Ethics, aging is the theme

The first national conference on ethics and aging will take place at UBC Aug. 16 to 18. About 100 delegates are expected to attend.

Coordinator of UBC's committee on gerontology, Dr. James E. Thornton, said the conference is designed to provide an interdisciplinary forum.

"We want to reach educators, researchers, practitioners and policymakers in the field," he said. "We want them to identify the ethical issues influencing policies, programs and research for aging people."

Dr. Thornton said such ethical issues have received little serious attention, though they involve ideals that are fundamental to our culture. Among the ideals are freedom of choice, personal responsibility and autonomy, human dignity and social and professional obligations.

Papers on these topics will be given by a number of Canadian experts as well as by speakers from the U.S. Among the subjects covered will be age discrimination in work and leisure, dignity and life-sustaining treatment, reforms of laws affecting the aged, ethical guidelines for social research and changes needed in the education of those providing services to the elderly.

Dr. Thornton, assistant professor in UBC's Faculty of Education, said the conference will be of interest to people in gerontology, health sciences, ethics, law, adult education, psychology, sociology, voluntary agencies and education and health administration.

Opening the first plenary session will be Dr. David Roy, director for the Centre for Biosethics, Clinical Research Institute of Montreal. He will speak on ethics and aging at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 in the lecture theatre of the Law School.

Co-chairmen of the conference are Dr. Thornton and Dr. Earl Winkler, assistant professor in UBC's philosophy department.

For more information on the program please contact Ms. Phil McMillan, UBC's Centre for Continuing Education, 222-5125.

UBC's newest vice-president, David McMillan, started work this month as the person responsible for university development (fund-raising) and community relations.

1,500 here for 'plant' conference

Some 1,500 horticultural scientists from across North America will be streaming onto the UBC campus this weekend for a combined meeting of the American and Canadian societies for horticultural science.

It is the 81st annual meeting of the ASHS and the 29th annual for the CSHS. This is the first time in 10 years the two societies have met in Canada, and the conference is being hosted by UBC's Department of Plant Science.

Dr. Victor Ruttan, head of plant science, is general chairman of the conference.

Horticulture is the single largest source of British Columbia's billion-dollar agricultural industry, accounting for nearly $1 billion per cent of total farm cash receipts. B.C.'s interior valleys produce excellent tree fruits, grass and a wide range of field vegetables. Coastal valleys and deltas are renowned for berry production, processing and fresh market vegetables, and for forage and ornamental nurseries. Across the province a thriving greenhouse industry provides flowers, ornamental plants and vegetables to local markets.

Horticultural scientists play a vital role in developing and expanding horticultural crop production and in finding solutions to the many problems that arise at each level of production, from the field, to storage, to processing.

Agriculture Canada has several research stations in B.C. specializing in horticultural programs. The Vancouver Research Station, located on the UBC campus, is the national centre for plant virus research.

At the University, Plant Science is the largest of the seven departments within the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. It offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs, with specialization in horticulture as well as agronomy, rangeland resources and crop production.

Horticulture students are offered courses in vegetable, tree fruit, small fruit and greenhouse crop production — as well as a number of required courses in biochemistry, experimental design, crop physiology, genetics and breeding, economic horticulture, plant pathology, weed science and plant propagation.

Although the ASHS/CSHS conference runs from Aug. 5 through Aug. 9, the more than 600 papers will be presented next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in rooms and lecture halls in the Buchanan Building and the Woodward Instructional Resources Centre.

In addition to the papers, which range from straightforward (Freeze Protection for Strawberries) to the more esoteric (Spray Droplets: Leaf Surface Interaction; Droplet Drying Characteristics and Nature of Growth Regulator Deposits as Revealed by Dispersive X-ray Analysis), a number of more informal workshops are scheduled, at which international experts will speak on specific aspects of horticulture.

The keynote address (8:30 a.m. Aug. 6, War Memorial Gym) will be given by Dr. Charles Hess of the University of California, Davis. He will speak on biochemistry and its implications for horticulture and society.

Headquarters for the conference will be the Walter Gage Residence.

Cameras click as cameras roll. Interested photographers catch some of the action as Japanese film technicians from Telecom Japan pose models for television commercial that was shot at UBC earlier this month.
An ear nose and throat specialist in UBC’s Faculty of Medicine, assisted by one of its faculty’s biostatistics experts, has won an international award for clinical research.

The prize is the Mosher Award of the American Triological Society (tritologic refers to the three subject areas: ear, nose and throat). It is presented annually for the best thesis on clinical research submitted by candidates seeking admission to the society.

The winner is Dr. Irwin F. Stewart, clinical associate professor in the otolaryngology division in the Faculty of Medicine and former department chair. Dr. Stewart is only the third Canadian to win the award. He graduated from UBC with a BA degree in 1952 and MD degree in 1956.

The communications expert is Mr. Brian McMahon of the biomedical communications department. He and department colleagues Mr. Tony Smithers have been filming a videotape taken by Mr. McMahon over a period of 13 years. The tape has recently substantiated Dr. Stewart’s thesis, “After Early Identification, What Follows? A Study of Some Aspects of Neonatal Education from an Otolaryngological Viewpoint.”

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A distinguished visitor to the campus this summer is Prof. Dan H. Laurence, Literary and Dramatic Advisor to the George Bernard Shaw Estate. An internationally acclaimed scholar and editor of the standard edition of Shaw’s plays, Prof. Laurence is reaching a graduate course at UBC.

UBC Reports asked Prof. Laurence to describe the duties and responsibilities of a literary and dramatic advisor. He explained that an advisor to an estate “can be many things”—but that as advisor to the Shaw estate his duties fall into three main areas:

Firstly, Prof. Laurence acts as a kind of literary agent, suggesting to the estate ways script without permission of the copyright owners.

Secondly, Prof. Laurence acts as a kind of dramatic advisor for deciding what changes may be made in any revision of Shaw’s work. Prof. Laurence explained that copyright laws clearly prohibit any changes to the work except those which would make the work more intelligible.

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However, not all theatrical companies have such a cavalier attitude toward the work of authors such as Shaw. The Shaw Festival in Niagara makes use of Prof. Laurence as a literary and dramatic advisor to their directors.

“I am a man of the theatre and am a Shaw scholar,” said Prof. Laurence. “It is the combination which makes me useful to directors.”

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Therefore, cuts are unavoidable. “We have a very casual attitude today on the part of companies,” said Prof. Laurence. “The director thinks he knows better than anybody in the world, including the author, what this play means and how it should be presented.”

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Facility members asking more information about the following research grants should consult Research Services at 228-4652 (internal) or 228-1837 (internal grants).

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Applicants' Orientation Seminar.
Distinguished Group of Transformational and Similarities Analysis of Hyperbolic Partial Differential Equations. Dr. W. H. W. Windsor.
Faculty Centre. 8 p.m. Free admission.

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Ladies Day.
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