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Mrs. Ethel Robson, 73, readies her desk for the course she'll be taking at Summer Session, which begins Monday. The course on Creative Writing completes the requirements for her Bachelor of Education degree.

Summer Session '76 — something for everyone

This Summer Session will be a special one for Ethel Robson.

On Monday, July 5, she'll be starting the final course necessary for the Bachelor of Education degree she began 13 years ago. It will be nice to be finished, she says. But there's no real need to hurry with it. Mrs. Robson is 73.

She began her course work after a career as a teacher and 10 years in real estate. With her son getting his second degree (his first came from UBC), "I got the bug," she says. And when she asked then Dean Walter Gage, later president of UBC, whether she should get her degree, "he said the only two words I needed — 'Why not?'"

Mrs. Robson took eight courses in the first two years — "I don't know, so help me, how I ever did it!" — then remarried and began a life as a storekeeper in White Rock, where she now lives.

In 1973 she started her student life

again. She has nothing but praise for the people — staff, faculty and students — who encouraged her to continue her education. "Students would say to me, 'Why shouldn't you be here? Get busy.' And I like that attitude."

Three of her courses were taken at Douglas College in New Westminster because it was closer for her than UBC and the credit for those courses has been transferred to her UBC degree. She finished the last of those courses in April of this year. Now, after barely a two-month breather, she begins her final course, Creative Writing 301, at UBC.

This course, she hopes, will help her with the book she's writing about her early life in Quebec and later as a prairie schoolteacher during the Depression. But that's her project for

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University Centres proposed

UBC has recommended the establishment of University Centres at each community college in the Interior of B.C. as the best means of making degree-level education available to more people.

The recommendation was made in a brief to a one-man Commission on University Programs in Non-Metropolitan Areas, which concluded province-wide hearings in Vancouver on Saturday (June 26).

The commissioner is Dr. William Winegard, a former president of the University of Guelph, who was appointed in May by Education Minister Patrick McGeer "to advise the minister on all matters related to the delivery of academic and professional programs outside of the Vancouver and Victoria metropolitan areas, and academic programs and their articulation."

The UBC brief began by saying that it would be unwise to create new institutions or programs to satisfy a temporary demand for education which is likely to decrease in the 1980s because of a predicted decline in the number of students in the 15-24 year age group.

The brief pointed out that the percentage of high school students who continue into post-secondary education is significantly higher in the metropolitan areas than in the rest of the province.

"Any proposed solution," the brief continued, "should be sufficiently flexible to accommodate (1) a modest increase in total demand for post secondary educational opportunities and (2) the possibility that there will be significant changes in demand for particular academic disciplines."

The brief suggested that any proposal to remedy the current situation must satisfy three basic tests.

● 1. It must substantially increase the opportunities for people resident in the Interior to complete a degree program.

In this connection, the brief said establishment of a new university would perpetuate the present system, which provides adequate post-educational opportunities for those resident in selected areas of the province but neglects those resident outside the selected areas.

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"While population growth may justify a new university in the interior at some future date, it would not be an appropriate response to the problems that presently exist," the brief said.

● 2. It must be consistent with the maintenance of traditional university standards of academic excellence.

The brief said interior residents would be "ill-served by a proposal that provided academic qualifications that did not command general respect and recognition.... In our view, academic standards are best maintained in the traditional university model - which emphasizes personal contact between instructor and students."

● 3. It must achieve the first two goals with reasonable economic efficiency.

The UBC brief said that in some disciplines the physical facilities required are so expensive that it may be more efficient to subsidize students from the Interior so that they can attend one of the existing universities rather than attempt to duplicate the required facilities at one or more Interior locations.

"Any proposal to expand the educational opportunities in the Interior must be sufficiently realistic to justify a high priority on a competitive basis," the brief said.

"It would be tragic if other worthwhile projects had to be deferred or abandoned, because the commission, in choosing among the various alternative methods of meeting the understandable aspirations of the residents of the interior, did not pay sufficient attention to the economic consequences of choosing a particular alternative."

The University Centres proposed by UBC would be operated by one of the three existing public universities, "preferably in co-operation with the community colleges."

At the College of New Caledonia, for example, the University Centre would offer advanced courses leading to degrees, which would be awarded by the "associated university."

Each community college would retain complete autonomy over its existing operations, the brief said, and "ideally, the University Centre would be operated by a board of management containing representatives of both the associated university and college."

The brief said this arrangement was recommended "because we believe formal, as well as informal, collaboration between the college and the associated university will make it more likely that the University Centre
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Prof. Erich Vogt, UBC's vice-president of faculty and student affairs, has been made an officer of the Order of Canada. Prof. Vogt, a physicist, played a key role in the construction of TRIUMF, the nuclear research facility that was officially opened on UBC's south campus earlier this year.

will operate successfully. Moreover, we contemplate that some of the University Centres will become, eventually, independent universities."

The first priority of each University Centre should be to meet the needs of those resident in the area it serves, the brief said, with emphasis on "core" or "basic" courses.

"The existing demand," the brief said, "is for opportunities to acquire the ordinary, generally accepted, academic qualifications and innovative programs will not satisfy that demand."

Instructors of courses offered through the University Centre might be residents of the area appointed by the university, faculty members at the community college, or members of the faculty of one of the three public universities who would become resident at the University Centre for a specified period or who would visit the centre on a regular basis.

The brief proposed that the three public universities should be responsible for the programs offered at the centres. "It is important that these programs be separately funded and that the funds provided for them be kept separate from other university revenues," the brief said.

This is necessary to protect the programs offered at the centres, which might otherwise have to compete for funds against other university teaching and research activities, and to protect the university, which might be expected to provide a more extensive

range of programs at the centres than the university's financial resources would permit.

The brief described the University Centre model as "very flexible" since it would be relatively easy to expand or contract it or change the courses offered, as more information became available about the demand for post-secondary education in the area.

The brief also said that the centres could be operational within a short period of time and the model had an established record of success in other areas of Canada.

In a section on supplementary services, the brief proposed development of supporting services such as mobile libraries and laboratories.

The brief said the UBC proposal should reduce the number of students who experience difficulty in meeting the degree requirements of a particular university when they transfer from one institution to another.

The UBC brief was presented to the commission by Dean Robert Will, of the Faculty of Arts, who was followed by Audrey Campbell, of UBC's Centre for Continuing Education.

Her submission suggested that several of the instructional models being considered by the commission could be strengthened through guided independent study courses, which she said referred to both traditional correspondence courses and to other distance-teaching systems in which printed instructional materials and correspondence between students and teachers provide the basis for communication.

She pointed to the growth of such programs at UBC in recent years and recommended that existing UBC programs be used to broaden and enrich university programs offered in non-metropolitan areas.

She also recommended that additional financing be provided to allow UBC to experiment further with various media as delivery systems for guided independent study, and that existing co-operation in independent study among the three public universities be supported and strengthened.

Dr. Winegard, who is expected to report to the provincial government by Labor Day, is being assisted by a nine-member advisory panel made up of representatives of the three public universities, Notre Dame University, and the interior regional colleges.

UBC representatives on the panel are Jindra Kulich, acting director of the Centre for Continuing Education, and Prof. Donald MacDougall, chairman of the Senate Committee on Continuing Education and a member of the Faculty of Law.

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next winter.

Mrs. Robson looks forward to her summer course, which starts at eight o'clock in the morning. That way she misses most of the traffic on the freeway from White Rock to Vancouver. "Means I'll have to be up about 5:30, I guess, but that's all right. I just skip over the freeway and I'm there."

It's unlikely that getting a B.Ed. will be the end of Mrs. Robson's student career. After this is over, she explains, "then I can pick and choose just exactly what I want to take." She might come back to UBC next summer and work on the Senior Citizens Summer program. "I think it's a fantastic deal, but I haven't been able to squeeze the time in to get involved with that. I don't really know what I'll do, and it's nice not to know, isn't it," she laughs.

She has gathered a lot of memories of her autumn days at UBC. "The kids and the staff have been terrific. I'd sometimes have a cup of tea with my granddaughter down at the Ponderosa (cafeteria on campus). Long hair, jeans, pouring rain, leaves falling, a cup of tea with your granddaughter, What more can you want?"

The course work hasn't been easy. It requires discipline and time. "It is a lot of work," she states flatly, "but I've enjoyed it so far."

In addition to the Summer Session credit courses such as Mrs. Robson is taking, Summer Session also offers an extensive non-credit program for senior citizens. The program, which includes free tuition, no residence charges for students outside the Vancouver and District area, no formal academic qualifications and no exams or essays required, is open to all B.C. residents, 65 years of age and over. The courses run for one week and cover such topics as health, politics, retirement management, fine arts, history and geography.

Call Program Co-ordinator Ruth

Burstahler, 228-6786, for more information.

The academic Summer Session offers 289 on-campus and 18 off-campus credit courses in everything from A(nthropology) to Z(ooology). An estimated 4,000 students will be enrolled for credit courses, which continue until Aug. 13.

Some 350 instructors, some of them from as far away as England and Australia, have been engaged by the University to teach academic courses.

UBC's Centre for Continuing Education has plenty of suggestions on how to spend your summer, which are contained in a brochure obtainable by calling 228-2181.

The centre is offering a wide range of daytime and evening programs on such subjects as jewellery fabrication, gourmet cooking, art and fabric design, photography, creative writing and acting, as well as off-campus programs that will take you to such places as the Queen Charlotte Islands, Seattle, Central America and Atlantic Canada.

A special feature of the 1976 Summer Session will be a workshop on baroque music that will allow advanced and specialized musicians to study under experts who play the baroque oboe and recorder, the organ, the viola da gamba and the harpsichord.

During the workshop program, Aug. 9-21, there will be a concurrent early music and dance workshop, Aug. 16-21, and an early music festival, Aug. 10-20. You can get a brochure on the program from the Centre for Continuing Education.

And for everyone, there will be the usual round of indoor and outdoor musical concerts, plays in the Frederic Wood Theatre, and a program of free films on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To keep abreast of what's happening on campus in the next six weeks, look for *UBC Reports* every Wednesday in strategic campus buildings. Our weekly feature, "Next Week at UBC," will appear on the back page of each edition.

Services held for Hugh Kelly

Funeral services were held Tuesday (June 29) for Hugh Kelly, superintendent of UBC's traffic and security department, who died last week after a lengthy illness. He was 60.

Mr. Kelly joined UBC in 1964 as a campus patrol officer following a career as a provost officer with the Canadian army with the rank of major.

His army career included service with the provost corps in Canada and Europe, and graduation from the Canadian Army Staff College at Kingston, Ont. and the RCMP Staff College in Regina.

Mr. Kelly was appointed superintendent of traffic and security at UBC in 1968 after serving as supervisor of the University patrol.

He is survived by his wife, Pat, and two children.

Prof. Alex Wood, a UBC graduate and member of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences for almost 20 years, died in Victoria on June 3 after a lengthy illness. He was 61.

Prof. Wood joined the UBC faculty in 1947 after graduating from UBC with the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Science in Agriculture and obtaining his Ph.D. at Cornell University.

Prof. Wood remained at UBC until 1965 when he resigned to become dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Victoria. He held the post until 1967 when he resigned to found and become chairman of the Department of Bacteriology and Biochemistry at Victoria.

He retired in 1975 for reasons of health. Prof. Wood is survived by his wife, Eileen, and two children.

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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 228-6178 beginning Monday, July 5, for more information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Summer Students' Association will be sponsoring the third

annual Summer Session Golf Tournament on July 21 at the Musqueam Golf Course. Tee-off time is 1 p.m. Entry fee and sign up information for the tournament will be announced in the next issue of *UBC Reports*.

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 228-6178 beginning Monday, July 5, for more information.

SALMON FISHING

A chartered boat is available for those interested. The 17-foot deep-sea boat with an experienced skipper rents for \$15 a person for half a day or \$25 a person for a full day. Minimum of two persons. Call 228-6178 beginning Monday, July 5, for information.

NEXT WEEK AT UBC

Notices must reach Information Services, Main Mall North Admin. Bldg., by mail, by 5 p.m. Thursday of week preceding publication of notice.

In addition to listing events of interest to the campus community scheduled for the week of July 4 - 10, this week's column includes a list of activities which will take place during Summer Session. These events, listed under the title "Summer Scene," are open to faculty, staff and students, unless otherwise noted.

For Summer Students: This column is the place where you'll find lectures, seminars, plays, concerts and anything else that might be happening at UBC next week. It will appear on the back page of *UBC Reports*, which is published every Wednesday by Information Services and placed in major campus buildings. If you can't find a copy of *UBC Reports*, pick one up at our office, second floor, Main Mall North Administration Building.

If you have notices you'd like to have published, the deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. of the week before the edition of *UBC Reports* you'd like to have it appear in is published. Send notices to "Next Week at UBC," c/o Department of Information Services, UBC.

8:00 p.m. **STAGE CAMPUS '76** presents *Narrow Road To The Deep North* by Edward Bond. Dorothy Somerset Studio. Tickets, \$3; students, \$2. Began June 30 and continues nightly until July 10. For reservations, call 228-2678.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

2:30 p.m. **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OPEN MEETING.** Board and Senate Room, old administration building.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

2:30 p.m. **CHEMISTRY SEMINAR.** Dr. John Simons, Chemistry, University of Birmingham, England, on **Molecular Photodissociation and Energy Transfer.** Room 225, Chemistry Building.

6:00 p.m. **HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW** with clothing from the Edwardian period to the present day with commentary by Ivan Sayers, assistant curator, Centennial Museum. \$7.50 includes dinner at Cecil Green Park. For further information and tickets, call the Alumni Association, 228-3313.

TUMOR BIOLOGY STUDY GROUP. Dr. J.W. Thomas, Cancer Control Agency of B.C., on **BCG as Maintenance Therapy in Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma;** and Dr. J.P. Kutney, Chemistry, UBC, on **Recent Studies in the Vinblastine-Vincristine Series.** Conference Room, second floor, Cancer Control Agency of B.C., 2656 Heather St. \$3 for buffet dinner.

7:30 p.m. **SUMMER SCREEN SERIES** featuring films on *Habitat - Human Settlements*. Three films from the National Film Board will be shown: *Boomsville* (color, 10 min.), *A Sense of Place* (color, 56 min.) and *Scaggie* (color, 20 min.). Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre. Free.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

7:30 p.m. **SUMMER SCREEN SERIES** featuring *The French Connection*. (Color, 104 min.) Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre. Free.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

YOUNG ALUMNI CLUB Two-day Canoe Trip to Pitt Lake. For further information, call 228-3313.

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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 228-6178. Office hours 2 to 4 p.m. weekdays. Telephone will be manned beginning Monday, July 5.

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 SCREEN

Once again, the Summer Students' Association is supporting a summer film festival. Films will be shown Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights in Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday nights will feature new releases from the National Film Board, and Friday will feature classic full-length films of the recent past. All films FREE to everyone. Begins July 7.

EVENING CONCERTS

A special series of evening concerts will be held in the UBC Music Recital Hall at 8 p.m., beginning Friday, July 16. These concerts will feature outstanding musicians of the Vancouver area performing works from all periods of music history.

SUMMER SOUNDS

Free noon-hour concerts held outside the Student Union Building begin on Wednesday, July 7. Everyone welcome.

SUMMER FOLK DANCE FIESTA

Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on the SUB plaza, folk dance sessions will be held. All that's needed is a pair of comfortable dancing shoes and your enthusiasm. All of the dances are easy to learn and exciting to dance, so come and bring your friends. For further information, call Richard Spratley, 228-3653.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION

If you are unfamiliar with the Library facilities on campus - Main Library + 13 branch libraries with more than 1.6 million books and periodicals, 1.6 million microforms, 400,000 government documents, 100,000 maps and 132,000 recordings, films, videotapes, slides, transparencies and pictures - take a tour! They're available each day from Monday, July 5 to Friday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., beginning in the Main Library entrance hall. One half-hour later, the Sedgewick Library is giving orientation to undergraduates. If you can't make the tour, pick up the *UBC Library Handbook* near the card catalogues in the main concourse.

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).

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.

RECREATION

Free swimming is once again available to Summer Session students. Check for times at the swim office at Empire Pool. Equipment for use in the gymnasium (basketballs, badminton, etc.), is also available from the swim cage.

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