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## UBC Seen

### From the President's Desk:

Alumni are one of any university's greatest renewable resources. Through the years, alumni support has been an essential component in the growth and development of the University of British Columbia. Today, there is real evidence that this support is gaining new momentum. Alumni donations are at record levels and more and more alumni are volunteering their time to work with the association.

The objectives for the '80s have been set by the alumni board of management, and with the aid of the association staff, we are rapidly moving to reach these goals. It is my hope that during my year as president we will continue to expand on the policy and program foundations laid over the past few years. This will allow for:

- encouragement of faculties and schools to communicate directly with their graduates, with the possible results of the formation of active alumni divisions and increased financial support for the faculty or school;
- continuing development of the Wesbrook Society. Membership in the society is conferred on individuals or corporations who annually make substantial contributions to the university. Society members meet regularly with members of the university administration to discuss and advise on matters of concern to the university and higher education;
- an increased role for the alumni advocacy committee in preparing policy positions on issues affecting the university and education in British Columbia. These briefs are used in addressing issues with the university administration, the Universities Council, and the provincial government;
- maintenance of leadership and orientation programs with today's students,
- and continuing support of the association's campus/community programs such as the Speakers Bureau, the open houses and the singers tours that help to bring UBC to British Columbians.

During the coming year, the *Chronicle* will keep you informed of the activities of your association. The magazine itself will be changing, in format and direction, with a view to giving you more information on all aspects of university affairs. I urge you to use the medium of the *Chronicle* to share your concerns, views and opinions with your fellow graduates and your alumni executive. You can be sure that we will be listening.

*Robert J. Smith, BCom'66, MBA'71*  
President, 1981-82



One of Canada's most distinguished authors, broadcasters and journalists, Pierre Berton, BA'41, represented by his sister Lucy Berton Woodward, BA'43, (center) received the alumni award of distinction at the association annual meeting May 21. Dr. Vladimir Krajina, honorary professor of botany, an internationally recognized ecologist was named an honorary life member. Art Stevenson (left) retiring alumni president presented the awards.

### The Alumni Year in Review

Each year the alumni association prepares a report on its activities for presentation to the annual general meeting. This year it was held May 21 at Cecil Green Park. The following is a condensed version of the annual report. A limited number of copies of the full report is available on request from the alumni office, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver V6T 1X8.

"There is an agreed-upon plan of action. The future looks very exciting indeed," reports Art Stevenson, out-going alumni president. Two years ago, a five-year plan was established with a clear set of objectives and priorities. This year, association staff and volunteers have used this plan as a basis for action, Stevenson said in his report.

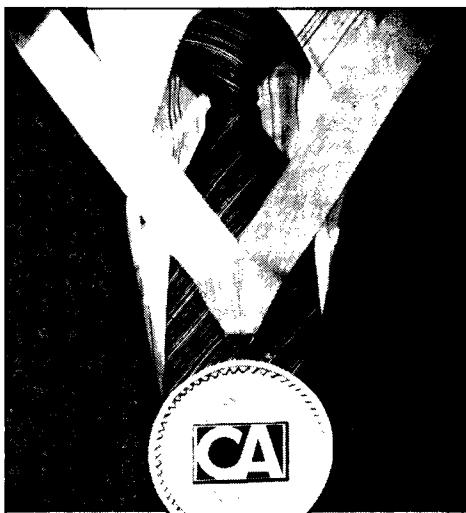
Stevenson said one goal he personally set was to have the alumni association more visible on campus. The board of management met at various times with the board of governors, the deans and the student executives of the Alma Mater Society. Each of these groups wanted to work more closely with the association and offered support for several projects. President Doug Kenny and Chancellor J.V. Clyne have been very supportive and attended functions on the association's behalf.

A new record of alumni contributions - \$833,805 - was reached in the year ending March 31. This represents a 37 percent increase over the previous record of the 1979-80 year, when contributions totalled \$607,851.

Grant Burnyeat, who chairs the **alumni fund**, reported that in addition, bequests from alumni totalling \$185,390 were received during the year.

The alumni fund's **allocations committee**, chaired by William Armstrong, approved a total of \$60,956 to 47 student-related projects. The **scholarships and bursaries committee** redefined the existing bursary and scholarship commitments of the fund.

Chancellor J.V. Clyne announced March 16 the formation of the **Wesbrook Society**,



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Marnie Strong



honoring the name and ideals of the university's first president. Members, who annually donate \$1,000 or more to UBC, will share ideas, advice and counsel with senior university officials. As Burnyeat says: "excellence in education demands extraordinary efforts; it also demands involvement and investment of private funding from interested alumni and friends."

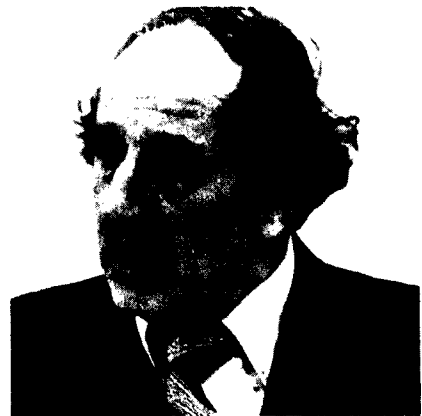
The past year has been a period of review, reports Harold Halvorson, who chairs the **communications committee**. Since publishing and mailing costs have accelerated rapidly, ways have been explored to reduce costs. "We have functioned with reduced staff since mid-year and voluntary subscriptions for the *Chronicle* have been tried with success for alumni living out of Canada." Canadian alumni are now being approached.

A study of the Point Grey cliff erosion problem was the **advocacy committee's** first project, reports chair Peggy L.E. Ross. Some remedial suggestions made in that the erosion report, chaired by James Denholme, have already been implemented.

A brief on engineering education in B.C., prepared by Dr. Harold Halvorson and Dr. Ross, was submitted to the Universities Council in October, 1980. The committee's brief on university funding is to be submitted to the Universities Council and provincial legislature members. Briefs on the provincial participation rate and accessibility are also going to the legislature.

The **program committee** was established this past year, with representation from each of the association's programs. **Divisions** are growing, with the birth of divisions in mechanical engineering, social work and recreation education.

Alumni **branch dinners** were held in Los Angeles and Toronto. Branch committee chair Jo Ann Hinchliffe, played an active role in an open house and board of governors dinner in Kamloops, as well as the highly-successful University Singers tour of the Interior. The **student affairs committee** sponsored a series of dinners, a leadership conference and frosh retreat... The traditional grad class barbecues



Josh Berson

*Rapt attention and lots of questions were the order of the day at the UBC Open House in Kamloops, April 30 to May 2 (left). Over two dozen departments and faculties were represented by faculty members, students, displays and films. There were lots of things to try including the rehabilitation aid that Penny Rofe Douglass, BSR'70 is showing her son Andrew....Vancouver alderman Harry Rankin, BA'49, LLB'50 (above) was guest speaker at a March student affairs dinner. The topic? Law and Politics.*

were also a success, attracting about 450 grads... The **reunions** were attended by more than 500 graduates and guests and the **Young Alumni Club** continued in its Thursday and Friday evening socials. This year's president was Rip Peterman... The **Speakers Bureau** sponsored more than 450 speakers representing UBC to the community. Oscar Sziklai oversees the program... and the **Fairview committee** is sponsoring a series of photographic portraits of the university's registrars.

## Young Alumni Summer Season

Membership in the **Young Alumni Club** continues to be a bargain at \$15 for the year, opening up a range of activities available to recent grads... Summertime highlights include a hiking trip June 20; in July, sailing and cycling trips and a tennis tourney... Friday night socials continue to be popular with up to 150 attending. Guests per member are limited to two, at \$2.50 each, but there is no limit on guests at Thursday night socials, (and no guest fee!)... The **student affairs committee** chair, Jill Brand BRE'79 and the other members are at work on the organization of the **New Students Retreat**. To be held the weekend of Sept. 11-13, the program is jointly sponsored by the university, the alumni association and the students' Alma Mater Society. A weekend program of seminars and discussion groups, to acquaint students with the university, faculty, and each other, will be held at Camp Elphinstone on the Sechelt peninsula. Cost for students, (transportation, food and accommodation included) is \$20 each.

If you know of new students coming to UBC this fall, please inform them of the program. For further information, or to register, contact the alumni association.



A full house of alumni greeted the university board of governors at a Kamloops dinner May 1. UBC president Douglas Kenny was guest speaker. (Above, right) Student members of the board of governors, Chris Niwinski (left) and Anthony Dickinson with guest Doris Wong. (Above, left) Roger Parks (right) one of the organizers of the dinner chats with two of the guests....The Wesbrook Society was launched at a March luncheon (right). Society president George Morfitt, (recently retired after six years as a university governor) welcomed guests including university chancellor J.V. Clyne, and Robert Paul, BAsC'52, (right).



Marnie Strong



Ken Mayer

## Division Dispatches

There's a new look coming to alumni divisions with the formation of the Division Council.

"Under the alumni constitution any organized group of alumni, whether based on academic lines like commerce or medicine or on a campus activity such as sports, the Players' Club or the Varsity Outdoor Club can elect two representatives to the new council," said Mike Partridge, BCom'59, council chair. Twelve council members will be elected to sit on the alumni board of management.

"We feel that divisions can become a vitally important part of the alumni association, to the great benefit of the students and the university. We are looking for participation and achievement of a common goal," he said. It's anticipated that divisions, whether established or new, will add a substantial fund-raising effort to their activities. "We feel we are going the right way toward helping the university by having alumni focus their interest and donations on areas in which they have had a direct involvement."

For more information on how to start a division (there is seed money available) or how to get involved contact Peter Jones, executive director or Mike Partridge through the alumni office.

**And in the divisions...** Anne Gleeson Wicks, BCom'78, is the new president of the **commerce** alumni... Gerald Parkinson, BAsC'79, heads **mechanical engineering**... **Librarianship** held its annual meeting April 21 at Cecil Green Park.

The **psychology** faculty has established a memorial fund to honor Park Davidson, professor and director of the graduate program in clinical/community psychology who died accidentally, with his wife Sheena, last December. The fund will provide financial assistance for a student in the clinical/community psychology program. A Sheena Davidson fund will assist nursing

research. Donations to both funds may be sent through the UBC Alumni Fund.

**Home economics** '71 alums gathered for three days of dinners, receptions and memories in mid-May. The home economics alumni are helping to raise funds to equip a student reading room in their long-awaited new building. The room will be named for Charlotte Black, director of the school for many years. Contributions from the furnishings fund will be used first to equip the Charlotte Black reading room and then for other student areas. Contributions can be sent care of the alumni fund.

A pat on the back has been received from Dean Bernard Riedel, co-ordinator of health sciences, for alumni who contributed to the **John F. McCreary** Lectureship fund. The fund has gone over the top and "The credit for this successful outcome must in large part be directed to... the generous response of the **health sciences** alumni..." Brian Schmidt, MSc'78 is in a second term as president of the **health services planning** division... Nursing professor Beth McCann, BA'39, BSN'40, president of the **nursing** division included a division newsletter with the research survey she is doing for her sabbatical project — a history of the UBC nursing school "with a strong focus on people." Nursing alumni day was May 22, with seminars and discussions on a Year of the Disabled theme and the annual Marion Woodward lecture given by Luther Cristman, dean of nursing Rush University. The division has a meeting planned for Monday, Sept. 8 in the faculty lounge, school of nursing, 7:30 p.m.

Robin Caesar, BSF'50 and the **forestry** division executive have launched a fund appeal for forestry. Faculty enrolment is up by 20 percent and money is in short supply for equipment, field trip expenses and student aid. In seeking donations, Caesar said, "I urge you to remember what you gained from your university and to think of those who follow behind you."



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## Editor's Note:

This issue is about history, policies and people. What ties them together is sports. For many alumni athletics is the tie that binds them to the university. It could be the memory of a great day on a soggy field, blue and gold, sweat, pain but usually achievement. What happens to campus athletes after they leave UBC? Do they take up new sports to fit their age or lifestyle? Do they become armchair athletes? The *Chronicle* would like to hear about your sporting interests — whether competitive croquet or marathon running.

You'll notice some changes in the *Chronicle* — layout, format and content among them. We're expanding our coverage of campus events and increasing the number of articles. Do you approve of these changes? Any suggestions for the future?

Another change will be in distribution of the magazine. Subscribers (An annual gift to the *Chronicle* of at least \$5 puts you on the list) will continue to receive each issue. All other alumni will receive the magazine at least twice a year on a rotating basis.



Jim Banham

The erosion control advisory committee toured the recently completed beach berm that protects about 300 meters of the Point Grey cliff face below Cecil Green Park and the Museum of Anthropology. The rock and gravel demonstration berm has been covered with a foot of sand and is being planted with dune grasses. The berm project has been guided by Stuart Lefeaux, BASc'45, retired superintendent of the Vancouver parks. It is hoped that further funding will become available to complete the berm between the two gun towers.

A memorial scholarship fund honoring his mother, Chan Fong Gan Au, has been established by K. Tong Au, BA'55, LLB'58 (right). Association treasurer Harold Halvorson accepted the \$15,000 cheque that will provide an annual \$1000 scholarship for an arts student.



Ken Mayer

Calgary in the league championship, only to lose it when the tie was broken.

## T-Bird Sports Round-up

The UBC women's field hockey team was the biggest athletic success of the 1980-81 season. The Thunderettes won the Canada West Championship and then beat York University in a 1-0 game to win the C.I.A.U. National Championship. The only Canadian team in the 200th University of Glasgow tournament, UBC emerged from the finals with a 2-1 lead over the British University Selects.

The women's gymnastics team captured the Canada West Championship and placed second to McMaster University in the C.I.A.U. championships. The other women's teams—volleyball, basketball, swimming and diving, skiing, rowing and the new ice hockey team—did well in their competitions.

In spite of the men's Thunderbird hockey team's 5-19 league record, team captain Jim McLaughlin won the scoring championship, was Canada West All-Star and was named to the All-Canadian team. McLaughlin and teammates Ron Paterson and Bill Holowaty, were named to the student national team, which played in the F.I.S.U. Winter Games, held in Spain.

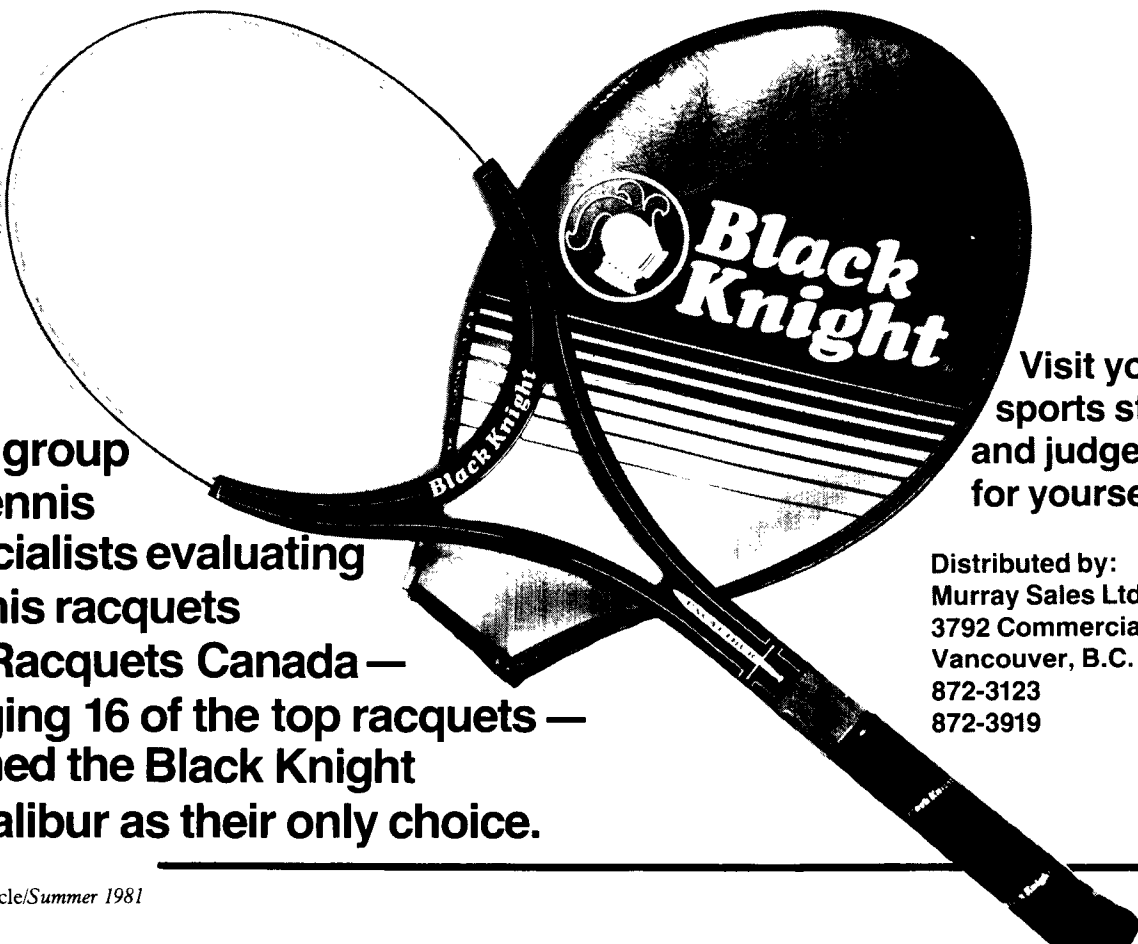
The football and basketball teams did not make the playoffs this year but the rugby team won three international matches and all five of their U.S. tour games.

The soccer team tied the University of

## Branch News

Approximately 45 grads, from 1931 to the late '70's, attended a gathering May 1 in **Edmonton**, when the film "A University Is" was shown. Alumni also listened to a band play a variety of music and enjoyed a sing-along... For **Northern California** alumni, "Climate and Acid Rain" will be the topic at the All Canadian Universities Association dinner June 18. Speaker will be F. Kenneth Hare, PhD, provost of Trinity College, U. of T. He was president of UBC from 1968-69. The dinner will be held at the Engineers Club of San Francisco, 160 Sansome St. All grads and friends of other Canadian universities are welcome. The program is a joint effort of five host universities—UBC, McGill, Queen's, Toronto and Manitoba.

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# Brian Budd: Superathlete

Viveca Ohm

“I think I’m capable of scoring 15 to 20 goals in a season. It’d be fantastic, the most ever by a North American player.”

“I can score with both feet. I’m greased lightning, nobody faster.”

“They love me in Ireland. The only guy that’s larger than me is the Pope.”

If you’re a soccer aficionado and a hometown booster, you probably have no trouble matching the quotes with the name. But as a dyed-in-the-wool arts type, as clued-out on the sports circuit as they come, my first reaction is who is Brian Budd and why is he saying those wonderful things about himself?

An old sports column calling him “the happy extrovert from Ladner” doesn’t really take me very far. But as I delve through a growing pile of clippings and press releases, the truth begins to dawn. Here is a hero I’ve somehow missed, all the more intriguing on the hero market for having been spurned and misunderstood by coaches and thick-headed fans alike.

Consider this. Brian Budd, BPE’76, plays for the Vancouver Whitecaps for four years, during most of which he is either kept on the bench or his buoyant spirits booed from the stands. No one really believes he can play soccer. Brian Budd is traded to Denver where his bad reputation or his bad luck follow him. The coach barely talks to him. How can he score those 15-20 goals when he hardly ever gets to play? Does someone have it in for him?

Meanwhile, Budd has entered Canadian Superstars, a nationally televised sports extravaganza in which athletes compete in a number of events like swimming, tennis, rowing, but *not* in their own field. Freed from any soccer expectations, Brian easily takes the Canadian championship. Then he goes on to the World Superstars (for there is one of those too, in the Bahamas) where he sets new records in gymnastics, the 100-yard swim and the half-mile run, walks off with \$39,000 and the World Superstar-ship.

That was in 1977-78. The next year he does the same thing again. And the year after too. Now he’s up to \$50,000 and a 58-point victory, a new high in World Superstars. But something happens. The U.S. television network in its wisdom decides that three times is enough. The guy is too



good, no one gets to be World Superstar a fourth time, them’s the rules. Once more our hero is victimized by klutzes.

But wait. Who are those throngs of people out there with autograph pads, television mikes, book offers, talk show invitations? Whole new vistas open up. Who really needs soccer now?

I meet Brian Budd on one of his whirlwind visits to his old west coast stomping grounds. It is a whirlwind meeting from which I emerge with eyes glazed and head spinning. Budd is on a tight schedule, has squeezed me in between a couple of other appointments in a pub lounge. Is that why he talks so fast? No, apparently he’s famous for his torrential outpourings.



*A man of many talents, Brian Budd, at the 1979 World Superstars competition, where he won the half-mile race, gymnastics and rowing.*

“What do you want to know? Superstars? Six out of six, three Canadians, three worlds, retired, they retired me, most points ever, enjoyed it, never trained very much, four weeks a year, stayed up late, in the casino in the Bahamas at one in the morning having a few beers and just enjoying myself ‘cause it was there to be enjoyed but they take it far too seriously. I mean, don’t get me wrong, the Worlds is a serious thing, but I figure if you know your stuff you can afford to relax and enjoy, which is what I did. Everybody else was in bed at 8 o’clock, and I’d be out at the tables playing a little blackjack, losing a fortune.

“Sports to me is something to be enjoyed. If you were to give me a pair of runners and a tennis racket and give me five to six weeks, or a pair of skis or whatever, I can make the game...I’ve had a taste of almost every kind of sport except kite-flying and skydiving, and I’m doing skydiving in the next couple of months. I scuba dive and I’m very, very decent on a single ski, waterskiing, I’ve done some flip-diving and all that ballistic stuff.”

He doesn’t look as large as I’d expected. In fact he looks like a well-turned out kid on a high school team. An open, blond-mustached face, your basic good guy whose idea of hardship is not being able to play soccer.

But that’s deceiving. At five he was believed to have leukemia. When he was a teen-ager, on a hunting trip, a friend’s shotgun exploded in his face, blinding him for two weeks. At a UBC party, a man on drugs attacked him and slashed his throat with a knife. With 30 stitches from ear to ear, Budd was convinced he was going to die, but remembers feeling “I had to come back that much stronger and more determined.”

When you’re living in perpetual overdrive, a lot of things become child’s play. Like playing the last 16 minutes of a soccer game with a broken leg. Or running to the top of a 30-story building to settle a \$1000 bet by Herb Capozzi and a friend. When Capozzi and friend stepped out of the elevator at the top after 2:37 minutes, Brian met them there.

Growing up in Delta, the only boy in a family of four kids, Budd was always attracted to sports, even if some of them were a bit unorthodox. He and his friends used to have foot races along the bottom of an eight-foot deep slough. They would put large rocks under their arms and hold their breaths.

But Budd didn’t get serious about soccer until his third year at UBC. An early coach told him he’d never be a good soccer player, and others have since agreed. He is still out to prove them wrong. After humdrum-to-disastrous stunts with

the Whitecaps, the Colorado Caribou, and the Toronto Blizzard, Budd got traded to Houston last year and finally had a chance to show what he could do. “I had a whale of a season and never missed a minute of any game.”

With the Houston team folding, Brian has to decide whether to play soccer or stick with television. “TV is a lot less strenuous, they’re paying me for it and I’ve only got to wear out two or three pair of lips each day, and that’s me finished.”

In the past year-and-a-half there’ve been talk shows and guest appearances, commentating soccer games and color commentating for the Superstars in Canada, Ireland and the U.K., and the “World.” Less sedentary is an annual stint on Survival of the Fittest, an adventure show that calls for scaling mountains and swimming raging rivers as fast as you possibly can.

At 29, Brian is in no danger of being a terminal jock. Apart from television, he has a book coming out this fall.

“It’s a got a working title like ‘An Executive Guide to Fitness.’ It has everything you ever wanted to know about sports from how to cure a hangover to how to do sit-ups to take weight off your stomach, which is a basic fallacy. I wrote it in seven weeks, writing all night sometimes...the book’s been backed already by one of the best orthopedic surgeons in Canada. What else would you like to know?”

“I live in Toronto but I maintain a house in Vancouver and I occasionally come out to buy and sell a few (houses). I’m trying to get into a little restaurant business in Toronto and I want to do the same thing here.”

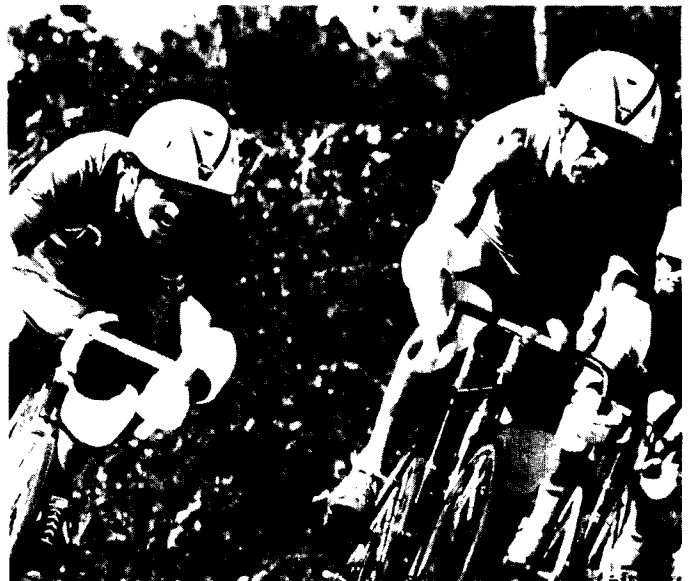
What he lacks in humility, Brian Budd makes up for in heart. He is a Big Brother, an honorary chairman for the Special Olympics for Ontario and is involved in VOICE, a teaching project for the hearing impaired.

“And when I go to Ireland, I work with all the crippled kids, that’s one of the major reasons I started going over there (after Superstars). We do soccer clinics, teach them a few fitness skills, this little gymnasium was jampacked, this was in Limerick, they’ve taken a lot of liking to my character over there, it’s not just my sports...Let’s see, what else would you like to know?”

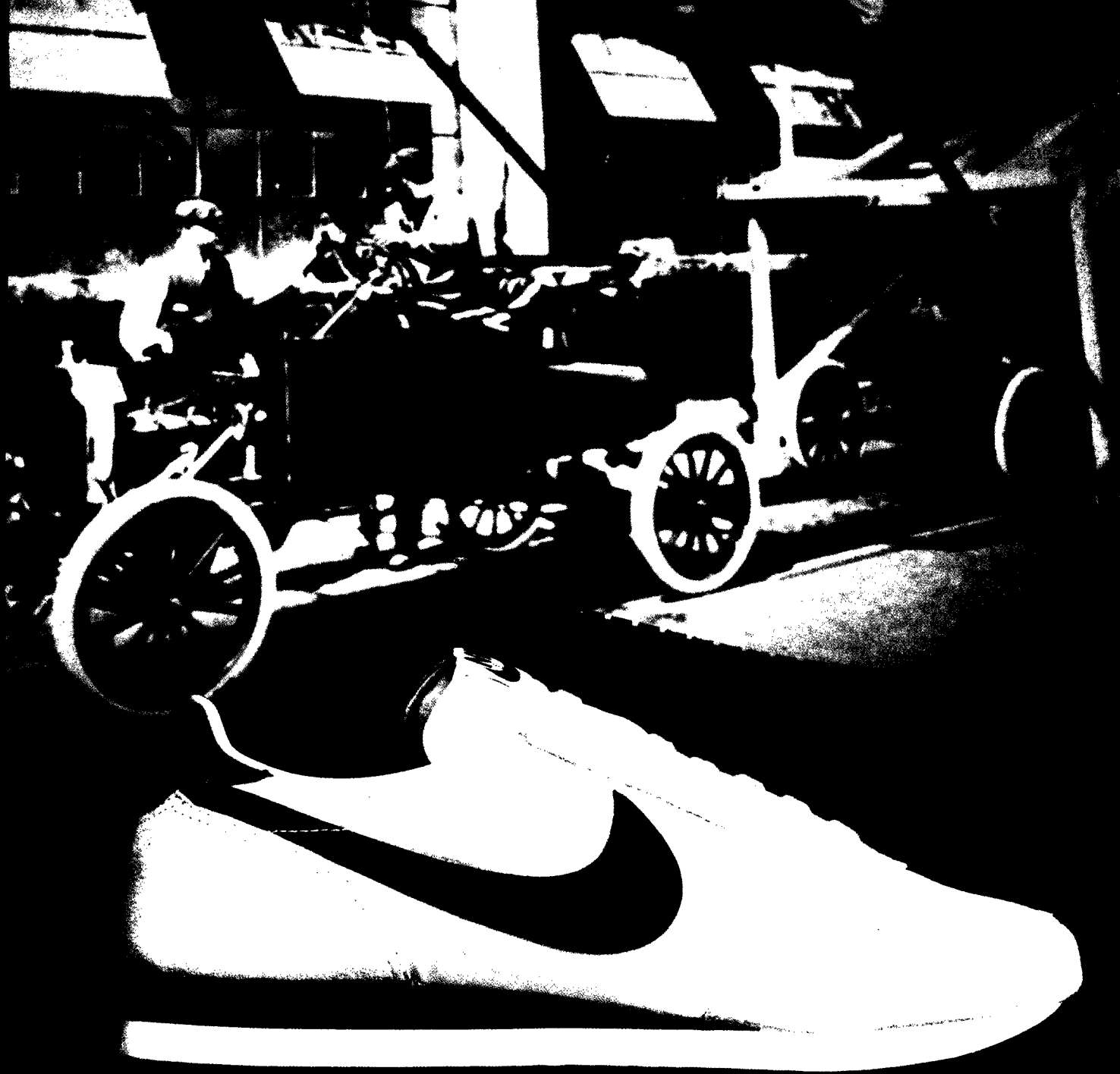
If he should run out of things to do, Brian can always go back to school. “UBC’s accepted me to do my master’s in psychology of sports, physiology, something like that, if I ever have time to go back.”

What else would you like to know? □

*Viveca Ohm, BA’69, writes and teaches in Vancouver.*







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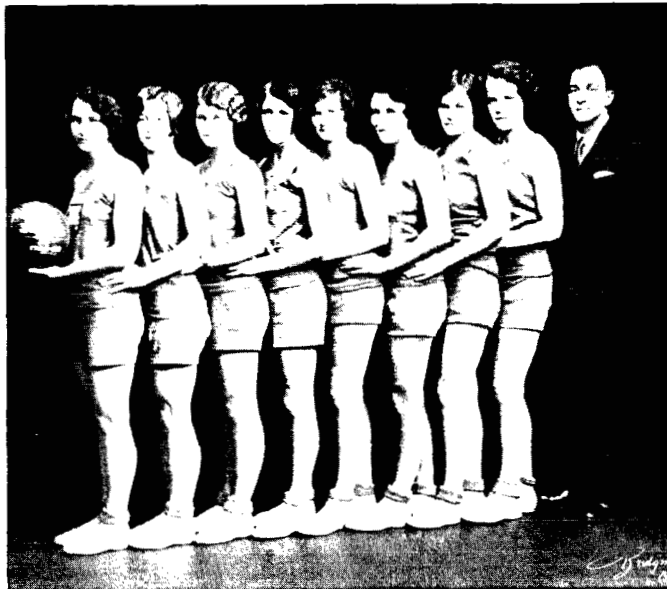
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# Winners and World Champions

Sheila Ritchie

Some remember them as the "forgotten" team of Canadian sport history and few would argue the merits of one of the finest athletic ringleaders ever to grace UBC courts. Fifty-one years later, the memory remains clear. The 1930 Senior A women's basketball team, world champions at the Women's World Games in Prague, Czechoslovakia, can still boast of a UBC accolade yet to be repeated.

Those were the days of coach Percy Page and the famous Edmonton Grads who, for their entire 25-year playing history, stormed women's basketball and captured every Canadian and world title on the North American and European continents.

At the 1930 Western Canadian championship in Vancouver, the UBC squad came as close as it ever would to upsetting the record. "At that point in time the two teams were really equal," recalls UBC coach, Jack Barberie. "It was such a close game, I think we could have overpowered them. We played a two-game, total-point series and they only beat us by six points."

Why, then, didn't the Grads represent Canada in Prague for the world title? Speculation has it that they were saving their funds for the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics which they attended as a demonstration team (women's basketball became an Olympic event in 1976). In any case, the UBC team was a worthy replacement.

The fund-raising campaign became a story in itself. Ex-university students, Bill Thomson, "Pinky" Stewart, and Frayne Gordon, mobilized a massive collection network in co-operation with team members. "None of us had ever experienced anything like it and the entire prospect of team travel on the grand scale was extraordinary," remembers Lois Tourtellote Fisher, BA '31. "We canvassed door-to-door and organized bake sales, teas, bridge parties and so on, around our summer jobs and practices at the Vancouver Athletic Club."

"Those guys would phone anybody who had a dollar in 1930," laughs Barberie. In just a few months, the campaign collected an impressive \$5500 purse (a present-day estimate would be \$32,000 with a comparative dollar value of 17 cents) with the UBC students' council contributing \$1,000.

A royal Vancouver sendoff, August 15, at the CPR station, ushered the team, good luck hankies pinned securely to blazer lapels, by rail to Montreal. Enroute, the nine athletes, coach and chaperone entertained themselves on the open observation desk inhaling the scenic view, avoiding the soot-laden smoke of the numerous tunnels by retreating safely indoors, and driving concerned porters to madness by hopping off and on the train between stops to take photographs.

Aboard the S.S. *Montclair* to Hamburg, Germany, coach Barberie laid out the rules — no candy or pastry, hit the bunk by 10 p.m. every night, rise at 8:30 a.m., run a mile on the promenade deck before breakfast, walk 40 minutes after every meal, and practice for one hour every morning and afternoon with exercises on the tennis court.

"After the exhausting workouts, we'd go below deck to 'Barberie's Torture Chamber' for beef tea and sore-muscle massages," winces Fisher. She grins as she relives the memory of the soothing, hot, sea-water baths and the one basketball which, after a misdirected pass, sailed merrily over the railing into the Atlantic.

Smooth seas and balmy weather brought the group into Hamburg. The following day at Prague, tournament delegates cheerfully received the team, who soon discovered that they would be playing only one game. Canada, the only North American contingent, was to represent the west in the final game against the European champion. Needless to say, Barberie was shocked.

"We went to Prague to participate in a competitive series of games. Here we were, all of a sudden, in the finals for the world title."

With eight days before the crucial September 8 final game, the tourist attractions were irresistible. The many age-blackened, stone buildings, the narrow, cobblestoned and lantern-lit streets, vaudeville cafes and below-street-level coffeehouses, street car rides, ancient cathedrals and clocks, palaces, and cabarets provided endless distraction.

"The palace garden party given in our honor was a real eye-opener," remembers Thelma Mahon Cornwall, BA'30, who still has her gold medal, postcards, linen and special china-piece souvenirs.

For Claire Menton Barberie, BA'30, the best memories are of "Prague, with its beautiful Central Hotel, the linen and cut glass as well as the great kick we all got dodging our guides, Jack Hornet and Blake Watson, as they chased us in and out of department stores."

Language was a problem. Jack Barberie's fondest memory is of London where he could understand policemen's directions. He is still grateful to the guides whose knowledge of the language and the geography contributed to such a memorable trip. "Our guides helped the team a lot because the language barrier was everywhere. At breakfast, we'd sit across from the Italian track team and wonder why they were drinking wine."

In the final game against France, which Canada won 18-14, it was impossible to communicate with the French-Italian speaking referee and uncontrolled rough-body contact resulted due to the French interpretation of the international rules. The no-substitution rule, except for injury, left four players on the bench for the entire game.

"The only thing that was regulation about the international rules was the basketball," remarks Barberie. "No time-outs, no coaching from the sidelines, and only half-pivots were allowed. Well, we kept the same strategy and just tried our darndest to cope with the elements."

Gusty winds accompanied the action on the stadium's centre, cinder court (instead of a gymnasium) before a frenzied crowd of 10,000 fans who observed the action from afar. Fisher recalls the rough-and-tumble style of play. "When any team members fell, the black cinders were ground in. We sideliners would stand with mercurachrome bottles and swabs to dab players as they hobbled by."

In spite of referee partiality and a triumphant effort against terrible odds, Barberie's obvious team pride and charitable attitude prevailed — "So, who's complaining; we won the game." Requests by the Edmonton Grads for an immediate rematch on home soil also went unheeded. Smiles Barberie, "We had that title and, by golly, we wanted to hang onto it."

Homeward bound, the group went from Prague by rail to Paris, to Calais (a 26-hour train ride without a sleeper), by Channel steamer to Dover and on to London where the now penniless team boarded *The Duchess of Atholl* which arrived at Montreal on September 20.

"We were so broke during that train ride home," recalls Fisher. "Barberie sure tried hard to convince us of the nutritive value of beans and crackers."

A flurry of flower presentations, civic awards and luncheons welcomed the champions home. They brought with them their five gold medals, copper plaques and a splendid crystal vase trophy.

Lost for many years amid the dusty rubble of an old athletic office cupboard, as forgotten heirlooms sometimes are, the vase, and the team effort, that it represents, have been polished up and returned to their rightful place in the trophy case and UBC's sports history. □



*Hankies pinned to pockets, the team departs for Europe where they carried the Union Jack in the parade of athletes.*

## The Study of Sports

Barbara Schrodt's office at the UBC sports complex bulges with a tidy assemblage of efficiently categorized sport history books. From A to Z, the many volumes attest to her expertise and enthusiasm in an area she is trying to expand at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"Sport history investigates the ways in which sport is affected by society and includes everything about sport in history," explains Schrodt who, in recent years has moved into the area of sport history "because there's so much to learn and study."

This year, along with Dr. Eric Broom, she started teaching a second-year physical education course called "Sport in Canadian Society." It combines history with contemporary study to give students a solid groundwork in Canadian heritage and is, as far as Schrodt knows, "the only one of its kind in Canada."

The graduate level course, "The Rise of Modern Sport," covers a vast array of developments over the past two centuries. Research projects have covered such local topics as the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club as well as Stanley Park's contribution to sport in Vancouver, a history of the Meraloma Club, and the effect of the Vancouver and District Inter-High School Athletic Association on the development of physical education curriculum in Vancouver. A recognized field of academic study in Canada since 1967, recent graduate level sports history research has prompted an upsurge in student interest.

"Traditionally," comments Schrodt, "people have thought of UBC as just concentrating on exercise physiology, exercise management, human motor performance and growth and development, but we are rapidly expanding into areas of sport management, sport sociology and psychology, sport medicine and sport history."

She's keen for people to become aware of the program variety in the School of Physical Education and Recreation. As well as teaching, she's busier than ever with her own sport history research.

"I just love it; it's like a whole new career for me." □

*The research undertaken by Louisa Zerbe, BPE'77 in collaboration with Dr. Barbara Schrodt, BPE'51, associate professor of physical education and recreation, is gratefully acknowledged....This is Sheila Ritchie's, BPE'72, second Chronicle article. She previously looked at UBC's rowing history.*

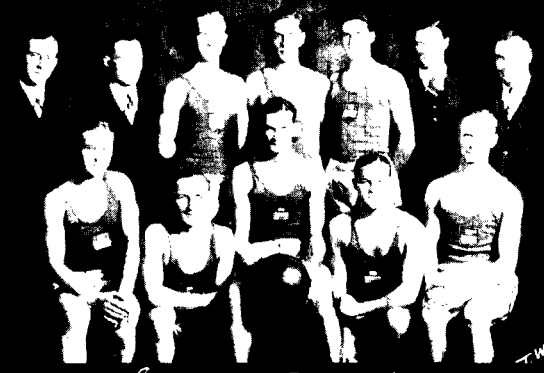


*Charter members of the Women's Big Block Club.*



*Ted Hunt (#7) gets away a quack kick.*

# Moments of Glory A Sports History of UBC



*1931 Senior Basketball team.*

## Clive Cocking

**"I** always felt that winning my Big Block was more important than winning an Olympic medal." If that is athletic heresy, then so be it, says David Helliwell, chairman of the B.C. Resources Investment Corporation and former member of the famed eight-oared UBC "Cinderella Crew" that rowed to a silver medal at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. Winning an Olympic medal was unquestionably "an awesome experience", but somehow, to him, winning his Big Block for rowing always had more personal meaning. It is perhaps a matter of sentiment, of tradition, of the closer prize being more greatly valued than the seemingly unattainable.

There are, obviously, not a vast number of former campus athletes who can say that — although UBC has produced a disproportionate number of Olympians — but the comment ranks as a kind of ultimate definition of the prestige attached to the Big Block awards. It's well-won prestige. Over the years the university has produced an extraordinary succession of championship teams and outstanding, often world class, athletes. Top campus athletes today, as in earlier times, continue to push themselves to higher levels of fitness and performance, not only for personal satisfaction, but also for the honor of wearing one of those distinctive, thick, navy blue sweaters with the big gold BC emblazoned on them. Winning a Big Block links them with a tradition of athletic excellence.

The exact origins of the men's Big Block Club are obscure, but the starting point is generally accepted as 1913 when the yet-to-be university was still in its gestation period as a western college of McGill. In that year half a dozen athletes were awarded the first Big Blocks: white sweaters with a gold BC on them. White continued to be the color until the latter part of the Twenties when navy blue became predominant. In 1930, the women's Big Block Club was launched, all 12 founding members (naturally) receiving awards. The purpose has always been the same, to recognize and promote outstanding performances in individual events and team sports, the general requirement being two years of

top-level participation. From a handful of awards in the beginning, the program has grown until now anywhere from 50 to 80 men and women athletes receive Big Blocks each year. It's an expensive program — each man's sweater now costs \$75 — but the more than 3,000 men's Big Block alumni gladly kick in the necessary \$7,000 annually to maintain the tradition.

It all began very humbly, as everything did with the university. There were no facilities to speak of back in the early days, when UBC was located in the Fairview Shacks. Student teams had to beg and borrow gymnasiums to play in — and had to continue doing so for the first few years of the university's Point Grey existence. But it was student drive that got the athletic program going and kept it going. Beginning in 1923 under AMS president Dal Grauer, who later became president of B.C. Electric, students put on a wide-ranging campaign for funds to build a gymnasium and playing fields at Point Grey. They canvassed the city doing shoeshines, hairdressing, manicuring, fortune-telling and staging a mammoth variety show. On Saturdays students went out to the new campus and cleared, levelled and worked on the drainage for the playing fields. By the time UBC opened its doors on the new site in the fall of 1925 there were two inadequate — but useable — playing fields ready. They were considerably improved during that first year: all freshmen were required to spend a field day clearing rocks off the fields.

It wasn't long before UBC athletes began to make their presence felt in rugby, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey (there was even a women's team) and track and field. One of the first to emerge into prominence was Harry Warren, now UBC professor emeritus of geological sciences and the proud owner of four Big Blocks, two each for track and rugby. UBC's top sprinter of that time, he went on to become the B.C. champion in the 100-yards, 220-yards and quarter-mile in 1926 — but only, he admits ruefully, because "Percy Williams didn't run." (The legendary Percy Williams, incidentally, spent the fall term on campus in 1928 after his stunning double gold medal wins in the 100 and 200-metre sprints in the Amsterdam Olympics, but found the academic



Harry Warren



life not to his taste.) With his speed, it was natural for Harry Warren to be drafted to play rugby for the Thunderbirds. "My most memorable moment was beating Victoria in the McKechnie Cup," he recalls. "I was lucky enough to get the winning try and I went over with the man who later became premier of B.C. wrapped around my ankles — that was Boss Johnson." After a couple of seasons of rugby, Warren switched to field hockey because it was less demanding of time and he wanted to win a scholarship. Winning a Rhodes scholarship, he continued to participate in track at Oxford, running for a record-breaking university team in the Inter-university Relays, personally winning the 220-yard sprint in the 1927 British Games and winning the Oxford University championship in the 100-yard sprint in 1929. But on Point Grey, Harry Warren is best noted as one of the builders who laid the foundation for UBC's current strength in field hockey.

It was in basketball that UBC was first propelled into national and international prominence. The women's basketball team of 1930 — recognized as ranking just behind the famed, powerful Edmonton Grads women's team — won the world championship (see article, p. 10). The next year, the first Canadian basketball championship was won by the Thunderbirds men's team, outscoring St. Catherines Grads 45-38 in a two-game total point series. The top scorer with 13 points was a freshman named Robert Osborne, who much later became UBC's director of men's athletics and director of the School of Physical Education and Recreation.

This marked the beginning of UBC as a basketball power in Canada. A second national basketball championship was brought to UBC by the Thunderbirds team of 1936-37, which was admitted to the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame Honor Roll this spring.

One of the stars of that memorable team was a 5'8" dynamo at guard, Rann Matthisen. Bob Osborne remembers him as "a very heady player, very aggressive; he was good at advancing the ball and good at forcing his opponents into mistakes." Team captain James Bardsley recalls, "He had a good shot, he was fast, he was smart, tricky — he was everything except tall." Then, laughingly, Bardsley

adds, "He was a little underhanded too." Matthisen, now a retired forest products executive, chuckled on hearing that one. "I came from a family of Thespians: I was good at falling. I got a lot of foul shots." In his graduating year, 1939, Matthisen was awarded the Bobby Gaul Memorial Trophy, UBC's preeminent athletic award which had only been established three years earlier in honor of a much-admired campus track and rugby star, Robert W. Gaul, who had died in his final academic year.

There were also some memorable athletic achievements off the basketball courts in those early years. UBC was emerging, for one thing, as a power in rugby. The first of a long string of strong sides, the 1938-39 Thunderbirds won 13 of 18 games, scoring 367 points and allowing 98. The team won the Miller Cup, symbolic of Vancouver Rugby Union first division supremacy but lost three of four matches in the inter-union McKechnie Cup series. One of the stalwarts was a fleet winger and sprinter, Howie McPhee, who won the Bobby Gaul Trophy in 1940. "Howie McPhee was one of the top five rugby players in the history of UBC," says Osborne.

But these were still the glory days of basketball. The 1940-41 Thunderbirds again won the Canadian championship and the university continued to produce contenders through the early Forties, capped by the super successful 1945-46 squad. Writing of that renowned team, *Vancouver Sun* columnist Denny Boyd recalled: "The 1945-46 team welded together a fantastic record against the toughest competition they could find. They won 34 games and lost only five and won the Pacific Northwest Intercollegiate Conference title. They split a pair with the University of Washington Huskies and won two of four from the University of Oregon. But perhaps most remarkable of all, they beat the fabulous Harlem Globetrotters. They beat the Trotters 42-38 in a game that was empty of clowning and devoid of laughter. All of it was a heart-squeezing, hell of a basketball game, the first defeat handed the Harlem Globetrotters by any western team."

The Birds didn't win the Canadian championship in 1946 — that was won by Meralomas, one of a series of strong

Vancouver teams stocked with former UBC players. But the 1947-48 Thunderbirds knocked off the University of Alberta to become the western collegiate champion facing the University of Western Ontario, the eastern collegiate champion, in pre-Olympic trials. UBC won, becoming, in all but official title, Canadian collegiate champion. At the same time, Montreal YMHA similarly effectively won the amateur title by defeating an ex-UBC-rich Vancouver Cloverleafs team 45-43 in a controversial game (Cloverleafs figured they had won the title when they beat YMHA by 25 points in a game a couple of days earlier). Out of all of this a Canadian Olympic team was formed, half drawn from Montreal YMHA and half from UBC (Bill Bell, Dave Campbell, John Forsythe, Pat McGeer, Reid Mitchell, Neville Munro, Bobbie Scarr and Normie Watt), which went on to finish eighth in the 1948 London Olympics.

It may be here that Pat McGeer learned moves that were to stand him in good stead later in politics, but by all accounts the future B.C. minister of universities, science and technology was a standout with the Thunderbirds of that era. He was named Bobby Gaul winner in 1948. A former teammate on the 1945-46 squad, Harry Franklin, now vice-president of Western-Pacific Communications Consultants, remembers McGeer as an outstanding forward, fast and a good shot. "He was stronger on offence than defence — he was very good on a fast break."

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This was the time too when another campus athlete who was later to go on to a political prominence was making a name for himself. John Turner, the future federal justice minister, who had won his Big Block as the fastest man on campus, raced away with the Canadian championship in the 100 and 220-yard sprints in both 1947 and 1948. Then as a Rhodes scholar attending Oxford, he ran as a member of the United Kingdom track and field team in 1950-51. "In my opinion he was good enough to be selected to the 1952 Canadian Olympic team," says Bob Osborne, "but the officials decided not to select in absentia."

But as the new decade approached, it was as a rugby powerhouse that UBC began to steal headlines. The 1947-48 Thunderbirds ran up an almost immaculate record, losing only two games — to the University of California and to the touring Australian Wallabies. In 1952-53 another Thunderbird juggernaut appeared, outscoring the opposition 240 to 69 and losing only four games. One of the many talents on that team was a tough backfielder, Donn Spence, who in 1967 was to begin a distinguished, and continuing, term as UBC rugby coach.

That team would have been even greater had it included a young man who within a few years would be acknowledged as one of UBC's all-time greats in rugby: Ted Hunt. An all-round athlete who was on the Canadian ski jump team while in high school and later played pro football for the B.C. Lions, Hunt didn't become part of the Thunderbirds'

story until 1955. While not quite up to the remarkable standards of 1952-53, the Thunderbird teams he played on were till a force to be reckoned with: in 1957, with Hunt as captain, the 'Birds won the Miller Cup, the McKechnie Cup and the World Cup. That was the year Ted Hunt was named winner of the Bobby Gaul Trophy.

But it was off-campus, after graduation, that Ted Hunt, as other Thunderbirds before him, made his greatest contribution to B.C. rugby. As a tricky, explosive fly-half he was a key to the Kats rugby club's long string of provincial championships and strong showings by B.C. Reps against touring sides. "Certainly in his day, Ted was the greatest," says Donn Spence, who knew his play both as opponent and as Reps teammate. "Hunt was a great student of the game and a guy with great determination. He was always in support of the ball and that's why he got a lot of his tries." One of the standout wings of that period, George Puil, the holder of seven Big Blocks for rugby and football and now a Vancouver alderman, gives credit particularly to Hunt's unorthodoxy. "He was willing to try plays that were novel — he'd stop and throw the ball overhand back out to the other wing — he had a flair for doing the unexpected." It also helped to have an unusual knock-kneed running style, recalls Dr. Peter Grantham, one of the better forwards of that time and now head of family practice at UBC. "He's got the most wobbly knees I've ever seen. Anyone coming at him head-on would be at a complete loss to know what way he was going to go."

But the glory won on local rugby pitches was nothing compared to the laurels UBC suddenly had begun to win on world rowing courses. The turning-point had come quietly in 1949 when, under a cooperative arrangement with the Vancouver Rowing Club, Frank Read took over as UBC rowing coach. Then, in the face of such daunting obstacles as lack of money — UBC's total 1950 rowing budget was \$250 — lack of regular competition — they constantly raced the clock — and the perils of training in congested, driftwood-strewn Coal Harbor, a series of powerful rowing crews were molded. "Every boat I ever had was punctured by driftwood at some time," says Read, "and many times we were swamped by passing boats." Disciplined, rigorous training was the trademark. The crews were on the water at five-thirty at least five mornings a week rowing for an hour or an hour and a half and then back at five o'clock in the evening for another couple of hours of rowing.

The results are now a glowing part of UBC athletic history. In the 1954 Vancouver British Empire and Commonwealth Games, rowing in the Vedder Canal, the UBC eight-oared crew upset a Thames Rowing Club crew to win the gold medal — the first medal a Canadian crew had ever won in international competition. Invited to the Royal Henley Regatta the following year, the UBC eights stunned everyone by beating the favored Russian crew in the semi-final, only to lose in the final to American and British crews. Then in 1956, after local pressure converted a skeptical Olympics committee, a new UBC four-oared crew and reconstituted eight-oared crew were chosen to represent Canada at the Melbourne Olympics. The UBC fours rowed to an easy gold medal win and the eights narrowly missed the gold, taking a silver medal. And the medal performances didn't end there. A new UBC eight-oared crew won a silver medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics and in 1964 a UBC crew won the gold medal in pairs at the Tokyo Olympics.

Through this amazing period, one of the main stalwarts of UBC's rowing effort was a tower of strength named Don Arnold. Arnold, who was awarded the Bobby Gaul Trophy in 1962, was stroke on the 1956 gold medal-winning fours and rowed in number four position on the 1960 silver medal-winning eights. David Helliwell remembers Arnold and his number three man in the four-oared shell, Walter d'Hondt, as "two of the most incredibly strong people I've ever seen."

Rowing may have faded in prominence, but since then UBC athletes have been coming through with excellent performances in a growing number of sports. Hockey, which has had its ups and down over the years, began to have more ups in the Sixties and Seventies. In 1962-63, with Father David Bauer as coach, the Thunderbirds won the western Intercollegiate championship, but lost to McMaster in the national final. The following year, UBC was home to a national Olympic hockey team — in addition to the Thunderbirds — with Father Bauer as coach and Bob Hindmarch, now UBC director of athletic and sport services, as assistant coach. The national team put up a strong showing in the 1964 winter Olympics, narrowly missing a bronze medal. In 1967 the Thunderbirds won a silver medal in the Canada Winter Games and since then have been consistent contenders in their intercollegiate division, winning the Canada West championship twice, both times being knocked out in the national semi-finals by the University of Toronto.

Football, which had seen more than its share of hard times, particularly after Frank Gnupe's vintage years in the early Sixties, began under coach Frank Smith to enjoy a powerful renaissance in the mid-Seventies. The Thunderbirds won the Hardy Cup, symbolic of supremacy in western intercollegiate football, in 1976 and again in 1978, when the Birds played in the National College Bowl final, losing to Queen's. More important: in the past three years the Birds have won two out of three in the revived Shrum Bowl against Simon Fraser University.

But more than anything else, the Seventies were golden years for track and field at UBC. The number of national and international class athletes to emerge from the once-rocky playing fields of Point Grey was phenomenal. Debbie Brill, who became the world champion women's high

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jumper in 1979, got her start at UBC. In the men's high jump, John Hawkins was the first in Canada to hit the international class seven-foot level. "In 1972 we were ranked in the high jump as having the most formidable men's team in the world," says Lionel Pugh, UBC head track coach, who served as national track and field coach from 1969-74 and since then has concentrated on being national coach for jumping events. At that time UBC had four men — Hawkins, John Beers, Rick Cuttell and Dean Bauck — jumping over seven feet. Beers finished sixth in the high jump in the 1972 Munich Olympics while Hawkins finished eighth. They were part of the remarkable dozen UBC athletes on the Canadian team that went to Munich. The UBC contingent included: Bill Smart, bronze medal winner in the 800 metres at the 1970 Commonwealth Games; Bobby Gaul winner Ken Elmer, then national 1500-metres champion; national women's record-holding sprinter Patti Loverock; Brenda Eisler, who still holds the Canadian women's long jump record; and Penny May, ranked among the top half-dozen women pentathaloners in the world. In 1972 Penny May was awarded the Sparling Trophy, the women's Big Block Club equivalent of the Bobby Gaul Trophy, an honor that was similarly conferred two years later on a remarkable athlete who had performed at the top level of international competition longer than any other Canadian woman athlete — Thelma Flynn Wright.

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A small but powerful middle distance runner, dubbed the "Mighty Atom," Wright began mixing with the world's best in 1969, running for Canada in the Pan-American Games and the world cross-country championships in Scotland. In 1970, when she was just 18, she won a bronze medal in the 1500 metres at the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand, setting a Canadian record. She won another bronze in the metric mile the following year, representing the World All-Stars in a meet involving teams from Russia and the U.S. In a Canada versus Italy meet that same year she beat the world record holder to win the 1500 metres. In 1972 she ran for Canada in the Olympics but finished out of the medals; in 1973 she was first in the Canadian cross-country and in 1974 she won another bronze medal in the 1500 metres in the Commonwealth Games. Then, in a personal highpoint, she won a silver medal in 1976 Mexico Olympics, running the 1500 metres in 4 minutes 10.2 seconds.

"It's a measure of how damn good she was that she would still get on the Olympic team tomorrow," says Lionel Pugh, noting that Thelma Wright still, after six years, holds the Canadian record for the women's 3000 metres, a time of 8 minutes 56.4 seconds.

Women's athletics have, clearly, emerged into the forefront at UBC. Excellent individual and team performances continue to be recorded. In track, for example, Ann Mackie-Morelli, another Sparling Trophy winner, held sway from 1975-77 as Canada's fastest woman in the 800 metres. Over the past two years, Patti Sakaki has been the Canadian university women's individual gymnastic

champion — and also UBC's only two-time Sparling Trophy winner — while the gymnastic team has ranked second during that time. In the past decade, the UBC women's Thunderbirds basketball team has won the national intercollegiate championship three times, finishing second once; the volleyball team has won four championships; and the field hockey team has won the national championship twice in the six years it has been held. Currently national field hockey champions, the Thunderbirds won a major 15-team international tournament at the University of Glasgow this spring, winning five games and losing only two.

The Thunderbirds men's field hockey team has also emerged from obscurity to become a powerhouse. While there is as yet no national university championship, UBC has consistently been one of the top Greater Vancouver teams in the past decade, winning the mainland championship four times. The Birds have also contributed more than half the players for the Canadian national team, whose world ranking has moved up dramatically. In the 1971 Pan-American Games, Canada finished third, winning a bronze medal; in the next Pan-American Games four years later, Canada lost to Argentina in the gold medal final, emerging with the silver. Canada finished 10th in the 1976 Olympics, then, two years later, charged to a major upset in a qualifying round of the World Cup, defeating defending champion India 3-1. "We looked like world-beaters, it was the greatest victory Canada has ever had in field hockey," says Alan Hobkirk, a UBC player on the national team throughout the Seventies and captain from 1975-79, who achieved a personal highpoint in that match by scoring two goals and setting up the third. "We then tied Britain 3-3, after being down 3-0 at half time. Unfortunately, we blew our last couple of games and ended up 11th and didn't qualify." Then in the 1979 Pan-American Games, the Canadian national team defeated Mexico to qualify for the final, but again lost the gold medal 1-0 to arch-rival Argentina and had to settle for silver.

One of the linchpins of this new success in field hockey was the UBC fullback, Alan Hobkirk. "I would rate him as one of the few world class players we've ever had," says Dr. Harry Warren. "He has a devastating penalty shot which helped us win more games than anything else." After winning a Rhodes scholarship, Hobkirk went on to play for Oxford for two years, where he distinguished himself by being the first Canadian elected captain. Returning to study law at UBC and play three more years for the Thunderbirds, Hobkirk was named winner of the Bobby Gaul Trophy in 1969.

Now a Vancouver lawyer who plays in the mainland field hockey league for Hawks, a team stocked with many former UBC players, that is the current B.C. champion, Alan Hobkirk puts down UBC's role in Canada's improving stature in field hockey to fitness, good coaching, personal commitment — and, lingering in the background, the awareness of the university's athletic tradition.

"Year in and year out, Dr. Warren would be out there every Saturday, rain or shine, wearing his old Oxford blazer and sitting on his shooting stick, watching every game. I think the guys really sensed that there was a continuity here and no one could forget that, even if we wanted to." □

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*This magnum opus is the second result from Clive Cocking's, BA'61, research into UBC's hidden history. The first was on the Ubyssy — who knows what's next....*





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# Teamwork: The New Look of Campus Athletics

Judith Walker

Sports on campus used to touch most students about as much as did the debating team — if you weren't really good at it, you watched from the sidelines. There were the "jocks" and then there were the rest of us.

Now all that's changed. On any day in any weather you'll see a dozen or so joggers pounding their way along University Boulevard to the gates\* and back. You'll see balding faculty members challenging grey-haired secretaries and administrators to badminton matches twice a week. You'll find some 12,000 people of all ages, all shapes, all abilities taking part in sports on the UBC campus.

The "fitness boom" has influences far beyond Point Grey of course. We've got federal cabinet ministers responsible for fitness. Shops specializing in running shoes and racquets abound. Jogging paths are being worn indelibly into city boulevards. Police close Vancouver streets so that 2,100 people can run 26 miles, 385 yards on the wettest Sunday morning imaginable just to say they "did the Marathon." Did that 60-year-old Swede really know what effect he would have when he challenged Canadians to shape up?

The effects of the fitness boom at UBC have been a complete reorganization of the athletic department and incredible demands on the sports facilities. Fitness is not just a passing fad insists Dr. Robert Hindmarch. There has to be a response to those demands. "It's no different if you want to be a pianist or an athlete," Hindmarch says. "UBC's responsibility is to develop excellence."

Hindmarch is one year into his new job as director of athletics and sports services, a job created to unify the various areas on the campus that had been offering sports activities. He's seen a growing interest in sports by the average guy or gal over the last five years and thinks this growth will continue for at least another ten.

"There's always been a core of athletes who were on the varsity teams but mostly it wasn't the thing to do before," Hindmarch says. Although there is no one explanation for the current phenomenal interest in athletics, one of the reasons, he feels, for the growth in sports on campus is peer pressure.

If you're living in residence and the kids on your floor urge you to come out because they need one more person to



Ken Mayer

Bob Hindmarch (seated, right) and some of his team: (clockwise from) Marilyn Pomfret, Rick Noonan, Brent Berry and Buz Moore.

complete the volleyball team, you'll do it, even if you don't feel you're very good. When you get out on the gym floor you see that nobody's very good — but they're just having a heck of a lot of fun.

Hindmarch also explains that sports is now one of the primary ways of meeting people on campus. "Somehow it's more acceptable to folks back home if you meet someone on the volleyball court than in the Pit drinking beer."

Another major group that's jamming the athletic facilities on campus is what Hindmarch terms jokingly "the Heritage Pepsi Generation." The middle-aged and older are packing the new Aquatic Centre, wearing jogging paths in the fields and turning the spring and summer community sports program into one of the most popular that UBC offers.

Presenting programs for every level of athletic ability and interest — from those who want to hike in the woods to those willing to commit themselves to the rigors of the Thunderbird teams — means a lot of organization, scheduling fields and gyms, finding money to send teams on the competition circuit, hiring coaches, referees, setting up policies and programs. That's where Hindmarch's new job comes in.

The umbrella director of athletics and sport services covers all the Thunderbird teams, all intramural sports, the former Recreation UBC — a loose organization offering programs and casual sports for faculty, staff and students, plus programs for kids and adults not necessarily associated with UBC. The latter three used to be nominally under the School of Physical Education and Recreation while the Thunderbird teams were somewhat self-administering through the men's and women's athletic committees. Before Hindmarch's job was created to coordinate the offerings in some kind of official capacity, it was difficult for the left foot to know where the right foot was running. The man attempting to draw them all together during those years was Buz Phillips.

Bus was something of a fixture around the athletic department, as director of athletics from the early 1950s until his retirement in June '80. (Not exactly retired from

\*"The Gates" aren't there anymore — but they used to be, large granite obstacles for cars to aim at, on University Boulevard at Blanka St.

athletics, he's now the first executive secretary of the Canada West Universities Athletic Association.) In the 27 years he was involved with UBC athletics he saw huge changes in the campus, including a quadrupling of full-time students. When Phillips came to UBC most intercollegiate competition had been with American schools across the B.C. border, and one of the goals he achieved was an expansion of Canadian competition. He was, and continues to be, one of the best known and respected sports figures in university athletics in Canada because of this, but his main concern was fostering the Thunderbird teams, for that was his job.

Bob Hindmarch, however, has the opportunity not only to organize and coordinate existing programs but also to develop new ones, because of the core of people he has working with him. Taking over the title which Bus Phillips had as men's athletic director is Rick Noonan, whose day-to-day problems include making sure there are officials present at the weekend Thunderbird hockey game, that the fields are marked for the football game, arranging transportation for the volleyball team competing in the Canada West tournament in Alberta, and making sure there's money enough to continue these programs. Assisting as business manager for athletics is long-time UBC sportsman Buzz Moore. Invaluable on the sidelines, Buzz has seen his share of action on the field as well, as an all-star football player and captain of championship rugby teams in his earlier days. Marilyn Pomfret, women's athletic director for 15 years, has responsibility for the women's teams — the "Thunderettes," a name that's stuck despite the women's liberation movement — arranging budgets, scheduling, transportation and all the other administrative duties that keep the teams functioning. These are hectic jobs for Noonan, Moore and Pomfret because this part of UBC's athletic program is one of the largest and most diverse in the

country. Some 18 competitive sports are available for full-time women students while four more than that are open for full-time men students.

Also under the Hindmarch wing is a growing program in intramural sports, run for the past 13 years by Dr. Nestor Korchinsky. Some 6,500 students, faculty and staff members take part in everything from inner tube water polo to broomball and a lot of "regular" sports like tennis, hockey and badminton. Korchinsky has added outdoor trips like canoeing on Widgeon Creek, riding the Hell's Gate Rapids, or snowshoeing in Mt. Seymour Park to his annual menu of activities.

Korchinsky's area is now called the intramural and recreational sports program, amalgamating intramural team sports with Recreation UBC. With this union there is now what Korchinsky sees as a continuum of athletic offerings for everybody — from someone who simply wants to book a gym, a field, or a tennis court or borrow equipment on a once-only individual basis, to someone who joins a regular team for fun, to someone who wants instruction.

As interest in sports continues to expand, more and more people are seeking instruction. They not only want to do it, they want to know how to do it properly. So next winter session, some 100 classes will be available offering "how to" in yoga, strength training, fencing, judo, self-defence, flatwater kayaking, power skating, mountain climbing, racquet sports, ("lots of tennis,") jazz dancing and more. Although instruction has been part of the recreation program since the early '70s, next year's program promises, by far, more choices and more classes than at any other time, Korchinsky says.

"We're at the point where the demands for programs are taxing our facilities to the limit," he laments, citing the fact



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that the number of soccer teams had to be cut last season because the fields were getting too worn. But Korchinsky, like Hindmarch, sees the demands increasing further. Women, for example, are participating in sports more and more "and we've just seen the beginning." Although UBC probably offers its students one of the widest choices of recreation programs in Canada, opportunities are fast becoming restricted in what more can be offered — "we just don't have the gym space any more," says Korchinsky. "We can set up things like the outdoor adventure programs, but that really just attracts a different participant. It doesn't relieve the pressure on the gyms."

Another part of the recreational sports activities is the summer community sports programs offering kids and adults around the province the chance to take advantage of UBC's instructors and facilities. This program is administered by Brent Berry, BRE'73. Live-in hockey programs and day programs in basketball, sailing, golf, fencing and tennis make certain that those limited facilities Korchinsky organizes in the winter months are used to the maximum in the summer months as well.

Making a valiant attempt to get the word out about UBC's athletic programs — including the Thunderbird and Thunderette games and scores — is the last member of Hindmarch's team, former coordinator of the Recreation UBC program, Ed Gautschi. With the scope of the programs as wide as it is, the job of sports information director is not a simple one. Gautschi, like Korchinsky and Pomfret, holds down a teaching position in UBC's School of Physical Education and Recreation in addition to duties with athletic and sport services.

The relationship between the two departments is now one of informal cooperation. They share gyms and fields, coaches and administrators, but the physical education school which is part of the education faculty, and headed by Robert Morford, still maintains total responsibility for the academic training of students.

After a year on the job Hindmarch is very pleased with the new structure. "The moment you get someone to head all the programs," he says, "you naturally get some kind of continuity." And, it seems, you get a chance to develop new areas. Hindmarch has been busy drumming up interest in a Thunderbird Society, open to sport-minded alumni, who with their initiation gift of \$1000 are helping develop new programs and a heritage collection recounting UBC's past athletic glory. The 40 or 50 people who've been approached so far have all "greeted it with enthusiasm" says Hindmarch. Get-together luncheons and wine and cheese receptions before the big games are side benefits.

Another Hindmarch idea is a Coach-in-Residence program which would bring expert coaches in various sports to campus for short stays. This program will start next year thanks to a grant from Molson Breweries (B.C.). UBC was also recently awarded a \$12,500 federal grant to upgrade the swimming program. "It's just a matter of having someone on staff like myself, who has a little time, above and beyond their regular duties, to go out and get the money for these things," Hindmarch says.

And an enthusiastic team administering the money so that everyone who wants to take part in UBC's sports program can. The days of the elite bands of "jocks" have passed. We may live longer for it. □

## Alumni Dollars Aid Athletics

**T**he next time you drop into the UBC Aquatic Centre for a workout in the Buchanan Fitness Centre — a few weights, a couple of miles on the stationary bike — thank yourself. It's UBC alumni who've put \$100,000 toward the equipment.

The next time a puck comes flying at you at the Thunderbird Friday night hockey game — but hits the protective screening and bounces back into play — thank yourself. The UBC Alumni Fund helped put the screening there.

Money to keep the athletic programs going comes from three sources, the athletic fee which every UBC student pays, a grant from the UBC board of governors, and the alumni association. The first two supply the basics but if an unexpected problem arises during the year or if there's just not enough in the first two pots, the alumni association will likely get a request.

In 1979, after budgets had been set for the men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program, the federal government substantially reduced the interprovincial travel grant that assisted schools like UBC to compete with those in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Readjusting the budgets would have meant cutting out some of the sports that were going to be offered. In stepped the Alumni Association with \$7,200 to help keep those sports on the schedule.

Not every request for help, of course, gets the okay. Requests are looked at carefully by the Alumni Association's allocations committee because there is no endless supply of money. It's only the undesignated gifts that come from UBC alumni that can be used by the allocations committee, to help campus projects that range through a spectrum of sports, scholarship and cultural activities.

Grants from the UBC Alumni Fund can be substantial. In 1977 the men's athletic program received \$10,150 to provide what the request called "essential minimal survival support" for 12 sports for which there wasn't enough money in the budget, as well as training equipment. But the UBC alumni have also had their money go for electric fencing equipment, a trampoline, an adjustable vaulting horse, a basketball score clock, wall padding for the judo room, sweep oars for the rowing teams, a leg exerciser, a portable high jump pit, parallel bars, wrestling mats — the list is long and varied.

It's not only specific equipment that the UBC Alumni Fund helps with. For many years an annual request has arrived from women's athletics seeking support of its programs. "In the early days we felt there was no point in requesting funds for exotic pieces of equipment if we couldn't run the basic programs," explains director, Marilyn Pomfret. General program funding improved in 1977 when the students voted to increase the women's athletic fee from 80 cents a student to \$2.80. Alumni aid is now used to expand the variety of sports programs for women.

Appreciation comes from many quarters, from a member of a team granted travel funds, to a coach whose job has been made easier by decent equipment. □

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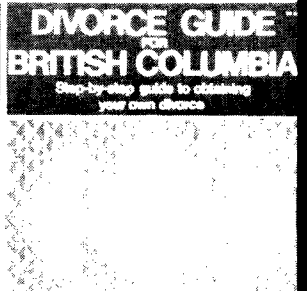
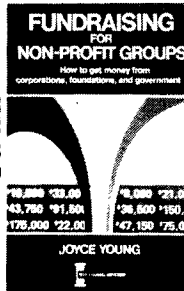
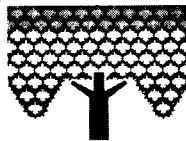
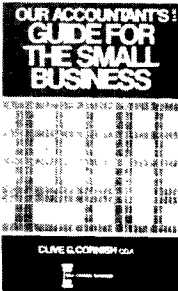
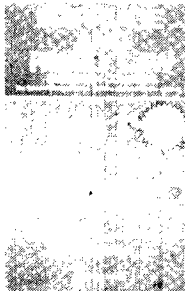
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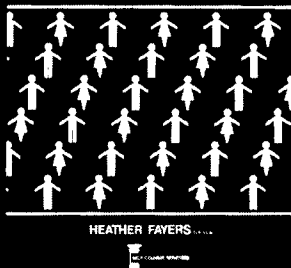
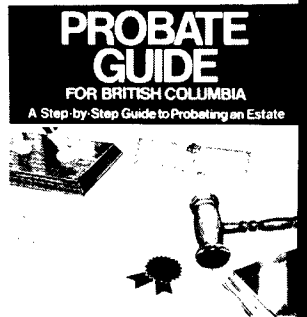
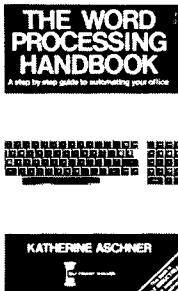
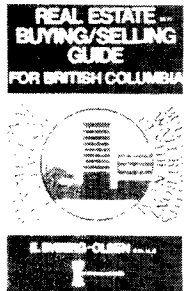
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# Spotlight

## 10s-20s

As for the "Teens", the initiator of today's *Chronicle* was **Kathleen Peck Lawrence**, BA'17, MA'22. *The Graduate Chronicle* first appeared as an annual in 1931. She was also instrumental in the formation of the alumni association. On May 14, 1917, a group of grads convened at the 'shacks' in Fairview to organize such an association, and the birth was recorded in some 14 words: "Moved by Miss Peck and Mr. Wright (Charles A. Wright, BSc'17, MSc'20) that an alumni association be formed. Carried." She was its first woman president, holding that post in 1919-20. Her classmates might like to know that her daughter, **Nan Lawrence Spedding**, BA'55, is returning to Vancouver in August after 25 years in England and is anxious to renew connections with UBC. **Helen Culter**, BA'20, has been chosen New Westminster's citizen of the year by the Chamber of Commerce. In presenting the 1980 award, the chamber said it "Would be difficult to find anyone who has devoted her life so entirely to the community as Mrs. Culter has." She started out as principal in a two-room school in Chilliwack and in 1924 began teaching in New Westminster. She taught senior grades for 21 years, sat as trustee a further 30 years, worked as a community organizer and was wife, mother and twice widowed. She was president of the John Howard Society, the Soroptomist Club and the University Club, a director of the Royal City society and an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma. In 1962 she was named woman of the year by New Westminster Business and



**Helen Culter**

Professional Women....Mr. Justice **David Verchere**, BA'26, retired from the B.C. Supreme Court in March after more than 21 years service. He has been named a deputy judge of the Federal Court of Canada. Verchere, who is 75, was called to the bar in 1929....**Edward**

**H. Nunn**, BASc'27, writes from West Linn, Oregon with news of his classmates...**James W. Millar**, BA'26, BASc'27, is remarried to May, widow of **Curtis J. Timpleck**, BASc'26. The wedding took place Feb. 28 and the Millars live now in Parksville...**Frank R. Barnsley**, BASc'27 and his wife Carmen live in Vancouver...**Frederick W. Elley**, BASc'27, lives with his wife and family in San Diego...**Harry E. (Heg) Mosher**, BASc'27 and his wife Dorothy have sold their Winnipeg home and moved to an apartment...**Harry V. Warren**, BA'26, BASc'27, DSc'78, was invited last fall by the U.S. Geological Survey to the Colorado School of Mines, to give a series of lectures on biochemistry in mineral exploration and geology and health....All this news proves the thesis of **Arthur Ernest Morell**, BA'27, MA'29, who wrote asking about grads from the 20s: "We're not all planted yet," he quips; and adds: "Some of the 'teens' must be mobile yet." Since his retirement 20 years ago as one of UBC's deans, Dr. Gordon Shrum has had a whole new career. But career or not, we'd love to hear from you and so would other grads. So please write and tell us about your interests, activities and whereabouts...(*The Chronicle*, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver V6T 1X8)...

## 30s

Distinguished Victoria resident **W. Harry Hickman**, BA'30, MA'38, (LLD, Vic.) has been awarded France's Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. Hickman, former head of U. Vic's modern languages department, founded the university's La Maison Francaise and was honorary French consular agent in Victoria for five years. The Chevalier is usually given for valor or meritorious service in the fields of science, education and politics....**Alan T.R. Campbell**, BA'31, was named businessman of the year by the Downtown Vancouver Association (formerly the Downtown Business Assoc.) in April. The award, established last year, first went to Gordon Shrum. Says Ed Keate, DVA president and managing director: "Campbell was the unanimous choice for the man who has contributed the most to downtown business life. Here's a guy who has quietly done all these things for many years, with little recognition." Campbell incorporated both the original DBA and the Downtown Parking Corp., and was active in a secretarial capacity for 34 years. He's a former president of UBC Alumni Association; the Vancouver Traffic



**Marnie Strong**

## Jacquie Taylor

In 1955, Jacquie Tafford Taylor found herself resident in Kamloops, a city that had very little to offer its inhabitants in the way of cultural activities; the city, in turn, found itself with a new resident who had superb organizational and promotional skills — an impresario-to-be. The result was that Taylor, BA'55 has been instrumental in broadening the scope of entertainment in Kamloops and in the Okanagan.

A life-long interest in live theatre led Taylor to encourage the sponsorship of plays, performing artists, and ballet companies by the Kamloops University Women's Club which she helped found in 1957. She played an active role in the organization and promotion of these presentations and later volunteered her organizational skills to the North Kamloops P.T.A. Theatre Group, and the Western Canada Theatre Company.

Seven years ago, she wanted a public relations career. As well, she realized that Kamloops audiences were ready for more varied fare on their entertainment plate. Since a part-time job with flexible hours would suit her family responsibilities, she decided to become an impresario. Thus, Owl Productions Incorporated was born! It was her way of telling the entertainment world that she was not "dabbling."

Owl Productions Incorporated has brought an interesting array of entertainers to the Kamloops and Okanagan stage: performers such as Susan Jacks, Garrick Ohlsson and Liona Boyd; dancers such as the Chinese and Russian Dance Troupes, and orchestras such as the National Art Centre Orchestra have been audience-pleasers. Taylor has found that performers do enjoy the enthusiastic and appreciative audiences that they find in smaller centres such as Kamloops.

Jacquie's years as an impresario have been eventful, stimulating, and nerve-wracking with the ups and downs that are especially part of the entertainment field. Anecdotes about her many adventures leave one with the definite impression that Jacquie's success is largely due to her warm, lively personality, patience and optimism.

Her first two ventures as an impresario brought her financial loss in the case of the Black Light Theatre of Prague and the pandemonium of unreserved seating for the Susan Jacks concert. Another time she was delightedly arranging for a concert by renowned pianist Garrick Ohlsson until she realized that Kamloops did not have a piano that a musician of his calibre would be able to use. A group of local women rallied together, formed a Grand Piano Society and raised the money — through a luncheon that flopped, a car raffle that succeeded and generous community support — for a concert piano.

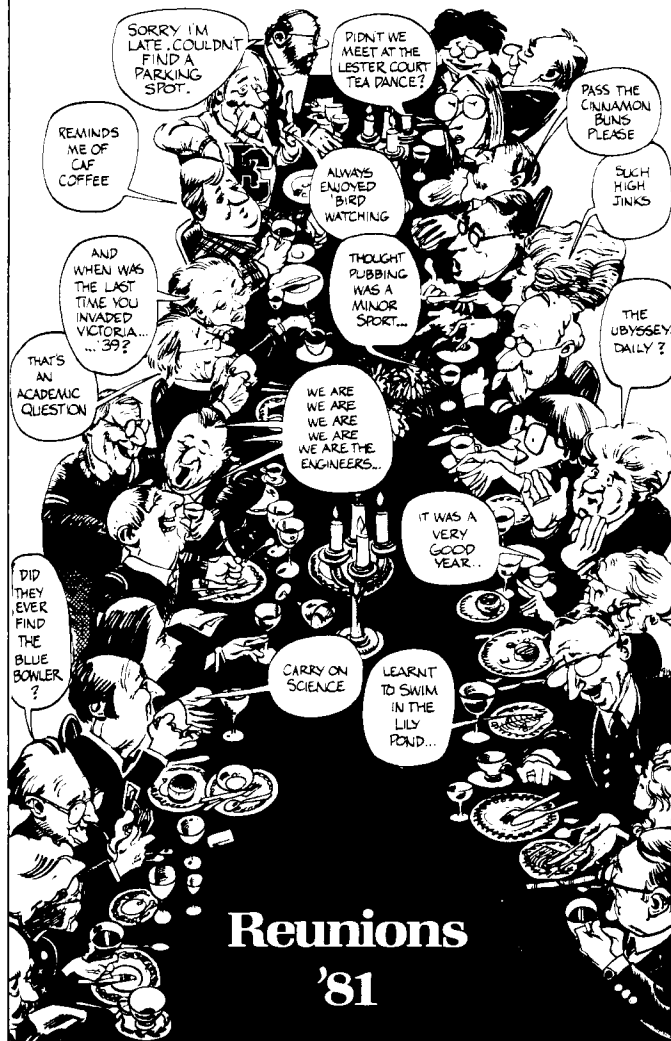
As well as working as an impresario, Jacquie was a "driving force" behind the fund-raising for the Kamloops Community Theatre in 1977. The completed Sagebrush Theatre gave the arts in Kamloops an attractive new home. In addition, she helped develop the structure of the Kamloops Public Art Gallery. She chaired its board of directors in 1980-81.

All the world may be a stage, but Jacquie Taylor and her Owl Productions have certainly widened the entertainment and cultural horizons of B.C.'s Interior.

*Heather Mewhort*

and Safety council; the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Bar Association; a former director of the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Board of Trade, and the PNE. He has been involved in numerous fund drives... **Patrick McTaggart-Cowan**, BA'33, (BA Oxford) DSc'61, enjoys talking about one of his favorite topics — the weather. A well-known meteorologist, he was president of SFU and executive director of the Science Council of Canada. Several months ago he was guest speaker at a Port Carling, Ont. dinner on the topics of acid rain, nuclear power and climate change. He now lives in Muskoka, Ont....**Harold M. Wright**, MA'33, (BA, BSc Utah) was presented with an honorary LLD at UBC's 1981 congregation. As chairman of Wright Engineers Ltd., a leading Canadian mining engineering firm, Wright has been honored on numerous occasions for his professional activities as director of several companies and his

involvement in amateur sport. He was president of the Canadian Olympic Assoc. from 1969-77 and director of the organizing committee of the 1976 Olympics in Montreal... **Harold Russell McArthur**, BASc'36, (MA Washington) returned a year ago from a teaching post in China. After his retirement from Selkirk College, Castlegar, in 1979, he and his wife went to China. There he taught English as a second language at the Changsha Railway Institute in Hunan province — technical English to graduates, and a class of second-year college students. The McArthurs returned home to Nelson, B.C. in Feb. 1980 after a six-month stay. Although both spoke little Chinese, they enjoyed their visit and said the students and staff were great. McArthur has also taught in Singapore and spent a year at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad, before joining Selkirk in 1966....The Royal Military College, Kingston, has honored



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**Thomas L. Brock, BA'36, BASc'36, MAsc'37**, with a doctorate of laws for his contributions to military history. He retired from Alcan in Montreal in 1978 after nearly 40 years service, latterly as corporate secretary. Brock was largely responsible for the establishment of the first major museum in Canada to depict the history of the aluminum industry. Displaying more than 2,000 items, the museum is located in Montreal's Place Ville Marie....The president of his own consulting firm on energy resource management, **George W. Govier, BASc'39, MSc (U of A) DSc (U of Mich)** joined the board at Stone and Webster Canada Ltd. Govier is a former chair of the Energy Resources Conservation Board and former chief deputy minister of Alberta's energy and natural resources department.

## 40s

Back in the classroom after 30 years is Archbishop **Edward Scott, BA'40**, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Scott, who gave a credit course at Vancouver School of Theology this spring entitled: "Today's Church in Today's World," says he wanted the discipline of teaching to help him prepare for the three Larkin Memorial lectures he is to give at Trinity College, Toronto, this fall. Scott is enjoying his first sabbatical since his election as Anglican primate 10 years ago. He also is the moderator of the World Council of Churches... "Ma" a play based on the legendary B.C. newspaper publisher Margaret Murray, was authored by humorist **Eric Nicol, BA'41, MA'48**. The play ran in Kamloops until May 2 and opened in Vancouver June 5 at the Waterfront Theatre. For years "Ma" Murray published the *Bridge River-Lilloet News*, which attracted national attention for its outspoken copy, with folk wisdom such as:

"government is like your underwear — it smells pretty bad if you don't change it once in a while"...The title role is played by **Joy Coghill (Joy Coghill Thorne) BA'47 (MFA Chicago)**. Ma Murray, who is 93, said she enjoyed Coghill's performance at the Kamloops premiere....**Charles W. Nash, BASc'42**, retired April 30 as vice-president, corporate affairs, of B.C. Hydro, after 36 years with the company....A senior fellow at Oxford University's Centre for Management studies is **Rosemary G. Stewart, BA'45 (PhD London)**. In early April she was in Vancouver at SFU's invitation to conduct a two-day workshop on management. She also spoke to a senior executive audience in the city, to the Foundation of Management for Women, and gave a public lecture at Robson Centre....**George Markwick Barton, BA'46, MA'48**, has retired after a long career in wood chemistry research. Barton was with Western Forest Products Laboratory, Forintek Canada Corp., for 32 years. He was

manager of the wood science department....**Wilfred E. Kenny, BASc'46**, of Vancouver has retired after 35 years with B.C. Hydro. His responsibilities involved generation, transmission, water management and the operation of the Columbia River Treaty...**Alec W. Watt, BSA'46**, retired in March after 34 years with the provincial ministry of agriculture, the last few as regional supervising horticulturist, based in Summerland, B.C. One of his achievements was the discovery of the spur-type MacIntosh apple; another the development of chemical thinning for pears....Steveston Senior Secondary dedicated a week in March to the school's first principal, **Ernie R. Ball, BA'47, BEd'48**. During his tenure, the school developed from a junior to a senior secondary. After almost a decade at Steveston, Ball served three years as principal at Richmond High, before becoming director of secondary instruction for Richmond. He retired two years ago....**E. Thomas Cantell, LLB'48**, has been named acting deputy minister of B.C.'s consumer and corporate affairs. Cantell has been assistant deputy minister, corporate affairs, since mid-1979....**Robert G. Craig, BSA'48**, packed his golf clubs and headed for Palm Springs as soon as he retired. He left behind his job as superintendent of the Pacific Milk plant at Abbotsford, a post he held since 1975. He spent 33 years in the business....



Rosemary Stewart

One of the best known and controversial members of the B.C. judiciary, Judge **A. Les Bewley, LLB'49**, retired April 30 from the provincial court. At his retirement ceremonies, Chief Justice Allan McEachern said: "Speaking of Judge Bewley prompts me to think of boring, humble, uncontroversial, conventional, restrained. How could a person lack all those qualities and yet still become a judge?" Known in the system as the "Silver Fox", Judge Bewley served for 21 years on the bench, longer than any previous member of the lower court.... Heritage conservation is a prime interest of **Katherine H. Capes, BA'49**, one of Vancouver Island's representatives at a regional conference in Vancouver on the question. Capes is one of 30 heritage conservation branch volunteers serving as liaison between Government and the public. They help monitor and record prehistoric and historic sites in B.C. Capes has conducted several archaeological excavations in the Comox Valley and elsewhere on Vancouver Island....



Director and president of several companies is **Leslie A. Garvie**, BA'49, (MBA Western), who has just added to his list the top post at Keeler Corp., Grand Rapids, Mich....**Valerie Manning Meredith**, LLB'49, has joined the three other women judges on the provincial bench, where she is with the Lower Mainland's small claims court. Former research director of the Law Foundation of B.C., she also served on the alumni association's board of management.

## 50s

New dean of science at SFU is **John F. Cochran**, BASc'50, MASc'51 (PhD Illinois). Cochran joined Simon Fraser's physics department from M.I.T. in 1965, becoming a charter faculty member and senior professor....Co-authors of a new Canadian textbook are teacher **Alex. W. Doyle**, BA'50, and his wife **Judith Atwood Doyle**, BA'51. The text, *Canadian Urban Scene*, is on urban studies for students at the senior high school level. He teaches at Vancouver's John Oliver High. She is vice-principal of Burnaby Heights Junior Secondary....**Neil A. Macdougall**, BASc'50, has been elected president of the Technical Service Council, a non-profit job placement service run by industry. The service lists jobs in a wide variety of professions — business and industry. Macdougall was formerly TSC general manager and director in Toronto....The principal of Steveston Secondary in Richmond for the past 16 years, **Mel Richards**, BSA'50, was one of the people honored this year at the school's silver anniversary....**Grant Ainscough**, BSF'51, gave this year's H.R. MacMillan Lecture in forestry at UBC. Ainscough is vice-president and chief forester of Canada's largest forest products company. Subject of his lecture was the "designed forest system of MacBlo — an example of industrial forest management in coastal B.C."....Economic consultant **Peter McLoughlin**, BA'51 (PhD Texas) spoke in March to the Comox-Powell River federal Liberal association. His topic was "understanding economics on the Canadian scene." His career in economics has taken him around the world. He now is a full-time consultant and lives at Little River in Comox....The new vice-president of Continental Can Co., based in Toronto, is **Perry W. Nelson**, BSA'53, (MSc Business, MIT) Nelson joined the company in 1954 and was general manager of manufacturing....After 18 years of basking in the Caribbean sun at Exxon's refineries in Aruba and Jamaica, **Trevor J. Rhydderch**, BASc'53, is trying the rigors of the Saudi Arabian desert at Aramco's Ras Tanura refinery....UBC commerce undergrads selected **Michael M. Ryan**, BCom'53, as one of their two businessmen of the year. The senior vice-president and director of Pemberton Securities Ltd., says that although the

economy is in the doldrums, Canada is in for a great decade. He says the '80s will belong to the mines, as oil belonged to the '70s....Former federal justice minister, **Ron Basford**, BA'55, LLB'56, is assured of a continuing spot in the limelight as B.C.'s King Coal — director of northeast coal development. His first task is completion of initial agreements between the B.C. government and two coal firms, and agreements between the firms and the federal government. His arrangement with the government allows him to continue his Vancouver law practice, but Basford says his first priority is coal development....**Trevor Jones**, BSA'55, (MSc Aberdeen) has taken over the newly-formed commercial department of the Canadian Hereford Assoc., in Fairview, Alta. For the past 20 years, he has been an instructor in animal science at Fairview College.

Freelance reviewer and broadcaster **Gwendolyn A. Creech**, BA'56, has been named music officer of the Ontario Arts Council. She is researching and writing a biography of Canadian violinist Steven Staryk and recently coordinated the production of Murray Shafer's "Apocalypse" with the London Symphony, the CBC and the University of Western Ontario....**James L. Denholme**, BASc'56, has been named president and chief executive officer of Sparrow Resources Ltd. He's a past-president of the alumni association....The head of Canertech, the federal government's new alternate energy centre in Winnipeg, is **Lorne D.R. Dyke**, BCom'56, — not a BA'54 — as incorrectly noted in our last issue....**Edwin T. Sortwell**, BA'56, has been appointed vice-president, marketing, of the international division of Nalco Chemical Co., Oak Brook, Illinois....Our apologies go to **Valerie Haig-Brown**, BA'57, and to the Book Builders of 'Ksan. In the previous issue we erroneously reported Haig-Brown as author of *Gathering What the Great Nature Provided*. The book, which records the food traditions of the Gitksan, a band of Tsimshian Indians living along the Skeena river, is the work of some 90 members of the community. They call themselves the Book Builders of 'Ksan, the Indian name for Skeena. The work is both an anthropological study and a guide to cooking and preserving foods found in the wild. But back to Haig-Brown....She has been editing and collecting her father's (**Roderick Haig-Brown**, LLD'52) articles and stories in a series entitled *From the World of Roderick Haig-Brown*, published by McClelland and Stewart. The first volume, *Woods and River Tales*, appeared in 1980 and the second, *The Master and His Fish*, came out this spring. She was also associated with *Bright Waters*, *Bright Fish*, published last fall....**Robert W. Maier**, BA'57, (MBA, Western), of Kentfield, Calif., was recently elected chair of the San Francisco Boys Club executive committee. The club has an enrolment of 3281 children. Maier is president of Dancer Fitzgerald Sample Inc., San Francisco....As



Rudolf Butot

manager of Mac Blo's Kennedy Lake division on Vancouver Island, one of **Paul Varga's** BSF'59, chief jobs will be to preserve the steep slopes where cedar and hemlock grow. He moves to Ucluelet this summer from Port Alberni....

**Marjoeni Warganegara**, BASc'59, head of 10 agricultural companies in Indonesia, attributes some of his success to student days at UBC. From a cattle farm in 1975 he expanded his agricultural business with Canadians in a joint-venture partnership. Prior to that he was in government service for 18 years. He became executive director of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Chamber of Commerce and chairman of Indonesia's agriculture department of commerce and industry. In February he took a B.C. trade mission, headed by Premier Bill Bennett, on a tour of one of his businesses, a feed mill on the southern tip of Sumatra....

Three Vancouver Sun writers came out winners at the annual National Newspaper Awards in April. Honored for excellence in Canadian journalism were **Archie N. McDonald**, BA'59, **Tim Padmore**, BA'65, (PhD Stanford) and **Chris Gainer**, BA'79. McDonald took top honors in the sports writing category. Also in April he won the Sovereign Award, from the Canadian Jockey Club and the Canadian Association of Race Tracks, for excellence in writing on horse racing. Science writer and *Chronicle* contributor Padmore and Gainer came out tops in enterprise reporting in 1980. The awards were presented at the 32nd annual Toronto Press Club dinner....**Wilbert N. Toombs**, MED'59, (PhD Alta) is deputy minister of continuing education for Saskatchewan. Previously he was special assistant to the president of the University of Regina and prior to that, dean of education.

## 60s

Winner of the Governor-General's Literary award for English fiction is **George H. Bowering**, BA'60, MA'63, for his book, *Burning Water*. It's an irreverent account of Capt. George Vancouver's journeys along the B.C. coast. Bowering is an English professor at SFU. It's the second time he's been honored by the Canada Council. In 1969 he received an award for two books of poetry, *Rocky Mountain Foot* and

*The Gangs of Kosmos*. Bowering says he's always wanted to write a "real" book. "I guess I had to write poems all those years to learn how to write fiction," he comments....**J.T. Ross Hudson**, BSA'60, MSc'73, is B.C. program director for the Canadian Livestock Feed Board. He will be based at the board's Cloverdale office in the Fraser Valley....Latest work of playwright **Carol E. Johnson Bolt**, BA'61, is "Escape Entertainment", which premiered at the Tarragon Theatre in Toronto early this year. The play focusses on the comic struggles of movie moguls to turn Toronto into Hollywood North....**Rudolf J.M. Butot**, BSc'61, has been appointed geological advisor at Mobil Oil Canada, Ltd in the head office in Calgary. He has been involved in geological exploration at Rainbow Lake, the MacKenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea and the Grand Banks — Labrador areas and Hibernia....**Bruno B. Freschi**, BArch'61, is the chief architect and planner for Transpo '86, the world transportation fair to be held on the north shore of Vancouver's False Creek. He was responsible for the concept design of the international prize-winning Canadian pavilion at the 1970 Osaka world fair....Lawyer, farmer, arbitrator, mediator — **H. Allan Hope**, LLB'61, is a man on the go. He was instrumental in ending the bitter B.C. Tel labor dispute and the sole and binding arbitrator over the fate of 24 fired B.C. Tel employees. He lives with his wife on a 700-acre dairy farm outside Prince George, and when not riding herd over 110 cows, spends most of his working time in Vancouver or elsewhere in B.C. Last year he mediated the wage dispute between provincial nurses and the B.C. government....Still fighting crime is **Alan E. Filmer**, BCom'62, LLB'63, head of the B.C. government's criminal justice division. The former senior Vancouver prosecutor will be at the centre of the most important criminal investigations dealt with by the attorney-general....New district supervisor for the ministry of human resources in Salmon Arm is **F.J. Ted Hillary**, BA'62, MSW'71. Hillary went to Salmon Arm 10 years ago after working in Prince George and



William Oostenbrink

Vancouver....**William L. Oostenbrink**, BCom'62, is manager of economics and regulatory affairs, with Mobil Oil in Calgary. He recently returned to Canada from Saudi Arabia, where he served as an energy specialist....**J. Bristol Foster**, PhD'63, is the director of B.C.'s ecological reserve unit for the ministry of lands, parks and

housing. It's his job to seek out areas of unique and representative ecosystems and possibly recommend them for conservation....**Wallace Oppal**, BA'63, LLB'66, became a federal judge in April with his appointment to the Westminster county court. He becomes the first Canadian of East Indian heritage appointed to the federal bench....A Killam Family Research fellowship has been awarded to **Sandra Djwa**, BEd'64, PhD'68, now at SFU's English department. Djwa will use her fellowship to continue work on a biography of Prof. Frank R. Scott, noted constitutional lawyer, academic, political activist and poet. Since 1973, Djwa has been working on a critical history of English Canadian poetry, which led her to interview Scott extensively. He asked her to be his biographer.

A winning partnership is Griffiths Gibson Productions (GGP), producers of two award-winning commercials at the 1981 International Broadcast awards in Los Angeles. The company, established 12 years ago by **Brian "Griff" Griffiths**, BMus'65 and **Brian "Hoot" Gibson**, BMus'64, is one of the four largest commercial producers in Canada. GGP won two "Spikes" at the industry awards, one for a 30-second comedy radio spot for B.C. apples and one for a 30-second musical spot for the Oregon Dairy Association. Of more than 3,500 entries from around the world, the Vancouver company won in two of 12 categories in the

industry equivalent of the Oscars. The "A&W Root Bear" is one of theirs....Film and television actor **Scott Hylands** (Scott Douglas) BA'64, has signed on for this summer's Stratford Festival. Recently he's made three 90-minute specials for the CBC: "Scoop", "Coming Out Alive" and "Passengers." He also had a major role in the TV series Centennial....**Joseph Kupkee**, BA'64, MEd'72, leaves Salmon Arm Senior High this year, where he is assistant principal, for a new posting as vice-principal at Ballenas Secondary on Vancouver Island....Rev. **Peter Rolston**, BA'64, minister at Mt. Paul United in Kamloops, continues to work actively in the field of human rights. A former MLA, elected for the NDP in 1972 while he was pastor of the United Church in Mission, he is no longer in politics. He concentrates on activities such as presiding at a Kamloops forum on the environmental effects of B.C. Hydro's proposed Hat Creek thermal power plant....**Ivan G. Whitehall**, BA'64, LLB'67, has been appointed general counsel with the department of justice, Ottawa. The former director of the department's Edmonton office, Whitehall also was named a Queen's Counsel this year....The new president of the Business Council on National Issues is **Thomas d'Aquino**, LLB'65. D'Aquino is president of the Ottawa-based Intercounsel Ltd. The Business Council, an organization of some 150

executive officers of major Canadian companies, contributes to the study of public policy, issues and the shaping of national priorities. Associated with the University of Ottawa's law faculty, d'Aquino lectures on international business law.

Wired in to the future is **George Galbraith**, BCom'66, president and major shareholder of Vercom Cable Services Ltd. in Vernon....**Gary R. Telford**, BLS'66, assistant director of the Fraser Valley regional library, has left after 16 years with the service for Brisbane, Australia....**Daniel B. Cumming**, BSA'67, PhD'75, is a food technologist at the Agriculture Canada research station in Summerland, B.C....In Vancouver, a dress by designer **Marilyn Katz**, BEd'67, sells for more than \$200. She works with leather and chamois in Ojibwa-style fashions creating doeskin tops and skirts and fringed chamois T-shirts. Her garments are available in B.C., Alberta and Ontario....**Stewart Ladyman**, BSc'67, MEd'77, is superintendent of schools for the Arrow Lakes school district. He came to the region from Invermere, where he had been principal of David Thompson Secondary since July, 1978....Since his return from Peking last year, **Hugh L. Stephens**, BA'67, (BEd Toronto; MA, Duke) has been at the China desk in external affairs, Ottawa. Stephens also was posted in Beirut and Hong Kong during his five-year overseas stint....One Westerner going east is **John C. Davis**, MSc'68, PhD'71, the new director-general, Ontario region, of Fisheries and Oceans. Davis' responsibilities cover both operational and research activities for the federal department and liaison with the province of Ontario in fisheries programs. He also will be involved in fulfilling Canada's obligations to the Great Lakes Fisheries commission and the Great Lakes Water Quality agreement....Vancouver publisher **David Robinson**, BA'68, who concentrates on plays, poetry and fiction, hit pay dirt this year with a best seller — a cookbook. Robinson says he's had an uphill battle economically for 13 years, despite publishing the work of Ryga, Freeman, Reaney, Fennario and Tremblay, among others. His best seller is Susan Mendelson's *Mama Never Cooked Like This*, and a second is planned. Now the cookbook is subsidizing Talonbooks' poetry list....Who is Vancouver's best dressed woman? **Sharilyn Bell**, BA'69, is the choice of *Province* fashion editor Kay Alsop. Bell never looks the same two days running and isn't rich, so how does she manage it? She says her secret is not to throw things away and mix and match items that feel good. Bell co-ordinates fashion promotions for The Bay's 16 B.C. stores....**Bill McAuley**, BEd'69, MEd'76, principal of Mission junior secondary, becomes principal at Mission's senior secondary July 1. McAuley has taught for the past 18 years at Maple Ridge, Fort St. John and Dawson Creek as well as Mission....Perennial chancellor candidate, author **Stan Persky**, BA'69, MA'72, latest endeavor is a

book about hockey and the owners of hockey teams. Termed *The Curse of the Canucks*, Persky stopped work on it temporarily when the Canucks were winning, but continued when the Canucks "sunk to their appropriate level." Persky describes himself as a normal, raving, frothing mouthed fan. His previous works were *Son of Sacred* and *The House that Jack Built*, books about provincial and Vancouver politics respectively....but not so respectfully....**Vera Piccini**, BA'69, has been appointed vice-president, human resources, for First City Trust from her post as manager of the company's personnel division. She was general manager of a retail drug chain before joining First City....**David G.M. Smith**, BSc'69, has recently established Interface Consultants Ltd., a Vancouver-based management consulting firm specializing in business and public relations.

## 70s

**Douglas Christie**, LLB'70, of Victoria is one of those espousing the cause of western separatism. Leader of the Western Canada Concept party, Christie claims that westerners would raise their standard of living by 30 to 50 per cent if the west were on its own....Vancouver geologist **Stephen C. Gower**, BSc'70, has a prospector's knowledge of the Toodogone gold district in northern B.C. Project geologist with Lacana Mining, Gower has been involved in the discovery of the Chapell and other major gold deposits in the remote area....Another grad honored is **Choy-Leung Hew**, PhD'70, winner of the 1980 Fraser Medal presented by the Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences. A biochemist at Newfoundland's Memorial University, Hew gained the award for outstanding scientific research conducted in the maritime provinces by younger scientists....The futuristic art of **Murray MacDonald**, BA'70, was displayed at the Hamilton art gallery from February to April. His work has been exhibited across Canada. MacDonald now lives and works in Montreal....**James D. Anderson**, MA'71, is the new director of B.C.'s farmland resources branch at the ministry of agriculture and food. He directs the ministry's green zone program and the analysis of agriculture-related resource and land use policies and projects....This time we've got it right (we think)...The surgeon mentioned in previous issues, **Warwick Lorne Brown**, MD'71, would be surprised to know we gave him a BPE instead of an MD. Especially when he's left on a two-year stint to study his specialty, plastic surgery, with specialists across the world....The new area children's librarian in Port Coquitlam is **Linda L. Clark**, BA'71, MLS'81, of Vancouver. She was formerly assistant librarian at Vancouver's Kerrisdale and Kitsilano branches....This year's

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piano judge at Prince Rupert's music festival was **Edward Parker**, BMus'71, who has adjudicated throughout B.C., Alberta and Washington for the past 16 years. Parker teaches at the University of Victoria....**James C. Chatupa**, BSc'72, is assistant chief geologist for the government of Malawi. He has been elected chair of the Association for the Advancement of Science in Malawi, for a two-year term....Author-composer **John Gray**, MA'72, is the man behind the hit show "Billy Bishop Goes to War." A play about a first world war flying ace, it has been successful in Washington, New York, Edinburgh and Los Angeles and is now on in London's West End. His latest work, "Rock and Roll," opened in March at Ottawa's National Arts Centre and enjoyed a successful run. It opened in Vancouver May 23. It's a long way from getting \$2 for playing teen dances in a rock band, but, says Gray, hitting the jackpot in Canada "means making the same amount of money as a senior university professor. It doesn't wildly change your life, you know"....Former *Chronicle* contributor **Geoff Hancock**, BFA'73, MFA'75, editor-in-chief of the *Canadian Fiction Magazine*, has edited a recently published anthology of short stories called *Magic Realism*. He's working on a three-volume collection of French-Canadian stories in translation and as a journalist, he contributes to both print and electronic media....Bringing drama to Steveston secondary school is new drama teacher **J. David Gauthier** BEd'74....**Charles A. Lin**, BSc'74, (PhD, M.I.T.) has left Environment Canada and joined the University of Toronto as assistant professor in physics....Featured at the Vancouver Artists' Gallery this spring was abstract illusionist **Colin J. Baker**, BA'75. Says Province critic Art Perry: "Few young painters in this city have the polish and style of Baker." He termed Baker's exhibit "refreshing and professional"....Costume designer for the Vancouver Arts Club production of "Wild Oats" was **Phillip G. Clarkson**, BFA'75. He supervised design and construction of 40 costumes ranging from Quaker dress to 18th century naval attire. The play was set in 1791....**Russell Kilde**, BA'75, says he's something of a gypsy artist whose interests extend from ballet to musical comedy. He recently was guest choreographer with Kingston's Spindrift Dance theatre and prior to that worked in children's theatre in Montreal and Toronto....Not all pig farms are pungent, and **Rick Van Kleeck**, BASc'75, is trying to find out why some farms have significant odor—and others don't. (While he is out looking for a swine-sized Ban, we hope he notices we put back the Van, which we inadvertently dropped from his name in Spotlight's last issue). The pig farm assignment is only one of his jobs as special projects engineer with the provincial ministry of agriculture, based in Abbotsford. Another is the energy-in-agriculture program....Wildlife biologist **Barbara M.V. Scott**, BSc'76, MSc'79, is teaching a

private course on wildlife study in the Comox area. In 1979 she completed an extensive, three-year study of wolves in their natural habitat on Vancouver Island....**Ernie Thiessen**, BASc'76, and his wife Evangeline, BEd'74, and three children are in Nepal for three years, serving with the Mennonite Central Committee. He will be working as a water engineer....**Janice M. Flynne**, BSR'77, is senior physiotherapist at the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg, N.S....**Christopher Z. Jurczynski**, MSc'77, is manager, corporate finance, with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce's corporate banking division in Toronto. Prior to that he was with the federal departments of finance and transport....**Larry K. Nickel**, BMus'77, teaches music at the Mennonite Educational Institute in Clearbrook, B.C. He composed some of the music recently performed by the Columbia Chorale on its tour of western provinces.

## 80s

**Marnie Fleming**, MA'80, takes art to where the people are. As Vancouver Art Gallery's extension officer, she takes exhibits around the province, bringing art shows to school children of all ages and to the public....**Penelope Lipsack**, BHE'80, is field coordinator for the Employment Opportunity program in Vernon with the B.C. ministry of labor. Her responsibilities cover the North Okanagan-Columbia Shuswap districts....**Angie C. Roth**, BA'80, will be doing the same job for the South Okanagan region....**Peter M. Maitland**, BASc'80, is electrical engineer at the Endako mine, Fraser Lake, B.C.

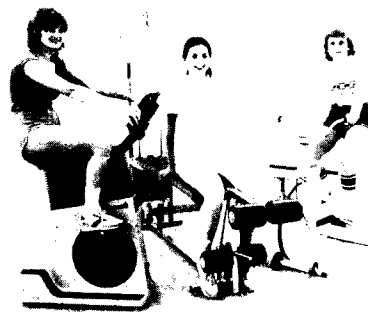
## BIRTHS

**Mr. and Mrs. Stuart W. Allan**, BASc'72, MBA'74 (Heather M. Brewster, BSc'73) a daughter, Coleen Marie, March 2, 1981 in Campbell River....**Mr. and Mrs. John Cartmel**, BPE'66, a son, David Bradford, April 2, 1981 in Vancouver....**Mr. and Mrs. David Hill**, BSP'71, MSc'73, (Sandra Richards, BSP'71) a son, Robert John, March 1, 1981 in Vancouver....**Dr. and Mrs. George Khachatourians**, PhD'71, (Lorraine McGrath, BSc'69) a daughter, Ariane Katharine, Nov. 13, 1980 in Saskatoon, Sask....**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kler**, BSc'73 (Jackie Pennington, BCom'77) a daughter, Jasmine, April 9, 1981 in Vancouver....**Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L'Heureux** (Cathie Dumont, BA'72) a daughter, Theresa Marie Katherine, Aug. 21, 1980 in Vernon....**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Millar**, BSc'73 (Margaret McMurchy, BSN'74) a daughter, Molly Elizabeth, March 31, 1980 in Hope....**Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nichol**, MA'70, (Kathleen Sturgess, BA'70, M.L.S'73) a son, D'Arcy Randolph,



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Feb. 15, 1981, in Vancouver...**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peachey**, (Terry Corriveau, BE'd '75) a son, Ryan Christopher, April 2, 1981 in Vancouver...**Mr. and Mrs. Graeme R. Percy**, BASc'69 (Maurecta Devries, BE'd '68) a daughter, Leanne Dawne, Oct. 16, 1980 in Toronto...**Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Redekop**, BA'76, (Donna L. Wilson, BE'd '76) a son, Mitchell James, April 9, 1981...**Dr. and Mrs. Dipak Talapatra**, PhD'72, a daughter, Anika, Jan. 22, 1980 in Akron, Ohio...**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Volker**, (D. Joyce Wheatler, BSc'68, BLS'69, MLS'76) twin sons, Aaron Tobias and Samuel Paul, Feb. 21, 1981 in Canberra, Australia...**Mr. and Mrs. James K. Wright**, BASc'72, MSc-B'73, (Claire A. Sauder, BA'72, MA'79) a daughter, Lucy Isabel, May 23, 1980 in Vancouver.

## WEDDINGS

Gary J. Gallant, to Gail L. **Henriksen**, BA'66, December 30, 1980 in Vancouver...**Dr. Charles A. Lin**, BSc'74, to **Janet Frances Lee**, BSc'78, December 27, 1980 in Vancouver.

## DEATHS

**Virginia Michas Alevras**, BA'49 (BLS, U. Wash.), Dec. 1980 in Vancouver. Survived by her husband, a sister, Lukia Michas Schwartz, BA'53, BSW'54, and a son.

**Charles Richard Asher**, BSA'28, Jan. 11, 1980 in Vancouver. He retired in 1974 as an executive with DuPont of Canada in Montreal. He was a founding member of Lambda Sigma Delta, the local fraternity that joined Phi Delta Theta in 1930. A keen yachtsman, golfer and bowler, in recent years he became a bird watcher and traveled from the Aleutians to central America in pursuit of his hobby.

**Myles Ferguson Beale**, BA'50, BE'd '55, Dec. 4, 1980 in Harbor City, Calif. Born in Cranbrook, he was among the first to enlist there in 1939 and served both in England and Italy for seven years with the 5th Canadian Armored division. He taught at Lloyd Crowe Secondary school in Trail, B.C. until his retirement three years ago. Survived by his two sisters.

**Kathryn Bradshaw Blade**, BA'18, January, 1980 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After graduation she studied law and was called to the Bar in B.C. in 1922. She was a barrister in Victoria. After her marriage she lived in California for 37 years, moving to Albuquerque in 1969.

**Gilbert B. Carpenter**, BA'25, MA'26 (PhD McGill) Jan. 2, 1981 in Homosassa, Florida. A retired chemical consultant, he did undergraduate work in chemistry at UBC. He later became associate professor in chemistry at M.I.T. After leaving the Air Reduction Co., in New York, he spent ten years in Holland with Mobil Oil Co, retiring

in 1965. Survived by his wife, a daughter, two sons, two sisters and a brother.

**J. Andy Cochrane**, BArch'57, Jan. 10, 1981. He designed and was responsible for completion of the Provincial Museum in Victoria, while he was chief architect for the Department of Public Works. He subsequently became co-director in Public Works. He later joined the Heritage Conservation branch of the provincial government and was involved in the stabilization of the Richard Carr House, Craigflower school and several buildings in historic Barkerville. Survived by his wife, a son and daughter.

**Thomas C. Gibbs**, BASc'30, Feb. 14, 1980 in Calgary, Alta. He is survived by his wife.

**Jack L. Gregory**, BSP'49, Nov. 8, 1980. He was a member of the first graduating class in pharmacy. Survived by his wife.

**Wessie M. Tipping Lamb**, BA'25, MA'30 (PhD, Sorbonne) March 9, 1981 in Vancouver. She was on the faculty of UBC's French department from 1925-30, 1932-39 and from 1943-49. Married in 1939 to **W. Kaye Lamb**, BA'27, MA'30,

LLD'48, they moved to Ottawa after he was appointed Dominion Archivist in 1948. He became National Librarian in 1953. Completely bilingual, she was active in trying to promote the use of French, especially in Ottawa's English-speaking community, long before it became fashionable or official policy. She translated the Journal of Gabriel Franchere for the Champlain Society, published in 1969. The Lambs returned to Vancouver in 1971. Survived by her husband, a daughter and two sisters.

**Everett J. Lees**, BASc'27, (PhD, Toronto) Nov. 3, 1980 in Vancouver. He joined the Geological Survey of Canada and was later geologist for Lake Shore Mines Ltd. managing their subsidiary, Hudson Rand Gold Mines Ltd. He became chief geologist for Denison Mines Ltd., Toronto. In 1967 he became president and director of Gulf Titanium Ltd. and vice-president and director of Kel-Glen Mines Ltd. Survived by his wife **Kathleen M. Ralph**, BA'28, and a son.

**John E. Liersch**, BA'26, BSc'27, LLD'80, March 9, 1981 in Richmond, B.C. Active in the forestry industry since 1934, he was head of UBC's forestry department from 1942-46. He served in executive capacity for a number of firms including MacMillan Bloedel and Canadian Forest Products Ltd. As director of CFP, he was involved in the formation of Prince George Pulp and Paper Ltd., retiring in 1970 as CFP vice-president. He received the alumni award of distinction last May. A member of the university's board of governors for 10 years, he chaired it in 1970-71. He served on the management committee of UBC's Health Sciences Centre from 1973-76, then joined the Board of Trustees of Shaughnessy Hospital, where he served continuously from 1976. Survived by his wife and daughter.

**Colin C. Lucas**, BASc'25, MAsc'26, (PhD, Toronto, DSc, Acadia) Feb. 12, 1981 in Wolfville,

N.S. He retired in 1969 as a professor of the Banting and Best department of medical research at the University of Toronto. Named a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1959, he also was a fellow and former councillor of the Chemical Institute of Canada and of numerous other scientific societies. He published more than 90 scientific papers in chemistry, biochemistry and nutrition. Survived by his son.

**Allan Roy MacNeill**, BA'23, BE'd '49, Feb. 2, 1981 in Vancouver. An outstanding Richmond educator for 43 years, a scholarship has been established in his name at Richmond Senior Secondary School. He taught at Burns Lake before going to Richmond in 1925, where he taught English and mathematics at Bridgeport High. He later became principal of Richmond High School (now Cambie Junior Secondary) and in 1959, director of secondary instruction for Richmond School district, retiring in 1968. He was an honorary member of the B.C. Parent Teachers Assoc., and an honorary associate member of the B.C.T.F. Survived by his wife and son.

**John H. Robertson**, BCom'57, Feb. 16, 1981 in Toronto. He was sales manager of RCA national accounts. Survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, a brother and a sister, **Elizabeth Robertson**, BSN'58, assistant professor of nursing at UBC.

**Jean Marie Riddell Sherwin**, BA'27, March 20, 1981 in Victoria, B.C. A former assistant director of social welfare for B.C., she served with the veterans affairs department

in Ottawa during World War II. She also was a social worker in the Yukon and Saskatchewan and was regarded as a pioneer in the social welfare field. Survived by two step-sons.

**Ralph Sullivan**, LLB'53, March 12, 1981 in Burnaby, B.C. He was a member of the legal department of the Workers' Compensation Board until his retirement in 1969. Survived by his wife, two sons and one daughter.

**Anne Hedley Vater**, BASc'25, March 10, 1981 in Vancouver. Prior to her marriage in 1934 her nursing career took her to Harlem, New York before she returned to the Children's Hospital in Vancouver. Survived by two brothers and a niece.

**Florence B. Chapin Wilson**, BA'16, Jan. 31, 1981 in San Diego, Calif. She taught at Roberts school in Vancouver until she married and moved to California. Survived by two sons and several nieces and nephews.

**Derek Daniel Wolney**, MD'76, Jan. 12, 1981 in Vancouver. After graduating he interned at Edmonton's University Hospital. Recently he was chief resident at Vancouver General Hospital, completing his specialty in anaesthesiology. Survived by his parents and a sister. *A memorial fund has been established in his name at UBC that will provide an award for a resident in anaesthesia. Donations may be sent through the UBC Alumni Fund, 6251 Cecil Green Park Road, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1X8, marked "Wolney Memorial Fund."*

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# Letters

## It's Nice to be Needed.

*The Chronicle received many letters, kind comments and cheques in response to its "gift subscription" suggestion in the Spring '81 issue....*

The enclosed cheque and details will be self-explanatory and perhaps answer your question about how useful the Chronicle is to me when I say that apart from a few newspaper clippings from my family I have no other form of contact with old campus friends. Many of the familiar names are those of well-known persons on campus, as opposed to personal friends, but it's still very interesting to hear what is going on.

Your recent article about financial problems caused a smile or two, whilst I admit that we don't have as bad a problem with regional variations in house prices, the other strains you quote are remarkably similar to ours here. The universities are under "attack" as one major area of "public spending" and the current edict that we contract in size by about an eighth means that some universities will suffer very severely—whole departments will close. One has to admit that some justification will be seen for a number of examples and I would be the last to suggest that universities should not bear their share of the cuts—but we are bleeding already and the major surgery is yet to come.

Many good wishes from an avid reader.

David Birdsall, BASc'62  
Avon, England

*Space did not permit more letters. — Ed.*

*The Last Word/continued....*

*Mitchell....*

sacrificed in order to establish a program with credibility. It would be relatively simple to place a limit on the amount of a scholarship available on an individual basis and limitation on the aggregate amount available for each sport in each school in each academic year.

Many exceptional high school athletes do not pursue their athletic careers after high school because of a feeling of conflict between academics and athletics at university. With our governments now encouraging participation in sports for all ages the establishing of athletic scholarships would be an endorsement by the universities of the athletic programs and an encouragement to high school students to continue their athletic careers while in university.

The argument that the financially rich universities will benefit from such athletic scholarships is not a legitimate criticism. Such a program would only eliminate the flimsy anti-recruitment rules now in existence which are impossible to monitor and difficult to enforce. Surely the elite athlete would be attracted to a school more by the success of its program and

to superior coaching if all financial rewards were maintained on a relatively equal basis. It is true that the institutions who now benefit from being situated in large population areas would no longer have any built in advantage and schools in less populated areas could develop more competitive programs but to improve the level of competition would be beneficial to all schools and particularly beneficial to the development of our athletes.

*Douglas Mitchell, LLB'62, is a lawyer in Calgary and a member of that city's Olympic Games committee.*



*Dennison....*

encouraging individuals and organizations to donate awards, administered by the joint faculty committee on prizes, scholarships and bursaries, that recognize scholarship-level academic achievement and exceptional ability in artistic or athletic performance."

Few would deny that the prime purposes of the university with respect to students are the cultivation of the intellect, the growth of critical judgment and the development of creativity. While "prime" does not mean "exclusive" it does imply that other objectives, (such as leadership qualities, social maturity and cultural sensitivity), are legitimate only if they do not detract from the first order objectives. At a time when financial constraints threaten the quality of its academic programs it would be less than responsible for the university to divert resources from its primary functions.

While it is undoubtedly true that many of British Columbia's most athletically gifted young men and women seek their education at universities other than UBC, there are a number of questions which arise. It is conceivable that several of these students are not academically admissible. Furthermore, if the advantages offered by UBC, such as excellent competition, competent and dedicated coaching, an extensive choice of intercollegiate sports for both men and women, first-class facilities and the outstanding reputation of the university itself are not sufficient to attract these students it is doubtful whether a limited financial incentive would sway their decision. After all, as one former president of UBC once noted in his essay on the subject of "excellence" — "it cannot be purchased!"

While the impatience and frustration of some alumni are understandable and while athletic scholarships appear to be an attractive and effective solution, serious doubts remain. Quite apart from the question of their legitimacy on philosophic grounds it is debatable whether the availability of additional athletic scholarships would produce the results which are generally anticipated. Would they attract talented young Canadians who are admissible to UBC and currently choosing alternative institutions? Even if this were true would the addition of a limited number of gifted athletes guarantee winning teams without a drastic reordering of priorities within the present policy?

In my view, any increased availability of scholarships, even if expanded in size and number or administered in a different manner than is presently the case, would have little impact upon the current situation.

*Dr. John Dennison, BPE'59, MPE'60, is a professor of education at UBC.*

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# The Last Word

## Should UBC Grant Athletic Scholarships?

**Yes! Douglas Mitchell**

**T**he most controversial matter involving Canadian university athletics which has been discussed for decades without any unanimity within or without of the boundaries of our campuses is the question of athletic scholarships.

Let me at the outset be candid or brash enough to suggest that the issue is not the introduction of athletic scholarships but the legalization of athletic scholarships.

To suggest that there are no athletic scholarships in existence now is tantamount to suggesting political candidates are not aware of their financial contributors. Only the naive are blatant enough to suggest that money and assistance is not available to any aspiring college student whose skills are sought by the athletic department of an institution of higher learning. So why should young students be corrupted and exposed to this facade when there seems to be no legitimate reason to withhold athletic scholarships?

The awarding of athletic scholarships would encourage greater participation in our university athletic programs and also provide incentive for students to become more self-supporting financially while in school. An athletic scholarship is in essence equivalent to a part time job rewarding hours spent at university over and beyond the hours required for academic achievement.

Why shouldn't a student be rewarded for his achievement of participating in a sport while still maintaining his university eligibility. Surely achieving athletic excellence while maintaining grade point requirements is worthy of recognition and reward. Academic achievement may not be the sole requirement for future success beyond the confines of our campus. In fact, some potential employers give priority to a graduating student who can show evidence of participation in extra curricular activities on campus such as intercollegiate sports while obtaining a degree.

There are estimated to be approximately 1,000 Canadians attending universities in the United States on athletic scholarships. Obviously, the elite athletes in hockey, football, basketball and track are being attracted to complete their university education beyond the boundary of our own country. It would therefore be sensible to improve the caliber of sports in our own country by keeping those athletes at home which would also improve the ability of Canadian athletes to compete internationally.

Athletic scholarships have been in existence for a long enough period in the United States for Canadians to profit from the shortcomings and abuses of the U.S. athletic scholarship program. Strict academic standards must be maintained and not

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**No! John Dennison**

**S**ome years ago I participated in an alumni "teleton", a challenging activity designed to elicit financial donations to the university from its appreciative graduates. While most contributed, albeit with hidden enthusiasm in some cases, several took the opportunity to ventilate upon their personal "beefs" on the state of affairs at UBC. The complaints appeared to fall into two major categories, the first target being the "bunch of radical students who were trying to run the university" (which gives the clue as to how long ago this event occurred). The second group of concerns focussed upon the perceived inability of the Thunderbird football and basketball teams to establish their superiority on the Canadian field of conquest.

It was often suggested that the solution to the latter problem lay with a determined effort by the university to attract, nurture and financially reward those outstanding young high-school athletes who would bring new victories to the intercollegiate program. (Whether or not the quality of a program is related to the win-loss record is a question I'd be prepared to debate — but on another occasion!) However, just who was to fund this enterprise was not established and, unfortunately, the conversations terminated at that stage.

The point is, however, that apparently many alumni continue their identification with their alma mater through the intercollegiate athletic program and are less than delighted with its modest record of success — rugby, field hockey and rowing records not withstanding! While it is a matter of conjecture whether winning teams would generate more generous alumni, adulation from the media, or crowded stadiums, it is reasonable to explore the potential contributions which financial aid to scholar-athletes could make to the current state of athletic affairs at the university.

The fact of the matter is that athletic scholarships do exist! They are made available through various government programs, both at the federal and provincial levels. They are also offered through the initiative of a number of private companies and individuals. While it is true that the qualification for most of these awards is contingent upon the applicant's admission to a post-secondary educational program, the choice of institution is the student's. However, there are some scholarships, provided by private donors but administered by the university, which refer to athletic qualities in the description. As recently as 1975 a UBC senate committee successfully recommended that "the university actively continue its policy of

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