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T-Birds turn heroes



T-Bird coach Frank Smith: "Football, next to my family, is my top priority."

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One of the greatest deities in Western mythology is named Joe. As a young man, Joe had a fine mind and generous soul, but his 97-pound scarecrow frame made him the target of bullies and led to his humiliating downfall. But Joe fought back, risking a dime to send away for a book that would turn him into the muscular "Hero of the Beach"; he subsequently avenged his honor by punching out the very muscular meathead who had humiliated him.

In addition to making millions for Charles Atlas, Joe worked his way into the North American subconscious. Each one of us is a 97-pound weakling in one department or another, and Joe has given us faith that if only we want and work hard enough, nothing is beyond our grasp. It isn't always

true, of course, but we still cheer those former 97-pound weaklings who do wreak their revenge on their erstwhile tormentors. The Miracle Mets of 1969 and the Cinderella Canucks of 1982 were certainly no better than any other World Series or Stanley Cup finalists; their tremendous appeal stemmed from the fact that they were former doormats rising up against their oppressors.

A similar story is unfolding on UBC's own campus, where the Thunderbirds football team, once the laughingstock of a pretty weak league, is now the best college football team in the country. Because it's taken place over eight years, the enormity of the transformation is obscured. Consider some statistics. In 1974, coach Frank Smith in-

herited a football team that had gone 2-8 the previous season and would go 1-8 in its first season under him (the lone win coming in an exhibition game against a small Washington college). This year, Smith's Birds went undefeated in league play, outscoring the opposition by an average of 37-13 in the process, then won the Western Intercollegiate Football League final 57-3 and the Atlantic Bowl 54-1.

It matters not whether they won or lost the Vanier Cup, the Canadian university football championship game (held between deadline and publication of this issue of the Chronicle); a loss would indicate merely an off day for a behemoth that has been ranked number one in the country from day one of the season. The scouts who once trekked up the sides of Burnaby Mountain to assess the skills of the likes of Lui Passaglia, Glen Jackson and Rick House, now park their cars in the shadow of Thunderbird stadium.

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Last minute score: UBC Thunderbirds won the Vanier Cup 39-14 over University of Western Ontario Mustangs.

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Alumni Association pledges support in UBC community relations

On July 1st, 1983, Dr. K. George Pedersen will become the eighth president of the University of British Columbia.

The Spring Chronicle will have more to say about the importance of this decision for UBC and about the challenges that will face Dr. Pedersen as he moves from Simon Fraser to Point Grey.

For the present we want to congratulate Chancellor Clyne and his search committee on a wise and timely choice. We also wish President Kenny well as he prepares to return to teaching and research. He has been a constant friend to the Association. Finally we express, on behalf of all graduates, a hearty welcome to our new President. The Board, the staff and the volunteers all look forward to working with Dr. Pedersen, particularly on the challenge of improving UBC's public awareness.

We have spent considerable energy in recent months establishing the University's Resources Council for President Kenny. It is now off and running and will, we hope, be seen as a useful asset by President Pedersen. One of the things that we have learned along the way is that fund-raising is only one part of the larger endeavour of community relations.

In these days of funding crises it is imperative that the people of B.C. and of Canada recognise that higher education is of utmost importance to our society. It is up to Universities to tell their stories to the public and thus attract not only more private funds, but also a greater degree of stability.

Judging by Dr. Pedersen's track record at Simon Fraser, he will be taking UBC's community relations as one of his priorities. The Alumni Association pledges him its wholehearted and enthusiastic support in this undertaking. He should know that he has 80,000 ambassadors waiting for his call.

Ad multos annos.

*Dr. Peter Jones
Executive Director
UBC Alumni Association*

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The metamorphosis of the hapless Birds into the juggernaut they are now didn't just happen, of course. It took somebody to gamble, somebody who believed these scrawny little Birds could, with a little application and perspiration, turn into muscled champions who would crush the various Bisons, Huskies, Dinosaurs and Golden Bears who fattened up on poultry all those years. That somebody was Frank Smith, a 51-year-old Vancouverite and former high school teacher. He was hired in the spring of 1974 to replace Norm Thomas, Frank Gnupe's successor, who had resigned after just one season on the job.

John Marquardt, who played under all three coaches, notes the difference between the approaches of the sainted Gnupe and the square-jawed tough guy Smith: "The football team used to be a *recreation* program; it was a lot of fun. With Smith it became a *football* program. It was fun too, but it was fun in a different way."

Smith brought three things to UBC: discipline, knowledge, and football players. He was determined that the province's best young athletes would start going to UBC instead of Simon Fraser University or somewhere outside the province. One of his first recruits was Dan Smith, the Birds quarterback throughout the middle and later 1970s.

Dan Smith recalls the first UBC football game for both Smiths, a 63-0 loss to the University of Saskatchewan. "Frank and I went out to dinner that night. He said to me, 'Now Dan, don't worry, it's gonna get better, I promise you that. I'm going to work, and it's gonna get better.'" It did the following year. Bolstered by new recruits Smith and Smith brought home UBC's first winning record — 6-4 — in almost a decade. Recruiting has since gotten a lot easier. Let's face it — nothing brings in recruits like an 18-4 record, which UBC had compiled over the last two seasons.

Frank Smith, in fact, has just become UBC's winningest football coach ever. His 55 wins in nine seasons is one better than the 54 wins Gnupe compiled in eighteen seasons. In fact, some time next year Smith should double the total number of games won by all UBC post-war football teams. (How tough was it to win here? So tough that even Don Coryell, now coaching the San Diego local of the NFL Players' Association, won only twice in 18 tries when he was in charge of the Birds in the early 1950s.) Smith's 1982 Birds are the first team to go undefeated in WIFL league play; they've now won fifteen straight league games, a record only they have any real chance of breaking.

Smith reveals few secrets about his success, if indeed there are secrets. He avoids controversy. The last time he did anything

controversial was after his first game back in 1974, the 63-0 debacle, when he blew his top, accusing the other team of picking on his kids. The game loss appears to embarrass Smith a lot less than his loss of composure at the time. He's proud of his success, but he makes it all sound *simple*, as if anybody could do the same, if only they were willing to do the necessary sweating.

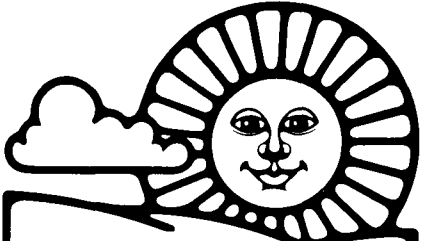
How did he get the job? "After the job became available (following Thomas's resignation) I applied for it." Did he impress UBC with his plans for turning the football program around? No, he says. "You accept a job the way it is, and after that you work to change it, to make it a better job."

When he did begin to implement his changes, did his new employers object to his dismantling the "fun" "recreation" program and replacing it with his own boot camp? No, he insists. "They were supportive, but they left it in my hands."

"The biggest thing we did," he says ("we" being the coaching staff), "was we recruited players and we devoted a lot of time and energy to the football program. Football, next to my family, is my top priority."

Maybe it is that simple. In the meantime the Birds are drawing more attention and bigger crowds than ever before. Until the other teams in the league get sick and tired of getting sand kicked in their faces, until they send away for their own versions of Frank Smith, UBC's one-time 97-pound weaklings will continue to avenge humiliations of football seasons past. ●

*by Ralph Maurer
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**Alumni
Summer College**

The 1983 Alumni Summer College is scheduled from July 5 to July 9, 1983.

The topic will be "1984 and the Computer Revolution".

More information on tours, faculty and special events surrounding the Summer College will be in the Spring Edition of the Chronicle.

Plan now to join us!

Pedersen to become 8th UBC president

Dr. K. George Pedersen, president of Simon Fraser University, will become the eighth president of the University of British Columbia on July 1, 1983.

Dr. Pedersen, 51, will succeed Dr. Douglas T. Kenny, UBC's chief executive officer since 1975, who will have completed 39 years of association with his alma mater when he steps down as president next June 30.

Dr. Leslie Peterson, chairman of UBC's Board of Governors, in announcing Dr. Pedersen's appointment, said the Board felt it had found in Dr. Pedersen an ideal individual to succeed Dr. Kenny.

"Dr. Pedersen," he said, "has had experience as a student, teacher, researcher and administrator at all levels of the B.C. school system and at all three public universities in the province. He is ideally qualified to provide the educational leadership so vital in a comprehensive institution such as UBC."

Dr. Pedersen is a graduate of UBC, a former elementary and secondary school teacher and administrator in North Vancouver and a university-level professor and researcher in the field of educational administration.

He joined the University of Victoria in 1972 as dean of the Faculty of Education, a post he held until 1975, when he was appointed academic vice-president and professor at that university. He became Simon Fraser University's president in 1979.

Dr. Pedersen holds a diploma from the former provincial normal school in Vancouver (1952); graduated from the University of B.C. in 1959 with double honors in history and geography; was awarded the degree of Master of Arts by the University of Washington in 1964 in the fields of geography and administration; and received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago for research which focussed on the administration and economics of education.

As a student, Dr. Pedersen won numerous awards, including a University of Chicago Scholarship and two Canada Council doctoral fellowships. He also held a prestigious Ford Foundation fellowship for three years at the University of Chicago.

For 13 years from 1952 to 1965, Dr. Pedersen was a teacher, vice-principal and principal at five elementary and secondary schools in North Vancouver.

He enrolled at the University of Chicago in 1965 to obtain his doctorate and after a two-year period at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (University of Toron-



Dr. K. George Pedersen

to) from 1968 to 1970 he returned to the University of Chicago as an assistant professor and associate director of the Midwest Administration Centre.

When he joined the faculty at the University of Victoria, Dr. Pedersen was deeply involved in a number of provincial and national bodies concerned with teacher education. He was a member of the provincial Joint Board of Teacher Education for three years and a member of planning committees for the Canadian Teachers' Federation and the B.C. Council for Leadership in Educational Administration.

He has also served on a number of committees of the Universities Council of B.C., including its business affairs, long-range planning and program co-ordinating committees. He chaired the advisory committee on educational planning for the B.C. education ministry in 1977-78 and is currently on the task force on forestry manpower needs of the provincial ministry of forestry.

Dr. Pedersen also has a long-standing interest in international education. He serves on the advisory committee of the Office of International Development of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and is also a member of AUCC's board of directors. He is a member, trustee and governor of a number of local and national bodies, including the Arts, Science and Technology Centre, Discovery Foundation, the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation, the advisory committee of the Vancouver Academy of Music and the Institute for Research on Public Policy in Montreal.

Born in Northern Alberta, Dr. Pedersen grew up and received his schooling in the Fraser Valley community of Chilliwack. He is married and has two children, a 22-year-old son and a 20-year-old daughter.

Alumni Fund Report

Organizers of the 1982 Alumni Fund fall campaign extend a warm thank you. To date over \$84,000 has been received through alumni support. Over \$48,000 of that total has been unallocated, which means the Alumni Association can fulfil its commitment to scholarships and bursaries for needy students during these difficult times of restraint. We can assist many student-related groups on campus with special worthy projects as well.

The UBC Summer Program for the Retired has been faced with a severe crisis with its budget cut due to retrenchment. Thus far \$12,105 has been raised.

In response to the crisis developing with DayCare facilities on campus, Mrs. Sherwood Lett has chaired a committee of UBC supporters which has been seeking support from fellow alumni. To date, \$4,020 has been raised. \$217,000 is required to save the centres from closing due to fire hazards on December 30.

The UBC Ski Team Fund has generated \$1,375 from it's alumni.

The Wesbrook Society Trustees granted \$32,000US to the Crane Library for the purchase of a Kurzweil Reading Machine for the blind.

Our phonathon program kicked off this year in California with a goal of endowing our Southern Californian Scholarship. Close to \$2,700 was pledged in two days with the help of six volunteers in the Los Angeles area. Next stops are Seattle, Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto. Local phonathons are scheduled for Commerce and Rehab Medicine and Geography just completed one.

Other Campus groups have taken advantage of a divisional mailing to alumni. Civil engineering is appealing to their alumni to support the CCES Conference and Chemical Engineering has recently held a campaign for funds.

The Alumni Fund Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mel Reeves, has other plans in the offing — a special Parents Program for non-alumni parents, a reunion-giving program which will enable classes to choose a special project to honour their graduating year. The Classes of '21 and '22 have already set their sights on raising funds for a "Photographic Archives Fund" for the Special Collections section of the Library.

Resources Council reorganized

Universities are part of the communities which they serve. As fund-raisers, we must work to make the public aware of the important social and economic contributions the University makes to the community.

That was the message from Chancellor J.V. Clyne to newly-appointed members of the UBC Resources Council at the council's first general meeting since being reorganized recently.

Noting that individuals and corporations alike will support only those causes which seem socially relevant, Clyne described the Resources Council's task as one of community relations. A primary function of the council, he said, should be to provide advice as to which University projects are most likely to attract the financial support of individuals, corporations and foundations.

The first general meeting of the newly-appointed Resources Council was held October 14, 1982 in the President's Lounge of the University Club. At that meeting, Chancellor Clyne introduced Mr. Ron Heath, who is serving as the Council's Executive Secretary.

An Australian by birth, Ron Heath emigrated to Canada in 1947. During a thirty-four year career with the resources giant, Cominco Limited, Heath demonstrated exceptional ability in the fields of corporate forecasting and external relations.

While at Cominco, Heath was at the vanguard of an innovative and highly successful management strategy based on the belief that social and economic change is something to be *managed*, rather than simply coped with.

As Executive Secretary, Heath will work



Mr. Ron Heath, Executive Secretary of the Resources Council.

to develop a strong image of the University within the business community. As well, he will assist in the formation of long-range funding strategies designed to balance the University's needs against those of business and industry.

In addition to his office on the University campus, Heath will also keep an office in the downtown core, in a space donated by Placer Developments, Limited.

Resources Council Members:

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Travel with UBC in 1983/4

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ET 3036-483 — China: Cultural Traditions and Modernization, Mr. Ken Woodsworth, Oct 1-22, 1983.

ET 3044-384 — Kenya: Land and People -Culture and Education, Barbara Matiru, July 1984.

ET 3045-283 — Cultural and Educational Tour of Hungary, Dr. Marg Csapo, May 24-June 9, 1983.

ET 3046-383 — Living and Learning in Scandinavia, Dr. Steen Esbensen, July 9-29, 1983.

ET 3049-383 — International Higher Education Seminar: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Dr. Stephen Foster, Aug 12-Sep 1, 1983.

ET 3061-283 — The Ukrainians: Culture, Society, Education, Dr. Hannah Polowy, Apr 27-May 23, 1983.

ET 3062-383 — Japan: Care and Education of Children, Dr. Hannah Polowy, Aug 7-19, 1983.

For details contact the Centre for Continuing Education, The University of British Columbia, 5997 Iona Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 2A4 or phone 228-2181 or 228-6811, locals 221, 225.

UBC Executive Programmes Management Seminars and Workshops SPRING 1983

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Graduates face tough time finding jobs

A better job faster! All the skills you need to get any job and have a good time doing it!

Such are the rewards promised by the various job-search guides on display in the UBC Canada Employment Centre. For an increasing number of students, however, the primary concern is no longer with finding a *better* job, but with finding any employment, whatever.

Although, as a group, university graduates remain among the most employable members of society, the past year has seen a dramatic decrease in both the number and the overall quality of jobs available to students. In British Columbia, the university community has been especially hard-hit by the economic hardships of industries traditionally known as major sources of summer and casual employment. The forest, mining, and hospitality industries, in particular, have been forced to cut-back substantially on student hiring.

According to the Centre's acting Manager Pat Hagerman, 1982 has been the most worrisome year since the Canada Employment Centre opened its UBC office in 1978. As an indication of how serious the student unemployment problem has become, Hagerman cites comparison statistics for the summers of 1981 and 1982. Between April and August of this year, the CEC was able to place only 413 students in full-time, employer-solicited jobs — a drop of 58% from the 988 placements achieved during the same period in 1981. Part-time placements also dropped slightly, from 635 in 1981, to 494 in 1982.

Hagerman also describes 1982 as a poor year in terms of the types of job listed. Compared with previous years, a significantly higher percentage of job requests placed with the Centre this summer were for low-paying, and in many cases only short-term, manual labour positions.

The summer employment shortage, coupled with increased tuition, textbook, and general living expenses, has led to fierce competition for casual winter employment. The situation is worsened by a record enrolment in both UBC and Simon Fraser University. UBC Information Officer Al Hunter estimates current UBC enrolment at 25,030 — a rise of over three percent from the previous record established last year.

The principal source of on-campus employment is the Work-Study program. Funded by the provincial Ministry of Education, the Work-Study program is

designed to assist students whose expenses are not fully covered by other forms of assistance, such as government loans and grants-in-aid. The program is administered by the Financial Aid office, with hiring preference given on the basis of a needs assessment. Wherever possible, a student is placed in a position relevant to his or her own course of studies.

Despite a slow initial response, the number of applications to the Work-Study program is now up substantially from last year. In the view of Work-Study Administrator Sheila Summers, this delayed response is explainable in part to poor student budgeting. In Summer's words, "Some people receive their loans and don't budget ahead. When you get \$1,500 in your hand, there doesn't seem to be any problem."

On the other hand, Summers points out that many needy students, especially single parents, face tremendous difficulties in attempting to free-up sufficient time to participate in the Work-Study program.

The 1981-82 recruitment program provided a graphic illustration of how serious and widespread the recession had suddenly become. For the first time in the history of the program, a large number of students were first offered employment, and then

notified that the offer had been revoked. It is not surprising then, that, rather than risk such an embarrassing situation again, a number of major corporations have either opted out of this year's recruiting program or have confined themselves to a limited, non-committal "survey" of present prospects.

While it is too early to accurately predict whether the serious summer job shortfall witnessed last summer will be repeated in 1983, a number of troublesome signs have already appeared. As the annual campus recruitment drive got underway, all indicators suggested that the serious downturn experienced last winter will be even more pronounced this year. ●

by Ian McLatchie
(Ian McLatchie is a Vancouver freelance writer.)

Editor's note: What the future holds for 1982 grads and how they face it is a CBC television documentary Sunday, December 26 from 9-10 p.m. Grads, produced by Doug Lower, is an Agriculture and Resources documentary about graduates and the work force, which may be of special interest to Chronicle readers.

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UBC a place of living history during Trek Week '82

One of the most memorable events of Great Trek Week '82 was the Great Trek parade, which wound through downtown and Point Grey streets and included large and colorful contingents of both students and alumni. Others will remember the Arts '20 Relay Race, a recent revival of an event originally staged in 1920, which this year attracted over 1400 entrants. The Engineering A team won the race, finishing the 11 kilometres in 32 minutes, 6 seconds.

For many, the climax to the week was the Founders Dinner and Dance, hosted by Professor Emeritus Dr. Blythe Eagles and highlighted by an address delivered by UBC alumnus, Pierre Berton. The Founders Dinner was something of a showcase for the traditions and rituals which have been passed from one generation of students to the next.

The Dinner was attended by at least one member of each graduating class of the years 1916-1929 — a tribute to the organizational skills of the Great Trek Week committee. In a salute to these distinguished guests, Berton recalled the inspiration he had experienced on first hearing of the events of 1922.

Another feature of the Founders Dinner celebrations was the presentation by Alma Mater Society President Dave Frank of the Great Trekker award for outstanding con-



UBC graduates and students at the start of the Great Trek parade.

tribution to campus life. In presenting the award to UBC Intramural Co-ordinator, Nestor Korchinsky, Frank noted that it was only through the initiative of Dr. Korchinsky that the Arts '20 Relay Race was revived in 1969.

Cecil Green Park Fall Forums

Has the classical notion of a liberal education been rendered obsolete by an increasingly specialized economy? Can the success of a university be measured by the financial contribution its graduates make to society?

These questions were examined Thursday, November 4th at Cecil Green Park during a lively debate between the noted medieval scholar Dr. A. Jean Elder of the UBC History Department, and Mr. James P. Cooney, Manager of Government Affairs for Placer Developments, Limited.

The debate, entitled "Skilled Trade or an Education: Should Graduates be Doers or Thinkers?", was presented by the UBC Alumni Association as the first event in its evening Fall Forum series.

Three other programs in the Fall Forum Series included:

- Professor Larry Weiler, Head, Chemistry Department - "A Day In The Life of a University Professor"
- The Honourable J.V. Clyne, Chancellor, UBC - "A President for the 80's"
- Mr. Byron Olson, Olson Architects/ Program Planners - "The University Endowment Lands: Park, Research Park, or Housing?"



Dr. Nestor Korchinsky, UBC Intramural Co-ordinator, received the Great Trekker award for outstanding contribution to campus life.



Photos: Ken Parkinson

UBC alumnus Pierre Berton was the keynote speaker at the Founders Dinner.

Getting together



50th Reunion Committee members (l to r) Neil McKellar, Ottawa, Enid Harvey, Alistair Taylor, London, Ontario, Dr. Charles Armstrong, San Diego, Tom Brown, Mary Fallis, Prince George.

1932 Reunion

In 1932 there were 348 graduates from UBC, each full of enthusiasm and ready to make his or her mark on the world. On October 2, 1982, 84 graduates came back to the University for their 50th reunion. A weekend of celebration was planned for this memorable anniversary including dinner parties given by the reunion committee members in their homes; a bus tour of the campus and a formal dinner at the UBC Faculty Club.

The Class of '32 reunion committee, chaired by Dr. Alfred Elliot, was a keen and lively group determined to make this one of the most enjoyable reunions ever. Guests at the formal dinner were surprised and very pleased to see so many familiar faces. There was a special feeling of warmth and affection which was appreciated by everybody. Credit for this goes to the committee, which began organizing activities a full year before the event.

"The personal touch," said committee Secretary Mrs. Enid Harvey, "is the reason why so many graduates were present." Each invitation contained a personal comment from a member of the committee. This must have stirred many fond memories and certainly produced a good response. Graduates came from as far away as Australia, Scotland, Florida and California as well as from all over Canada. Reunion committee members offered their homes to those needing accommodation

and made sure that anyone from out of town received an invitation to dinner on Friday night at one of their homes. This kind gesture gave the out-of-towners a chance to get to know each other again.

The bus tour on Saturday morning was enjoyed by 20 graduates. In 1932, there were only five main buildings on campus, quite a contrast with campus today. Many said that, although the University had obviously grown tremendously, they were glad to see that the greenery and trees preserved to some extent the garden-like surroundings they had enjoyed before.

The media were very interested to hear the graduates make comparisons between 1932 and the present. Mrs. Harvey commented in an article in the *Vancouver Sun* on September 28, "With 50 year hindsight, there'll be comparisons. But in my opinion the world was bleaker in 1932". Dr. Charles Armstrong in an interview with CBC-TV said that he also felt that although things seemed bad today, opportunities were still there for graduates who were prepared to work. The general feeling of the Class of '32 was that adversity creates stronger people and encourages them to make more effort.

Chancellor J.V. Clyne, guest speaker at the Faculty Club reunion dinner, noted that 1932 was a year which produced many distinguished figures. The graduating year produced at least one chancellor in the person of Dr. Ian McTaggart Cowan "and it is hardly his fault that he is with the wrong university" quipped Clyne. He captured

the feeling of the group when he said, "the best is yet to come".

The graduates of 1932 are still looking forward, many indicating that their background, graduating in a year of the great depression, only served to make them more determined to succeed. They are optimistic and have faith in the future of Canada and offer encouragement to today's graduates.

1957 Reunion

The Graduate Student Centre was the venue for this year's 25th Class Reunion, where the class of '57 got together to greet old friends and put names to familiar faces.

A cocktail reception was followed by a delicious smorgasbord buffet for 150 in the dining room where seating was arranged by Faculty.

After dinner, guests danced to the familiar songs of 1957 courtesy of Ruby and Bill from Spectrum Audio Entertainment. Ruby helped the good times to start by demonstrating the Hokey Kokey and Bill led the guests in an interesting version of the Rumba. There must have been some tired feet the following day as the dancing continued until 1 a.m.

Credit for the great time is due to the Class chairmen who helped organize the event and telephoned their classmates to bring them out for the evening. Only one regret was expressed: it was over too soon and it's too long to the next reunion.

Ski Team Reunion

There will be a social gathering of the ski team alumni on the weekend of February 26, 1983. It will take place at Grouse Mountain and promises to be a lot of fun. For more information, please contact: Don Sturgess 263-2118.

Alumni Association Divisions

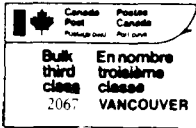
An extraordinary Board of Management meeting was held on November 4, 1982 to discuss Divisions. Each member of the Divisions Council Executive talked about their area of responsibility and the way they would like to see Divisions develop. Work is proceeding on the Divisions Handbook and Reunions Handbook. A newsletter was recently completed for the Social Work Division which included a "Missing Persons" list. The response from the MBA/MSc list was good and we hope that our Records department will have as much success with the Social Work Division. ●

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This honors a UBC graduate who has, since graduating, made a contribution to his or her field of endeavor that is of such significance that it reflects on UBC. Previous winners have been Pierre Berton, John Carson, Donald Chant, Roy Daniells, George Davidson, Frances Fleming, Walter Gage, William C. Gibson, Hugh L. Keenleyside, Frances Kelsey, W. Kaye Lamb, John Liersch, Helen McCrae, Malcolm McGregor, Nathan T. Nemetz, Eric P. Nicol, Homer A. Thompson, and Harry Warren.

Honorary Life Membership

Nominees should be individuals who have not received a UBC degree — honorary or earned. They may represent any discipline but will have gained at least national recognition through long service and contributions to knowledge to his or her field. Forty individuals have been named honorary life members of the alumni association since the award was created in 1957.

Nominations

To make a nomination for either the Alumni Award of Distinction or an Honorary Life Membership simply send the names of your nominees, the award you are suggesting for them, and the reason for your nominations, along with your name, address and telephone number to: The Awards Committee, UBC Alumni Association 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1W5. Nominations for the 1983 awards must be received by Friday, February 11, 1983.

(A committee representative will contact you for biographical information on your candidates.)