Research Fund and 40% from the Ministry of Forests. Federal sources supported 38% of our research. Industry supported 14%. Extramural funding resources now exceed our general purpose operating grant.

Our research efforts are province-wide. Of the 180 faculty members' projects of the past 5 years, 42% were in the Vancouver Forest Region, 18% in the Cariboo Region, 15% in the Kamloops Region, 13% in the Prince George Region, 8% in the Prince Rupert Region and 4% in the Nelson Region.

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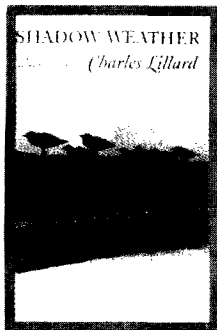
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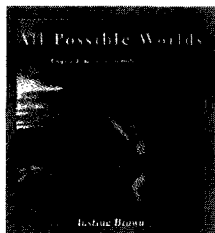
**Shadow Weather: Poems Selected and New** by Charles Lillard (Sono Nis, paper, \$12.95) comes from a writer hopelessly in love with "the Sitka biome." He says: "This coast in the dark, / a woman I can neither understand nor leave." Lillard has

worked in wilderness areas from Alaska to Puget Sound; he tells us he has "paid his dues." In "Petroglyph at Tidemark" he tells of a shaman who "beat this nightmare into the elsethen of rock" and his own submergence as he stares at it, "The dark green water of that dive...a wave/ curling in from a wordless place."

The tension in the book comes from the contrast between the power the writer has gained from knowing the land, and his powerlessness, represented by hitchhiking, drinking, being broke and cold and alone in these same remote areas. Perhaps because of the selected nature of the work there is, for this reader, a feeling of compression. There are too many anecdotal poems and not enough transformative ones like "Encounter, Waldron Island," and the fine "Closing Down Kah Shakes Creek."

No sooner had I finished the last poem than I turned to the beginning of the book again, searching out the poems about Kah Shakes Creek, trying to put together a narrative about the mysterious Elena.

The artwork on the cover is gorgeous, with birds huddling in circles of rain. Lillard's last book of poems won the BC Poetry Book Prize in 1988.



**Possible Worlds: Utopian Experiments in British Columbia** by Justine Brown (New Star, paper, \$16) gains in poignancy because it was written by a person who grew up on a commune

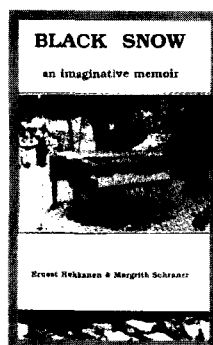
and knows first hand the tensions that can beset intentional communities. Chatty in scope rather than encyclopedic, the book is fascinating reading. It's dotted with photographs, too: we rarely go longer than three pages without a snapshot. From Bella Coola colonists on a fishing expedition (1890), to a hippie commune once known as "Williams Lake's worst nightmare" (1992), the photographs gently evoke the flavour of the times. What's surprising to me is that it's not all

past history, either. The Williams Lake commune, for instance, is still in existence and is now respected in the community for its organic farming techniques.

While clothes for the women change, however, from long dresses and hats to oversize plaid shirts and gum boots, there is a certain similarity of treed backgrounds. Fleeing to the wisdom of the country has been going on for a long time. Brown provides useful historical information as a backdrop to the waves of settlers.

The writer's personal experience was that communal life was "like a gorgeously troubled love affair; it lingers in memory." Her tone is playful. "Trips to the supermarket at Chemainus, a ferry-ride away, were frowned upon. But nothing was more desirable. With its sexy enclosures of shapely, dependable edibles, nothing is more glamorous to a commune kid than junk food."

I would have liked a longer book.



**Black Snow: An Imaginative Memoir** by Ernest Hekkanen and Margrith Schraner (New

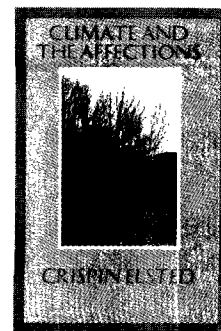
Orphic Publishers, paper, \$23.95) pushes the boundaries of creative non-fiction. In it, two characters with the same names as the authors write a novel about themselves recalling

something that actually happened. The work is concerned with the idea of journey, both exterior and interior, and the writers are completely candid about their wants and failings. Endearingly candid to my mind, but others I've tried to loan the book to have recoiled. "You mean they go into detail about their sex lives? Forget it. That's weird."

The memoir is narrated contrapuntally. Much of the odyssey to Quadra Island is written in the third person, though "I" and "we" and "you" figure as well. Technically, the switches in point-of-view lend interest to the story and the reader always knows who's talking. I also liked the excitement, the inclusiveness of the first part of the book. The Ernest character wants to put everything in: snow, the Gulf War, menstrual blood, breakfasts in cafes. Later on, after the writers leave Quadra, the narrative bogs down. It needs the magic island as focus.

The book is adorned with photographs by Schraner of events mentioned in the story. Is art imitating life or life imitating art? These artists are

serious about the impersonal nature of what they create. Whether a person is embarrassed by Hekkanen and Schraner's work, or wants to cheer them on, to write this book took guts.



**Climate and the Affections** by Crispin Elsted (Sono Nis, paper, \$12.95) is a book of poems. I am struck by the precision and scrupulousness Elsted brings to language, the slightly withdrawn-from-the-world flavour of his poetry. For him, to see an

object truly is to possess it. "When simplicity deceives, widen the eye/ and see what learning may be made of a thing not understood." This passion for knowing, for understanding, is a keynote of the book. Along with it goes an unspoken cherishing that gives the sub-textual feeling that the writer would make a great friend. Take the poem "Jennifer Dancing."

*It was unexpected, it was late afternoon, I was walking alone, slow in the blunt sun, when I saw Jennifer. She was dancing.*

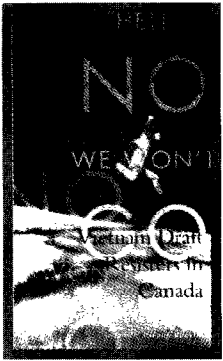
*Now my opinion of morning is Jennifer dancing. She is a white wave against the water. Jennifer dancing is the morning increasingly polished with heat and air above the water dancing...*

On the book jacket, Robert Bringhurst remarks that Elsted is not a fashionable poet. This is true. Elsted's writing is not anguished, nor does it reflect inner city life and worry about violence. Instead his writing is firmly tied into nature and relationships. His concerns are that of a witness.

I find it unfortunate that the most inaccessible poetry in the book, "14 Changes on an Sao of Huang Bau-xi" is smack at the beginning. A friend tells me that Elsted is an extraordinarily effective reader. Perhaps these poems are meant to be read aloud.

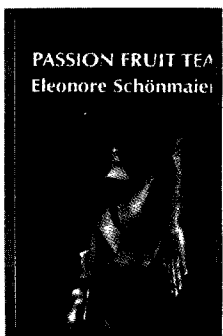
**Hell No We Won't Go: Vietnam Draft Resisters in Canada** by Alan Haig-Brown (Raincoast Books, paper, \$18.95) has a wishy-washy cover that doesn't serve the book well. It's worth going beyond that, though, to the Pierre Berton introduction and the interviews where Haig-Brown documents both the idealism and confusion of the Vietnam years.

In the late sixties and early seventies, be-



tween 10,000 and 100,000 American draft dodgers came to Canada. Who were these people? The rich? Heroes for refusing to kill in an unjust war or cowards who wouldn't hang in and support their country? Haig-Brown doesn't let his readers get away with such mistaken pigeon-holing. In painfully honest interviews, we meet twenty of these Americans. It is as though we, the readers, are sitting down in a kitchen having tea with them. We hear of parents who supported their kids, others who condemned them bitterly. One draft dodger became a counsellor for the Committee to Aid American War Objectors in Vancouver. Ironically, his clean-cut twin brother was an induction officer in Seattle. Sometimes, seeing the long-haired Vancouver man, draft dodgers would panic, thinking they'd found themselves across the desk from their induction officer in a wig. Paranoia of the times, often deserved.

This reader grew up with the Country Joe and the Fish song "I-Feel-Like-I'm-Fixing-To-Die Rag" that's prominent in the front of the book. I thought I knew why the draft dodgers had come here. Wrong. Their real stories are much richer than I had imagined.



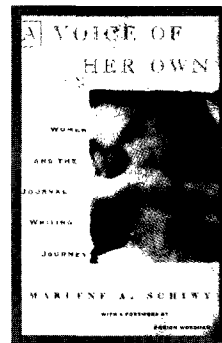
**Passion Fruit Tea** by Eleonore Schönmaier (Roseway Publishing, paper, unpriced) is a low-key book of short fiction. The nine stories feature decent characters, small-town sorts who do the best they can with what life's dealt them. The first four feature Ina, the narrator, and her grumpy, chauvinistic husband, Basil. Schönmaier is acutely aware of the accommodations women and men make for each other: the book vibrates between the tension of wanting a settled relationship and the emotional price the characters pay when they are in one.

What isn't said in this book echoes heavily. A married daughter leaves her husband and child and comes back to stay with Ina and Basil. The daughter never tells her parents why she left, and the mother makes only a half-hearted, badgering

attempt to find out, as though she doesn't really expect her daughter to tell her. Ina muses, "Those endless days of silence, and now with Janie it seemed to be worse. A two-folded silence crushing in."

In another story, a hand paper maker finds out her hired help (and child substitute) has learned in the matter of "a few months and without instruction what it took me years to learn. Already she has far surpassed me." But there's no exploration of this: it's left dangling. More dialogue would give these stories some zip. Likeable as these characters are, especially the man who wants to stay home and look after babies, they are mainly described.

These are real people stories rather than literary fiction.



**A Voice of Her Own: Women and the Journal-Writing Journey**, by Marlene A. Schiwy BA'78, MA'83. Fireside, \$19. This is both a how-to guide for women who have never kept a journal and an inspiration for those who do.

While it's a self-help book, written and organized in a very accessible style, it's also a fascinating perspective on the threads linking women's lives. Schiwy is an academic with a background in literature, psychology and women studies. She weaves a wealth of historical information throughout and quotes from both published and unpublished journals.

She covers everything from the nuts and bolts (where and how to find the time, choosing the right notebook, avoiding unwelcome eyes), to the more existential. She gives tips on how this raw and honest writing process can help build self-understanding and esteem, and be a guide through life transitions—not to mention an incredibly cheap form of therapy.

Schiwy even reminds us to consider what will happen to our notebooks if we're suddenly kidnapped by aliens. You might want to include lighter fluid, a match and instructions in your will.

Written for a female audience, there is also much in it for male journal writers and journal-curious. I'm generally a bit skeptical of self-help books, but the companionship and shared community I found here, for what has been my own intensely private journal habit since age 10, surprised me. *Deanna McLeod*



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# 20s

**James H. Craig** BA'25 is living in Penticton, BC and has 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He still travels, and stays in touch with some old classmates from UBC, even though a series of strokes have left him less mobile.

# 30s

**David E. Carey** BA'38 was inducted to the Sport Hall of Fame in 1995. He was playing tennis for Canada this summer competing in international competition for the Gardner Mulloy Cup in the 80 and over bracket. Canada tied for second in the tournament ... **Geoffrey Cornish** BSc(Agr)'35 was inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame this year. He is a noted golf course architect having designed or remodelled more than 200 golf courses throughout North America, and a collaborator of two acclaimed books on the history of golf architecture ... **Edmund G. Edgars** BA'34, MA'39, BEd'53 is residing in Sechelt, BC, and remembers all

the long hours and hard work that made up his university experience ... **Catherine (Washington) Heron** BA'38 is living in Vancouver, and has two granddaughters, the eldest, Jennifer, graduated from UBC this year with a BSc in Biology ... **Harold W. Smith** BSc(MinEng)'35 is living in a lovely spot on the banks of the Ottawa River. The only UBC grad he sees regularly is his brother, **Cy Smith** BSc(GeoEng)'33 who is living in Ottawa.

# 40s

**Marion D. Francis** BA'46, MA'49 received the Perkin Medal from the Society of Chemical Industry, American Section on March 13, 1996 and the ACS National Industrial Chemists Award in 1994 in San Diego. He is currently consulting, but retired from Procter and Gamble in 1993 ... **James P. McGeer** BA'44, MA'46 retired from Alcan in 1987, and has been the Managing Director of the Ontario Centre for Materials Research, an Ontario Centre of Excellence ever since. He has been recognized for his work in furthering corporate-university cooperation in the field of research, and in May of 1996 was the recipient of a Doctor of Science degree, Honoris Causa, from Queen's University ... **Wah**

**Wong** BA'48 was elected National President of the Canadian UNICEF Committee to a two year term. He and his wife **Vivian Wong** BA'47 retired to Vancouver in 1984 after Wah had served 30 years with UNICEF overseas, mostly in Asia. Vivian volunteers with UNICEF, and the Children's Hospital.

# 50s

**R.J. (Jim) Davies** BA'53, BSc(MechEng)'62 retired from 30 years as a consulting engineer in Canada and Asia. He is relocating to Schooner Cove, Vancouver Island ... **John F. Hamilton** BCom'55 is still General Manager of the Insurance Brokers Association of BC. He and wife Norma have recently moved to West Vancouver ... **Arthur Houston** MA'56, PhD'58 retired as Professor Emeritus from the faculty of Brock University following service as Chair, Biological Sciences and Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science. A recipient of the Canada 125 Medal he was recently invested as an Officer in the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem ... **Arthur Hughes** BA'58 has been awarded the Canadian military's recently introduced, but retroactive, Special Service Medal for his work while a lieutenant in the British Army stationed at NATO headquarters

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## CLASS ACTS

in Paris, 45 years ago ... **Al Hunter** BCom'52 retired July 1, 1996. He taught at universities in Japan, Italy, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, UK, US, Slovenia and six in Canada. Al plans to continue teaching in the third world and play as much hockey as possible. He is a historian for Alberta Chartered Accountants and remains a Professor Emeritus ... **John Klassen** BA'55 is retiring and returning to BC. He and his wife plan to leave Brazil permanently after almost 37 years of seminary teaching in Curitiba, and related ministries in Sao Paulo ... **Clarence Madhosingh** BSc(Agr)'54, MA'58 retired last January after a 36 year career as a research scientist in the federal department of Agriculture. He now resides in London, Ontario and heads the Biotechnology Research Consultants company ... **R.M. (Monty) Newnham** MF'58, PhD'64 has retired from the Canadian Forest Service after more than 31 years of service following the closure of the Petawawer National Forestry Institute.

## 60s

**Peter Allan** BA'60, MA'66 retired in June from Mount Allison University after 30 years as a professor of French. He is now living in Halifax ... **Benjamin C. Hui** PhD'69 recently joined Epichem Inc. as Vice President of Operations ... **Graydon D. Lally** BSc'69 just started his new law practice specializing in construction law in Halifax ... Twice nominated for the Order of BC and currently serving as vice president for the BC and Yukon division of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, **Robert B. MacKay** BCom'64 is the managing partner of Gowling, Strathy and Henderson, Vancouver office, practicing in advertising, marketing and competition law ... **William D. Sawchen** BA'68 is now retired and living in New Westminster ... **Sandra (Wood) Smith** BA'64, MA'67 is Manager of Local Planning Services for the Islands Trust, who are the land use planning authority for the Gulf Islands. She received her PhD in geography from UVIC in June, 1996.

## 70s

**Ken Anderson** BSc'77 has been appointed as Chief Financial Officer of the Northwest Regional Health Board in BC ... **Dave Bulger** BSF'78 and wife Brenda are pleased to announce the birth of their new daughter Karen Alexandra. Dave continues to work for Still Northwest in Chehalis, WA ... **Bruce Calder** BA'70 is BC Tel's Assistant Vice-president of Corporate Sales ... **Claudia Cornwall**'s BA'70 second book, "Letter from Vienna: A Daughter Uncovers her Family's Jewish Past", won the 1996 Hubert Evans Award, the BC book prize for best non-fiction ... After teaching elementary school in Mission for ten years, Burnaby for seven, and English in Mongolia, **Maureen (McKeown) Cunningham**

BE'd'78 finally married Bill Cunningham and moved to Port McNeill on Vancouver Island, near her favourite windsurfing spot, Nimpkish Lake ... **Avonlea Traditions**, owned by **Kathryn Gallagher Morton** BSW'77, MBA'83, was identified by *Profit Magazine* as being one of Canada's fastest growing companies. Kathryn and husband Greg Morton had a second child, Victoria, on December 12, 1995, a sister for Stuart (3) ... **Ernest B. Ingles** MLS'74 has been honoured by the Bibliographic Society of Canada for his major scholarly contributions to Canadian bibliography. He was awarded the Marie Tremaine Medal at a ceremony in Halifax ... **Harry Janzen** BE'd'71 earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership at Nova Southeastern University, Florida in 1996 ... **Brian P. Johnson** BASc(CivEng)'71 was appointed Vice President of Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd. in February, 1996. He has worked throughout BC as a consultant in the municipal engineering field for the past 25 years. He is responsible for the BC operations, and Stanley's International Advanced Waste Water Treatment ... **Nattalia Lea** BASc'78 has self published a book, "Miracles for the Entrepreneur" ... **Donald Luxton** BA'76, Arch'83 has formed a new consulting firm, Donald Luxton and Associates, specializing in heritage architecture ... The Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering is pleased to announce that **Ali Madani** MASc'76 has been awarded the CSAE Jim Beamish Award. He received the award for his outstanding achievements in research and teaching in the area of soil and water engineering ... **Brad Martin** BCom'78 is moving back to Calgary with Canadian Pacific Railway as Director of Operations Support. He is accompanied by wife **Dawn (Biden) Martin** BSc(Agr)'79 and daughters Kim (13) and Nicki (10). Dawn was a Teaching Assistant in the Science Department at Windsor High School in North Vancouver ... Both **Rowland McLeod** LLB'72 and wife Jacqueline Kelly are partners at the Vancouver law firm of Davis and Co. They have two daughters, ages 15 and 12. Rowland is currently the President of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon and a director of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada ... After working for 10 years overseas, mainly in Pakistan and Egypt, **John F. Metzger** BASc(AgrEng)'74 has been living in Montreal for two years, employed by SNC-Lavalin Agriculture Inc., and continuing to work with international agricultural development projects ... **Devon L. Muhler** BE'd'76 was awarded the 1996 Shari Meakin Bursary through the Burnaby Arts Council for a body of photojournalistic work in 1995. Devon, husband Alex and three children have lived in the North Okanagan for 10 years, and oldest daughter Tami starts college in the fall ... **Patricia Marie Pierce** BSc'75, MD'79 and Mitchell Altman had their first child, Benjamin Harold Altman, on June 22, 1996 in Las Vegas, where Patricia has worked for six years as an obstetrician specializing in maternal fetal medicine ... **Shannon (Martin) Purves-Smith** BA'71 has graduated with high distinction from Wilfrid Laurier University with a Bachelor of Arts in French ... **Stewart E. Rohrer** BSc'76, DMD'80 has completed the examination for certification by the American Board of Orthodontics and is now "Board Certified" ... **Omer Ungan** BASc(MechEng)'75 lives in Ankara, Turkey. After working some years in Saudi Arabia, he now works for the Housing Development Administration as a manager dealing with the World Bank projects relating to disaster occurrences in Turkey. Old classmates are asked to e-mail him at <ou02-k@servis.net.tr>.

## 80s

**Laurie Allan** BA'80 is working as a freelance graphic designer ... **Dan Bednar** BCom'87 has been promoted to the position of Controller for the Aoste Group, a newly acquired processed meats subsidiary of Sara Lee Corporation. The Aoste Group is located in France ... **Craig Campbell** BCom'80 has relocated to Montreal from Vancouver with wife Trina and daughter Tessa (born December 17, 1995). Craig is heading up Price Waterhouse's forest products consulting group ... **Christianne (Christensen) Carin** BFA'86 is developing an Ecotourism project (destination resort) in the South Okanagan for Patagonia Resorts ... **Brian Neal Carley** BASc(CivEng)'85, MASc'88 and **Megan K. Ryan** BSc'86, BE'd'88 have a son, Ryan Clifford Carley, born December 9, 1996, and a new business, Carley and Associates Environmental Services ... **Linda (Shepherd) Castagna** BCom'88 and **Roberto Castagna** BCom'87 were married in November 1994, and just celebrated the arrival of their first child, Andrew Michael, on June 30, 1996 ... **Wanda Chalmers Peinhaupt** BSW'87 has been on staff at the Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre since July 1987. Wanda has been active in program development. She married Joe Peinhaupt in 1989, and they have two daughters, Caitlin (1991) and Taylor (1992) ... After a year as assistant

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**Roderick Victor Anderson** BSc(CivEng)'31  
of Thornhill, Ontario in January 1996.

**Paul Barclay-Estrop** BA'57  
of Saltspring Island, BC on June 21, 1996.

**Frederick Leroy (Rick) Bandal** BSc'70  
of Calgary, Alberta on May 7, 1996.

**R.J. Richard (Dick) Blockberger** BCom'49  
of West Vancouver, BC on April 28, 1996.

**Ann (Hughes) Chaland** BA'64, MA'69  
of Victoria, BC on July 18, 1996.

**Michael Philip Chambers** BA'58, LLB'61  
of Vancouver, BC in December 1994.

**W.A. Craighead** BSc(ChemEng)'40  
of North Vancouver, BC in 1993.

**Patricia (Borgerson) Crone** BA'46  
of Victoria, BC on August 2, 1996.

**James Curtis** BA'29, BSc(FarEng)'30  
of Comox, BC on May 16, 1996.

**F.A.K. Ernstsohn** BSc(EIEng)'59  
of Roxboro, Quebec on June 17, 1996.

**Margaret J. Estey** BA'28  
of Vancouver, BC on May 14, 1996.

**Claire (Lugsdin) Fleetwood** BA'31, MA'33  
of Victoria, BC on June 5, 1996.

**David W. Foubister** BA'37, BEd'58  
of Cranbrook, BC on March 25, 1996.

**Edward David Herbert** BA'43  
of Vancouver, BC on January 10, 1996.

**Arthur Muirhead Howard** BA'33, MA'36, BEd'50  
of Victoria, BC on June 8, 1996.

**Catharine Elizabeth (Chubb) Hunter** BA'70,  
MSW'73  
of West Vancouver, BC on August 11, 1996.

**Jane Claire Inkster** BA'61  
of Nanaimo, BC on July 29, 1996.

**Windsor Jew** BA'89  
of Vancouver, BC on March 30, 1996.

**Mary Elizabeth Lade** BA'26  
of Vancouver, BC.  
one of the original Great Trekkers.

professor in the Chemistry Department at Ottawa University. **Denise (Schwerdtfeger) Chauret** BSc'89 has moved to the United States with her husband, Christian, who is now an assistant professor at Indiana University at Kokomo. Denise is teaching at IUK as well ... **Robert Craigen** BSc'81 received an MA and PhD in math from the University of Waterloo, was appointed "AIMS Chair of Mathematics" at Fresno Pacific College in August 1995, and has two children, Christopher (8), and Lisa (4) ... **Robert Crymble** BEd'89 and **Lynn Schneider** BEd'88 were married in October 1988. Rob is teaching drama at Pitt Meadows Secondary, and Lynn is teaching the same at Sentinel Secondary School. Their daughter, Thalia Leanne was born April 5, 1996 ... A new daughter was born to **Maria (Nitins) Dibb** BSc'83, MD'87 and **Alan Dibb** BSc'84. Charlotte (September 1995) is a sister to Patrick (4) and Kevin (3). Maria has a family practice in Invermere, BC and Alan works as a biologist for Parks Canada ... **Sandra L. Dick** LLB'89 will marry Jim Hutt on October 16, 1996 ... **Sam Erlenbach** BSc(EIEng)'85 received an MSc from the University of Alberta in May 1995, and was hired as a software applications consultant for a company located in the heart of Silicone Valley. In November of 1995, he married Krista on the Island of Barbados, and they live in the Bay Area ... **Sean Gilbert** BCom'88 and **Julie (Prasloski) Gilbert** BSN'87 welcome Cameron Bryce to their family (June 1996), a brother for Graeme (August 1992) and Stuart (January 1994) ... **Rob Harder** BSc'87 and **Elana Wolowidnyk** BSc'88 had a baby boy, Jeremy David Harder, on April 16, 1996, and are residing in

North Vancouver ... **Selena Diane Headley** BSW'87 received and MA in international studies from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California in June 1996 ... **Pamela D.J. Hodgson** BEd'87 has been teaching in Kamloops for 4 years after teaching in Langley for a year, and Summerland for three ... **Debra (Kominski) Horton** BSc'85, MSc'89 and **Dexter Horton** BSc'85 got together at their 10 year highschool reunion in September 1991, and were married the following August. They bought a new house and moved to Mission, BC in November 1995. Their son, Evan James was born January 11, 1996 ... **Helen (Shou) Ing** BSN'89 is working as a research nurse with the department of Ophthalmology at the Mayo Clinic. Her husband is doing a cornea fellowship there. They are looking forward to the long Rochester winter ... **Gail Lin Joe** BEd'83, MEd'85 is enjoying teaching Grade 11, International Baccalaureate English at the Colegio Americano de Quito. She will be in Quito, Ecuador until June 1997 ... **Yen Jong** BA'83 and **Barbara McMillan** BA'83, MLS'87 were married May 18, 1996 in Calgary, Alberta ... **Jill Kempton** BCom'89 and **Robert Komlos** BCom'87 were married on July 20, 1996 in West Vancouver. The couple honeymooned in Maui and Kauai and reside in West Vancouver ... **Bob Klimek** BCom'89 and **Connie (Kilian) Klimek** BSN'87, MSN'95 are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Kurtis Michael, a little brother for Cole (2). Bob works as the Senior Lateral Auditor at the City of Burnaby and Connie works primarily as a mom, but also as a home care nurse with the Vancouver Health Board ... **Sandra Lapsky** BA'80 and **Mark**



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Once again the University is recognizing excellence in teaching through the awarding of prizes to faculty members. The Faculty of Arts will select five (5) winners of the prizes for excellence in teaching for 1997.

Alumni are encouraged to bring their suggestions for teaching prize winners to the attention of the head of the department, the director of the school or the chair of the programme in which the instructor is teaching.

**Eligibility:** Eligibility is open to faculty who have three or more years of teaching at UBC. The three years include 1996-97.

**Criteria:** The awards will recognize distinguished teaching at all levels, introductory, advanced, graduate courses, graduate supervision, and any combination of levels.

**Nomination Process:** Members of faculty, students, or alumni may suggest candidates to the head of the department, the director of the school, or the chair of the program in which the nominee teaches. These suggestions should be in writing and signed by one or more students, alumni, or faculty, and they should include a very brief statement of the basis for the nomination. You may write a letter of nomination or pick up a form from the office of the Dean of Arts in Buchanan Building, Room B 130.

**Deadlines:** The deadline for submission of nominations to departments, schools or programs, is 27 January 1997.

Winners will be announced in the Spring, and they will be identified as well during Spring Convocation in May.

For further information about these awards contact your department or call Associate Dean of Arts, Dr. Errol Durbach at 822-3828.

**Roseberry** BSc'82 are happy to announce the birth of Nicholas Lapsky Roseberry on July 1, 1996 ... **Grant Lockhart** BAsC(GeoEng)'94 is project Geophysicist with BHP Diamonds Inc. in Kelowna. He and wife, **Kathryn (Krueger) Lockhart** BA'82, have just bought a home and on April 11, 1996 welcomed second daughter, Fiona Elisabeth ... **Perry MacDonald** BCom'88 was recently promoted with Weyerhaeuser Company. His position as a Transportation Manager involves travel to Florida, N. Carolina and Georgia. **Sandra (Trepanier) MacDonald** BCom'87 and Perry relocated to Tacoma from Kamloops as a result of a previous promotion. Sandra also works for Weyerhaeuser Company in their recycling business ... In July 1996, **Denise Mills** MSc'84 began a new position with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, relocating from Portland, Oregon to Helena, Montana. The position is a great challenge and involves building the newly organized environmental agency from the bottom up ... In March 1996, **Louise Moon** BA'84 was awarded Canadian Television's Gemini Award for Best Writing in a Children's or Youth Program for her work on the CBC teen consumer program, *Street Cents* ... **Andrea Demchuk Mozer** BA'81, MA'85 married Francis Mozer in 1991, and they have a son, Severn Rochester Stefan, born January 3, 1995. Andrea is still working on her PhD in Political Science at the University of Toronto ... **Brian North** BCom'83, LicAcct'84 and **Susan (Neri) North** BSc'85 are pleased to announce the arrival of their second child, Michael, on March 24, 1996, a brother for Kayla, born on May 7, 1994 ... **Doug Ondrik** BPE'82, BEd'88 and **Kim (Dell) Ondrik** BEd'88 are both educators with the Delta School District as well as the very blessed parents of 2 boys, Will (3 1/2) and Jake (4 months). They live in Tsawwassen ... The Partners of Clark, Wilson, Barristers and Solicitors, are pleased to announce that **Herbert I. Ono** LLB'86 has joined the firm. Herbert will focus his practice in the area of securities ... **Greg Osborne** BASc(EIEng)'88, a senior engineer in Cellular Terminal Systems at Nortel in Ottawa, is proud to announce the arrival of his daughter Shannon Rose ... Annick Press is publishing **Julie Ovenell-Carter's** BA'81 first book for children in 1997, titled *Adam's Daycare* ... **Donna Palmer-Dodds** BEd'82, DipArtHis'84, **Gordon Dodds** BA'83 and children, Matthew and Olivia, have moved to New Delhi, India. Gordon is working with the Foreign Service and Donna is substitute teaching, and learning that riding elephants and camels can be fun ... **Shaun Pattenden** BSc'88 is enjoying life in Duncan, BC with his wife, Carol, and four year old daughter, Beth. He left exploration geology in 1992 to pursue teaching, but now is back doing geology, with an environmental focus ... **Doug Redmond** BASc'85 is president of R.A. Duff and Associates Inc, a Vancouver based electrical communications and security engineering firm. He lives in Port Coquitlam with wife Joanne, and children Trevor (4) and Hayley (2) ... **Luis P. Reyes** MBA'83 has lived and worked in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia for the last 11 years. During that time he has travelled to Europe, the Middle East and Asia. He was remarried 6 years ago to Yolanda, and they now have two children, Alyssa (4 1/2), and Ashley (5 months) ... **Janine (Thomson) Roberts** BSN'88 and Stephen Roberts had a beautiful baby boy on February 3, 1996, Colton Ward Roberts, a brother for Mikayla ... **Rajiv Prakash Saxena** MASc(CivEng)'83 is living in India with wife, Kirti, and two sons, Kartikeya (10) and Vinayakey (1).

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# In Memoriam

**Roland William Lauener MD'56**  
of Trail, BC on July 8, 1996.

**Robert B. Leeson BCom'35**  
of West Vancouver, BC on February 21, 1996.

**Laura Loucks BEd'65**  
of North Vancouver, BC on July 27, 1996.

**J.D. Mair BASc(ChemEng)'40**  
of Victoria, BC in June 1995.

**Kathleen Frances (Brain) Maule BA'30**  
of Victoria, BC on May 19, 1996.

**Clare N. McAllister BA'27, DipSocWk'45**  
of Victoria, BC in June 1996.

**Mary Louise McKay BSN'61**  
of Vancouver, BC on April 14, 1996.

**Edith Stacey Paul BA'28**  
of Vancouver, BC on May 4, 1996.

**Audrey Frances (Harwood) Robinson BA'39**  
of Vancouver, BC on May 9, 1994.

**Robert G. Saunders BASc(CivEng)'49**  
of North Vancouver, BC on April 1, 1996.

**John C.M. Scott BA'47**  
of Vancouver, BC on March 10, 1996.

**Ian R. Seymour BA'52, LLB'54**  
of Victoria, BC on May 27, 1996.

**David John Shirley MBA'86**  
of Hamilton, Ontario on July 20, 1996.

**John D. Simpson BASc(ChemEng)'47**  
of Mt. St. Helaine, Quebec on July 8, 1996.

**Barbara (Cowan) Sutherland-Brown BCom'49**  
of Victoria, BC on June 20, 1996.

**Christopher Dean Taylor BASc(CivEng)'76**  
of Vancouver, BC on April 7, 1996.

**Carl Tolman BA'24**  
of St. Louis, MO.

**Raymond V. Tomlinson BSc'54, MSc'56**  
of Palo Alto, CA on April 20, 1996.



**Balvinder Gakhall BSc(Pharm)'92** on April 5, 1996 in Vernon, BC. Balvinder died tragically, along with her parents, sisters and brother. Raised in Vernon, she came to BC from India at the age of two. She was a hard worker, but always had time to help others. She was known for her great sense of humour and will be missed by her colleagues and her fellow pharmacy graduates. While at UBC she was president of Lambda Kappa Sigma.

Rajiv has been working as director at the national informatics centre the last 12 years ... **Carolyn Schell BASc(ChemEng)'88** and **Edmond Louie BASc(ChemEng)'89** have been living in the United States for three years. Ed is working for Motorola, and they have a little boy that was born in February 1995 ... **Lesley (Bonner) Schwab BSc(PT)'87** and husband Dennis have three children, Makenna (4), Nolan (2) and Brennen (1). Lesley is practicing physio two evenings a week ... **Joey Schwartzman BFA'87** was married in June to Corinne. He is working in fashion while keeping up his painting and writing of a book about healing and personal growth in a new age context ... **Gabriella Ildiko Szabo BSc'87** volunteers as North Shore/Howe Sound Activator, and sits on the provincial board of the Allergy and Asthma Information Association. She continues writing proposals for Kilborn Engineering in Vancouver, as well as doing some drafting and design ... After completing two years of post grad training in southern California, **Sean R. Thomas BSc'89** began work as a physician in Merritt, BC. He is returning to UCLA in July 1996 to complete his residency in psychiatry ... **V. Roger Ting MASc (ElEng)'87** has been back in Vancouver since 1987. Currently he is the General Manager at Qualidux Industrial (BC). He and wife Lydia had a new baby this May named Michelle ... **Denise Tupman BEd'85** is still at home raising three children, Hayley, Alexandra and Kenneth. She is planning on returning to work as a substitute teacher in September 1997, after an eight year teaching absence ... **Dave Weatherby BASc(CivEng)'88**, his wife, Lori, and their two children are currently living in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where

Dave is project engineer for the construction of the light rapid transit system being developed by Bombardier and SNC-Lavalin ... **Bev (Nystoruk) Wiens BEd'83** has been teaching since graduating. She has taught in Calgary since 1987, and previous to that in Trail and Kelowna. She is married to Ken Wiens, and they have two children, Stephen (8) and Jennifer (5). She recently arranged a job share teaching position to spend more time being her daughter's classroom's "room mom" and coaching her son's soccer team ... **Ralph P.W. Wong BSc'84, MD'88** has finished his medical oncology fellowship and is moving to St. John's to take up a position at the provincial cancer centre as well as working at Memorial University.

## 90s

**Bruce G. Allen PhD'92** recently moved from Calgary to Montreal to take the position of Research Scientist at the Institut de Cardiologie de Montreal, Centre de Recherche ... **Beverly Bardal BFA'91** married **Gerald John Vanderwoude MFA'94** on June 1, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They reside in Vancouver, BC ... **Peyvand Bayzae BCom'94** and **Nicole Leiren BA'95** were married at a small ceremony in Jakarta on June 24, 1996. Peyvand will remain in Jakarta for at least one more year, while Nicole returns to UBC to begin her three year law degree this September ... **Laura L. Brown PhD'95** is working for the National Research Council as a Research Officer at the Institute for Marine Biosciences in Halifax. Her research concerns aquaculture microbiology ... **Les Buck PhD'93** is at the University of Toronto as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology ... **Mark Burgert BSF'93** and **Nicole (Burgoyne) Burgert BA'92** were married over the summer ... **Larry Chrobot BSF'91** took a new job in October 1995 as the Planning Forester for Rustad Bros. and Co. Ltd. in Prince George, and is soon to be married ... **Linda Cuddeford BSc'94** and **Warren Davidson BSc'94** were married on August 10, 1996. Both will be starting their third year of medical school at UBC this fall ... After completing an LLM in England and working in Brussels with the Canadian Mission to the European Union, **Alison Dempsey LLB'90** will be joining a firm in London England ... **Andy Erkau BA'95** is working on his MBA at UBC while his wife **Pam (Bush) Erkau BEd(Sec)'91** is on maternity leave since the birth of their first child, Daniel, in January 1996 ... **Danie Fecteau BMLSc'90** is working as a medical technologist in Montreal at Hospital Maisonneuve Rosemont, but is thinking of moving to the United States in the near future ... After finishing internships at Royal Columbian Hospital and Edmonton Regional Internship, respectively, **Jacqui Gingras BSc'95** and **Geoff Ball BSc'95** will both commence graduate work in the area of nutrition at the University of Alberta ... **Robert Gray BA'92** is living in China doing research in Nanjing. He will publish his first book in the fall of 1996. Rob received his MA in 1995 from Harvard, but is moving to the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) to begin his PhD in Chinese history ... **Bruce Hallor BA'89** was called to the bar in May and is practising



**Sylvia (Goldstein) Ablowitz BA'21** is a storehouse of memories of the early days of UBC and Vancouver. She is also the "Sylvia" for whom the Sylvia Hotel in Vancouver's West End is named. To Vancouver residents and visitors, the Sylvia Hotel, which was built by her father, is a special place to sit and relax and enjoy the city's spectacular sunsets (when it isn't raining!).

When Sylvia Goldstein was at UBC, it was a very different place than it is now, literally: the campus was still on the Fairview Slopes. Some professions were not considered appropriate for young ladies, so she opted to study French. Because there were not many French-speaking people in Vancouver then and very few opportunities to speak conversational French, she graduated with an academic knowledge of the language, but wasn't a fluent speaker.

She has very clear memories of many professors who are now revered names at UBC. Her fondest memories are of Dr. Westbrook ("He mingled with students and was easy to approach.") and Freddy Wood. "I'm not sure if he was a 'doctor' or not, everyone just called him 'Freddy'."

The debate which is current in the '90s, about the role of universities, was already raging in the 1920s. "They talked about the fact that we weren't taught to make a living. The professors used to say that we were taught to think."



*The Sylvia's  
Sylvia*

The Goldstein house was always open. Mrs. Goldstein never forbade her children to go anywhere, she just made her house so welcoming, that everyone wanted to be there. Mother and brother played the piano, someone played the drums, or "traps" as she calls them. On Friday and Saturday nights the house was filled with young people.

After graduation, she enrolled in a local business school, and after she finished that and a brief stint working for H.R. MacMillan, her family decided to move to Los Angeles. "My folks went down on a trip to California. There were a lot of Jewish people there, and there were very few

Jewish people in Vancouver at that time. And they decided that it would be nice for my brother and my sister, and myself of course, to be around Jewish children." She loved Los Angeles. But she had already met her husband-to-be in Vancouver.

The newly married couple settled in Vancouver. Her husband worked at H.A. Roberts Insurance, but when the 1929 Crash came, he left and opened his own insurance office with Sylvia's help. "I was fed up with going to bridge parties and things like that." She took a correspondence school to "find out about insurance." Their business was very successful, and they prospered.

Sylvia is widowed now. At the age of 96, she is a very busy woman, a telephone volunteer, helping other seniors to stay in touch with the outside world. She speaks very fondly of a young woman she tutored in English, a journalist who had immigrated from Russia. She reads the entire newspaper every morning and is up to date on everything that is happening in the world, including computer technology. She doesn't use computers, or the internet, but she knows it's there and she knows what it does and what it is capable of doing. She is not like the ivy-covered hotel that bears her name; no moss grows on this woman!

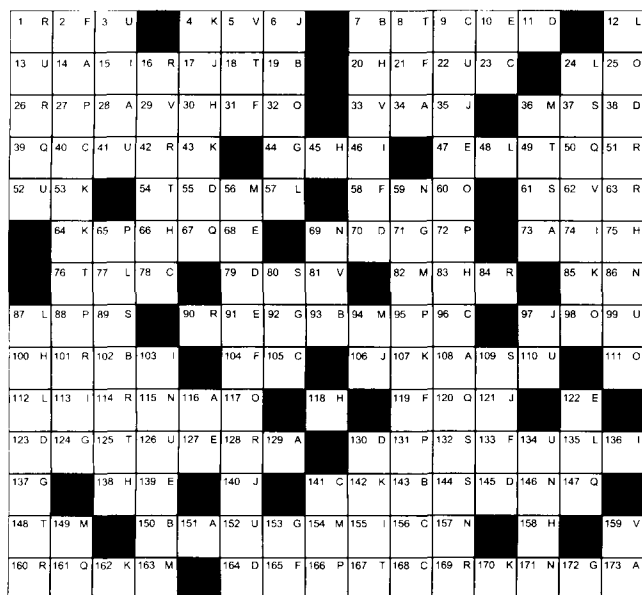
— Dale Fuller

at Crease Harmon and Co. in Victoria. Bruce is married to **Sharon (Pratt) Hallors BA'91** who has been recently promoted to general manager of Benson Industries ... **Michael Hamilton BSc'93** and Carole Forsythe are getting married on October 26, 1996. The two met on AMS Student Council when Michael was a rep for the Science Undergraduate Society and Carole was a VP ... **John Hole PhD'93** and **Judith Hole BA'92** are residing in Virginia. Judith completed her MS in Speech Pathology and Audiology in 1995 at California State University, Hayward, and is currently working as a speech pathologist. John has just started an Assistant Professor position in geophysics in the Department of Geological Sciences at Virginia Tech ... **Robert M. Holland MSc'93** is a project engineer with Ballard Power Systems, is living in Burnaby and loving it ... **Greg Jackson BSc(OT)'92** is building a new house to make room for a second child due in October ... **Robert K. Lee MSc(BusAdmin)'92** was transferred to IBM's headquarters in Markham, Ontario in the fall of 1995. He is working as a business system analyst and enjoying his first summer in Ontario, along with wife, Fanny and daughters Carmen and Chelsea ... **Andrew Lynn BSc'90** and Corina (Petersen)

Lynn would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Andrea Kristine born on June 4, 1996 ... **Lesly Mounce BEd'90** and husband Michael Maginnis are happy to announce the birth of Jenna Clair, born on May 24, 1996 ... **Nancy Melo BA'94, BEd'95** is presently teaching grade four in Vancouver ... Since January 1994, **Shichang Miao PhD'91** has been working at Tularik Inc., a biotech company specializing in gene regulation in the San Francisco Bay Area, as a natural products chemist ... **Mark Oulton BSc'91** is in the third year of a four year joint degree program (Masters of Environmental Studies and Bachelor of Law) studying various processes for reconciling Aboriginal rights claims with natural resource management issues in the BC salmon fishery ... **Evelyn (Guanzon) Pederson BSc'92** married Dean Pederson in September 1995 and is presently working for the Vancouver Police Department in the Crime Laboratory as a forensic specialist ... **Catherine Gillian Pickles MA'91** received a PhD in geography from McGill University in June 1996, and has a faculty position in New Zealand ... **Michael A. Pilgrim BSc'90** has taken over a solo family practice in beautiful Dawson Creek, BC. He's spending his spare time, along with his wife Lorna, tending arugula on their rural

acreage ... **Jennifer Mary Raguz BA'94** is currently a teaching assistant for English 110, and is in her second year of PhD work in English. She received her MA from Queen's in 1995, and is a non-resident member of Green College at UBC ... After leaving her position of Associate Attorney with Ferguson Gifford in Vancouver, **Laura Stanyer Moynihan LLB'90** moved to Cape Cod, and is now married and working for Ament and Ament, Falmouth, MA ... **Monica (Klassen) Stekl BA'91** and **John Stekl BCom'86** were married in April 1996. John is a CA, and Monica is an urban planning assistant in Vancouver ... **Kevin Swanson BSc'91** has graduated from medical school at the University of Alberta, and is now on his way to Halifax to start a Family Medicine residency at Dalhousie University ... **Eric Tardif MBA'94** will be returning to school this fall at Boston College. He was awarded a graduate assistantship to undertake a Master of Science in Finance. On September 7, 1996 he married his long-time sweetheart, Tanya Kovacic in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec ... **Robert J. Taylor PhD'95** is a Wood Engineering Scientist at Forintek Canada Corp. in Vancouver ... **Philip Wang BSc'90** obtained his MBA and continues his work for the Federal Government in Ottawa. ☺

# ALUMNI ACROSTIC PUZZLE



by Mary Trainer

When properly filled in, the letters in the box form a quotation from a book written by a UBC person. The first letters of each clue, reading down, form the name of the author and title of the book. Complete the puzzle and return it to us by December 15, and you may win a swell Alumni baseball cap! Winners are picked in a random draw from among the correct solutions sent in. Solution in the next issue.

SOLUTION:

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Summer 1996 solution: "Alpine regions are home to a surprisingly complex community of primulas, saxifrages, rock-jasmine and poppies. These flowers turn summer meadows into a blinding array of brightly coloured blossoms." Graham Osborne, *Wildflowers*.  
Winners: Geoffrey Abbott, Whitehorse, Yukon; Cheryl Fieguth, North Battleford, Sask.; George Battistel, Eugene, Ore.; Ralph Goodmurphy, Wenton, Conn.; Betty Burroughs, Victoria, BC; Peter Nykyforchyn, Kamloops, BC.

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| A. Lillooet was Mile Zero of the Cariboo -----: 2 wds.                           | 116 | 151 | 129 | 108 | 34  | 173 | 14  | 73  | 28  |
| B. Behaving  | 7   | 150 | 93  | 143 | 102 | 19  |     |     |     |
| C. <i>Bluenose</i> crew  | 40  | 156 | 141 | 23  | 9   | 96  | 168 | 78  | 105 |
| D. One who quarrels noisily  | 164 | 130 | 38  | 70  | 79  | 123 | 55  | 145 | 11  |
| E. B.C. mountain range and river   | 91  | 139 | 127 | 68  | 10  | 47  | 122 |     |     |
| F. James -----; Canadian inventor of basketball                                  | 2   | 58  | 21  | 133 | 31  | 104 | 165 | 119 |     |
| G. Pierre Berton: "I only write books about dead people. They -----": 2 wds.     | 71  | 153 | 137 | 44  | 92  | 124 | 172 |     |     |
| H. Native name for Queen Charlotte Islands: 2 wds.                               | 45  | 138 | 118 | 75  | 30  | 100 | 20  | 83  | 158 |
|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 66  |
| I. Pianist Anton Kuerti: "Muzak goes in one ear and out some other -----!"       | 136 | 15  | 46  | 74  | 155 | 113 | 103 |     |     |
| J. Language spoken by Jews in eastern Europe                                     | 6   | 140 | 121 | 35  | 17  | 106 | 97  |     |     |
| K. Treasury Board Commandment: "Remember ----- Day to keep it holy!": 107 2 wds. | 107 | 142 | 53  | 85  | 64  | 4   | 43  | 162 | 170 |
| L. A silent signal of warning, recognition, or greeting: 2 wds.                  | 77  | 135 | 24  | 48  | 12  | 112 | 57  | 87  |     |
| M. Ralph -----, author and pioneer at Lonesome Lake                              | 94  | 154 | 82  | 56  | 149 | 163 | 36  |     |     |
| N. This Pauline wrote <i>Legends of Vancouver</i>                                | 69  | 115 | 171 | 157 | 146 | 86  | 59  |     |     |
| O. The Juno -----  | 32  | 111 | 98  | 25  | 60  | 117 |     |     |     |
| P. Intoxicated   | 88  | 95  | 131 | 65  | 72  | 166 | 27  |     |     |
| Q. Placer Dome mines gold here   | 147 | 50  | 39  | 120 | 161 | 67  |     |     |     |
| R. Common tree in the Nicola Valley: 2 wds.                                      | 90  | 169 | 128 | 114 | 63  | 84  | 1   | 160 | 26  |
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| S. Commit  | 132 | 144 | 37  | 109 | 80  | 89  | 61  |     |     |
| T. Separate excerpt  | 148 | 54  | 8   | 167 | 125 | 49  | 18  | 76  |     |
| U. Possession is ----- of the law: hyph. wd.                                     | 99  | 41  | 126 | 3   | 22  | 110 | 152 | 134 | 13  |
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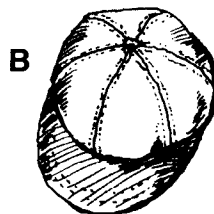
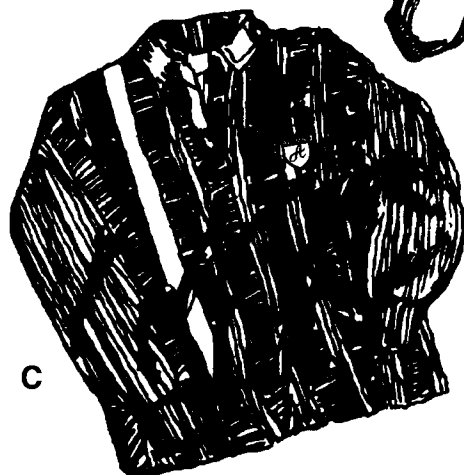
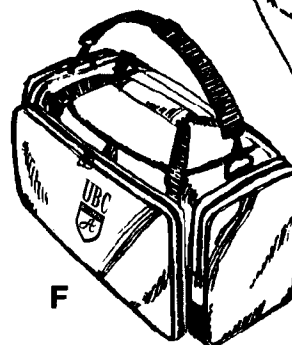
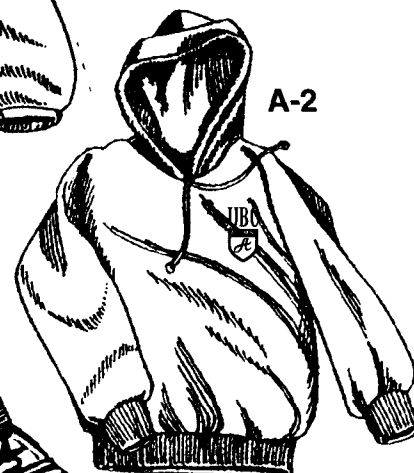
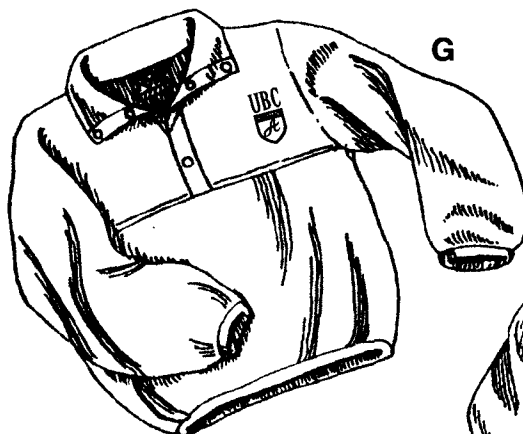
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