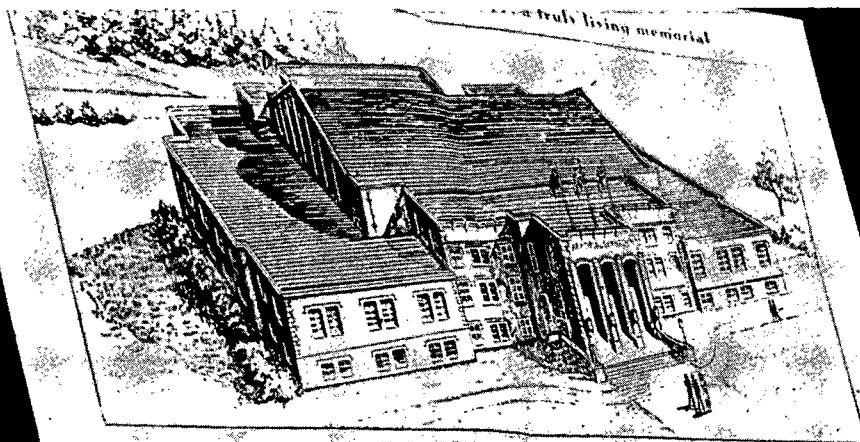


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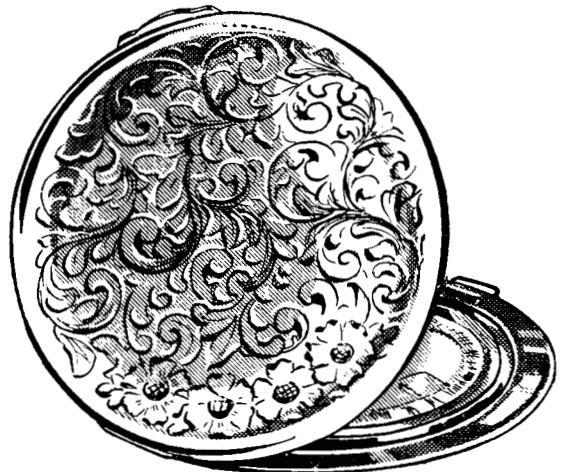
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# The Secretary-Manager- Frank Turner Takes Over Alumni Post

November 17, 1916 Franklin J. E. Turner first saw the light of day, as the phase goes, in wartime Hong Kong.

About this time Chu Chin Chow was the outstanding musical comedy in London and scholars now debate which of these two events mark the beginning of the decline of Western Influence in the Far East.

Hastening to make amends young Frank quickly brought his family to Canada on the old Empress of Japan, the last surviving relic of which may still be seen in Stanley Park.

In the process of growing up in British Columbia Frank lived in Haney, and Princeton, but mostly in Vancouver, where he attended Kitsilano High. Between the fall of 1934 and the spring of 1939 he made periodic migrations to West Point Grey to secure a B.A., B.Comm.

At Varsity Frank devoted himself variously to the Ubyssy, ultimately as sports editor, and as campus correspondent to the News-Herald. He played senior A basketball during four of these five years and will be remembered as eighth man on the Bardsley, Willoughby, Henderson, Pringle, Rann Matthison, Swan, Armstrong, (Our Boy), Davis, and Hank Hudson, championship team. Was secretary of A.M.U.S., president of Big Block, and chairman of the Awards Committee in '39-39. And also a graduate.

After this event Frank reported news and sport for a certain Vancouver morning newspaper for over a year and then traded in W. H. Malkin products with the natives of the west coast of Vancouver Island.

1941 saw Prob. Sub-Lieut. F. J. E. Turner on divisional strength of the R.C.N.V.R. then via Royal Roads, Noden, Comox, to anti-sub. patrol aboard the H.M.C.S. Chignecto; then shore-side to Cornwallis for a gunnery officer's course and back to sea as group gunnery officer with Group C. on the North Atlantic convoy run. Finally appointment as equipment and trials officer (west coast). Then Civvy street.

Apart from his wife, Doris (formerly Doris Marsden) of Vancouver, whom he married Nov. 21, 1942, Frank devotes himself to the affairs of this Alumni Association with a managerial frenzy which in the light of the Memorial Gym campaign shows an utter disregard for the delights of longevity.

As a member of the Publicity Committee, and the interim steering committee, and as official looker-on and into innumerable others on the Alum, A.M.S. axis Frank has his hands full. One of the working slogans hereabouts seems to be Frankum Est which rhymes with It's Up to You. Get It?

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Mr. Editor:

At long last the much-tried patience of the association which has kept me on its mailing list is about to receive its reward—at least a “token” reward in the shape of a cheque. May I take this opportunity to congratulate the association, and particularly the Editorial Board on the increasingly excellent quality of the “Chronicle.” It carries much of interest even to those of us who are separated from the university by time and space. Keep up the good work.

The annual Alumni Directory also deserves the highest praise, particularly for its accuracy and consistent plan of presentation.

Best wishes for your continued good work!

Very sincerely yours,

EVELYN C. McKAY, Arts '19.

Dear Mr. Editor:

It will soon be eight years since I graduated from the University of British Columbia, and in all that time I haven't been in touch with my Alma Mater. I have just read an article in “Time” magazine which brought back pleasant memories of my days at the University, and I am now writing you to see what I shall have to do in order to become a member of the Alumni Association.

I graduated as Bachelor of Commerce in May, 1938, and came to New Orleans shortly after to work for the Alcoa Steamship Company. In 1942 I went to work as Technical Assistant for the Norwegian Shipping and Trade Mission in New York. I left their service in June, 1945 and am now connected with the Todd Shipyards Corporation as a commercial representative. Hence I am now attached to their subsidiary, Todd-Johnson Dry Docks Inc., New Orleans, La.

It was an unfortunate fact that after graduating I could not secure any any suitable employment in my native Vancouver. I have been very lucky down here and have no complaints, however, I would never hesitate to be transferred to our Seattle plants, so that I could spend my weekends in my own beloved Vancouver and environs.

I should be grateful for any information you may give me, also whether I am eligible to subscribe and to let me know of any other ways in which I may be of some assistance to the U.B.C.

WM. F. KOREN, Jr.,

B. Comm., 1938.

New Orleans, La.

Eleanor Bossy, '39., former Alumni Executive member, drops a line of encouragement from Haymeads Emergency Hospital, Bishops Stortford, England, where she is on duty with St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

## ★ PERSONALITIES ★

Kenneth De P. Watson, one of University of B. C.'s outstanding geology graduates, has been appointed associate professor in the department of geology and geography.

He obtained his B.Sc. degree from U.B.C. in 1937, and his Ph.D. degree from Princeton in 1940. He won several scholarships while at University.

He was an assistant in the geological survey of Canada in 1935-37, and of Newfoundland in 1938-39. During part of 1941 he was employed in prospecting in the Dominican Republic.

From 1940-43 he was an instructor in geology at Princeton University, and for the past two years has been an associate mining engineer with the B. C. department of mines.

Author of several books on geology, Dr. Watson is a member of the Mineralogical Society of America, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He was recently elected for Fellowship in the Geological Society of America.

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Brigadier Noel D. Lambert, '20, has been named a director of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

He served in the Royal Flying Corps in the First Great War, at which time he was one of three U.B.C. men to enlist in England. He returned to Vancouver in 1920 and joined Northern Construction Co. and J. W. Stewart Ltd. in 1927.

Brig. Lambert, First Great War veteran, served from 1942 to 1944 as deputy quartermaster-general.

He returned in 1944 to Vancouver, where he is vice-president and general manager of the Northern Construction Company.

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Lieut.-Commander George A. Fallis, R.C.N. V.R., was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's honours list.

Lieut.-Commander Fallis attended University of B.C. where he won the General Proficiency Scholarship from University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall.

He is now practicing law in Toronto.

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Mr. Harold M. Wright, professional engineer, well-known consulting mill metallurgist, of Vancouver, has been appointed to the staff of the University of British Columbia as part-time lecturer in the Department of Mining and Metallurgy.

Mr. Wright, a graduate of the University of Utah, obtained his M.A. degree from U.B.C. in 1933 and his M.S. degree from Utah in 1934.

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J. Victor Rogers, Ap. Sc. '33, is the superintendent of construction and maintenance for the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company at Trail. He was formerly plant engineer for the Alberta Nitrogen Products Ltd., in Calgary.

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## Professor Soward - - -

Professor F. H. Soward, professor of history at U.B.C. and now on leave of absence with the Department of External Affairs, will return to the University in September as "Director of International Studies."

This new position was created with a view to co-ordinating the work in international relations and allied fields not covered by other departments, Dr. MacKenzie stated. It will make it possible for the University to take advantage of the valuable experience which Professor Soward has gained with the Department of External Affairs. He will continue as a professor in the Department of History, however.

Professor Soward, a graduate of Toronto, went to Oxford after the last war on the Edward Kyle Memorial Scholarship. He obtained his B. Litt. degree from Oxford after one year's study.

He was appointed to the staff of the University of British Columbia in 1922, promoted to Associate Professor in 1929 and to full Professor in 1936.

In 1943 he was given leave of absence to become a special assistant with the Department of External Affairs.

He has been active with the department in Latin America, South America, and Britain. Most recently he was appointed head of the Canadian Tela Committee, attending the Empire Conference in London in 1945, and travelling to Bermuda and Brazil.

## Dorothy Somerset - - -

Miss Dorothy Somerset, well-known director of the University Summer School of the Theatre and Extension Department drama program, has been awarded a travelling fellowship by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The three months' fellowship was granted as a direct result of the recent establishment of a course in Dramatics at U.B.C. It will enable Miss Somerset, who will be in charge of the new course, to travel to leading American universities to study curriculum and procedure in various departments of drama.

She will visit Cornell, Iowa and Cleveland Universities. This comparative study will ensure that the U.B.C. course is established on a sound university basis.

For several years she was a director of successful Little Theatre and U.B.C. Players' Club productions. In 1935, a scene from Shaw's "Back to Methuselah" which she directed for the Little Theatre won top standing in the first Dominion Drama Festival.

In 1938 Miss Somerset was appointed to the staff of the Extension Department of the University in charge of the drama program, and it was in this capacity that she became known throughout the province as advisor of local amateur societies.

This year she was elected vice-president of the Western Canada Theatre Conference, leading organization in the campaign for a Canadian National Theatre.

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## PICTURE NOTES

ART JONES, whose work has recently graced the pages of TIME magazine, for two weeks running did the cover photo.

VAN PERRY did the two miniatures to the right of this column. He also did the mob scene which appears on the Memorial Gym page at Page 20. The CHRONICLE thanks them both.

MARCH, 1946

## For the Record . . .



Glamour . . .

studies. . . .

Bob Bonner is well known to the graduates of 1938-42 era as probably one of the most accomplished debators ever developed on the campus. He twice led the McGoun Cup team in wordy battle and still rises to eloquent heights in freshman law class arguments. . . .

He was a member of the Students' Council in 1941 as L.S.F. representative . . . Graduating in Arts (majoring in Economics), Bob joined the Seaforth Highlanders as a re-enforcement officer and served with distinction in Italy until his overseas career was halted by a Nazi shell . . . He arrived home in September, 1944, and Col. Shrum hearing of his whereabouts asked for him as the C.O.T.C.'s training officer . . . Until the end of the war Major Bonner finished out his army life as Chief Instructor of the C.O.T.C. He is a brother of Delta Upsilon and is married to Barbara Newman (1944) of Alpha Phi . . .

Ormy Hall is best known for the English Rugby and Golf he played for Varsity during the same years . . . A reformed sports writer with several years' experience with the Canadian Press, the Vancouver Daily Province and the Vancouver Sun, Ormy is also a law student and spends his spare time puttering about the Chronicle, playing golf and catering to the whims of his 16-month-old daughter Linda Jane . . . He graduated in 1942 as a Bachelor of Commerce and went straight into the Airforce . . . In the service someone heard he had been in the Yacht Club Bar once so they

to Coastal Command and immediately posted him flying boats where he ended up a navigator . . . His story on Stu Keate appearing on the inside pages brought back some pleasant memories as he once worked for Stu on the old Province sport page as Varsity reporter . . . He is married to Pat Wilgress, an ex-newspaper woman.



. . . By Van Perry

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# B.C. POWERED TUGS HIT ENEMY BEACHES



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Actor . . . Turned Newsman

By ORMY  
HALL, '42

### SUCCESS STORY

Stu Keate, one time U.B.C. Players Club thespian, Vancouver newspaperman and recently discharged Canadian Naval public relations officer, has been appointed a contributing editor for the "CAN-ADA" section of *Time* magazine. . . . Big (he weighs 210 pounds), athletically-minded, 32-year-old Keate said, "I owe it all to Professor Freddy Wood....."

Such an item may well have been written in the news magazine this month as Stu Keate went to work for *Time* Incorporated.

Keate is a product of the great depression college days of 1930-35, and a representative of the modern class of journalists who have eschewed the time-honoured road to literary achievement and have approached the field with writing ability in one hand and a business contract in the other.

Ever since he started writing "From Tee to Green," a golf column in the *Vancouver Daily Province*, Keate has known where he was going. Conscientious by temperament he is the antithesis of the old newspaperman that mothers hid from the eyes of their children. In striking contrast to the old conception of the newspaper hack, Stu has built up a reputation as a dependable businessman journalist.

*Time's* latest bright young man sped through his early grade school training with the aplomb of an Orson Welles. By the age of 15 he was ready for admittance to the University of British Columbia.

Atoning for this early show of foot, he squeezed the four year Arts course into five years and it

wasn't until his graduating year (1935) that he wrote off Trigonometry I, a first year subject. Stu says he has always admired Dean Daniel Buchanan because he was the only professor who conceded that Trigonometry would be no earthly good to him in after-life. Another favorite was Dr. Walter Gage, who gave him 51 percent, after four previous pedagogues had given him up.

He joined the Players' Club in the Christmas plays of 1933 but his career as an actor got off to a dubious start when the late Jimmy Butterfield, the then Province drama critic, dismissed the play in exactly seven words. "The third play," he wrote "was an utter mess."

From this dramatic triumph, Keate went into the spring play, "Alibi", which had two distinctions, it was unanimously hailed as the most atrocious play ever to darken the campus boards, and it is the only one in which a faculty member ever appeared. This latter event occurred one night on tour when Bill Whimster, one of the cast, was taken ill and his part was essayed by the late beloved Dr. Francis Walker. The doctor's knowledge of the lines was pretty well limited to hearsay and turning to Stu after approximating each one, he'd bark, in a stage whisper which shook the dust off the lights of the Elks' Hall in Kamloops, "Keate, What's My Next Line?"

Stu later appeared in Bernard Shaw's "The Ten Commandments" in which he was assigned the role of a High Priest, appearing only in Act 3, Scene 5. Each night he would stay at home until 9:30 and then drive to the University Auditorium where Nancy Symes would wrap him in a sheet and dab a little nut-brown paint on his face, arms and feet. At the cue "Send for him," he would walk on with some incense, lay it at Cleopatra's feet and walk off. "It was in this play," says Stu, "that I gave my finest performance."

The following year he ended his theatrical career by appearing in Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler." In this play his wife (Hedda) shot herself and some of the more severe critics were quick to opine, "Who could blame her."

The University daily paper *Ubysey*, started Keate on his newspaper career and he will never forget his first effort as a reporter. Rod Pilkington, then editor, held up his story to all the staff as a splendid example of how NOT to write.

But nothing could discourage him from joining the fourth estate and when summer rolled around he got a job from Sports Editor Hymie Koshevoy of the *Vancouver News-Herald*. At first the *News-Herald* paid him off in street car tickets, but after graduating to a street car pass, he finally rated a salary. His summer's work netted him exactly \$7.50.

After graduation Stu went to work for the *Daily Province* as a reporter and two years later went to the *Toronto Star* as a feature writer. There he had a varied career, on one occasion interviewing Mae West. Stu asked her what she thought of the Mann

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## Past President Baynes Urges Faculty of Architecture

British Columbia is approaching a period of rapid physical development. Once again some of our cities and towns will go through the throes of a building boom. Subdivisions will be made almost overnight and buildings will be thrown up in western fashion.

It is a sad commentary on our present civilization that 80 to 90% of the existing buildings in this province are ugly and badly designed. And that a very large part of our developed property was poorly zoned with the resulting misuse of land. This is just as true for our small towns as for our larger cities.

Will this present rapid development add to this gross ugliness of our or will the people of this province wake to the needs of proper Town Planning and better Architecture?

Good neighborhoods do not "jut grow" they must be planned. The well planned neighborhood should have the protection of adequate zoning and subdivision regulations. And it is necessary that these zoning and subdivision regulations be maintained and not be broken down by minority pressure groups. Most of our cities have too many business areas due to the pressure of business interests. Many of these become blighted areas and eventually slums. If there were fewer business areas the buildings would be of a better type and there would be a greater security for the owner, the tenant, and the city.

Deteriorated neighborhoods and blighter districts have already caused enormous economic losses in B.C. Unless the people of this province become conscious of the benefits of Town Planning and of better architecture these losses will rapidly increase.

The time has arrived when our University should do something about this practical art. With the establishment of a Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning there would be a seat of authority in this province, and there would be a proper distribution of knowledge of this work.

## Captain Paul Sykes Decorated U.S. Navigator

Captain Paul J. Sykes, at present wing navigator of the 315th Wing of the U.S. Army Air Force, translates U.B.C.'s motto "Tuum Est" literally. "It's up to you" caused Paul to pour over the textbooks sent by his mother, Mrs. B. Hampton of Vancouver, to his Guam station in preparation for a heavy course at U.B.C. on his return to civilian life.

During the latter part of the Japanese war, Paul "boned up" in between bombing missions, and intends to complete his Arts course, majoring in Physics and Mathematics.

Shortly after navigating the lead ship of his wing over an important oil refinery target in Japan's Honshu island the day before Nippon capitulated, he was transferred to Headquarters on Guam. In the air at the actual time of the capitulation, Paul and his crew-mates celebrated by cracking open the rations, clinking cups and drinking to victory. Tomato juice was the liquid used for the toast.

Although Paul himself shies away from publicity, his mother, stepfather and twin sisters (Virginia and Diana Bampton, U.B.C. Co-eds) are really proud of him and justly so. Among other medals and decorations, he has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, the U.S. Air Medal, the Oak Leaf and Cluster and the Bronze Star, as well as certain battle stars. His mother, who regularly received weekly "communiques," said he decided against a military career although offered the responsible position of navigator of the whole 20th Air Force. "He wouldn't want to be thought of as a hero or anything like that," said Mrs. Bampton, "he just thinks he was one of thousands and thousands who signed up to serve, and did just that—many laying down their lives for their country."

"His father (the late Captain J. Sykes), was killed in the last war while serving with the American Expeditionary Forces," continued Mrs. Bampton, "and that's probably why Paul fought with the American forces this time."

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Act (the one that tripped Charlie Chaplin), and Mae's answer, 'tis said, was incoherent. He also relates he was not given an invitation to "Come Up and See Her."

While in the East Stu met Leitha Meilacke, '38 (Kappa Kappa Gamma) and when she returned to Vancouver in 1939, he came back to the Province as a reporter and movie columnist. His real reason for returning became apparent, however, when he and Leitha were married in the same year. A happier couple you will never meet and both are justly proud of a young son, Richard, aged three.

Following a two-year-period as sports editor of the Daily Province, Stu finally was accepted by the Navy in 1942 and was asked to join the Dept. of Naval Information as a sub-lieutenant. He went overseas in 1943. After serving in the United Kingdom, North Atlantic and Newfoundland, he was transferred to the Canadian cruiser, the Uganda, and went to the Pacific.

While in the Navy, Stu wrote several articles for Liberty, McLean's and the Empire Digest and two plays which were produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

He also wrote two books, "Home is the Sailor," published by the Navy, and "Pacific Diary," which he says *wasn't* published by McMillan's.

Shortly after returning to Canada aboard the Uganda, Stu was asked by "Time" to come to New York and talk things over. The rest is present history.

Now he wades around New York, knee deep in nostalgia, recalling the essay courses of Prof. Thorlief Larson, the witty remarks of Prof. Freddy Wood during the English novel lectures, the nine units of Shakespeare by Garnett Sedgewick, the brilliant lectures of Prof. Fred Soward, Canadian history from Dr. Sage and the "Arithmetical Problems" that constantly plague the provocative Prof. Drummond.

# Two U. B. C. Scientists Staff New Dominion Laboratory

(As appearing in the Vancouver Daily Province, January 7, 1946)



Thousands of unseen enemies lurk in the air of industrial plants and factories, ready to sap the vitality of the workers and eventually to snuff out their lives.

To combat these, the Dominion Government department of national health and welfare set up in 1942 a group of chemists, under the division of industrial hygiene, to test the air breathed by workers and suggest ways of purifying it.

In Vancouver, the only Canadian laboratory outside of Ottawa, two young U.B.C. graduates

work in their headquarters in the Workmen's Compensation Building. They are Roy H. Elfstrom, who received his B.A. degree from U.B.C. in 1938, his M.A.Sc. in metallurgy in 1939, and industrial hygiene diploma from Harvard, and A. A. Day, assistant, a B.A.Sc. in chemical engineering, in 1943.

In B.C., most common hideouts for these enemies in the air are in shipyards, foundries, aircraft factories, paint, battery and plywood factories, pulp mills, dry cleaning establishments, furniture staining plants and tire repair garages.

Included in the list of poisons from these sources are lead and welding fumes, "dope" fumes, benzol, silica, radiant energy and various gases which attack the blood, bones, nervous system and skin.

The laboratory makes the necessary tests free of charge for any plant requesting them, although they have have been compulsory in war plants.

Employers are compelled to carry out the engineers' suggestion for combatting the peril, such as better ventilation systems, the most common cure.

Mr. Elfstrom warns that "the quickest way to avoid common industrial poisons is by breathing them, and not by swallowing them in food or drink."

He points out that many of the poisons may be prevented but not cured. Silica, for example, causes scar tissue in the lungs and may be washed from the air by better ventilation, or by breathing in aluminum dust to counteract it.

Radio-active substances used in painting luminous dials on planes, for example, can eventually wear down the body tissue and once they get into the body, nothing can stop them.

Unsuspected lead-poisoning was found recently on the Royal Navy amenities ships being converted here. Tests showed that fumes produced when the paint on the deck was burned off by acetylene torches contained lead.

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# Womens' Residences Major Problem on U. B. C. Campus

By MARY FALLIS, M.A.

With provision being made for the erection of new and permanent buildings at the university in the immediate future, the possibility of seeing residences take their place on the campus at last becomes a reality.

The need has existed for so long that it is rather an anomaly that at the outset dormitories have become a matter for controversy.

Points at issue which must be carefully weighed before further action is taken include:

1. The value of residences in university life.
2. Housing needs of our undergraduates.
3. The overall building program of U.B.C.

Is it possible to reach a satisfactory solution that considers all three points fairly; under existing building restrictions to construct a residence that will be of permanent use, that will provide an environment in which a student will develop those social traits which are as important a mark of the university graduate as his mental development, and that will be within reach of the average student's resources?

The immediate housing needs of the university are the emergency needs of the large post-war registration which it is anticipated will last for about four years. Students, at present, are being accommodated in all available boarding houses, in two small Co-operative Houses, one for men and one for women, and in hutments at the Acadia Road Camp and at the Fort.

In old R.C.A.F. huts, with scanty equipment, some 280 men, and 51 women have living accommodation today. A mess hall provides meals, cafeteria style, serving about 200 people in an hour. In the same district several faculty families and veterans' families have found accommodation in wartime houses that have been erected at the camp site.

Next year the veterans expect to see an extension of housing for veterans' families. The University Branch of the Legion is hoping for government aid in obtaining pre-fabricated houses for ex-service personnel. Originally they anticipated erecting 100 houses to fill the need, but to date 407 applications have been made to the Housing Registry.

In normal times sufficient good boarding accommodation can be found in Point Grey for the majority of students, although the distance of boarding houses from the campus is an inconvenience.

The women's residence under consideration would be situated facing Marine Drive and Howe Sound, on a view lot, behind the present gym, within convenient reach of the library, Brock Hall, the gym and the playing fields.

What should such a university residence provide? The majority of those interested agree that it should provide housing in a fireproof building, with good conditions for health, study and social activity.

A careful study has been made as to what constitutes such conditions. The present day trend, in the experience of public health authorities and educators, favors the use of single rooms for students. The rooms are arranged in units of 8 or 10, with girls sharing bath and laundry facilities and having a commercial responsibility for care of their quarters; 75 residents is the maximum for a building block if a well-knit house spirit is to be attained. Two of these larger blocks are under consideration at U.B.C. at present, to be wings stemming from a central kitchen unit. Later one or two further residence wings could be added, each with its own dining-room and lounge for house use.

As dining accommodation at the University has recently become more of a problem than housing it is evident that large dining rooms in the residences would be of immediate value. At present the total who can be served at one time is as follows:

Cafeteria, 425; Brock Snack Bar, 80; Brock Dining Room, 80; Faculty Room, 35; Bus Stand, 65; Snack Shop, 90; Campus Cupboard (run by blind), 20.

Kitchen facilities are limited in the Brock building and any large dinner for campus groups always provides a major problem. The dining rooms in the residences will be so built that for banquets they can be thrown together to accommodate 300. It is planned also to use them at noon hour to serve lunch to day students in addition to the residents who will have all their meals there.

It is the aim of everyone concerned with the planning of the residences that the cost of board in the residences will compare favorably with the current cost of board elsewhere, so that the students living in will represent a fair cross section of the student body and cater either to a privileged nor an underprivileged group. In this connection some organized clubs and alumni groups have already discussed the possibility of providing Housing Bursaries to equalize the cost of attending university for out of town students who must pay board as well as fees.

If in the viewpoint of the practical man, cheap housing was the primary requirement of the building program it would be quite possible to erect dormitories for the purpose of housing only. The university authorities have already, almost miraculously, met the housing emergency by providing living quarters where no quarters have been before. The spirit of the students in the hutments is good, but no one who has seen the camp can feel that further temporary housing in barracks surroundings or on a regimented basis is in keeping with the peacetime aims of the university.

Now is the time to consider the permanent value of residences as the university expands to meet the growing educational demands of the youth of this province; it is the hope that the Alumni, who have so often provided temporary solutions to university problems will now give their support to a permanent project.



# EXECUTIVES



By **TOM BROWN**

A special general meeting of the Alumni Association held at the University on the 15th of February approved of registration under the Societies' Act and of several important changes in the Constitution.

One is the employment of a full-time secretary-manager. This has been made financially possible by a grant from the Board of Governors towards the additional cost, and in fact Frank Turner took up his duties at

the beginning of the year. It means that the Alumni now has an office at the University to which the branches and members can direct suggestions and queries and that contact will be maintained with the day to day factors on the campus—student, faculty and administrative.

The other changes are in the Life Membership fee, in the composition of the executive, and in the part the association plays in the election of members of Senate.

The annual fee remains unchanged at \$3,000, but that for Life Membership has been increased from the financially uneconomic \$10 to \$60. Both annual and Life Membership include subscription to the Chronicle. It should also be made clear that Life Membership is Life Membership, whether paid at the former or at the new rate.

The executive has been altered by dropping the positions of secretary and recording secretary—made superfluous by the appointment of a secretary-manager—and by increasing the number of members-at-large to 15. Three of these positions are to be filled by inviting the elected members of Senate to suggest three of their own number, and the remaining 12 to be elected for two-year terms, six each year. These executive changes come into effect at the next annual general meeting.

In the past, in accordance with its constitution, the Association sponsored a given number of candidates at each Senate election. Now that Convocation is so largely composed of our own graduates the dangers of such nominations are obvious.

In the future the Association will not sponsor nominations, but it will encourage nominations so that voting members will have adequate opportunity for selection from among nominees representative of the various geographic and economic interests in the province. It will also encourage greater interest in the election among the electorate.

The Alumni Association is not as strong as it should be. Dr. Norman MacKenzie has said that the University will be just that kind of university that its alumni make it. It is hoped that the ap-

## New Alumni President Has Had Interesting Career

Tom Brown, newly-elected president of the Alumni Association, has had a most varied career in his almost 34 years. Born at Vancouver on May 10, 1912, Tom attended Kerrisdale and Magee schools before coming on to U.B.C. in 1928.

Tom enrolled in Arts and dug into undergraduate life with his usual energy and purpose. Canadian football claimed him athletically and his Big Block Letter is witness to his prowess in this line. He had the honor of being cadet number one on the newly-formed C.O.T.C. list. He joined Psi Upsilon and was also on his class executive. Academically he took honors in Economics.

The Rhodes Scholarship Trustees made Tom their choice for 1932. Tom went to Oxford the same year where he entered St. John's and studied honors jurisprudence. While in England he met and fell in love with Daphne Jackson, and although he returned to Canada and the bond business in 1935, he did not forget the lovely English girl. He returned to England in 1937 and married Daphne whom he brought back to Canada. Daphne and Tom now have a charming family, two boys and one girl.

In the years before the war, Tom was associated with the Irish Fusiliers. In 1939 he went active with the Irish and went overseas in 1941. He was with the South Saskatchewan for awhile and then returned to the Irish as second in command.

In 1943 he spent some time at staff college and then went to Normandy with First Canadian Army Headquarters where he was closely associated with General Crerar. Tom next joined the Essex Scottish and was with them at Caen. He accompanied them to the Seine where he was badly wounded. He then spent twelve months in hospital in England and between operations, assisted in training reinforcements.

Tom returned to Vancouver in August of last year with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He has since been undergoing hospital treatment but has recently got back to the bond business with the firm of Odlum, Brown Investments Ltd.

A short time ago he received the M.B.E. Since his return he has been active in executive work on the Canadian Club.

pointment of a secretary-manager and the other changes mentioned will result in greater participation by alumni in the activities and interests of the University. We are all interested but too few of us show our interest. I do not refer to that incidental (though necessary) evil, the payment of fees; I do refer to active interest in University affairs, ranging from the making of constructive suggestions either directly or through your executive, to the acting as unofficial and unpaid public relations officers. It is not good enough to leave everything to "George" and say: "It's up to you," rather we must realize it's up to us—all of us.

# ★ VETERANS ★

## Varsity Goes Boom-Town As 3500



By A. H.

Dr. MacKenzie stated. This spirit was shared by the staff and all those connected with the administration of the University.

There are now about 100 wooden huts of all shapes and sizes at the University of British Columbia. Fifty of these are on the campus itself, sited on convenient spots near over-crowded permanent and semi-permanent buildings. There are sixteen, side by side, all along the west wall, giving the effect of a

In the fall term there were 5,800 students attending the University of British Columbia. Of this number, 2,300 are ex-service men and women. When the Special Winter Session opened on January 7, another 1,500 veterans crowded onto the campus. The total enrollment is over 7,000, and more than one-half will be veteran students.

These figures are all the more significant when one considers that U.B.C., the youngest University in Canada, was built to accommodate a maximum of about 2,000 students.

How the University of British Columbia solved the stupendous problem of accommodating thousands of men and women from the forces is now a matter of record.

The solution was found in converting the facilities of war to the immediate needs of peace. Wood huts—from army training camps, coast defensive stations, aerodromes—were brought to the campus to be used for every conceivable purpose connected with the activities of a modern university. They were transported bodily and set-up near the Library, the Science building, and all the other ivy-covered buildings on the campus.

It was as late as August that Dr. MacKenzie was notified that the university would have to prepare itself for a great influx of soldier students. It is typical of the determination with which he tackled the problem that he had arranged for concrete foundation blocks to be laid before permission to purchase the huts had been received. Confirmation came from Ottawa by telephone and the next morning the first hut arrived on the campus.

"By hook or by crook we'll make it possible for every ex-service man and woman to come to the university if he seriously wants higher education,"

huge army encampment.

Many are partitioned into two parts and used for lecture rooms, furnished with college desks, blackboard, and installed with central heating. A large number have been converted into modern and well-equipped laboratories for courses in the sciences. Some are used for staff offices, and for reading rooms. One houses the Health Service in a streamlined clinic with treatment and consulting rooms; another, the Research Council headquarters. The new Law Faculty, with offices, library and lecture rooms is located in huts near the library.

The book store, formerly in the Auditorium building and threatening to collapse with the weight of overburdened shelves into the basement below is now set up in a hut with complete facilities.

Three new snack bars in different parts of the campus relieve the hopeless congestion of the "Caf." The Home Economics Department has been given added laboratory facilities in a large hut near the Science building.

In addition to these huts on the campus itself, there are also two hut-camps used for living quarters. The Fort Camp, in the shadow of big guns at the Point, is fitted to accommodate some 150 ex-service men students. This camp is equipped with dining room, recreation room, and ablution facilities. The interior of the huts has been partitioned into cosy single or double rooms with heat, light, and furnished with beds, tables and other incidentals.

At the Acadia Camp, a five minute walk from the campus, 50 girls and 50 boys live in similar quarters under staff supervision. Here the Home Economics WDepartment operate a dining room.



# Student-Vets Seek Higher Knowledge

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using it also as a laboratory for advanced studies in quantity feeding. In this camp also, are small huts for 12 staff members with their wives and families, six trailers occupied by married and single students, and a recreation hall. In this unique community there are 15 children under five years of age, sons and daughters of students and staff. Acadia Camp is still growing with additions being made for ex-service students expected in January.

As big a project as this has been, it has not completely solved the many problems at the University. Permanent buildings in 1946 are an urgent necessity. Construction will begin in January on a new unit to the Science Building, and it is hoped that a women's residence, a permanent Arts Building, the second unit to the Library, and an Applied Science Building will also be commenced in the spring.

Also urgently needed is accommodation for the new Faculty of Medicine, including Dentistry and Pharmacy, the first year of which is expected to open in September of 1946.

The most pressing problem facing the University in January will be the need of accommodation for the many married students who have still been unable to find quarters in Vancouver. A committee is now at work and hopes to have a definite plan to help alleviate the situation before the term opens.

The campus of the University of British Columbia is a veritable hive of activity these days. It is a common thing to see, every night of the week, the lights of the administration building all aglow until 11 o'clock. Everyone is working overtime and no one is complaining. One thing is certain—a great many faculty and staff members will deserve and need their few weeks' holiday next summer.

One fear which has occasionally been expressed is whether the standards of education at U.B.C.

will be lowered because of the tremendous difficulties which have to be overcome by the students and staff. The president answered this very effectively in a recent statement. "There will be no re-lowering of standards because, in the first place, U.B.C. has been able to maintain a very high standard in its many appointments to the Faculty," Dr. MacKenzie said. "Secondly, because the difficulties facing us will be more than balanced by an increased desire on the part of the students to make the most of their opportunities."

"Anyone attending the universities in Canada today should consider himself extremely fortunate for he is living through exciting times when the search for knowledge is both keen and competitive. Veteran students who returned to college after the last war made a distinguished record for themselves when they went out into the world. There is every sign that the same will be the case of the students of today."

W. N. Hall, B.A., Sc. '29, was formerly connected with Canadian Industries Limited as manager of the development department of the Alkali Division. He has now assumed the position of the Development Engineer with the Standard Chemical Company Limited.

J. Allan Reid, B.A., Sc. '36, is in the drafting office of Westminster Iron Works after service with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

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# Sport Shorts

By ORMY HALL

Disappointment has been expressed to the author of this column by both undergraduates and grads alike that on several occasions the U.B.C. selection for the Rhodes Scholarship has not been an athlete . . . It is argued by these complaints that above all else Cecil Rhodes intended the Rhodes Scholar to be outstanding in sport . . .

Now, this is not strictly true as pointed out in section (4) of the provisions of the Rhodes Scholarship.

## "Basis for Selection":

Section (4)—Physical vigour as shown by fondness for and success in outdoor sports . . . Physical vigour is an essential qualification for a Rhodes Scholarship, but athletic prowess is of less importance than the moral qualifications developed in playing outdoor games . . ."

On inspection of the proviso, therefore, it can easily be seen that the particular provision in question is not subject to strict interpretation . . .

Those who have witnessed any of the Northwest Intercollegiate basketball games will agree that the Thunderbirds are far too good for the opposition seen so far . . . Varsity would like very much to be admitted to the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Conference, involving Stanford, Washington and the rest, but two factors block the way . . . In the first place in order to qualify U.B.C. would also have to have an American football team to compete in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Football Conference . . . that, of course is too big an order . . . Then again the officials running the Basketball Conference realize all too well they are conducting a big business . . . and they aver that

although U.B.C. has a great team this year, what insurance is there that next year's team and the years following would be of the same calibre? . . . Until Varsity can consistently beat the Conference teams in exhibition games over the period of a few years, there is little likelihood of the teams inclusion . . .

On the other hand there is the advantage that Varsity will probably win the Northwest Conference this season and that will give them a trip to the U.S. Small Colleges tournament in Kansas in March. Making that trip and perhaps winning the tournament will afford the University better publicity than a minor membership in the high class Coast Conference . . . Also one All-American is selected from the tournament each year and who can say how well **Sandy Robertson** will look to the judges? . . . Speaking of players, watch **Harry Kermode** next game and you'll know why they call him the most improved player on the team . . .

Incidentally the coach of the University of Oregon was so impressed by the shellacking Varsity gave the Ducks, he told **Ned Irish** of New York's Madison Square Garden . . . Irish contemplated displaying the Thunderbirds there in an exhibition game but the plan misfired because of a packed Garden schedule.

Campus golfers are organizing their spring golf jaunt to California and have been encouraged with highly enthusiastic letters from Stanford and the U. of California at Berkley . . . Top golf man just now is **Bob Plommer** who beat **Dick Hanley** 2 and 1 in the final of the club Fall Championship.

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# Speaking Editorially

- WAR MEMORIAL GYM
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- JOKERS ALL

## THE GYM

At the present moment Alumni of the University are lining up behind the campaign to build a War Memorial Gymnasium on the campus. There aren't many graduates of the University who need to be told of the record of achievement of the students and graduates in the matter of buildings.

The present campaign is no different to any other in its basic aspects. A great need exists—the powers that be haven't provided for the need—and it's up to the students and graduates, to take the matter in hand and do something about it.

Those three factors have been present in every past campaign and they are present in this one. The past campaigns have been successful and so will this one be.

But success now won't be achieved by musing over past successes or by sitting back and letting someone else be active this time. The support of each alum—both his own contribution and the public support he can obtain—is vital.

Every alum knows the motto—"Tuum Est." That motto is the theme of the present campaign and it can never be more tellingly applied than to graduates of U.B.C. The time for action is now. *Tuum est.*

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## THE RED CROSS CHORUS

There has recently been some very harsh criticism levied at the University's well-known Red Cross Chorus. Now no organization stands more in need of intelligent, helpful criticism than a University and its various organizations. But the criticism should be intelligent and it should be helpful.

It should not, for example, be ill-informed and prejudiced criticism designed merely to get its proposer into print.

The Red Cross Chorus is only one of a number of University organizations which have been doing great service to the University and to the public in general for a number of years. The chorus, for example, has been instrumental in raising many thousands of dollars for Red Cross purposes. Their activities have been carried on with the consent of the University authorities and that consent is never lightly given.



DARRELL T. BRADWOOD

One may well differ with the idea of having co-eds perform in such choruses but one can be helpful and diplomatic about one's differences. One can also, in all fairness, give credit for a job well done and for results which are a lot more helpful to humanity in general than a lot of academic baying at the moon.

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## THE JOKERS

All hail the Jokers, a brand new organization on the campus and one that grads might well regret did not exist in their time. The Jokers' Club is a group of young men with a flair for public service in a light-hearted manner.

Organized in "decks" of 52 men per deck, they combine all the best features of cheer leaders, publicity men, carnival and dance organizers, and promoters. Their activities are legion. No job is too big or too small. They'll stage a nylon raffle or a full scale theatre presentation in one of Canada's largest theatres with equal ability.

Their spirit is too complicated to catch in print. Probably the best thing to say is that they get things done. And their every activity is undertaken with the serious interests of the university at heart. They aren't "irresponsible college men" in the commonly used sense of the word. The Jokers are an odd combination of boys who have been touched with more serious responsibilities of being men.

The presence of the Jokers on the campus has given a great stimulation to undergraduate activity. That is a worthwhile accomplishment, and every grad might well wish there had been Jokers in his time.

## **Summerland Alumni Make Big Donation**

The Summerland branch of the U.B.C. Alumni Association has successfully completed a campaign to raise \$10,000 for the establishment of an annual \$250 scholarship for "home town" students of the University.

This is believed to be the first U.B.C. Alumni-sponsored campaign for a local scholarship ever to have been launched in the province.

"We have raised sufficient funds to establish a \$250 University of British Columbia scholarship to be awarded annually to a girl or boy from Summerland district," explained Mr. G. Ewart Woolliams, 25, President of the Summerland branch, during a recent visit to the campus; "\$7,200 was raised by public subscription, the remaining amount necessary to establish this scholarship has been guaranteed by the municipality."

Dr. Norman A. M. MacKenzie was enthusiastic when informed of the Summerland achievement. "It is most encouraging to know that the people of Summerland are interested in the University and are anxious to help deserving students," he said.

"I believe that the University exists to serve the people of British Columbia and of Canada and it can be successful and effective in this task only if it has the goodwill and support of the citizens of British Columbia—the kind of support and goodwill shown by the people of Summerland. It is the best evidence of interest in the University I know."

The Summerland drive was initiated by George W. C. Kelley, with the collection of pledges in charge of Dr. F. W. Andrews. George Kelley is a graduate of McMaster University, while Dr. Andrews received his Doctorate from the University of Manitoba.

It is significant to note that although one U.B.C. Alumnus contributed \$500 towards the scholarship, 90% of the \$7,200 total was donated by non-graduates.

"That means that the citizens of Summerland are right behind their community in this worthy educational project," commented Mr. G. E. (Ted) Baynes, Past-President of the Association, "and it also means that they are right behind their University."

Much credit for the drive's success goes to the enterprising Summerland branch of the Alumni Association, whose membership totals a mere 32.

## **Kamloops Group Is Active**

A most welcome letter arrived from F. V. Holyoke, secretary of the Kamloops Branch of the U. B.C. Alumni Association the other day with a request for a copy of the Alumni Association Constitution and a copy of the annual financial statement.

Also included was a cheque covering three life memberships and 13 convocation fees for 1946.

The association's commitments are skyrocketing with the growth of the University and the paid-in fees from the up-country branch was great encouragement in helping to meet the financial problems that constantly plague the executive.

Following is the list of Kamloops contributors.

Life Members: John J. Morse, Margaret Pendray (Mrs.); Wilfred Pendray.

Convocation fees for 1946: Ralph K. Bell, Evelyn M. Bradley, Mrs. Jean Brechin, Winnifred H. Dalin, Gunhild H. Dellert, Mrs. Kathleen Elder, Charles S. Hardwick, Vernon F. Holyoke, J. O. C. Kirby, Gabriel A. Luyat, Harold McArthur, Mrs. Margaret McDonald, F. C. McCague.

Thanks, Kamloops! Your spirit helps to keep the old ties strong.

## **Education '33 Christmas Party**

Dr. and Mrs. George Weir graciously entertained Education '33 at a party at their home on January 4. Five former pedagogues who made this their first reunion were: Nelson Allen, Mabel Brown Young, Bessie Riley Sonneman, Bill Roper and Jean Witbeck, who along with Dr. Weir gave accounts of their activities since '33. The original copy of the Observer was on display with the class picture. To quote Dr. Weir, we have become a "distinguished looking group," since 1933 (dear reader, do you remember the cut of our '33 street clothes?) The evening revealed that we are still as adept at recognizing puns, drawing two-dimensional figures and playing Noughts and Crosses as our early training promised.

A class list is now available from President Lyle Swain, 798 Richards, with statistics on most class members.

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The Alumni Executive is particularly anxious to obtain names and particulars of all former U.B.C. students who served during the Second World War in forces other than the Canadian Armed Forces. This information is necessary to complete records at the University. Information should be sent to Frank Turner, Alumni Secretary, Brock Building, University of B.C., Vancouver, B.C.

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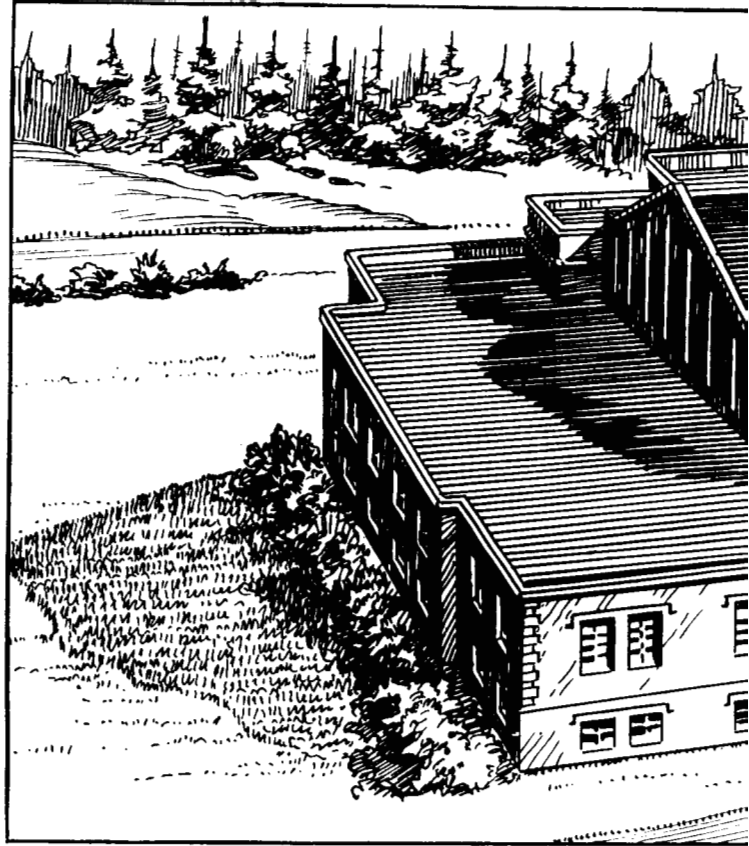
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# THE WAR MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM

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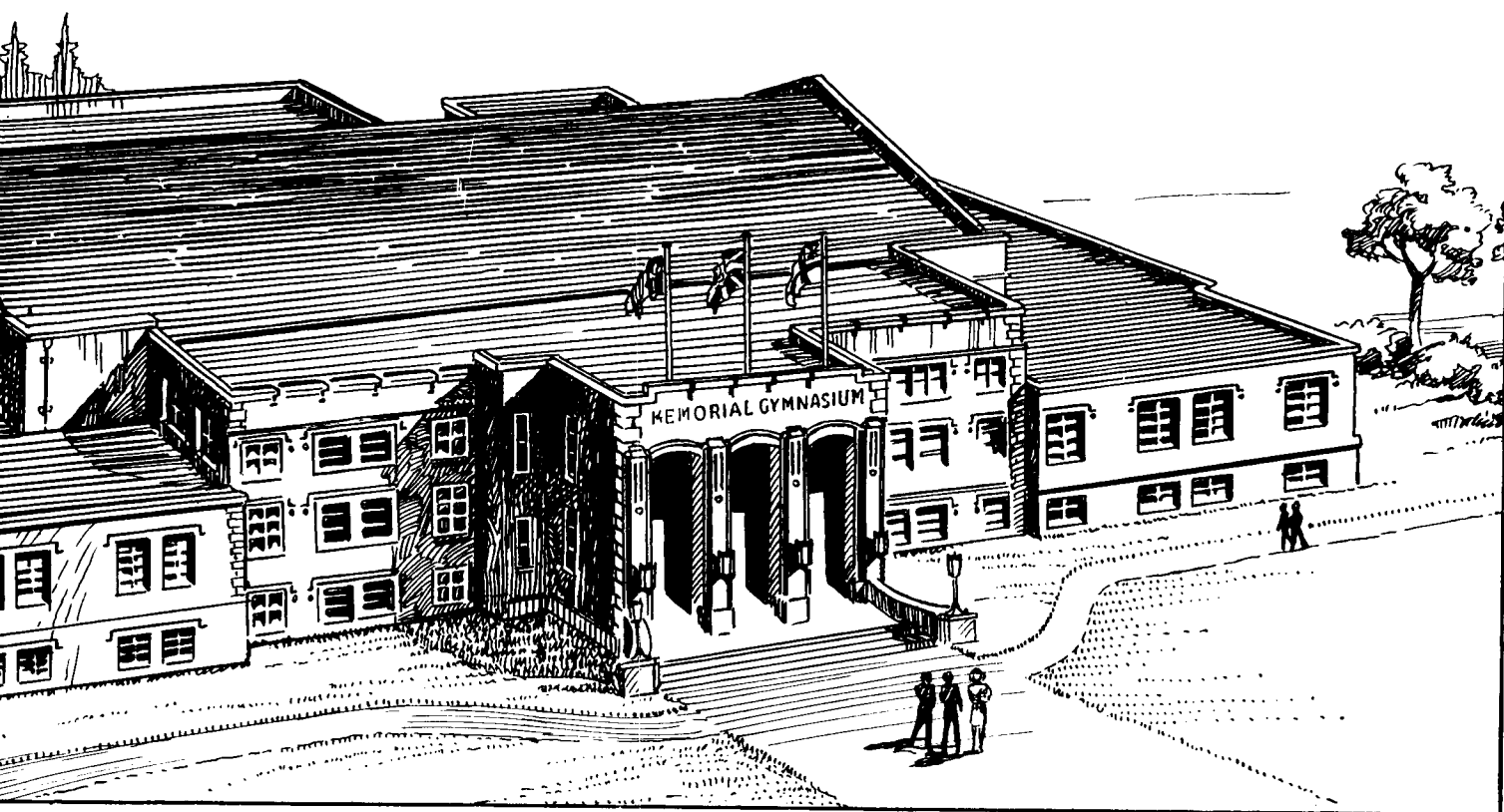
## A Truly Living

Allan Ainsworth's Students' Council promoted the idea, Tom Brown's Alumni Executive chewed on it pretty savagely, Dr. McKenzie's Board of Governors gave it their official blessing, and by the second of February all of British Columbia knew that its University was campaigning . . . this time to raise a Memorial Gymnasium. This Gymnasium will be an enduring living memorial to those who served and to those who fell in two World Wars.

At this time it is too early to predict the closing date of this, the fifth, campaign. It is not too late, however, to remind you of its scope. As money continues to pour in from all quarters of the province it is well to remember that the initial impetus was given by the Alma Mater Society which has pledged itself to raise \$100,000 by a bond issue. This body is currently engaged in raising additional sums of money on the campus mainly by capitalizing on the lunatic fringe of the Jokers' Club. Organized

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## *The Need*

# Memorial To Those Who Served

sport on the campus is also turning over worthwhile proceeds to this fund from time to time. And enthusiastic student canvassers day by day comb over the business section of downtown Vancouver.

In this connection plans are going forward to stage a series of canvassing blitzes on Island cities as well as the towns and cities of the interior. By the successful conclusion of this campaign no section of the province will have lost the opportunity to contribute its full share towards the Memorial.

University authorities expect to have available the \$50,000 earmarked for physical education in the recent five million dollar budget. And since you feel that this budget—and its predecessors—neglect physical education why not state your opinion to your M.L.A. in an immediate letter?

The Alumni Association, co-ordinating its efforts with those of the undergraduate body, are engaged in a province-wide publicity drive to place

the object of the fifth campaign before everyone who reads a newspaper, listens to a radio, or engages in conversation with his neighbor, even if only over a trap-line. You can do your part by telling your friends how much you have just sent in to the War Memorial Gymnasium Fund.

In one of the early committee meetings an alumnus made an obvious but seldom realized observation of fact that all the physical education capital development on the campus has been made by campaigns such as this one. Remember who built the old gymnasium for 1500 students? Remember who claimed the playing fields from swamp and built the stadium? And the same people built other things of non-athletic nature.

The five hundred thousand dollar question is who is going to build the Memorial Gymnasium? That is best answered by reading aloud the slogan of this campaign "IT'S UP TO YOU."

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# MARGARET ECKER

*She's Back*



"At a writer's party not long ago," writes Kathleen McDowell in Saturday Night, "there was great talk about the work of war correspondents—Canadian, English, American, and Russian. The more talk the more it was realized that Canadians had held their own with the best, and of the best was Margaret Ecker.

"Her human interest story of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, written while she was with the Canadian Press, in Ottawa, is always mentioned by press people, along with her vivid, terse, personality sketch of John Murphy, a paralytic. This story was picked up by the papers across Canada and featured in the New York Times. It also won her the Canadian Women's Press Club Memorial Award for 1944, which was presented to her, in London, by the Right Honorable Vincent Massey."

Margaret graduated from U.B.C. in 1936. In her under-graduate days she divided her time between the Publications Office, the Green Room of the Players' Club and the Letters Club. In her junior year she was editor of the Totem, in her senior year feature editor of the Ubyssy. Later she edited an early edition of the Graduate Chronicle. Her sorority is Alpha Phi.

After graduation she joined the staff of the Vancouver Daily Province where in time she became a news reporter and one of the first women news reporters. She was transferred to the Calgary Herald and later worked out of Montreal for the British United Press, and then in Ottawa as a member of the Ottawa Bureau of the Canadian Press. The Canadian Press sent her overseas as their only woman war correspondent and she worked in their London office, then went to Paris, to Holland and finally to Germany.

She was a member of the party that toured Holland with Queen Wilhelmina when the queen first arrived back in Holland.

On D-Day, with 14 other accredited correspondents she flew to Rheims, to witness the signing of unconditional surrender. Later at Flensburg she witnessed the dissolution of the German General Staff.

Today Margaret and husband Bob Francis, until recently Public Relations Officer with the R.C. A.F., are free-lancing in Vancouver. They are studying Spanish at U.B.C. with the idea that South America might be a happy ground for their next venture. But they have bought a house in West Vancouver and their many friends hope that they will spend a good deal of their time there.

## Former Editor Goes To South America

Miss Dorothy Taylor, 25, former editor of the Graduate Chronicle, left B. C. recently on a news gathering jaunt to South America.

The Vancouver Sun devoted an interesting column to Miss Taylor a few weeks ago. In part the article read:

"Editor of the weekly edition of The British Columbian, Miss Taylor has been given a roving commission in the countries to the south of the United States by the British United Press.

The BUP has made a wise choice in its assignment of an important post, for the daughter of the late Senator J. D. Taylor knows South America well. Contacts made there in the early thirties and again after the outbreak of war grant her an enviable entre of authoritative sources of news. Trade, in its far-reaching relationship to Canada will be her principal writing theme.

Paris was a case of love at first sight when Miss Taylor went there to study at the Sorbonne after graduating from the University of British Columbia. The "timeliness" of the city on the Seine lured her back again and again, so then within 10 years she spent four of them in the French capital. She has a yearning to revisit Paris, Venice, too, and the Pyrenees, but not now—not until the scars of war are less apparent.

Wanderlust she has held in check for five years, giving way only to trips to the Atlantic Seaboard and a post-war flight to the northern hinterland of the Pacific Coast for an exploratory journey over the Alaskan Highway.

Miss Taylor's canine companion on her present jaunt is a much-travelled dog. An Ontario-born puppy of noted lineage, "Gringo" motored across the North American continent with his mistress to his new home at Strawberry Hill, where he is one of a large family of furred and feathered pets at Miss Taylor's 15-acre "El Charita Farm."

Eleanor Scott Graham has been appointed to the national office staff as second assistant superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses. She is a graduate of the Vancouver General Hospital, with a B.A.Sc. (nursing) from the University of British Columbia. Miss Graham obtained her M.S. degree from the University of Chicago in 1945 followed by a brief period of observation of public health development on a Kellogg Foundation Fellowship. On the staff of the metropolitan health committee for three years, she later joined the Provincial Board of Health.



**Ex-Servicemen's Wives' Society**

By CATHERINE DEAS

U.B.C.'s newest women's society is in the process of organization. Its membership is open to the wives of all the ex-service students on the campus.

The Women's Undergraduate Society planned a tea during the fall term and another in January so that the "wives" would have a chance of getting to know one another as well as the women on the campus. The women hope to foster a group which will include all "wives." At present there are over 500 married service men on the campus.

The society aims to promote friendship among the women and to provide a social program. Certain topics of interest such as Child Psychology and Household Management are also included in the proposed program. The women are interested, as well, in learning more of the campus and its activities.

The facilities of Brock Hall have been placed at the disposal of the society.

A temporary executive has been chosen from the volunteer committee and will function until the proper elections can be held. The officers are:

President, Mrs. F. Archibald; recording secretary, Mrs. S. Rankin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Tscharke; treasurer, Mrs. J. Chambers.

**Graduates Get Fellowships**

Five U.B.C. graduates have been accepted for fellowships in the Geological Society of America. They are: John Edward Armstrong, B.A.Sc. (U.B.C., 1934, M.M.Sc. (U.B.C.), 1935, Ph.D. (Toronto), 1939, associate geologist with the Geological Survey of Canada; Geoffrey W. Crickmay, B.A. (U.B.C.), 1927, Ph.D. (Yale), 1930, Georgia Geological Survey, Atlanta, Ga., now on leave of absence with the U.S. Navy; H. A. M. Rice, B.A. Sc. (U.B.C.), 1923, M.A.Sc. (U.B.C.), 1931, Ph.D. (California Institute of Technology, 1934, associated geologist Geological Survey of Canada; John S. Stevenson, B.A. (U.B.C.), 1929, B.A.Sc. (U.B.C.) 1930, Ph.D. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) 1934, mining engineer, B.C. department of mines; Kenneth deP. Watson, B.A.Sc. (U.B.C.) 1937, Ph.D. (Princeton) 1940, associate mining engineer, B. C. department of mines.

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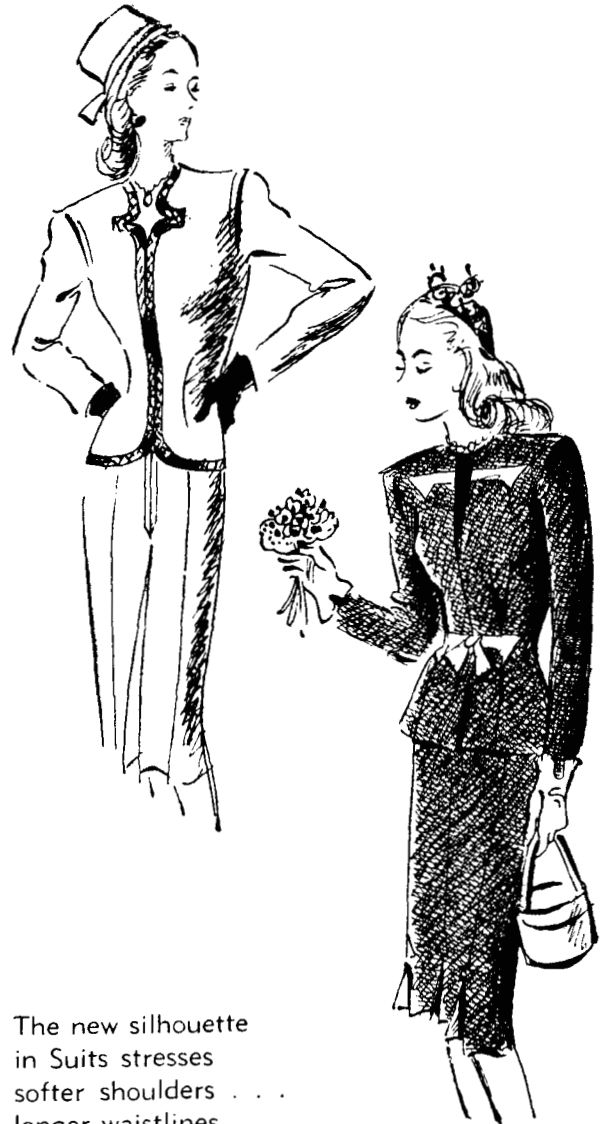
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## *Grad's First Story Wins \$1000 Award*

By MARGARET RATHIE, '32

Mrs. Paul Belanger (Kay Webster, Arts '38), writing under her maiden name was the recent winner of the \$1,000 first prize in MacLean's short story contest. The prize winning story, "**It Takes All Kinds,**" appeared in MacLean's Magazine, February 1.

After graduation Kay took Social Service and worked for a short time in Vancouver Social Welfare Department before her marriage in 1940 to Paul Belanger, area salesman for Standard Oil. Since that time Kay's interests have been primarily concerned with homemaking, for in addition to a husband and a home in Vancouver, there is a four-year-old son, Peter, who doesn't approve of his mother's literary efforts and calls the typewriter "that thing."

To other would-be authors, the story of Kay's literary career is apt to be startling. Her prize story is the first she ever sent to an editor, in fact the first she ever completed, and before last spring she had never even tried to write. Then last summer, she rented a typewriter for a week, finished the prize story, sent it into the contest and immediately forgot all about it and incidentally, about writing as well.

However, everyone who read her moving character study "**It Takes All Kinds,**" will be glad to know that Kay intends to keep on trying to write even though she feels that breaking into print by winning a grand prize is like starting at the wrong end of the ladder.

In her story Kay has tried to give voice to some deep-rooted convictions she has on the subject of sectionalism and racial prejudices. Just how far she has succeeded may well be seen in the fact that her story was number one of the many hundreds submitted.

## *Birney's "Now Is Time" Well Received*

"Now Is Time," Major Earl Birney's new book of poems published by Ryerson Press has been receiving exceptionally favorable comment from critics and public alike across Canada. Birney, a graduate of '26, has been with the Canadian Army in the northwest theatre of operations. He is now supervisor for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of Canada's Short-wave broadcasts to Central Europe. His headquarters are in Montreal. Before the war he was on the staff of the University of Toronto.

The new book is divided into three sections—Tomorrow, Yesterday, and Today. The poem headings are descriptive of their subject-matter—"Cadet Hospital," "War Winter," "Invasion Spring," "D-Day," and the like.

Saturday Night's august "Bookshelf" column is loud in praise of the book and in particular of one of the poems "Joe Harris." Of it the reviewer says:

"It has majesty of theme; the splendor of sacrifice for a cause, the pity of a good life apparently wasted, the tenderness of memory for a lovely land, the contrast of stately ritual and dirty death. And it is built with compelling rhythms, with pictures sharply and economically etched, with originality of metaphor and trope.

It's a poem, and a great one, not a homily. But it has a message in these lines. 'Slower, padre, slower; these are the sounds for church-goers, and am dead for a creed, no ta dogma. Beseech, rather, that the world we have builded and that has brought us to this will perish with me. And if none build a better, come again to this hillside and speak such words as will call my blood back from the earth and air and re-knit my veins to receive it—that I may arise and fight again.'

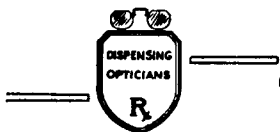
Birney's treatment is on the whole that of a scholar and in this may be not as popular with the average reader as it might otherwise have been. There is no doubt, however, that his style should be of the highest interest to the young veteran returning to the University.

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## *Lister Sinclair*

By LIONEL SALT

(Reprinted from the U.B.C. Thunderbird,  
January, 1946.)

Don't let the beard stop you, for behind it lurks the chin of Canada's premier genius in the field of arts and letters, U.B.C.'s own Lister Sinclair.

Genius is no word to bandy about lightly, nor is New York's august Times a paper to do the bandying. But early in the year, the Times radio critic named Sinclair, 25-year-old graduate of U.B.C., one of the top four radio script writers of the continent, a position he shares with such admitted greats as Arch Obler and Norman Corwin.

Lister Sinclair came to U.B.C. fresh from an English prep school, a keen student of mathematics and physics with a flair for acting and writing. He left, in 1942, an actor and writer with an honors degree in mathematics and physics.

Ostensibly, he went to Toronto to instruct in his chosen academic field at the University there, but the call of the radio and the stage was so strong, his talent so great, that he has now abandoned his pedagogic pursuits to a full time concentration of the arts.

His was a curious figure on the campus. Injured in a prep school rigger match, Sinclair was forced to solicit the aid of a walking stick, and his passion for wearing turtle-neck sweaters led to the charge that he had never worn a shirt in his life.

But shirt or no, he was one of the brightest lights ever to tread the boards for the Players' Club here, giving student audiences two great performances in the club's presentations of "Pride and Prejudice" and "Candida."

At the same time, he successfully insulted the student body hanging from his Ivory Tower by his cane, and lashing out with his weekly column in the "Ubysey." Music also came within the scope of this developing genius, who worked hard for the greater appreciation of classical music while yet displaying an unprecedented enthusiasm for boogie woogie.

Nor did his academic work suffer for all this extra-curricular endeavor.

Specializing in mathematics and physics, Sinclair was told to skip lectures if they bored him, stayed away, and got honors. Graduating in 1942, he married Alice Mather, and moved to the University of Toronto, where he instructed upper classmen, working for his doctorate.

The call of C.B.S. reached his ears early, and there began the amazing development that was to take him to the topmost pinnacles in Canadian radio.

Last spring, at the International Radio Conference held in Columbus, Ohio, his "Play on Words," a subtle attack on fascism at home and abroad, was adjudged the finest radio production of the 1944 season.

NBC dangled contracts, and a New York producer phoned to Toronto with offers to put a Sinclair play on the Broadway circuit. Calls have also come from BBC in London, and the Australian national network.

To date, though, Sinclair has remained aloof to the lures of American capital, and for a reason surprising in the light of current criticism of Canada's network system.

Sinclair claims a greater freedom of expression exists on the CBC than could be offered by the American networks who are constantly thwarting the ideas of such good friends of his as Norman "26" Corwin.

When he paid a return visit to Vancouver in August, Sinclair proved that his eastern successes have in no way added to his ego content, a difficult task at the best, except that his youthful chin is now covered with what passes for a beard, a fact jealously ignored by his friends here.

Current on the Sinclair dossier is his work on an all-Canadian opera in which he is collaborating with Dr. Arnold Walter, vice-president of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and which is based on the story of "Marie de Chapdelaine" dear to the hearts of college freshmen.

Absorption with the arts has not impaired his talent as a racy raconteur of stories in which his wife plays an important, if secondary, role. The appearance of these two spells the success of any party, provided the Sinclair family gets top billing.

As for domestic life, Sinclair is quite adamant. The thought that a child could add nothing intelligible to conversation for a least two years, rules the possibility out in his book.

But nonetheless, it's a jam-packed book, the autobiography of a Canadian genius.

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Dr. Maxwell A. Cameron, B.A. '29, M.A. '22, has been appointed head of the department of education at the University of B.C. He succeeds Dr. G. M. Weir.

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A five-year army veteran and ex-sergeant, Charles H. Howatson, is winner of the Britannia Mining and Smelting Company Limited scholarship for research in mineralogical.

Howatson, a first class student, obtained his B.A. degree from U.B.C. in 1939 with honors.

He enlisted in the 1st Surrey Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery, and saw action in Italy, Holland and Germany.

# Report To Alter Forestry

## Chief Justice Sloan's Report Bears On Curriculum

During the past two years Chief Justice Sloan has been conducting an inquiry into the condition of Forestry and the Forest Industries in the Province. Recently, his recommendations, based on his exhaustive inquiry, were presented to the government. The recommendation most vitally affecting the University of British Columbia is that dealing with the establishment of a separate Faculty of Forestry, and a general strengthening of the Forestry curriculum.

A few days ago a report dealing with these very points, was submitted to President MacKenzie for his consideration. The proposals contained therein are in many respects a radical departure from the present Forestry course; especially in the matter of the Combined Course Options of Botany and Forestry, Commerce and Forestry, and Economics and Forestry.

The experience of the last few years has been that it is impossible to crowd practically all forestry courses into one year and cover the field adequately. The students are not getting training in fundamental sciences and forestry which they should have in order to be properly qualified to carry out the duties of their profession. In the past, students in the Botany Option have had excellent training in the biological sciences, which is the basis of forestry, but have been lacking in some basic engineering and surveying subjects which all Foresters should have. In the same way, Commerce Option men have an excellent business training, but are almost completely lacking in a biological background.

Briefly the proposed program is designed to eliminate the above difficulties and develop a more uniform curriculum for all Forestry students in their lower years, with options to specialize in four different branches of Forestry in their upper years. These four branches will be:

1. Forest Engineering, in which students will enroll in the Faculty of Applied Science, as at present and upon graduation will receive the B.A. Sc. in Forest Engineering degree. In this option the first three years of the Engineering course will be the same as in the past, but there will be certain modifications in the fourth year, allowing the students to receive more forestry training.

2. Technical Forestry, in which the students will start their forestry work in second year, will take seven units of forestry in third year, together with six units of botany, and three units in an optional subject. In the fourth and fifth years they will take all forestry courses, together with forest botany and entomology courses. The unit value of these last two years will be 35, exclusive of extended spring field work will be required on the University Forest at Haney.

3. Forest Business Administration. This course will be identical with the Technical Forestry course in the first four years. In the last year,

however, students following this option, instead of taking advanced courses in Silviculture, Mensuration and Forest Management, as required of Technical Foresters, will be required to take four Commerce courses, namely: Commercial Law, Marketing, Business Finance and Industrial Management. This option is designed to train men for the straight business aspect of the Forest Industries. They will receive a very good background in forestry and the biological sciences, which justify the granting of a forestry degree, and in addition will receive training in accounting and other Commercial courses mentioned above which will give them an excellent background for fitting into the business life of the forest industries.

The fourth option offered will be a course in chemical wood products, which will lay the foundation for post-graduate work in this extremely interesting and important phase of the forest industries.

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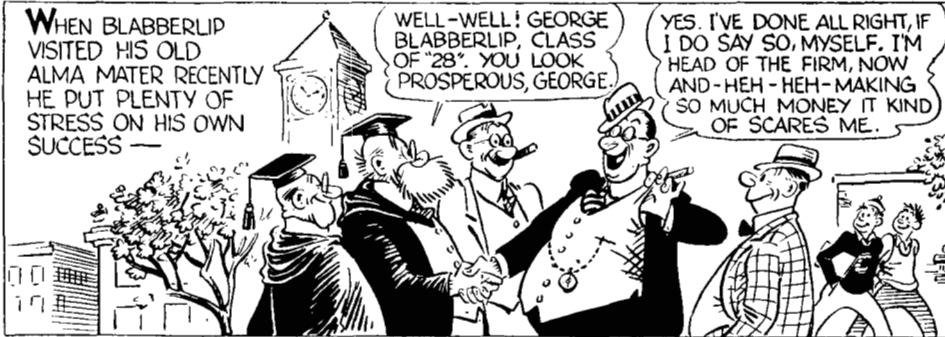
What will it ultimately be—destroyer or creator? We little people can only hope for the best, and perhaps take heart from the fact that the blinding flash that heralded the birth of the new era also presaged the end of a terrible war.

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## Soldier-Scholar Wins French Bursary

Captain Lloyd Hobden, '37, a member of the Canadian Scottish has been awarded the much-prized French Government Scholarship for the second time. His first success at the scholarship was in 1938 and he was in Paris under its provisions when war broke out. He completed his year at the Sorbonne and got out just ahead of the Germans as they entered Paris. He returned to U.B.C. to obtain his M.A. in 1940. He then joined the Rocky Mountain Rangers and went overseas in 1943.

He later transferred to the Canadian Scottish. He was wounded in the field with this unit. On his return to duty he was posted to Canadian Army field education work at Brussels. Under the scholarship he will have an opportunity of obtaining his Doctorate in French Literature.

Captain Hobden has already taken up his studies and has met many Canadians who are also studying at the Sorbonne. Among them are some former U.B.C. students.



Walter J. Lind, '32, Vice-President of the Alumni Association has been appointed manager of the lamp and lighting division, Vancouver district office Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. Graduate in mechanical engineering at U.B.C., Mr. Lind did graduate work and lectured in the mechanical engineering department for several years.

Since joining C.G.E. in 1937, he has served in the Vancouver office as air conditioning and refrigeration engineer; in the lighting service department at head office, and most recently as lighting service engineer in Vancouver. Mr. Lind is secretary-treasurer of B.C. chapter Association of Professional Engineers.

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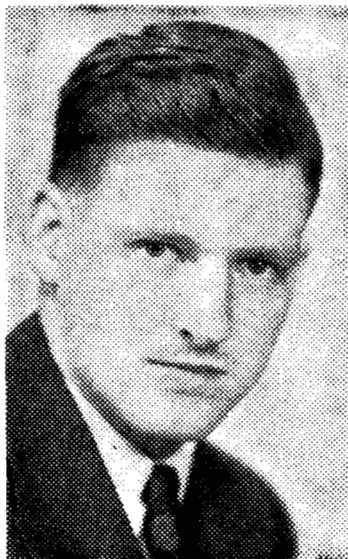
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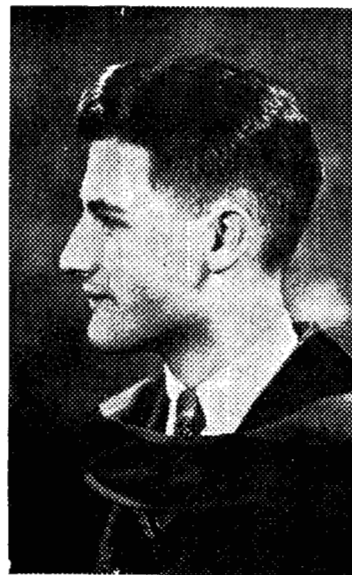
★ PEOPLE ★



Charles Brazier, '30, has been appointed Prices and Supply Representative of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board at Vancouver. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Brazier has been chief enforcement counsel for the Board in B.C. since 1941.

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Dr. Oliver Lacey, U.B.C. graduate of the class of 1938, is acting head of the department of psychology at the University of Alabama, and has been doing research work on amnesia. Recently some of his findings were published on the relationship between unstable minds and the sugar and protein content of the blood in rats. He studied on a fellowship at Cornell University before going to Alabama a year and a half ago.



**U. B. C. APPOINTMENTS**

The Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia have approved the appointment of the following graduates to the staff of the University:

Department of Bacteriology and Preventive Medicine: Miss Joan Rogers, B.A., '45, Assistant.

Department of Physics: Mr. H. W. Sutherland, B.A., '45, Assistant; Mr. William C. Ferguson, B.A., '43, Assistant.

University Health Service: Miss Dorothy May Ladner, B.A., '44, Public Health Nurse.

Named as Instructors of the Special Winter Session are the following:

Department of Modern Languages: Mr. Odin S. Sostad, B.A., '37, and Mr. A. F. Walsh, B.A., '37.

Instructors for the Special Winter and Special Spring Sessions are:

Department of English: Miss K. Marcuse, B.A., '43, Assistant.

Department of History: Mr. R. J. Burrows, M.A., '39.

Department of Mathematics: Mr. F. Field, M.A., '37.

Three of the four Instructors appointed to the Department of English for the Special Winter and Spring Sessions are former officers in the forces. They are: Major Robert L. MacDougall, B.A., '39, who recently returned to Vancouver with the Sea-

forths as second in command; Lieut. Robert H. G. Orchard, B.A., '44, who was attached to the Camouflage Wing of the Engineers, and Lieut. Rodney P. Poisson, M.A., '35, who was on active service in the Pacific with the Royal Canadian Navy.

The following are new assistants:

Department of Botany and Biology: A. J. Nash, B.A., '41.

Department of Commerce: Patricia Cunningham, B. Com., '45.

Department of Mathematics: Miss Margaret George, B.A., '44; Mr. Ernest Errico, B.A., '44.

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# FRANKLY SPEAKING

By **FRANK TURNER**  
(Alumni Secretary-Manager)

Rip Van Winkle has nothing on at least one ex-service student on the U.B.C. campus today.

Language Instructor Alan F. Walsh (B.A. '37), a veteran of 4½ years as a lieutenant R.C.N.V.R., is the authority for that statement.

"You know I always ask members of these special classes which started in January how long since they've studied any French," said Alan, "and one Tuesday in January I found one chap who'd been away from ALL studies for 20 years."

To me, that brought home the message more forcibly than figures or fractions—our University is really struggling to serve those 3,500 who served together along with the other 3,500 students.

Frank Clark (B.A. '40), another ex-Navy man, who returned to take Law, summed it up very well the other day. "Students on the campus today realize their opportunities more than ever before," said Frank, "and they intend to make the most of them."

## PERSONALITIES

**Bill Backman** (Forestry '43), bounced into the Alumni office one January day, claiming "it's a great life, the outdoors." Bill is the logging engineer with Bloedel, Stewart and Welch. Said Bill: "Every student and graduate is an ambassador for the University. He's 'Education' to his fellow workers and employers and unless he gets along with them while doing his job, then those people and their friends have a dim view of the University." . . . The Publicity Committee of the University War Memorial Gymnasium Fund were a mite disappointed when **Art Sager** (B.A. '38), refused to name the new heir to the Sager fortune "Gymn." Art's been doing a great job, both in his University work and for the War Memorial drive.

. . . **Barry Sleigh**, president of the Graduating Class in '44, (B.A. Sc.), left in February for Toronto and way points as salesman, Technical Products Division of Shell Oil Co. . . . **Gerry Sutherland** (B.A., B. Comm. '37), just back from overseas with the Air Force, is now manager of Park Theatre, Vancouver. . . . **Dr. Harry Warren**

(B.A. '26, B.A. Sc. '27), has issued a frantic appeal to any Alumni in or around Vancouver to turn out with U.B.C.'s Grass Hockey team. . . . **Lieut. (SB) Norm Moodie R.C.N.V.R. (R)**, who spent three years with the British Admiralty Technical Mission in the U.S.A., is now in charge of Naval Armament Stores, Lynn Creek, North Vancouver.

Norm graduated in Applied Science in '36, now hopes to make the Navy his career. Incidentally, Lieut. Moodie personally donated a bond for the War Memorial Fund. . . . Norm revealed that **Stephen C. "Binks" Robinson**, who graduated in Geology in Applied Science, did a stretch with the Navy as Group "c" Officer, on the North Atlantic Convoy route. "Binks" is the only U.B.C. student to complete his Master's course in less than a year, according to Norm. He obtained his M.A. Sc., in '36. . . . **Mrs. Jacques Bieler, nee Miss Zoe Browne-Clayton** (B.S.A. '36, B.A. '37), is now with the Montreal Standard. . . . **Dr. Jack ("Spud") Davis** (B.A. Sc. '39), Rhodes Scholar in '39, recently rolled across the Atlantic to take charge of Turbo Research Limited's affairs in the Old Country.

His wife, the former **Margaret Worthing**, took her first three years in Arts at U.B.C., but completed her B.A. course in the University of Toronto. Jack's been engaged in jet-propulsion research. . . . **Doug ("Ozzie") Durkin** (B.A. '40) is the driving force behind an Alumni revival surge in and around Toronto. "Ozzie" will be remembered as the music-loving man who wielded a magic baton in front of the campus orchestras of yester-year. . . . **Dr. W. C. "Bill" Gibson** (B.A. '33), now in the Intern's Residence, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is keenly interested in Alumni affairs. Bill's offered some sound advice on residences, alumni representation on the building committee and many other vital problems that have arisen. . . . **Grev. Rowland** (B.A. '29), publisher of the Penticton "Herald," also made some worthwhile suggestions. . . . **Calling all Branches!** The University Public Relations' Committee is appealing to Alumni branches for "clippers," to cut out of local papers all stories on U.B.C. and send them to Art Sager on the campus. This is a continuous task but an important one.

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## ALUMNI PLAYERS NEWS

By BETTY BYNG-HALL, '33

With "Claudia" and "Heaven Can Wait," behind us, plays that we feel have met with some measure of popular success, the Players' Club Alumni feels justified this year in attempting something of a more experimental nature—something to be done for our own satisfaction and for the satisfaction we hope, of those who look to this group for plays of this type. The play chosen for this venture is Thornton Wilders' "The Skin of Our Teeth," a fantastic piece, with a message not always apparent to the unsuspecting. In the reading, it offers never a dull moment and should provide a fund of amusement and adventure for all those participating.

The spring programme for the Club includes the usual workshop activity in addition to the play. The workshop this year offers two courses for members in pursuance of the Club's policy of studying the various theatre arts. One is a course in choral speaking being given by Mrs. Graham during the month of February and the other is a class in mask making, conducted by Miss Beatrice Lennie. In the latter, it might be said that the dinosaur and the mammoth, (household pets in "The Skin of Our Teeth") are being constructed, teasing and amusing problems for all those who have undertaken this course.

In addition to the spring programme, the Players' Club Alumni has another project in mind, namely the offering of a \$50.00 scholarship to the undergraduate Players' Club. It is being given with a view to enabling some outstanding member of the Players' Club to take advantage of the courses offered by the Summer School of the Theatre. It is hoped, too, that this gift, as a gesture, will help to cement friendly relationships between the graduate and undergraduate groups.

Activity in the Players' Club Alumni this year has been enlivened and given new impetus by the return to the group of numerous members who have returned from overseas service or from parts of the world to which the war has taken them during the past six years. If there are others, happening to read these paragraphs, who have not yet been contacted and who would be interested in taking an active part once more, the club would be glad to welcome them and the secretary delighted to hear from them (Kerr, 1455L).

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# GEORGE BULHAK *Portrait*

## Polish Photographer Captures



TYPICAL BULHAK SCENE

Late in 1944 Mr. George Bulhak published a little volume of pictures that has already become immensely popular with graduates of U.B.C. The booklet tells in picture and story, the history of the University.

Many a familiar scene can be seen within the blue covers. It is a book to be kept and treasured and one which fills a long-standing need.

The book was produced with the co-operation of the University and contains much valuable material.

Several of its pictures have already appeared in the Chronicle and it is hoped to present more in the future.

There's a story behind "U.B.C. Panorama" which goes back a lot further than the two years which Mr. Bulhak spent in taking and selecting the forty beautiful photographs. It's a story which might go back as far as the thirteenth century, for George Bulhak could, if he wished, trace his family tree back to medieval times. But George Bulhak is no longer much interested in the past; it is the present and the future which occupies him completely. For, though he came to Canada but five years ago, he likes to be thought of as a true Canadian. This is the country which has captured not only his artist's imagination but his heart as well.

George Bulhak will always feel, as he himself will tell you, very greatly indebted to the country of his adoption, not only because of the warmth and hospitality which he and his wife received when they arrived here on Christmas Eve of 1940 as refugees from Poland, but also because it was in Canada that he was first given the opportunity of following the vocation which he had chosen as a youth but which has eluded him all his life.

Mr. Bulhak went to school in Poland.

His uncle Stanley, cousin Jan and their friend, the noted painter, Ferdinand, became his three instructors, dividing among themselves the subjects

in which they specialized. His uncle instructed him in dark-room procedure and processing; his studies with his cousin comprised the history of art and the theory of composition, and pictorial photography; the principles of drawing and painting were taught by Ferdinand. All three artists belonged to the School of Polish Impressionism; they were much more interested in fleeting atmospheric effects of nature, its life, its poetry, than in the colour abstractions of the French school. The five years which George spent with camera and pencil laid the foundation for his future development as an artist.

He had resolved to follow in his famous cousin's footsteps and become an artist-photographer, but the First World War intervened.

He enlisted in the army, trained first for the artillery, saw action at the front. Later he became a radio operator and observer with the air arm, engaged in army co-operation work. This did not complete his varied career as a soldier, however. After a brief period of training he was transferred to the Cavalry, and it was in action as a Commander of his own squadron that he was seriously wounded. A short convalescent leave followed weeks in hospital, after which he returned to the front as headquarters liaison officer.

After the war, and during the unsettled years which followed, George studied at the University in Warsaw. At the University he studied Economics and Political Science, specializing in the field of Agricultural Economy.

During the years he never lost his interest in pictorial photography. "By 1927 my cousin Jan had become the head of the Department of Art Photography at the University of Vilno," George relates. "I met him in the spring of that year for the first time since 1914. From then on, during all my spare time, I resumed my studies in art, devoting them now to a pictorial composition in photography." He looked forward to the time when he would be able to put business obligations aside and devote himself entirely to photography. He became a member of a group of artists commissioned by the government to prepare an illustrated encyclopaedia of the new Polish nation.

In the late summer of 1939 Germany invaded Poland. An officer in the reserve army, George

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# of an Artist Photographer...

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Bulhak went to Warsaw to enlist, leaving his wife and the women and children relatives of their family at home in the country. Officials at Warsaw, taking into account his category C rating as a wounded veteran, and his business experience, informed him that his services would be reserved for emergency administration work and that he would be called upon when needed. He returned to the country to await orders.

Here he quickly organized his army of women and children to guard nearby railway bridges against saboteurs many of whom had been discovered operating in the neighborhood.

Finally he and his wife were forced to flee Poland and many terrible experiences were gone through. They spent some considerable time in Lithuania, waiting for visas.

Visas arrived in September, 1940, but by now escape across Poland had been cut off. The only alternative was a long and expensive trip across Russia.

The journey across Russia, Siberia, and the Pacific, including the period of waiting for a ship in Japan, took over three months, and by the time they had arrived in Vancouver on Christmas Eve of 1940, they had no money to continue their journey. Two tired and lonely refugees, with no speaking knowledge of the language, no relatives or friends, and no money. "It was clear that the first thing to do was to learn English," George relates. "And so I went immediately to the University." He was warmly welcomed by the men he met in the Faculty of Agriculture. He was enrolled as a student of English, and was engaged to do experimental work in the Department of Agronomy.

George Bulhak was a student and staff member of the University for two years, and then, anxious to do some work more directly connected with the war effort, he obtained a position with a company which manufactured precision instruments for the navy. During this period he was able to build up his photographic equipment. In his spare time he took courses at U.B.C. in Canadian economic and social history.

George and Wanda Bulhak have lived on the edge of the University campus since the spring of 1941. George is still a student, the oldest only in years, for few have as youthful a spirit. He knows the beauty of the campus better perhaps than any one, and it was quite natural that his first photographic work should be a tribute to the University which befriended him.

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# Recent Developments On the Faculty of Medicine

By PAT FOWLER,  
President Pre-Medical Undergraduate Society

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

*This student campaign has been successful. Just prior to this issue going to press, a statement was issued by Premier Hart to the effect that the necessary funds would be forthcoming, and the University Administration have stated that they "can now see nothing to prevent the opening of the school this fall." It is hoped that the construction of the permanent Medical Faculty will commence at the same time, in readiness for 1947.*

*Of late a move has been taken to have the Medical School at one of the Vancouver hospitals rather than at the University. Alumni reaction on this point is sought.*

Three hundred pre-Medical Undergraduates at U.B.C. have this year put their maximum effort behind a campaign for the establishment of a Medical Faculty on the campus next September. This action has been found necessary despite favorable indications of the permanent school being installed in 1947, inasmuch as such a very small percentage of B. C. students are able to gain admittance to medical schools elsewhere. The outcome of this endeavor is still undecided, but it can be affected to no small extent by active support from members of the Alumni Association.

### The Problem

This year, about 125 B. C. men and women will

Med. training here, and of them only about 20 will be accepted at all existing Canadian Medical Schools. The other 100 or so will be denied medical education—they will not become doctors, unless drastic action is taken on their behalf in the form of some sort of temporary faculty at U.B.C. this fall.

For the past several months, the problem has been attacked by a committee of students under the chairmanship of Barney Murphy, vice-president of the pre-Med. Society, working in co-operation with the University Branch of the Canadian Legion. Requirements for the temporary faculty have been analyzed, sites have been examined and discussions have been held with the Administration, the Alumni executive and members of the Vancouver Medical Association.

It now appears that the normal complete course of first year Medicine cannot be commenced this year, inasmuch as Anatomy and Physiology require such extensive laboratory facilities that they cannot be taught in huts. In other words, these subjects will have to be deferred until 1947 when the permanent buildings are in place.

\$1,500,000 of the \$5,000,000 provincial appropriation for construction has been allocated to the have finished a three or four-year course of pre-

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permanent Medical faculty. In this connection, Dr. C. E. Dolman of the Department of Bacteriology and Preventive Medicine is at this time conducting a survey of 20 Canadian and American medical schools with a view to determining the soundest policies for the future faculty.

**A Compromise**

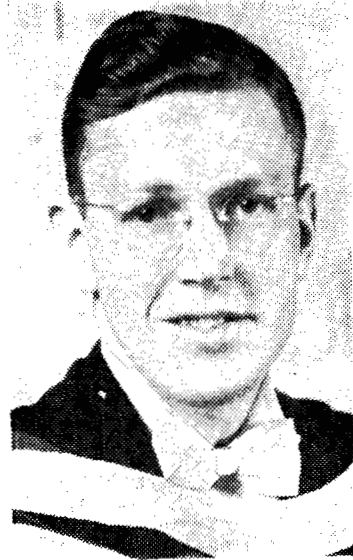
In view of the difficulties regarding Anatomy and Physiology previously mentioned, a program of study has been suggested to the pre-Meds. by the Administration, as a workable compromise between the desire for a full first-year course and the prospect of no course at all.

If carried out, this will mean that the student will have his two full pre-clinical years of Medicine completed by 1948; moreover, it is believed that the course will be quite as satisfactory as if the various subjects were taken in the usual order. The financial burden on the student, with no long vacation, will be severe; but that point is one for future consideration. Perhaps fees might be set very low for this period of emergency.

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This course of action will require an operating budget of from \$60,000 to \$75,000 for the years 1946-7 from the Provincial Government at its February Session. It is hoped that, since this program will embody the first step in providing more adequate medical service for the people of the province, there will be no doubt in the minds of members of the government as to the justification for the expenditure.

It is the earnest plea of all our pre-Med. students that you, members of our Alumni, give this project your most active support. This budget must be passed.



Dr. George E. Sleath, '42, won top scholastic honours in his graduating year at University of Alberta Medical School recently. He won the Mosher Memorial Medal in medicine.

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# LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Sir:

As a member of the Alumni Association and also as one connected with the Administration of the University, it is very heartening to observe the very close interest which all fellow graduates are showing in the expansion of U.B.C.

The importance of the Graduate Chronicle in developing and maintaining this interest can not be over emphasized. In keeping graduates in all parts of the world informed of the activities of the University, the Chronicle performs its task in a most admirable fashion.

For many graduates, the Chronicle is the only source of information concerning their Alma Mater. For that reason it is vitally important that all news appearing in this journal should furnish a complete picture of what is going on at U.B.C.

Two questions which were discussed in recent issues of the Chronicle may, I feel, have caused some concern to graduates not fully aware of the present situation. As one rather intimately concerned with these two questions, I would like to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of graduates a few facts not covered in the Chronicle treatment. I speak simply as an interested member of the Alumni Association.

First, the question of physical education. It is important to state at the outset, that the Board of Governors had already provided for a considerable expenditure and expansion in this field before the resignation of Mr. Maury Van Vliet last May. The notification of Mr. Van Vliet's resignation was received with regret by both the Board and the Administration.

It was realized that any program of expansion would be restricted by the limited facilities now available, and that little could be done to enlarge these facilities until permission to build had been received from the government and sufficient funds were forthcoming. Besides, the Administration was faced with the more urgent problem of looking after the thousands of veterans expected during the current term. However, within these limits, the maximum amount of expansion has been carried out. The physical education staff has been doubled and there are now at U.B.C. four full-time, qualified physical instructors in charge of the new program.

This program itself was extended. There is an extensive program in both a voluntary and compulsory scale. Compulsory physical education has been provided for students in the first and second years, and voluntary participation in sports has stimulated a tremendous revival of all athletic activities on the campus.

In this connection it is significant to note an editorial in a recent issue of the *Ubyssy*: "Athletics are beginning a great post-war boom right here on the campus. Bob Osborne, Director of Physical Education and coach of the basketball outfit, is building up our sports program faster than students had ever hoped. Already we have a fine coaching staff, and compulsory P.T. for freshmen and sophomores is running smoothly and efficiently."

As far as facilities are concerned, everything possible has been done. A women's playing field is being prepared; alterations have been made to the stadium to obtain the maximum use of base-ment space; a public address system has been installed in the gymnasium; four new blackboards have been set up on the floor for intra-mural games, an army hut has been furnished for dancing classes, ping pong and other recreational purposes; and the main floor of the armouries has been made available for physical education.

True, there is urgent need of a large, fully-equipped and permanent gymnasium. The Alumni Association and the under-graduates have launched a campaign to secure funds for such a building, and in this endeavor the Administration has offered full co-operation and support.

It would appear that the Administration is fully convinced of the importance of physical education and is planning for the establishment of a fully-equipped Department of Physical Education and a degree course in the near future.

I would like also to comment upon "Open Letter to the Committee on Dormitories," which appeared in the December issue of the Graduate Chronicle.

A great deal of time and effort has been spent in preparing plans for a residence to suit the particular needs of students at the University of British Columbia. A study was made of women's residences throughout Canada and in many parts of the United States. The plans which have now been drawn up for consideration include the best features of many fine buildings of this type.

The Administration, I feel, is as concerned as anyone that in the design of a residence, accommodation be provided for the maximum number of students at the lowest possible cost. But this is not the only nor yet the prime consideration. The Administration is also vitally concerned in the safety, welfare, health and environment of the women who will be living in permanent residences on the campus. It believes that the provision of permanent dormitories is quite as important and as essential a part of the work of the University as the provision of libraries, laboratories, and classrooms; that the chief purpose of university residence halls is not only one of housing, but one of education and educational influence as well.

The Administration and the Alumni should also be concerned with the future. In planning our buildings of tomorrow we must take care that they are truly "permanent" buildings, and in keeping with the important role which U.B.C. will be called upon to fill in the lives of the people of the Province and the Dominion.

The cost of building is much higher than it was before the war, and we must meet that fact. Just how much the erection of a permanent residence will cost per student has not yet been calculated, but this figure will definitely determine the number of units which can be built at the present time.

It needs to be emphasized, however, that the initial cost of the building will not necessarily affect the rates to be charged to residents. This rate will be based on the cost of maintenance and operating, and a great deal of thought has been given to

the design of a building which can be operated economically.

However, whatever the individual charge, a plan is under consideration for a partial reimbursement to residents by means of bursaries. Also under consideration is a system whereby students from out of town will be allowed preference.

The Administration hopes to ensure the maximum use by all students on the campus of the residence building, and in the plans now under consideration provision has been made for a cafeteria open to all women on the campus, for club and other rooms in the basement, and for a lounge which could be used for official functions and for the entertainment of relatives and other visitors to the University.

I hope these comments may be of some interest to the Alumni.

Yours truly,  
A. H. SAGER, '38.

## HELP WANTED

When is a file not a file?

The question arises with reference to the Graduate Chronicle, and the University Library would like to know the answer. In all probability no complete file of the Chronicle is at present available anywhere, and the Library's aim is to make good this deficiency. The Chronicle first appeared as an annual in April, 1931, and this initial issue was duly marked "No. 1." The second number, published in May, 1932, was likewise marked "No. 2," but thereafter numbering ceased, though the Chronicle continued. The Library's set includes issues dated July, 1935, May, 1936, May, 1937, and May, 1938. Whether or not others appeared, particularly in 1933 and 1934, no one seems able to say.

Late in 1938 or early in 1939 it was decided to publish the Chronicle more frequently than once a year. The earliest issue in the Library is numbered "Vol. 1, No. 2," and is dated April, 1939. Presumably Vol. 1, No. 1, was published either in December, 1938 or January, 1939. Volume and copy numbers were used with fair regularity thereafter until the end of 1943, when they again disappeared, not to be resurrected until December, 1945. Diligent research suggested that by that time the Chronicle should be numbered Vol. 7, No. 5; and it will be noted that the present issue is therefore Vol. 8, No. 1.

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If anyone happens to have any issues of the Chronicle not listed here, the Library will be very glad to hear about it. Another copy or two of the issues dated April, 1939, and December, 1939 would also be welcomed, as it is hoped to keep the file at least in duplicate, and, if possible, in triplicate.

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## Gym Fund Notes

It was fitting that one of the first contributions received for the War Memorial Gymnasium should come from the Rev. George Pringle. Mr. Pringle is the father of the late beloved George Pringle one of the University's greatest basketball stars who was killed in action with the R.C.A.F. Ralph Connor wrote his famous book, "Sky Pilot" on the inspiration of the life of the Rev. Pringle, who spent many years in the North Country . . . Norman F. Moodie, B. Rpp. Sc., 1936 dropped into the Alumni secretary's office at U.B.C. the other day and bolstered the fund with a \$100 Victory Bond. "My mother got the campaign brochure in Calgary and sent it on to me," said Norm, "and I thought I'd like to make this contribution . . . Lieut. (S.B.) Moodie R.C.N. (R.), is now in charge of Naval Armament Stores at Lynn Creek. He was with the British Admiralty Armament Stores during the war.

President Norman McKenzie inadvertently made one of the first contributions to the fund at a meeting of the Alumni Association Dinner meeting. . . . It is the custom of the association to pay for the guest's dinners, but the president wouldn't hear of it so as a compromise everyone agreed it would be a good idea to add it to the campaign coffers . . . Another famous University man, Dr. J. E. Kania, one of the leaders in the 1922 trek from Mount Pleasant to the present site had a story to tell when he came in with a cheque. He said that one of the people he solicited to prepare a petition list to move the University to its present location was a man who ran a booth at the Pacific Exhibition. "To show you the interest, even the people most remote had in the University at that time," said Dr. Kania, "this man turned in the largest list of names recorded in the campaign. . . . From Bob Forshaw, now lecturing at the University of Saskatchewan, came a welcome donation . . . Grads will remember Bob as the Aggie expert who 'tis said could sex newly born chicks faster than any man in the country . . . Life member C. Muriel Aylard sent in a very handsome gift from Victoria.

For those who haven't as yet sent in their donation to the fund, Arthur B. Paul, B.A. (40), sent in his contribution the other day despite the fact he is confined to the T.B. ward in the General Hospital.

## . . . Marriages . . .

Hilda May Soderstrom to William James Murray at Vancouver.

Eleanor Robertson to Lieut. Edmund Dashwood-Jones, at New Westminster, in February.

Catherine Laurel Carter, '38, to Arthur Holt Caldicott, on Feb. 10th, at Vancouver.

Mona Quebec, '45, to Donald Wright Robertson, in January, at Vancouver.

Joan Langdon to F.O. Frank McLagan, at Vancouver, on Dec. 28th.

Laura Marion McDonald to Eric Robert Olson, at New Westminster, in January.

Melba Doreen Dougan to D. A. Sandy Hay at Vancouver on Dec. 5th.

Mary Irene Campbell, '42, to John Gibson at Vancouver on January 17th.

Jean Mackenzie McKee to Robert Jackson Waldie, at Vancouver, on Jan. 10th.

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