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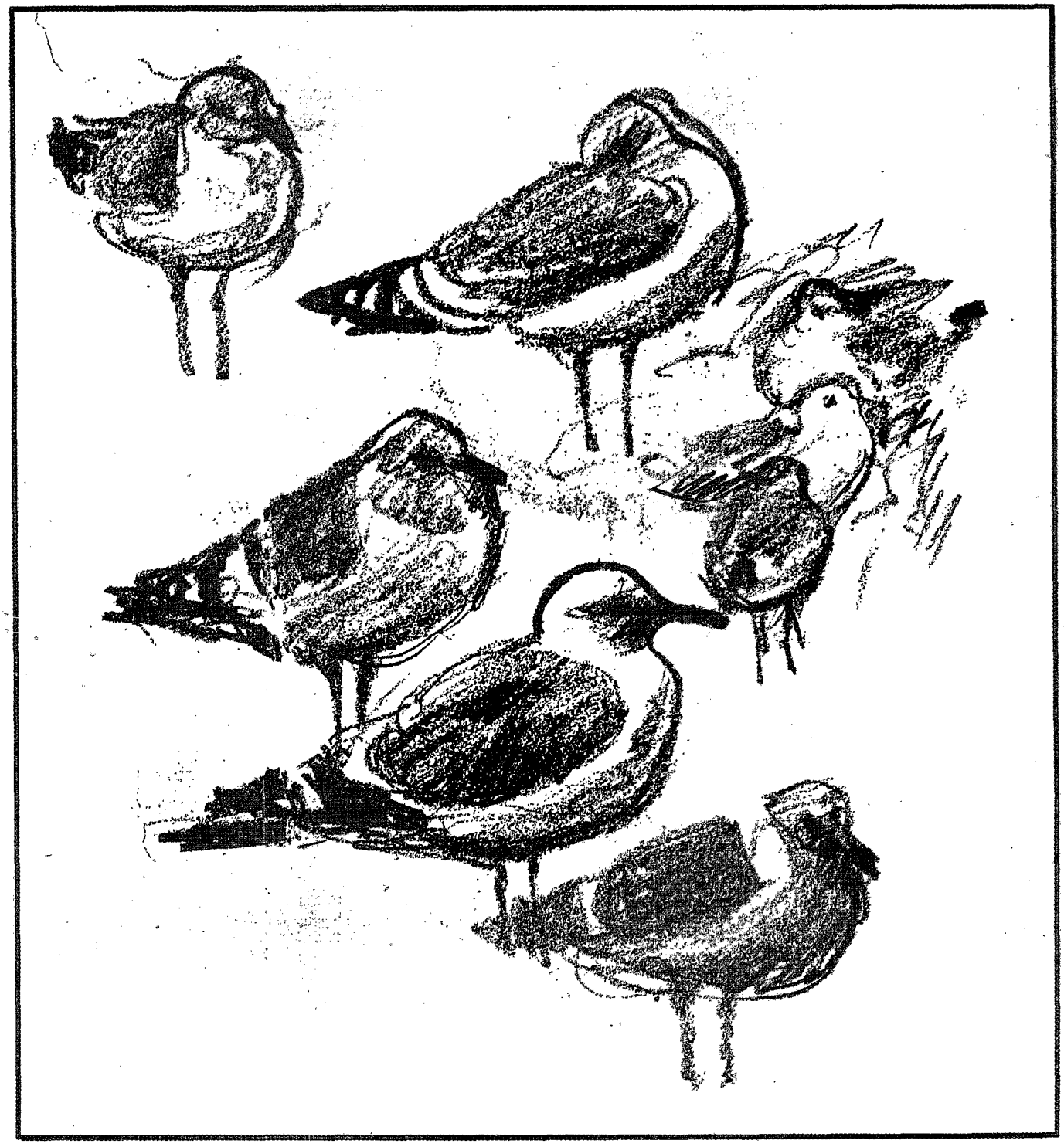

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Jack Hodgins: Story-teller

Golden Boy of Canadian Literature

Viveca Ohm

It's not an easy place to find. The gravel driveway, hardly more than a path, meets the road at an oblique angle and quickly disappears into the trees. The numbers on the wonky post are same color as the wood (deliberately, I'm told).

The house is dwarfed and hidden by trees — arbutus, hemlock, spruce. The light filters in dimly through the leaves. Although we're minutes from Nanaimo and practically in sight of the Georgia Straight, we might be in the middle of the forest.

Does Jack Hodgins live here? Who? The writer... 1979 Governor-General's Award.... Nobody like that aound here. Then a light dawns. Oh, you must mean the school-teacher!

Jack Hodgins chuckles appreciatively at his neighbors' refusal to be impressed. His privacy is safe a little longer.

There was a time Hodgins had never left Vancouver Island except to go to UBC in 1956 to become a teacher. He was in the first class of the then brand-new education faculty. There was also a time when he was growing, a literary black sheep in a family of loggers, ("Nobody even knew I read books, let alone tried to write them.") convinced no one would be interested in reading his closet scribblings. Now at 42 the golden boy of Canadian literature, Hodgins spends a good part of his time travelling across the country and abroad, giving readings, workshops, lectures. People laugh at his jokes and feel reassured by his Joe Next-Door solidity.

The recognition which started in Toronto after the publication of *Spit Delaney's Island* in 1976 gradually travelled westward and only recently reached Hodgin's own island (he was born on a Comox Valley farm). That's soon enough for him. If being well-known ever interferes with being able to sit in a pub or cafe quietly filing away overheard conversations for future use, that's when Hodgins will want to take his privacy back.

That may be too late. For Hodgins who thought a writer that hadn't made it in his twenties was a lost cause, success keeps snowballing. If your first book is nominated for the Governor-General's Award, and three years later your third one wins it, where do you go next?

It's no problem for Hodgins, who subscribes to the writer's maxim that the best book is always the next one. But the Canadian literary establishment likes neat and tidy slots for its authors. Margaret Laurence writes this kind of book, Mordecai Richler that kind. What does Jack Hodgins write?

Spit Delaney's Island was a collection of short stories set on Vancouver Island, dealing with ordinary people — loggers, farmers, mill-workers, small shop-owners — whose mild eccentricities made them all the more real. The title character, who appears in the first and last stories, is a former engineer whose passionate devotion to his steam locomotive, old Number One, breaks up his marriage. Lonely and bewildered, Spit, normally more of an observer than a joiner, finds a sort of comfort in the insights of a woman poet whose outlandish appearance (in Nanaimo, anyway) he would have preferred to stare at from a safe distance.

With his next book, a novel entitled *The Invention of the World* (1977) Hodgins' scope had grown as ambitious as the title. Legend jostled with fiction, history with fantasy, as Hodgins embroidered on the demented 1920s cult of Brother Twelve to tell of a wild Irishman, supposedly fathered by a black bull, who founded the Revelations Colony of Truth on the outskirts of Nanaimo which is later revisited and mulled over by local characters almost as outrageous.

Two years later a second novel appeared, *The Ressurection of Joseph Bourne*, which won the Governor-General's Award for 1979. It takes place in a remote and rain-sodden mill-town patterned on Port Alice. As in a prosy "Under Milkwood," each of the townspeople voice their thoughts and dreams, from the ex-stripper raising somebody else's eight kids to the fearfully dignified East Indian patriarch.

It is a funny book, richly and riotously written. More than that it is a spoof and a fantasy overlaid with impossible happenings and maddeningly unsolved mysteries, not the least of which is the actual resurrection from death of Joseph Bourne. And how on earth did someone like him end up in a place like Port...um, Annie, and what exactly is his hinted connection with the muddy finale?

Asking Hodgins to unravel these mysteries is fruitless. He suddenly turns as elusive as Joseph Bourne himself, saying he likes to challenge the way people look at things by raising "questions that I don't think the author has the obligation or even the right to answer." In other words, fill in your own blanks. If that sounds like a cop-out, Hodgins has one he likes better: "Sometimes the writer can answer the questions without letting the reader know he has answered them...."

A dreamlike quality weaves in and out of Hodgins' novels and even appears in one *Spit Delaney* story. But Hodgins is one of those people who claims he doesn't dream, or at least rarely remembers if he does. He considers the thought that maybe writing itself is his form of dreaming. "There is the freedom of a dream. The physical laws are not suspended, but I will push against every limitation I can find."

Critics have finally found a label for Hodgins — magic realism. A combination of the real and the impossible, it is honorable territory, shared with such luminaries as Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Jorge Luis Borges. Hodgins freely admits being influenced by these South American writers but doesn't see the connection as particularly exotic.

"The coastline that runs past me here goes all the way down non-stop past Gabriel Garcia Marquez' house. Surely that's as legitimate a connection as the 49th parallel to Toronto. I think the west coast of South America has much in common with B.C.; it's the newest part of the continent, a couple of generations away from the frontier.

"I felt justified when I read that Marquez and the other South American writers I like in turn looked to William Faulkner, who was also my great hero. It's a vision of the world and of literature, rather than a region. With the South American writers you get a sense of energy, of exuberance you don't get that often with North American writers, and the sense that a novel has the right to include a cast of thousands, a whole village, a whole town, or the whole world if you want, whereas most North American writers will concentrate on one person for a whole novel...."

Ah yes The Me-and-My-Soul-in-Light-Disguise formula we've come to accept as the contemporary basis of fiction. Magic realism or not, the thing that makes Jack Hodgins stand out is that he is a story-teller. He writes about everybody except himself. With his early timidity about writing, he should have plenty of remembered turmoil to work out in print, but Hodgins isn't interested in that. He prefers to imagine how he would feel if he were other people — characters who fascinate him.

"The modern attitude that the only person you can really know is yourself — that's baloney." He tells about the model for Spit Delaney — an uncle Hodgins didn't know very well but whose love for

his locomotive was a family joke. Apprehensive over what he saw as "an invasion of privacy" Hodgins asked the uncle, through his mother, to read the story first. "Tell him if it offends him I'll change it to a tugboat, or I won't publish it." The uncle's startled response: "How in hell did he know what it feels like to be me?" Hodgins calls that "one of the truly exciting moments of my writing career."

For a long time, Hodgins felt like an outsider in the writing world. "The geographical barrier (between the island and the mainland or the rest of Canada) can be so profound." Invited to attend his first meeting of the Writers' Union in Vancouver, Hodgins was so unnerved at the prospect that he nearly backed out. It was Margaret Laurence who took him under her wing ("she's a mother figure to us all") and made him feel that "maybe I do belong here after all."

"The longer you can protect your anonymity through isolation, the safer you are. There's nothing more terrifying than having a first book come out. I used to wake up in a cold sweat before *Spit Delaney's Island* came out, thinking so-and-so's going to recognize himself... if I had been able to pass a law that no one on Vancouver Island could read my book, I would have. It was OK for faceless strangers out there to read my work and to have their own opinions of it, but for living, breathing people that I saw every day on the streets and that I knew were really in those houses... the notion was terrifying.

"I got over it when I started getting some positive feedback. Now I know I'm vulnerable, and I've learned more about protection. I have the confidence to say no, not to care as much as I used to about reviews. It's impossible to write something that everybody in the world is going to like."

It was as a student at UBC that Hodgins met two people who would make a difference in his life. One was his wife, Dianne Childs, also an education student. The other was Earle Birney, the grand old man of Canadian letters. In Birney's creative writing class, Hodgins found the idea of writing — and his own "ridiculous ambition" — taken seriously for the first time.

On returning to Nanaimo to teach high school, Hodgins introduced creative writing classes which he taught in addition to English and math (Math? Hodgins has a fondness for geometric patterns, which has been made much of in his books). Some of his students went on to win literary prizes.

It's easy to imagine Hodgins, a lean, curly-haired figure with an infectious smile, in front of a high school class, drawing out reluctant students with his enthusiasm. It's also easy to imagine him puttering around the fairly ordinary house that he built for his growing family ("My one shot at carpentry"), settling down to write after his wife, who teaches elementary school part-time, and Shannon, 17,

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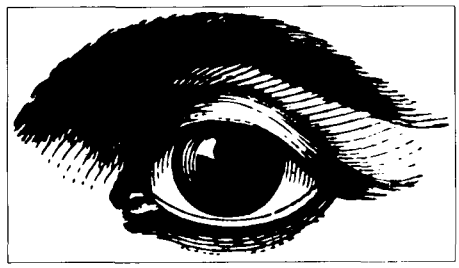

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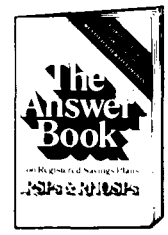

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Gavin, 14, and Tyler, 12, have all left for school. Taking it easy, blessing the silence of the hillside and the relative infrequency of reporters beating down his door.

But if writing is his favorite way to spend his energy, teaching is a close second. His recent decision to resign the teaching post he has held for more than 15 years did not come easy. It grew out of the necessity for more writing time and an "act of faith" that royalties, readings and lecture fees would be enough to support a family of five. But Hodgins still maintains, "I am a teacher. If I'm not teaching high school, I'll find other ways of teaching." Such as writing workshops in Saskatchewan for the past two summers, writer-in-residence stints at Simon Fraser University and the University of Ottawa and a possible part-time teaching post at the University of Victoria.

Hodgins has also been asked to write magazine articles from time to time but, a fiction writer to the core, he finds the need to stick to facts frustrating. "I realized the way I wanted to end a sentence had more to do with rhythm than what actually happened."

Hodgins is now nearing the end of his next book, *Invasions*. It is a book of short stories, but instead of being randomly selected like *Spit Delaney's Island*, the stories are all related. "They're about the same family of people, invading other parts of the world and in return being invaded themselves."

One of the main characters is the buffoonish Mayor Weins of Port Annie — the first time, Hodgins says, that a character has come along from a former book. Ironically it was the fact that the mayor was one of the least developed characters, a vehicle for satire only, that made him a survivor. "I really despised that man," says Hodgins but he found his loathing turning to pity as the ending of *Joseph Bourne* stripped the mayor of everything he was — leaving him a candidate for re-discovery.

"The book was slated for the fall '80, but I just wasn't ready to let it go.... I'm not in any big hurry. The right ending is just around the corner, a better one that I could have deliberately created.

"I'm at one of the most exciting parts in the writing of any book and that is just before it's finished, that very short period of time when you think maybe it's going to be as great as you want it to be."

There are those who will criticize his refusal to stick to magic realism now that such an attractive niche has been found for him. And there are those who feel sure a string of successes has to end somewhere. Jack Hodgins is aware of being watched in a way he never was a few years ago. "All it does is make me more determined that each book be better than the last or do something the last book didn't do." □

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The Science of Politics

Students in the Legislature

Daphne Gray-Grant

Geographers can go out and trample a land mass. But political scientists don't often get a chance to visit the scene of the crime."

The speaker is Walter Young, head of political science at the University of Victoria. And his observation — delivered in smooth, professorial tones but with the satisfied smile of one who has made a *bon mot* — is not entirely flippant. Young speaks of a problem as old as the universities themselves: how to drag neat and tidy Academic Theory — kicking and screaming — into the messy and frustrating Real World.

All of the arts disciplines, from anthropology to sociology, have some difficulty climbing down from the old ivory tower. But for students of political science, the problem is especially ironic. While politics fill the newspapers and the airwaves, all the really interesting business, it seems, takes place behind closed doors.

But Young thought that students might be able to get behind those doors by becoming "interns" at the B.C. legislature. As such they would work in an intensely political atmosphere, doing research, dealing with constituency problems, writing and observing. Similar programs had been successfully tried in several other provinces and at the federal House of Commons. Says Young: "The purpose is for interns to achieve an insight into events they've only studied in books — to gain a sense of the validity (or lack of validity) of the theoretical concepts they deal with in university."

The program was launched in 1976, and has succeeded for five years, says Young, due to the consistently high quality of the interns. They come from solid academic backgrounds (a degree in the social sciences is required) and they work hard, receiving only $750 per month for their January to June stint. The most recent group of nine students — selected from among 46 recent graduates of B.C. universities — was no exception....

Intern Dave Larsen (BA'79) sits in an airy but smallish office brimming with plants. To say he shares the room with MLA Colin Gableman is an understatement: Their desks, situated at right angles are so close that if Larsen leaned back in his swivel chair, his head would touch the MLA's desk. A large constituency map dominates one wall but on others the muted pastels of a Peter Markgraf print and a large color photo of sailboats add a bright touch.

It's quiet — Gableman is at home visiting his constituents — and Larsen sits at the desk, methodically plowing through a three-inch stack of paperwork. "It certainly is an insider's view of the political system," he says with an easy but shy smile. "Colin is great. He clues me in....It's good because we can sit and talk. Those casual conversations are just as important as the others."

Larsen starts off the day by reading newspapers and clipping the articles he thinks his MLA should know about. (He's proud of having helped create some reference files Gableman didn't have before.) After that he does a variety of work ranging from writing letters to drafting questions for the order paper. But Larsen says he enjoys doing constituency work best — dealing with the people and problems of the North Island riding. "I like being given the opportunity to solve a problem," he says.

Walter Young believes the job should change the interns' perceptions of politics. For Larsen the biggest surprise was learning about the people involved: "I had a stereotype of the politician. I saw him as gregarious and outgoing. But it's not the case — some are very shy." He adds as an afterthought, "You wonder how they make it." Larsen also says that working in the legislature has made him think more kindly of politicians. "It's a very difficult job and requires great personal sacrifice. In some cases it has an impact on the family. People don't realize what politicians are giving up."

But learning about the life of an MLA is only part of the interns' training. First they must go through an intensive orientation period. Following that they are assigned to a ministry to learn about the bureaucracy.

During the orientation, the interns meet politicians, tour the legislature and

(top) The initiator of the legislative internship program in Victoria, Dr. Walter Young, here oversees a gathering of interns, part of a group chosen from graduates of B.C. universities. (bottom) A working relationship: Angus Ree, MLA (Socred N. Vancouver-Capilano) points out his concerns to intern Geordie Proulx.

talk with civil servants. According to Clarence Reser (a 1976 intern who was subsequently hired by the legislature to manage the program) the orientation "gives the interns a good overview of the system at a pretty senior level." Reser says that many deputy ministers are eager to talk to the interns about the plans and priorities of their departments.

For the interns it is a dizzying but heady time. Meeting influential people, wandering around the stain-glass-windowed, marble-pillared hallways, bumping into television-famous faces. According to John Belshaw (BA'79) a tall, slim history major who ended up as an intern after reading a poster at UBC: "It's a whirlwind tour. Like a motorcycle trip through the Louvre."

Belshaw, who shares a large double-desk in the narrow outer-office of a caucus office has an easy rapport with the many MLAs who wander in and out. Comfortably dressed in jeans, a striped shirt and (as a concession to fashion and respectability) a narrow tie, Belshaw is no longer in awe of the famous and powerful people. "I had a larger than life image of some of the MLAs. You first meet them and your reaction is *Wow*! Then they come down to size. This allows you to step back from myths and put some flesh on them."

Belshaw's desk-mate intern April Yamasaki (BA'79) spent part of her time working for the provincial secretary. Yamasaki says she wasn't really surprised by the workings of government though. "I guess I didn't have any illusions," she says, shaking her short dark hair and smiling. "It's just as bad as I thought."

But Yamasaki says the research and writing skills she's learned from the job should be useful in her hoped-for career of journalism. And even more useful, she says, was learning how to deal with people. "I've never before had to meet so many. It's a skill — knowing how to find the people who have the information you want, and getting them to give it to you."

In a profession such as government in which grandstanding and obfuscation are common, all the interns say they were surprised by the frankness of the bureaucrats and politicians. "They put complete trust in us," says one. "I was amazed at what we were privy to," says another. But it wasn't always that way.

When Young began lobbying to set up the program, he ran into resistance from MLAs who feared it would give "outsiders" access to politically sensitive information. According to MLA Graham Lea: "The concern expressed most often was over the confidentiality of the work performed by the interns. All politicians are understandably concerned over who controls what information."

Eventually the program was approved when Young was able to stress its non-partisan intent. Interns draw lots to determine which party they'll work for, and coordinator Reser is quick to emphasize

that whatever their personal party preference, the interns can rise above it. "We've had rabid NDPers and rabid Socreds who've set that aside and worked for the *other* party," he says. The parties, while keeping a watchful eye for possible conflicts of interest, on the whole seem impressed with the interns. According to MLA George Mussalem: "Their very presence and enthusiasm helped create a positive atmosphere all around them and they were highly appreciated by all our members."

But it's not surprising the parties are cautious. Party loyalty in B.C. is a mighty solemn business, as intern Greg Smith (BA'79) who was assigned to the Socred caucus discovered. Smith, who before completing his BA had worked for a federal cabinet minister, found the issue of party loyalty to be the big dividing line between federal and B.C. politics.

"These guys are really serious. If I was in Ottawa I might very well be friends with an NDP member of parliament. But not here. It's a much more partisan atmosphere."

Smith, who thinks the most enjoyable part of the job is writing speeches ("It's kind of a thrill seeing your words given on the floor of the house") speaks quickly and articulately. He arrives at the legislature early in the morning and often works weekends. "I enjoy the work. You see positive results. The bureaucracy is still responsive to the public's needs. I have a couple of little "victories" a week."

But for the interns (as for politicians and civil servants) there are frustrations — frustrations with the demands of the public, and with the unwieldy size of government. Part of politics is learning to deal with disappointment as one intern recalls. He had slaved over a 25-page speech on wine only to see his MLA rise in the house and reduce the empassioned prose to a single sentence: "B.C. wine, Mr. Speaker? One grape to the barrel."

For intern Geordie Proulx (BA'79) the biggest frustration was the people. He'd spent a lot of time in logging camps and found it difficult to cope with the inter-office politics. "I was used to working with people who were much more direct. I wasn't used to so much diplomacy. At a logging camp if you had a dispute with the foreman, you quit." But Proulx, whether he goes to law school (a possibility) or back to logging camp (a less-likely possibility) says he has learned more about politics than a textbook could ever teach him.

There's just one thing that bugs him: In his six months as an intern and despite repeated phone calls, he never did find out how to get a legislative parking sticker for his car.

There are some things about politics even an internship can't teach you. □

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(top) Government publications and what to find in them: Lorne Nicolson, BEd'63, MLA (NDP Nelson-Creston) answers questions from interns April Yamasaki and John Belshaw. (bottom) About to begin another long – but very eventful – day, intern Greg Smith at the parliament buildings, Victoria.

Birds and Brains

Bird-based Research at UBC

Tim Padmore

Of all living things, it is birds that most haunt man's imagination. As soon as a child can look up at the sky, she learns to admire and envy the bird's freedom to fly. The flight of birds has become a metaphor for our highest aspirations. It is almost an engineering principle that to fly well a machine may not be ugly. But the beauty and grace of birds seems to go beyond the bare dictates of function.

So much poetry in our feelings about birds leaves little room for science. That may account for society's peculiar attitude to those who make birds the object of serious scientific study. Birdwatchers and ornithologists are thought of as off-beat, and slightly fey. Birds are to be admired, not measured, their mysteries to be cherished rather than illuminated.

But to the birdpeople of UBC, birds, while remarkable in many ways, are no different from other animals as objects of inquiry. There are more than a dozen researchers at the university currently active in bird research, although, significantly, there is no one who calls himself an ornithologist. Three are in the faculty of forestry and the rest are in the department of zoology. Zoologist Lee Gass remakes the point: "I don't study birds because I am an ornithologist — I'm not. I do it because they are good subjects to learn about animal behavior."

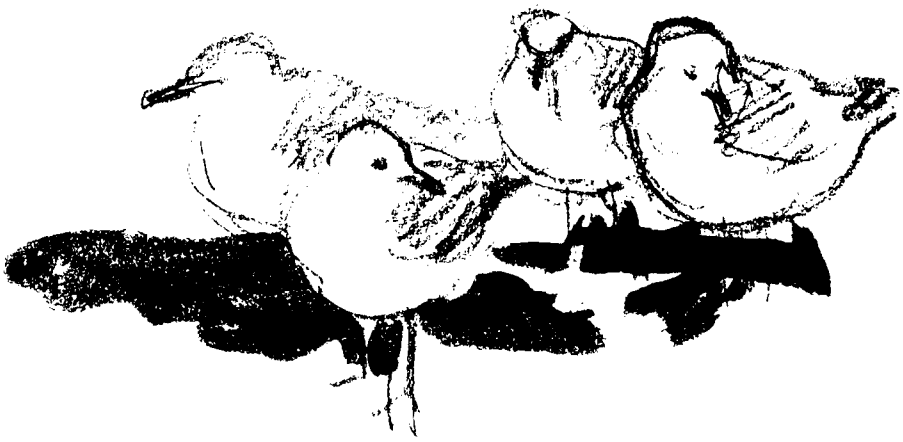
Gass has spent much of the last five years studying the Rufus-sided hummingbird.

The hummingbird migrates between Southern Mexico and a breeding area stretching from Oregon to Alaska. During its travel it gathers nectar from alpine meadows blossoming with columbine and Indian paintbrush. It is pleasant to sit on a sunny day and watch the tiny bird hover at a flowerlet, drink, and then whir away. Amusing when one swoops from its perch in high dudgeon to chase an intruder from a favorite patch of flowers. But dig deeper, as Gass does, and the poetry dissolves into an elaborate and tightly regulated economic order.

The currency in this economy is energy. Being a hummingbird takes a lot of energy. (Remarkably, the energy consumption of the little birds is remarkably well described by the dynamic requirements of helicopters and Boeing 747s.) Fetching nectar takes a lot of energy, so it pays to minimize the number of trips... But if the bird fills its crop completely before returning to the perch, it will burn extra calories carrying the extra heavy load... It is a waste of time visiting a flower that was drained a few hours earlier... Driving off poachers is a good idea, but not if it takes too much energy.

Gass is discovering how hummingbirds take account of all these factors to accomplish the task of energy gathering with minimum cost-benefit ratio, thereby permitting the meadow to support the maximum number of hummingbirds. The birds stake out individual territories, but the boundaries of the territories are constantly being renegotiated as conditions change. (A mountain meadow may go from snow to brilliant blossom to bare in six weeks.) A good territory, for example, will get used less, because the proprietor is quickly satisfied, and so will get even better as unused nectar accumulates. The bird will have more time (and more need) to defend it. But eventually, if the territory continues to improve, it will be broken up. This seems to happen just when economic theory says it should. "Every time I've seen a territory fragmented," says Gass, "the theory has said there is more than enough there for two birds."

Gass and his students have done most of their work in the field in alpine meadows in Northern California, patiently recording details of tens of thousands of hummingbird trips on an electronic counter of



Gass' own design. He is currently building an artificial "meadow" in the vivarium on the UBC campus so he can study hummingbird strategy in more detail in the lab. Photocells and sensitive balances will record the arrivals and departures of each bird as it forages at nectar nozzles in a 60-foot U-shaped run.

The hummingbirds' energy economy is a part of the larger economy of the meadow, of course, and Ken Lertzman, one of Gass' students has been studying that connection. The birds do the work of bees, transferring pollen from flower to flower as they feed. By marking the pollen with a fluorescent dye, he has traced how the pollen is spread by the hummingbirds. It is thought that there is an optimum distance for the pollen to be spread, far enough that harmful inbreeding is prevented, but not so far that traits useful in coping with local conditions (shade and drainage, for example) are lost. No one will be surprised if it turns out that the optimum distance just matches the typical reach of a hummingbird territory.

Elsewhere are Dave Jones, Bill Milsum and Pat Butler, three whose wonder at the magic of flight has transformed itself into experiments where flight is captured and scientifically dissected. They have trained pigeons and geese to fly in a wind tunnel while hooked up to tubes and wires that measure breathing, blood pressure, temperature and other indices of effort and achievement. They have confirmed in graph and table the fact that getting off the ground is an astonishing accomplishment.

Jaroslav Picman, a graduate student in zoology, has made a remarkable discovery about the long-billed marsh wren. Marsh wrens share their reed-thick habitat with the much larger red-winged blackbird, but not gladly, it seems. The wrens wage a sort of guerrilla warfare, slipping into unattended blackbird nests and breaking the eggs. Picman believes the tactic developed to deter the blackbirds from breeding in the same area as the wrens. It is true jungle warfare, occurring mainly where the reeds are thickest; in more open areas the blackbirds are able to keep the wrens driven off.

Then there is the black oyster-catcher. Looking like a gawky crow, it is an artist with its long red bill at opening the tightly sealed armor of shellfish. Grad student Sarah Groves journeys to bald, surf-scathed rocks off the west coast of Vancouver Island to learn how those complex feeding skills are passed on to the young oyster-catcher male during an unusually long parenting relationship that lasts through the first winter of the young bird's life.

One of the most original accomplishments of student Keith Simpson was his discovery of a way to capture an adult blue heron. Study of the big birds had been hampered by the difficulty of capture without harm to either bird or zoologist, but Simpson found they could be easily netted when the herons came to raid herring bait ponds near their nesting places on the Sechelt peninsula. His study of the effects of human development on heron colonies happily indicates that the blue heron is rather tolerant of man's intrusions, so long as he leaves a few trees for nesting sites and keeps the ruckus to a reasonable pitch.

There is even a study of the bird as villain. Grad student Chris Wood of animal resource ecology is trying to evaluate the extent of damage to young salmon populations by merganser ducks.

This story began with a request to find the "Birdman of UBC." As it turned out, there really was no such person. But one name did come up in nomination. It was Jamie Smith of zoology. Smith is another who studies birds but would be just as willing to study other animals — only birds are better. His scientific career was in chemistry at the University of Edinburgh, until one day a zoologist friend invited him along on a trip to a seabird island in the West of Scotland. After the trip it was clear to him that birds are certainly better than chemistry, and he switched fields.

For the past five years at UBC he has been studying the song sparrow, which he wryly characterizes as "the most boring species in B.C." Their great advantage for zoological research is that on Mandarte Island, where the work was conducted, the sparrows are resident birds, never leaving the island. Mandarte Island, which is near Saanich, has little vegetation so every bird can be readily counted and its behavior relatively easily observed.

And the song sparrow really isn't that dull, Smith has found.

Tracking the sparrow population, which varied in size from 30 to 150, he found that male sparrows tend to settle relatively far from the nest they were born in while females settled close by. The pattern appears to be useful in preventing inbreeding, but why should it be the males who roam? Forget any anthropomorphic suggestion. Small mammals show an opposite behavior, the males settling close to the nest. There may be a genetic link, says Smith. The chromosome pattern that defines male and female mammals — XX for females, XY for males — is reversed in the birds. Maybe, he suggests, it is having two X chromosomes that makes for wanderlust.

Smith, back from a year's sabbatical in Australia, is looking for a new project. He's interested in the pursuing the question of dispersal, how animals spread out from their places of birth and rearing. What he's looking for is a good animal to study, not necessarily a species of bird. But he admits it probably *will* be a bird because, well, birds are better. □

Tim Padmore, BA'65, (PhD, Stanford), writes on science for the Vancouver Sun *– and occasionally for the* Chronicle.

Summer employment for forestry students forms an important part of the learning process. Encompassing every phase of the industry, tasks increase in complexity as the student's knowledge grows. (clockwise from left) Alastair Handley collects tree foliage samples to be analyzed later for nutrient content; Heather Kibbey identifies tree lichen; Bruce Harper uses an increment borer for core sampling Douglas firs; Don Binkley counts growth rings on a stump to determine age; Gus Bradley (left) and Tony Letchford mark a newly fallen Douglas fir into sections.

Summer in the Forest

Industry and Academe Produce a Co-operative Education Experience

Liz Pope

Trying to ignore the suffocating smoke and heat, a forestry student swings his pulaski, slashing at roots and earth. Rapidly he works around the fire front, leaving a bare strip of forest in another attempt to contain the blaze. His fire suppression crew, stationed at Tatla Lake, had been called out on the fire two days previously when smoke from a lightening strike was spotted in a remote patch of lodgepole pine forest. Now, covered in sweat and mosquitoe bites, exhausted and longing for a decent meal, a shower and a bed, he hopes that this last firebreak will finally control the persistent flames. The wind drops; maybe this time she'll behave.

Meanwhile, on the northern end of Vancouver Island, another forestry student struggles through brambles and brush; yellow raingear protecting her from their scratches as well as the constant drizzle. Her cork boots grip slimy logs as she balances three feet off the ground and prepares to put in another plot, measure another group of trees, and determine whether or not this plantation needs thinning.

These are just two of a variety of situations UBC forestry students can be thrown into during their summer employment. Although work conditions may be quite different from anything encountered in the classroom, the practical experience is as an integral part of a student's forestry education as the courses taken at university. And good summer experience ranks high in the qualifications companies look for in forestry graduates, as Joseph Gardner, dean of the UBC faculty of forestry, points out.

During the summer most forestry students are scattered throughout the province, often in a small town or forestry camp, working for the B.C. ministry of forests, private industry, or the university. Usually after first or second year forestry, the summer will be spent on a fire suppression crew, cruising (measuring tree inventory), working in a nursery, doing regeneration surveys (checking seedling survival on reforested areas), determining road and cutblock layouts, and other general forestry work. As their knowledge and experience accumulates, students gain greater responsibility and challenges. By the third summer a student may find himself designing and implementing a small research project or solving engineering problems.

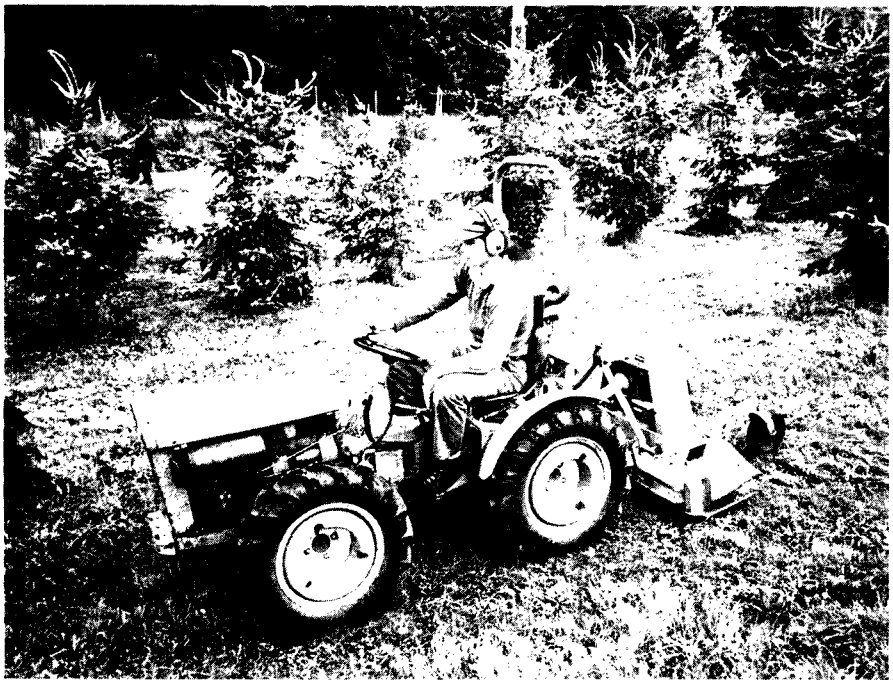
Both students and industry recognize the importance of the summer work experience in a forestry student's education. Bill Dickey, a fourth year forestry student, who after two summers in the Chilcotin fighting fires, spent last summer on a study to determine relationships between tree growth and stand density for lodgepole pine. "I learned a lot," he says, "about tree silvics, tree physiology, and just basic silvicultural concepts." Experience on the job often reinforces lessons learned at university. Not only is there the benefit of repetition, but actually doing and seeing forestry in practice is an invaluable supplement to textbook learning.

UBC student foresters spend five years with those textbooks. After first year, science students can enter the four year forestry program. While in forestry, students take a core of courses providing them with a solid background in subjects ranging from surveying to entomology to forest land management. With electives, specialization is encouraged in one of four major interest areas: forest biology, forest resource management, forest harvesting, or wood science and industry. In the fourth year there's a thesis, an opportunity for students to carry out an independent study in their interest area.

Forestry summer jobs would not be such learning experiences, though, if it were not for the efforts of the employers. Recognizing that they are contributing to the quality of the graduates they may eventually be hiring, companies often go out of their way to enrich a forestry student's education. Employers, for example, may arrange field trips to introduce students to other facets of the company. And they will even work overtime to explain concepts and field an information-hungry student's questions.

A summer job also may provide inspiration for the fourth-year thesis. Such was the case with Bill Dickey. After becoming involved in the effects of stand density during the summer, he is now working on a thesis project to determine how stand density affects soil nitrogen levels in lodgepole pine forests. When interests coincide, an employer and student may develop a symbiotic relationship that results in a thesis. The employer provides time and equipment during the summer for data collection, and in return one of his forestry problems is tackled with heightened enthusiasm and the support of the university. For the student there is the additional satisfaction that his research work will be of immediate practical use.

The university, which has long recognized the educational importance of summer jobs, established the co-operative education program in 1978. Its purpose is to aid students interested in forestry or engineering in clarifying career goals and obtaining maximum enrichment through their summer employment. Students choose to enter the program while in first year science and for the next three years



(top) Don Marzocco mows between rows of crop trees for a seed orchard; (bottom) Lori Pearson (left) and Debbie Urban look after tree cuttings in MacMillan Bloedel greenhouse.

they consult with faculty advisors and co-op staff while selecting a summer job. The guidance and consultation ensures that a job matches the student's capabilities and contributes to his or her professional development. During the summer co-op staff keeps tabs on how their students are faring in the field. A faculty advisor will visit to discuss problems and career ideas, and at summer's end students are requested to submit a written report outlining their job experience.

Undoubtedly the most valuable part of the co-op program is the placement of students in forestry jobs after first year science. Once first year forestry is completed, students are snatched up by the forest industry for the summer. But a student with no forestry skills and nothing more to offer employers than his 1400 colleagues in first year science has a difficult time gaining forestry experience. Through co-op, these students find jobs which give them a chance to experience forestry first hand and decide whether it is the right course for them before starting on a forestry degree. Last summer out of 12 first year co-op forestry students, three decided that forestry wasn't all they had dreamed it would be, and opted to continue in sciences. Others, like Carmen Baker, a third year forestry student and pioneer in the co-op Education Program, speak enthusiastically of their co-op experience. "It was a fantastic summer," she says of her first forestry job. The first summer with co-op also gave her an introduction to the forestry faculty. "Before I even went into forestry I knew half a dozen profs," she says.

The forestry student is not the only one learning during his summer job, though. Ed Packee, silviculturalist for MacMillan Bloedel, points out that "it's a two-way street." Students form an important liaison between the university and industry. Packee explains that through contact with the students, industrial foresters are exposed to new academic approaches and often a fresh, less biased perspective. Co-op is trying to strengthen this important link between industry and UBC. "Presently a main objective is to work out a good relationship between the university and the different companies," Antal Kozak, associate forestry dean and co-op faculty advisor says.

But forestry work is not all grime, sweat, bugs and heavy learning. There are attractions that keep most forestry students eagerly awaiting the annual exile from the city. Pleasures such as spending lunch break perched atop a cliff, gazing up some remote B.C. inlet; meeting more wide-eyed fawns than people during a day's work; and spending coffee break in the midst of a wild, flavor packed strawberry patch. And who knows what next summer will bring? □

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The Vancouver Institute

A Bridge Between Town and Gown

Merrilee Robson

On October 11, the crowd began lining up two hours early to see playwright Tennessee Williams. The audience filled lecture hall 2 of the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre and overflowed into other rooms. Others watched on the giant television screen in the main lobby. Hundreds more arrived late and were not able to find a place.

The crush of spectators at the Vancouver Institute lectures attests to the success of the organization that started 65 years ago. The university opened in September 1915 and the first organizational meeting of the Institute was held five months later.

The Institute was formed to provide educational lectures to the general public and to bring together the various lecture series that had been offered independently by a number of Vancouver societies. These groups included the University Women's Club, the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, the Architectural Institute of British Columbia and the Natural History Section of the B.C. Mountaineering Club.

Originally, the affiliated associations sponsored most of the lectures, with university professors giving the others. The Institute provided a regular place for meetings and issued a program at the beginning of each season, ensuring that there was no conflict of dates.

The first constitution stated, "The objectives of the Institute shall be the study and cultivation of the arts, sciences, literature, music and kindred subjects, by means of lectures, exhibitions, publications and such other means as may from time to time be deemed advisable." The lectures were presented in the assembly hall at Tenth and Willow, on UBC's original Fairview campus.

The Institute's correspondence and minutes of its meetings, in the UBC archives, show that it had the organizational problems of any fledgling society. Numerous letters remind members to pay their dues while notes in reply insist they have already been paid. In one of a series of letters regarding the payment of the slide projector or 'lantern' operator, the treasurer writes frantically that he would pay the bill and has the funds, but the money is in a trust account and he needs the secretary and president to release it.

"'The Vancouver Institute is the worst run thing in Vancouver,' said an irate voice over the telephone, with special reference to his lecture, which had not been sufficiently announced." In 1922 secretary-treasurer Winifred Plowdon reported on an offended speaker whose lecture had been poorly attended and lamented her difficulties in getting the local press to cover the events.

The early lectures attracted nothing like the crowds of today but they were generally well attended. In the 1919-20 season a series of lectures on the Romance of the Sciences drew an average audience of 130, while the series on English literature averaged an attendance of 96. Sixty people were in the audience for the evening devoted to Canadian authors, but the relatively small crowd was blamed on a heavy snow storm. In that year the total attendance grew from 1,234 to 2,084. There were 59 members.

The programs from the early years of the Vancouver Institute sound like lists of UBC's buildings. The 1916 season included lectures by UBC's first president F.F. Wesbrook on 'Bacteria' and Frederic Wood on 'English Drama in Relation to Present-Day Problems.' UBC professors appearing on the 1920-21 program were D. Buchanan, Dean R.W. Brock, T.C. Hebb and G.G. Sedgwick.

In 1925 the university left the 'Fairview Shacks' for the new campus on Point Grey. Institute president John Davidson "informed the meeting that accommodation would be available at Point Grey and expressed the hope that the meetings would be held out there in future."

In his 1956 history the late M.Y. Williams says that many members thought transportation to the new campus was too much of a problem. "At that time Tenth Avenue was paved with rotten planks from Alma Road for some two blocks east. Chancellor Boulevard connected with a dirt trail through the woods to Eighth Avenue at Blanca Street, and although the Tenth Avenue Boulevard from Blanca to the University was paved, cars were scarce and bus service none too good."

During the next four years the Institute had no regular meeting hall. The university was settling into the new campus and expanding. With the Institute physically detached the connection between 'Town and Gown' weakened, although university faculty members still lectured. In 1929 the Institute again began to hold its lectures at the university, although a return to downtown was suggested during the Second World War, when gas rationing again made transportation a problem.

The Vancouver Institute followed the university's growth after the war. Saturday became the regular lecture evening. The location changed as the Institute grew and as new buildings were built on campus.

The Institute reflected the changes in the university. In 1963, UBC president John Macdonald gave his report on education to the provincial government and addressed the Vancouver Institute on 'Higher Education — The Way Forward." In 1967 Bernard Riedel, dean of pharmacy, spoke on 'The Psychedelic Drugs.' Another topic from the student protest era was a 1969 panel discussion

What does the Vancouver Institute hold in store for spring, 1981? A lively and varied series of stimulating lectures, of course. Although not all details had been finalized at *Chronicle* press time, here is an outline of the spring season. Some details do remain constant: the day, Saturday; time, 8:15 p.m.; the place, Lecture Hall #2 of the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.

Jan. 31: Dr. Colin Kraay, keeper of the Hebenden Coin Room, Oxford: *Alexander the Great and Coinage*.

February Speakers will include:

Dr. Brenda Beck, anthropology, UBC: *Hierarchy and Heroism – Fate in a South India Folk Epic*.

Dr. Brian Pate, pharmaceutical sciences, UBC: *Radio PET: A Radiochemist's View of a Brain at Work*.

Feb. 28: Dr. Richard J. Blandau, department of biological structure, University of Washington: *Reproduction and Population Control*.

March 7: Prof. Robert Leaper, social administration, University of Exeter: *The State of the Welfare State*.

March 14: Prof. Gary Schwarz, psychology, Yale University: *New Frontiers in Biofeedback and Behavioral Medicine*.

March 21: Julian Symons, biographer, Kent, England: *The Mystique of the Detective Story*.

March 28: Donald Davidson, philosopher, University of Chicago: *Topic to be announced*.

April 4: The Vancouver Sun lecture: *speaker to be announced*.

The Alumni Association is now administering the Vancouver Institute's program. For further information call the Association office at 228-3313.

entitled 'Civil Disobedience — Protest and Progress.'

The Institute continues to grow. In recent years thousands have turned up to hear such speakers as anthropologist Margaret Mead, psychologist B.F. Skinner and photographer Yousuf Karsh.

Program chair Bel Nemetz says the Vancouver Institute is a major forum for public education. Gordon Robertson, who spoke in September on the constitutional talks, was reportedly amazed at the size of the crowd that would turn out on a Saturday night to hear a lecture.

The lectures are free and the money raised from the $10 membership fee ($2 for students) barely covers the cost of advertising the program. The Institute does receive donations from corporations and individuals, and it sometimes contributes toward the speaker's travel expenses but honorariums are never paid.

In spite of this the Institute has no trouble attracting guests as well known as Tennessee Williams and the Dalai Lama of Tibet. The 1922 secretary's despair at the lack of press coverage is never a problem with speakers of this stature.

In fact, the size of the audience is often a problem. The regular IRC hall cannot contain the crowds at the more popular lectures. One can see the Institute growing to the point where a Saturday night poetry reading may have to be held in a football stadium.

The Vancouver Institute has grown with the city and the university. And it is still doing a good job of keeping Town and Gown together. □

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Guided tours of the Museum of Anthropology drew many of the busy grads who were on campus in late October for Homecoming '80. Visitors concentrate on the expanding collection overlooking the cliffs of Towers Beach.

New Directions for Alumni Fund

Over the past four years, just over 12 per cent of UBC's graduates have contributed to the Alumni Fund. That's a figure Jack Range would like to see change.

"It's felt that is low when compared to the average of 20 per cent alumni participation at universities across Canada," says Range, who earlier this year was appointed director of the Alumni Fund. "Our hope is to increase alumni participation in the fund so that alumni become benefactors of the institution that benefited them."

To make that happen, the fund is building a program that will focus more on individualized solicitation with such things as letters tailored to graduates of specific faculties describing the needs of those faculties, how students have been helped in the past by Alumni Fund money, and generally how important alumni donations are to the well-being of the university.

In making their contributions, alumni will be able to choose more specifically how they would like their gifts to be allocated, something Range hopes will encourage response from those with specific areas of interest.

Other efforts will focus on what he calls "leadership giving" — a program in which donors who have made considerable contributions to the fund in the past will be invited to become more involved with UBC through social functions and other sessions in which they can exchange views and advice with leaders of the university community.

In discussing the importance of support for the university, Range points to a quotation from Frank Fairchild Wesbrook, UBC's founding president:

"We have been so richly endowed in British Columbia that we owe it to ourselves and the rest of the world to properly conserve and intelligently develop and use our material resources, the chief of which are the men and women, both those who are here now and those who are coming."

Wesbrook's words, composed more than 60 years ago, still seem to say it all.

1980 Reunions A Success

The final weekend of October was a busy one for a host of UBC alumni. On Saturday, Oct. 25, 471 grads, spouses, and friends gathered at the Commodore Ballroom to dance to the music of Mart Kenney and his Western Gentlemen and enjoy entertainment by Norma Locke. The classes of 1935, '40, '45, '50, '55, and '60 had among their special guests Chancellor and Mrs. J.V. Clyne, President Douglas Kenny (celebrating his reunion with other members of the class of '45) and Mrs. Kenny, Alumni Association president Art Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson, Dr. and Mrs. Blythe Eagles, Les G.R. Crouch, and Lorne Kersey.

While one group was gathered at the Commodore, another was celebrating their reunion at Cecil Green Park on campus. Applied science grads from '65 and '70 danced to a group named City Haul and enjoyed a midnight supper. Almost 100 people attended.

And on the same Saturday, an afternoon wine and cheese party for the home economics class of '70 drew 25 people to the UBC Faculty Club. An open house during the day attracted 100 Homecoming '80 participants for campus tours, visits to the Museum of Anthropology, and screenings of the film "A University Is...."

The electrical engineering class of 1950 held an informal pre-reunion gathering on Friday, Oct. 24, at the home of Hugh Kay, while over at the Arbutus Club, 40 people attended a pre-reunion wine and cheese party for the pharmacy classes of '50 and '55.

A new policy on the promotion of reunions has been set by the Alumni Association's programs committee. Its members decided that in future no "extraordinary efforts" be put into promoting reunions for each class every five years, but instead to focus association resources on 25th and 50th anniversary reunions, and on those classes that have expressed an interest in their reunion activities.

Senate Elections on the Horizon

Nominations of candidates for the position of UBC chancellor and convocation members of the senate closed on November 7, 1980. A total of 17 hats have been thrown into the ring, two for chancellor and 15 for the 11 convocation senators to be elected on February 6, 1981. The two nominees for the office of chancellor are the Honorable J.V. Clyne and Stan Persky and the 15 names submitted for membership in the senate are: Helen Belkin, BA'40, William H. Birmingham, BA'33, Mary F. Bishop, MA'71, Grant D. Burnyeat, LLB'73, Patricia Macrea Fulton, BA'39, Mary Ellen Findlay, BSW'80, Valerie M.E. Giles, BA'70, William M. Keenlyside, BA'34, Anne Macdonald, BA'52, Elaine McAndrew, MBA'73, James F. McWilliams, BSF'53, Dennis Blair Peterson, BA'67, LLB'71, Ruth Robinson, MA'75, BSN'70, Charlotte L.V. Warren, BCom'58, G. Vernon Wellburn, BASc'48. Early in January, 1981, further information and a ballot will be mailed to each UBC alumnus by the Registrar's Office.

University Singers Expand Their Audience

Early in January UBC's critically acclaimed University Singers pack their bags and their music for a six-concert tour of the B.C. Interior. It will be the fourth winter tour for the singers, under the direction of James Schell.

First stop is Chilliwack, on Monday Jan. 12, where they'll perform at the Chilliwack United Church, 45 Spadina Avenue; on Tuesday, Jan. 13, they'll be at Okanagan College in Kelowna;

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ALUMNI ATHLETIC RESENTATIVES

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John Stupanich

(top) Toronto branch members Frank Stevens, BCom'35, (left) and Rudolf Susanik, MF'54, chat before dinner in the U of T faculty club lounge; (bottom) Rehab '70 grads reminisced in October at the home of Ann McQueen Strother, BSR'70, who hosted a reunion dinner in her Vancouver home.

Wednesday's concert is at the Penticton Arts Centre; on Thursday the 15th they'll appear at Vernon Senior Secondary School; on Friday, Jan. 16 the performance is at Crossroads Free Methodist Church in Salmon Arm, and the final stop is at Kamloops on Saturday, Jan. 17, for a performance at the Kamloops United Church, 421 St. Paul Street.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m. and tickets will be available in advance from representatives to be announced in the areas, or at the door. The University Singers' tour is sponsored by the UBC Alumni Association in cooperation with the UBC Department of Music and the Interior program of the Centre for Continuing Education.

1981 Alumni Board Nominations Sought

Elections, elections, elections ... tiring, perhaps, but necessary in cities, nations ... and your Alumni Association. In preparation for the election of a new alumni board of management in the spring, nominations for the officer positions of vice-president and treasurer (one-year terms) and for 10 members-at-large (two-year terms) are invited by the association's nominating committee.

Why not consider nominating a fellow UBC (or Victoria College) graduate, or running for election yourself? Nominations must be in writing and accompanied by the signatures of five nominating members and a letter of consent from the nominee.

To place a name in nomination or for further information, write or call Bob Smith, Chair, Nominations Committee, UBC Alumni Association, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver V6T 1X8 (228-3313) no later than Wednesday, December 31, 1980.

Speakers Bureau Continues to Grow

Want to know how to become a patron of contemporary native art, or get an expert's view of Canada in the '80s, or perhaps learn about English gardens? If so, the UBC Speakers Bureau can find the expert ready and willing to tell you and your group about it — and about hundreds of other topics.

The bureau, sponsored by the UBC Alumni Association, matched speakers with more than 400 groups last year and has now embarked on its sixth season. A 34-page brochure describing its free services has just been published. To obtain a copy or arrange a speaker, contact Maureen Burns, Speakers Bureau coordinator, UBC Alumni Association, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver V6T 1X8, phone 228-3313.

Branches Past and Events to Come

Not rain nor snow nor sleet may keep UBC's president and chancellor from their appointed rounds, but a strike that played havoc with Canada's air routes managed to keep them from a dinner meeting of the **Toronto** branch on Sept. 29. Dr. Douglas Kenny, J.V. Clyne, and

Alumni Association executive director Peter Jones were kept in Vancouver by the dispute, but 80 branch members did attend the event at the University of Toronto Faculty Club....Dr. Kenny's next branches speaking engagement was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17 at a UBC Alumni **Southern California** Chapter dinner at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.....In April the UBC President will travel to **New York** and meet with alumni there.

In late spring a joint meeting with alumni of UBC, McGill, Queen's, the University of Toronto, and the University of Manitoba drew 135 people in **San Francisco**. The Branches Committee reports enthusiasm for such joint meetings and the cooperation they engender....Looking to next spring, Kamloops area alumni will be involved in a **UBC Alumni Open House** to be held there in May in conjunction with a board of governors meeting and alumni dinner....**Ottawa** branch executives Robert Yip and Bruce de L-Harwood received more than a hundred replies in response to a questionnaire sent to the area's 1,700 UBC alumni. They're now analysing the results and planning events to meet members' interests. Activities may include joint functions with alumni from the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University.

Alumni Miscellany

Convocation Senators Meet

Convocation senators from B.C.'s three public universities have established a liaison committee to explore areas of common concern to the senators and to their respective universities. The chancellors and convocation senators of SFU, UVic, and UBC met in Vancouver on Oct. 6 to discuss those concerns and what effect convocation senators have on decision making within their institutions. Dr. William Gibson, BA'33, (MSc, MD, McGill; PhD, Oxon), Universities Council of B.C. Chair, also participated.

Spreading the Word

"Would you spread the word...?" asked the letter from Kathleen Scales, BEd '63, of Richmond. Certainly, replied the *Chronicle*. Mrs. Scales would like anyone interested to know that there is now a University Women's Club of Richmond that meets monthly for activities stressing fellowship, education, and community awareness. The organization is affiliated with the Canadian Federation of University Women and the International Federation of University Women, and also participates in activites organized by the Vancouver University Women's Club.

Further information is available from Mrs. Scales at 277-1612 or Betty Coles at 274-8161.

Together Again

They came from Saskatchewan, Alberta, northern B.C., Vancouver Island, and the Lower Mainland for one day together, and from all reports, the reunited rehabilitation medicine class of '70 sounds like a high-spirited lot. The 23 grads gathered for brunch on the morning of Oct. 4 and again for dinner that evening, with several members of the class taking time during the day to see the school of rehabilitation's new facilities in the acute care hospital — a far cry from the huts they knew as students.

Retreat Re-scheduled

The alumni association's student affairs committee is planning an on-campus conference for first-year students in early February. The conference will take the place of the 1980 first-year retreat that had been scheduled for Camp Elphinstone. The October retreat was postponed when postal labor problems delayed letters of invitation sent to all first year students.

B.C. Engineers Surveyed

When suggestions arose earlier this year that the province might need more facilities for training engineers, the Alumni Association's advocacy committee went to work to see just what demand there was. Of the 246 questionnaires sent out to engineering firms in B.C., 88 or 36 per cent were returned. These 88 firms represented 3,259 engineers. The results? Seventy-four per cent said there was a shortage of engineers, but the shortage was of experienced engineers, not new graduates.

The survey found that the forecast demand for newly graduated engineers was unlikely to change in the period 1982-1985. The committee's brief concluded that in light of the forecast demand, new training facilities for engineers are unnecessary.

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The Fairview Cairn forms the backdrop for the winning team of the 1980 running of the annual Arts '20 Relay: the engineers' team, minus one member. Standing are participants from previous races: (left to right) John Berto, BA'20 (from the first winning team); John Weld, BA'20, Berto's teammate; UBC Chancellor J.V. Clyne, BA'23, a runner in 1920; Ted Hay, BASc'30, a contestant in '28, '29 and '30; Alan Macdonald, BASc'30, who ran in 1930; Tom Hadwin, BASc'30, '29 and '30 race participant; Jack Arnold, BA'27, a reviver of the Arts '20 relay, and Blythe Eagles, BA'22 chairman of the Fairview committee, currently compiling a photographic collection of all UBC's registrars.

Alumni Award Of Distinction

Honorary Life Membership

Each year the UBC Alumni Association makes two awards—the award of distinction, its highest honor, to a graduate who has made a distinguished contribution in his or her field of endeavor and the honorary life membership to recognize outstanding contributions to UBC and education. To nominate someone for either award, send the nominee's name, a brief biographical outline and your reasons for making the nomination to the Awards Committee, UBC Alumni Association, 6251 Cecil Green Park Rd., Vancouver V6T 1X8 **by February 13, 1981.**

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Brian McCaughey

Early in October the papers reported a shooting incident. The woman involved had a rifle and police were particularly concerned when they realized there was a baby in the house. When the situation was under control, the baby was carried out of the house and handed to Brian McCaughey.

At the time, McCaughey was the night social worker in the Ministry of Human Resources' Emergency Services office, a job that seems unrelated to his B.A. in International Relations. But he explains that the degree, which combined history and political science courses, was really a good liberal arts course. "There were only a certain number of history and a certain number of political science courses I wanted to take. I took a lot of psychology courses and I think if you looked at my transcript you wouldn't be able to tell what my major was in."

McCaughey became involved in social services as a volunteer at the Vancouver Crisis Centre while he was still in university. After he graduated in 1971, he spent a year selling audio-visual equipment before taking what he describes as a "horrendous cut in pay" to work at the crisis centre on an L.I.P. grant. "That was when L.I.P. grants were $400 a month and I was putting money in the bank," he recalls. He worked on the centre's flying squad, which looked after people who needed more help than the phone lines could offer. They would go out to people, talking down drug overdoses and dealing with suicide threats.

Later the centre became involved in revising the directory of Vancouver social services. As co-ordinator of the Community Information Centre, McCaughey saw the directory grow from a booklet to the large manual it is today.

"At that time there weren't the established services there are today under the Ministry. It was easy to tell people where they were going to spend the night. They were going to stay where they were because there wasn't anywhere for them to go." But McCaughey says there was more community involvement then and the directory listed ongoing L.I.P. projects and local resources.

He began working for MHR's Emergency Services in 1977, when he returned from three years travel in Central and South America. The job involved much of the same work as he had done at the crisis centre but as a government office they had more authority. The office handles investigations of child abuse or neglect, tries to settle marital disputes, provides emergency accommodation and food, and works with the hospitals and police to handle any overnight problems.

Last year McCaughey was seconded from the office to set up the Helpline for Children, a province-wide line for people who want to report incidents of child abuse.

Part of his regular work at Emergency Services involved two three-month shifts in a police car. The social worker goes along in Car 86, to handle domestic disputes and to arrange for child protection in cases where children have been left alone in the house, or when the parents have been arrested.

McCaughey says he has seen some bloody, violent disputes and he's been with the police when they've made arrests in other than family cases. "It was a police car and when something happened they had to act like a police car. The social worker is supposed to sit still and not get involved but that's hard to do."

Another part of the job was giving workshops at the Justice Institute, training police officers, firefighters and probation officers in crisis intervention techniques.

McCaughey left Emergency Services for the Mount Pleasant office at the beginning of October. He's still handling child welfare cases but he has his own case load of families now, rather than dealing with crisis situations all the time. There's less shift work there. That should give him more time for the housing co-operative he's been living in for the past one and a half years and for his kitten, Minou.

–Merrilee Robson

Spotlight

20s & 30s

Printer's ink runs in the veins of **Greville Jackson Rowland**'s family: Jackson, BA'29, has just hung up his apron as publisher of the *Penticton Herald*, while son **Bruce Rowland**, BA'65, publishes the *Daily Examiner* in Barrie, Ontario. The elder Rowland moved to the Okanagan Valley in 1930, to an early job with the *Vernon News*. After Rowland bought the *Herald* in 1940, the weekly won awards as the best weekly newspaper in Canada, as well as for editorial writing. In 1957, Rowland sold the paper to Thomson, when it became a daily....Two UBC grads have recently been installed as Members of the Order of Canada. **Celia E. Long**, BA'32, until her retirement in 1977, was national director of Public Information with the Arthritis Society in Toronto. She has worked on the advertising staff of numerous Canadian publications and was the recipient of a Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977. Retired leader in the Canadian medical technology field, **Archibald R. Shearer**, BA'49, was named to the Order in recognition of his work. He retired this year as executive director of the Canadian society of laboratory technologists.

After a distinguished 34-year career as teacher and researcher, during which time he became known as one of Canada's leading labor economists, **Stuart M. Jamieson**, BA'35, (MA, McGill; PhD, Calif.), retired from the UBC department of economics last year. This year, a new lecture series in his honor was inaugurated at UBC....Chairman of B.C.'s new forest research council is **Paul Trussell**, BSA'38, (MS, PhD, Wisconsin), who has served with the B.C. research council for 33 years, the last 19 as its technical director.

40s

Retiring as vice-president, Alberta operations for Woodward Stores Ltd., **Jack O. Moxon**, BCom'42, was honored at a reception in Edmonton after 35 years with the company. Although he admits he will miss "the family," he plans to travel and play golf and he is looking forward to retirement....President of Bechtel Canada, **Robert H. Paul**, BASc'42, has been named to the newly created position of petroleum group marketing manager for the Bechtel group of companies.... **Donald Ivey**, BA'44, MA'46, is now a vice-president of the University of Toronto where his respon-

Sidney B. Sellick, BSF'52

J.A. Warner Woodley, BCom'61

sibilities include the department of information services which publishes their *Graduate*....**Chester A. Johnson**, BA'46, is now president and chief executive officer of West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd....**John N. Olsen**, BASc'46, has been chosen new president of the Canadian Electrical Association. Olsen, president of B.C. Hydro, has worked for Hydro since 1946.

After heading the 1978 federal inquiry into redundancies and layoffs, **Alfred W.R. Carrothers**, BA'47, LLB'48, now is laid off himself. The federal investigation was completed during the brief reign of the Progressive Conservatives and Carrothers is now "looking for productive full-time employment." He was chairman of the B.C. Public Service Adjudication Board until the cabinet turned its responsibilities over to the B.C. Labour Relations Board....After 24 years of service, **Robert L. Davison**, BA'48, (BLS, U. of T.), has retired as director of the British Columbia Library Services Branch. He served on the council of the School of Librarianship since its inception in 1961. He was formerly with the library development committee....**John T. Gillespie**, BA'48, (MLS, Columbia; PhD, New York), has been appointed dean of the Palmer Graduate Library School on the C.W. Post Centre Campus of Long Island University. He had previously served as dean of the school from 1971-1976....UBC department of the history of medicine and science has a new director now that **John M. Norris**, BA'48, MA'49, (PhD, Northwestern), fills that post....One half of the sonata team, the Duo Pach, **Arlene Nimmons Pach**, BA'49, has been with the University of New Brunswick since 1964. Her husband, Joseph, makes up the other half. She is well known in Saint John for her extension courses in music appreciation, radio broadcasts of classical and contemporary compositions, and her concert performances and teaching.

50s

After 30 years as an easterner, **Alison Creese Howling**, BA'50, has now moved to Victoria from Beaconsfield, Quebec, where she was a teacher....**Alex Mandeville**, BA'51, MD'55, was installed as president of the British Columbia Medical Association last spring. He will preside over the 4600-member organization for a one-year term....Former assistant deputy minister of education, post-secondary, **Andrew E. Soles**, BA'51, MEd'68, has been appointed B.C. assistant deputy for universities in the ministry of universities, science and communications....Returning to his home town, **Donald E. Waldern**, BSA'51, MSA'54, (PhD, Wash. State), is now director of the Lacombe Research Station. He moved to this Alberta town from Saskatoon where he was program specialist, western region, for the federal government department of agriculture.

Head of the plant pathology section for the past two years, **Tom G. Atkinson**, BSA'52, (MSA, PhD, Sask.), is now assistant director of the Lethbridge Research Station. His main responsibility will be the planning and evaluation of the station's 180 research projects and supervision of research support services....Past president of the Ontario School Counsellors Association, **S. Burt Sellick**, BA'52, (MA, PhD, Arizona), is now employed by the Lakehead board of education as director of a counselling and guidance department....Former deputy forest ranger in Quesnel, **Donald T. Grant**, BSF'53, has been named regional manager for the Vancouver forest region....**Maurice D. Copithorne**, BA'54, LLB'55, Canadian ambassador to Austria, has been elected chairman of the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency....Associate clinical professor of neurology at the University of Colorado school of medicine, **Margaret M. Guest Hoehn**, MD'54, has been appointed to the medical advisory board of the United Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Chicago....Powell River businessman, Captain (N)(R) **Stewart B. Alsgard**, OMM., CD., BA'57, presently commanding officer, HMCS Discovery, the Vancouver Naval Reserve division, has been named an honorary Aide de Camp to His Excellency The Right Honorable Edward Schreyer, CC., CMM., CD., Governor-General of Canada.

From Tunis, **Linda Brena Ghezzi Ben-Hamida**, BA'57, writes to say that she is librarian and music teacher at the American School of Tunis. She has taught in such diverse locations as Vancouver, Kelowna, Oliver and Fontainebleau, France....Col. **A.C. Brown**, BASc'57, commandant, Canadian Forces Base, Kingston, Ontario, has been named chief of staff operations at Mobile Command Headquarters, St. Hubert, Quebec. He was appointed commanding officer at Kingston in 1976....The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council has established a consultative group and an advisory panel to make a national study of the status of research and education in law. Two members of the advisory panel are: **G. Sholto Hebenton**, BA'57, a member of a Vancouver firm, and **John Hogarth**, LLB'60, on the faculty of law at UBC.

Donald N. Baker, BA'58, has been appointed president of Mount Royal College. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Baker taught history at the University of Waterloo and has held positions at Stanford, Michigan State and Simon Fraser....Appointed director of constitutional law in the Attorney-General's department in 1969, **Melvin H. Smith**, BCom'58, LLB'59, is B.C. Premier Bill Bennett's chief constitutional advisor. Last June he became deputy minister for constitutional affairs in the newly-created department of intergovernmental relations....With the assignment to develop a forestry research program, **John Elliot Barker**, BSF'59, undertakes his new position of research forester with Rayonier Canada....Former assistant manager of Crown Zellerbach paper, **Donald C. Cook**, BCom'59, is now general manager. Since joining the company in 1958, he has held marketing positions in Vancouver, Edmonton and Richmond as well as senior planning positions.

60s

Guest speaker for the Recognition Day ceremonies at Holland College of Charlottetown, P.E.I. in May, 1980, was **E. Margaret Fulton**, MA'60, (BA, Manitoba; PhD, U. of T.), president of Mt. St. Vincent University, Halifax....Responsible for corporate and legal matters, public and governmental relations, and internal communications, **Norman R. Gish**, LLB'60, is vice-president of Turbo Resources Limited....**Kenneth S. Benson**, BCom'61, LLB'62, has been appointed corporate secretary of Cominco Ltd. Prior to this appointment he was solicitor and assistant secretary....Newly appointed senior vice-president for Husky Oil Operations is **J.A. Warner Woodley**, BCom'61, responsible for real estate development and administration.

Most recently manager, **Douglas O. Gurel**, BASc'61, has been appointed vice-president of Husky Oil Operations Ltd. with responsibility for conventional petroleum production and development operations....**Alfred A. Burgoyne**, BSc'62, (MSc, New Mexico), has been appointed vice-president, exploration, for Bethlehem Copper Corporation in Vancouver. He has over 17 years of mineral exploration and development experience in western Canada and the U.S.A. During the past ten years he has held senior management positions in both the mining industry and the federal government....**John M. Curtis**, BA'63, (PhD, Harvard), is now director, international economics program of the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

One of six Bucknell University faculty members currently engaged in research projects sponsored by the biomedical research support program of the U.S. public health service is **John Tonzetich**, BSc'63, associate professor of biology who is studying how natural selection affects the frequency of genes controlling enzymes which metabolize alcohol....After seven years as a solicitor with Placer Development Limited, Vancouver, **John A. Eckersley**, BSc'65, LLB'70, has moved to San Francisco to take up the position of corporate secretary of Placer Amex Inc....The Port Moody plant of Andres Wines is home for the new vice-president, Western Canada, of the winery: **Donald George Rogers**, BSA'65. Rogers moves to the position from Alberta, where he was vice president and general manager of the Andres operation.

Nelson Ferguson, MSc'66, is now vice-president of administration at the Technical University of Nova Scotia. Ferguson has been registrar for TUNS....New manager of business development with Techman Ltd. is **Michael G. Robertson**, BASc'66, who has several years' experience with major Canadian engineering firms....First City Trust has made two new appointments: **Michael J. Sommers**, BCom'66, MBA'71, to vice-president corporate planning and **John B. Crocker**, BCom'77, to assistant vice-president, mortgage underwriting.

Diane S. Syer, BA'66, MA'69, chair of the federal government's task force on suicide was in Kingston, Ontario earlier this year to deliver several talks and workshops on crisis intervention....**Alain Albagli**, PhD'69, who has worked in various R&D positions with the federal government in Ottawa, has been appointed chief, planning, transportation, research and development with the federal department of transport....Canada was represented at an international conference in Australia concerned with saving marine life in the Antarctic by **R. Michael M'Gonigle**, BA'69, a lawyer for the Centre of Law and Social Policy in Washington, D.C. "Antarctic protection will be one of the major environmental challenges of the 1980s," said M'Gonigle who represented a coalition of groups.

70s

Peter J. Chataway, BSc'70, BArch'76, is a freelance architect specializing in designing homes with alternate forms of energy. Living in Kelowna, he is largely concerned with solar energy as the Okanagan sun can supply 60 to 80 per cent of the individual home's annual requirements....**Ching Y. Suen**, MASc'70, PhD'72, is now professor and chairman of the department of computer science at Concordia University, Montreal....Osoyoos has a new public health nurse now that **Lillian J. Rusch**, BSN'71, has taken over those duties. For the past two years she has worked as a home care nurse in the Osoyoos area....Before setting up practice in Vancouver, **Lorne A. Brown**, BPE'72, will be studying with internationally renowned plastic surgeons across the world for two years. Brown spent six years as a resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, four years as general surgeon and two years as a plastic surgeon. His forthcoming travels will take him to Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Switzerland, India, Paris and Japan.

After leaving Whitecourt, Alberta where he was a hospital administrator for six years, **William B. Cuthill**, BSc'72, is the new administrator of the Arrow Lakes Hospital in Nakusp, B.C. Before getting into his present line of work, Cuthill was an assistant brewmaster with Carling O'Keefe Breweries in Vancouver....**Richard Kadulski**, BArch'72, has been elected chairman of the Solar Energy Society of Canada, Inc. He is a partner in The Drawing Room Graphic Services, Ltd., an independent design and drafting firm specializing in solar applications....Formerly vector control biologist with the Simon Fraser health unit in Coquitlam, **H. Anthony Kluge**, BSc'72, has been appointed as vertebrate specialist with the entomology-plant pathology branch of the B.C. ministry of agriculture and food.

Teaching classes in theatre history, **Fred A. Galloway**, BA'73, (MA, Arkansas), is

Clive Cocking

Thomas Shoyama

It is entirely appropriate that Thomas Shoyama's surname means "living mountain," for that is what he has always been. Despite extraordinary odds, including wartime internment, he attained one of the career pinnacles of this country, becoming a *shogun* in the federal civil service: deputy minister of finance. Today, at 64 a cheerful, energetic professor of public administration at the University of Victoria, he has opted to explain, rather than influence, the mysterious workings of political power.

Thomas Shoyama was born in 1916 in Kamloops, one of the six children of the only Japanese-Canadian family in the area. His father ran a bakery (still run by two brothers — the Kamloops Bakery) and everyone had to help out, getting up at five in the morning. "One of my specialties was decorating the cakes," Shoyama recalls. But this was the Depression and they often didn't sell well, even at 25 cents.

It was during the same Depression that Shoyama went on to UBC. And while it was hard for many students to attend, it was even more so for Japanese-Canadians who were kept low on the economic totem pole. "There was a lot of sacrifice on the part of families to find money for fees and for clothes."

While anti-Japanese feelings were then being fanned by demagogic B.C. politicians, there was a more open atmosphere at UBC and campus life was not unpleasant for the 50-odd Japanese-Canadian students. Shoyama attributes much of this to the leadership of Professor Henry Angus, then head of economics and science, who spoke out against discrimination against Orientals. "He was one of the most respected people on campus, a very important influence."

But when Shoyama graduated from UBC in 1938 with a combined bachelor of arts in economics and a bachelor of commerce, he could not get a job in his chosen field, accounting. Company executives were willing to hire him but "were afraid their clients would not welcome it." After months of tramping Vancouver streets, Shoyama ended up on a maintenance crew at the Woodfibre pulp mill. In town at Christmas, he ran into friends Ted Ouchi, a UBC graduate in economics, and Pete Higachi, a graduate in English (later with Associated Press in Tokyo), who told him they were starting an English-language newspaper for the Japanese-Canadian community. They wanted him to come on board as "a reporter and joe-boy." He did, later becoming editor.

The first issue of the *New Canadian* appeared February 1, 1939. It advocated Japanese-Canadians join the larger society, demand their full citizenship rights (then legally withheld) and forget returning to Japan. "We argued for civil rights," said Shoyama, "for the end to widespread legal discrimination and for programs to end *de facto* discrimination." After Pearl Harbor, only the *New Canadian* was allowed to continue publishing — in English and Japanese — as a vital communication link to Japanese-Canadians in internment camps. Working out of the Kaslo, B.C. camp, editor Shoyama found ways of running articles criticizing the government's internment policy. Toward the end of the war Shoyama and other Japanese-Canadians were allowed to join the Canadian army intelligence corps, becoming Japanese-language interpreters; he was still in training in Vancouver when the war ended.

A tip from a friend landed Shoyama a job as economist with the Saskatchewan Economic Planning Board under Tommy Douglas' CCF government. It was a "marvelously challenging atmosphere" to work in, Shoyama recalls: the political leadership was dedicated; they were engaged in serious planning and implementing innovative programs. One program which Shoyama had a hand in was medicare: the fury of the Saskatchewan medical profession was aroused and eventually led to Douglas' defeat. Tommy Douglas went on to become leader of the newly-formed New Democratic Party in 1961 — and Shoyama became his "executive assistant, researcher, copywriter and baggage-handler," criss-crossing Canada with Douglas in the 1962 election.

Thomas Shoyama was then hired by John Deutsch to work for the new Economic Council of Canada. After three years there, he joined the federal finance department's division of fiscal policy. In 1968, he became assistant deputy minister of finance with the major responsibility of developing a national medicare scheme. Noted as a top trouble-shooter, he became deputy minister of energy, mines and resources during the 1973-74 energy crisis. In 1975, he was elevated to deputy minister of finance. In that position, Shoyama became the architect of the controversial wage and price control scheme. Today, he remains convinced that the policy was the right one.

"I'm satisfied that wage and price controls made a contribution to curbing inflation," he says. "In fact, we might have been able to make more of a contribution if we had been able to better assess the political acceptability of a tighter regime."

–Clive Cocking

dramatist for Northern Lights College....**John Becher (Skip) Wilson**, MLS'73, is the new supervisor of the lending division, Edmonton Public Library. Previously, Wilson worked as supervisor of community programs.....Having served as library director, Bibliothèque Champlain, Université de Moncton, **Agnez Hall**, MLS'74, is now director of the New Brunswick Library Service. He began his library career as a cataloguer at Laurentian University, Sudbury....The Tretheway Brass Trio, part of the Stratford Festival Orchestra, includes **Alan P. Ridgway**, BMus'74, who plays trumpet with the group. Before joining the orchestra he played principal trumpet with the St. Catharine's Symphony.

Brian J. Scott, BEd'74, was in the B.C. interior for the summer months while he taught painting at the Okanagan Summer School of the Arts. Scott has taught in numerous secondary schools, has operated an art gallery and studio and has had his works shown in many galleries throughout the province....For the next two or three years, **Valerie Wingfield-Digby**, MLS'74, will be living and working in Jos, Nigeria, as a library consultant under the direction of the Plateau State Library. For the past five years, she has been working in Saskatchewan regional libraries....The B.C. ministry of education is making major changes in grade 11 physics courses and **Mark J. Ekelund**, BSc'75, is helping these changes take place by designing the manual to accompany the newly chosen physics textbook.

Randy V. Pelletier, BSc'75, has been appointed chief geophysicist of Brinco Oil & Gas Limited. He has worked in exploration throughout Canada for major and independent oil and gas companies....In the final stages of a study she began a year ago, to identify and treat certain reading problems, **Bernice Wong**, EdD'75, of Simon Fraser University, is trying to determine whether students could be helped if they were taught comprehension skills as well as how to monitor their own understanding of what they have read....Large forest fires in northern B.C. and their impact upon the ecosystem of the forest will be one subject of study for **Brad C. Hawkes**, BSF'76, in his new position of fire research officer for the Canadian Forestry Service.

Veterinary student, **Gordon L. McDonald**, BEd'76, received the Governor-General's Award for top student at the University of Saskatchewan where he was studying for his doctorate. He now has set up practice in Langley....Since leaving the UBC botany department, **Gary J. Court**, PhD'78, has been working with the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, and has now accepted an assistant professor appointment in biology at Jacksonville University. He will be responsible for the marine biology portion of their marine science program....How much energy does a common garden slug expend during its deathly crawl from one leaf to the other? Such was a study conducted by **Mark Denny**, PhD'79, who found that the slug's movement was 12 times as costly as the running of a four-legged animal of equivalent size....Vancouver Island has a new Open Learning Institute advisor now that **Joan M. Richardt**, MA'79, has set up shop in Victoria. The OLI is now in its second year of offering more than 50 provincially recognized courses in university studies, career and vocational studies and adult basic education.

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The Bentall Group, developers and contractors in western Canada, have filled a new position — manager, organization development — with a recent UBC grad, **Joan A. Harrison**, BCom'80....After spending the last three years working in school and community programs in the Vancouver area while completing her degree at UBC, **Margaret Ann Holm**, BA'80, is now education extension officer at the Madrona Centre of Malaspina College...."I didn't want to settle into a job right away," says **Stephen Tanner**, BCom'80, who has set out to conquer the globe on a bicycle. The journey, which took five years of saving from summer jobs, will take him through at least 14 countries before he returns to Vancouver.

Weddings

Bergen-Clarke. Robert Kenneth Bergen, BEd'78, to Marilyn Anne Osterhout Clarke, BSc'75, July 14, 1979 in Kelowna, B.C....**Dunster-Ovrom**. Julian A. Dunster, MF'79, to Katherine J. Ovrom, BRE'77, in England....**Erdmann-Dower**. Karl E. Erdmann to Julia R. Dower, BMus'72, MLS'74, March 1, 1980 in Vancouver, B.C....**Estey-Verchère**. Dr. Ronald Harry Estey to Barbara Jane Verchère, BSN'76, in Vancouver, B.C....**Reed-Morrow**. Allan Reed, BCom'79, to Jeanie Morrow, BHE'79, August 9, 1980 in Prince George, B.C.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kenneth Bergen, BEd'78, (Marilyn Anne Osterhout Clarke, BSc'75), a son, Karel Clarke, April 13, 1980 in Kelowna, B.C....**Mr. and Mrs. John M. Curtis**, BA'63, a son, Matthew John George, June 15, 1980 in Ottawa, Ontario....**Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Derrick**, BA'68, (Angeline Baillie, BA'73), a daughter, Shannon Hillary, October 5, 1980 in Toronto, Ontario....**Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Garner**, BSc'63, a daughter, Sarah Beth, October 9, 1980 in Anchorage, Alaska....**Mr. and Mrs. Andre Lafargue**, MSc'76, a daughter, Chantal, March 18, 1980 in Grand Falls, Newfoundland....**Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. McLellan**, BASc'72, (Alyson J. Fisher, BPE'71), a son, Roderick Matthew, July 10, 1980 in New Westminster, B.C.

Deaths

Clifford Allen Woodward, BA'22, September 13, 1979 in Weston, Ontario. Teacher of mathematics at Britannia High School for 37 years, he was head of the department for 30 years. Survived by a daughter.

Reginald Murray Brink, BA'24, MA'25, August 8, 1980 in Vancouver. Former president of Johnston Terminals, Ltd., he was a member of the Order of the British Empire. After graduation, he worked briefly in the advertising and public relations business before joining Pemberton Securities. In the early 1950s, he founded his own company, now known as Brink, Hudson and Lefever Ltd. and in 1953 he was part of the group gaining control of Johnston Terminals — a company that grew tenfold during his leadership as vice-president and then president. Survived by his wife, Zoe, BA'25, a son, a sister and brother.

Henry Bertram (Bert) Smith, BA'25, BEd'44, September, 1980 in Vancouver, B.C. He taught at Kitsilano High School from 1927-46 when he became principal until 1954. From 1954 until his retirement in 1962, he was assistant superintendent of Vancouver schools. Past president of the Alumni Association (1931), he was generous with his time and energy, making the 55th reunion of the "vintage year" — the class of '25 — a great success last June. Survived by his wife.

Humphrey Walker Mellish, BA'31, BCom'32, September 12, 1980 in Victoria, B.C. A resident of Victoria since 1937, he served with the

Canadian Scottish Regiment and worked for the public utilities commission for 37 years. He was a member of the chartered secretaries association and a fellow of the Royal College of Secretaries. Survived by his wife and three sisters.

Lawrence Ernest Hill, BSA'38, BA'39, LLB'49, 1980 in Vancouver. He joined the Army in 1940 and served as a Lieutenant in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. After WWII he entered UBC Law School and was called to the Bar in 1949. Known for his skills as a shrewd and capable criminal lawyer, he helped to shape the criminal law of Canada. Survived by his wife and son.

Milford S. (Muff) Lougheed, BASc'40, (MA, PhD, Princeton), July, 1980 in Bowling Green, Ohio. The distinguished New Westminster-born geologist, after whom the Lougheed Highway is named, was professor emeritus at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, where he taught from 1955 to 1978. In addition, he was a Turner Distinguished Lecturer in Geology at the University of Michigan. Survived by his wife, Gwen Pym, BA'36, (MA, Bowling Green), and a daughter.

Leslie Jacquest Groome, MA'48, (BA, BEd, Sask.; DEd, Illinois State), August 17, 1980 in Moose Jaw. After a three-year stint with the RCAF, he resumed his teaching career and returned to Regina to teach at the University of Regina until his retirement in 1978. He was a leader in art education organizations at local, provincial and national levels, and was president of the Canadian Society for Education Through Art. He regularly exhibited his sculptings (using wood, ceramics, plaster, stone and steel) in Saskatchewan Art Board shows and Saskatchewan civil servants exhibitions. Survived by his wife, Agnes Jean, MA'58, and a daughter, Jean-Marie Groome, BSN'64.

Edwin Lipinski, BA'55, MD'60, accidentally in Lisbon. Director of SFU's medical services, he was a consultant psychiatrist to the National Parole Board and a staff member of Lions Gate Hospital, North Vancouver. Survived by his wife, Beatrice, MA'55.

Jon James Wheatley, MA'57, (BA, McGill; PhD, London), September, 1980 accidentally in Kamloops. He was the first dean of graduate studies at Simon Fraser University — a post he held for eight years until 1979 — and an internationally-known philosopher. He had over 30 publications to his name, including two major books and was a former editor at Mitchell Press. He specialized in the philosophy of language.

Aunna Margaret Leyland Currie, BEd'60, July 18, 1980 in North Vancouver. Survived by her husband, Donald, BCom'61, past treasurer of the UBC Alumni Board of Management 1971-73 and past president of the Alumni Commerce division.

Dr. David George Alexander, BA'61, (MA, U. of Wash; PhD, London), July 25, 1980 in St. John's, Newfoundland. A professor of history at Memorial University, his research in the area of the resource history of Newfoundland gained him a national and international reputation. He joined Memorial University in 1967 and in recent years, had been pursuing his interest in the Maritime History Group. Survived by his wife, a son and his parents.

Axel A. Thunstrom, BA'66, MSW'73, May, 1979 in Vancouver. He was connected with the corrections branch of the B.C. Attorney General's department since 1969. Survived by his wife, Joan Elizabeth Gunn, BSA'60 and a daughter.

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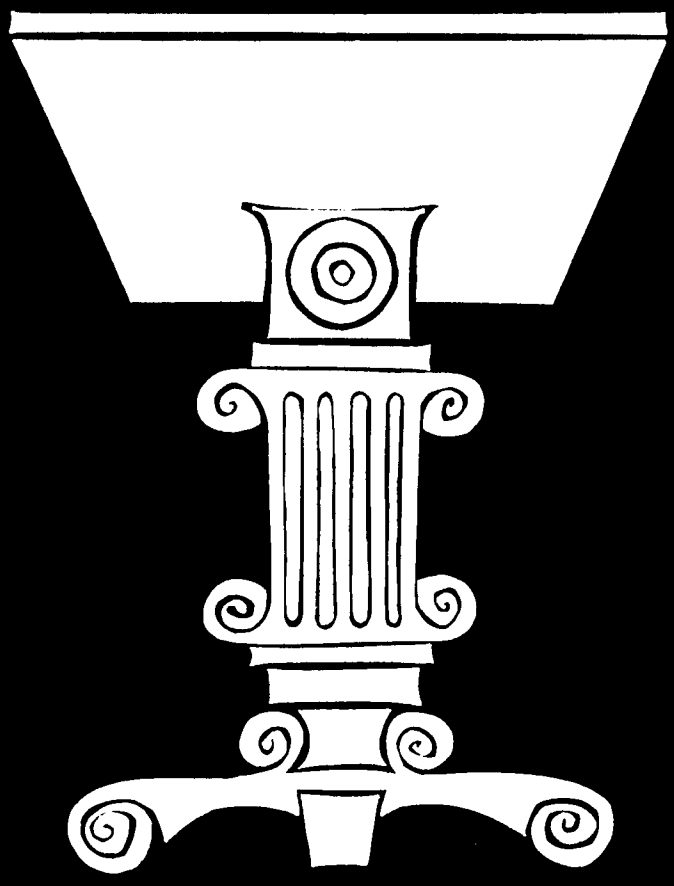

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Letters

Pubsters Speak Out

In my own days on the *Ubyssey* I was much more impressed with the staff's beer capacity than with our potential as journalists and celebrities, greater and lesser. But seeing the staggering list of us who have woven ourselves into the fabric of the nation (*Chronicle* Autumn '80) leaves me bewildered: what spirit, what common factor, has propelled us in our hundreds?

Obviously, Vancouver is remote from the rest of the world, and UBC remote from Vancouver. The need must have been greater in us to reach out to others and connect to them by appearing successful and desireable. There are other common factors among us: cultural heritage, a good college education. And please don't laugh when I say that a lot of rain falling on the head might be a key factor as well.

Think about it: any factor which connects us all is common to us all, and can as likely hold the explanation for our greatness.

Now I am able to point — to bolster the credibility of this somewhat bizarre proposition — to the University of Pocorbia Asuncianada, literally the only known university (or college) in the rain forests of Brazil, founded there in 1921 by Fa. Porcorbia. It's a general institution, not unlike UBC, with large engineering and arts faculties, some sports, and a recently (1936) founded college paper.

The Asuncianada registrar pointed out in a recent article that 691 former members of the college paper staff are now in leading positions in the Brazilian government, television, journalistic and arts worlds.

So I guess, after all, what caused it was all that rain falling on our heads.

Norm Klenman, BA'47,
CKVU-TV
Vancouver

A minor amendment to Clive Cocking's account of the *Ubyssey*'s history: without taking anything away from the popular Mr. Fotheringham, in fact under Schlesinger's editorship, specifically during March 1953 (10-20), fraternities' exclusory "racial" policies received some exposure if not outright attack.

Robert MacLeod, BA'56,
Sirdar, B.C.

The Chronicle *erred in naming Andrew Snaddon as publisher of the* Edmonton Journal. *Editorial apologies were dispatched and the following reply was received.*

Not to worry. I have been called so many things in my time that the designation as holding some other job than I do really doesn't bother me. For the record though, J.P. O'Callaghan is the publisher, D.F. Smith is managing editor and Clive Cocking was right, I am the editor and have been for about thirteen years.

I still hold that the *Ubyssey* is the best school of journalism in Canada.

Andrew Snaddon, BA'43,
The Journal
Edmonton, Alberta

On behalf of the staff of the *Ubyssey* of 1959-60, I would like to object to being tossed into the dust bin of history by Clive Cocking without so much as a passing glance.

In fact, we were the ones, who, with little experience and many late nights at the print shop, managed to hold the paper together for a year after the so-called "great purge" of the Spring of 1959. The paper we produced was certainly no award winner, but we did keep the tradition alive by meeting every deadline. We also prevailed against student council attempts to run the paper by decree, renovated the *Ubyssey* offices, joined the union of Canadian University Newspapers and instituted a number of new features on university life.

Any recruiting of staff for the future also began during this year—the year when Roger McAfee, Keith Bradbury and even Fred Fletcher joined the paper—as the most elementary research would have indicated. One thing we did learn as we frantically tried to find interesting material to fill those endless blank pages each week was that it is not the journalist's place to re-write history to fit prior conceptions.

R. Kerry White, MA'68,
Editor, *The Ubyssey*, 1959-60,
Eugene, Oregon

I take pen in hand to compose this little note congratulating Clive Cocking and the *Chronicle* (Autumn, 1980) for the splendid comprehensive history of the *Ubyssey*.

However, as Cocking refers to my tenure as editor in 1959 as a "climacteric" and as a previous article called me the low point in the history of the famed paper I feel in the interests of fair play I should be allowed to make a few observations.

It was not all vulgarity and sacrilege. Some good things happened.

Prominent among these was the Great Fee Rally of 1959, the first major united action by students since the Great Trek. There was also an incredible moment of truth in the Armoury during the question period of the Eleanor Roosevelt meeting.

But I am getting ahead of myself.

The fact is I was editor-in-chief for only about 28 days. I was the third editor of the 1958-59 term, it having been a turbulent eight months. True, during my days as editor, these events *did* reach a climax (as distinct from a climacteric).

Here is what happened.

At about 9 p.m. on February 23, 1959, the Alma Mater Society council unanimously passed a motion confirming me as editor-in-chief and a council member. Some 12 hours later the UBC board of governors announced student fees would be going up $100 effective the following September. As most tuition costs were $240, this represented a 42 per cent increase.

The announcement came in the middle of our press run. Thus we were able to shout the hallowed cry: "Stop the presses!" We quickly did a replate and put out a special edition, probably the only one, for a breaking news story, in the *Ubyssey*'s 62-year history.

Next, with the co-operation of the student council, we prepared a study estimating that about 1,000 students would be unable to begin or continue their university education in the fall as a result of this fee increase. Remember that $100 was a considerable sum of money in the 1950s. We considered the announcement a serious matter, not only because of the individual heartaches, but also because it went to the question of access to university education, the same issue that motivated the Great Trek.

The *Ubyssey* took a leading role in organizing a protest march, including the publication of a special edition with a banner headline announc-

ing FEE RALLY. I understand it has become something of a collector's edition — as were some others, alas.

The Great Fee Rally was impressive. Hundreds of students, carrying placards and wearing black armbands of mourning, marched silently to the Cairn where AMS president Charles Connaghan made an emotional speech lamenting on the fate of those who would be denied access to university because of the high cost. And then the lamp of learning was symbolically put out.

Next we published studies showing that the cause of the fee increase was the failure of the provincial government to supply an operating grant sufficient to meet the need. The board of governors had asked for an increase of $2.2 million but received only $650,000, a shortfall of about $1.5 million.

Everything that followed centred on this issue. The *Ubyssey* co-operated with the student council and the board of governors to make the facts known.

In addition, the *Ubyssey* prepared briefs, urged delegations be sent to Victoria and even conducted a strike vote. Students voted in favor of strike action. The ballots were turned over to the student council where they were received and filed.

The next event came in early March when Eleanor Roosevelt addressed more than 2,000 students in the Armoury building. At the end of her speech I had the honor to stand up and put a question to her. I asked her if, in her opinion, governments should accept their responsibility and adequately fund their universities....

I couldn't complete the question because students began to applaud and the sound built up to a mighty earthquake. It was the loudest roar I have ever heard. Some minutes later the uproar subsided and I was able to complete the question, mentioning our concern about access to higher education.

It is fair to say the great lady botched the issue in her reply. In the face of such emotion the appropriate response is sympathy or a refusal to get involved in a local issue. Instead she said that, in the United States, government funding is discouraged because universities do not want governments to influence their policies.

There were loud groans from the students. The meeting ended in a surly mood. *Ubyssey* reporters doing a routine story on student reactions to the speech encountered vicious anti-American sentiments. One student demanded to be quoted to the effect that Mrs. Roosevelt had been bought off by the Social Credit government. Another student shocked me by stating: "She's full of s--t!"

But there were good reactions as well, especially from university officials. Several told me later how impressed they were by the depth of feeling shown by the students. The board of governors resolved to redouble its efforts to obtain additional funding from the provincial government.

At the same time the *Ubyssey* helped to organize and publicize a campaign to encourage the community to increase its financial support. Students conducted a tag day on street corners.

Those hectic 28 days were not all serious business. The *Ubyssey* staff decided to wrest an important world record from Oxford where students had succeeded in stuffing 14 people into a telephone booth.

I obtained 10 willing female volunteers (they're smaller than males) from the Cafeteria and along with seven journalists we hugged and squeezed into the Quad telephone booth and had our picture taken for posterity. Some months later the record was lost to UCLA who got 21 into a booth. (Later we learned they ripped off a door and pushed the booth over and stood in it. All that was inside was their feet. As this is obviously an infraction, we may still hold the world record of 17.)

Meanwhile the fee protest continued apace. With every edition we ran angry editorials taking fresh viewpoints.

The anger spread right across the city. *Ubyssey* editorials were being recited to music at the "in" coffee houses and were being greeted by loud applause. The audiences included high school students looking forward to university life but wondering if they would be able to afford it.

Our efforts ended abruptly with the final regular edition of the *Ubyssey*. According to tradition, my term as editor was over with the publication of that edition, probably on Friday, March 21, with the banner headline DON'T STOP. The story was a statement from myself and others urging the student council and the board of governors to carry on the fight. The headline would prove to be ironic.

At this point I assumed tradition would be followed and the newly-elected editor-in-chief would take over the goon edition while I began my last-minute studying in preparation for exams. As a contribution to the goon edition, I, as past editor, typed out three brief paragraphs

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conjuring up a Victoria trek in which a student delegation beseeched the premier to make funding available so students would be able to afford a university education.

I wrote: "The premier gazed out the window for a few seconds. Then he turned and said: 'Fee on you!'."

I handed the note to one of the staffers and departed. The rest is history.

Later I learned the new editor-in-chief had refused to have anything to do with the goon edition. It had come out nevertheless, on March 26, the day before Good Friday. I was not to see a copy for a full week.

But I heard about it. On Saturday, March 28, *The Province* ran a front page story in large type announcing that the entire editorial board of the *Ubyssey* had been suspended for sacrilege. I was surprised, amazed, bewildered, shocked and upset. What followed has been erroneously called the Great Purge but in fact should be called The Agony.

My first thought was that the controversy was the worst possible thing that could have happened at that moment because of the university's campaign to convince the government and the community that the campus deserved additional funding. As I said, the *Ubyssey* played a leading role in this campaign.

Here was a crisis. I felt that for the good of the university the only course of action was to do whatever was necessary to put the hassle to rest. I accepted full blame for the goon edition for the very good reason that somebody had to. I still accept full blame for it.

Fortunately the community quickly forgave the university and was generous in its donations. That was the main concern.

In retrospect I believe the incident was a watershed but not "the low point" in the *Ubyssey's* storied history. Many of the bad things said about the goon edition never happened. For example, there was no purge. That story was put out to appease the public. Unfortunately it has been repeated over the years as though it were true.

Like myself, all staffers had their terms expire before the goon edition came out. There was nobody left to purge.

I did suffer a penalty of a one-day suspension from the university. Also, it had been darkly hinted that unless I named the culprits who did the lampooning I would not be awarded my university degree. I refused to name them and my degree was subsequently granted without incident.

And so the scandal came to an end. But the debate continued.

I was startled to see my name everywhere, not only in the press but chalked on sidewalks and washroom walls. I remember reading: "Purge Forrest." And below it: "Back Forest, Purge the student council!" And many more.

Within days, scrawlings of a political nature had replaced the traditional obscene drawings and the limericks about Aphrodite minus her nightie. The one I remember most vividly was this: "Al Forrest is right: F--k them all!" Whoever wrote that obviously assumed I endorsed all the wild assaults on the Establishment that were in the goon edition. He was wrong.

But his statement, in retrospect, was significant. I believe it was the first stirring of the North American student revolt that exploded in the 1960s. In March, 1959, the Silent Generation had come to an end. I think, on balance, that was a good thing.

Al Forrest, BEd'59,
Victoria, B.C.

Footnotes on Humor

Trevor Lautens did a wonderful job of tracking an elusive species of college humor through the thicket of yellowing *Ubysseys* in "The Last Laugh" (Autumn, 1979). However, he entirely missed a more rare sub-species resident in "A Hand Book of the University of British Columbia, 1916-17, Premier Edition." Despite an initial price of just 25 cents the Hand Book, like other vanishing creatures, can only be considered priceless.

With its distinctive azure and gold markings this publication is notable for its nostalgic and inadvertently humorous call. Heard on the playing fields and in the gymnasium these College Yells best exemplify the fighting spirit of the young and homeless university.

Kitsilano, Capilano, Siwash Squaw,
Kla-How-Ya Tillicum, Skookum Wah!
Hiyu Momoock! Mucka-Muck, Azip!
B.C. Varsity! Rip! Rip! Rip!
V-A-R-S-I-T-Y - Varsity!
— Johannson and Lord

While the appropriateness of the Chinook jargon might now be questioned, a second collection of College Songs shows both a similar spirit and a similar ability at verbal camouflage.

(To the tune of "Old Black Joe.")
Gone are the days when those guys
knew how to play,
Gone is the hope from their heaving
hearts away:
Gone to the land "where they do not
shovel snow":
For the B.C. boys "have got them on
the go."

Undoubtably, it was with such stirring cheers and subtle songs that the 1914 rugby football club was able to baffle its opponents and achieve "a clean sheet of victories."

The Hand Book shows another aspect of its humorous character in its advertisements.

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Still, such characteristics as song and plumage define only the superficial qualities of this variety of college humor. More significant are the 'one-liners', the homilies, which conclude each page of the weekly calendar. They should be read with care, for, as the students' council president suggests, "much useful information is contained herein."

"Never strike sail to a fear."
Don't get married in your first year.

Cut loose from the kink in your nature.
Leave "fussing" to the seniors.

Don't forget those Exams.
The time to start studying is NOW;
not two weeks before exams.

While examples of this species of college humor are now almost entirely extinct, their preservation in the Library's special collections division allows us to better appreciate university life, past and present.

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