

UBC again tops national survey

A survey of 23 Canadian universities with enrolments of 6,000 or more students shows that UBC is Number One in terms of the percentage of funds allocated for academic and associated academic purposes.

The same survey shows that UBC ranks lowest of the 23 universities in

costs of administration, plant maintenance and general expenditures.

The survey, carried out annually by the Canadian Association of University Business Officers, covers the fiscal year that ended in 1975 and includes the three public universities in B.C. as well as 20 others across Canada.

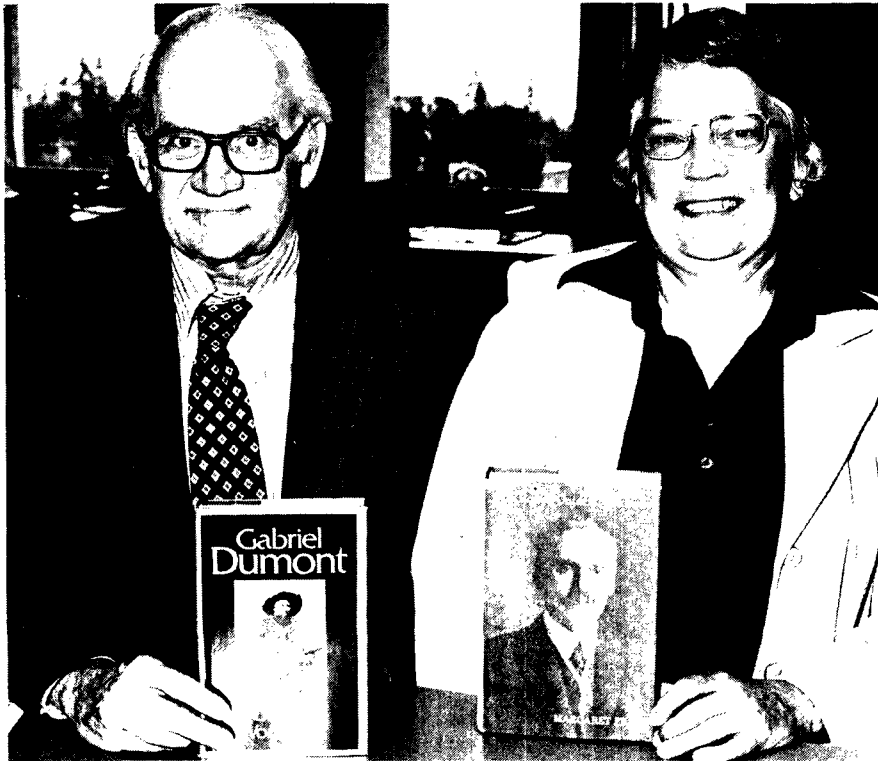
UBC, the statistics show, allocates

86.3 per cent of its operating funds for academic and associated academic purposes. The remainder — 13.7 per cent — is allocated for administration and general expenses — 3.3 per cent — and physical plant — 10.4 per cent.

UBC has maintained the above positions in each of the four years that the association has carried out the survey.

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Joint winners this year of the UBC Medal for Popular Biography are, left, Dr. George Woodcock, and Prof. Margaret Prang. They are the only two UBC faculty members to have ever been awarded the solid silver medal designed by B.C. Indian carver Bill Reid.

Two share 1976 medal

Two scholars who have been associated closely with the University of B.C. will share the 1976 UBC Medal for Popular Biography.

The medal is awarded annually since 1952 for the best book by or about a Canadian published in the previous year.

Joint winners this year are Margaret Prang, head of the Department of History at UBC, for her biography of N.W. Rowell, and George Woodcock, editor of the UBC quarterly journal *Canadian Literature*, for his biography of Gabriel Dumont.

Prof. Prang's *N.W. Rowell: Ontario Nationalist* is the biography of an Ontario politician, constitutional lawyer and one of the founders of the United Church of Canada. It is published by the University of Toronto Press.

Gabriel Dumont by George Woodcock focusses on Louis Riel's "adjutant-general" in the 1885 Rebellion. It is published by Hurtig Publishers.

Both books "are gems which fully

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Freeze 'potentially disastrous'

The federal government's current freeze on funds for research at Canadian universities doesn't have the day-to-day drama of the dispute over bilingual air-traffic control.

But the federal fund-freeze is "potentially disastrous for Canada," according to UBC physicist Prof. Erich Vogt, vice-president for faculty and student affairs.

Prof. Vogt is echoing the concerns of university researchers all over Canada, who say the federal policy will jeopardize the training of young scientists and result in a lowering of health-care standards for Canadians.

Official government estimates for 1976-77 show that all three major granting councils — the Canada Council, the Medical Research Council and the National Research Council — will have about the same amount of money to spend on research as they did last year.

This freeze, coupled with an inflation rate that last year was in the vicinity of 10 per cent, will result in a serious reduction in Canada's research efforts, scientists say.

Scientists, who point out that other government spending will increase by about 16 per cent, say the freeze will mean that 10 to 15 per cent of all research projects will have to be eliminated.

The government's stand is that this is a year of restraint and everyone has to make sacrifices to help stop inflation. The federal government also claims it is funding basic research at

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Two famous figures in UBC history were honored at separate ceremonies recently. Dr. John F. McCreary, left above, was the recipient of the Ross Award, the highest honor of the Canadian Paediatric Society, for his outstanding contribution in the field of child health care in Canada. Dr. Michael Rigg presented the award to Dr. McCreary, who was dean of Medicine at UBC from 1959 to



1972 and co-ordinator of health sciences until his retirement in 1975. New oil portrait of President Emeritus Norman MacKenzie, right above, was unveiled at an International House ceremony on campus recently. Portrait artist Ted Dickson posed with Dr. MacKenzie, who was president of UBC from 1944 to 1962 and played a major role in the establishment of International House at UBC.

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explore minor characters in Canadian history," according to Prof. Donald Stephens of UBC's English department, chairman of the committee which selects the winners of the medal.

"This year has proved that biography ... as literature and history is far from death's door," he said.

This is only the second time that a UBC person has won the Medal for Popular Biography. Dr. Woodcock received the medal in 1973 for his biography *Gandhi*.

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Bob Black, an area supervisor in the Department of Physical Plant and a long-time employee of the University, was recently elected a grand line officer of the supreme council of the Grottoes of North America, a branch of the Masonic organization. He is only the third Canadian to be elected to the grand line.

The Grottoes are a service organization which raises funds to aid victims of cerebral palsy and to pay for dental services for handicapped children. Mr. Black has held numerous executive posts in the B.C. branch of the Grottoes, which provided funds for the first treatment centre for cerebral palsy victims in the Lower Fraser Valley. The organization also provided funds to equip the current treatment centre in Surrey with an audio-visual library.

Dr. William E. Neill, of the Department of Zoology and Institute of Animal Resource Ecology, was the recipient of the George Mercer Award of the Ecological Society of America at the society's annual meeting in New Orleans recently for the best scientific



Hon. Thomas A. Dohm, O.C., was re-elected chairman of UBC's 15-member Board of Governors at the Board's July meeting. Mr. Dohm has been a Board member since 1972 and was first elected chairman in 1975.

study in the field of ecology published in any Canadian or American journal in 1975.

Dr. Neill, who joined the UBC faculty in 1973, received the award for a three-year study on competition among fresh-water invertebrates, with emphasis on zooplankton, which he began at the University of Texas and completed at UBC. His 17-page article appeared in the journal *Ecology*, the publication of the Ecological Society of America.

The annual Mercer award is the most prestigious made by the society to younger scientists.

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UBC's vice-president for administrative services, **C.J. "Chuck" Connaghan**, has announced the appointment of **David Hannah** as acting superintendent of UBC's traffic and security department.

Mr. Hannah, who has been superintendent of the University Patrol for the past 10 years, succeeds Hugh Kelly, who died late in June after a short illness.

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Two members of the UBC faculty were honored during meetings of the Learned Societies held in Quebec City in June.

Prof. Margaret Prang, head of the Department of History, was elected president of the Canadian Historical Association and **Prof. Alan Cairns**, head of the Department of Political Science, was elected president of the Canadian Political Science Association.

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the level it can afford.

"It is ironic," says Prof. Vogt, "that in the past decade the federal government has created machinery to establish and develop national science policy while in the same period assigning a lower priority to research.

"The federal government, and perhaps the country, has obviously decided that research is not as important today as in the past. Such a policy is potentially disastrous for Canada," Prof. Vogt says.

The freeze has resulted in some unprecedented actions by scientists at the national and local levels. About 55 university professors, including representatives from UBC, conducted a two-day mass lobby of federal members of Parliament in March.

A number of Montreal doctors and concerned individuals have formed a new pressure group called Canadians for Health Research. And in Vancouver, the Association of Medical Scientists of B.C. was formed in May to increase public awareness of the need for more research funding.

UBC's president, Dr. Douglas Kenny, drew attention to the crisis in research funding when he spoke to graduating students at UBC's congregation this spring.

He described as "ominous" the decline in national support for scientific research for reasons of "supposed economy."

He added: "I am not being alarmist when I say that these actions represent a dangerous change in public policy — a change that threatens Canada's future, that is, your future."

President Kenny described the reason given for financial restraints being placed on research — "current economic conditions" — as

"short-sighted public policy." He said it is precisely at times of difficulty that the need for research is greatest to "tell us how to strengthen the long-term development of our resources and lives."

He told graduates they carry a special responsibility "to contribute intelligently to public policy decisions, to urge upon your government and your fellow citizens the need for learning and discovery to be sustained if this country is to retain its right to its own future."

A more detailed look at the UBC research picture came last week from Dr. Richard Spratley, UBC's research

administrator, in a report to UBC's Board of Governors.

His report says that awards for research at UBC during 1975-76 totalled \$16,045,530, an increase of 9.3 per cent from 1974-75 and of 21.7 per cent from 1970-71.

He adds: "Over the same five-year period, however, the teaching staff at UBC increased 13 per cent, so research grants per academic staff member have only increased by 8 per cent. In view of the effects of inflation over the past five years, the increase is a very modest one indeed."

He says one of the areas hardest hit this year in terms of NRC funding was that of major equipment grants. "If the funding level continues at the present rate," he says, "laboratories equipped in the expansive decade of the 1960s will become rapidly obsolete."

Dr. Spratley says there has been an increasing tendency on the part of governments to provide research support in the form of research contracts and agreements "which tend to have a steering effect on the research that is done." He says this type of research seldom involves graduate students since it usually involves rigid time limits.

A table summarizing funds awarded for research in the five-year period 1970-71 to 1975-76 at UBC appears below. The table does not include operating and capital funds for the new TRIUMF project at UBC. TRIUMF is a cyclotron that produces short-lived particles called mesons, which are used for studies in the fields of atomic physics and cancer treatment. Since the \$36-million project was opened in February, the federal government has approved an additional grant of more than \$6 million to bring the meson beam to full intensity by 1977.

miscellany

The Crane library is looking for good readers to volunteer for one or more two-hour sessions of reading a week to record books for blind and physically handicapped students.

Readers will be required to audition in the library's recording studios to establish voice, diction and reading abilities. Auditions can be arranged by calling 228-2373.

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If you happen to be wandering by the Woodward Biomedical Library at lunchtime, or any time, pop in and see their display of cookery books dating from Roman times to the present day. They have also set up a display of infant-feeding devices from the third century B.C. to modern times.

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Anyone interested in playing volleyball this coming Winter Session? Under the UBC intermural program, all faculty, graduate students and staff are invited to take part beginning in late September until April. For more information, call Frank Mauer at local 4329. He would like to know how much interest there is in this type of competition.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS AWARDED FOR RESEARCH 1970/71 TO 1975/76

SOURCE OF FUNDS	1970/71	1973/74	1974/75	Percentage	
				1975/76	1975/76 Total
Federal government	\$ 9,949,870	\$11,400,499	\$10,681,730	\$11,347,294	70.7
Provincial and local governments	290,121	684,434	801,503	993,443	6.2
Canadian companies and foundations	1,887,228	2,095,418	2,104,630	2,468,119	15.4
U.S. and foreign	454,134	770,491	769,623	911,693	5.7
UBC budget	605,150	326,265	316,990	324,981	2.0
TOTAL	\$13,186,503	\$15,277,107	\$14,674,476	\$16,045,530*	100.0%

*Increased 9.3 per cent from 1974-75 and 21.7 per cent from 1970-71. During the period 1970 to 1975, according to the Vancouver office of Statistics Canada, the increase in Canada's implicit price index, or that part of the gross national product due to inflation, was nearly 50 per cent.

The Librarian,
Special Collections Division,
Main Library,
Campus

8:00 p.m. **STAGE CAMPUS '76** presents *Shelley* by Ann Jellicoe. Dorothy Somerset Studio. Tickets, \$3; students, \$2. Continues nightly until July 24. For reservations, call 228-2678.

MONDAY, JULY 19

12:35 p.m. **SOUTH INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC** concert by Malini Devadesan. Room 3218, Buchanan Building.

2:30 p.m. **ENGLISH EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES.** Paddy Creber and Geoff Fox, visitors from Britain, on **Some Aspects on the Training of Teachers of English.** Room 111, Ponderosa Annex E.

7:30 p.m. **SUMMER SCREEN SERIES** featuring five new animation films from the National Film Board. *A Selected Group of New Animated Shorts, T. V. Sale, Owl Who Married A Goose, The Twitch and An Old Box* will be shown. Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre. Free.

8:00 p.m. **SUMMER THEOLOGY LECTURE SERIES.** Paul S. Minear, professor emeritus, Yale Divinity School, on **The Passion Story in Contemporary Music.** Theatre, Student Union Building.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

12:35 p.m. **CHINESE CLASSICAL MUSIC** concert and lecture by Benny Tsao. Room 3218, Buchanan Building.

7:30 p.m. **EAST INDIAN DANCE PERFORMANCE.** Rooms 402-406, International House.

8:00 p.m. **EDUCATION TRAVEL SHOWCASE.** An illustrated lecture by Dr. John Stager, Geography, UBC, on **The Canadian Arctic.** Conference room, Centre for Continuing Education. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

12:35 p.m. **ENGLISH LECTURE.** Julian Symons, English poet and critic, on **The Detective Novel.** Room 102, Buchanan Building.

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY. Nitobe Garden Tea-house.

1:00 p.m. **SUMMER SESSION GOLF TOURNAMENT.** All Summer Session students, as well as faculty and staff, are invited to participate. Registration fee, \$6, includes golf, sandwiches and prizes. Divisions are men's and women's opens, and a "duffer's" division. Musqueam Golf Course. Register at Summer Students' Association, Room 140, West Mall Annex, or call 228-3976.

2:30 p.m. **ENGLISH EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES.** Nancy Martin, Norman Stephenson, Geoff Fox, Marion Ralston and Gwyneth Evans, on **Literature for Children: British and Canadian Views.** Room 111, Ponderosa Annex E.

7:30 p.m. **SUMMER SCREEN SERIES** featuring two films on natural history and wildlife from the CBC, *Grouse Country* and *Sable Island.* Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre. Free.

FOLK DANCE FIESTA. Folk dancing taught and performed on the Student Union Building plaza. All welcome. Call 228-3653 for more information.

8:00 p.m. **SUMMER THEOLOGY LECTURE SERIES.** Prof. James H. Smylie, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, on **The Bible and the American Revolution.** Theatre, Student Union Building.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

12:35 p.m. **CHINESE FAST CLAPPERTALE.** Prof. Jan Walls, Asian Studies, UBC, performs ancient art of telling a tale while keeping an intricate rhythm with wooden clappers. Room 3218, Buchanan Building.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

12:35 p.m. **JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING** demonstration. Room 3218, Buchanan Building.

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mail, by 5 p.m. Thursday of week preceding publication of notice.

7:30 p.m. **SUMMER SCREEN SERIES** featuring *Ben Hur*, winner of 11 Academy awards. Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre. Free.

8:00 p.m. **MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING.** Festival Chamber Players perform **Music of Mozart, Beethoven and Ravel.** Recital Hall, Music Building.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

YOUNG ALUMNI CLUB Two-day Hike to Whistler. For further information, call 228-3313.

8:30 p.m. **DISCO DANCING** in The Pit, with music provided by CTR campus radio disc jockies. Began July 3 and continues every Saturday evening to midnight until Aug. 28. Admission free. Student Union Building.

summer scene

SUMMER STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

If you need help with anything during Summer Session, contact the Summer Students' Association located in West Mall Annex, Rooms 140-142 or phone 228-3976. Office hours 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. weekdays.

SUMMER SESSION OFFICE

Summer Session is now part of the Office of Extra-Sessional Studies. The new office is located in the Coach House, 6323 Cecil Green Park Road. Phone 228-2581 or 228-2657.

SUMMER SOUNDS

Free noon-hour concerts will be held on campus during Summer Session. The concerts are in different locations each day, so check the Summer Session bulletin boards around campus for daily programs.

FOR CHILDREN

A series of activities which will study trees and wooded areas of the campus, with direct concern for the ecology of these areas, will be held through July and the first two weeks of August. The mini-course is open to children aged 9 to 13. Parents interested in enrolling their children in the course should contact John Coates, 228-5056 (office) or 224-9182 (home phone after 5 p.m. weekdays).

SOCCER SCHOOL

Instruction offered in basic soccer skills for children aged 7 to 17 until July 30. One week, \$15; two weeks, \$25. For more information call 228-3341.

YOUTH SPORTS CAMP

Information on this co-educational camp sponsored by Physical Education for children aged 7 to 14 can be obtained by calling 228-3341. Camps run for two weeks from July 5 to Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, and cost \$32 for each two-week session.

GOLF LESSONS

The Summer Students' Association is sponsoring golf lessons. Package of eight lessons only \$8 or single lessons at \$1 for an hour's instruction. Lessons also available for faculty and staff for \$2 each hour of instruction. Register at the Summer Students' Association office, Room 140, West Mall Annex. Call 228-3976 for more information.

TENNIS LESSONS

Lessons held on Place Vanier Residence courts beginning Thursday, July 8, at 1 p.m. Cost to Summer Session students is \$1 each lesson or \$6 for a six-lesson package. Also open to faculty and staff for \$2 a lesson. Register at the Summer Students' Association office, Room 140, West Mall Annex. Call 228-3976 for more information.