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COVER PICTURE:
The pert young graduate-to-be atop the University gates looking toward the city where she'll shortly have to make her way, is Miss **Willa McKinnon** (Arts '50) . . . her father, **George McKinnon** graduated from U.B.C. in 1920 . . . Cap and gown worn by Miss McKinnon was donated to the students of Mrs. **Les McLennan** (nee Cora Metz, '22) wife of **Les McLennan,** who is first President of the U.B.C. Alumni Association's Northern California chapter.

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For the Record . . .

This issue gets off to an explosive start on page 5, where **Dave Brousson** of the Quarterback club gives Editor Hall a workout over his last issue editorial on football (American plan) . . . readers are requested to write the Chronicle their opinions . . . this is still a democracy . . . At the other end of the line things get a little more cultural on page 9, where **Dorothy Livesay** comes up with an article on **Earle Birney,** who has once again attracted literary notice across the country with his new novel **"Turvey" . . . Dorothy Livesay** combines here fluent style with personal knowledge of her subject to present an excellent close-up of the successful author and poet.

The **Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund** is once again underway for 1950 and already we've reached a total of $7,800 for the first two months of the year . . . we must hit **$20,000** . . . so don't wait for the next fellow . . . if you've been piker in the past years, change spots and become a supporter of your University . . . if you don't, then drop reading this magazine here . . . you don't deserve any of the privileges of being a grad.

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QUARTERBACK CHRONICLE FOO

Dave Brousson, Chairman of the Thunderbird Quarterback Club, offers an argument to the American football editorial appearing in the December issue.

March 11th, 1950

Dear Sir:

All those interested in university athletics welcome the Editor's forthright comments in the December Chronicle on the Thunderbird football team. However, there are so many misconceptions and misunderstandings in the editorial that the Quarterback Club feels it a duty and a privilege to present the other side of the story.

To begin with, the Editor must have been sitting in a lonely, secluded part of Varsity stadium, if he feels that what he is pleased to call an "Experiment in Football" has given "Little Satisfaction," and brought only "Humiliation and Ignominy."

The ever-increasing crowds of the past three seasons, in every kind of weather, the thunderous applause for courageous and thrilling plays, the great ovation given the graduating members of this year's team: Surely these are not the evidence to which the Editor refers. The individual who was heard to remark, "that was my first football game, and the 'Birds didn't win, but thy've won a fan," was typical, not an exception.

Surely the Editor, a great sportsman himself, does not feel downhearted because the team has not won a majority of its games in its first three seasons of American football? Our basketball team has been going through heavy weather this season, but has anybody even dreamed of abandoning basketball as a major campus sport? The great English rugby International Series to which he refers are by no means relegated to the past. Witness the Wallabies and Golden Bears of the last two years, and California and Stanford this spring.

Let us review the situation a little more objectively and realistically than the editor permits himself. To begin with, it has always been considered desirable that U.B.C. should participate as far as possible in Collegiate, rather than "downtown" athletic competition. For many years we have tried to surmount the increasingly difficult barrier of finances, distance, and time, to play Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba universities at Canadian football, while other U.B.C. teams played in local leagues. These barriers finally became so difficult immediately following the war that the member universities agreed to disband the Western Conference.

The next most logical group for U.B.C. to join was that comprising all other institutions of a comparable size in the west, the Pacific Coast Conference. This was obviously an impossibility so the Men's Athletic Directorate took the next best step, joining a smaller and closer group, the Evergreen Conference. And let us not do the members of this Conference the discourtesy of calling them "Backwoods Colleges" — while they are not all very large in numbers, their teams have shown themselves great in courage, sportsmanship, and ability.

CLUB ANSWERS TBALL EDITORIAL

This step obviously meant that we would have to play American Football — but it also meant that all our teams would play in Collegiate circles. While we are on this subject, it is purely ridiculous for the Editor to state that "almost any impartial person will agree the Canadian game is more spectacular than American Football." I have heard too many arguments between experts on this topic ever to agree quite so easily. And while rugby is a great sport, and admittedly economical of equipment, it is played as a major sport by no other Canadian university. But arguments on the particular qualities of different sports have no place here. Let it suffice for us to agree, rather, that all three codes produce great contests, great teams, great displays of sportsmanship.

Solution

The Editor graciously offers the "Athletic Clique" at U.B.C. three alternatives. Let us consider these again:

(1) "Abandonment of American football, with a return to Canadian, and the re-establishment of the Western Inter-Collegiate Football Union; "or
Only Saskatchewan is remotely interested in re-establishing the W.I.C.U., and they have no idea how it could be accomplished on a practical basis.

(2) "Banishment of Inter-Collegiate football from the campus, as has been done by Chicago and many of the progressive American universities."
It would be interesting to know which are the **"many** progressive universities" to which the Editor refers. Incidentally, Pittsburgh, one of the few universities which did abandon football, has now re-organized its team. We feel sure that this alternative requires no further discussion.

(3) "Abandonment of the lukewarm, namby-pamby attitude toward football scholarships and subsidization of star performers."

This takes us on to somewhat difficult ground. However, when the Editor takes this stand the Quarterback Club heartily endorses it, and agrees that "every effort should be made to have a top-flight team."

We take the position that every athlete of university calibre from British Columbia should have an opportunity to attend U.B.C. at least as good as the opportunity he has to attend McGill, Washington, Queen's or California. Now let this not be misunderstood. We do not advocate "professional college sport," or "athletic bums" at U.B.C., but surely we can make it possible for our own sons to play for our own Alma Mater. And looking at this from a broader viewpoint, quite apart from the fact that the university receives good publicity from great teams, or that we all enjoy seeing our Thunderbirds win games, the judicious subsidization of athletics at the university, developing great teams and outstanding stars, will have a tremendous

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ON MEETING A DEBT

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EARLE BIRNEY --- *AUTHOR, POET*

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The long-limbed, sandy haired young man — obviously with much of the Scot in him — was guest at a tea party in Harry Cassidy's house when I first met him, in 1933. That was in Toronto, in the deep of the depression. Earle Birney hailed from the University of B. C., they said; he was finishing his M.A. at the University of Toronto and would be on his way shortly to the University of London, as a Royal Society Fellow. His concern was English literature; but neither he nor anyone else present seemed to be interested in talking about literature. The talk was of how to get a job; of economics and Marxism; of a possible world war. One did not sense that this young man was soon to become one of Canada's most important poets and novelists.

Earle Birney had got his education the hard way, by working his way through college. He bumped into all manner of men and his social inclinations were early at variance with his desire to be alone with nature. Perhaps his most meaningful lessons had come from direct contact with nature, in mountain climbing near the village of Banff where he first went to school. His adolescent years were spent on a farm in the Kootenays, and here again the impression went deep. There is no great love of cities nor of city ways in Earle Birney's poetry. Rather we find a distrust and suspicion of man's mechanical advances, a call to return and be refreshed where

"the stars went out, and the quiet heather flushed
and the skyline pulsed with the surging bloom
Of incredible dawn in the Rockies."
(From David).

At University, in Vancouver, the love of nature was merged with the love of poetry. But the idyllic nature poetry of the nineteenth century was not what finally attracted Birney. It was the satirical, human and piscaresque romancing of Geoffrey Chaucer with which he found kinship. So much so, that his PHD thesis was as its theme, "The Irony of Chaucer." That study not only developed Birney's absorbing interest in the sources of English poetry, the Anglo-Saxon rhythms, and vocabulary; it also pointed up the satirical and highly critical quality in his own nature.

My second encounter with Earle Birney was in the early years of the war. He had returned to Canada in 1936 and obtained an assistant professorship at University College, Toronto. But he surprised himself and everyone else by beginning, in those years of the late thirties, to write poetry. His interest in the academic was never a dry-as-dust affair. He made the books work for him. In the same way, his interest in Canadian culture was not perfunctory, not an ivory-tower position either. From the moment when he became a writer himself he set out to do something about Canadian writing. Thus it was that he became, in 1936, literary editor of the Canadian Forum. As such he did pioneer work in stirring up interest in younger writers and in trying to establish a higher level of criticism in Canada.

Caustic Critic

Birney's uncompromising attitude often led him into battles. There were some who feared the caustic pen, the quick tongue. It was therefore a bit of a surprise to me, interviewing him in the tiny office within the cloisters of University College, to find him so genial, friendly and thoroughly disposed to be interested in other people's work.

A visit to his home, early in 1942, and the domestic comfort inspired by his English wife Esther — his pride in his baby son — these things strengthened the impression that Earle Birney was genuinely concerned with human values. And he does not leave them behind when he sits in his professorial chair, as hundreds of his students will testify. Perhaps the most significant trait in Earle Birney's character is that, although a poet, he does not shun action.

Action he had indeed when he went overseas in 1943. Not behind a gun, but as a Selection of Personnel Officer. In England he interviewed hundreds of young Canadians, eventually joining them in Holland, the Canadian Army's North-West Theatre. Those were the years when Earle Birney was not only writing some of his most exciting poetry, but also taking persistent, wry and ribald notes on the nature of men in wartime — and in particular, Canadian men. The notes bore fruit in 1949, when the first novel "Turvey" made its hilarious appearance.

When he came back from the war, invalided home after a long bout in army hospitals, Major Earle Birney found himself nationally known as a poet, critic and radio broadcaster. For a year he was employed with the CBC in Montreal, until his appointment to the English staff at UBC in 1946. He joined the Canadian Authors Association and under-

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Alumni Fund Hits $8000 Total in

Sedgewick Memorial One of Fund

The second year of the Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund has opened with an enthusiastic response which augurs well for this new feature of university life. There has been a greater participation this year, with $8,000 already received from 900 donors, totals well ahead of those of 1949 at the corresponding date.

In its first year the Development Fund reached a total of $12,215 contributed by 1452 former students, a performance comparable to the most successful campaigns among smaller U.S. universities.

U.B.C.'s Development Fund is the first in Canada but McGill and Manitoba have joined the parade and are making their first appeals this year. Naturally they look to British Columbia to see what has been accomplished and, of course, we hope to set an excellent pace for them.

Although the Alumni executive and the Board of Directors of the Fund have not set any objective for 1950, it is no secret that they will be disappointed if the total doesn't reach $20,000.

The Board of Directors under chairmanship of Joseph F. Brown Jr. (Arts '23) meets monthly — and sometimes more frequently — to wrestle with all the details which go into a successful campaign. John M. Buchanan, Arts '17, the Alumni president, has been a tower of strength to the committee and has been in attendance at every meeting.

"The importance of the Development Fund can not be over-estimated says Mr. Buchanan. "It gives new purpose and new vigor to the Alumni Association and it gives us a chance to do something for the University."

The 1950 Development Fund spirit was much in evidence at the class managers dinner in the Brock Hall, in February, when more than 100 Fund workers turned out to get themselves organized. The dinner was bigger and better than in the first year. Brief addresses by Dr. Norman Mackenzie, Mr. Buchanan and Chairman Brown were followed by a detailed analysis by Frank Turner, of the Fund collection plan. This year, class managers have been supplied with individual cards for their prospects and it is expected that more graduates will be contacted. There are 300 class managers this year, as compared with 115 last year.

Alumni emphasize once again that the Development Fund is a three-in-one appeal, because it provides (a) Gifts to the University, (b) Alumni Association operating funds, including the heavy direct mail costs necessary in the campaign and (c) Alumni Chronicle funds.

Four objectives have been named for 1950 by the Board of Directors as follows — (1) Unre-

President Norman McKenzie, Alumni President John Buchanan and Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund chairman Joe Brown looked happy as they surveyed the large turnout for the second annual class manager's dinner in Brock Hall.

Two Months

Objectives

stricted Gift to the University; (2) Sedgewick Memorial, (3) Women's Residence furnishings and (4) Alumni scholarships.

However, the directors wish it known that any contributor may make his gift available for any other objective. They have had one such gift this year from Sydney M. Rosenberg, president of the Canadian Fishing Company, who, though not a U.B.C. graduate, has two sons at Point Grey. Half of his donation will be devoted to an essay prize, with Sir Andrew Jones, chairman of the British Food Mission in Canada, as one of the judges. The other half will go to the Development Fund objectives.

Another interesting gift this year is $202.83 received from the Ottawa branch of the Alumni Association for the student loan fund. This was collected by the 1947-48 executive of the branch but will add to this year's Development Fund total.

In the Development Fund, the University of B. C. has joined more than 200 universities and colleges in North America who find annual giving a challenge and a stimulus. It does not expect to reach the heights of the University of Utah which in its fourth year raised a total of $560,000. Of this total, $25,000 came from 3000 former students — the rest was raised by business and industry. It shows what can be done, however, by interested and alert alumni.

The portrait in oils reproduced here was painted by Lilias Newton a few weeks before Dr. Sedgewick's sudden death, and has been presented to the University by a group of his friends.

A fund is being collected to establish a memorial to Dr. Sedgewick that will perpetuate both his memory and his influence in the university with whose growth he was so long and so valuably associated. This Memorial Fund will be used to provide extra-curricular lectures in the subjects in which Dr. Sedgewick was most interested, and to give financial assistance to students who need it.

Since these aims conform to its own, the Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund has generously co-operated with the Sedgewick Memorial Committee by adopting this Memorial as one of its objectives. Alumni members can, therefore, make their cheques payable to the Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund and earmark them for the "Sedgewick Memorial."

The Memorial Committee requests that all those who remember Dr. Sedgewick with affection or respect, or who have valued his wit, kindliness, scholarship or his humanity should make their contribution as generously and as soon as possible. **Non-alumni** are sending their contributions to the Sedgewick Memorial Fund, Montreal Trust Company, 466 Howe Street.

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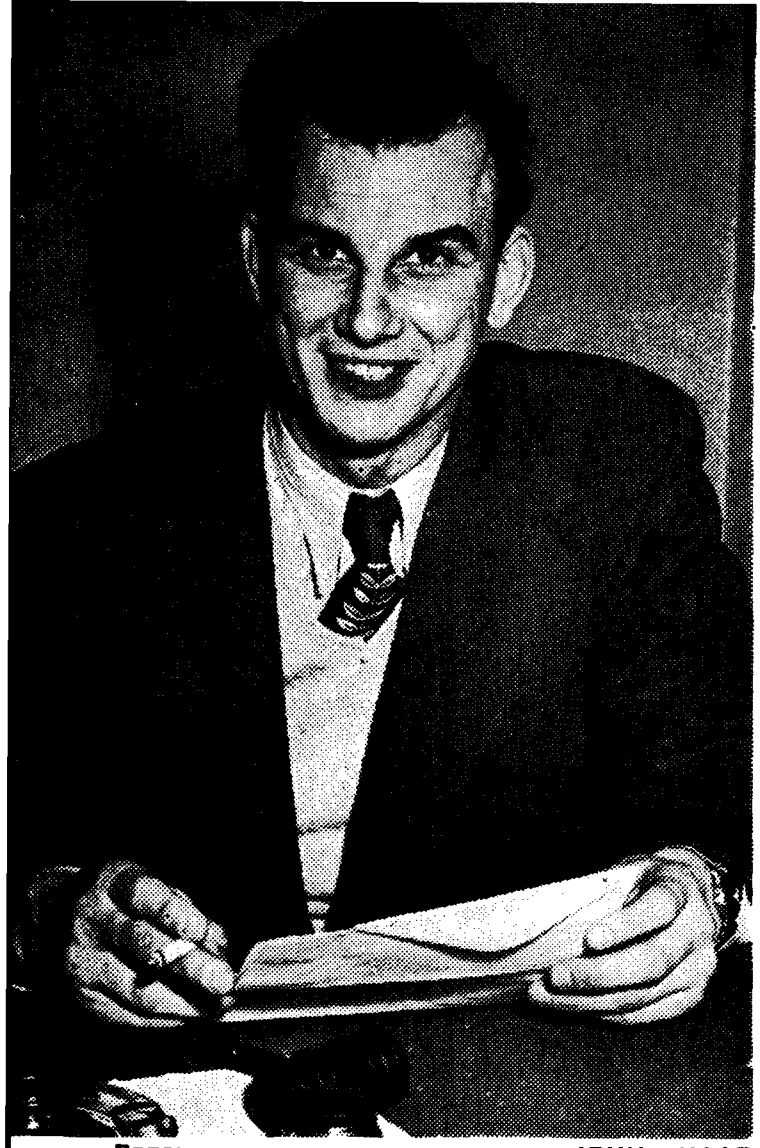

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Appointments

Lloyd F. Detwiller, 31-year-old University of British Columbia Graduate, is rapidly climbing to the position of British Columbia's bright young man . . . Detwiller, who set up the sales tax machinery for the British Columbia Government has been named Commissioner of the Provincial Hospital Insurance Service . . . **Detwiller** was unanimously selected by the Provincial Cabinet, and his selection had full approval of **James A. Hamilton** and Associates, Hospital Consultants. . . He has been appointed on a permanent basis and will be qualified as a first grade deputy minister.

To succeed Detwiller as Sales Tax Commissioner, the Provincial Government has chosen another University Graduate, 29-year-old **Gordon S. Bryson** (B. Comm. '42) . . . Bryson was an assistant sales tax commissioner since April.

Evidence that the Medical School was being organized rapidly was apparent with the announcement this month that **Dr. H. Rocke Robinson,** Director of Surgery at Shaughnessy Hospital, will head the University of British Columbia Department of Surgery . . . Also appointed was **Dr. Sydney M. Freedman,** Associate Professor of anatomy at McGill University, who will head the Anatomy Department at the University of British Columbia. **Dr. Ralph Stedman** (Arts '27) has been appointed as Food Attaches to the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. . . . he will be accompanied by his wife (Margaretta Underhill, Arts '27, Education '28). **Dr. Stedman** was with the Ministry of Food in London during the war.

Another Graduate doing important work in another distant part of the world is **Dr. Harry M. Cassidy,** Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Toronto, who has been granted three months leave of absence for a United Nations assignment in Egypt.

Dr. Cassidy has been chosen by the Social Assistance Division to advise the Egyptian Government on social welfare measures. He is Arts '23 and his wife is **Beatrice Pearce Cassidy** (Nursing '24).

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New President on the campus is **John Haar,** who nosed out **Bill Haggart** by 21 votes . . . like his predecessors for the past five years **Haar** is a veteran.

Dick Berry won the dubious honor of "Egg-eating champion of U.B.C." by eating 37 raw eggs in 20 minutes . . . runner-up was **Ursula Knight** who downed 20 eggs in a contest which recalled the gold fish swallowing era in the American colleges.

Crime swept the campus last month when U.B.C. editors were kidnapped by the Engineers who took over the Ubyssey . . . Editor **Jim Banham** and Senior Editor **Hugh Cameron** were taken by car to an auto court in Burnaby while Editorial writer **Les Armour** had his hair shaved off . . . the engineers were aroused when the editorial board would only give them one page to advertise their spring dance instead of the usual one entire issue . . . The Supreme Moot Court later rectified things by finding the Engineers guilty and sentencing them to cleaning the Pub office floor with toothbrushes.

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E. H. MORROW

Grads of the fist class in 1939 and all those that came after them will be sorry to hear that Prof. **Ellis H. Morrow,** head of the Commerce Dept. since its inception in the first year of the war, is retiring July 1 . . . Prof. Morrow is known as the abrupt businessman pofessor who underneath was sentimental about his graduates . . . he'll long be remembered by the many war veterans who got business positions after the war on the strength of his invariably "kind" recommendations to employers.

Jimmy Sinclair, who went to Belgrade to settle Yugo-Slavia's debt to Canada, had an interview last month with Marshall Tito. Sinclair is now parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Douglas Abbott.

Labour Candidate in the British Elections was Huntley M. Sinclair, who was a former U.B.C. Economics lecturer.

The former Sophie Witter (Arts '34), now Mrs. Ray G. de la Haye, is a missionary at Kano, Housaland, Nigeria.

Hamilton R. H. Gray, illustrious U.B.C. Graduate who posthumously won the Victoria Cross as a member of the Fleet Air Arm during the last war, has been honoured in the City of Elgin, Scotland. The City fathers there have named a street in his honour "Gray's Walk."

Johnny Baker (B. Comm. '47) was recently awarded the prize of the Alberta Institute of Chartered Accountants in the recent intermediate examinations.

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REPORT ON B. C. NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE

The "British Columbia Natural Resources Conference," an organization representing industry, University and government, is one of the most striking examples of actual contributions being made by the University of British Columbia in the general development of this Province.

Under the patronage of the Hon. E. T. Kenney, Minister of Lands and Forests, the Third Annual Meeting of this group was held in Victoria this February. Pertinent, practical suggestions and recommendations were made with respect to all nine of our primary industries. In addition to Conference Chairman, Dr. Harry V. Warren (B.A.Sc. '27), there were many U.B.C. "products" — its alumni — as well as other U.B.C. faculty members on the executive of this important body.

As a matter of fact, B. C. citizens could have no better, tangible proof of the part now being played by U.B.C.-trained men and women and U.B.C. (non-alumni) Professors, than the new slate of officers and executive members of this vital group. The new President is Dr. Ian McTaggart (B.A. '32), who will represent the Wildlife Industry in addition to his Presidential duties. Immediate Past-President Warren continues to serve on the executive, while U.B.C. Professor D. G. Laird remains on as 1st Vice-President and Chairman of the Soils Section. Dr. J. E. Liersch (B.A. '26, B.A.Sc. '27), Assistant Vice-President of the Powell River Co. Ltd., re-elected 2 nd Vice-President, will represent the Forestry industry.

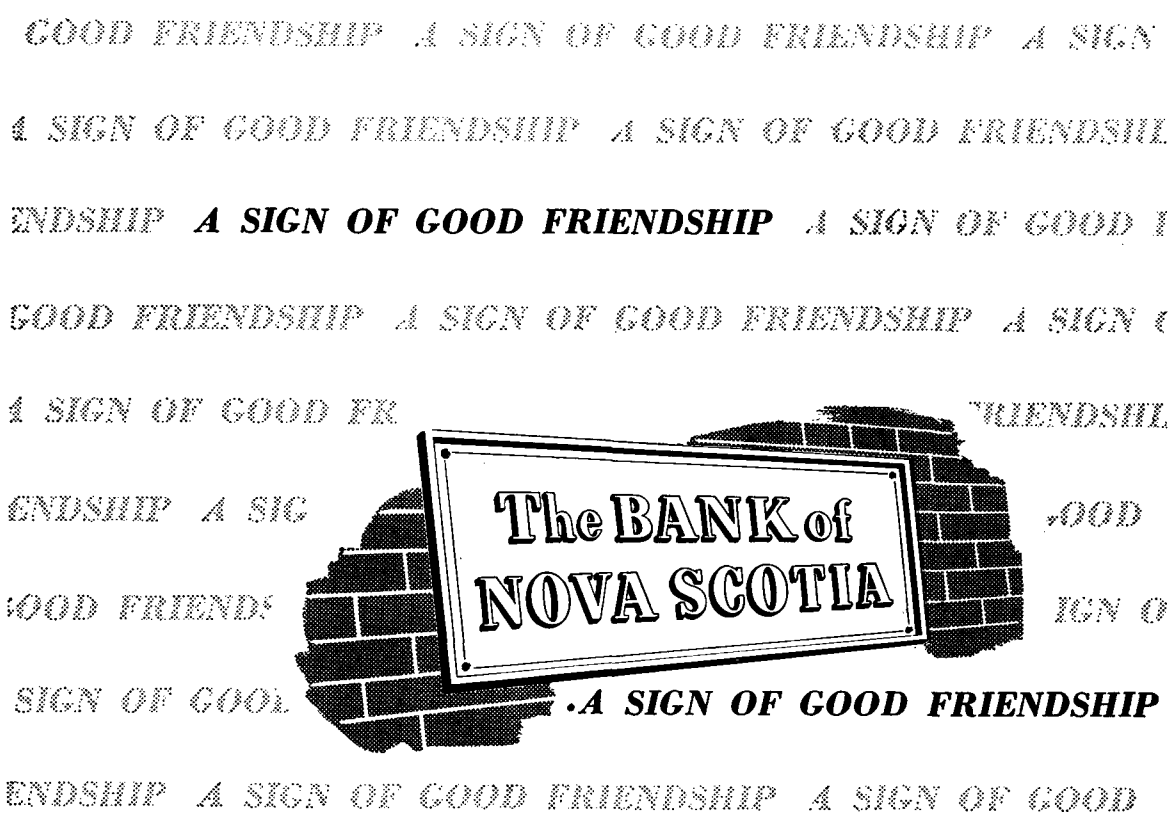
Dr. Harry L. Purdy, (B.A. '26), Director of Research and Construction for the B. C. Electric Railway Co., is the new Treasurer, while Dr. David B. Turner (B.S.A. '33, B.A. '36), Provincial Department of Lands and Forests, continues in the important Secretarial position. Dr. Purdy also represents the Power industry.

Other alumni on the new executive are Lyle A. Atkinson (B.S.A. '25), Assistant General Manager of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, the Agricultural Industry's delegate, Mr. John M. Buchanan (B.A. '17), President of B.C. Packers Limited and President of the U.B.C. Alumni Association, representing the Fishing Industry, and James A. Pike (B.A. '31), of the Island Mountain Mines Ltd., Mining Industry's delegate.

Actually, the only two positions not filled by alumni and U.B.C. Professor Laird are those associated with the Recreation and Water Industries. Mr. E. G. Oldham continues as the former's delegate, while no one has been named to replace the late R. C. Farrow as Water representative.

One or two of Dr. Warren's statements indicate the practicality of the group's work. In his opening remarks, he said: "One year of office has convinced me that we must, in the future, spend a greater proportion of our national income in attempting to maintain, and if possible expend, the productivity of our primary industries."

Again, in his conclusion, Dr. Warren reminded his associates that "all must learn to co-operate . . . that paradoxically enough any apparent loss which one industry may sustain by making sacrifices for her sister industries will be more than balanced by indirect returns obtained by greater overall permanent productivity and by increased good will."



Speaking Editorially

ORMONDE HALL

Educational Trend

There is an undeniable thrill coming to the University of British Columbia Graduate who returns to the Campus at this time and realizes the tremendous growth that has taken place at Point Grey in the past five years.

On all sides, new buildings have been just completed or are in various stages of construction. The scene reveals the tremendous energy, enthusiasm and optimism inherent in the people of our Province.

As one journeys about the Compus, however, viewing the various new structures, housing, the faculties or departments of applied Science, physics, atomic research, home economics, pharmacy, medicine, and others, one is struck by the fact that this is indeed the age of specialization.

The University can be proud of its graduates who are achieving renown in all the fields of human endeavor. We have famous physicists, statisticians, dietitians, social welfare officers, successful business men, public relations experts, actors and so on. The University can justly say that our graduates have won fame from Australia to the Transvaal and even to the remote regions of the Egyptian Desert where U.B.C. men are engaged in the search of such vital products as oil.

These are very comforting thoughts and they are testimony to the fact that our University administrators are farsighted efficient individuals. It speaks well for our faculty members who have imparted knowledge to the thousands of graduates who have gone through U.B.C.

Disquieting Factors

But the disquieting factor about all this is that while there has been a tremendous growth in the material and practical subjects on the U.B.C. Curriculum, there does not seem to be the same proportionate development in the study of the humanities, and there appears to be a concentration in our curriculum of preparing our students for the practical pursuits of life; all those subjects which foster the means for the destruction rather than the elevation of mankind.

There is nothing unusual about this and it only reflect the attitudes and trends that are apparent throughout the whole world today.

There is no discounting the fact that there has been tremendous progress made along cultural lines and that facilities for the study of music and art and culture generally have been greatly enhanced at the University in the past five or ten years. Nevertheless the brilliance of our graduates is mostly in those callings that have more to do with the practical and material than the cultural. Whether we like it or not, apart from the President who is a man of many parts, we find our most illustrious professors are not to be found teaching History, English or Philosophy, and likewise we must concede the University has yet to produce a graduate who by any stretch of the imagination can be called a great man.

Whereas we have produced many excellent administrators, we still must search in vain for anyone who stands out as a great humanitarian or leader of men or who can be regarded as outstanding to the point that he is a superior human being, or who is acknowledged as an exceptional man by the great masses of the population.

The argument, of course, is that the University is young and has not had time to develop individuals of that calibre, but the fact remains that U.B.C. has produced graduates who excel in certain practical fields, which would lend credence to the belief that there is something lacking in our curriculum, and that the possibility is that unless a change in emphasis is made, we will continue to produce topnotch technicians, administrators and professional men but that we have not the necessary facilities to produce great thinkers such as have been poduced by other countries, other civilizations and other philosophies.

The crux of the matter seems to lie in the philosophy that the pursuit of money or power is the end all. Neglected is the old philosophy which taught that wisdom lies in the study of man and his experience and that true learning is to learn to think on a broad intellectual basis. An attempt should be made to greatly strengthen the faculties in which the humanities are studied, and a concentration should be made in introducing our students to the idea that paramount in this world is the search for truth and beauty.

Unless this is done and the guiding principle of the University continues to be the outfitting of a student for making his way in the world commercially, it would appear that we will have to depend upon obtaining our great thinkers and leaders from the old sources of the log cabin and the farm, from whence have come, in the past, the individuals who have illustrated the supreme majesty of man.

If there is any hope for permanent peace in this world, it has to come from a very broad type of thinking pocess, and not from a segmentalized kind of reasoning that is the mark of the University graduate today.

CONFERENCE BASEBALL STARTS MAY 1st

Hjelmar "Jelly" Anderson, Assistant Football Coach at U.B.C., assumes still another duty in the coaching field as head coach of the First Thunderbird baseball team entered in Evergreen Conference Play this spring.

During the past month, Anderson has had a squad of seventy-five hopefuls working out in the U.B.C. field house on sliding drills and fundamentals of battling and fielding. As soon as the weather clears, Anderson will move his squad outside for several intra-squad games before he chooses his eighteen-man team.

The 'Birds have a conference schedule of eight double headers in an eighteen-day period from May 1st to the 18th in the western half of Evergreen Play. Bracketed in this half with the 'Birds are Western Washington College, Pacific Lutheran College, College of Puget Sound and St. Martin's College. The winner of this bracket meets the winner of the eastern division on May 20th to decide the Conference championship.

The 'Birds will start off their season with two exhibition games on April 7th and 8th against **Art McLarney's** University of Washington Huskies. Then, after a break for sessional examinations, the 'Birds swing into the Conference games on May 1st.

All home games will be played at Capilano Stadium. Complete schedule follows:

April 7—University of Washington vs. U.B.C.
April 8—University of Washington vs. U.B.C.
May 1—St. Martin's College vs. U.B.C.
May 3—U.B.C. vs. Western Washington College.
May 5—U.B.C. vs.Pacific Lutheran College
May 6—College of Puget Sound vs. U.B.C.
May 10—Western Washington College vs. U.B.C.
May 12—U.B.C. vs. College of Puget Sound.
May 14—U.B.C. vs. St. Martin's College.
May 17—Pacific Lutheran College vs. U.B.C.

U.B.C. HOSTS EVERGREEN CONFERENCE TRACK, TENNIS, GOLF

On May 19th and 20th, U.B.C. will host the second Annual Evergreen Conference Track, Tennis and Golf Meets.

In strength of numbers this will be the largest invasion in U.B.C. athletic history. Over two hundred athletes from the eight competing schools will be housed at Acadia Camp for the two-day combined meet.

The Track will be staged at the U.B.C. stadium, the Golf at Marine Drive and the Tennis at Dunbar Courts.

U.B.C. thinclads will be relying heavily on **Bob Piercy,** outstanding distance man and **John Pavelich,** Conference shot put titlist, to score most of their points against Conference foes. Last year's golf team, which won the Conference title in Spokane, will field the same squad with **Doug Bajus** and **Peter Bentley** rated as the two strongest men.

The tennis squad will field a team of approximately the same strength as last year's finalists.

Favoured for a repeat victory in track is the Eastern Washington College "Savages," who ran away with top honours in almost all events in last year's meet.

To wind up the meet, team members of all schools will be invited to a banquet in the main dining room of the Brock. Purpose of the banquet will be the presentation of trophies to the winning school in each sport during the 1949-50 season. Eastern Washington will be awarded the football and basketball trophies, U.B.C. the swimming trophy, with the remainder of the championships to be decided prior to the Conference Meet, which winds up the athletic year.

THUNDERBIRDS MEET BEARS FOR WORLD CUP

The U.B.C. Thunderbirds rugby team, undefeated in McKecknie Cup and Exhibition rugby prior to their California trip in March 6th, meet the California Bears in the third and fourth games of the World Cup Series on March 23rd and 25th at U.B.C. stadium, with the first two games in Berkeley on March 9th and 11th.

California, last year, won the World Cup for the first time in three post-year years of play. Scores for the four games were:

THUNDERBIRDS	CALIFORNIA BEARS
3	8
0	0
11	3
5	11

This year the coach **Albert Laithwaite's** fifteen have played good rugby, and followers of the English handling code at U.B.C. are hoping that the world Cup will again grace the trophy case on the Point Grey campus.

THUNDERBIRD ROUND-UP

The U.B.C. volleyball team, in two exhibition matches against the University of Washington, won the first before a packed noon-hour crowd, but lost on the Huskies' second visit on March 1st, in three straight games. Volleyball enthusiasts are looking

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forward to an extended schedule in future years . . . U.B.C. Thunderbirds' hockey team dropped out of the Allan Cup picture by losing in a two-game total point series to Kerrisdale Monarchs by scores of 8-4 and 5-2. The Thunderbirds, after a layoff of four weeks previous to the two-game series, were beaten in the third period of each game due to lack of adequate competition previous to the playoff dates. Earlier, they had defeated the University of Alberta to take the Hamber Cup and, with it, the mythical title of Western Canadian Collegiate champs. **Bob Koch, Terry Nelford, Fred Andrews, Wag Wagner and Hugh Berry** are graduating members of the hockey squad. **Koch,** during his three years of play at the university, has been the kingpin in the U.B.C. scoring attack and one of the finest players to ever draw on skates on the Thunderbird squad . . . U.B.C. braves frosh entry in the Intermediate "A" Basketball League won their league and now are carrying on in provincial playoffs . . . five outstanding U.B.C. athletes were honoured during halftime of the Stanford-U.B.C. rugby game on February 18th. The coaches presented individual trophies, on behalf of the student body, to graduating athletes **John Frazee,** skiing; **John Pavelich, Wags Wagner,** hockey; **Doug Reid,** football; and **Russ Latham,** rugby. The same day, **Latham** scored twelve points as the 'Birds won 17-9 . . . **Bill Deyoung,** inside three on the Stanford rugby team, was rated one of the top fullbacks in the nation on the Stanford football eleven last fall . . . **Brock Ostrom,** fourth year Psysical Education student, elected president of the Men's Athletic Directorate for the 1950-51 term during A.M.S. elections. He will succeed **Hilary Wotherspoon,** who will be graduating in commerce this spring . . . starting off with a bang, Thunderbird basketballers wound up with a whimper. After winning their first five pre-season exhibition games, the Thunderbirds were only able to manage four move victories during the course of the season; two in Conference play against Pacific Lutheran College and Western Washington College and the other two in exhibition games against Vancouver Clover Leafs. Five members are graduating from Thunderbird ranks this year — **Reid Mitchell, Norm Watt, Bill Bell,** and **John Forsyth in** teachers training **and Nev Munro** in Law . . . **Gordy Cowan** and **George Merry** paced the U.B.C. ski team in their successful invasion of Banff against teams from other universities and colleges in the Pacific Northwest. U.B.C.'s best events are in the Down Hill and Slalom. The team is weak in jumping events . . . athletics at U.B.C. during the 1949-1950 session will gross approximately $45,000.00 made up from student fees, gate receipts, guarantees and revenue from concessions. Increased costs incurred by an expanded program brings expenses to the same amount . . . football schedule for 1950 is now complete. On September 23rd U.B.C. open the season at home against St. Martin's College. Remainder of the schedule follows:

Sept. 23—St. Martin's College.....Vancouver
Oct. 7—Whiteman College .....Vancouver
Oct. 14—Western Washington College..Vancouver
Nov. 4—Northern Idaho College.....Vancouver
(Homecoming)
Nov. 11—Eastern Washington College....Vancouver
Nov. 18—Whitworth College .....Vancouver
Nov. 23—Western Washington College..Vancouver

Season tickets will be available shortly, at the rate of $5.00 for six home games. Write or telephone Graduate Manager of Athletics, U.B.C., ALma 2818.

FLASH

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Easter Greetings to Alumni

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(Are you the hidden witness?)

By D. BADGER

The Alumni Chronicle, as a public service and to decrease its circulation, has started a Hidden Witness campaign of its own. If you know anything nasty about fraternities in general or one frat-club in particular, especially those now muscling in on Shaughnessy Heights, just phone us in a disguised voice or hoarse whisper, and we will mail you an anonymous cheque for any sum that seems absolutely convenient. Justice must prevail against these delinquent hoodlums, this ragamuffin rabble . . . or, as Sir Thos. Urquhart had it from "the quintessential words of those incontestably regalian lips," these prattling Gablers, sycophant Varlets, forlorn Snakes, blockish Grutnols, fondling Fops, doddipol Joltheads, slutch Calf-Lollies, codshead Loobies, jobernol Goosecaps, grout-head Gnat-Snappers, noddie-peak Simpletons, Lob-Dotterels, and ninnie-hammer Flycatchers.

Deplorable Fact

The most deplorable fact is that certain fraternities (so rightly termed frats by all but their members) have had the effrontery to move into the fair land of Shaughnessy, that tight little island protected by a deep moat of slums which none has hitherto dared cross. Among these islanders exists a taboo against more than one family inhabiting a dwelling at any one time; this is thought to ward off the Falling Sickness (in so far as that disease can affect real estate). As any trained anthopologist may guess, there are ways of getting round the taboo; after a ceremonial purification, a man may permit his wife's family to move in on him either by frontal attack or an encircling movement. He may convert his castle into a boarding-house, rooming-house, nursing-home, private hotel, small apartment-house, select girls' school, girls' select school, unselected school, semi-residential kindergarten, bootlegging joint, and You-Know-What. The taboo is still there, the old magic still works, but the only way of failing to get round the damned thing is to start a fraternity. For this one exception no exception can be made. And no wonder, for the very word fraternity itself implies one big family, and you can't fit one big family into a one-family dwelling, though you can rent the cupboards easily enough to twenty small families.

And what is so horrible about fraternities . . . residentially, that is? Well, they lower the tone of a neighbourhood, and just as there are some tones so high that only a dog can hear them, so there are tones so low that only a dog can bear them. It is understood that many fraternities actually have cars parked outside them, a thought calculated to make anyone shudder even when not planning to have one's cocktail party's cars parked outside one's own home and on past the fraternity house. Again, several fraternities are alleged to use their gardens, God wot. Any gardener knows you ruin a garden by leaning on it or even hiking lightly through it, and Shaughnessy is peopled by garden-lovers, and one Shaughnessy gardener even won a prize in open competition against Hastings East. And another thing, many fraternity houses are filled five or six nights a week with young men silently studying. (It isn't every fraternity that has the sense to hang over its doors the words of Frier John of the Flails, who said "In our abbey we never study for fear of the mumps.") In the present writer's own fraternity house, some twenty years ago, the silence usually became oppressive and even frightening. And has any group the right to go up into Shaughnessy and oppress and frighten the islanders that way? It's a hell of a thing any way you look at it. Oh yes, and it was said in open court in Vancouver that one fraternity allowed its members to drink beer in a private place, to wit a garden. If they had drunk it on the street, that would have been fine ($50), but it seemed to mean to keep just within the law . . . almost furtive, in fact, and furtive drinkers are the worst. It is all right for an ordinary Shaughessian to serve cocktails in his pergola, rose arbour, etc., but for a student to drink beer at all is enough to drive both him and his neighbours mad, except in Heidelberg, Leyden, Copenhagen, Louvain, Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, and other derelict skidroads of that sort. As for fraternity houses that forbid even beer (for purposes of study rather than of morality), we know they cannot exist because it doesn't suit us to believe they do.

Scarred Soul

There is little room here to discuss the **indoor** harm of fraternities, out of sight of the neighbours, but a few points might be mentioned. Any club is a bad thing, for it tends to leave people outside it. God knows what harm was done to the present writer at U.B.C. He was never invited to join the Pep Club, the Musical Society, the Chess Club, the Radio Club, the Thoth Club (whatever **that** was), and a hundred other exclusive rackets. This made him feel punk. Worse, he was asked to join the Letters Club (not Geek letter nor Big Block letters, but, as the French say, beautiful letters), and he was then bounced out again for his lack of earnestness. Turfed out. Sent down. (What scars do you not now bear, O my soul?) Even a frat-club wouldn't have done quite so horible a thing. He did manage to stick in the Players Club for four years (even during 1927, the year of the Two Famous Expulsions from that club), but this was only because he hadn't the courage to resign as a protest against the undemocratic Ability Test. Worse, he joined a fraternity and by its unfair means made certain friends both within and without its gates. That vile society certainly changed him. He was a shy little growth, that infant, and by himself would have made hardly a friend in four years; those he did make would have been very like himself, too. As it was, he got a cross-section of the university in miniature and had to get to know these men and get along with them and like them. Would it not have been far, far better if he had been true to himself and remained absolutely in a nice big companion-

(Continued on page 29)

JEAN COULTHARD'S COMPOSITIONS HONORED AGAIN

Jean Coulthard (in private life, Mrs. Don Adams) has won yet another prize for her musical compositions, and brought one more honour to the Department of Music in which she lectures. This is becoming habitual. The prize this time was $250, offered by the CBC's International Service for a distinctively Canadian song suitable for use on its foreign broadcasts. (Nine other similar prizes were given, B. C. winning two out of ten.) Foreign listeners often praise Canadian music (including Jean Coulthard's works) far more enthusiastically than we do at home, but have often written to the CBC to ask if we have no songs, and this has been embarrassing. The lyric Jean Coulthard chose for setting (mixed chorus and two pianos) was Earle Birney's familiar "Quebec May", and thus U.B.C. is doubly honoured.

By the time these words appear in print, there will have been (on March 1) a performance at U.B.C. of an entire evening of Jean Coulthard's works, a companion performance to the whole concert devoted to the works of her colleague, Barbara Pentland. Coulthard and Pentland are two of Canada's most distinguished and consistent composers, and to find them both on the staff of one department would be astonishing anywhere . . . more astonishing still at U.B.C., perhaps, where the arts are very new, but less astonishing when one remembers the zeal and drive and the unerring ear of the professor, Harry Adaskin.

In order to be a successful composer, you need (among other things) to have something to say; to have an individual way of saying it; to become known among musicians (and later, of course, among the public) so as to get your works performed; and to enjoy hard work of an exhausting and unremunerative type unknown to those who wittily call themselves labourers. Also, while there is no full-time living to be made from full-time serious composition even when you are sitting gloriously on the top rung, you should devote as much time as possible to it, which means that the rest of your living should come from a closely allied trade. Jean Coulthard fulfils all these conditions, and more, and the prizes should not cease.

By the way, while not wishing to be fussy about it, she enjoys having her name pronounced correctly (unlike you, dear reader?). It is COAL-THARD, with the accent on the first syllable but a full value to the A in THARD. It is also Scottish, not French. It isn't **cool-tar.** Neither is it **cool-third.** Though she might easily make a cool third of her income from royalties one day, which would be nice going indeed in that very tough profession.

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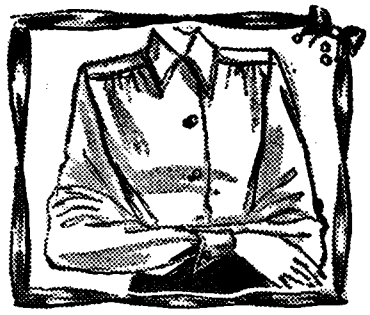

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Said Pippa Passes to Job of Uz:
"Why am I happy? Just becuz."
Said Job of Uz to Pippa Passes:
"Life's either dark or light molasses."

Said Pippa Passes to Job of Uz:
"If ever you're blue, give me a buzz."
Said Job of Us to Pippa Passes:
"Why, heaven is blue. And so is Parnassus."

Said Pippa Passes to Job of Uz:
"The world is better than ever it wuz."
Said Job of Uz to Pippa Passes:
"And so am I. Shall we start some classes?"

Said Pippa Passes to Job of Uz:
"Happy is as happy does."
Said Job of Uz to Pippa Passes:
"If they strike me blind I won't need glasses."

Said Pippa Passes to Job of Uz:
"Does this happy stuff leave a fuzzy-muzz?"
Said Job of Uz to Pippa Passes:
"No worse than Buchanan's or Mumm's or Bass's.

J. Meredith Tutt.

CLASS '25 RE-UNION

The class of '25 will reune on June 17. Mrs. Frank Ross (Phyllis Gregory) has invited the class to her lovely home for a Social Hour at 5:30. The party will then dine at the Faculty Club at 7.15. Freddie Wood, Heily Arkley, Harold Henderson, Florence MacLeod, Phyllis Ross, Elsie Davies, Lyle Atkinson, Neal Carter, Dal Grauer, and several others have been working. Notices are being sent to all '25 grads on office files. Members not contacted are asked to communicate with Miss F. McLeod, 811 W. 26th, Vancouver, any other committee member, or the Alumni Secretary.

Remember the TIME and the PLACE: June 17, 1950; 5.30 at the home of Mrs. F. Ross, 4899 Belmont; 7.15, dinner on the campus.

DEATHS

Death claimed several well-known University graduates recently in the persons of Dr. George M. Weir, former B. C. Education Minister and Provincial Secretary. He was professor of education at U.B.C. in 1924 and held that post until 1933 when he became an M.L.A. He was 64.

U.B.C. Graduate widely-known research practitioner, Dr. Margaret Webster Higginbotham died January 8th in South Bend, Indiana.

"EAST AND WEST HOME IS BEST!"

We British Columbians are not a demonstrative people, but we are by no means lacking in appreciation of our magnificent province nor slow to voice its praises. But no one has a deeper sense of what it has and what it means than those who have been absent from it.

From far and near the alumni of the University of British Columbia find their way back to the stately buildings on Point Grey which, native sons or not, they look upon as "Home."

We bid them welcome—welcome to those halls of learning, to the cordial, colourful City of Vancouver. Welcome to British Columbia.

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PLAYER'S CLUB CELEBRATES 35th BIRTHDAY WITH PRESENTATION OF "AN INSPECTOR CALLS"

This year the University and the Players' Club are thirty-five years old. And the student - actors are celebrating their anniversary with the presentation of J. B. Priestley's recent London and New York success, "An Inspector Calls."

F. G. C. WOOD

This year the Spring Play is under the direction of Sidney Risk (Arts '30), whom many graduates will remember as the Club's director in 1932 and 1933 as well as 1939 and 1940. Mr. Risk has had wide experience in all phases of theatre, including training with the Old Vic in London, and appearances there, starring in "Night Must Fall" on its first run. He returned three years ago to U.B.C.'s Extension Department after serving for some time as head of the Drama Department at the University of Alberta.

The Players' Club is led this year by President Ronald Wilson (Arts '50) and Vice-Pesident Philip Keatley (Arts '51), both of whom hope to make a career in professional theatre. If the past experience of Club alums is any indication, they have a good chance to succeed. Among those who were Players' Club members and have made good in the field of drama are Lister Sinclair, Art Hill, Joy Coghill, Bill Buckingham, Beth Gillanders, and, of course, Sidney Risk.

"An Inspector Calls," which was hailed in London by J. C. Trewin of "The Observer" with "unreserved enthusiasm," and in New York by Wolcott Gibbs of the "New Yorker" as a work of "ingenuity and sardonic humour," will be presented on the Campus on March 14-18. The Players' Club is planning, too(in line with its thirty-five year old tradition, rarely broken, to take the play on tour in May, and Tour-Manager Roy Bartholomew has been busy since the fall preparing itineraries and securing sponsors in the cities and towns of the Province.

The Players' Club has much to offer, and represents U.B.C. to the public in many places. It hopes in 1950, to uphold well the aims that have animated it since 1915, when in the old Fairview Shacks, Professor F. G. C. Wood produced four one-act plays.

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(Patricia Mitchell recently married a law student from Leiden she met at the London School of Economics and under her married name of Patricia van der Esch has written the following poem for the Chronicle . . . In the next issue will appear an article by her on Student Life at the Sorbonne. Ed note.)

THE GULF OF THE SAINT LAWRENCE

Night fell late that summer eve
On the vast dark waters of the river.
A full white moon, one bright star above it,
Shone across the oily stillness of the gulf
In a path of silver threads
Which shimmered like the sequins
On the dress of some ethereal, dark-eyed woman,
Too lovely and harmonious in her being
To be of mortal flesh.

And then, as if the Gods were casting all
Upon the heavenly stage of night,
Above the northern shore,
Long tentacles of greenish light
Weaved across the sky,
Reflecting the chill cold of ice
In varying intensity—
Rays making music in a ghostly symphony of light.
And all about was peace —
And flashing beauty on the river.

— P. van der Esch.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

By FRANK J. E. TURNER
Alumni Secretary-Manager

Many people, many times have wondered why an alumni secretary stays in that particular position.

An important part of the answer to that question is quite obviously the fact that alumni members wish to keep the current director. And as far as the individual himself is concerned, it's probably because of a continuous stimulating experience of helping fellow alumni "get things done for Alma Mater," and, assisting in a small way, to develop an ever greater and more responsible organization in the process.

Certainly that is the case here at the one and only U.B.C. Each year, more and more of our alumni volunteer to give of their time and energy in serving the Association, and the University. And each year, more U.B.C. alumni come closer to the "ideal"—if you'll pardon a Secretary's comment.

Some time ago a clipping, one which I think describes the ideal alumnus very well, came to my attention.

"The alumni secretary is reported to be a victim of hallucinations. He is said to have related a vision in which he met the ideal alumnus. This individual, according to the secretary, sends in newspaper clippings every time he reads about the school or one of its alumni, makes regular and generous contributions to the college, talks about his alma mater to prospective students, sends the names of outstanding high school seniors to the admissions office, and writes the alumni office when he hears about his school on the radio. This man also solicits funds from wealthy and philanthropic individuals, is an active member of his local alumni branch, notifies the office when he changes his address, and writes occasionally telling of fellow alumni whom he meets in his travels. The alumni secretary is still feverish after his vision, but his temperature is slowly dropping to normal."

Forunately for us all, our tradition is still "Tuum Est."

Alumnotes:—

Nancy Davidson (B.A. '49), former A.M.S. Secretary, is now in Ottawa with the National Research Council and is active in the Ottawa Branch. Nancy headed the Decorating Committee for Ottawa's Spring Alumni get-together . . . Office visitors included **Don Winchester** of CKMO, Whitworth College's Alumni Secretary **Bruce McCullough, Ross McGrath (B. Comm. '47)** of Sun Life and formerly Export Manager of Atlas Steel in Ontario, **John Shaw (B. Comm. '37),** barrister with North American Life in New Westminster (former Thunderbird hoop great **Ted McEwen** is Manager there), and several dozen more . . . **Charles Long (B. Comm. '43),** a Varsity rugger "lock" yesteryear, took in the Stanford series in the stadium . . . Congratulations to **Darrell Braidwood (B.A. '40),** former Alumni president and Chronicle Editor, on his election as Vice-Chairman of the Advertising and Sales Bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade, and to Fund Director **Joe Kania (B.A.Sc. '26),** new Mining Committee Head in the Board .

Fraternity alumni **Jack Ross (B. Comm. '40)** and **Jack Hetherinton (B.A.Sc. '45)** checked lists with our **Miss Dot Dawson** in the office, and helped supply quite a few addresses currently unknown. **To the pair of Jacks — thanks.** And the the same to class managers who attended the Second Annual Dinner and gave us a few dozen more correct addresses, as well as to the many who answered our plea in the December Chronicle . . . Penticton Alumni President Fred Shirley informed us of **Mrs. Clarence Burtch's (nee Mary Harris, B.A. '30)** election to the Penticton School Board. Good work Mrs. Burtch and good luck; may many more alumni follow your example of service . . . Graduate Athletic Manager **Ole Bakken (B.A. '48)** took his basketball "Chiefs" to Prince Rupert, and met with **Roy Morton (B.A.Sc. '45).** Roy's now with the Canadian Celanese Corp. Ole also chatted with **Elliott Montador (B.A. '46)** of Montador Real Estate. Elliott started the Student Employment Service at U.B.C. . . . The very best of good fortune to Grad Class President (another Engineer) **Don Urquhart** and all the members of the 1950 Class. Let their slogan be: "Marching in front in Fifty."

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AMONG THE AUTHORS

MADELEINE BLANCHE ELLIS '36, has captured critical acclaim for her first book, "La Nouvell Eloise, a Synthesis of Rousseau's Thought" (1790-1759) which was published last fall by the University of Toronto Press. An M.A. from B.C., and a Ph.D. from Toronto, Miss Ellis now holds the chair of French Canadian Literature at Marianapolis College in Montreal.

CAROL COATES '30, is the author of a new book of poetry "Invitation to Mood", recently published by the Ryerson Press. The poems are in the manner of the Japanese "hokku." In style, pattern and substance they are fresh and delightful. The book establishes Miss Coates as a distinguished artist.

From Kana, Housaland, Nigeria, comes word that **SOPHIE WITTER DE LA HAYE** '34, is also employed on a writing venture. She and her husband are at work translating the Old Testament into Housa, a dialect used by twenty million Africans.

In tracing information on alumnae authors we thought that we would be able to report a new publication by **JEAN BURTON** '24. But we discovered that there were two authors by that name, and that the latest book by alumna Jean Burton appeared in 1945. She had earlier established a literary reputation for herself by her biographical study "Sir Richard Burton," which was chosen as a book club selection.

RESIDENCE REPORT.

Tenders have been received for the residences and constructions should be under way shortly. At present, three units will be built and the structure will be as originally planned concrete and fireproof.

Alumnae interest centres around the furnishing of these residences. We report happily that Penticton and Victoria have set up Committees to promote interest in the residences in their communities. The conveners are **MRS. J. D. McMYN,** and **GLORIA KENDALL '47.**

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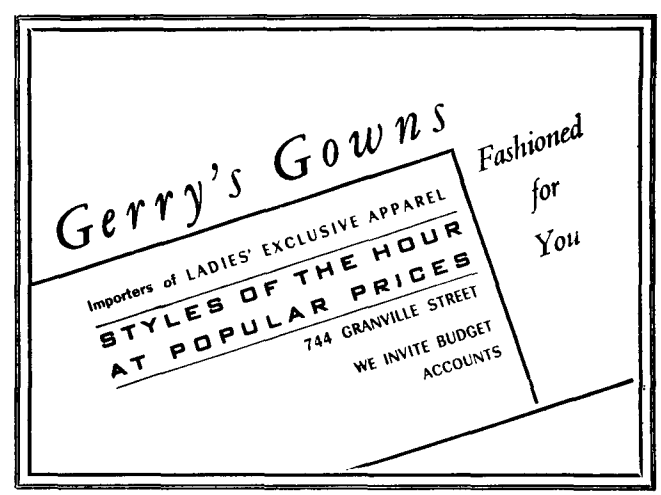

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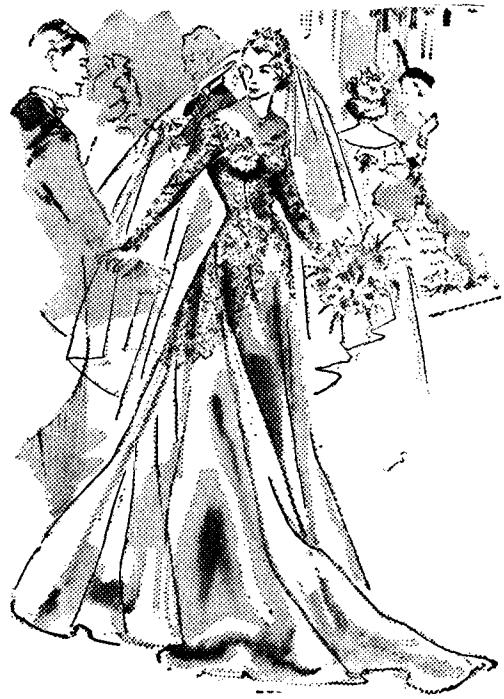

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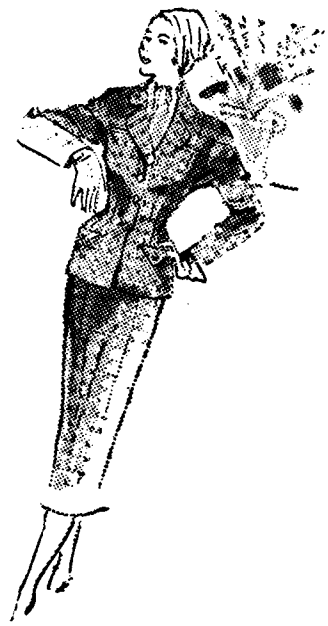

Alumni Secretary Manager Frank Turner explains some of the vistas open to U.B.C. graduates to class of '50 executives Joan Bennett, George Plant and Willa McKinnon, this issue's cover girl. Soon to graduate they will join the ever growing ranks of U.B.C.'s Alumni Association.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some forty alumni of U.B.C. helped to demonstrate that the **Northern California Branch** is one of the most alert and active branches of the association when they met for a dinner on January 28th, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Guests of honor were **Mr. Harry A. Scott,** Canadian Consul-General in San Francisco, and **Mrs. Scott.**

Arrangements for the meeting were, as usual, in the capable hands of **Lester McLennan,** Arts '22; and **Dr. Percy Barr,** Sc. '24, chairman of the branch, presided in his inimitable fashion. **Bob ap Roberts,** Arts '41, explained the plans for the **Sedgewick Memorial Fund** and urged support of it when contributions are made to the general alumni fund.

Alumni present included graduates of nearly every year of the existence of the University of British Columbia from old McGill days to last summer. Arts '16 was represented by Miss **Marjorie Dunton** and Arts '17 by **Laura Pim,** now **Mrs. E. Swadell;** Sc. '49 by **Bill Barron** and Sc. '49 by **J. D. McCawley.**

In a brief talk Consul **Scott** outlined his duties in promoting Canadian-American relationships and promised the help of his office in behalf of all U.B.C. graduates in Northern California.

TRAIL

Another branch of the University of B. C. Alumni Association has been organized with the formation of a group in Trail, B. C. At the inaugural Dinner meeting, honored guests were Dean Sperrin N. F. Chant, dean of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Hector J. McLeod, head of the mechanical and electrical engineering department at U.B.C.

Dr. C. A. H. Wright was elected chairman of the new organization and other officers elected are: vice-presidents, J. D. Hartley and L. J. Nicholson; Secretary-Treasurer, I. B. Kenny; Executive, Mrs. E. V. McGualey, Mrs. Gordon Redgrave, Kennetl McKee, A. E. Loft and Mrs. H. C. Giegerich.

And now "Turvey" **Earle Briney** '26, has turned to the field of the humourous and satirical novel with his account of army life as seen through the eye of a soldier he once knew. According to **Eric Nicol,** "this is a genuinely funny novel . . . delighting us with proof that the modern army is its worst enemy. Don't let your maiden aunt see this satire or you'll get it back all dogeared and underlined." And **Lister Sinclair's** comment: "A realistic down-to-earth sattire,, written with imagination and fantasy. It is pungent, pointed, energetic; above all it is an extraordinary pleasure to read." Publisher—McClelland and Stewart.

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EARLE BIRNEY (Continued from page 9)

took to edit, for two years, the organ "Canadian Poetry Magazine." His editorship showed the same unflinching attitude as in the Forum years. He worked tirelessly for a higher standard of output and for encouragement of young poets, even should their work be off the beaten track.

Today, Earle Birney is the author of three volumes of poetry: "David and Other Poems"; "Now Is Time"; and "The Strait of Anian". His first novel "Turvey" rocketed to success last year. To those encountering his work for the first time there may seem to be a dichotomy between the poet and the satirist. But observing his life and development at closer range one is struck by the degree of fusion achieved. The elements of poetic identification with nature and of cynical yet lusty appreciation of man, were inherent in the young student and are likely to be a continuous part of the mature writer.

Earle Birney, though teaching English literature, finds that his "pet" course is that in Creative Writing. There his energies go in searching for the spark of creative ability in young Canadians, and helping them to find outlets for their work.

"The toughest part of it is" he will tell you, "that there are so few opportunities opening up for young writers here, whether in the universities, or in the publishing field." To help remedy this situation Earle Birney has spear-headed the western section of the Canadian Writers Committee, a new organization of professional writers whose first aim is to obtain awards and scholarships for promising younger writers. He is active in promoting his own work, yes; a writer has to be, in Canada! But he gives without stint when there are young people of promise needing encouragement. Canada could do with more Earle Birneys.

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WOMEN

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Campus women are actively supporting the Residence Committee. Outstanding contributions are being made by Panhellenic groups who individually and collectively are sponsoring projects to furnish rooms. Both undergraduate and alumnae Panhellenic groups are working for the "Residence Year."

Among organizations with plans for gifts are the Vancouver University Women's Club, The Provincial Chapter of the P.E.O., the Parent Teacher's Association and the Faculty Women's Club.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find an account of an advertising project being undertaken by the Alumnae Committee. The next social event sponsored by the Committee is to be an evening in the Brock Building, March 30th, when **Dr. Mawdsley** and **MARJORIE LEEMING** '26, will show their coloured pictures, movies and stills, of their European trip.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

(Continued from page 7)

effect on the advancement of sports in our province as a whole.

We welcome the Editor's public support of this cause — support which has long been needed in university circles — and we assure all critics and doubters of our good intentions, and of our desire only to further athletics at the university and in our province. We sincerely hope that the university will itself eventually sponsor this project.

In the meantime, the quarterback club intends to do as much as possible in this direction itself. We propose to give assistance especially in the provision of jobs for those players that need them, and we propose to give what other assistance and support is within our power to provide.

Some few of us at least are not afraid to dream of seeing some day the Thunderbirds carrying the blue and gold into the Pacific Coast Conference. But this dream will never be realized if all of us do not pull together, putting all our support behind our teams. Tuum Est.

FRATERNITY HEADLINES

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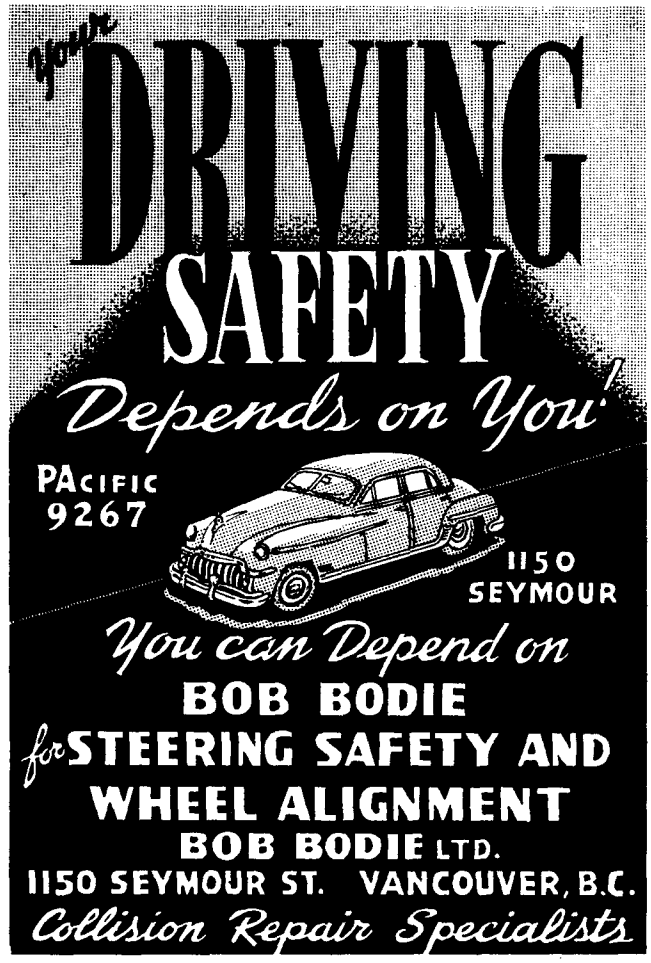
able democratic loneliness? How could he have lacked society with a whole crammed campus ignoring him? Anyhow, he could have joined the Stamp Club and spent all his spare hours with philatelists exactly like himself. In those days he was fond of stamps. The fraternity ruined that. May the Lord pity him. You may see him today smoking and laughing, and generally carrying on as disgracefully as an undertaker at a convention, while he prowls Osler Avenue's gutter for cigarette butts. His only source of income is as a Hidden Witness, and all because he ganged up with the Hidden Witless. IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU.



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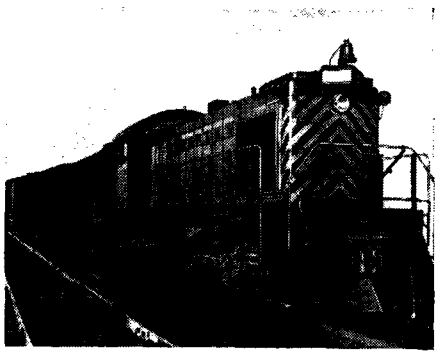

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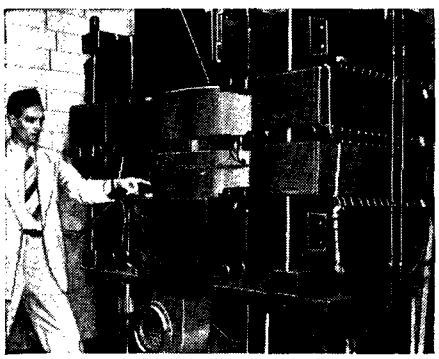

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