

# Engineers veto 3rd offer by UBC

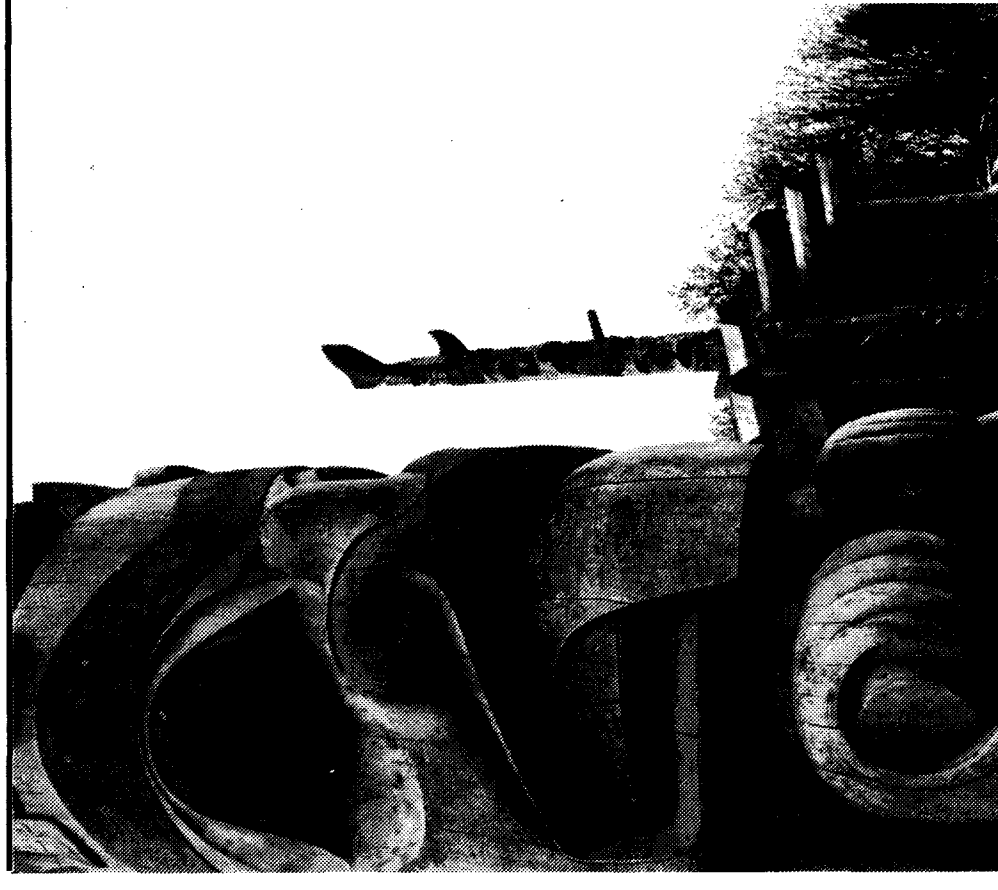
A third attempt by the UBC administration to end the current strike has failed.

University's director of Employee Relations, Bob Grant, said Wednesday. "To the best of my knowledge, the offer was never taken to the April 17 and it was rejected out of hand by the union executive," the union membership."

The 25-member Local 882 of the International Union of Operating Engineers walked off the job on Feb. 21 after failing to negotiate a new labor contract with the University. The previous contract expired Dec. 31, 1977.

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**Totem poles and Haida houses that have stood in Totem Pole Park on the UBC campus since 1962 have been refurbished and moved to the grounds of the campus Museum of Anthropology. Largest of the Haida houses, seen in background above, will serve as an outdoor performance centre equipped with a fire pit and lighting for workshops, receptions and theatrical performances. Funds to move the poles and houses and to complete the new Theatre Gallery in the interior of the museum were given to UBC by the Calgary-based Devonian Group of Charitable Foundations. Gallery is equipped with a sophisticated six-screen projection system. Performance centres were officially opened on April 16. Picture by Jim Banham.**

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# NEXT WEEK AT UBC

- MONDAY, MAY 1**  
 4:30 p.m. **BIOCHEMICAL SEMINAR.** Dr. Fred Sanger, Nobel laureate, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, England, on **Recent Studies on Sequence of DNA.** Lecture Hall 1. Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.  
 8:00 p.m. **IMMUNOLOGY SEMINAR.** Dr. John E. Castro, head, Dialysis and Transplantation Program, University of London, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, England, on **Immunological Mechanisms Involved in Tumor Metastasis.** Salon B, Faculty Club.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**  
 12 noon **DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE SEMINAR.** Dr. J. Skala, Pediatrics, UBC, reports on last week's meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research. Centre for Developmental Medicine, 811 W. 10th Ave.  
 6:00 p.m. **TUMOR BIOLOGY STUDY GROUP.** Dr. J.H. Goldie, head, Advanced Therapeutics, Cancer Control Agency of B.C., and Medicine, UBC; and Dr. G.A. Gudauskas, Cancer Control Agency pharmacist, and Pharmaceutical Sciences, UBC, on **Flow Microfluorometry in Cell Biology.** Conference room, A.M. Evans Clinic, 2656 Heather St. Fee, \$3.50, includes buffet dinner and refreshment.
- FRIDAY, MAY 5**  
 1:00 p.m. **GENETIC SEMINAR.** Dr. D.A. Applegarth and Dr. A.G.F. Davidson on **Hereditary Fructose Intolerance.** Conference room, 4th floor, Health Centre for Children.
- MONDAY, MAY 8**  
 2:30 p.m. **COMPUTING CENTRE LECTURE.** The first in a series of six lectures on **Introduction to Computing** by A.G. Fowler, Computing Centre, UBC, Room 107, Computer Sciences Building.  
 3:00 p.m. **NEUROSCIENCE SEMINAR.** Dr. Edward V. Evaris, Laboratory of Neurophysiology, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Md., on **Control of Movement by the Brain: Insights Gained from Studies of the Activity of Single Nerve Cells in the Monkey.** Rooms 2NA and B, Health Sciences Centre Hospital.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**  
 9:00 a.m. **HUMANOID MONSTERS CONFERENCE.** Opening session of four-day conference on **Sasquatch and Other Phenomena,** sponsored by the Museum of Anthropology and the Centre for Continuing Education. For further information, call 228-2181, locals 237 or 252.  
 12 noon **DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE SEMINAR.** Dr. N. Auersperg, Cancer Research Centre, UBC, on **Cell Culture of Adrenal Cortex.** Centre for Developmental Medicine, 811 W. 10th Ave.  
 1:00 p.m. **COMPUTING CENTRE LECTURE.** The second in a series of six lectures on **Introduction to Computing** by A.G. Fowler, Computing Centre, UBC, Room 107, Computer Sciences Building.  
 8:00 p.m. **MEASURE FOR MEASURE** by William Shakespeare opens and continues until Saturday, May 13. Dorothy Somerset Studio. Admission, \$3; students, \$2. Phone 228-2678 or 228-3880 for information and reservations.
- THURSDAY, MAY 11**  
 8:30 a.m. **CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ROUNDS.** Prof. Harry Winner, Medical Microbiology, Charing Cross Hospital, London, England, on **Candidiasis.** Population Pediatrics Seminar Room, Children's Hospital, 250 W. 59th Ave.  
 2:00 p.m. **GERONTOLOGY DISCUSSION** with Dr. B.L. Strehler, Biology, University of Southern California, on **Biology of Aging.** Room 414, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.  
 2:30 p.m. **COMPUTING CENTRE LECTURE.** The third in a series of six lectures on **Introduction to Computing** by A.G. Fowler, Computing Centre, UBC, Room 107, Computer Sciences Building.
- FRIDAY, MAY 12**  
 1:00 p.m. **GENETIC SEMINAR.** Dr. Steve Wood on **Tay-Sachs Disease and Allied Disorders.** Conference room, 4th floor, Health Centre for Children.
- MONDAY, MAY 15**  
 4:00 p.m. **CANCER CONTROL LECTURE.** Prof. D.A.G. Galton, professor of oncology, University of London, on **Philadelphia Chromosome Positive Lymphoblastic Leukemia and Chronic Granulocytic Leukemia.** 2nd floor, Cancer Control Agency of B.C., 2656 Heather St.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**  
 12 noon **DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE SEMINAR.** Dr. C. Reynolds, Medicine, UBC, and St. Paul's Hospital, on **Connecting Peptide Reactivity: A Measure of Endogenous Insulin Secretion. Implication of Clinical Studies.** Centre for Developmental Medicine, 811 W. 10th Ave.
- FRIDAY, MAY 19**  
 1:00 p.m. **GENETIC SEMINAR.** Dr. P.M. MacLeod and Dr. D. Smith on **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: A Review.** Conference room, 4th floor, Health Centre for Children.
- MONDAY, MAY 22**  
 Victoria Day. University closed.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 24**  
 12 noon **DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE SEMINAR.** Dr. P. Stapleton, Nutrition, UBC, on **Lysine Deficiency: Growth and Reproduction in the Rat.** Centre for Developmental Medicine, 811 W. 10th Ave.  
 8:00 p.m. **SENATE MEETING.** Interested members of the University community can attend by telephoning Frances Medley, 228-2951. Board and Senate Room, Old Administration Building.
- FRIDAY, MAY 26**  
 1:00 p.m. **GENETIC SEMINAR.** Dr. P.A. Baird and Dr. P.M. MacLeod with **Case Presentations.** Conference room, 4th floor, Health Centre for Children.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**  
 12 noon **DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE SEMINAR.** Dr. W. Saccombe, Centre for Developmental Medicine, UBC, on **Carnitine Acetyl Transferase: Development and Regulation in the Rat.** Centre for Developmental Medicine, 811 W. 10th Ave.  
 2:15 p.m. **CONGREGATION CEREMONIES** for granting of degrees. War Memorial Gymnasium.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 1**  
 2:15 p.m. **CONGREGATION CEREMONIES.** War Memorial Gymnasium.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 2**  
 2:15 p.m. **CONGREGATION CEREMONIES.** War Memorial Gymnasium.
- THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1976-77**  
 The report of President Douglas Kenny to the Senate and Board of Governors for the 1976-77 academic year is now available. To obtain a copy, call Information Services, 228-3131.
- UBC YOUTH SPORTS CAMP**  
 The camp will be held from July 3 - Aug. 11 for boys and girls, ages 7-14. There will be three sessions of two weeks each with team and individual sports and outdoor activities. Cost, \$32 per session. Physical Education Centre. For further information and application forms, call Dr. F. Alex Carre, director, Youth Sports Camp, 228-3341.
- MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY**  
 An exhibition of the collected works of **Joe David,** a contemporary West Coast artist, continues until May 31. An exhibition titled **Encounter 1778: Drawings, watercolors and sketches** by John Webber at Nootka Sound, continues until June 30. **Yuquot...4,000 Years** opened Saturday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. N.W. Marine Dr.
- FREE LEGAL ADVICE**  
 For those people unable to afford a lawyer, UBC law students are offering free legal advice and do-your-own divorce assistance at evening clinics throughout the Lower Mainland. Each clinic is supervised by lawyers. For information on time and locations of clinics, please call 228-5791 or 872-0271.
- OPERATIONS CROSSROADS AFRICA**  
 Operations Crossroads Africa is seeking faculty and student volunteers for participation in its 1978 work-travel-study program in English- and French-speaking countries in Africa. 1978 dates for the program are July 2 to Sept. 2, preceded by an orientation period beginning June 27. Further information is available from Dr. Colin Smith, International House, or from the organization's headquarters, 150-Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011.

# UBC considers turnover of land for research park

UBC is considering the turning over of 16 acres of University land to the provincial government for development as a Discovery Park research centre, President Douglas Kenny has announced.

He said the land, now vacant, is west of Westbrook Crescent and south of 16th Avenue, adjoining property occupied by B.C. Research. Dr. Kenny emphasized that it is UBC-owned property and is not part of the government-controlled University Endowment Lands.

"The University intends to influence the type of research carried out there, to assure that it will be related to UBC interests in general," Dr. Kenny said.

"We would expect that the park will interest key industries such as the pharmaceutical industry and the forest industry, which are related to UBC teaching activities."

President Kenny noted that a number of other non-University research facilities are located on the 989-acre UBC campus, all of them

federal or provincial government operations.

"Research is an essential part of University activity," Dr. Kenny said, "and I'm sure that projects carried out at the new Discovery Park will relate, in general, to University projects and will provide a good intermingling between the University, industry and government."

"This new development will include research projects that might well attract some of our graduates, providing them with research positions at Discovery Park."

The idea of research parks located at or near the three provincial universities has been discussed for some time. Education Minister Pat McGeer brought it into sharper focus recently by asking the universities to give the matter serious consideration.

Dr. McGeer said a year ago that research parks had the full support of the provincial government, which he said would provide funding. The British Columbia Development Corporation will act as the government agency.

## Three well-known members of UBC community die

Three well-known members of the UBC community — one a former member of the Board of Governors — died recently.

A memorial service was held Wednesday (April 26) for David Elder, head of the diploma division which provides continuing education courses in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration.

Mr. Elder, who died Sunday (April 23), joined the UBC faculty in 1975 as director of the commerce faculty's executive programs and diploma division.

The memorial service for Mr. Elder was held at St. Anselm's Church in the University Endowment Lands. He was 63 at the time of his death and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and two daughters.

Prof. Geoffrey Riddehough, who taught classics at UBC for 38 years until his retirement in 1970, died suddenly in London, England, on April 6 while en route back to Vancouver from a holiday in Malta. He collapsed while out walking and died later the same day in London University College Hospital. He was 78.

# UNIVERSITY WAGE PROPOSALS

Re: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 882 Negotiations

Job	Number of Positions	PROPOSAL 1		PROPOSAL 2			
		15 month agreement to March 31, 1979	2 yr. agreement to December 31, 1979	Jan. 1/78	July 1/78	Jan. 1/79*	Apr. 1/79*
Shift Engineer (2nd Class)	5	1704.86	1764.19	1773.05	1793.05	1813.05	1833.05
Relief Engineer (2nd Class)	1	1704.86	1764.19	1773.05	1793.05	1813.05	1833.05
Asst. Operating Engineer (4th Class)	5	1374.14	1421.96	1429.11	1449.11	1469.11	1489.11
Head Maintenance Engineer	1	1818.96	1882.26	1891.72	1911.72	1931.72	1951.72
Maintenance Engineer I	6	1587.57	1642.82	1651.07	1671.07	1691.07	1711.07
Sub-Head Maintenance Engineer II	1	1453.51	1504.09	1511.65	1531.65	1551.65	1571.65
Maintenance Engineer II	5	1374.14	1421.96	1429.11	1449.11	1469.11	1489.11

\*In addition to these guaranteed rates a wage reopener on Jan. 1/79

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Dr. Kenny said proposals by the University would give the operating engineers salary increases in 1978 ranging from more than \$1,000 to almost \$1,500, would give them up to \$12.55 an hour and would mean yearly salaries ranging from \$17,746 to \$23,490.

"Nobody likes a strike and nobody wants a strike," he said, "but there is a limit — a very finite limit — to what the University can afford to pay."

## New computer bought by UBC

UBC has purchased a new computer that will increase the processing capacity of its computing centre by more than 60 per cent.

Jim Kennedy, director of the Computing Centre, said the new Amdahl V/6 - II, with 4 megabytes and 12 channels, was purchased for just over \$2.7 million.

It replaces an IBM 370/168, sold by the University for almost \$2.5 million.

"Academic use of our computer is expanding at an annual rate of 15 per cent," said Dr. Kennedy, "and we also face increasing use of our facilities for administrative computing."

He said the increased speed of the Amdahl machine should satisfy the University's computing needs until 1981.

Earlier offers by the University included a 15-month contract with an increase of 7.66 per cent in two stages, or a one-year settlement with a straight 4-per-cent wage increase in accordance with Anti-Inflation Board guidelines.

Grant said the 15-month offer and the new 24-month offer were an attempt to link the salaries of the operating engineers to the wages of UBC tradesmen who are members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

He said the University, in effect, was agreeing to hourly wage parity between the operating engineers and CUPE tradesmen, but could not agree to the monthly wage parity demanded by the engineers.

"This is a critical point," he said, "since the operating engineers have a shorter work week than CUPE tradesmen; to achieve monthly parity, the engineers would have to receive higher hourly wages than CUPE. If this monthly parity were granted, the way would be open for CUPE to demand hourly parity with the operating engineers — a potential hourly/monthly whip-saw battle in which the University cannot afford to be caught."

Grant also pointed out that when the operating engineers demanded, and received, an increase of 23.5 per cent for 1975, they based their argument on a desire to gain wage parity with operating engineers employed by Vancouver General Hospital, not with CUPE tradesmen. He termed the shifting comparison tactics of Local 882 as "a convenient ploy at the bargaining table."

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Grant said the 15-month offer proposed by the University would give the 2nd Class Shift Engineer at UBC the second highest wage rate for the job in the province — second only to Forest Industrial Relations on a monthly comparison basis and ahead of VGH, the provincial government, Health Labor Relations, and Central Heat.

"Considering the AIB's 4-per-cent guideline for a third-year contract, the general state of the provincial and federal economy and the University's ability to pay, the University offers are fair," Grant said.

"Major settlements made recently in the public sector are coming in within the guidelines of 6 per cent for the second year and 4 per cent for the third year, and this agreement falls into the latter category.

"Therefore, our offers covering either a 15-month or a 24-month period are more than generous."

Grant said he didn't know what the next development would be, but he said mediator Gilmour was still "actively involved" in attempting to find some common ground for settlement.

"Mr. Gilmour hasn't opted out," said Grant, "and I am confident that his work behind the scenes ultimately will lead to an agreement."

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