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EDITORIAL

Once again history was made at U.B.C. when, on November 19th, in Brock Hall, the members of Convocation and the Alumni Association members for the first time united on the occasion of their respective annual meetings. That the rather complicated Agenda was carried through so smoothly was due to the skilful direction of the respective Chairmen. Chancellor Emeritus Hamer presided over Convocation with his usual adroitness and dispatch, and with welcome dashes of humour. Retiring President Douglas Macdonald, and newly-elected President Dudley Darling, despite the distractions of good food and good company, put through the Alumni Association business with no evident sign of hurry or confusion. A word of admiration and thanks is due to those responsible for arranging the very successful dinner meeting, and especially to Dr. W. G. Black, hard-working committee chairman, and to Executive-Director Frank Turner, for their painstaking preparatory labours.

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R. J. (Bus) Phillips, U.B.C. Co-ordinator of Athletics, when asked recently his opinion on the objectives and value of athletic activities in the life of the University, said that, in his view, the essential aim of all forms of sport instruction was "to help young people realize the necessity for keeping fit, to teach them to play to win but to take a loss without being, and to be a good sport always." He added that, while he took a keen general interest in all sports, he was especially interested in their application to the improvement of our youth as citizens. So long as this spirit and objective in University sports is fostered and maintained most of us would agree that athletic instruction and competition have a valuable place in the curriculum.

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In the last issue there appeared two short poems by John Reeves, formerly a member of the U.B.C. Classics Department, now with the CBC, Toronto. His program, "A Word in Your Ear" is heard on Tuesday night and he frequently produces the Distinguished Artists Recital and other Wednesday night programmes. In this issue is a poem by him on Kathleen Ferrier, which has special poignancy because of the death, in England, of this great singer since his verses were written.

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All who heard Dr. Rhys Sale, President of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, deliver the U.B.C. Autumn Congregation address or who read his words in the Press, could not fail to be deeply impressed by his keen analysis of the relations between the University and industry and his clearly expressed views on the financial plight of Education in Canada. His announcement of the twenty-one scholarships to be given by his Company over the next three years, together with a "direct grant of $500 annually to the institution chosen by the student" is certain to inspire other companies and individuals to give attention to the problems of higher education. To quote the words of Dr. Sale, "We must have among parents an aroused consciousness of the glaring weakness of our educational system, a consciousness that will reflect itself in the strongest demand for more adequate remuneration for the teaching profession, more inducements to young people to become teachers, and better facilities for education. We need a fresh look at the importance of education in the development of our national life."

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Penticton

The annual meeting of the Penticton Branch of the U.B.C. Alumni was held on Sunday evening, October 18, 1953, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Barr. Guests of honour were Dr. and Mrs. Norman MacKenzie. Members of the Summerland Branch were also present.

The President, Mrs. Clyde McLeod, reported on the year's activities. These included sponsoring a performance of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet in January and the spring play "Shadow and Substance" in May. Proceeds from these went to the local Bursary Fund. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet are to play a return engagement in May again sponsored by the Penticton Alumni.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Peter VanderHoop; Vice-President, Don Kerr; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Morley; Committee, Bill Gilmore, Bill Halcrow and Mrs. Chas. Temple.

Dr. MacKenzie addressed the meeting, stressing the importance of the Alumni to the University and telling of new developments at the University and of future plans. His talk and visit was very much appreciated by all present.

Branch News

Montreal

A branch of the U.B.C. Alumni Association was formed recently in Montreal when Frank Turner, Executive Director, was there in connection with the Thunderbird-McGill football game in September. A pro-tem executive has been formed with E. A. Thompson as president. Regarding the new branch Mr. Thompson writes under date of November 5th as follows:

"... Those interested in taking part in our activities in Montreal should write to me at my home address, giving me their home and business addresses, and telephone number so that they may be added to our mailing list.

"Pro-tem executive: H. Capozzi, 34 McTavish St., Montreal, P.Q.; J. G. Light, 616 Algonquin Ave., Town of Mt. Royal, P.Q.; Rex Merritt, 113..."

"...I propose within the next two to three weeks to have the pro-tem executive meet in my office and we can then discuss possible future activities. My present intention is that we would have a dinner meeting, or dance, early in the New Year, since this is a relatively slack time for most people and we would be likely to get better attendance."

Summerland

The Summerland Branch of the U.B.C. Alumni meeting last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. MacLeod, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Ewart Woolliams; vice-president, Mrs. A. K. MacLeod; secretary, Mrs. N. O. Solly; press and Chronicle representative, A. K. MacLeod; refreshment committee convener, Miss M. Barraud.

The meeting was an interesting one and decided to urge that the R. C. Palmer Memorial Scholarship fund be accepted as a U.B.C. alumni development fund.

The matter of reinvesting the Summerland Scholarship fund so that more money would be realized from it was discussed, and the executive was asked to look into the matter.

The local alumni is concerned with the possibility of bringing university speakers into the valley to talk on special topics of community interest, such as community planning, etc., and will try to act along these lines.

The advantage of a local representative of U.B.C. was recognized and the Summerland branch will contact other valley points in order to form a nominating committee for this purpose.

A committee consisting of Dr. D. F. Fisher, Mrs. N. O. Solly, and Mrs. A. K. MacLeod, was formed to draw up a resolution on the subject of equalizing opportunity for town and country students at the provincial university, to be forwarded to the coast.

A letter of appreciation will be sent from the branch here to Mrs. R. C. Palmer for her contribution to alumni work.

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FOR KATHLEEN FERRIER

How many hearing in the alien earth
Or air the unambitious have said
As I gratefully Here is a friend, and hearing
Loved? And hearing knew their worth
Altered for ever, as the dead
Are changed by easters of remembering,
Oh but before you shyness runs in rout;
The insubstantial cries of wrong
Are still, and the peoples reach out
Their hands to touch the height of your song.
Like children whom the silences reprove
And all our listening is love.

Orpheus again will weep
Upon the mountain of his loneliness,
And lost Lucretia dress
Her voice in death to keep
Her faith alive; and others will proclaim
Christ on the winter air
Our hope and harmony, and bear
Gerontius home with all his heart aflame.

But it will be for us to remember
How no one else can sing, who heard
And know: for here, in the very chamber
Of darkness, like a secret word,
Light flew in at our ears
And searched the place of tears
With joy and clarified our years.

Our hearts on you, and how
The spirit once again became
Lovable and even the most outlaw
Found in the alien air and earth a home.

—John M. Reeves.

CONVENTION OF REGISTRARS

By J. E. A. Parnell

(J. E. A. Parnell, B.A. ’35, B.Ed. ’48, M.A. (Toronto) ’48, is Associate Registrar at U.B.C.—Ed.)

The University of British Columbia was host to the 27th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers for the period November 8th to 11th. The delegates spent one full day on the campus, centering their activities in the Brock Memorial Building.

A tour of the campus was made possible by the generosity of some faculty members who provided their cars and by members of the Teacher Training class who acted as guides to visitors who had their own cars. An informal tea in the Faculty Club completed the day.

Over one hundred delegates attended the convention—a most creditable attendance in view of the fact that the majority of the two hundred institutions forming the Association are located in Oregon and California. This was the first time in the history of the Association that the annual meeting had been held outside of the United States.

Addresses were given by Ronald H. Thompson, President of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, who is Registrar of Ohio State University; by Clyde Vroman, Director of Admissions, University of Michigan; by Ernest Whitworth, Director of Commission on Accreditation, American Council on Education, Washington, D.C., and by Lloyd S. Woodburne, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington.

Dr. R. L. Haig-Brown spoke at the banquet of his views on Canadian culture and the Canadian character. Dr. K. F. Argue completed the story for the visitors by speaking at the final session on "Patterns of Canadian Education".

Charles B. Wood, U.B.C. Registrar, was Chairman of the General Convention Committee.

Next year's meeting will be held at Phoenix, Arizona, under the presidency of Dr. H. Hall, Registrar, Stanford University.

Don Smellie (B.Sol. Queen's, M.A.Sc. '51), winner of a Physics Scholarship last Session, has proceeded to the Australian National University at Canberra where he will study for the next two years.

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Ronald B. Thompson, President of American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Sister Margaret Rush, Holy Names College, Spokane, Washington, C. B. Wood, Registrar, U.B.C.
CHANCELLOR ADENAUER MEETS
PAX ROMANA LEADERS AT BONN

By Miss Mary McDougal (Arts '33)

(Miss McDougal is a Girls’ Counsellor at Pt. Grey Junior High School. Since her graduation she has had an unusually varied career in business and the public service. Six years in Banking and two years in the U.B.C. Registrar’s Office were followed by ten years as Youth Employment Counsellor in the National Employment Service. In 1951-52 she was 2nd Vice-President of the U.B.C. Alumni Association, an active member of the University Women’s Club, and a charter member and Past-President of the Vancouver Newman Alumni Association, which is affiliated to Pax Romana through the Canadian Federation of Newman Clubs (C.F.N.C.). Miss McDougal was a C.F.N.C. delegate to the Pax Romana Assembly in Bonn, Germany, during the past summer and was elected Canadian representative on the graduate council. Following is an extract from a letter describing her experience in Germany.—Ed.)

“One of the highlights of my trip to Europe was a conference I attended at Bonn, Germany. This conference was the meeting of the graduate section of Pax Romana—Pax Romana is a world federation of Catholic University students and graduates, representing 48 countries. The governing council comprises 9 member countries on a three-year-rotating basis. At present, I have the honour to represent Canada as council member. In this capacity I attended the Conference.

“The enclosed picture was taken at Bonn, when members of the council were received by Chancellor Conrad Adenauer. I am very thrilled to have this picture and thought you might care to use it in the Chronicle. I should be glad to have it back when it has served your purpose.

“In the picture: Chancellor Adenauer, Sir Hugh Taylor (President of P.R. and Dean of Graduate Studies at Princeton University), myself, Prof. Ramon Sugranyes de Franch (General Secretary of P.R., lawyer and professor of Spanish Language and Literature at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland). The young lady standing, acted as interpreter; she translated Mr. Adenauer’s German words into French. We were with him, around the council table, for a half-hour—a considerable time out of his busy days in August, when he was preparing for elections! Chancellor Adenauer has a strong, kind face and spoke to us in a quiet, forceful manner; he did not look his 77 years.”

A composition by Miss Barbara Pentland of the U.B.C. Department of Music was given its premiere by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on Sunday afternoon, November 15th. The work is entitled “Ave atque Vale”.

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History

The introduction of Commerce courses, as university disciplines, has generally been initiated by Departments of Economics, and the University of British Columbia has followed this pattern. The calendar of that Department for the year 1930 listed for the first time courses described as Accountancy 1, Accountancy 2, Accountancy 3, Marketing 19 and Commercial Law 1. The first graduate with this degree was Mr. James W. Horne, B.A., in 1930, and it was indicated that students who selected a particular grouping of undergraduate courses would proceed to the degree of B.Com. Graduates of the thirties will recall as Instructors, Prof. J. Friend Day, Prof. Currie, Mr. Frederick Field, Mr. Tupper and others who helped to define a standard for these subject-matters equivalent to those of other university courses.

In 1939 Mr. Ellis H. Morrow became the first Head of a separate Department of Commerce. He was forced, almost immediately, to condition his plans by the outbreak of World War II and by the departure of substantial numbers of young men to join the armed forces. Despite the limitations of staff, Professor Morrow set about developing a program of courses which would keep his Department in line with the most progressive undergraduate schools in Canada. Successive calendars show the addition of courses in foreign trade, production, advertising, market research, auditing, and administrative practices. Special courses were provided in drug-store marketing and management. Combined degrees or double-degrees, as they are called, were developed with Agriculture and Arts.

Then came the autumn of 1945 and the great flood of young men trying to fit themselves as quickly as possible for positions in civil life. Commerce registrations jumped from 152 in 1944-45 to 796 in 1947-48. Mr. D. K. Bell was drawn from private business to become a professor. Messrs. J. E. Stark, C. N. Brennan and John Farris and others were recruited as part-time lecturers. As soon as graduates, who were prepared to teach, could complete their post-graduate work they were added to the faculty. Professors Wong, Gourlay and Van Houten came to the staff in this manner. Professor Taylor came from Ontario; Saskatchewan provided Professor Mynnes; Professor Mahoney came from Harvard; and, by one device or another, the classes were taught.

In 1950 Professor Morrow retired, the Department was made a School, and Mr. E. D. MacPhee returned from business to teaching to become the Director. The course of instruction was again extended and reorganized, first year Arts was made a prerequisite and provision was made for a Master's degree. The faculty now consists of thirteen full-time and two part-time instructors, plus ten honorary lecturers who give occasional classes.

Population

The pattern of growth of the B.Com. since 1950 should be of interest to commerce graduates. The completion of their programs by veterans and the introduction of a five-year program combined to reduce the registration to 329 by 1950-51. This was 5 per cent of the total student body. It has increased steadily each year, and in the current session stands at 472, about 8.75 per cent of the total, and 11 per cent of the male student group. The number of women students continues to be small.

The rapidity of the rise in the School population, as a percentage of university registration, together with the very substantial increase anticipated in overall attendance at the university in the near future raises important questions as to the staff and facilities needed by the School in the next decade. In 1940 the registration in U.S.A. schools of business was, like ours at present, about 9 per cent. By 1950 it became over 15 per cent. We do not expect any such startling increase, but there is no sign of the curve flattening out, and we are anticipating a very substantial addition to the student population in Commerce as the years go by.

Philosophy

Schools of Commerce, like all other professional schools, are deeply divided on questions of goals, curricula and teaching methods. Most schools have undergraduate programs only; some serve graduates only; some, including this university, provide for both. In some the curriculum has changed little since 1930; in others a wide range of courses is
provided. Some prefer a general course with wide freedom of choice left to the individual student as to electives; others, including U.B.C., believe in a closer control of the student’s program.

In this University, the School of Commerce is a professional faculty, engaged in training men and women for a variety of professional and executive careers. It is our opinion that any professional man or executive should have such intellectual and cultural background as will enable him to deal constructively with the social, political and legal problems of his times and his environment. The B.Com. program must, therefore, provide him with an opportunity to become aware of the cultural, political geographic and economic factors which have created that environment. Courses in economics, geography, psychology, English, mathematics, are therefore obligatory. He may study a foreign language for two or three years, or a science, but he must carry any subject matter for at least two years.

B.Com. graduates are expected to have achieved competence or skill in the basic principles and practices of modern business operations, and to have some experience in the solution of business problems. To achieve this objective a core of required courses is prescribed for all: two courses in accounting, and one in each of six other named subjects. The ‘core’ therefore comprises just over a third of the total program.

A third principle which operates in curricula is that students should be required to concentrate in one or other field of business during their two senior years. These ‘options’ as they are called correspond to majors in Arts, to Honours courses in Agriculture and to professional courses in Applied Science. The options are fifteen in number, e.g., Accounting, Marketing, Production, Finance, Teaching, Hospital Administration, and so on. The intent is to allow the student to know well one field of business or professional activity but the student is continually reminded that his choice of an option is a choice of a training program, not a choice of a career. These specialized courses comprise about one-fourth of his four-year program.

It is the view of the School that its objective is not to train men in the techniques of individual industries or services, but to develop critical and analytic habits of thought and to establish sound work habits. It is of primary importance that B.Com. graduates have the outlook and intellectual standards of college men, not the skills of a technician. Hence the emphasis must be on general principles and procedures, and on competent application of these principles to varied business problems.

The responsibility of the School is not only in the intellectual field. Through an organized counselling service all Commerce men and women are required to maintain regular personal contact with one professor during their stay in the school. These obligatory interviews take place, but informal, friendly, confidential and sometimes emergent visits by students to their staff advisers are much more frequent and important.

The School accepts responsibility for “extending” its program to the community. Business and professional organizations have co-operated with the School in organizing certificate and diploma courses in accounting, marketing, advertising, sales management, finance, banking, industrial organization, and in administrative practices. This year over 800 men and women are registered in lecture and correspondence courses. These are not ‘popular’ courses; texts are prescribed; homework, of 10 to 15 hours weekly, is assigned; examinations are given and marked. The fact that the School has many more demands than it can meet from professional and executive groups all over the province indicates the extent of community demand and need.

A large unofficial new-graduate group of ‘alumni’ is developing and it is a stimulating and welcome addition to our ranks.

These men, as well as the B.Com. group, support the School in every manner suggested to them. As guest lecturers in their own special fields, as employers, as contributors of bursaries and scholarships, as supporters of our annual banquet, as faculty sponsors in their associations and councils and boards, and as persons who know from personal experience what the School of Commerce is teaching its young people, the School is well repaid for its assumption of this extra load.

The Present

The population of the School is once more young, but they are very promising young people. They do the same silly things as undergraduates have always done; they have the same weaknesses and foibles; but they have inherent strengths of intellect and character and are fitting successors to the 1400 who now hold the degree of B.Com. from this University.

The School is still housed in huts, but the accommodation has been substantially improved within the last two years. Graduating classes in 1952 and 1953 donated furniture for a lounge. Laboratories are being equipped in marketing, advertising, production, finance and accounting.

Alumni

Plans are now being made for the formation of a Commerce Division within the Alumni Association. Class records are being compiled and class representatives will soon be asking the Alumni to help bring our records of each of you up to date as to location, occupation, family and so on. Local branches or clubs will be formed in the principal cities.

Commerce Alumni are scattered over the whole continent; are engaged in almost every branch of industry and in various professional groups. As we collect up to date information we will publish it in The Chronicle. Why wait to be asked? Send in particulars of yourselves to the Director.

(The faculty of the School, and the interim officers of the Commerce Division of the Alumni, appreciate this opportunity to inform the Alumni of the progress being made in the School.)

On My Forty-third Birthday

I can see them warming up in the bull-pen,
The fitter and younger men.
And I can see them itching,
And it doesn’t improve my pitching.

—B.A. ’30

Professor Colin C. Gourlay, B.Com. ’47, of the School of Commerce, was named president at the Conference of Northwest Universities Business Administration held in October at the University of Idaho.
MEETING OF
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

By Frank Noakes

(Dr. Frank Noakes is Professor of and Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering in the University of British Columbia. Graduating from the University of Alberta in 1937, he proceeded to Iowa State College, where he received the M.Sc. degree in 1938 and Ph.D. in 1940. For three years, 1940-43, he lectured in Electrical Engineering, University of Toronto, and spent the three following years as Assistant Research Engineer with the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission. In 1946 he joined the U.B.C. staff as Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering. He is Past Chairman of the Vancouver Section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers whose District Conference he has described in this article.—Ed.)

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers was founded May 13, 1884. Its objects are the advancement of the theory and practice of electrical engineering and of the allied arts and sciences, together with the maintenance of high professional standing among its members.

For nasmall beginnings at the dawn of the present electrical age, the Institute has developed into one of the major engineering organizations on the North American continent with a membership of 42,000. In order to conduct the affairs of the Institute effectively, the continent has been divided into ten geographical districts, each under a Vice-President. District 9 includes the Province of British Columbia, Alaska, the States of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah. The Vice-President of this District is Mr. T. I. Inglelow, Vice-President and Chief Engineer of the B.C. Electric.

District meetings are held once a year. Last September 1-4 the Vancouver Section members numbering about 300, sponsored the Pacific General Meeting. The Institute's Board of Directors were also present and held a meeting during the Conference. In the total registration of 783 there were representatives from all quarters of the United States and from Eastern Canada.

The many uses of electricity are reflected in the variety of technical papers presented. Subjects treated included: electric power generation, transmission and distribution; land transportation; radio and wired communications; microwave-carrier communications; the uses of electricity in the chemical, electrochemical, mining and metallurgical industries; electrical techniques in medicine and biology; servo-mechanisms and differential analysers. The members also had an opportunity to learn something of the latest developments in the Province, particularly the Wahleach Hydro-electric development of B.C. Electric and the electrical aspects of Alcan's Kemano-Kitimat Hydro-Electric Project. In all, a total of 42 technical papers and 25 conference papers were presented.

The Institute has always had a keen interest in student activities; thus, in addition to the main technical programme, there was a student conference and a district prize competition for the best paper contributed. The Conference included a luncheon for the students and the student counsellors, Professor S. C. Morgan is the student counsellor of the U.B.C. Student Branch.

The visiting members had the opportunity to see something of the industrial development in the Vancouver area. Visits were made to the new DaI-Granar Sub-station, the Wahleach Generating Station and the Canadian Western Lumber Co. Other visits were made to the University of British Columbia and the B.C. Research Council.

Many wives attended the convention with their husbands and the Ladies' Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. H. Steede, aced as hostess to the visitors. In addition to a coffee hour each morning, sightseeing and shopping tours were arranged.

On the lighter side a number of visitors and no doubt some of the local membership, competed in a Salmon Fishing Derby.

The Convention has come and gone; the electric lights still glow brightly and the telephones ring merrily, but the Members once more failed to answer the question put by an old lady, who, after being shown through a large hydro-electric power station, asked, "What do you do with the electricity out of it?"

The following alumni and members of the University Faculty took an active part in organizing and conducting of the Pacific General Meeting:

THE PRESIDENT REPORTS—

Because of the continuing debate about education and about the function of the University and of higher education, I thought it might be interesting and useful to repeat here what I said over the air a few weeks ago.

"The University, as I understand it, exists to serve the community in which we live—British Columbia and Canada. It does this by educating the young people who enrol, and by training them for the professions in which they will later serve the community. It also contributes to our welfare through a great variety of direct community services of an interesting and important kind.

By “educating” our young people, I mean providing them with the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, morally and aesthetically to the maximum of their capacities. I mean, too, the stimulation of their interests, the arousing of their curiosity, the training of their minds, enabling them to think for themselves, to make choices between the good and the less good, and to discriminate in the midst of an increasingly difficult and complicated environment and world. We try to make available to them the accumulated wisdom, knowledge, experience and history of the human race, through the libraries that we acquire and through the learning of the teaching staff; we try to encourage and assist them to explore the unknown and to push back the frontiers of knowledge. This we do in the expensive and complicated laboratories which we possess and through the stimulation of working with distinguished scholars of mature years who are members of our staff. We introduce them to the best in art, in literature, in music, in architecture, in drama, in sculpture. We attempt to provide them with standards of value on moral issues, in their own lives, and in their relations with other human beings. We hope that here at the University they will come to understand themselves and to understand the nature of the world and the universe in which they live. We try to impress upon them the importance of their relationships with others, and of so organizing themselves in their communities and nation and in the world of nations, that they may be able to live in this world and in this nation with all sorts and kinds of people of varying races, classes and creeds, without resorting to violent and destructive measures, such as war and revolution, for achieving the ends that they seek or for the satisfying of the desires which they possess. In a word, we hope that when they leave us, they will understand what it means to be educated men and women, and will continue to strive to become and remain educated.

Training for the professions—Law, Medicine, Engineering, the Church, Education, and all the others—is a fairly straightforward business and one that most of you understand and accept. The members of these professions provide you with most of the services upon which you depend for the orderly and efficient living of your lives and the conduct of your affairs. The engineers build the roads and the bridges, the trains, the motorcars, the aeroplanes, and the steamships upon which you travel; the doctors look after your health and welfare; the scientists enable you to exploit our natural resources and use these for your own maintenance, comfort and well-being; the lawyers help to keep you out of trouble and to organize your governmental and business affairs; the clergy attend to your religious and moral needs, and help to provide the standards and the disciplines so necessary if a society is to operate and human beings live together in peace and harmony.

A special word is needed about physical education, recreation and athletics. In this area our concern is for the physical and mental well-being of every one of the students who come to us. Our Department of Physical Education is concerned with improving and maintaining the physical fitness of all students on the campus. We try to ensure that all students, when they graduate, will be better able to remain fit and well than they otherwise would. We are also concerned with training teachers of physical education, recreation, and athletics, so that they in turn may go out and contribute to the physical welfare of others throughout the Province—and more particularly, the boys and girls in the schools. We believe in the value and the importance of pleasant and health-giving recreation and of the wise and satisfying use of such leisure time as may be available to us. We are interested in competitive athletics because of the opportunities it provides for those who participate and because of the thrill and satisfaction which the rest of us, as spectators, gain from it. Our only concern here is lest we lose our sense of proportion about such matters and about the relative values of competitive athletics. As in most other fields of human activity, a great deal of harm can be done by interpenetration and over-emphasis in this.”

Related to our athletic and physical education programme is the construction of the Swimming Pool which is being built on the campus for the purpose of the British Empire Games to be held in Vancouver next summer. This pool has been the occasion for a great deal of unfortunate controversy and publicity, for which we at the University had no responsibility. More than a year and a half ago
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we were approached by interested citizens and civic officials to lend our support to the request that the Games should be held in Vancouver in 1954. After this decision had been made, we were asked to make our facilities available to the Committee in charge of the Games for the use of the visiting athletes and for the staging of any events which it might be desirable to arrange at University.

In reply to this request we stated that we would do everything within our power, subject to the prior claims of the University itself, to make all of our facilities available at cost. These include our residences which can take care of between 800 and 1000 individuals, our dining rooms and food services, our two gymnasiums, our track and playing fields, our University health services, and a variety of other facilities.

We were also asked to co-operate with the Games Committee in the building, on the campus, of a stadium to seat some 35,000 spectators, and a very large swimming pool (165 by 50 feet, with a depth suggested at that time of 21 feet). To both of these requests we replied that, subject to certain conditions made necessary in the long-term interests of the University, we would be glad to co-operate and to assist the Committee. Our architects then proceeded to prepare preliminary plans for both of these projects. However, due to the activity of certain groups in the city, the City Council and the B.E.G. Committee decided to construct the stadium on the Exhibition Grounds and the swimming pool at Riley Park. Because of the difficulties encountered in respect of Riley Park and the cost of placing the swimming pool there the B.E.G. Committee, with the approval of the City Council, again approached us and asked, a second time, for our help in building the pool on the University campus. Again we assured them that we were only interested in doing what was best for all concerned and that if they felt it would help them to build the pool at the University we would be glad to agree to that proposal. Construction has already begun and we expect that the pool will be completed by the end of June, 1954.

After the Games have been concluded the University will take over the pool and it will become University property and a University responsibility. We hope we will be able to find the money to roof it and to operate it. If we do, our policy in respect of the pool will be in line with our policy with other University facilities: that is, we will be glad to allow proper individuals and groups under reasonable safeguards and at no cost to the University or its students, to use our swimming facilities whenever this can be conveniently done.

It should be remembered that the University is and always has been of very great service to the citizens of Vancouver in many ways, and that our facilities are constantly being used by a great variety of individuals and organizations in Vancouver. It also overlooks the fact that much of the money, if not all of it, which will go into the construction of the pool, has been provided by the Federal and Provincial governments, by certain British Columbia municipalities and by private citizens and corporations. The city itself has contributed generously to the cost of staging the Games, but most if not all of the money that they are making available will be needed for the stadium, which is built within the city.

The pool when completed will be one of the largest (if not the largest) in Canada. It is much larger than we would have built for University purposes and the costs of operating it are likely to be correspondingly heavy. But because it is being built on the campus, the students and others associated with the University will have a swimming pool much sooner than would otherwise have been possible. This fact, plus the desire to help the Games Committee and the city of Vancouver in staging the Games, were the principal reasons why the Board agreed to assume the very considerable responsibilities connected with the building and the operating of the pool.

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HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED
AT AUTUMN CONGREGATION

Address given by Rhys M. Sale

The Twenty-seventh Autumn Congregation, held in the old gymnasium on the evening of Friday, October 30th, was a colourful ceremony of unusual interest. More than 250 students received degrees and were capped by Chancellor Sherwood Lett. Among the recipients were nine students presented for the degree of Ph.D.

Honorary degrees were conferred on four distinguished Canadians from widely different avenues of life. Percy R. Bengough, President of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, Most Reverend W. M. Duke, D.D., Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, and Rhys M. Sale, President of Ford Motor Company of Canada, were each awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws; Lawrence Guichon, Dean of British Columbia cattlemen, received the degree of Doctor of Science. The citations for the degrees were read by President MacKenzie. The distinguished guests of the University included the Honourable Robert Bonner, Attorney-General and Minister of Education and Mr. Harold Campbell, Deputy Minister of Education.

Dr. Rhys Sale was Congregation speaker, and addressed his remarks primarily to the members of the graduating class, for whom he prophesied a bright future in Canada. The following paragraphs represent the highlights of this speech.

Canada's Wealth

"Only those very close to the picture can grasp the true dimensions of the strides that have been made in the past quarter-century, but even so the development of our country has just begun. Within the next 25 years, we will take more ore from our rock, more oil from our wells, more food from our fields, and more timber and pulp from our forests, than we have in the past century. Moreover, more goods will flow from Canadian factories than we have produced in all the time since the first white man set foot in our country."

Economic Plight of Education

"Canadians spend less on education than they do on tobacco and candy. They spend a great deal less on education than they do on motor cars. They spend well over twice as much on movie tickets than on universities."

"We look upon teaching as a noble and vital profession. We entrust our children's education to high-minded men and women who devote themselves unselfishly to the task of preparing our young people for useful, successful lives. We expect these teachers not only to impart knowledge, but to build character.

"Yet we begrudge many of these highly-trained, high-minded teachers a wage we would pay cheerfully to the most menial worker. It is to the everlasting credit of teachers everywhere that they perform their duties so well, and keep their personal frustrations from tinging the lives and minds of the young people they teach.

"We desperately need a new approach to education in this country. We need more understanding of the problems and the requirements, not only by governments, but among businessmen, thought-leaders, and all the people of this country."

New Ford Scholarships

After announcing that his company would grant 21 scholarships over the next three years to sons and daughters of Ford of Canada employees, providing tuition and academic fees, a substantial part of the student's living costs, and direct grants to universities, for a four-year course, Dr. Sale said:

"The intent of the program is to open the way to higher education for at least a few promising young Canadians who might have no other means to go to university. It is our desire to contribute to the pool of better educated people in Canada."

Meaning of Graduation

"The hard fact is that the proud moment when a graduate receives his degree does not mark the end of his education, but perhaps only the beginning. His degree, instead of being the extension ladder to the top of the tree, is no more than a short step-ladder to help him get started on the long climb."

Danger of Over-Specialization

"For some years past there has been an increasing emphasis upon specialization. I see a danger that we are overdoing it. The result of over-emphasis on specialization is the growing and truly serious lack of well-rounded, broadly-trained and thoroughly alert men and women who can be promoted into the highest echelons of management."
ALUMNAE
by Leona Sherlock

British Columbia women — and many of them are University of British Columbia graduates — can claim a number of "firsts". One of the recent and most commendable is the appointment of Mrs. Nancy Hodges, L.L.D., as B.C.'s first woman Senator.

Mrs. Hodges has been admired for many years by all who know of her, not only for her brilliant political career, but as an individual and a homemaker. As Speaker of the House she claimed another "first" being the only woman in Canada to be given such an honour. The University shines by reflected glory in the fact that the new Senator is an Honorary graduate.

In nearly every issue of The Chronicle we have a note on UBC graduates going off to far-away places and this issue is no exception. Marion Foster, B.S.W. '51, left recently for Surinam (Dutch Guiana) for a three-year period as advisory staff member of the YWCA.

Mrs. Foster, since graduation, has taken YWCA jobs in B.C., Alberta and Ontario but her most exciting post to date is her new one. Before leaving she was brushing up on the Dutch language.

South America will be the new home of Mrs. Norman Stanley Kerr (Kathleen Margaret Kidd, B.A. '30) whose husband will take a government post there shortly. The Kerrs have been residing in San Francisco.

Also planning to reside in South America are two newly-weds, Timothy John Nichols and his bride, the former Leona Frances Watts. They will reside in Bogota, Colombia, after their honeymoon in the U.S.

Chronicle readers will be interested to know that Mrs. Henry Angus, B.A. '23, received a Coronation Medal for her distinguished record in the field of child welfare.

A note from Mrs. T. L. McMaster (Margaret Craig, B.A. '28) tells us she and her husband have moved to Victoria where Mr. McMaster is now manager of the main office, Bank of Nova Scotia. Their address is 572 Linkleas Ave., Victoria.

From Yugoslavia in September to UBC Teacher Training in October was the jump that Elva Plant, B.A. '52, took. Like many UBC graduates Elva left for Europe as soon as she'd received her degree—and now she's back full of tales of all she's seen and done.

But it wasn't all sight-seeing. Last January she applied for, and received, a scholarship to the University of Saarbrucken, Germany. While there she lived in old German army barracks, four students to a room, costing about five cents a night. After Easter she went travelling again, saw all she could of Europe then went back to England for the Coronation.

Also back in Vancouver after journeying afar is Denyse Pierce, B.A. '52, who spent six months in Europe, followed en route home by six months in Montreal where she was in radio work.

One of the graduates at Fall Congregation had her husband and two sons watching her when she received her degree. Mrs. D. M. Lockhart graduated with first class honours in zoology and is now taking teacher training to fulfil a life-long ambition. She had planned on a teaching career after graduating from high school but married instead. As soon as her sons were old enough she decided to resume her education and entered the UBC.

PLANS FOR HOME MANAGEMENT FUND
By Aileen Mann, B.A. '37

The Home Management Fund Alumnae Committee met on Friday, November 13th, in the Home Economics Building, with Peter Sharp and Frank Turner, representatives of the Alumni Development Fund. Committee members present were: Jean Gilley, Chairman; Mary Holder, Mary Reeves, Doreen Coursier, Evelyn Cruise, Emily Mayhew, Audrey Dunlop, Freda Paling, Aileen Mann and Mrs. H. A. Hope.

The reconditioned army hut now in temporary use for home-making instruction at the University is a makeshift arrangement and is not economical or practical to operate. The objective for 1954 is to raise the $13,000 required to complete the Fund to build a new house.

Several projects have been planned. The Provincial Executives of the Parent Teacher Federation and the Women's Institutes have been approached and are enlisting support of their individual branches. We would ask Alumni to speak for this project whenever it comes to their attention in their own community. Although some groups may not be able to make a large donation, small gifts in large numbers will help us reach our objective.

A special committee of experts is working on a booklet of homemaking ideas and housekeeping short-cuts. It is hoped to include a section on bachelor cookery. You will hear more about this handbook later.

Undergraduates in the Home Economics Department and members of the Committee sold ice cream bars at the Blue and Gold Revue on November 5, 6 and 7, and thus added to the Fund.

Mrs. H. A. Hope was convener of another effort in November to raise the total—an evening of films. Miss Charlotte Black showed her 1953 pictures of England and Europe and Miss Mary Fallis showed hers of Hiking in the Canadian Rockies.
FALL PLAYS

By Peter L. Smith, B.A. '53

(Peter Smith won the Governor-General's Gold Medal on graduation and is this year reading for the M.A. degree. He played the part of Apollo in "A Masque of Aesop."—Ed.)

On November 12th, 13th and 14th, the University Players' Club presented an entertaining and varied program, an abridged version of "Romeo and Juliet" and the western premiere of "A Masque of Aesop," by the Canadian playwright Robertson Davies. The choice of plays was justified: although some criticism had been heard, and many felt that more concession should be made to popular taste, it turned out to be one of the rare occasions in the long history of the club on which the Fall plays have shown a financial profit.

The opening play, "A Masque of Aesop," was a triumph for the director, Sydney Risk. Working almost exclusively with inexperienced actors, Mr. Risk drew sincere performances from his large cast. The play, an adaptation of the Elizabethan masque to the modern stage, is a witty satire on human foibles in general, with many sly remarks on modern institutions and outlooks. Brought before Apollo by irate citizens of Delphi, Aesop defends himself against charges of blasphemy by presenting in evidence three of his fables. Delightful in their staging and most enjoyable visually, the fables were at times somewhat inaudible, on account of the cumbersome masks worn by the actors. The pace, however, was always brisk, the stage action swift and urgent.

Although it is difficult to single out performances, it may be said that the work of the three Fates was especially effective, as was the intensity and coordination of the mob of citizens. Special

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HOMER THOMPSON WRITES OF HIS WORK IN ATHENS

(Homer A. Thompson, F.R.S.C., F.B.A., B.A. '25, M.A. '27, Ph.D., L.L.D. '49, has written for Chronicle readers a brief account of the work done under his direction during the past season. Dr. Thompson is Professor of Classical Archaeology at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. Since 1945 he has been Field Director of the Agora excavation for the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, having joined the excavation staff in 1931. His letter is dated at Athens, September 12, 1953.—Ed.)

"As to current activities in the Agora, perhaps I could outline them here. In the course of the past spring and summer we carried out our 18th season of excavation on this site, thereby completing the exploration of the principal area, i.e., the ancient market square proper. We were especially pleased by developments along the south side of the square where two large public buildings have come to light. One of them, dating from the second half of the 6th century B.C., has good claim to be recognized as the Heliaia, the largest and most famous of the several lawcourts of the ancient city. The second building is of the late 5th century B.C. and appears to be the Thesmotheteion, which contained the offices and dining rooms of the Thesmothetai or board of six magistrates who were responsible for the proper functioning of the lawcourts.

"Although the actual work of excavating is drawing to a close, we have other heavy commitments. One is the landscaping of the excavated area which measures some 25 acres in the heart of the modern city. This is a challenging task, for the planting must elucidate rather than obscure the ancient design of the square and it must also be suitably related to the rather varied environs, which comprise the Acropolis, Mars Hill, the "Theseum" (the best preserved of ancient Greek temples) and a dingy district of modern Athens. Through the month of August we had with us an outstanding American landscape architect who has prepared a comprehensive design for the treatment of the area. Next week we are expecting the King and Queen of Greece to plant the first trees: an oak for Zeus and an olive for Athena.

"We have also made progress this summer in the matter of providing a museum to house the finds from the excavation. We have decided that the museum should take the form of a reconstruction of the stoa or colonnade built about 150 B.C. along the east side of the square by Attalos II, King of Pergamon, a distinguished alumnus of the Athenian schools of philosophy. The work of rebuilding is now actually under way and from my window I can see the agreeable tinkle of many stone cutters' chisels. The reconstruction will cost upwards of one million dollars and will require four or five years."

Fall Plays

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mention must be given to club president and production manager Tom Shorthouse, who wrote the original music for this production.

As the other half of the program, "Romeo and Juliet" supplied an effective contrast. Under the patient direction of Dorothy Davies, a remarkably mature interpretation was given to the Shakespearean classic. Though abridged for this performance, the play remained smooth and the resultant loss in some of the poetry and subtlety of character development was compensated by a swiftly moving and easily followed plot.

Miss Davies won high praise from the audiences for her pacing of the play; scarcely seconds elapsed between one scene and the next, as ingenious staging overcame the necessity of complex scene shifting. The actors themselves, though young, gave earnest portrayals. All the principal parts were well interpreted, with Bob Woodward and Eve Newitt both convincing in the title roles. Especially appealing as supporting characters were Louise De Vick as the nurse and Bill Gordon as Friar Laurence.

Sets for the two plays were designed by Gordon Shrum and Derek Mann respectively. Attractive in their simplicity, they were greatly enhanced by imaginative and often striking lighting.

Judging from enthusiastic audience response, the ambitious program was thoroughly successful. From both the artistic and the financial point of view, it was one of the most rewarding of all Fall ventures of the Players' Club.
By W. Robbins and R. D. James

(Dr. R. D. James is Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics at U.B.C. He received the degrees of B.A. (1928) and M.A. (1930) at the University of British Columbia and later went on for graduate study to Chicago University, where he was awarded a Ph.D. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Robbins is also a graduate of U.B.C. (B.A. 1930, M.A. 1934) and holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, conferred by the University of Toronto. Formerly a member of the Victoria College Staff, under the late Principal Elliott, he is now Professor in the Department of English at U.B.C.—Ed.)

On the first day of lectures in September, 1927, students at Victoria College were startled by the roars of laughter punctuating the long intervals of furiously cerebral silence in the Mathematics lecture-room, where a vigorous voice was expounding the picturesque analogy. At the end of the hour starry-eyed freshmen burst out of the room saying "Who is he? What's happened? Mathematics was never like this!" The answer was simple. A human dynamo named Walter Gage had come to the College.

For six years, under the benign and gratified eye of Principal Percy Elliott, Walter was the mainspring of life at Victoria College. Advising students, organizing timetables as Registrar, directing plays, guiding student activities in ways that encouraged energy without violence and exuberance without folly—all this in addition to inspired teaching and frequent scholarly publication. In 1933 he returned to UBC where he had taught for a year before going to Victoria, and from the day of his return to the present has devoted that same energy and ability and versatility to the service of the University of British Columbia.

"Devoted" is not too strong a word. Walter has worked in and for the university with a zeal and efficiency that have identified him with its successful operation, and with a vision and wisdom that have always pointed the way in which a university, if it is to be worthy of the name, should develop. Recognition of his work and abilities came in his appointment to the newly-created office of Dean of Administrative and Inter-Faculty Affairs, an office which in fact merely gave official status to the varied and important contribution he was already making to the life of the university.

After graduating in 1925, and taking his M.A. in 1926, Walter spent the summers of 1927, 1928, and 1930 in graduate work at the University of Chicago, for part of the time under the noted mathematician E. T. Bell. In 1939-40 he held a teaching fellowship at the California Institute of Technology, where he again worked with Bell, whose high opinion of Walter's capacity for mathematical research is well known to his colleagues at UBC. He has been active in the Royal Astronomical Society, serving as President of the Vancouver branch in 1935, and was for four years Vice-President of the Canadian Mathematical Congress. He has been an executive member of the B.C. Academy of Sciences since 1938, a member of the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Calcutta Mathematical Society. He has served as Director of the Summer Session, as assistant to the late Dean Buchanan, and during the war years as Co-director of the Canadian Army Course No. 2 and as instructional officer to men in training for the Air Force.

Over all these years of teaching and administration, Walter's main interest has consistently been the welfare of the students. His years as Honorary President of both the Players' Club and the Musical Society bring to mind a vivid picture of a wildly gesticulating figure back of the curtain on opening night guiding a grateful chorus through "Robin Hood" or "The Gondoliers". But his interest has not been confined to group activities. Rather one thinks of the thousands of students who have received individual help in selecting courses and careers, and who have benefited from every kind of aid and from generous hours of consultation in all sorts of problems—academic, financial, and domestic. This individual consultation goes on all through the year, though, of course, it is most obvious at registration time; how obvious is shown in a story told by Ranton McIntosh, Director of the School of Education. Returning through Montana on the Great Northern Railway in September, Dr. McIntosh was startled to hear this radio announcement: "The University of British Columbia expects a registration of 55,000 (sic) students, over half of whom will be personally interviewed by Dean Gage."

A great deal of committee work has inevitably come his way, and in this regard his two major jobs in recent years have been the annual production, single-handed, of the University calendar, and the chairmanship of the Committee on Scholarships, Prizes, and Bursaries. This last is undoubtedly, of all his administrative duties the one nearest the centre of Walter's interests, and it would be difficult to express the appreciation due him for the amount of money that his efforts have obtained for student assistance, and for the judicious care that has gone to its fair distribution.

Enough to exhaust any three able-bodied men? Yet that is not all. He still carries a full load of teaching in large classes in Mathematics, and his scholarly capacity is shown in the dozen mathematical papers published in leading journals since 1927, and in the text-book on "Elementary Analytic Geometry" prepared in collaboration with the late Professor Richardson in 1936 for use in university and Senior Matriculation. His colleagues know that the shift to an administrative emphasis reflects an urge to see that the work is done efficiently rather than a preference for administrative duties as such. For Walter is still the teacher and scholar who places teaching and scholarship first, and his fertile mind goes on meditating mathematical problems even when time does not permit their being worked out for publication.

In Vancouver and in the province at large, the name of Dean Walter Gage is identified with the growth and future of this university. And the Great Trek award, made in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the university, could have had no more fitting recipient than one who, himself a member of that trek, has since done so much towards the fulfilment of the hopes it symbolised.
FALL SPORTS

By Bus Phillips

(Mr. R. J. (Bus) Phillips is a member of the School of Physical Education as Instructor and Co-ordinator of Athletics. Prior to his joining the U.B.C. staff he spent 15 years with the Provincial Department of Education, the last four years as Acting Director of the Physical Education and Recreation Branch. While he has a keen interest in all sports, he has taken part, competitively, in Track and Field events (particularly in sprints and middle distances), in Basketball and in Rugby. He has numerous affiliations with sports associations, both provincially and nationally. He is a member of the British Empire Games Track and Field Committee.—Ed.)

Football

As the 1953 football season draws to a close, the record book shows two wins, six losses, and one game remaining to be played. The scoreboard is not as bleak as it first appears since this is the "Birds" most successful season. They outclassed the opposition in total passing and rushing yardage in five games and Eastern outgunned them only eight yards. Our hard-fighting team has averaged 312 yards rushing and passing in its six American games. Against College of Puget Sound and Eastern Washington College of Education, Flemons and Stewart threw passes for 265 and 275 yards. It is believed that both of these games set a new Evergreen Conference record for yards gained from passing. U.B.C. was not a pushover for any team and the American Colleges now do us the honour of scouting us.

The season opener was played under Canadian rules in Montreal against the McGill Redmen. The Thunderbirds were leading 4-3 at half time, but two fumbles and a bad pass from center near their own goal line in the second half, turned the tide and gave the fine McGill team a victory. U.B.C. earned 11 first downs to McGill's 9 and completed 9 of 16 passes. The Redmen connected with only 1 of 8 passes for no gain.

The high point of the season was the win over the Vancouver Cubs. Although U.B.C. was the thirty-point underdog and was outweighed from 20-40 pounds per man in the line, the college team outscraped the seniors 11-1. This victory opened the eyes of many townspeople and showed them that U.B.C. plays good football. Barrering unforeseen difficulties, the prospects for a winning team next year are bright. The squad loses only John Hudson, Bill Stuart, Ralph Martinson and Bill Boulding through graduation.

Rugby

Albert Laithwaite's Thunderbirds have found the going tough against First Division Miller Cup teams, and at this writing have yet to win a game this season. With the graduation of George Pull, Frank Gower, Gerry Main, and the ineligibility of several others, Albert is faced with the task of re-building, but he expects to be ready for the McKechnie Cup and World Cup Competition. Highlight of the Rugby season, of course, will be the visit of the New Zealand All-Blacks, who are presently touring in England and will play the Birds on March 11th. The Braves are leading the second division, without a loss so far this season.

Basketball

While the Evergreen Conference does not start until after Christmas, Head Coach, Jack Pomfret has lined up an impressive series of Pre-Conference Games which should round the Birds into top form. The Big problem at the moment is not bench strength, for most of the regulars are still with us, but how to get all the boys out together for practices in the face of laboratory periods which conflict. However, a big season is in the offing and the boys will be in there trying every minute.

Dick Penn's Chiefs are a hustling band of youngsters just knocking on the Thunderbird door, and we'll be hearing plenty from them before the season is over.

Soccer

The lengthy Pacific Coast League "A" Division schedule makes it impossible for our Varsity Soccer team to play first division, as do our other Varsity sports. Nevertheless the team has proved on more than one occasion that they are first class and we would like to see this sport given more attention on the campus. With two games scheduled for the Stadium this fall, soccer has an opportunity to prove it is an excellent spectator sport.

Rowing

Frank Reed has continually produced U.B.C. crews who more than held their own with the States' best, losing only to California in the Newport Regatta last spring by three seconds. The boys have been in strict training for the past six weeks, and travel once more to Corvallis where they will defend the Egg Cup, against Oregon State.

Fencing

In Charles and John Loewen, U.B.C. has two of the finest swordsmen in Canada at the present time. After successfully disposing of all available local competition, Charles went on to win the Pacific Northwest Championship in the Open Foil and the Open Epee. We have every hope that both of these boys will make the British Empire Games Team next year.

Cross Country

Peter Harris and Doug Kyle have shared winning honours in all cross-country meets held so far this year, and the U.B.C. team lost only one race, when Doug Kyle's infected foot prevented him from entering the B.C. Cross-Country Championship a week ago.

The University and Peter Harris were honoured recently, when the A.A.U. of C., at its Annual Meeting in Montreal awarded the Fred Tees Memorial Trophy, as the most outstanding Canadian track and field athlete enrolled with a Canadian University during the year.

A 3rd year Forestry student, Peter Harris set a B.C. record in winning the Cross-Country Championship. He was Evergreen Conference Mile Champion last year.
Methinks that GIVING gives Christmas real meaning and life lasting value.

Why then, do we tend to ignore, forget or resent oft-repeated appeals—when we know that most are entirely worthy and are directed at both heart and mind. And why do we try to get a mythical "them" off our collective necks by making either a strictly token contribution or the one donation to last forever.

Certainly no one would inhale one big breath, exhale, inhale no more and still expect to live. Yet, strange as it may seem, many of us act as if that one big give—be it moral or financial—should be enough to satisfy any need for all time.

We continue breathing because we want to live, and I suggest that each wants to live because life has some fundamental purpose.

If that purpose is to live merely for the sake of living, then life has no timeless significance. If the purpose is good—and includes things other than food, clothing and shelter—then a full, rewarding life is a natural result.

Surely our time and our money should be budgeted so that these "things that count" receive their fair share. That share should be determined by us, in accordance with our personal appreciation and our individual ability to contribute. We give what we have to give; not what we have not.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you one and all . . . A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

ALUMNOTES . . .

Glad to be back in Vancouver and Environs is well-travelled James Ferris, '36, who was one of Dr. Rhys Sale's top Ford men in Australia before leaving to become Sales Manager, Vancouver Motors ... a Ford dealership no less! . . . Sorry to miss S. D. C. (Don) Chutter, Assistant General Manager, Canadian Construction Association, B.Com. '44, on his recent visit to the campus. Don's "home base" is the Nation's Capital. . . . Good luck to Howard Wright, B.A.Sc. '32, in his new position as Chief Engineer of Alaska Pine & Celulose. . . . Formerly a Port Alberni resident, Ken Hanson, B.A. '52, can now be reached in TCA's Vancouver office. . . . Peeking at the North Shore Lions again for a day was Lieut. Dennis Perrins '49, RCN, now on the staff of C.O.N.D., Hamilton. . . . Succeeding Dr. Cecil Killam, M.A., D.C.L., LL.D., as Chairman, U.B.C. Convocation Founders' group, is W. J. Elmore Meredith, B.A., Q.C.

Lieut. (S. B.) Doug Sherlock, R.C.N., L.L.B. '51, has been appointed Deputy Judge Advocate-General to the Far East, and will be stationed in Kure, Japan, for one year.
EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR

(This report was made at the Convocation-Alumni dinner meeting in Brock Hall, November 19.—Ed.)

Mr. President, Dr. Hamber, Dean Chant, honored guests, fellow members of Convocation and of the Alumni Association, in submitting this year's report to you, may I have the privilege to continue to serve my Alma Mater as your Executive Director, and to congratulate all the members of "U.B.C.'s family" for working voluntarily and effectively on behalf of our University.

As the President has mentioned, the Association is unable to adequately service the hundreds of people intimately concerned with the Fund's operation, to accurately record and change information about graduates, and to do so on a rapid basis. It is hoped that the solution to this records-mailing problem will be definitely found within a matter of weeks now. The intangible benefits derived from the continued operation of an expanding, diversified Alumni Fund, and of the many other phases of alumni work, far outweigh the tangible.

It would now appear that the Association is entering another "transition" period and will emerge better able to implement a well-rounded program of service to U.B.C. This year, perhaps it would be in order here to reflect for just a moment and touch on some of the high points in this gradual evolutionary process which now finds us at this "maturining" stage of our growth.

U.B.C. itself was finally achieved because of the efforts and faith of graduates of other Universities. Some of these college-trained ladies and gentlemen—who became original and early members of Convocation—were with us again this evening. As a result of their guidance and counsel, brand new U.B.C. graduates formed an Alumni Association within a year after the first graduating class in 1916. U.B.C. grads played an increasingly active role in Alumni affairs, and continued to expand the activities and usefulness of the Alumni Association.

For a good number of years, however, the alumni 'voice' was almost entirely heard through Convocation. Then, in the thirties, a group decided that there should be an increase in active Association members and a more effective organization. A result was the formation of the Alumni Association with the help of volunteer workers plus some part-time clerical staff. In 1944, the U.B.C. Alumni Chronicle (then known as "The Graduate Chronicle") was first available regularly.

After study of other university programmes and the "Manual of Alumni Work" published by the American Alumni group, these same Life Members (some of whom are present tonight) together with other interested grads, decided that a full-time alumni office should be opened with an Executive Secretary employed. They were also convinced of the soundness of an annual giving plan not only in providing a "Living Endowment" for U.B.C. but also in increasing the number actively participating in U.B.C. affairs.

This next major step was taken in 1945, and with the co-operation and assistance of both the University administration and the students, an office was established. On January 2nd, 1946, your Executive Director hung out an "open for business" sign in the room at the south-east corner of this Brock Memorial Building.

Like most alumni organizations who started operating on a full-time basis, we started with no capital for machinery and equipment; with a 12-hour day, an optimistic idea that any ability to hire all our retired colleagues would be in bills for operating costs would just naturally follow in the wake of every move made by the new Executive Secretary. Although no less enthusiastic about working for alumni and the University, our activity was also on a very small scale, and those early years were a struggle. Your Executive Director was destined to spend some considerable time before obtaining a practical knowledge about reunions, branch groups, committee work, the Chronicle, direct mail, public speaking, press releases, fund-raising, etc.

It should be pointed out, too, that almost all of that important first year's work was accomplished by a group of part-time members—Events Committee, Convocation and By-laws, and visits to several B.C. branches, perhaps the most important efforts put forth in 1947 were in helping to stage a highly successful Silver Anniversary of the Great Student Trek to Point Grey, and some preliminary discussions about the establishment of an alumni fund.

The following year saw the alumni executive spend endless hours in drafting and re-drafting proposals to implement the alumni fund idea, which had been the theme of that year's Group of Life Members' special general meeting in September approved the plan and in December the "Trustees of the Alumni-U.B.C. Fund" Society was duly incorporated. As part of the legal agreement with that Society, the Alumni Association agreed to organize and operate an annual giving programme known as the "Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund."

Original brochures in January, 1949, described this Fund as a 3-in-1 appeal, the only appeal to be made to alumni and friends yearly. As far as alumni themselves were concerned, it was stressed that this replaced the dues, appeals and separate Chronicle subscriptions (to other than Life Members), and that the first charges against contributions would naturally be direct Fund costs, next Chronicle publishing and Association operating expenses. The balance would be turned over to U.B.C. for the stated and other objectives. To put it mildly, this whole concept was misunderstood!

As a result, the 1950 Executive approached U.B.C. authorities and obtained a financial arrangement whereby the Association was paid for actual services rendered by keeping in touch with the thousands of U.B.C. graduates and Convocation members and making thousands of addresses, with the help of volunteer workers plus some part-time clerical staff, caused the U.B.C. Alumni Chronicle (then known as "The Graduate Chronicle") to be issued five times a year, etc.—were not undertaken.

Nevertheless, overdue action on a major overhaul of the record-keeping and addressing problem was necessarily further delayed. Launching of an organized, balanced and stimulating programme—similar to those found in well-established Associations in the world—was also postponed until staff and facilities were available.

"Now is the time," as has been indicated to you in the President's Report, to further broaden the base of the Fund and extend its spheres, and to think in terms of adequate facilities and staff to service the large and rapidly growing group of men and women keenly interested in the University's further progress. This group of highly intelligent people are quite prepared to share responsibility, but need a great deal more in the way of information about U.B.C.—its plant, Faculty, students, immediate problems and policy.

On the way, to tell U.B.C.'s "story" to ever more people is through the columns of the "Chronicle." Our present Editor is quite aware of this opportunity and will continue to use the magazine, as the other life members, to interpret this message to stimulate discussion, and to record the achievements of U.B.C.'s "products." For very good reasons, this magazine has been described as "the cement which holds together the structure that is the Alumni Association."

Much has been done by Convocation Founders and members, by Association members, by students, by Faculty, and other friends of this young University in preparing the Chronicle for "The Future of U.B.C. Up To You" and "It Is Yours." Much remains to be done. The present Chancellor, one of U.B.C.'s first graduates, has declared that "the future of the University of British Columbia may well be determined by the (moral and financial) support of alumni and other friends in the next five years."

SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES


—Representative on Men's Athletic Committee gave de-
FUND—Large-scale reorganization undertaken in the "Class-Rep" system.

FIRESIDES—Series again held in Spring on Sunday evenings in Brock Hall. Very interesting but poorly attended. Alumni Board seeks direction on these.

FROSH ORIENTATION—Again arranged for one of "Trekkers" to address Frosh at annual Cairn Ceremony.

FUND—Large-scale reorganization undertaken in the "Class-Rep" system. Tremendous increase in number of volunteer workers, but drastic reduction in general mailed appeals.

—Production of special pamphlet "The Future of U.B.C.—It Is Yours" and distribution of same through "Special Efforts" Division.

—More effort to interest business and industry in scholarships, specific projects.


HOMECOMING—Active alumni Homecoming offered sound suggestions to Student Committee.

—Association addressograph used to mail Homecoming booklets.

—Former Great Trekkers, in committee, recommended 1953 winner of award.

HOSPITAL—U.B.C. President has set up an advisory committee on a University Hospital.

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALUMNI DIRECTORS—Still endeavouring to start a Canadian Federation of Alumni Directors. Meeting tentatively arranged by Lorne Gales, McGill, for June in East. Executive Director will probably attend if Conference of CO's U.N.T.D. planned as in past 4 years.

PAST PRESIDENTS—Met with U.B.C. President at luncheon in Faculty Club. Agreed to meet periodically.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (U.B.C.)—U.B.C. President made a fairly comprehensive report to alumni. Mailed in Spring to 10,000. Hope to have University include this report in Nov.–Dec. Chronicle annually.

RECORDS-MAILING—Executive Director made two fairly detailed reports during year. One entitled "Things Not Done Which Should Be Done" and the other recommendations re use of University Tabulating Division for records and use of Addressograph equipment for most mailing. Association now has IBM cards for all Fund donors. Alumni Committee headed by experts in this field preparing brief with Director for submission to special Governors' Committee.

REUNION DANCE—This popular function saw the largest attendance in recent years. Special feature now is invitation to alumni of all Universities able to be present.

SENATE—Alumni Board endorsed special Committee recommendation that some means be found to restore original proportion of members elected by Convocation to others on U.B.C. Senate.

STUDENTS—Worked closely with many student officials and enjoyed excellent co-operation.

UNIVERSITY—Agreed "University Story" could be more effectively told, and that Association should work more closely with Extension Department.

—Had active representatives on various University committees, joined academic processions and attended numerous official University functions.

VARSITY REVUE—Assisted, through the mails, in publicizing the first "Blue & Gold Revue" staged.

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity of thanking Association officers and Board members, Fund Directors and representatives, Branch executives and members, the U.B.C. Chancellor, President, Deans and Faculty members, the Alma Mater Society President, Student Councillors and Students, and other interested supporters of U.B.C. with whom I have worked this past year. Thanks again.

Yours sincerely, FRANK J. E. TURNER, Executive Director.

Lenora says she's never hated Anything human God created;

No, those she hates, I know too well,

Are, ex officio, friends of Hell.

The Honourable R. W. Bonner Addresses Combined Convocation-Alumni Annual Meeting

For the first time in the history of the University the annual meetings of Convocation and of the U.B.C. Alumni Association were combined and the business of both organizations was carried out at a dinner function in Crystal Hall on the evening of November 19th. The attendance was large—upwards of 250 in all—including many foundation members of Convocation. President Emeritus and Mrs. L. S. Kline were among the Head Table guests. A special feature of the occasion was the attendance and presentation to the gathering of the dozen or more winners of Alumni Association scholarships—an impressive object lesson in the practical value of Alumni giving.

In the absence of Chancellor Sherwood Lett, the chair was taken by Chancellor-Emeritus The Hon. Eric Hamber, who conducted the meeting of Convocation. Mr. Hamber spoke of the unique nature of the meeting and, in commenting on the unusually large number present, he urged all the Alumni to united action in serving the interests of the University. The Treasurer, Dudley Darling, showed in his report a bank balance of $177.82. Mrs. Sherwood Lett, wife of the Chancellor, herself the first Secretary of the Alma Mater Society, made a presentation to Theo Berry, who was retiring after 23 years service in the honorary office of Convocation Auditor. The firm of Meredith, Bruce, Bladow and Kitten were duly elected auditors for the ensuing year. The report of Jordan Guy, Chairman of the nominating committee, was accepted and the new Executive Council elected as follows: Treasurer, Peter Sharp; Secretary, Elmore Meredith, Q.C.; Dr. Anson C. Frost, J. Alex. Walker, W. H. MacInnes and Harry T. Logan.

The meeting of Convocation was then adjourned, on the conclusion of its business, and President Douglas Macdonald proceeded with the Alumni Association meeting. A number of vocal selections were pleasingly rendered by Ronald Hancock, B.A. '53, accompanied at the piano by Miss Jean Teller, B.A. '24. After the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, the amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the Association, as previously circulated to members, were passed, on motion of Frank Lewis. The passage of these Amendments is to regularise the status, within the Alumni Association, of graduate groups who form themselves into separate societies with membership based on common Faculty or degree course affiliations. On behalf of the Alumni Association, the President made a presentation to the past-editor of the U.B.C. Alumni Chronicle, Ormy Hall, as a token of appreciation of the fine contribution he made to Alumni interests and welfare during the seven years of his editorship. In expressing his thanks, Ormy paid tribute to help in his work received from Alumni, including Mary Fallis, Dave Brock and Frank Turner, and expressed his hopes and good wishes for the future of the Chronicle.

Dudley Darling presented his report as Treasurer for the Association's fiscal year ending October 31st, 1953, showing an excess of revenue over expenditure for the year of $720.44.

Aubrey Roberts, Chairman of the Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund Board of Directors, then reported on the year's activities. A notable feature in this report was the increase in numbers of participating Alumni, viz., 2303 as against 2190 contributors in 1952. Mr. Roberts also noted the wide interest in the R. C. Palmer memorial fund and in the Home Management Fund. A highly encouraging element also was found in the generous contributions of non-alumni friends of the University—the Kinmen's Polio Foundation of $25,000.00; Cemo's gift of $250.00, through Mr. Ben W. Ball, president of the Company; Simmons and McBride Medical Research Lectureship, $300.00; Scholarship Endowment, from Pacific Brewers' Agents Ltd., $5,000.00, Finning Tractor Company, $1,500.00 and Peter A. Schwert, $1,000.00. No fewer than 18 U.B.C. students were this year benefitting from the Pacific Brewers' Agents' donation. Aubrey Roberts will continue for a second year as Chairman of the Fund Board of Directors, with Peter Sharp as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Kenneth Caple is Chairman of the Fund's Board of Trustees, and in this capacity he handed over to Acting-President, Dean Chant, a cheque representing the major portion of the proceeds for the Alumni-U.B.C. Development Fund for the year.

The results of the Alumni Association's elections were announced as follows: President, G. Dudley Darling, B.Com. '39; First Vice-President, W. James Logie, B.A. '26; Second Vice-President, Aileen Mann, B.A. '37; Third Vice-President, Dean Blythe Eagles, B.A. '22; Treasurer, Peter Sharp, B.A., B.Com. '36; Editor, Harry T. Logan; Members-at-Large, Mrs. H. A. (Rosemary) Hope, B.A. '40, (for one year); Dr. W. G. Black, B.A. '22, Mrs. Helen Harmer, B.A. 40, E. G. (Ernie) Perrault, B.A. '48. Degree representatives: Agriculture, Harry Lee, B.Arch. '50; Arts, Isabel Beshay, B.A. '32; Forestry, Bill Hancock, B.S.F. '49; Home Economics, Audrey M. Dunlop, B. H. E. '47; Law, Frank Lewis, B.A. '49, LL.B. '50; Medicine, Arthur M. Bagnall, M.D., B.A. '32. Representatives of Social Work, Commerce, Physical Education and Pharmacy will be elected by their own group.

The meeting was then handed over to Dudley Darling, whose first act as President was to make a presentation to the retiring president, Douglas Macdonald, at the same time expressing Alumni gratitude for his three years' service as member of the Executive.
Introducing the guest speaker, The Honourable Robert W. Bonner, Q.C., Attorney-General and Minister of Education, the Chairman referred to the close association of the speaker with the U.B.C., not only as a member of the first graduating class in Law, and Officer Commanding the U.B.C. Contingent of the C.O.T.C. since 1946, but also in his present office of Minister of Education. He spoke also of the Minister's undergraduate activities as president of L.S.E. and of his prominence in debating.

In his introductory remarks Colonel Bonner voiced his pleasure in returning to the University and especially to Brock Hall, where he had attended the opening ceremony. The wide use now being made of this building, in contrast to its earlier years, was just another indication of the University's growth. He paid tribute to Ormy Hall's work as Chronicle Editor, having been himself an Associate Editor for two years. He called attention to the significance of November 19th for the first combined meeting of Convocation and the Alumni Association. Two events of great importance to British Columbia had taken place on this day in her early history. It was on November 19, 1858, that British Columbia was formally proclaimed a Crown Colony at Fort Douglas, and on November 19, 1866, the Act was proclaimed uniting British Columbia and Vancouver Island into a single political unit.

The topic of the Minister's speech was "British Columbia 1954", and he proceeded to deal at some length with the factors of production and development, viz., Land, Population and Capital. He called attention to the vast area of the Province, 360,000 square miles, greater than the combined areas of California, Oregon, Washington and New York. Two-thirds of this whole territory was alpine or barren and but three per cent of the remainder was suitable for cultivation.

Population was concentrated in the inter-mountain valleys, in the Lower Fraser Valley, in the Lower Mainland and in the Southern half of Vancouver Island, but pockets of population existed in scattered districts within the Province, corresponding to Nature's distribution of her resources. Thus Geography had imposed a situation which called for the construction and maintenance of costly rail and road communications. In the period 1939-1953 the population growth was 55%, an increase greater than in other parts of Canada. Community facilities of all kinds had to be provided for these new citizens and in this way great labour and financial pressures were put upon junior governmental groups—municipal, civic, provincial. There was a "struggle for revenues among all responsible bodies."

Colonel Bonner spoke of the importance of education as a factor in provincial life. He referred to the "tradition of education" and mentioned his attendance on the previous evening at the Diamond Jubilee of Union College as the heir of Columbian College, founded in New Westminster in 1893. Today the total value of school properties in the Province was $150,000,000.00, with an operating cost this year of $41,000,000.00 and with an anticipated annual increase of $5,000,000.00 over the next 5 years.

The speaker also called attention to the remarkable labour-adaptability of British Columbia as shown by the late war experience, when shipbuilding, air-plane construction and other war-induced industry had to be developed rapidly and when labour-power was proportionately increased to provide for these industrial needs.

Since the war, capital investments have appeared in large sums in many portions of the Province. Additional power is needed to meet the growing demands of industry. In the Peace River Block, gas and oil wells are being developed and oil and gas lines constructed to make these natural products available to industry. In all this development there has been revealed the same spirit of energy and enterprise shown by U.B.C. undergraduates and Alumni—in the Great Trek, in the creation of the Old Gymnasium, the Stadium, Brock Hall, the Memorial Gymnasium and, most recently, the Faculty of Medicine.

Colonel Bonner spoke of the need for stability and of a larger provincial population to assist in bringing it about. He regretted the loss of sterling markets and especially United Kingdom markets, and indicated the need for giving attention to the means of recovering these markets.

In conclusion the Minister declared that the difficulties confronting us in 1954 were not all of a material nature. Such work as the University does, in teaching each generation of our youth and in the continuous search after Truth, was needed today at least as much as it was never before. For the University, it is all-important that her Academic Freedom be maintained. To co-operate in this task was the privilege and the responsibility of all U.B.C. graduates. And the same orderly study applied to the problems of community life will serve to assist in maintaining and expanding our way of life in British Columbia.
This report will only undertake to summarize the policies we have followed during the past year. A more detailed account of our activities is contained in reports from the Treasurer and Executive Director.

The Board of Management — The constitutional changes made two years ago providing for representation of graduates by Faculties on our Board of Management has proven to be a wise one. A further change in this direction is now desirable.

Graduate groups or societies have now been formed in the Faculties or Schools of Pharmacy, Social Work, Physical Education, Commerce and Forestry. Agriculture is in process of formation. The intent is to embrace these societies within the framework of the Alumni Association and give them representation on the Board of Management. In respect to the aim, common to all, of promoting the best interests of the University, the groups will then be in a position to integrate their activities rather than disperse them over a broad field.

The Alumni office is the logical source of address, mailing and other facilities for the graduate groups who have a desire to promote the best interests of our University.

Branches — Through a good turn of fortune involving our Executive Director, our contacts with the branch groups in B.C. and Canada have been more personal this year than for some time. Organization of branches in Regina and Montreal is now under way. Our Executive Director is gifted in this field of activity and it is to be hoped we will be able to give him greater support in the future.

Public Relations — Our policy of assisting the University, by means of direct contact with the public, particularly with parents of high school students, was followed again by holding a two-day series of meetings and talks at Kelowna. The undertaking was a stimulating example of co-operation between graduate groups in the Okanagan Valley, the Extension Department, the Faculty and our Alumni Office. Much good would come from the expansion of this type of public relations.

A.A.C.—In the past we have received much benefit from membership in the American Alumni Council. This year we were host to the convention of this group’s North-Western District, and gained the impression that our Association, while not as pretentious as some of those present, at least was doing a good job by relative standards and was developing rapidly in the fulfilment of our longer range plans.

“Chronicle” — After many years of outstanding service as Editor of the “Chronicle”, Mr. Ormonde Hall found it necessary to resign his position which also includes membership on the Executive Committee. From all points of view publication of the “Chronicle” is a cardinal factor in our activities. We made a thorough examination of the editorial and business phases of the publication in order to determine the qualifications of a new Editor. It was an immense satisfaction to all concerned when Col. Harry Logan consented to take over the duties of Editor. An Editorial Committee was created to act as liaison between the Editor and the Association.

Athletic — The Association for some time has required a policy for its guidance on the subject of Athletics at the University. A Special Committee with a most representative membership, under the chairmanship of Dr. William C. Gibson, investigated the whole subject and submitted a report to the Board of Management which, following a special meeting, adopted the report. Three of the seventeen recommendations clarify our approach to this subject:

“No. 1. That the physical education and recreation of all students must be considered to be part of a general University Education,” and

“No. 4. That students shall not be paid or given special considerations in return for participation in athletics,” and

“No. 5. That no participation in athletics should be permitted to compromise the main educational purposes of his attendance at University.”

Financial — This year we operated within the same budget appropriation as last year. We were well aware our facilities in the Alumni Office were in sore need of expansion and that our Director and staff were badly handicapped in carrying on their duties. We resolved nevertheless to complete the fifth year of Development Fund activities in order to make sure we had a sound basis for underwriting the need for increased facilities.

The Development Fund — Under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Aubrey F. Roberts the Development Fund Board has concluded an outstanding year of accomplishment. All members participating in this work deserve special recognition and thanks from the Association. The vision of the founding members of this enterprise as a means of stimulating our membership and assisting the University in a most tangible manner has proven its worth over a five-year inaugural period.

It is now our responsibility to provide the Fund Directors and our Executive-Director with the facilities they require to carry on and expand their organizations. Your Executive has already commenced negotiations in this regard.

Personal — Most members feel that work in our Association is refreshing and interesting because of the very cordial relationship existing between our members, the University Administration and the Faculty. Added is the knowledge that the University needs and welcomes our help and support in fulfilling the indispensable role it must have in the development of our Province and its people. This has been my experience and I would like to express my personal appreciation to all those who have helped carry forward this thirty-sixth year in the life of our Association.

(Signed) Doug Macdonald,
President.
THE HONOURABLE MRS. TILLY ROLSTON

In Memoriam

PHOTO BY VANCOUVER PROVINCE

A congregation which filled St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church on the afternoon of Friday, October 16th, 1953, to take part in the State funeral of the Honourable Tilly Rolston, bore solemn witness to the affection and esteem in which the late Minister of Education was held by all sections of the people. A native daughter of Vancouver, Tilly Cameron, as she was known to her school-mates in old Vancouver High School, always eager, vivacious, friendly, energetic, rose to the top of the ladder in the public life of the province and remained to the last that energy and spirit which enabled her to achieve so much in the causes which attracted and absorbed her active mind.

Her teaching career to which she had looked forward after two years at McGill College of B.C.—the forerunner of U.B.C.—and one year at the Vancouver Normal School, was cut short by her marriage to Fred Rolston, friend of her High School days, who pre-deceased her in 1945. She left three children to mourn her loss, a son, Robert, member of West Vancouver Municipal Council, and two daughters, Mrs. Eric L. Hartley and Mrs. Norman 17. Foster. Her life was devoted to her home and to the service of her native city and province.

The wide scope of her interests in community affairs is indicated by the numerous organizations and public bodies with which she was associated. In her earlier years she was an active member of the First Baptist Church. She was later President of the B.C. Council of Women. Other societies which claimed her attention included the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Society for the Control of Cancer, and the Vancouver Symphony Society. During the Second World War, she was several times re-elected President of the Vancouver Women's Canadian Club, whose members will perpetuate the memory of her splendid service during those years by the Mrs. F. J. Rolston Memorial Fund. She was also a member of the Vancouver Parks Board from 1938 to 1947. She was first elected to the Provincial Legislature in 1941 and, in July 1952, was named Minister of Education.

In recent years Mrs. Rolston travelled widely, visiting in Eastern Canada and United States, the United Kingdom and Western Europe, Argentina and other South American countries, Australia, Honolulu, Japan and Formosa, studying at first hand the institutions and ways of life of the peoples among whom she journeyed.

Eloquent tributes to her sterling qualities and to her achievements in the public service were paid, at the time of her death, by the leaders of all parties in the provincial legislature.

The feelings of all graduates and members of the University were voiced by Chancellor Sherwood Lett in his opening remarks at the U.B.C. Autumn Congregation when he said, in expressing sorrow at Mrs. Rolston's death, "We feel we have lost an honoured friend."

—H T. L.

Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, B.A. '27, M.A. '30, Ph.D. (London) '33, LL.D., attended the University of Manitoba Autumn congregation to receive the Honorary degree of LL.D. in recognition of his services to Canada in the field of Letters. Dr. Lamb has already been awarded this degree by his admiring Alma Mater.
CHOICE REVIEW OF BOOK BY EARLE BIRNEY

(The review of Earle Birney’s book, *Trial of a City*, from which the following extracts are taken, appeared in the British Weekly, London, dated December 25th last. The reviewer, with pen-name of Ilico, is Dr. Nathaniel Micklem, himself a distinguished writer, theologian and poet. Earle Birney recently met him at the Authors’ Club in London and writes, “Oddly, my first contact with Dr. Micklem was fifteen years ago when I reviewed a book of his poems, *The Labyrinth*, in the *Canadian Forum*. He did not know of this when he reviewed mine (just as well, perhaps.”—Ed.)

EARLE BIRNEY

The End of Vancouver — Ilico

Major Earle Birney is professor of English Literature in the University of British Columbia and a poet. As a professor of English Literature he has paid especial attention to Piers Plowman and peculiar inattention to the science of punctuation. As to being a poet, that is no credit to him at all, for even I could be a poet (I fondly believe) if my life were spent upon the campus in Vancouver. Major Birney is a wit and a satirist as well as a poet; and he writes with the most invigorating zest. There is a picture of him (and of British Columbia) on the jacket of his new book; the portrait is convincing. I begin appropriately with his Christmas Ode. It starts thus:

There was the star of course over the Gatineau hills
sudden and bright as a god
In the commotion, three Vice-Marshalls
roared to the air in pursuit
But it was only a nova in Virgo
betraying some cosmic tantrum
that ended a million years back
In a week the sky looked safe
and the astronomers’ charts were mended.

My contribution to this is the full stop at the end; the author must take all responsibility for the comma in line 4.

This is not very like
Peor and Baalim
Forsake their temples dim
but it seems to me along the same lines, and Milton would have been none the worse for a keener sense of humour.

Major Birney cannot be hailed as a satisfactory exponent of orthodox Christianity, but he believes

(Do all Christians believe as much?)

that somewhere again there has been a Birth and Christmas . . . Christmas . . . could be any day every day now and forever.

The exclamation mark is Major Birney’s.

I am not in general very good at “modern poetry,” but I like this; it is all so boisterous and vivid and unsentimental. There is here a splendid travel poem describing a journey (by air) from Montreal to Vancouver. I found myself comparing it, as I read, with Calverley’s celebrated *Dover to Munich*. This is (in part) how Calverley describes the evening:

In the sapphire West the eve yet lingered,
Bathed in kindly light those hilltops cold;
Fringed each cloud, and stooping rosy-fingered,
Changed Rhine’s waters into molten gold.

Calverley represents perfection of form. Here is Major Birney on the dawn:

Like jungle-bright parrots migrating
the jangling colours and clouds of the dawn overtake us
snuffing the dew-bead lights of the farmhouse kitchens
filling the sky with the cry of the day . . .

I personally think that last line quite useful, and I want to pronounce it like a cockney; these assonances are not unintentional with Major Birney, but he’s “got something on” Calverley, as the modern idiom has it . . .

I have never ceased to admire and commend Francis Brett Young’s *The Island* as a magnificent poetic achievement. It is the epic of England from the very beginning down to 1940. Major Birney has attempted something along the same lines but on a very much smaller scale and in a wholly different idiom for the city of Vancouver. He has written a play which he calls *Trial of a City*. This by implication is in verse. Some of it seems to me quite indubitably in prose (though with modern poets it is difficult to be quite sure), and of the rest some beyond all question is not poetry. But it is a most engaging and often hilarious composition, and the author must have enjoyed the writing of every line of it . . .

I have compared and contrasted Major Birney with Milton and Calverley and Brett Young. He emerges from the ordeal with no small credit.

Dr. Lionel Stevenson Continued from Page 3

declares the book to be the “most complete Meredith Biography yet.” *Time*, under the heading “The Wounded Egoist” calls it “the first grand-scale resurrection of Victorian literature’s most neglected writer.” *The New York Times* in applauding the volume writes, “Mr. Stevenson—author also of a biography of Thackeray, *The Showman of Vanity Fair*”,—everywhere floods with light the deep personal roots of Meredith’s novels . . . Nothing in Mr. Stevenson’s biography is more valuable than his demonstration of that courageous and painful honesty that is the supreme achievement of Meredith’s social comedy.”
Ragbir Singh Basi, B.A. '53, President of the N.F.C.U.S., according to the October number of "External Affairs", visited Ottawa in September "to discuss interests of university students in the international sphere... He conferred with Mr. R. M. Macdonnell, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and outlined for him the activities of the Federation in scholarship and seminar projects." From this article we learn also that Mr. Basi, who was President of the Alma Mater Society last year and a leader in many under-graduate activities in U.B.C., "will enter Harvard University Graduate School of Public Administration this autumn on an Administration Fellowship to study for a Master's degree."

Dr. J. M. Black, B.A.Sc. '35, M.A.Sc. '36, Ph.D. (McGill) '42, after some years spent in geological work in Africa, and in eastern and north-western Canada, has returned to Vancouver to practice as a consulting geologist. He has been employed recently by the department of mines in north-western British Columbia.

Dr. Ronald W. Lamont-Havers, B.A. '41, after extensive post-graduate studies of arthritis in New York, has accepted a position as consultant with the B.C. Division, Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society in Vancouver.

R. P. Forshaw, B.S.A. '36, M.Sc. (McGill) '38, writes from Guelph, where he has been a member of the Ontario Agricultural College Department of Animal Husbandry Staff since 1947, and is now Assistant Professor. After completing his M.Sc. work at McGill he continued there until 1940, when he turned westward again, spent three years in consultant and other agricultural work and in 1943 joined the Animal Husbandry staff at the University of Saskatchewan where he remained until assuming his present appointment at Guelph.

E. R. Birkett, B.Com. '51, is with Canadian Industries Limited, working at Maitland, Ontario, and living in Brockville.

Charles A. Sigvardson, B.Com. '53, has been appointed Sales Manager of Pauline Johnson Candy Shops Limited. He operates from the Head Office in Vancouver.

Dr. John H. Fisher, B.A. '35, M.A. '38, Ph.D. (McGill) '41, has been appointed director of research for MacMillan and Bloedel who have set up a new department within the company. Dr. Earl G. Hallonquist, B.A. '28, M.A. '30, Ph.D. (McGill) '33, will be assistant director. "The broad field of the new department," said B. M. Hoffmeister, company president, in announcing these appointments, "will be better ways of making present products, better use of raw material — B.C. timber — and new products which have to be imagined, developed and engineered."
The appointment of Mr. Gordon W. Scott, B.A. '19, as deputy police magistrate, has received wide and outspoken approval. Representative of these expressions of approbation is the following editorial comment in a Vancouver paper. Referring to his selection as a "tribute to high integrity" the journal continues: "We're more than happy to see a square-shooter like Gordon W. Scott appointed as Vancouver's new deputy police magistrate. Mr. Scott has an outstanding record for fair-mindedness, human sympathy, devotion to duty and independence of mind in nearly 30 years' service to Vancouver as deputy city prosecutor and more recently as prosecutor. These are exactly the qualities his new appointment requires." Mr. Scott is a son of the late Dr. S. D. Scott, to whom our Alma Mater owes much for his devoted work on her behalf in earlier years.

Dr. Eric L. Smith, B.A.Sc. '42, B.A. '45, who took his medical degree at McGill and later pursued post-graduate study in Ophthalmology in New York, has now commenced practice in Vancouver.

David Rome, B.A. 36, press officer of the Canadian Jewish Congress and editor of the Congress Bulletin, has been named executive-director of the Jewish Public Library in Montreal. After graduating from U.B.C. he studied at the University of Washington and took a degree in library science at McGill. In addition to many other literary activities, Mr. Rome edited a two-volume work entitled "Canadian Jews in World War II" for which introductions were contributed by the late Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King and the Honourable Brooke Claxton.

Patrick (Pat) C. Keatley, B.A. '40, whose voice, beamed from London by the B.B.C., is now familiar to many listeners in Canada, went to England over a year ago on a Commonwealth Press Union exchange plan. His B.B.C. broadcasting is done in spare time, taken from his journalistic work with The Manchester Guardian, which has given him a number of important and interesting assignments. His expose of the Traffic in Horses in Ireland and England, in a series of articles in June and July of last year, were brought to the attention of Sir Winston Churchill and led to the appointment of a government committee of enquiry.

John M. R. Margeson, B.A. '42, who graduated with honours in Classics and English, proceeded to England in 1952 with the help of a Royal Society of Canada Overseas scholarship and has spent the year in study at Oxford. He and Mrs. Margeson have now returned to Canada to Wolfville, Nova Scotia, where he has been made Head of the English Department at Acadia University.

Powell River Sales Corporation announces the appointment of Ronald M. Melvin, B.Com. '49, as its pulp representative in Chicago, where his area of work will be the Midwestern States. Ron has been associated with the Powell River Company since summer vacation employment of 1947.

Bert R. Tupper, B.A.Sc. '28, manager and chief engineer of the Northwest Telephone Company, has been made a Fellow of the Institute of Radio Engineers, an honour previously awarded to only twelve other Canadians. The distinction was given for the prominent part played by Mr. Tupper in the development of radiotelephony in Canada.

Clifford H. Stockwell, B.A.Sc. '24, Ph.D. (Wisconsin) '30, was awarded the Willet G. Miller Medal by the Royal Society of Canada in June, 1953, a FOR ATTENTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES

Civil '53—Whenever possible the Chronicle will be used to keep in touch with you. Also from time to time letters will be mailed to you. In any case we must have your correct address, so, when you can, drop a line to Ray C. or the Alumni office.

Other Civies—It has been suggested that Civils (as well as other groups within Engineering) form some sort of association under the Alumni banner in order to foster and maintain closer ties with the University, if you would care to give us your ideas on this matter just write to:

RAY CHRISTOPHERSON
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medal given biennially for outstanding accomplishments in the geological sciences. As a member of the Geological Survey of Canada, Cliff has made important contributions to science and to the Canadian mineral industry by his work in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. He married Betty Johnston, Arts '30. They have two children and reside in Ottawa.

Dr. George F. Davidson, B.A. '28, is in New York City serving as a member of the Canadian Delegation to the eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Dr. J. A. Gibson, B.A. '31, Dean of Arts, Carlton College, Ottawa, is spending six months at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, as a Visiting Fellow while he holds the Guggenheim Fellowship awarded him early in the summer. He returned with his family at the end of September from a visit to England where he attended the Jubilee Reunion of Rhodes Scholars, the British Council Conference on Commonwealth Studies at Christ Church, Oxford, and the Commonwealth Universities Congress at Cambridge; he found time for extensive travels in the United Kingdom and for work besides in the Public Record Office in London.

T. G. Pearce, LL.B. '53, in a letter from London University Faculty of Law, writes that he has been allowed to read at once for his Doctor of Laws degree, omitting the intermediate work for the Master's degree, usually required of students with equivalent academic standing. According to Dean Curtis of the U.B.C. Law Faculty, this action results from a recognition by the University of London of the special attention given in U.B.C. to the study of International Law—the subject in which Mr. Pearce is specialising.

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ALUMNI HELP PUT OVER "BLUE AND GOLD REVUE"

By Dorothy Somerset

(Miss Somerset is Assistant Professor of Dramatics in the Department of Extension and is also a member of the English Department at U.B.C. A similar acknowledgment and thanks appeared in the "Oubyssey" of November 10 in a letter by Miss Somerset addressed to President MacKenzie, Mr. Ivan Feltham, President of the Alma Mater Society, and Mr. Douglas Macdonald, President of the Alumni Association.—Ed.)

On Saturday, November 7th, 1953, the University of British Columbia presented the last performance of the first "Blue and Gold Revue", having played to one almost full house and two sold-out houses. Authors Eric Nicol and Ernest Ferrault, composer John Brockington, the actors, directors—one of whom was Philip Keatley, and assistants—including Irene Carlsen, were rewarded by the generous and enthusiastic response of their audiences. Behind their modest success lay a story of co-operation and warm-hearted assistance without which the Revue would not have been possible. "Town and gown", faculty and students, undergraduates and alumni—all were united in a single effort.

To the alumni the "Blue and Gold Revue" owes a tremendous debt of gratitude. Without their assistance the actual running of the production would not have been possible. Two distinguished alumni, His Honour Judge Lord and Mr. Kenneth Caple, played parts in the Revue. Whatever pace the show was due to that famous Players' Club team of the '30's—Tommy Lea, Pat Larsen, Gordon Hiiker, and to their assistants headed up by Allan Walsh, Doreen Odling, Valentine Clyne, Dick Harris, Lyle Baigent, Jack Devereaux, Ron Fera and alumnus-husband, D. O. C. Byng-Hall.

Properties were in charge of Dorothy Peck, Katie Duff-Stuart and Dorothy McPhillips, and other alumnae "manned" the costume committees: Mrs. Arthur Lord, Mrs. Kenneth Caple, Mrs. R. E. Walker, Mrs. George Dickson, Mrs. Gordon Mac- sen, Gwyneth Lewis, Margaret Lewis, Mrs. J. V. Clyne and faculty and alumnus wives, Mrs. H. V. Warren, Mrs. St. Clair-Sobell and Mrs. Geoffrey Woodward.

Ushers from the Sir Ernest Macmillan Club were provided through the good offices of Marjorie Agnew, and the Alumni Association office helped with publicity.

The Revue was a large undertaking, larger perhaps than the authors, composer and directors at first realized. Had it not been for the truly remarkable co-operation and support given by the student body, student organizations, Student's Council of the Alma Mater Society, University Faculty and Administration, kind friends of the "Town", and ALUMNI, it could never have been brought to a successful conclusion. U.B.C.'s first "Blue and Gold Revue" was a heart-warming demonstration of University spirit at its best.

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THE FACULTY

News Items

President MacKenzie spoke to 600 Okanagan Valley school teachers at Kelowna on the morning of Saturday, October 17th. The subject of his address was “Continuing Debate about Education.”

On November 11th, Remembrance Day, the President was in Washington, D.C., where he addressed a luncheon assembly of 500 persons attending the four-day Conference of Christians and Jews drawn from the United States and Canada. The theme of the Conference was “Our Moral and Spiritual Resources for Brotherhood.” On November 14th, at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, Dr. MacKenzie spoke at a conference, sponsored by Canadian Westinghouse, on the general topic of “Canada Tomorrow.” His subject was “Challenge to Education.” During the following week he attended meetings in New York City of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association Trustees and of the Carnegie Research and Equities Fund.

Dr. Douglas Derry is spending a year in Europe as holder of a Canadian Government Overseas Fellowship. Before settling down to his studies at Dijon, France, he motored to Italy to attend meetings sponsored by the Italian Mathematical Union in Venice, Padua, Bologna and Pisa. He writes “The Symposium gave me a most pleasant opportunity . . . to meet European mathematicians and to gain some insight into the work they are doing. We made a lot of friends at the meeting and are planning to visit European Universities which we should not have done otherwise. The one difficulty encountered by everyone was to think about mathematics in the midst of so much splendor and lavish hospitality.”

R. F. (Bob) Osborne, B.A. ’33, B.Ed. ’48, Director of the School of Physical Education, has been appointed assistant general manager of Canada’s team in the British Empire Games.

R. C. Cragg, of the Department of English, exchanged for the Trinity Term of 1953 with R. E. C. Houghton, Fellow and Senior Tutor of Saint Peter’s Hall and Lecturer to Oriel College, Oxford, Mr. Houghton lecturing at U.B.C. for the Summer Session. Dr. Cragg spent altogether five months at Oxford, teaching, writing, studying, and a month touring the Continent by car—Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine, the Dolomites, Venice, Florence, Rome, the Riviera, the Rhone valley, the Chateaux of the Loire, London, a combined scenic, cathedral, art-gallery, linguistic tour, and so back to U.B.C. and English.

R. A. Forward, Head of the Department of Mining and Metallurgy, gave an address to the London Section of the Institute of Metals at its annual meeting on Thursday, November 5th. The title of his address was “Production and Properties of High Purity Nickel Powder”. He journeyed to England via New York City, Paris and Brussels and planned to interview graduate students in France and Belgium, and if time permitted, to spend a few days at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Dusseldorf.

A memorial plaque and painting of the late Dean F. L. Woods, first head of the Pharmacy Faculty, was unveiled by President MacKenzie at a special ceremony held in the U.B.C. Pharmacy Building on the afternoon of October 28th. Tribute to the work of Dean Woods was paid by George T. Cunningham, Member of the U.B.C. Board of Governors, Professor John E. Halliday, R. B. Thomson and F. H. Fullerton. Dean A. W. Matthews was chairman of the ceremony.

Dean Andrew is away from his U.B.C. duties this term on a travel grant from the Carnegie Foundation to study Administrative Methods in Universities in the United States and abroad. He has so far been visiting Eastern Universities. Next term he will have an opportunity of seeing Universities in the Southern and Western United States; in the summer months his plans will take him to the Universities of the United Kingdom and Europe.

Professor Emeritus Frank E. Buck (left) presents to Dr. Alden F. Barss, Chairman Department of Horticulture, a table made of Laburnum Bibliothecae—a unique species.

Dr. A. F. Barss, Chairman of the Department of Horticulture, was the central figure at a party given by the Faculty of Agriculture on March 26th last, the occasion of his 65th birthday. He was presented with a table bearing the inscription: Presented to Dr. A. F. Barss; Authorized by J. D. Lee; Designed by J. McGlashan; Made by T. W. R. Bonsey; Finished by J. Bell; Made of LIBRARY LABURNUM, 1928-1951. The trees, from which the wood was selected, formerly grew along the path to the Library; they were planted under direction of Dr. F. E. Buck who made the presentation. Dr. Barss was made Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada at the 33rd Annual Convention.

IN THE U.B.C. MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM, 11:00 A.M., NOVEMBER 11th.
Since you've probably been following the more sensational and manic side of student life on the front pages of the local press I'll confine myself to a description of the more worthwhile events that have been going on around the Campus.

The fall blood drive has gone down in the records as the most successful fall blood drive in the history of U.B.C. What started out as a five day campaign designed to net the Red Cross 1,500 pints of blood quickly turned into a rout, and after four days and two hours the Red Cross, richer by 1,922 pints, was forced to close shop, because of a shortage of equipment, and turned away many potential donors. After the enthusiasm shown during this Fall Blood Drive, officials are confident that the Spring drive will see the return of the Canadian Inter-Collegiate "Corpuscle" trophy to the U.B.C. Campus.

The Red Cross was by no means the only charitable organization to benefit from the Student Body. Sparked by The Community Chest also received a different form the Campus Greek Letter Organizations. cultural and social side of student life. The students carried out two hours during which time the money hungry Commerce-men invaded every lecture room on the campus collecting over $600 for the Red Feather Agencies. While we're on the subject of Fraternities, don't forget that the Fraternity system is flourishing. The first time in their U.B.C. history the Fraternities and Sororities put on a combined "Help Day" as part of the initiation for all pledges. A total of seven different Red Feather agencies received a helping hand from over 200 new pledges. Their work ranged from clearing an acre of land at the Alexandra Fresh Air Camp at Crescent Beach to repairing toys for Christmas distribution.

One of the most striking features of U.B.C.'s present development is the international atmosphere that is growing daily. As many of you will remember, the students of five years ago voted to tax themselves an extra one dollar under the auspices of the World University Service of Canada and today we have over 300 foreign students studying from the U.B.C. branch of the World University Service of Canada. This month the World University Service of Canada will sponsor a drive to raise clothing and blankets for the relief of Greek University Students who have suffered so much during the recent earthquakes. This will be followed later by a Sale of Indian Handicrafts on November 30.

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THE HIGHER EDUCATION

by David Brock

Back the Pack:

B.C. was fortunate this autumn in having Canada's only candidate for the title of Miss Football. The competition took place in Berkeley, California. I forget what the result was. Probably somebody from Frog City, Vermont, won the coveted honor and brought new lustre to her Alma Mater. In any event, somebody won it. I don't suppose she was expected to look like a football or even act like a football...it is not necessary or even desirable for Faith to have too humble a connection with Logic. Football is one thing and Metaphysics another.

With the help of certain graduates, I am planning to have a little competition next February, on Saint Valentine's not very metaphysical day, to select Miss Basketball, Miss Billiard Ball, Miss Golf Ball, Miss Curling Stone, and Miss Tennis Ball. Roll on! Roll on, thou gold and dark blue spheres, roll! (Byron, but not Byron Johnson.) I think we might also have time, and the inclination, to choose Miss Canasta, Miss Community Chest, and Miss Homemade Pickles, not to mention a certain Miss Giving. For the men, we shall have a very pretty struggle to see who'll be known as Joe College for the coming year.

Bottled Gas

Not long ago, a campus social worker told the Parents' Institute and the Parent-Youth Conference (and possibly the Babies' Union) that if you prop a baby's bottle and leave the kid to feed by itself that way, you are stunting its social growth. (The baby's social growth, not the bottle's. The social growth of the bottle is unabated.) A baby fed by a propped bottle doesn't learn the meaning of cooperation. He has trouble holding jobs, making a successful marriage, and living with others. So now you know.

I had long suspected it. I knew an old prospector who lived on the propped bottle. Or rather, on the propped keg. Above his bed (in which he hibernated) was a keg of beer. From the keg to his mouth there was a tube. When the keg was empty he got up and installed a fresh one and went back to bed for another few weeks. In the spring he was weak as a cat, and had great trouble in holding jobs, making any sort of marriage (let alone a successful one), and living with others. (He really did exist, by the way.)

Of course, many babies don't want to live with others. Sometimes they are quite right, too, nor is their trouble mere Timonism. And a distinguished teacher has recently said we are getting far too much emphasis on co-operation, which can be degrading and lazy, with less work being done and much poorer work. However, he was probably just trying to justify his own propped bottle. Instead of saying "Who prop, in these bad days, my mind?" he should ask "Who propped, in those bad days, my bottles?"

The Sensitive Plant

One of the deans was addressing the Society of Industrial and Cost Accountants of B.C., and he told them we must be educated in how to live as well as in how to earn bread. Which is true enough. He said we must be taught sensitivity, compassion, and nobility. Well, yes, perhaps...if these things can really be taught.

However, we must make sure they are of the right sort. The general idea today is to feel noble all right, but too noble to work. As for sensitivity and compassion, we have quite a lot of those, but we tend to feel sorry for all the wrong things, including ourselves. According to Edmund Bergler (no relation to Burglar Bill), man is an animal that goes round collecting injustices. Our basic neurosis, he feels, is what he calls psychic masochism. We inflect suffering on ourselves as a hobby. (This makes us feel pretty noble, too.) Yet even in having this form of fun we cannot enjoy it, for there is a fringe of distaste around every human desire, including the desire to make yourself cry.

Nutcracker and Mouse King

I am glad to see that the Extension Department has extended itself to include a course in Toy Making: Unfortunately, the Technical School is not planning to co-operate by giving a course in Persian Philosophy or casting fresh light upon the Dark Ages...which (I've heard) are called dark because we know so much about them.

However, let us remember that toys in college are no new thing. In some respects, my own education was entirely concerned with toys, and I am not gloomy enough to fancy I was unique. The list of the toys I acquired or made is too long for this page. But it included my first tobacco pipe, my first professor of English, my first awakening to love...aroused by a damsel who sat across from me at a library table...or who sat there till she noticed passion in my eyes, blistering my nose, and she went home and told her mother she hated college, and her mother said all right, then, she didn't remain. As a result, my wife is not a college graduate. But that is all equal to me. As I tell her, my sheepskin is something of a toy too, though I seldom get it down and play with it.

"SETS by CLIFF ROBINSON"

How often has that brief notice appeared on a University theatre programme! The "Blue and Gold Revue" is only the latest production to owe a debt of gratitude to Cliff who, besides being a very fine painter and artist, is also one of Canada's outstanding and most modest theatre designers. And in his case "sets by" does not mean only the designing but also the actual painting.

A setting by Cliff Robinson is always "theatrical" in the right sense of the word, contributing to and reinforcing the spirit of the play for which it is designed. And each setting also is witness to the artist's own creative individuality—a combination of delicate perception, boldness, wit, and personal comment. U.B.C. is indeed lucky in the possession—if we may be said to "possess" him—of a theatre artist of Cliff Robinson's quality. His backdrops for the Varsity Revue, the setting for "Totem Park" will remain a delightful and witty memory—until he designs his next set for us. —D.S.

A New Leaf All Round

The criminal responds to love and freedom.

Orders are things he cannot understand.

So take him camping, put him onto baseball.

And make him feel in pretty brisk demand.

How often have I thought this message over... Applied it to my children, too. By cripes.

From now on, all their discipline being ended, I'll try to treat my young like criminal types.

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"BLUE AND GOLD REVUE"

By Ivan Feltham

(The successful staging of the first "Blue and Gold Revue" marks the passing of another milestone in the history of our adolescent university. For several years, interested students, faculty and alumni have been tossing about the idea of producing a "varsity" revue. On November 5, 6 and 7 packed houses were delighted to witness the fruition of this idea.

It is not within my province to attempt the role of the drama or music critic. Your editor has asked me to evaluate the "Revue" from the point of view of one who is on the verge of stepping from the ranks of the student group into those of the graduates.

To define my task, I have set the following three questions: What effect did the first showing of our "Blue and Gold Revue" create? What should be the purpose and effect of such a production? What is the immediate prospect for the next showing?

The first question, then: What effect has the first showing of our "Blue and Gold Revue" created? Widespread comment indicates that the most striking impression fixed on the audience was one of the whole university, students, faculty and alumni, co-operating in poking fun at themselves. Many people, even members of the university, are apt to think of the students and faculty as two distinct bodies with few interests in common outside of the classroom and of the alumni as separate altogether from the university. The "Revue", thanks mainly to the sympathetic and understanding pen of authors Ernest Perrault, B.A. '48, and Eric Nicol, B.A. '41, M.A. '48, and to the sensitive interpretation and able direction of Miss Dorothy Somerset and Phil Keatley, B.A. '51, successfully fitted the three groups into one picture of university life.

The "Revue" joins the other aspects of the University which the public can see and thereby helps to establish the university as a living force in the Vancouver community. The criticism has been voiced that some of the skits, for example, "Club Day" (entitled "Fund for All"), were limited in interest to those members of the audience familiar with the campus. Perhaps—but these same skits must have revived dormant memories and added new touches to the feeling of our graduates for their Alma Mater. Even "Outsiders" will have acquired new knowledge about the university from asking questions about scenes which they did not fully understand. Continued on Page 34

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What should be the purpose and effect of a "Blue and Gold Revue"? The "Revue" should have a two-fold purpose—to portray by parody representative aspects of university life and to draw together in cast and production team members of the student, faculty and alumni groups. On all too few occasions is there an opportunity for these three groups to work together, to expose one to the experience and viewpoint of the others. Here is a project which provides personal enjoyment and satisfaction in co-operating for the useful purpose of publicizing our university. The whole-hearted support of all groups, which made the first "Revue" a success, encourages us to plan on this basis for the future.

In fulfilling the other purpose, that of presenting an adequate image of the university in all its aspects, careful thought and painstaking preparation is required. Of course, no single production can touch on any more than a few parts of campus life. Themes should be varied, as they were in the first "Revue", to demonstrate that the university is mature enough to laugh at itself and, at the same time, to create a lasting impression that many of the events and institutions lampooned in the show have also a useful function. That is not to suggest that a veil of seriousness be draped over the whole production—not at all. A revue is essentially a gay caricature. But while we entertain ourselves and our "downtown" friends with hilarious comedy, there is ample reason for attempting to leave a serious impression from the harmonious entertainment.

What is the prospect for the immediate future? The favourable reaction to the first show is due in large measure to the novelty of such an endeavour in entertainment in Vancouver. I am sure that the directors are fully aware of the defects—and there were many—of this year's show. To attain even the same level of success, the next attempt will have to be several times more polished and the talent much improved. Further, staggering production problems face those eager to prepare for the next show. If the show is to go on again next Fall, writing, composing and planning must begin now. Even more support from students, faculty and alumni will be essential. Can U.B.C. establish the institution of the "Blue and Gold Revue"—TUUM EST.
INDIAN SUMMER

By Jane Banfield, B.A.

(Miss Jane Banfield is the daughter of Mr. W. Orson Banfield, B.A.Sc. '22, M.A.Sc. '23, and grand-daughter of the late J. J. Banfield, well-known pioneer citizen of Vancouver. She is in her final year in the Law Faculty and expects also to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in the autumn of 1954. She has taken a leading part in many activities during her undergraduate career, having been a member and Vice-President of the Students' Council. Miss Banfield spent a year at McGill as a W.P.C.U.S. exchange student.—Ed.)

We were two days out of Le Havre, bound for Quebec, and rocking in the Sleeping Car when this young archaeology lecturer who had spent the summer in Greece, hunched his elbow and said, in a bored and off-hand way, "I suppose you spent the summer in Europe like everyone else."

"You'd think so," I replied, "but not in the carefully calculated prose you now read, I was escaping the summer." (To be continued in next issue.—Ed.)
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Coronation Medal Awards

Coronation Medals have been awarded as follows to members of the University of British Columbia: Chancellor: L. M. Mackenzie, President; Dean Gunning, Dean Eagles, Dean Curtis, Dean Allen, Dean Matthews, Dean Weaver, Dean Angus, Dean Gage, Dean Mawdsley, Dean Andrew, Professor Hunter C. Lewis, Professor Gordon M. Shrum, Professor W. A. Clemens, L. Comdr. Frank Turner, Squadron Leader Ray Herbert, D.F.C., and to the Principals of the Affiliated Colleges, Dr. W. Harry Hickman, Rev. W. S. Taylor, D.D., and Rev. W. A. Ferguson, D.D.
ALLAN McLEAN HURST

In Memoriam

By Paul N. Whitley, B.A. '22

(Paul N. Whitley is Principal of Lord Byng High School. He served in the Canadian Infantry and was wounded in World War I. After the war he entered U.B.C. where he was Editor-in-Chief of Publications in 1920-21, and Aluna Mater Society President in 1921-22. After short periods of teaching in Kamloops, Vernon and Magee High School he was for 22 years Principal of Point Grey Junior High School. He is a Past-President of the Alumni Association and of the B.C. Teachers' Federation. During World War II he was for two years in charge of Army Education, Pacific Command.—Ed.)

One of the outstanding students and leaders of the sixth class graduated from this University was Allan McLean Hurst. When the class of '22 held its Graduation Dinner in the Citizens' Club on the top floor of the Vancouver Block on May 4, 1922, Allan was Master of Ceremonies. The Arts students made him their permanent class president. The U. B. C. Book of Service for World War I states that he enlisted as a private in March, 1916, with the B.C. Company of the 190th Western Universities Battalion. It is recorded that he became a sergeant in three months and a sergeant-major two months later. Reverting to the ranks he went from England to France where he was severely wounded.

In the last war the Y.M.C.A. wanted a suitable man to direct their services at the Air Force Stations in Pacific Command. Their choice was Mr. A. McI. Hurst. So exceedingly well did he fill this position that he was retained in their service and sent to Toronto where he compiled the history of the Y.M.C.A. War Services for Canada and the Overseas countries.

The teaching profession attracted Allan. It was here that he proved himself an excellent instructor and administrator, always giving freely of his time and himself in the interest of students.

This man of service to his fellowmen died suddenly, possibly not without secret warning to himself for he never really recovered from his war wounds. His passing leaves us stunned. "No, not Allan." "It just can't be true." are the first reactions we experience. It is true, for there comes into focus in our minds all that he meant to us, to his host of friends, and to his colleagues under command.

The Hurst family moved from Bruce County, Ontario, to Vancouver when Allan was but eight years of age. They resided in the Grandview district where it was natural that he attend the Britannia High School as he grew up. It was in this school that he came under the influence of Mr. T. A. Brough and the late John Dunning especially in the field of language study.

World War I demanded the attention of young men such as Al. He responded by enlisting in the Western Universities Battalion. He worked at soldiering as he did at everything he undertook. His reward was rapid promotion. When the B.C. Company bade farewell to Vancouver under command of the late Major R. W. Brock, Sergeant-Major Hurst was the senior non-commissioned officer. Service on the firing line was the objective of every volunteer. Reverting to the ranks in England, Allan was soon in France with the 7th Battalion. On September 27, 1918, he was wounded, later being discharged in Canada.

As a young veteran, ex-soldier Hurst soon established himself as a student leader in the infant University of British Columbia with the class of Arts '22. In Philosophy and in English he set the pace. He won the distinction of being first to graduate with honours in this field of activity. Not only in scholarship did he excel but also was this true in the life of the student body.

"Hurst, rugby man and president of the Men's Lit.," "The man of many inches," for he was quite tall, is his description in the 1921 Annual. In those days the Glee Club was a leading activity, Al was one of the reasons. His "Muck-a-muck" page in the Odyssey, both caustic and humorous gave the "shacks" a life-like quality not always free from Faculty criticism. It was said that "He taught us philosophy and vain deceit."

Mr. Hurst was amongst the first post-war graduates to study teacher training at the Vancouver Normal School. School-teacher Hurst served in a Vancouver Elementary School for a short time prior to a High School appointment which took him to Armstrong for three years. Allan then became principal of the Revelstoke High School until 1940 when he was granted leave of absence to take charge of the Y.M.C.A. War Services in Pacific Command. During this period of leave one of his more noteworthy accomplishments was the erection of a building for War Services, later to become the present Community Centre in Prince Rupert. His interest in this Northern coast city no doubt influenced his decision when he accepted an appointment as principal of the Booth Memorial High School. Throughout his teaching career Mr. Hurst actively supported teacher organizations. His logical argument, sound advice and rare wit will be missed in the convention halls when teachers gather in the future to consider their varied problems.

If medals were given for service beyond the line of duty for an interest in community work, Al would be one to qualify. He ran an excellent school, participated in local service clubs, sports organizations, Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Legion.

Fitting tribute was paid to his work when services were conducted in the Prince Rupert Civic Centre with which he had had so much to do. Also a Memorial Service by the staff and students of Booth Memorial School indicated the esteem and...
regard in which he was held by the young people of the northern city. In Vancouver services were conducted by the Rev. Harry Lennox at Simmons and McBride Funeral Parlours. Here his comrades of the 19th Battalion gathered in their diminishing numbers together with many of his ex-students and University friends to pay their last respects.

In December, 1924, Mr. Hurst married Ella Dunlop. Mrs. Hurst now resides in Prince Rupert. He is survived also by a brother, Tom, and a sister, Flora. A host of friends extend to them their heartfelt sympathy in a time of irreparable loss.

Dr. Douglas Gordon Mathias

Dr. Douglas Gordon Mathias, well-known Royal City medical practitioner, died on Thursday, October 29th, aged 64. He was a past president of the New Westminster Medical Association and chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital.

Dr. Mathias was a U.B.C. graduate, B.A. '37 and M.A. '40. He was an Assistant in the Department of Bacteriology during the Sessions 1938-42, and Instructor, 1942-'43.

He received his doctorate in medicine at the University of Alberta in 1946 and he set up his practice in the Royal City the following year. He was an active member of Holy Trinity Cathedral and served on the church committee for four years.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Richard and Douglas; a daughter, Joanne; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mathias of Vancouver and two sisters. His wife's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hicks of the Experimental Farm at Agassiz, B.C.

BIRTHS — MARRIAGES — DEATHS

Notes for this column should include graduation particulars. For the next issue they should reach the Editor not later than February 19th, 1954.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Anastasiou (Joan Barton, B.A. '51), a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Armes (LL.B. '51), (Lois Whimpster, B.A. '50), a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dewar (B. Com. '50), (Pat Henderson, B.A. '31), twin sons.
To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Erickson (B.A. '50), a son, Christopher.
To Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Grant (B.A. '36, Ph.D. (Tor.) '43), (Ella Kathleen Allen, M.A. '50), a son, John Hugo Alexander.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gregg (Beverly Bassett, B.A. '48), a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. William King (B.Com. '46, LL.B. '49), (Maureen Beck, B.A. '52), a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Iain MacSwan (B.A. '54), a daughter, Margaret E. 
To Mr. and Mrs. William T. Mann (Daima Edwards, B.A. '43), a daughter, Margaret E. 
To Mr. and Mrs. Graham Mowatt (Margaret Gibbons, B.A. '48), a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Connor (B.A. '51), (June Gava), a daughter, Nancy Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES

Gordon Anthony Arnold-Wallinger, B.A.Sc. '52, to Joan Margaret Butler.
Clifford Bokstrom, B.S.F. '50, to Evelyn Edythe Stafford.
Richard Grant Bracewell, B.A. '50, to Eleanor Ruth Bowes, B.A. '52.
Bruce Haddorn Carter to Emil Deidre Anne Young, B.A. '53.
William Gilbert Eckersley to Mary Teresa Allen.
Donald Robert Fargcy, B.A.Sc. '53, to Elsbeth June Aikenhead.
Michael John Finlayson to Rachiglia Rose Yakoweshen.
Dr. Hugh Singleton Ford to Anne Pattullo Collison, B.A. '49.
James Glenn Gates, LL.B. '52, to Irene Henrietta Mjos.
Philip Boyer de la Giroday, B.Com., to Vivian Grace Gianchiglia.
Colin C. Goursay, B.Com. '47, to Margaret Ross, B.Com. '48.
Ronald Bancroft Haggart to Audrey Leona Farris.
Michael J. Jones, App.Sc., to Shirley-Mae Weir.
Donald Allen McCoy, App.Sc., to Jeanette Mercer.
David Robert MacFarlane, B.Com. '51, to Marilyn Jill Osterhout.
James Braynard McGovern to Sally Brown, B.A. '52.
George William MacKay Murdoch, B.A. '48, to Dr. Monica Evelyn McMullen.
Donald Richard Nesbiit, P.E. '52, to Helen Dale Papple.
Timothy John Nichols to Leona Frances Watts.
Dr. Bernard Ostle, B.A. '45, to Ruth Jean Lowe.
Lt. James Barry Studley Rose to Charlotte Julia Horsey.
Lieut.-Commander John Rose, RCN, to Ruth Weir.
William George Sharpe to Norene Marvel Mitten.

DEATHS

Rev. T. W. Muir, B.A. '48, was drowned between Sidney and Port Washington, Pender Island, on Saturday, November 6th, 1953. He was a graduate of U.B.C. and Trinity College, Toronto. He served with the Royal Canadian Navy on a corvette during the war. At the time of his death he was Anglican minister of the Gulf Islands parish. He is survived by his mother, who lives at 612 Main St., Vancouver.

Flying Officer Robert A. Pegues, B.A. '50, died in a flying accident at Greenwood, Nova Scotia, on October 9th, 1953. Besides his parents, of Quesnell, B.C., and a brother, of Powell River, he is survived by his wife and two sons.

Nicholas W. Rodin, B.Com., B.A. '47, died at Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., on October 7th, 1953. After graduation from U.B.C. he studied two years at Columbia University and since 1949 has been engaged in Research in Political Economy at John's Hopkins. He is survived by his wife and infant son in Baltimore, also by his mother, of Cloverdale and a brother at Smithers, B.C.

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