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CUSO begins national fund drive

Steve Haber, who graduated from UBC a year ago with a B.Sc. in biochemistry, needs your help. So do some chemistry and biology students at a secondary school in Oyo, Nigeria.

Steve Haber is their teacher.

CUSO (Canadian University Service Overseas) has more than 1,000 volunteers like Steve Haber working in 40 countries. Each is giving up two years of his or her own career to work for local wages on projects designed to help those who haven't the skills and resources to help themselves.

To keep these volunteers in the field, and to fill hundreds of other requests, CUSO has launched a Canada-wide campaign to raise at least \$500,000 this year.

In addition to financial support, CUSO also has openings in its overseas program for agriculturists, science and English teachers, doctors and nurses.

In the past seven years, 481 UBC graduates have taken CUSO postings, and UBC grads are serving now in 16 countries - including Ghana, Jamaica, Botswana, New Guinea, Peru, Malaysia and Nigeria. All receive travel expenses, medical and dental coverage and housing, plus local wages for the position.

Canada sends about 400 CUSO volunteers overseas each year, in some cases supplying the people and equipment for complete projects.

Steve Haber is teaching at Olivet Baptist High School, which was founded by Nigerian and European missionaries. The well-equipped school is staffed by Nigerians, except for Steve and one other teacher.

If you'd like to help CUSO, either financially or physically, further information may be obtained from the CUSO office in International House or by calling 4886.



Physical Plant electrician David McCall installs fixture atop new bollard lamp, one of 25 recently put in place near Main Library as part of ongoing program to improve campus lighting. The bollard lamps are so-called because the bases resemble metal posts for securing ropes on ships and docks.

The conference capital of the world - for a while

Both the University and its campus will be the host this spring and summer to a multitude of conferences and conference-goers, ranging from one-day local seminars to international groups scheduling their meetings to coincide with the world-involving Habitat conference.

Here's a look at who's promised to come and see us so far.

A celebration of children's literature, the Pacific Rim Conference on Children's Literature, is planned for May 9 to 15, at UBC's Totem Park Residence.

Speakers and consultants have been invited from Australia, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, the People's Republic of China, Peru, Russia, Singapore, the U.S.A. and, of course, Canada. The conference, according to UBC Librarianship professor Sheila Egoft, conference organizer and one of North America's leading experts on children's literature, "will investigate cultural and multi-cultural aspects of children's literature, with special reference to Canadian children's literature and its problems."

Presentations by writers, illustrators and publishers, discussion groups, book exhibits, story telling, puppet shows and films promise to make this an interesting celebration.

Registration fee for the entire conference, which begins Sunday evening, May 9, is \$100. Single-day registration is available for \$20. A daily schedule of events can be had by calling Sheila Egoft, 228-6379.

Planners from Washington, architects from Yugoslavia, ecologists from London and tourists from Mexico have two things in common next month - Habitat and UBC.

Although no official Habitat functions are scheduled for the campus, many groups attending the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements will be staying at UBC for part or all of the Habitat period, May 25 to June 11.

Other organizations have selected the Habitat period for annual conferences, and UBC as the locale.

The entire Ontario Secretariat for Habitat, 200 members, will check in at Totem Park Residence May 29 and remain until June 12.

The Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Planners will be here June 3 to June 6, the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council from London will be here May 29 to June 12, the Yugoslav architects arrive May 30 and depart June 7, and

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ARCHIVES

even Thomas Hardy's wife has contributed to UBC

In 1917 a fellow by the name of Lionel Haweis joined the staff of the UBC Library as a loan clerk. In his private life he was, among other things, a collector, and after his death in 1942, his collection of family letters and memorabilia came by an indirect route to the library.

A worthwhile collection from an archival point of view, but nothing very spectacular. Or so it seemed until one day in April, 1976, a librarianship student working on the collection turned up a letter written by the wife of Thomas Hardy to Lionel Haweis's mother in 1894.

It reads in part:

"(My husband's) interest in the suffrage cause is nil He understands only the women he invents — the others not at all...."

Considering the number of essays and theses that have been written on Thomas Hardy's understanding of women, this letter is an amazing discovery.

"And UBC has it," says Laurenda Daniells excitedly. Laurenda, as UBC's archivist, is in charge of such discoveries.

"That's what keeps you going when you're working on papers and you get tired of counting."

UBC's archives are located in the special collections division of the library, boxed in special non-acid paper in temperature- and humidity-controlled conditions.

Donations to the archives come in irregularly and have been doing so for decades. It wasn't until 1970 that the library appointed Laurenda as a full-time archivist to gather and organize the University's history — from the earliest records from McGill College of B.C., UBC's forerunner, to recent research papers and last week's Senate meeting.

The records of last week's Senate meeting are already archives? When does a record become an archive?

"I think probably as soon as it gets here," Laurenda replies. "Of course the dust," she continues, picking up Emma Hardy's letter, "is much more intriguing. But today's records are tomorrow's archives and they're the ones I'm most concerned about getting."

Donations to the archives are on a strictly voluntary basis. And archival help comes from library and history students learning how to handle historical materials.

Some interesting facts are turning up now that students are working on the collections. Mrs. Hardy's letter for one. Another student going through the records of McGill College discovered that the yearly rent paid by the college when it was located in the Fairview district of Vancouver to the provincial government was one peppercorn.

All of the records from McGill College had been kept by the registrar's office in a tunnel in the General Services Administration Building until two years ago when they were rediscovered. There hadn't been any proper place to put them in the earlier years.

This summer two students will begin working on the personal papers of former UBC president Dr. Norman MacKenzie — 200 shelf feet of papers.

But it's not all just nostalgia. People use the archives for all types of research, from the Alma Mater Society looking at the old AMS constitutions in drawing up their new constitution this year, to someone doing a history of the



UBC archivist Laurenda Daniells examines one of the University's early ledger books. In those days University trucks bought gas for 40 cents a gallon.

Ladner Clock Tower for a first-year course (History? But that tower was just built! says Laurenda), to *UBC Reports* needing an old photograph of the campus, to a woman doing research on the theatre in B.C.

"We had far more material than she had time for," says Laurenda, with a touch of pride. Dorothy Somerset's congregation speech, both on tape and in written form, the early records of the Player's Club, clippings from old newspapers, even a CBC interview with Frederic Wood and his wife.

The recent history is much more difficult to track down, Laurenda explains. There are so many places to look for recent research or records of recent decisions. "Things are getting scattered now."

Part of the problem seems to be a lack of a compulsory records management program. Although this is common among United States universities, not many Canadian universities have compulsory donation of material to the archives.

"You lose some of the important materials this way, and that means that sometimes you lose the history of education in the province."

Senate

A question of standards

Students who can't write clear and coherent English won't be admitted to first year at UBC as of September, 1979.

UBC's Senate, at its meeting on April 21, approved a recommendation from its Committee on Standards in English to limit admission to first year at UBC to students basic competence in English composition or whose work in subjects other than English is demonstrably outstanding.

"The University is an institute of higher learning," Dr. Maurice Pryce, chairman of the committee told Senate, "and secondary-school-level instruction is not an appropriate function of a university."

The University will also be out of the business of remedial instruction in three years.

Senate approved a recommendation to end the Basic Composition Workshop program now given to first-year students who lack basic competence in written English. "Those remedial programs which have been offered in the University in the past, although they may have been undertaken as a stopgap measure, in the long term should not be allowed to persist forever," Dr. Pryce told Senate.

Other resolutions which would affect potential first-year students to UBC were also adopted at the April meeting of Senate, with Senate agreeing that school-level instruction in basic English composition is not a proper function of the University; that the Senate Admissions Committee should consider effective ways in which competence in English could be assessed; and that the president be asked to urge the Department of Education to provide leadership, co-ordination and financing for "English as a Second Language" programs in the province.

In putting forward these resolutions to Senate, Dr. Pryce said in the report that accompanied the resolutions, the Committee on Standards in English deliberately avoided the questions of whether there had been a decline in English ability of students over the last 30 years, and who is to blame for the present low standards.

"From the University's point of view, what matters is not whether standards have declined but whether present levels of achievement are

adequate; and not who should be blamed but what should be done.

"Our initial assumption is that all students at the University of British Columbia should be able to express ideas in lucid and coherent English. The University must make this demand so that students are able to work effectively in their respective disciplines. We believe that a UBC degree should automatically connote competence in English."

While agreeing to terminate the Basic Composition Workshop program, Senate approved the provision of a program in English for students whose work in other subjects is demonstrably outstanding.

Although there was little opposition to the committee's recommendations, Dr. Roland Gray (Education) raised the question of whether the University should have standards in English at all.

"The long-range view might be that we should leave the question open," he said. "Given the population trends and what is happening in many universities, it might conceivably, in the not too distant future, be desirable on the part of the University to consider the possibility of re-examining its notions of standards and making appropriate compensations for students, as we have begun to do, in order that the institution may be maintained, if you will."

"The alternative might be some fairly sharp declines in enrolment," he told Senate.

Of publishers and policies

So you ordered your textbooks for Intercession from the Bookstore ages ago and they still haven't arrived and Intercession classes begin next week? It may not be the Bookstore's fault.

It may be the result of policies of Canadian publishers and distributors.

To find out where the problem lies, Senate will ask the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada to enquire into the policies and practices of book publishers and distributors with special reference to the supply and cost of publications to university bookstores.

The motion to ask for this enquiry, presented to Senate by Dr. Cyril Belshaw (Joint Faculties), arises out of a "history of a certain amount of

dissatisfaction and frustration with regard to the Bookstore's policies. It is a recognition that not all the sources of that frustration are within the powers of the Bookstore itself to rectify," Dr. Belshaw explained.

"The Bookstore is constrained and confronted by policies of publishers in Canada and their representatives. This affects pricing; it affects distribution; it affects warehousing."

As an example of how distribution policies affect UBC, Dr. Belshaw said "it is perfectly feasible for the University Bookstore to place an order for a substantial number of books in the East with a distributor who has his warehousing in the East and have that order in fact acknowledged and ready to be acted upon. But an eastern university may very well have an emergency demand for the book, and a telephone call results in the shipment of books to the eastern university and the UBC order is not fully fulfilled."

To the question of what effect this enquiry would have on Canadian publishers, Dr. Belshaw replied, "I would think that this would be a first step. I don't think it would do the whole job.... It would, I would hope however, give us a certain amount of information whereby the AUCC itself or the universities individually could make appropriate representation."

A motion of regret

Senate has expressed its regret over the removal last month of two members from the Board of Governors.

Removed by the Social Credit government were NDP appointees Clive Lytle of the B.C. Federation of Labour and architect Bing Thom. They were replaced by lawyer P.R. Brissenden of West Vancouver and Ian Greenwood of Kelowna.

The motion calling for the expression of regret was moved by Prof. Robert Clark and was approved at an in-camera session.

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THIS WEEK AND NEXT

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 a.m. **PSYCHIATRY CONFERENCE.** Dr. E. Pakes discusses **Family Milieu Therapy.** Lecture theatre, Health Sciences Centre Hospital.

8:00 p.m. **IMMUNOLOGY SEMINAR.** Dr. R.C. Fitzsimmons, Poultry Science, UBC, on **Embryonic Surgical Bursectomy and the Ontogeny of the Immune Response in the Chick Embryo.** Salon B, Faculty Club.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 a.m. **PAEDIATRICS GRAND ROUND.** Dr. George Davidson, Paediatrics, UBC, on **Chronic Diarrhoea: Are We Missing Some Common Causes?** Lecture Room B, Heather Pavilion, Vancouver General Hospital.

2:00 p.m. **AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES SEMINAR.** Prof. W.G. Wellington, Department of Plant Science and director, Institute of Animal Resource Ecology, UBC, on **A Maverick Approach to Pest Management: One View of Research for the Future of Agriculture.** Room 166, MacMillan Building.

4:00 p.m. **BIOCHEMISTRY SEMINAR.** Dr. Derek Baisted, Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Oregon State University, Corvallis, on **The Enzymatic Glucosylation of Membrane Sterol: Interrelationship of the Glucosyltransferase and Nucleoside Diphosphatase Activities.** Lecture Hall 3, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.

MONDAY, MAY 3

4:30 p.m. **CANCER CONTROL AGENCY SEMINAR.** Dr. James Miller, Medical Genetics, UBC, on **Genetic Considerations in Cancer.** Cancer Control Agency of B.C., 2656 Heather St.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

8:30 a.m. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE.** A two-day program presented by the Centre for Continuing Education, UBC. Continues May 5. Broadway Holiday Inn, 711 West Broadway. For further information, call 228-2181.

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

7:30 p.m. **AN EVENING WITH LEON BIBB** and friends, sponsored by the UBC Centre for Continuing Education. Room 338, Music Building. For further information, call 228-2181.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

12:30 p.m. **PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES LECTURE.** Dr. G.C. Hard, Baker Medical Research Institute, Melbourne, Australia, on **Studies on Chemically-Induced Renal Carcinogenesis in the Rat.** Room 365, Cunningham Building.

3:30 p.m. **CHEMISTRY SEMINAR.** Prof. Jean-Marie Lehn, Institut de Chimie, Université Louis Pasteur de Strasbourg, France, on **Cryptates: The Chemistry of Macropolycyclic Metal Cation Inclusion Complexes.** Room 124, Chemistry Building.

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the Mexicans will be here May 27 to June 11.

In total, there will be upwards of 3,300 persons living in the Gage, Vanier and Totem residences during the busy Habitat period.

"Surviving Together" is the theme for the annual British Columbia UNICEF conference to be held on May 8 at the Walter Gage residence at UBC.

Registration (the fee is \$1) will be held at 9 a.m. in the South West Lounge, followed by a panel discussion starting at 9:30 in the Isobel McInnes Lounge. Panelists include Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Major General D. Spry and UNICEF field officer A. Lucas.

Further information may be obtained from Josephine Nicholson at 228-8311 or 687-9096.

More than 300 chemists from around the world will gather at the University of B.C. in June for the International Symposium on Biological Aspects of Inorganic Chemistry.

The conference, first of its kind ever organized at the international level, is sponsored by UBC, the 4/UBC Reports/April 28, 1976

National Research Council of Canada and the provincial government.

Dr. W.R. Cullen, a professor of chemistry at UBC, said he expects between 300 and 500 scientists to attend the week-long symposium, June 20-25.

UBC faculty or students interested in attending the symposium should contact Prof. Cullen at 2625.

Sports Menu

RUGBY — The Japan national rugby team takes on the UBC Thunderbirds on Saturday. Thunderbird Stadium, 2:30 p.m. This game is preceded by a special match between the Japan Over-40s and the Vancouver Over-40s at 11 a.m. Admission to both games \$4. Tickets from the Vancouver Ticket Centre, the UBC Athletic Office, the Thunderbird Shop in SUB and at the gate.

UBC YOUTH SPORTS CAMP — Information on this co-educational camp sponsored by Physical Education for children aged 7 and 14 can be obtained by calling 228-3341. Camps run for two weeks from July 5 to Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to noon, and cost \$32 for each two-week session.

Hospital gets Alumni support

The UBC Alumni Association has welcomed the provincial government's proposal that UBC double the enrolment in its Faculty of Medicine, build a new teaching hospital on campus and upgrade clinical teaching facilities in affiliated Vancouver hospitals.

The association's board of management passed a unanimous motion of support for the proposal at a special meeting that considered possible effects of the proposal on health sciences education, health care delivery and University financing.

Members said speedy implementation of the proposal would greatly benefit health sciences education, with the eventual result of better health care for all British Columbians.

In supporting the proposal, the board took special note of the co-operation with the University being shown by the affiliated hospitals.

Copies of Barbara Ward Lady Jackson's address to the UBC Alumni Association annual dinner April 20 are available from the association. Phone 3313.