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## President's statement on med. class expansion

*Because of the number of queries President Kenny had been receiving recently about the state of the proposed expansion of the medical school at UBC, he last week issued the following statement.*

In recent months I have written several times to the minister of education and the minister of health asking when we might expect some response concerning the expansion of the University of British Columbia medical class first proposed to us by the government last March. I have been receiving many concerned enquiries both at the University and elsewhere in the province about the state of the proposed plan.

I am very pleased to announce that I have now received a reply from the minister of health. In his letter, the minister reiterates the government's firm commitment to the expansion of the medical class at UBC. He also states that decisions on details will be forthcoming soon.

I hope that this means that in the very near future we can resume discussions with the government of the several necessary assurances which were requested in my response to the ministers in May and which are crucial to implementing the expansion plan.

These discussions must focus, first, on the capital and operating funding needed to expand the medical class and provide the campus teaching hospital and improved downtown hospital facilities required for that expansion. The University made clear in its positive response to the government last May that the necessary capital and operating funds would have to be provided in a way which would not jeopardize the

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There will be no edition of *UBC Reports* next week. However, "Next Week at UBC" will be circulated to faculty and staff as usual through campus mail. Publication of *UBC Reports* will resume Oct. 20.



Jim Banham photo  
Dr. Gordon Shrum gives his tribute at Friday's memorial service for Frank Gnuip. Left to right behind him are Doug Mitchell and Tom Thomson, both former players for Frank, and broadcaster Jim Robson.

## Tributes to Frank Gnuip felt by all at Friday's memorial

"As we were enlarged by his living, so we are diminished by his passing."

That simple sentence, spoken by Dr. Gordon Shrum last Friday at a memorial service for Frank Gnuip in UBC's War Memorial Gym, probably summed up the feelings of the more than 600 people who crowded the gym foyer that autumn afternoon to pay tribute to one of the University's most beloved and colorful characters.

It was a simple, non-religious affair attended by leading UBC figures, including Chancellor Donovan Miller and President Douglas Kenny as well as faculty members and students; news media personalities, most of whom had written or broadcast reams of copy about Frank before and after his sudden death on Sept. 27 at the age of 59; former players whose fortunes Frank followed as avidly after they graduated as when they played football for him; plus a host of townspeople who knew him during his 21 years as a UBC faculty member in the School of Physical Education and Recreation.

There were tributes by Dr. Shrum; hockey broadcaster Jim Robson, who spoke on behalf of the news media; and by former players Tom Thomson, who presided over the ceremony, and

Doug Mitchell, now a Calgary lawyer. Most of the tributes were punctuated with laughter since it is almost impossible to talk about Frank Gnuip without evoking some quip or humorous incident.

Dr. Shrum recalled how, in June, 1955, he went east to find a new head coach for UBC's football team to replace Don Coryell, who has gone on to fame as coach of the St. Louis Cardinals in the National Football League.

"I was looking for someone who was interested in people and the building of character as well as winning teams," Dr. Shrum said.

Dr. Shrum continued: "As we confirmed the appointment by a warm handshake he said, 'Doc, I'll never let you down.' And I wish to record today that he never did, neither me, the students, or the University."

When Frank decided to "withdraw from football coaching" in 1973, he left behind a won-lost-tied record of 55-102-5, which isn't bad when you consider that he was working at a university that forbade athletic scholarships, a policy that Frank had no quarrel with.

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# CUPE accepts University's offer

The UBC local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the University have ratified a contract covering about 1,500 UBC employees — the largest single labor group on campus.

The contract, which runs to March 31, 1977, covers tradesmen, gardeners, custodial staff, food service employees, Bookstore employees, members of the UBC Patrol, some clerical workers and others.

The contract provides for a general wage increase of 7.5 per cent, but guarantees tradesmen 90 per cent of the hourly rate paid to tradesmen in the B.C. construction industry.

The CUPE local voted Sept. 14 in favor of strike action if necessary, but negotiations continued under provincial mediator Jock Waterston, and the union voted Sunday (Oct. 3) to accept the University's offer.

Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing with the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE), whose contract expired Sept. 30.

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present and future funding of the University's other academic operations. This point has become especially important since the cutbacks in the budgets of the Faculty of Medicine and other faculties which were made necessary by the effective reduction of the University's operating grant last spring.

Second, as we have indicated to the ministers, any proposed expansion of the medical class cannot proceed until approval has been gained from the Faculty of Medicine and the University's Senate and Board of Governors.

Third, we must now work out with the government a revised timetable for expansion, since the delay which has occurred has deprived us of the lead-time needed to begin expansion next fall. Neither the funds nor the time are now sufficient for us to recruit qualified faculty and staff in time to start expanding next year.

I am very hopeful, however, that this reaffirmation by the minister of the government's support means that we can begin to work out these problems in the near future.

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The news media made a fuss over Frank's departure, claiming that he'd been fired as football coach. Frank said it didn't matter how it was put, "two weeks from now nobody is going to remember me anyway."

How wrong he was.

And there are plans afoot to make sure that he's remembered in the future. His name will be attached to some sort of memorial fund, the details of which are now being worked out. Whatever target is set, it's almost certain the fund will be over-subscribed.

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Dr. William E. Neill of the Institute of Animal Resource Ecology at UBC has been awarded the Mercer award of

Fellowship to study the history of science at the University of Sussex, England, in 1977-78. Mrs. Paterson, chosen to receive the award by the Rotary Club of Vancouver, is one of more than 750 students who were awarded fellowships this year to carry out advanced studies abroad.

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Vice-President Michael Shaw has announced the formation of a Resource Ecology and Planning Council to co-ordinate and initiate graduate teaching and research programs at UBC in fields related to the management of renewable resources.

Chairman of the new council is Prof. W. G. Wellington, director of the



Jim Banham photo

President Douglas Kenny, right, congratulates Dr. William E. Neill on winning the George Mercer Award of the Ecological Society of America.

1976 by the Ecological Society of America for his outstanding research contribution in the science of ecology. The award was granted for Dr. Neill's paper "Experimental Studies of Microcrustacean Competition, Community Composition and Efficiency of Resource Utilization."

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Carla Susan Paterson, a fourth-year student at UBC, has been awarded a \$5,500 Rotary International

Institute of Animal Resource Ecology. Other council members are Prof. Irving Fox of the Westwater Research Centre and Brahm Wiesman of Community and Regional Planning.

The council will be responsible for developing formal submissions and calendar statements about resource management and also for co-ordinating the counselling and supervision of interdisciplinary students whose programs are in resource management.

# UBC chosen as centre for naval architecture

Courses in naval architecture and marine design engineering will be offered as fourth-year options at UBC as the initial stage of the development of Canada's first professional school of naval architecture.

Canada's shipbuilders and ship designers now have to recruit naval architects from the United States and Britain, and Canadian students seeking professional training in naval architecture must obtain their schooling outside Canada.

"Seed money" to initiate the courses within UBC's Department of Mechanical Engineering has come from Canadian shipbuilders, designers and allied industries, the provincial government and the federal government. This will enable the University to make an immediate start on the program by hiring a research professor to develop curricula and co-ordinate existing courses and propose new ones.

Dr. James Duncan, head of Mechanical Engineering, said the recent construction of a \$1.7 million towing tank and manoeuvring basin at B.C. Research on the campus, coupled with the expertise already available within Mechanical Engineering, makes UBC a logical university for the establishment of a centre of naval architecture. The towing tank was financed through federal and provincial grants.

"The Department of Mechanical Engineering already has a strong group of personnel with the interest and experience in subjects that might be included in the program," Prof. Duncan said. "The new professor would bring into the department direct experience and understanding of the economics of ship design and operation of the testing studies and procedures which are normally associated with ship-testing and towing basins."

Jean Chretien, minister of industry, trade and commerce in the federal government, said that inauguration of the program at UBC recognizes the need in Canada to bring together and train new talent capable of responding to Canada's industrial needs. He said the program focusses on the peculiar problems associated with Canada's marine environment, especially those related to the design and operation of ships through ice.

# Urban Geography

## The entire city can be a laboratory

In a rather bare office in the geography building is a young man who seems to know our city intimately. He knows the history and people of the Strathcona area of town; he knows what stores have changed in Kitsilano in the last few years; he knows how people in the University Endowment Lands perceive Vancouver.

The odd thing is, he has the same sort of intimacy with a neighborhood north of Philadelphia. Yet he was born and raised in England.

For David Ley, all this seems perfectly logical. His field is urban geography. And it's a field he's doing well in. (At the age of 29, he's already an associate professor in the department.)

Whereas geography is the study of the earth as the home of man, urban geography looks at the city as the home of man, he explains. "For me, the attraction has always been that urban geography tries to incorporate both sides of the picture — the human side and the environmental side. And the environment encompasses social forces, political forces, historical forces, economic forces. In this department, you find almost all of those areas covered."

He has narrowed down the field even further to concentrate on life in the inner city — "that section of the city just outside the downtown, so in Vancouver that's the ring of neighborhoods from Strathcona through Grandview-Woodlands, Mount Pleasant, Fairview and Kitsilano."

He's lived in Kitsilano and been involved in community groups in the area, as have many people. But whereas most people look at the changes that are happening in their neighborhoods as inevitable, Dr. Ley looks at the changes in terms of patterns. "I guess I'm always asking the question 'why?'" he says.

"The obvious characteristic of Kitsilano has been the rapid change in the last 10 years. In the mid-1960s people used to drive down Fourth Avenue and point at the hippies. The transition which has occurred there has been so dramatic that there are some very interesting processes to observe. That neighborhood has moved from the lowest rental neighborhood on the west side to a neighborhood where condominiums are selling for almost \$100,000. There is a tremendous social transformation occurring in that neighborhood. You

can follow this even in terms of the way the stores have changed on Fourth Avenue."

Having lived in both the United States and Canada, he has some interesting comparisons to make about the inner cities of both nations. In America, he says, "inner city change is dominated by public enterprise, by government urban renewal programs, public housing programs, freeway programs, expansion of downtown hospitals, downtown universities. . . . The face of government is very present. In Canada inner city change has occurred without really any government intervention whatsoever. And there are both good and bad sides to that."

Kitsilano, he says, is an excellent example of a phenomenon of this decade known to urban geographers and planners as "the return to centre city."

"It always used to be the thing to escape the city, to get out into the suburbs as fast as one could. In the States that still tends to be the case. For the American, the city is something to be escaped. For the Canadian, the city is still something that one can really find an affinity with.

"I have a hunch that this is one area where the Canadian city is going to set the trend in terms of the North American city in general. The whole image of urban living is changing. The centre city and the inner city used to be the workhorse of the city. That was where industry was; that was where the transportation terminals were. So the image of those neighborhoods was of rather dirty, noisy places. But that tends to be transformed. The centre city is now attracting the image of the sophisticate, and it's that image that people are responding to."

By contrast, in Philadelphia land in the inner city is of so little value that tens of thousands of structures have been abandoned and the city will rent these structures to anyone wanting to live in the area for one dollar a year.

Yet in spite of all this, Dr. Ley's not very optimistic about the inner city change, especially in Kitsilano. The market system in housing is really not working in terms of the public interest, he says. "If the only people who can afford housing are high-income people, then I think there are some severe questions to be asked here."

# NEXT WEEK AT UBC

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

**12:30 p.m. EXERCISE CLASS** for faculty and staff, men and women. Class meets five times a week from 12:30 to 1:05 p.m. Gym B, South Campus P.E. Complex. Call Recreation UBC, 228-3996, for information.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 10

**3:00 p.m. Cantonese Opera Music** with costumes, performed by Jin Wah Sing musical association. Regular museum admission charged. Museum of Anthropology, Northwest Marine Drive.

## MONDAY, OCT. 11

**THANKSGIVING DAY.** University closed. All Food Service outlets will also be closed except for residences. Residence meals will be served at the usual times.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 12

**12 noon CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP REGISTRATION.** Eligible persons may file applications on campus for Canadian citizenship through the Secretary of State's department from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays until Nov. 9. Call 666-3971 or 253-4391 for more information. International House.

**12:30 p.m. BOTANY SEMINAR.** Prof. G. H. N. Towers, Botany, UBC, on **Skin Damaging Chemicals in Compositae.** Room 3219, Biological Sciences Building.

**VISITING LECTURER.** Dr. Harold Edgerton from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cecil H. and Ida Green lecturer, speaks on **The Electronic Flash and Its Applications in Engineering and Science.** Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.

**3:30 p.m. CIVIL ENGINEERING SEMINAR.** Luther Davidson, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, on the **Teton Dam Failure** including time lapse film of the failure. Room 106, Buchanan Building.

**4:30 p.m. CHEMISTRY SEMINAR.** Dr. R. C. Thompson, Chemistry, UBC, on **Co-ordinating Tendencies of Anionic Ligands in Transition Metal Complexes.** Room 250, Chemistry Building.

**5:00 p.m. CURLING.** A mixed league for novices and experienced curlers. Continues Tuesday evenings until 7 p.m. For more information call 228-4186 or 228-3478.

**7:30 p.m. BADMINTON CLUB.** New faculty and staff members welcome. Club meets Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7:30 to 11:00 in Gym A, Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

**12:30 p.m. PHARMACOLOGY SEMINAR.** Dr. M. C. Sutter, Pharmacology, UBC, speaks on **Altered Contractility and Calcium Handling in Blood Vessels from Hypertensive Rats.** Room 221, Medical Sciences Block C.

**NOON-HOUR CONCERT.** Ming-Yeuh Liang, ethnomusicologist, gives a solo recital of Chinese instrumental music. Recital Hall, Music Building.

**12:35 p.m. FREESEE FILMS.** The first of seven films from the Civilisation series — *The Skin of Our Teeth.* Auditorium, Student Union Building.

**3:30 p.m. CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SEMINAR.** N. Piccinini, Turin Polytechnical, on **Particle Segregation in Spouted Beds.** Room 206, Chemical Engineering Building.

**STATISTICS WORKSHOP.** Jim Lindsey, assistant professor, Anthropology and Sociology, UBC, on **Construction and Comparison of Statistical Models.** Room 321, Angus Building.

**4:00 p.m. GEOPHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY SEMINAR.** Dr. Colin Scarfe, Physics, University of Victoria, on **Some Problems of Multiple Stars.** Room 260, Geophysics Building.

**4:30 p.m. ANIMAL RESOURCE ECOLOGY SEMINAR.** Dr. D. Fairbairn, Animal Resource Ecology, UBC, on **The Importance of Sex in Deermice Demography: Females Do Count.** Room 2449, Biological Sciences Building.

**7:30 p.m. FOLK DANCING.** A program of beginning and intermediate dances open to all. Continues Wednesday evenings until 10:30 p.m. International House. Call 224-0226 or 228-8415 for more information.

**8:00 p.m. SENATE MEETING.** Free tickets for interested members of the University community are available from Frances Medley, 228-2951. Board and Senate Room, Old Administration Building.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 14

**12:30 p.m. VISITING LECTURER.** Dr. Harold Edgerton from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cecil H. and Ida Green lecturer, speaks on **Underwater Research Using High-Speed Photography and Other Techniques.** Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.

**TEACH-IN on the Impact of the Anti-Inflation Board,** sponsored by the Lutheran Campus Centre. Ballroom, Student Union Building.

**1:30 p.m. HABITAT FILM PREVIEW** from the UBC Centre for Human Settlements. Three films from Canada, Britain and the U.S.A. begin this continuing weekly series of representative national films prepared for the Habitat conference. Discussion follows led by Dr. Peter Oberlander and Jim Carney, Centre for Human Settlements. Room B8, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.

**3:45 p.m. APPLIED MATH AND STATISTICS COLLOQUIUM.** Dr. Murat Cekirge, Mathematics, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, on **Mathematical Stability Problems in Nuclear Reactors.** Room 2449, Biological Sciences Building.

**4:00 p.m. PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM** T. A. Weber, Physics, Iowa State University, on **Quasar Redshifts — Superrelativistic Velocities of Expansion.** Room 201, Hennings Building.

**7:00 p.m. POPULATION RESEARCH SEMINAR.** Graduate students of the Department of Medical Genetics discuss **Ascertaining Individuals in Selected Human Populations.** A round-table discussion of the special interests of the group will follow. Faculty and graduate students of all disciplines interested in the study of populations welcome. Room 250, James Mather Building. For more information, call 228-5081.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 15

**9:00 a.m. PEDIATRICS GRAND ROUNDS.** Dr. Geoffrey Redman, Pediatrics, Columbia University, New York, speaks on **Growth Hormone Abnormalities.** Lecture Room B, Heather Pavilion, Vancouver General Hospital.

**2:30 p.m. CHEMISTRY SEMINAR.** Prof. S. Ohnishi, Biophysics, Kyoto University, Japan, on **Calcium-Induced Lateral Phase Separations in Mixed Phospholipid Membranes.** Room 225, Chemistry Building.

**8:00 p.m. FACULTY RECITAL.** Paul Douglas, flute, and Robert Rogers, piano, play **Music of Beethoven, Haydn, Czerny and Kuhlau.** Recital Hall, Music Building.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 16

**8:00 p.m. DISCO DANCING** in The Pit. Music supplied by CTR radio disk jockeys. Continues until 12:30 a.m. Admission free. Student Union Building.

**8:15 p.m. VANCOUVER INSTITUTE.** Harry H. Schwarz, member of Parliament, South Africa, presents the Dal Grauer Memorial Lecture on **Politics and Social Change in South Africa: The Role of Multi-National Corporations.** Lecture Hall 2, Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.