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## Enrolment Prediction Accurate

UBC's 1970-71 registration stood at 20,829 students last Friday, just 19 short of a predicted enrolment of 20,848.

And by Dec. 1, the date on which Canada's universities officially declare their enrolments, there could be an additional 200 to 300 students enrolled on the Point Grey campus, according to an official in the Registrar's Office.

All the additional enrolment will take place in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, where 2,326 students have already been admitted. UBC's present undergraduate enrolment stands at 18,503.

Admitted to the first year for the first time this session were 3,462 students. Last year, UBC's Senate voted to limit intake at this level to approximately 3,400 students.

Here is UBC's current enrolment by faculties, with enrolment as of Dec. 1, 1969, in brackets:

Agricultural Sciences — 211 (210); Applied Science — 1,538 (1,546); Arts — 6,258 (6,297); Commerce — 1,067 (1,031); Dentistry — 162 (135); Education — 3,884 (3,709); Forestry — 222 (200); Graduate Studies — 2,326 (2,687); Law — 620 (548); Medicine — 373 (334); Pharmaceutical Sciences — 231 (176); Science — 3,671 (3,620); Unclassified — 124 (118); Qualifying year — 132 (156). Grand total — 20,829 (20,767).

## President's Senate Statement

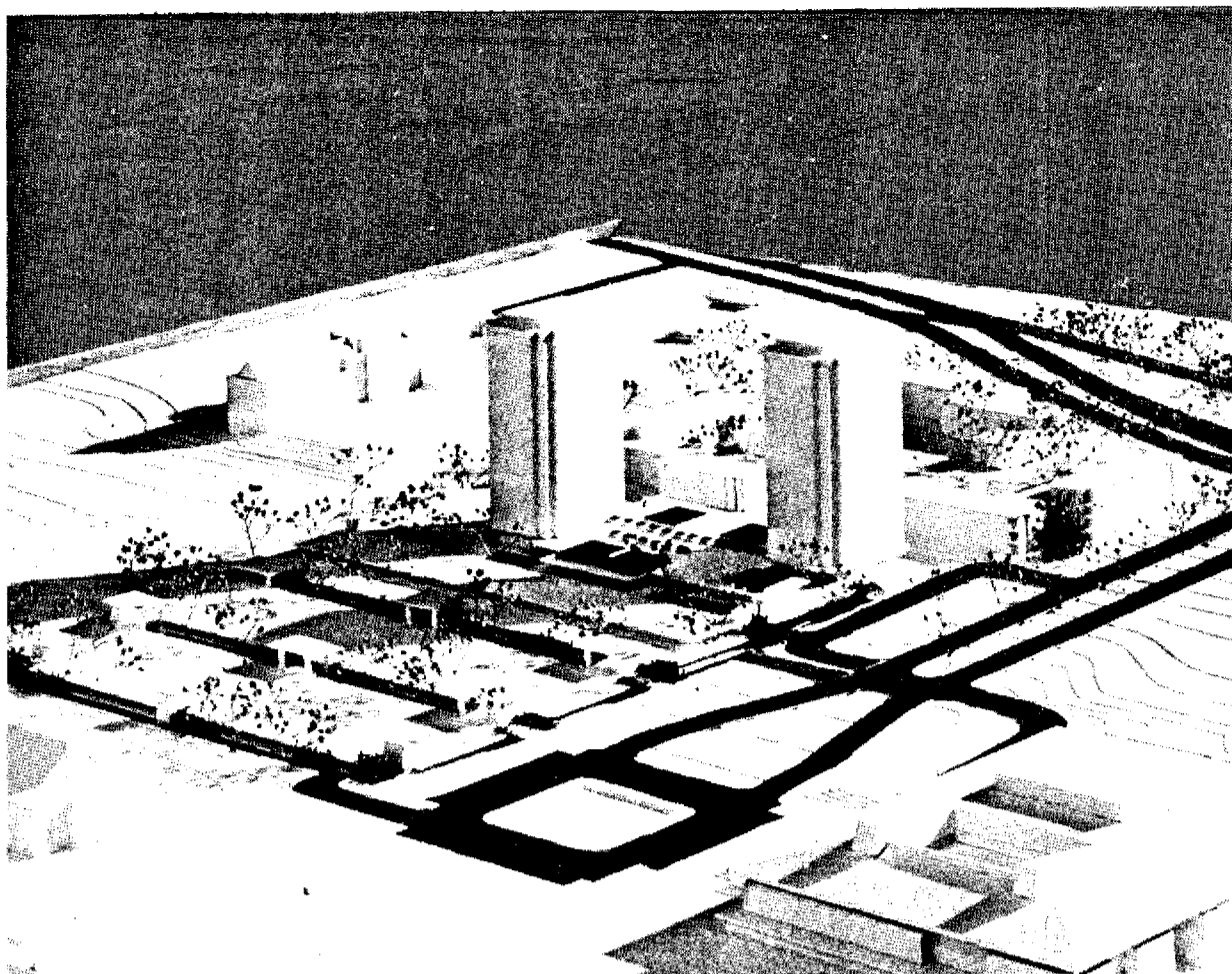
At the close of the first meeting of the UBC Senate for 1970-71 on Sept. 16, Senator Stuart Lefeaux asked President Walter Gage to state his hopes and objectives for the University.

A slightly edited version of the President's reply is printed below. President Gage stresses that it is not to be considered a definitive statement of policy, but was merely an off-the-cuff reply to an unexpected request.

**The President's statement:**

"As to my own hopes and aspirations for the University, I would say this: my policy is that, in academic matters, the decisions should be made by faculty. If the President has sufficient experience behind him — and I hope I have — he can sometimes caution them or even pressure them. But, in any event, he

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**FIRST** coeducational dormitory to be built at UBC is currently taking shape on the eastern edge of the campus adjacent to the Student Union Building, at lower right in photo above. First stage of the residence development, consisting of two

residence towers and a common block, will house 788 men and women. Funds for construction have been allocated by Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. UBC will proceed to stage two of the project when additional money is available.

## Committee Proposes To Expand Evaluations

A joint faculty-student committee has formed a plan of action to coordinate existing evaluations of UBC courses and teachers and initiate such evaluations where none now exist.

The committee, consisting of four faculty members and four students, met Monday under the chairmanship of Mr. Art Smolensky, former president of the Graduate Students' Association and currently chairman of the AMS Course Evaluation Committee.

The meeting decided it would not press for a standardized, campus-wide course and teacher survey.

A committee spokesman told *UBC Reports* that many faculties, medicine for instance, already have a

viable, operating evaluation system which would not work well outside the faculty.

"The committee decided its basic aim should be to coordinate the existing evaluations and promote such studies in areas where they don't now exist, notably the Faculty of Arts," the spokesman said.

The committee also agreed to establish an advisory board, made up predominantly of students but including some faculty members, to deal with the mechanics of the course and teaching survey. The committee spokesman said it was generally agreed that the emphasis in future evaluations should be on the teacher rather than the course.

The cost of mounting a wider evaluation scheme was also discussed by the committee at its Monday night meeting. The spokesman said various University bodies would be approached for funds but as yet no estimate of costs was available.

The committee also discussed the possibility of employing a full-time person to coordinate future evaluations and provide continuity for the scheme.

The committee will also discuss with the University the possibility of including the results of each evaluation in the appropriate sections of the UBC calendar as a guide to students.

Several evaluations of UBC courses and teachers were prepared for the 1970-71 session, but only one of them — produced by students in the Department of Music — appeared as a public document.

Evaluations in the Faculties of Applied Science and Medicine are prepared for the deans of those faculties and the results are distributed to department heads.

The Science Undergraduate Society had planned to produce a third edition of their course and teaching evaluation entitled *Black and Blue*, but no one was available to work on the publication during the summer, according to acting SUS president David Koop.

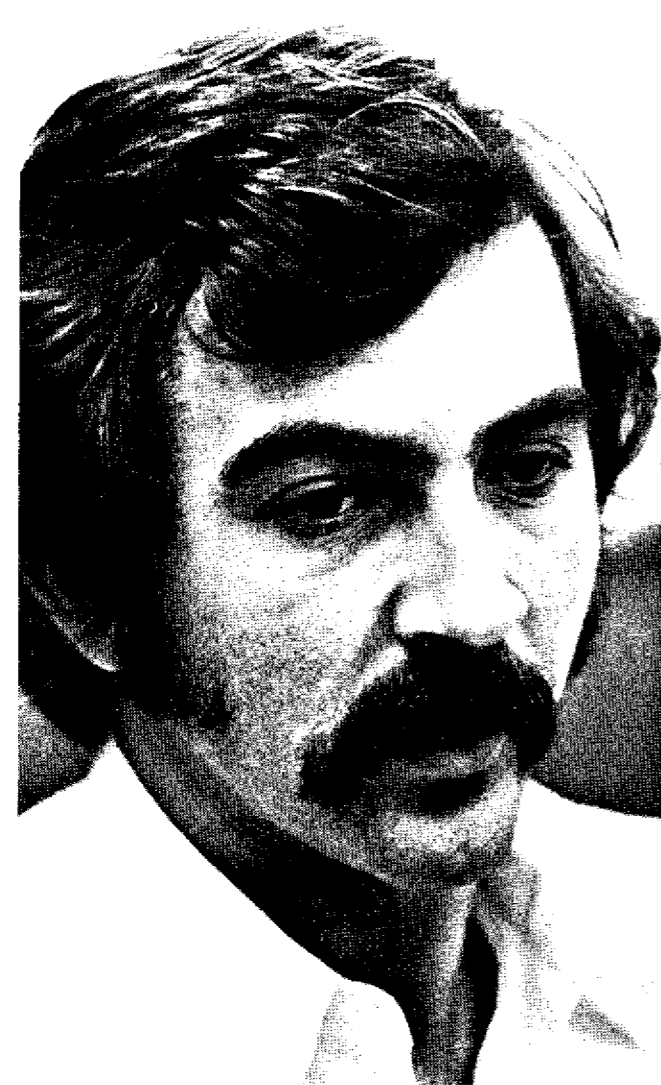
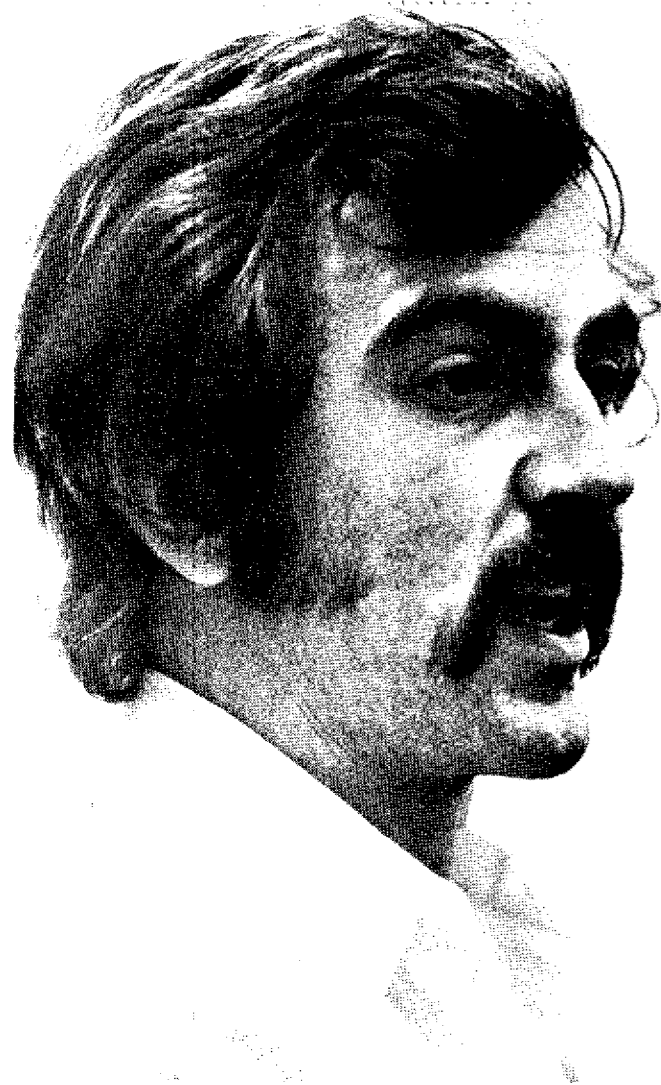
He said attempts will be made to issue the publication later in the current session, but he was unable to set a firm date for its appearance.

The response of music students to a questionnaire on the department's courses was termed "disappointing" by the publication's editors. In most courses only 25 per cent of the students completed and returned the questionnaires.

The comments by students on music professors and courses were generally favorable.

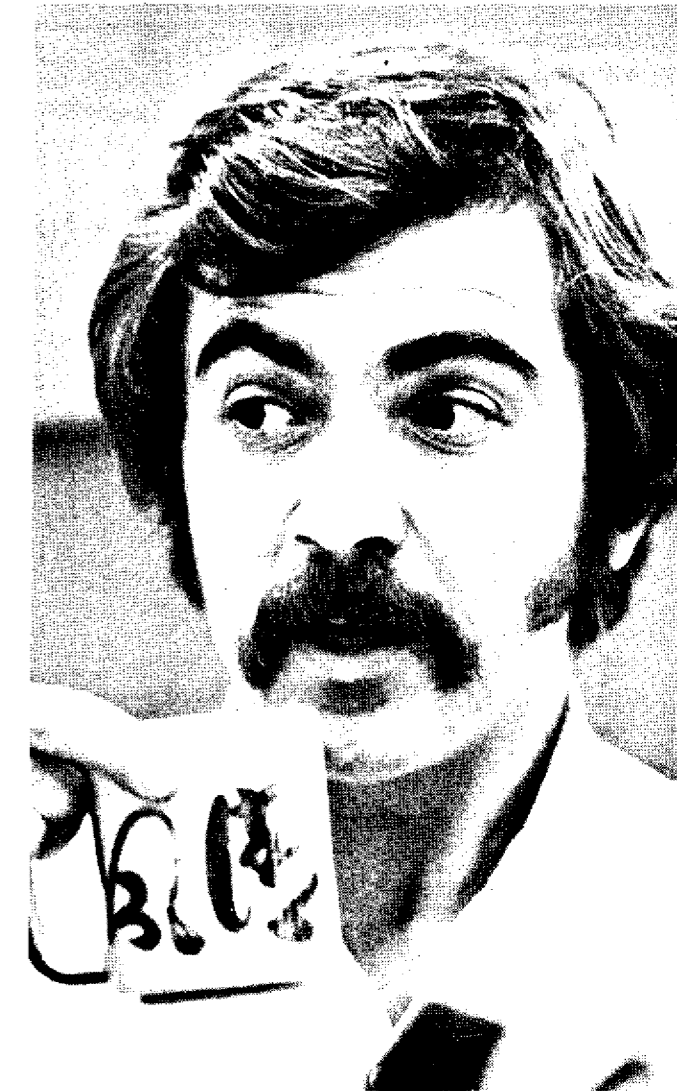


MR. ART SMOLENSKY



## John Zaozirny,

external affairs officer for the Alma Mater Society, was a UBC delegate to the meetings held in Edmonton late in August by representatives of western Canadian universities. Mr. Zaozirny is a graduate of the University of Calgary, where he was involved with student government and with a provincial association of students. He is currently a second year Law student at UBC. In the following interview he discusses the recent Edmonton meetings and outlines some AMS-sponsored projects planned for the current winter session.



**UBC REPORTS:** John, can we begin by having you describe who met in Edmonton in the latter part of August, what the purposes of the meeting were and how many people attended.

**MR. JOHN ZAOZIRNY:** The meeting was attended by about 30 representatives from student unions in Western Canada, from British Columbia to Manitoba. The August meeting was a product of previous meetings which had been held since the beginning of 1970. The previous meeting, as a matter of fact, was held on the UBC campus in April.

The purposes of these meetings are not singular. There is no question that a vacuum has been created in relations between university campuses since the fall of the Canadian Union of Students. One purpose of the meetings has been to bring together student leaders to discuss common problems — to see if any joint action can be undertaken on common problems to alleviate or remove them.

One of the major areas of discussion was that of a national conference, which was discussed in relation to a national union of students. Other areas discussed were the accessibility of education in terms of the finances which are available to students to pursue higher education. Some discussion also took place of the socio-economic factors which prohibit or inhibit people from pursuing higher education.

The present drug laws and the interim report of the LeDain Commission\* was also talked about at some length. It was the feeling of the conference that public attention should again be focused on this issue, which has become rather subdued since the interim report came out. A resolution was adopted at the conference calling for a moratorium on convictions under the Criminal Code for drug possession.

On the same issue, it was decided to hold a referendum, nation-wide hopefully, on Canadian campuses on the issue of the legalization of cannabis, including marijuana and hashish. We've been in touch with eastern campuses and there's been a pretty favorable response. We would like to hold this national referendum on Oct. 15. It will be designed to focus public attention on the issue and, hopefully, cause the government to take some sort of action. At the present time a lot of young people particularly are having their lives marred by criminal records as a result of convictions.

**UBC REPORTS:** Is it possible for you to give any details about the referendum?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** I can't give you the precise wording of the referendum. It will be worked out in

conjunction with the other western Canadian schools. What we want to establish is how students feel about the legalization of cannabis. We want it to be quite clear-cut. Prior to the referendum we hope to have an educational series — at least a three-to-five day series — designed to give students insight into the issue's pros and cons.

**UBC REPORTS:** Who will look after holding the referendum? Is it to be done under the auspices of the student unions at each of the participating universities?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** Yes, and at the Edmonton conference UBC was given the task of coordinating the referendum. But we haven't as yet heard from all the eastern campuses. Even if they don't feel that the issue justifies a nation-wide referendum, we agreed at Edmonton to go ahead with a western Canadian referendum. The effect will be somewhat weakened if we have to go that route, but we feel it is an important enough issue, a contemporary enough issue, that we want to bring it into the public eye once again.

## MAJOR ISSUES

**UBC REPORTS:** Were there any other major issues discussed at the conference?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** Some discussion was also given to Canada Manpower Centers and last summer's "hire students" campaign. A number of people who attended the conference had spent considerable time studying the problem of student employment. Based on their expertise a position was adopted which condemned the "hire-a-student" scheme as really being nothing more than an elaborate public relations program for Canada Manpower, designed to make them look good in the eyes of the public, designed to make it appear that the summer employment situation was well in hand when in fact the program wasn't resulting in many jobs being made available to students. Hiring students only meant other working people were unemployed as a result.

Now, it wasn't simply a negative point of view that was taken. What we proposed was that rather than spending dollars on a "hire-a-student" scheme the money should be channelled into creating jobs in fields such as environmental control. The pollution issue is a very obvious one which comes to mind. Also, while we like the idea of the federal government taking an interest in jobs for students we did not feel that the militia program was a very productive way of remedying the situation.

**UBC REPORTS:** Can we discuss some more the question of a national student union? What, in your opinion, were the main reasons for the Canadian Union of Students having to fold up in 1969?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** I was involved in student government at the University of Calgary and with the Alberta Association of Students and attended three CUS congresses. It seemed to me that in the last few years of

CUS' life it had lost touch with students. It purported to be a national union of students, not a national organization of student councils or student unions. It aimed to involve students individually and yet in terms of its policies, in terms of its programs, I think that it had lost touch with the students.

**UBC REPORTS:** When you say that, precisely what do you mean? Do you mean that the CUS was pursuing policies which did not conform to the ideas of Canadian students generally?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** Yes, I think there is no doubt that that was the case. CUS invariably lashed out at the bureaucracy of modern-day life, yet that was exactly what it had become. CUS had a fairly extensive office staff in Ottawa, many field workers who were running around the country attempting to do good things, yet in this tight structure very little was funnelling through to the individual students on the campus. And I do think that CUS policies did not reflect at all the views of students across the country.

There was, during the last couple of years of CUS' existence, a continuing ideological battle within the organization. What had been happening was that the strong left element was prevailing and the resolutions adopted by the organization reflected this leftist orientation. It seemed that the more conservative campuses were just getting carried along. Yet CUS was able to maintain its existence because it had the financial resources to do so. It came down to a matter of dollars.

The thing finally came to a head as the result of a number of referendums held on individual campuses. It was the first opportunity that students had had to express their feelings about the organization. Generally, students did not feel that the organization's policies reflected their own individual beliefs and they didn't feel they were getting their money's worth out of the organization.

UBC students for example, were contributing approximately \$15,000 to the Union. The Alma Mater Society has a difficult time financing projects because student fees have remained the same for a number of years. Given the fact that we've had static revenues but ever-increasing costs, that \$15,000 can be put to good use on this campus. For that sort of money we could hire two full-time research workers.

## CONVENE MEETING

**UBC REPORTS:** Given the consensus that a national union is needed, what's the next step?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** We decided that the next step would be to convene a meeting of student representatives throughout the country to find out how they felt about the formation of another national organization and what sort of an orientation this union would have. Hopefully, the meeting will take place

before Christmas. Now it may be that the ideological split between the campuses is so great that there is no way a national organization can get off the ground.

## SERVICE GROUPS

At the moment there are two organizations in Canada which concern themselves with student services. Western Student Services, which is based here in Vancouver, looks after such areas as inexpensive travel plans, student life insurance, group bookings to bring in entertainment at low rates. There is a comparable organization in eastern Canada as well. If another union is founded it will be primarily a political union. It will not deal with service issues. It will not be able to justify its existence by tossing a few services to students and then going off on a political tangent. It will be a political organization that is why I say that the organization may not get off the ground. The ideological split may be too great. But we want to find out.

**UBC REPORTS:** I take it that you're anxious not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** Most definitely.

**UBC REPORTS:** Let me put a hypothetical question to you. If students are going to campaign against, say, pollution, at some point political issues are going to arise. Are you not in a sense re-creating a political organization of the same kind that CUS was in the past?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** Yes, there is no question that it is political. But CUS used the services that it offered as a justification for its existence. The services were valuable but can't be used to justify your existence if you are basically and primarily a political organization.

**UBC REPORTS:** What you seem to be saying is that you are concerned about a national organization that will enter the arena of politics but will not be allied to any particular ideology.

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** In politics it's pretty hard to exclude ideologies because every person has his own beliefs. I think that any student organization should concern itself firstly with the issue of education because that is why we are at university. If we want to take issue with certain aspects of the educational system, be it the financing of higher education, the Canada Student Loan Plan, it may be that in adopting a policy we won't be able to walk away from ideology.

My personal hope is that there will be a certain amount of pragmatism so that decisions will not be made on the basis of ideology but rather on the basis of what seems appropriate for students.

**UBC REPORTS:** What role does the AMS see UBC playing in a revived national student organization?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** We share the view that there is the need for a national forum. We feel the vacuum should be eliminated. However, we are not interested in creating another superstructure. We think that the funds

formerly used to create a bureaucracy in Ottawa can far better be used on our own campus. We feel that a national organization should be geared to work on a project basis. In other words, people will come together to focus on one or two particular areas and will continue to concentrate on those areas until something very positive is accomplished or we have run into a dead end. We feel that only in this way can a union be valuable to the students and worth spending dollars on.

**UBC REPORTS:** Do you see this question forming the major part of your duties as a member of the executive of the AMS?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** No. I think that external affairs officers, vice-presidents, or whatever they are called, perpetually have a problem in defining their position. Having been through the experience once at the University of Calgary I believe that the worth of a student organization is measured by specific projects undertaken. So in line with that I want to work on the idea of a national conference. But there are a number of areas that we have mapped out where we want to do specific things. I'll mention just a couple of them to you. During the summer Christine Krawczyk, myself and Clayton Vogler, who ran against me in the election this spring, have been working on a study of student financial assistance programs in British Columbia. We examined other programs in Canada and the United States and in early November we will be meeting with the minister and deputy minister of education and others to present our views on this issue. It has become quite apparent to us that in relation to programs elsewhere in Canada, the B.C. scheme leaves a great deal to be desired.

## STUDENT AID

**UBC REPORTS:** Are you thinking of the "money-for-marks" scheme?

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** Yes. There are a number of other areas as well. For example, the existing bursary scheme, the way scholarship funds are allocated, there is a whole can of worms opened up and we want to present our views on it. That is one area which affects every student and we feel a student union or an alma mater society should be examining and attempting to do something about it.

We have also entered into a project with the Educational Research Center founded by Dr. Mordecai Briemberg and a number of professors from the Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology Department at Simon Fraser, plus other interested citizens. What the program involves is a series of multi-media presentations from October through until next March on the UBC campus. In November we are going to be discussing student government. In January and February we will be looking at the labor situation. We will be looking at

certain city action groups which have formed to deal with grievances.

What we want to do is give the students some information as to what is going on in the community, develop some sort of political awareness in the students. We want the program to result in students taking the initiative, either in existing community groups or forming task forces on their own, to get involved with this community, to get involved with contemporary issues.

## EXAMINE ACT

We are also doing research right now on long-range educational planning in British Columbia. The short and simple of it is that there is extremely little long-range planning going on in this province. We find that a pretty frightening situation. Once again we have gone to other Canadian provinces, to other countries, to see what they are doing in the way of long-range planning, and we will be going to the government again before Christmas with our views on how long-range planning should be undertaken, the mechanics of it.

**UBC REPORTS:** Will you be making any representations to the government to make public the Perry Committee† report? It was charged with dealing with this question of long-range planning.

**MR. ZAOZIRNY:** Yes. We are aware of the non-disclosure of that report and this is one of the points that we want to bring up. It is fine to do a lot of research work, to prepare a brief, to go to the government, but nine times out of ten it gets filed in "G" for garbage. All that effort is essentially for naught although one can argue that over the years the file builds up and a more enlightened government will examine it. We feel that the only way our presentations are going to be effective is if we are able to draw a considerable amount of support from the news media in making our views known to the public and then from the public itself. Because if there is one thing politicians react to and respond to, it is public opinion.

We also want to examine the *Universities Act*, which has not been revised for many years. Those are just some of the projects we are involved with. The national union concept is of considerable interest to us but it is not all we are attempting to do.

\* The official name of the LeDain Commission is the Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs. The Commission was chaired by Prof. Gerald LeDain, dean of the Faculty of Law at York University in Toronto. Appointed in May, 1969, the Commission brought in an interim report in June of this year. Among other things the Commission recommended elimination of jail sentences for possession of marijuana and hashish.

† The report of the Advisory Committee on Inter-University Relations, chaired by Dr. G. Neil Perry, former deputy minister of education for B.C., has been received by the Provincial government but not made public. Dr. Perry, former vice-president and dean of Commerce at UBC, recently resigned as deputy minister of education for B.C. to accept a post in the federal government.



# UBC Gets Malayan Twin

UBC has completed a "twinning" arrangement with a new university in the Southeast Asian country of Malaysia.

Under an initial one-year agreement, UBC's Department of Economics has already sent out a visiting professor to the recently-opened University of Penang. In return, at least one junior staff member from the Malaysian university will come to UBC for advanced training at the Ph.D. level.

If this first experimental exchange proves successful, a considerably expanded program involving several visiting professors in Penang and a number of their graduate students at UBC is envisaged for future years.

Coordinator of the UBC-Penang twinning project is Dr. Peter Pearse, associate professor of economics at UBC. Financial support for the exchange program will be provided by the federal government's Canadian International Development Agency, which administers Canada's foreign aid program.

Dr. Pearse said the exchange program will be mutually beneficial to both universities.

## UBC BENEFITS

"Penang, which is now in its second year of operation with an enrolment of some 400 students, is experiencing a problem common to all new universities in developing countries — finding qualified faculty members," Dr. Pearse said.

"The agreement between UBC and Penang will alleviate this problem in two ways: first, by sending out UBC professors to provide instruction and assistance in developing curricula and, second, by bringing junior staff from Penang to UBC for advanced training."

Dr. Pearse said the benefit to UBC will be in providing a focus for research and teaching in the problems of developing countries. "UBC's economics department is anxious to build up its capability in this field," he said, "and concentration in one area — Southeast Asia and Malaysia in particular — will help to give direction to this effort."

A possible, future long-term arrangement would enable UBC to maintain an on-going research workshop devoted to the problems of development in Southeast Asia, Dr. Pearse said.

The first UBC faculty member to go to Penang under the scheme is Dr. Gordon Munro, associate

professor of economics, who began teaching at Penang at the beginning of that University's academic year early in June.

Dr. Munro, in addition to teaching two economics courses, will also assist the planning of curricula and courses for subsequent years in the field of the social sciences.

"One of the concerns of Penang is to develop in a way that will avoid duplication of programs already offered at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur," Dr. Pearse said. "Penang is particularly interested in contemporary urban problems as they apply to Southeast Asia, and



DR. PETER PEARSE

UBC faculty members who take part in the exchange will assist development of studies in this area."

This is the second exchange program which has linked UBC with universities in Malaysia and Singapore. From 1961 to 1965 UBC and Universities of Malaya and Singapore exchanged faculty members for the purpose of developing programs in commerce and business administration at the two Southeast Asia universities.

The program was under the direction of the late Prof. Leslie J.G. Wong, who died suddenly in 1968.

expressed the hope that, through their research, members of faculty would not only develop their minds and enhance knowledge in their special fields, but would have the objective of better serving their students.

He expressed the view that faculty could best serve their students "by a judicious combination of, and an enthusiasm for, research and effective teaching carried on concurrently."

## Guggenheim Award Made

Dr. Michael Ames, associate professor of anthropology at UBC, has received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, one of the top academic awards made to North American university scholars.

Dr. Ames, a native of Vancouver who did his undergraduate studies at UBC, will use the award while on leave of absence during the coming year to analyse and write up research materials gathered in India during 1967-68.

During that time, Dr. Ames was given a Canada Council grant to conduct research into the ways in which factory workers in Jamshedpur, India's oldest steel city, adapted to the impact of industrialization and adapted industrialization to their own culture.

Guggenheim Fellowships are awarded to persons of the highest capacity for scholarly and scientific research and to persons of outstanding and demonstrated ability in the creative arts.



MRS. VI FORSYTH

## Club Plans First Meeting

The Faculty Women's Club, a UBC organization founded in 1917, will begin another year of promoting friendships through shared interests on Oct. 6.

Long-time members of the Club keep renewing their memberships because its many social activities help to sustain old friendships as well as encourage new.

Mrs. Vi Forsyth, this year's president, said that early each fall the Club makes a special effort to make newcomers to UBC feel at home.

"The Club provides a chance to make friends and to get to know UBC and Vancouver better," she said.

This year the Club's first general meeting will be held in the lower lounge of the Faculty Club at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, when newcomers will be especially welcome.

Although Club members are all female, husbands and male companions are invited to participate in various special Club activities throughout the year. These mixed events are one way to cross over departmental and faculty barriers and form "inter-disciplinary" friendships.

Members of the Club are kept involved through participation in a variety of interest groups that range from book discussion groups to horseback riding, bridge and batik, and art to French and German conversation.

Another important aspect of the Club's activities is the financial support it provides, where possible, to mature women students in the form of loans through its Jubilee Revolving Loan Fund. The Club also sponsors the Ann Wesbrook Scholarship, awarded annually to a woman who plans to proceed to graduate studies.

Last year's major fund-raising project was a bazaar held at Cecil Green Park where arrays of hand-crafted items attracted eager patrons.

Women members and wives of members of faculty and administrative and professional staffs of the University are eligible to join.

Anyone who would like to join and can't make it out to the initial meeting is invited to contact Club president Mrs. Vi Forsyth at 224-9462.

## MOTION REJECTED

UBC's Senate has rejected a motion asking the University to establish a committee to consider hiring faculty members who may decide to resign from Simon Fraser University's troubled Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology.

A motion to establish such a committee was made at the Senate meeting of Sept. 16 by retiring Student Senator Stan Persky. He said the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Society had asked its members to boycott the PSA department at SFU and requested Canadian universities to consider hiring those faculty members who might leave because of the boycott.

The UBC Senate rejected the motion without a debate.

## PRESIDENT

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must be guided very much by what the faculty feels is in the best interests of the community that they serve, of the province and of Canada.

"It is not their function, in my personal opinion, to become involved in so-called relevant problems. Rather, I think that what this University must be concerned with are fundamental principles which enable our students and graduates to arrive at conclusions or solutions for themselves. It is these fundamental principles that I hope faculty would stress.

"I do not think that we should engage in propaganda in support of one view or another or in favor of what should or should not be done."

President Gage expressed the hope that the University would continue to engage in and to stimulate research of all kinds, whether material, spiritual, utilitarian or otherwise. He

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