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INTRODUCTION

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Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppression of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day. - Thomas Jefferson, 1816

I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. - Thomas Jefferson, 1820

Ever since its inception in February 1916, just five months after the opening of the University of British Columbia, The Vancouver Institute has been devoted to the concepts of public education and civic discourse. Over its 82-year existence, this all-volunteer organization has had a remarkable history, evolving from a small, local, public-spirited organization on the far fringes of the British Empire, to what Sir George Porter, former Director of Britain's Royal Institution, has ranked second only to his own institute, founded in the 1800s (Purvis, 1986, p. 9). The Vancouver Institute's original objectives – still resonant today — were: “the study and cultivation of the arts, sciences, literature, music and kindred subjects, by means of lectures, exhibitions, publications and such other means as may from time to time be deemed advisable” (Robson, 1980, p. 16). [See Figure 1]

Three individuals in particular played a critical role in the conception and promotion of The Institute: Lemuel Robertson, Associate Professor of Classics at UBC and Chairman of the Archaeological Institute, Frank Wesbrook, the university's first president,

and S.D. Scott, editor of the *Vancouver News-Advertiser*. Despite the central role that these individuals played in the genesis of The Institute, the ultimate success of this organization was guaranteed by an extraordinary confluence of several distinct, economic and social phenomena within the emerging intellectual and professional community of Vancouver. As Eric Damer (1995) describes, in his comprehensive thesis on The Institute's first 23 years¹, the emergence and survival of The Institute was ultimately the product of the mutual interest of local learned societies, professional organizations, the new university and community leaders [Table 1]. Each saw in The Institute an opportunity to promote their own particular goals of academic and professional education. This remarkable fusion of "town and gown" is demonstrated by the list of organizations which lent their formal support to The Institute [Table 2] by sponsoring lectures and providing speakers in their own subject areas. The composition of the first Institute council in 1916 mirrored the coalescing of town and gown interests, maintained to this day [Table 3]. While several of these organizations eventually disaffiliated from The Institute to pursue their goals independently, other organizations such as the BC Medical Association, BC Music Teachers Federation, and the League of Nations Society subsequently sought affiliation with The Institute. This remarkably diverse range of interests was reflected in the nature of The Institute lectures. Table 4 lists the first year of lectures, and Table 5 provides a short summary by subject matter for the first 2 decades.

Damer identifies several important trends in the initial 23-year period: (1) a shift in the nature of UBC's association with The Institute from an early host for the lecture series to the central sponsor of the organization's primary function of public education; (2) a moderate shift in the focus of lecture topics from academic "arts and science" topics to "people-interest topics" to broaden the public interest and participation in the lecture series; and (3) shifting fortunes with respect to attendance and financial health, due in no small part to the changing locus and timing of lectures during The Institute's formative years [Table 6]. (See also Williams, 1956).

It took several years for The Institute to follow the Univer-

sity to its Point Grey campus, but once this transition had been successfully accomplished, the long-term stability and viability of The Institute was assured. A dominant figure in the transition of The Institute to a stable and successful long-term vehicle of public education was Gordon Shrum, Professor of Physics at UBC, Institute President in 1932-34, subsequent founder of Simon Fraser University, and one of the select group of individuals who had the honor of addressing The Institute on more than six occasions. [Table 7].

An editorial in UBC's student paper, the *Ubysey*, on October 21, 1932 noted the emergence of The Vancouver Institute as an important public forum, and the central role played therein by Gordon Shrum:

THIS INSTITUTION'S INSTITUTE

It is with great pleasure that the Ubysey is able to comment on the fact that the Vancouver Institute is becoming a far more vital force both on and off the campus. The Institute sponsors lectures every Saturday evening and students are asked to come and bring their parents and friends.

Dr. Shrum, who heads the organization, has stated that a new policy has been commenced. In the future only those speakers who have been requested to appear on the program by the executive will be heard. This allows the committee to arrange a schedule which is of far greater general interest.

There has been one example already, of the quality of Institute speakers, and a glance over the year's program assures one that quality is the keynote of this wide-awake organization.

The editorial's oblique reference in its last paragraph to a recent speaker of quality was an allusion to an event the previous

week which was among the most dramatic in the long history of The Institute. On October 15, 1932, Professor Henry Angus of UBC's Department of Economics addressed The Institute audience on the subject of "The Kidd Report." This report, commissioned by the Conservative Premier of British Columbia, Simon Fraser Tolmie, was prepared by a committee of five prominent B.C. businessmen under the chairmanship of Mr. George Kidd, former President of the B.C. Power Corporation.² The committee was charged with the onerous task of advising the provincial government on how to deal with its Depression-era financial difficulties, specifically its continuing budget deficit and increasing provincial debt. Produced in August 1932 (four years prior to the publication of John Maynard Keynes' *General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*), the committee's recommendations were nothing less than draconian, including reduction in the size of the legislature and cabinet, amalgamation of government departments, cutting the number and salaries of civil servants and teachers, sale of the PGE (the predecessor of the BC Railway), massive cuts in public works, cessation of free education after the age of 14, and the closing of UBC, the province's only university (*The Vancouver Sun*, August 30, 1932).

The burden fell upon Henry Angus to offer a rebuttal to the recommendations of the Kidd Report. As Figure 2 illustrates, Professor Angus accomplished this feat in an address which the Ubyyssey termed "one of the most masterly addresses that it has been the privilege of students to hear." None of the recommendations of the Kidd Report were adopted.

Throughout the war years, the Institute continued to provide lectures on a broad array of subjects. The end of the war brought a significant enlarged student body, augmented by demobilized service men and women. From the period 1945 to 1958, The Institute used the UBC Physics building as its principal venue. With the completion of the Buchanan Building for the Arts faculty, however, the Institute moved to its new home in Room 106. This marked the beginning of a period of new challenges for the Institute as a vehicle for public education and town and gown interaction. While full programs were offered with a broad range of subjects presented by UBC

faculty, supplemented with some local, national and international figures, attendance dropped to as low as 50-60 people in the late 1950s, threatening the continued viability of the Institute.

A new strategic vision of The Institute was conceived and implemented in the mid 1960s and early 1970s. This strategy had several components:

- (1) a shift in emphasis to include more out-of-town speakers while maintaining a core of outstanding local academics. A diverse range of national and international speakers were invited to the Institute to share their expertise in basic and applied research. Including among these were numerous Nobel Laureates [Table 8];
- (2) the creation of the position of a formal program chairman to coordinate all programming. Mrs. Bel Nemetz, formerly Member-at-Large and Honorary Secretary, assumed this position in the fall of 1973 and held this position until 1990 [See Appendix 5];
- (3) the subsequent development of a targetted advertising and publicity strategy which sought to raise the visibility of The Institute among the general public; and
- (4) a shift in location in the spring of 1974 to the newly completed Instructional Resources Centre located in the UBC medical complex. This venue provided a number of significant benefits, most notably, increased seating, closed-circuit television for overflow rooms, advanced audio-visual capability and more convenient parking facilities.

These four facets of the revised strategy proved to be highly effective as reflected in the significantly increased attendance at Institute lectures through the following decades. A vital boost was also provided to The Institute by free publicity from the *Vancouver Sun* under its publisher, Stuart Keate, a UBC graduate and former editor of the *Ubyyssey*. The visit of the Dalai Lama to the Institute on October 23, 1980 attracted the largest audience in Institute history, numbering over 10,000, but unfortunately even with the temporary use of the UBC War Memorial Gymnasium for this special occasion, many of the potential audience could not be seated.

As in its formative years, The Institute has more recently been

able to forge new strategic alliances with other organizations. Lectures have been co-sponsored by Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria, The *Vancouver Sun*, External Affairs Canada, and the Goethe Institute, and synergistic relationships have flourished with several UBC lecture sponsors such as the Cecil and Ida Green, Leon and Thea Koerner, Dal Grauer, JV Clyne and ES Woodward Lecture committees. [See Appendix One for brief summaries of the mandate of each group]. Each of these committees works closely with the Institute in attracting the highest quality scholars from around the world. The singular advantage of these affiliations is that a visiting scholar can address faculty and students in an academic seminar or lecture during the week and also reach a broader public audience at The Institute on Saturday evening. The goal of each scholarly organization is achieved while facilitating that of the Institute as well. The nature of these new relationships can be seen by the significant contribution each has made to Vancouver Institute programming in the last 2 decades. [See Appendix Two].

The continuing success of the Institute can be attributed in no small measure to several factors:

- (a) a 20-30 minute question period following the lecture which allows the audience to participate in a dialogue with the speaker, and which affords the lecturer an opportunity to elaborate on and expand or clarify points raised in the evening's talk. The question period has become a major component of the evening's intellectual activity – frequently leading to impassioned but informed debate on a broad range of social, political and economic issues.
- (b) a concerted effort to provide a diversified program reflecting the very best in the Arts, Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences. Table 9 provides a typology of the broad array of subject matter covered in the past decade.
- (c) a remarkably receptive audience drawn from the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Typical audiences have been characteristically divided evenly among academics, professionals and educated lay persons. While a dedicated core of individuals attends many if not all lectures, each lecture will bring many new visitors who are interested in the speaker or topic of the evening. The educational

forum achieved by The Institute reaches between 20 and 30 thousand people directly and indirectly each year. Some of the programs are later rebroadcast and speakers are regularly interviewed or quoted in the local media. Books and reports have been published nationally and internationally quoting, with attribution, lectures given at the Vancouver Institute.

(d) a dedicated core of unpaid volunteers from academe and the general community, supplemented by numerous public-spirited citizens who have leant their services in support of the cause of public education.

(e) the maintenance of the tradition of free lectures to engage as broad an audience as possible without constraining any person from public education because of financial concerns. The issue of financial support was and remains central to the survival of The Institute. Conceived as a vehicle for free public education, The Institute subsists on voluntary memberships and donations.

No honoraria are paid by The Institute to its speakers but, when required, The Institute is able to cover modest expenses incurred by the speakers for travel and accommodation. In real dollar terms, the current fee of \$20 for an individual is in fact lower than the \$2 membership fee of 1916. At a current rate of approximately \$1 per lecture, membership fees compare more than favorably with movies, the theatre, opera and symphony.

THE FUTURE OF THE VANCOUVER INSTITUTE

The continued vitality of the Institute, reflected in its ability to attract large audiences on a Saturday evening, raises a challenging question: is there a continuing role for The Institute in what has been touted as our new post-industrial, information age? If there is any doubt that such an age has arrived, one need only hear the words of William J. Raduchel, Chief Strategy Officer of Sun Microsystems Ltd., one of the most innovative of America's new information system companies. In an address to The Vancouver Institute entitled "Information Technology and the Global Economy," Raduchel (1990)

described a radically changed world where “almost everything with which we interact day to day incorporates information technology.” Yet despite his leadership role in this information “revolution,” Raduchel cautioned that “the indirect effects may be harmful to our society and future.... while instantaneous thought may be an oxymoron, instantaneous action is not.... We have to realize that information is valuable only if in the end we make a better decision. If we don’t make better decisions, then the information was harmful; it wasn’t even information.”

What has changed? Neil Postman, in his book, *Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*, (1985, pp. 44-45) provides a remarkable description of civic discourse in the mid 19th century.

The first of the seven famous debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place on August 21, 1858, in Ottawa, Illinois. Their arrangement provided that Douglas would speak first, for one hour; Lincoln would take an hour and a half to reply; Douglas, a half hour to rebut Lincoln’s reply. This debate was considerably shorter than those to which the two men were accustomed. In fact, they had tangled several times before, and all of their encounters had been much lengthier and more exhausting. For example, on October 16, 1854, in Peoria, Illinois, Douglas delivered a three-hour address to which Lincoln, by agreement, was to respond. When Lincoln’s turn came, he reminded the audience that it was already 5 p.m., that he would probably require as much time as Douglas and that Douglas was still scheduled for a rebuttal. He proposed, therefore, that the audience go home, have dinner, and return refreshed for four more hours of talk. The audience amiably agreed, and matters proceeded as Lincoln had outlined.

What kind of audience was this? Who were these

people who could so cheerfully accommodate themselves to seven hours of oratory? It should be noted, by the way, that Lincoln and Douglas were not presidential candidates; at the time of their encounter in Peoria they were not even candidates for the United States Senate. But their audiences were not especially concerned with their official status. These were people who regarded such events as essential to their political education, who took them to be an integral part of their social lives, and who were quite accustomed to extended oratorical performances. Typically at county or state fairs, programs included many speakers, most of whom were allotted three hours for their arguments. And since it was preferred that speakers not go unanswered, their opponents were allotted an equal length of time. (One might add that the speakers were not always men. At one fair lasting several days in Springfield, “Each evening a woman [lectured] in the courtroom on ‘Woman’s Influence in the Great Progressive Movements of the Day.’”)

Moreover, these people did not rely on fairs or special events to get their fill of oratory. The tradition of the “stump” speaker was widely practiced, especially in the western states. By the stump of a felled tree or some equivalent open space, a speaker would gather an audience, and, as the saying had it, “take the stump” for two or three hours. Although audiences were mostly respectful and attentive, they were not quiet or unemotional. Throughout the Lincoln-Douglas debates, for example, people shouted encouragement to the speakers (“You tell ‘em, Abe!”) or voiced terse expressions of scorn (“Answer that one, if you can”). Applause was frequent, usually reserved for a humorous or elegant phrase or a cogent point. At the first debate in Ottawa, Douglas responded to lengthy ap-

plause with a remarkable and revealing statement. “My friends,” he said, “silence will be more acceptable to me in the discussion of these questions than applause. I desire to address myself to your judgment, your understanding, and your consciences, and not to your passions or your enthusiasms.” As to the conscience of the audience, or even its judgment, it is difficult to say very much. But as to its understanding, a great deal can be assumed.

For one thing, its attention span would obviously have been extraordinary by current standards. Is there any audience of Americans today who could endure seven hours of talk? or five? or three? Especially without pictures of any kind? Second, these audiences must have had an equally extraordinary capacity to comprehend lengthy and complex sentences aurally.

Even prior to the great Lincoln-Douglas debates, an extraordinary tradition of public education and civic discourse had flourished in the United States. Postman (pages 39-40) describes:

the near universality of lecture halls in which stylized oral performance provided a continuous reinforcement of the print tradition. Many of these lecture halls originated as a result of the Lyceum Movement, a form of adult education. Usually associated with the efforts of Josiah Holbrook, a New England farmer, the Lyceum Movement had as its purpose the diffusion of knowledge, the promotion of common schools, the creation of libraries and, especially, the establishment of lecture halls. By 1835, there were more than three thousand Lyceums in fifteen states. Most of these were located east of the Alleghenies, but by 1840, they were to be found at the edges of the frontier, as far west as Iowa and Minnesota. Alfred Bunn, an Englishman on

an extensive tour through America, reported in 1853 that “practically every village had its lecture hall.” He added: “It is a matter of wonderment ... to witness the youthful workmen, the overtired artisan, the worn-out factory girl ... rushing ... after the toil of the day is over, into the hot atmosphere of a crowded lecture room.” Bunn’s countryman J.F.W. Johnston attended lectures at this time at the Smithsonian Institution and “found the lecture halls jammed with capacity audiences of 1200 and 1500 people.” Among the lecturers these audiences could hear were the leading intellectuals, writers and humorists (who were also writers) of their time.

All this has been replaced by a modern blinding array of media-delivered information, ranging from traditional weekly and daily newspapers, to magazines, radio, local and national television, and the world wide web. Accompanying this has been a profound shift in the manner in which individuals receive and process their information, especially social and political. A general decline in the readership of traditional newspapers has been offset by a shift to television. To Postman, the transformation in the mode of delivery of information has been accompanied by a disturbing shift in its content – to what he describes as “context-free information” which ultimately poses a threat to our fundamental democratic processes and institutions.

The concerns raised by Raduchel and Postman have been echoed by James Fallows, former editor of *The Atlantic Monthly* and *U.S. News and World Report*, in his 1996 book *Breaking the News - How the Media Undermine American Democracy*. In this powerful indictment of modern news coverage, Fallows (page 140) states that:

The message of today’s news coverage is often that the world cannot be understood, shaped, or controlled, but merely endured or held at arm’s length. The foreign news is mainly a series of unexplained and un-

connected disasters. Most of these flit in and out of the news so quickly that we learn mainly to ignore them, in full confidence that they will soon go away – Liberia, Zaire, Sudan. A handful of others become interesting in a narrow, narcissistic way, as tests of an American president’s “resolve” and “will to act...”

He concludes (pages 139-140) that:

for journalism to matter it must be useful in one particular way. It must give people the sense that life is not just a sequence of random occurrences. That is how a cat or horse sees the world. For a cat, everything happens by surprise and then ends without consequence.

The most recent evidence of this dramatic shift in the nature of information available to the citizenry is provided by a report of the Committee of Concerned Journalists (1998) which recently completed a comprehensive survey of the content of coverage in newspapers, nightly television news and news magazines over a 20-year period. The project is affiliated with the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and is funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Twenty years ago, coverage was dominated by straight news accounts of events—what happened yesterday. Today, the news tends to have a more mediated or thematic approach to stories. . . .The thematic emphasis of stories today has moved away from such concerns as the political process, war and peace, policy and from updating or analyzing in depth continuing events—what might be called traditional news emphasis. The emphasis on people, human interest and news you can use. There is also a new emphasis on scandal, the bizarre and fear about the future. . . .Clearly these shifts in topic and thematic emphasis

represent the media covering a broader spectrum of news, searching for new relevant topics in the face of declining audience share. . . .One question not answered here is whether that broadening is helping to provide audiences with more of the information they require in a democratic society or whether we are moving too far in the direction of amusement.

Of particular note were findings concerning prime time television news “magazines” and print magazines.

What is also striking is what the TV news magazines don’t cover. Only eight percent of the stories on the prime time news magazines concern the combined areas of education, economics, foreign affairs, the military, national security, politics or social welfare issues. . . .investigative work in network television today for the most part does not concern education, economics, foreign policy, military, social welfare, government, politics or the military. . . .The print news magazines, Time and Newsweek, have seen broad shifts in emphasis. One of the most notable is a decline in coverage of ideas.

In view of these profound changes in our society, the nature of its information sources and content, is there a role for a forum like The Vancouver Institute devoted to free public education, civic discourse and the discussion of ideas? Which model of information and education – modern media or The Institute – more closely meets the criteria of Thomas Jefferson for the survival of modern democratic society? The answer to this question is left to the reader’s judgement, but the large audiences at The Institute augur well for the future.

FOOTNOTES

1. Over the years, there have been several studies or books which have touched on The Vancouver Institute, including: Colbeck (1967), Gibson (1973), Harris (1976-77), Hunt (1987), Katz (n.d.), Logan (1958), Selman (1963), Shrum (1986), Waite (1987), and Williams (1956). Note that all archived Vancouver Institute material is listed on the website of the UBC Library's Special Collections Division at: http://www.library.ubc.ca/spcoll/ubc_arch/u_arch/vaninst1.html.
2. The other four committee members were: W.L. Macken of Chilliwack, R.W. Mayhew of Victoria, and A.H. Douglas and Austin Taylor of Vancouver.

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TABLE 1 - Planners and First Supporters of The Vancouver Institute, Spring 1916

Name	Occupation/Affiliations prior to VI establishment
Frank F. Wesbrook	UBC President
Lemuel Robertson	UBC Professor, Archaeological Institute
Kennerly Bryan	Architect, Architectural Institute, AHSA
James G. Davidson	UBC Professor, British Columbia Academy of Science
R.F. Hayward	Businessman
Charles Hill-Tout	Archaeological Institute, B.C. Academy of Science. AHSA
Frederick W. Howay	Judge, AHSA. UBC Senate
Anna B. Jamieson	Teacher, University Women's Club, UBC
James H. McVety	Labour Organizer, Trades and Labour Council, UBC
W.P. O'Boyle	Catholic Priest, Local Societies
S. Dunn Scott	Editor News-Advertiser, Archaeological Institute, UBC Governor
H.C. Shaw	Lawyer
Rev. E. Thomas	Methodist Minister
Sir Charles H. Tupper	Lawyer, AHSA
R.P.S. Twizell	Architect, AHSA, Architectural Institute
Frederick C. Wade	Lawyer, AHSA, UBC Senate
G.A. Laing	High School Principal
J.W. de B./Evelyn Farris	Lawyer, AHSA/University Women's Club
A. Buckley	Assistant, Public Library
T. Proctor Hall	Physician, British Columbia Academy of Science
E.G. Matheson	UBC Professor, Architect/Civil Engineering
L.S. Klinck	UBC Dean, B.C. Academy of Science
R. Mackay Fripp	Architect, Architectural Institute, Arts and Crafts Association
H. McLatchy	Businessman, B.C. Mountaineering Club, UBC Convocation
R.S. Sherman	Teacher, B.C. Mountaineering Club
Helena Gutteridge	Tailor, Vancouver Trades & Labour Council
J.E. Wilton	Vancouver Trades & Labour Council
J.G. Lister	Educator, Vancouver Teachers Association
J. Fee	Educator, Vancouver Teachers Association
(Mrs.) J.S. Jamieson	University Women's Club, Alpine Club, (lawyer husband)
S.P. Judge	Commercial Artist, British Columbia Fine Arts Society
G.H. Hawkins	British Columbia Fine Arts Society
J. Ashworth	British Columbia Chamber of Mines
N. Thompson	Engineer, Businessman, B.C. Chamber of Mines

Source: Damer, 1995, page 13.

TABLE 2 - Affiliated Associations

Alpine Club of Canada
 Archaeological Institute
 Architectural Institute of British Columbia
 Art, Historical, and Scientific Association
 B.C. Academy of Science
 British Columbia Chamber of Mines
 British Columbia Institute of Authors
 British Columbia Society of Fine Arts
 Dickens Fellowship
 Institute of Mines and Metallurgy
 Shakespeare Society
 University Women's Club
 Vancouver Musical Council
 Vancouver Natural History Society
 Vancouver Teachers Association
 Vancouver Trades and Labour Council
 Women's Methodist Education Club

Source: Damer (1995) pages 41 and 52.

TABLE 3 - First Council of The Vancouver Institute, 1916

Name	Occupation/Affiliations
Charles Hill-Tout	Businessman; Local Societies; Proposed to UBC Senate
F.F. Wesbrook	President of UBC
F.W. Howay	Judge; Local Societies; UBC Senate
Mrs. J. Jamieson	University Women's Club; Education
T. Proctor Hall	Physician; Local Societies; UBC Senate
Lemuel Robertson	UBC Faculty Member; Local Societies
A. Buckley	Public Library Assistant
Evelyn Farris	University Women's Club; UBC Senate; Lawyer husband
Anna B. Jamieson	University Women's Club; Educator; (Future UBC Governor)
G.A. Laing	School Principal
E.G. Matheson	UBC Faculty Member; Architectural Institute; Local Societies
Father W.P. O'Boyle	Catholic Priest
Rev. E. Thomas	Methodist Minister

Source: Damer (1995) page 1932

TABLE 4 - Institute Programme for 1916

Oct. 19th...Auspices—Academy of Science.
E. H. Archibald, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.E., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, University of British Columbia. Subject—The Atom of the Chemist

Oct. 21st...Auspices—Archaeological Institute.
Rossiter Howard, Esq., Professor of Fine Arts, University of South Dakota. Subject - Architectural Inheritance from the Renaissance

Oct. 26th...Auspices—Academy of Science.
E. H. Archibald, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S.E., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, University of British Columbia. Subject—The Atom of the Chemist (concluded).

Nov. 2nd...Mack Eastman, Esq., B.A., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, University of British Columbia. Subject—Brandy and the Fur-Trade in New France, 1610-1760

Nov. 9th..Auspices—Academy of Science.
K. H. Clark, Esq., M.A, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry, University of British Columbia. Subject—Can We Manufacture Our Own Chemicals in Canada.

Nov. 16th....Auspices—Women's University Club.
H. Ashton. Esq., B.A., Litt. D., Officier de l'Instruction Publique, Associate Professor of French, University of British Columbia. Subject—Madame de Sevigne.

Nov. 23rd...Thorleif Larsen, Esq., BA. Subject—The Romantic Period of English Literature.

Nov. 20th. ..Auspices—Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.
T. P. Hall, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., M.D. Subject—The Present Phase of Social Evolution.

Dec. 7th....Auspices—Natural History Section of the B. C. Mountaineering Club. F.F. Wesbrook, Esq., M.A., M.D.. C.M., LL.D., President of the University of British Columbia. Subject—Bacteria.

Dec. 14th. . Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C.M.G., K.C.
Subject to be announced later.

TABLE 5 - CATEGORIES OF LECTURES - 1916-38

	Science	Arts	Social	Fine Arts	Other	Unknown
1916-25	45	72	30	13	9	8
1925-29	24	31	16	13	4	5
1929-33	24	17	22	14	7	8
1933-38	20	20	53	5	17	9

Source: Damer (1995) pages 35, 68, 90, 114.

TABLE 6 - INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Season	Membership	Annual Attendance
1916/17	56	
1917/18	64	1746
1918/19	56	1234
1919/20	60	2084
1920/21	41	
1921/22	37	
1922/23	104-155	3360
1923/24		3850
1924/25	82	4200
1925/26	78	"lower than previous year"
1926/27	134	"greatest in VI history"
1927/28	104	1920
1928/29		1383-1625
1929/30		1927-2262
1930/31		2569
1931/32		1700
1932/33		
1933/34		10000
1934/35		9000
1935/36	98	
1936/37	173	
1937/38	110	60-800/lecture
1938/39	95	100-1200/lecture

Source: Damer (1995) pages 57, 71, 104 and 117.
(See also Williams, 1956.)

TABLE 7: INSTITUTE REPEAT SPEAKERS - SIX LECTURES OR MORE

#	YEARS	SPEAKER	SUBJECT MATTER	AFFILIATIONS
32	1929-67	F.H. Soward	Current affairs	History Dept., Dean of Graduate Studies, Director of International Studies
12	1923-54	H.F. Angus	Economics and government	Economics Dept., Dean of Graduate Studies
10	1918-32	Rev. H.H. Gowen	History and literature	Professor, University of Washington
10	1919-48	G.G. Sedgewick	Literature	English Dept.
9	1917-30	J.G. Davidson	Science and religion	Physics Dept.
8	1944-64	Geoffrey C. Andrew	Education and current affairs	English Dept., Deputy-President of UBC, Exec. Dir. Can. Univ. Found.
8	1921-41	A.F.B. Clark	Literature	Modern Languages Dept.
8	1917-35	L.S. Klinck	Education	Dean of Agriculture and second President of UBC
8	1923-42	W.N. Sage	History	History Dept.
8	1928-63	G.M. Shrum	Physics	Physics Dept., later first Chancellor of Simon Fraser University
8	1922-47	M.Y. Williams	Geology and history	Geology and Geography Dept.
7	1918-42	P.A. Boving	Botany	Agronomy Dept.
7	1916-42	R.H. Clark	Chemistry	Chemistry Dept.
7	1945-58	N.A.M. MacKenzie	Education and current affairs	President of UBC
7	1917-33	R.L. Reid	History	Barrister
6	1920-31	R.W. Brock	Geography	Geology Dept., Dean of Applied Science, and former Dir. of the Can. Geol. Survey
6	1920-35	D. Buchanan	Astronomy	Dean of Arts
6	1920-31	H.T.J. Coleman	Philosophy	Psychology Dept., Dean of Arts
6	1941-68	Ian McTaggart Cowan	Science	Zoology Dept., Dean of Graduate Studies
6	1935-48	Ira Dilworth	The arts	CBC
6	1922-32	W.R. Dunlop	History	FRGS, President of the VI, 1924-25
6	1926-52	George J. Spencer	Science and religion	Zoology Dept.
6	1936-75	H.V. Warren	Geology	Geology Dept.
6	1925-38	G.M. Weir	Sociology and education	D. Paed., MLA, Minister of Education

TABLE 8 - Nobel Laureates at The Institute, 1960-1998

Year	Date	Speaker	Nobel Category	Title of Lecture
1973	Oct. 13	Eccles, John	Medicine, 1963	Understanding the Human Brain.
1977	Sept. 17	Porter, George	Chemistry, 1967	Life Under the Sun: The Past and Future of Solar Energy.
1977	Oct. 29	Barton, Derek	Chemistry, 1969	The Classification of Crises -- The World of Today.
1978	March 11	Khorana, Gobind	Physiology and Medicine, 1968	The Biological Revolution.
1979	Nov. 10	Wigner, Eugene	Physics, 1963	Einstein -- The Man and His Work.
1980	March 29	Huxley, Andrew	Physiology and Medicine, 1963	Muscle Physiology: Old and New Discoveries.
1982	Feb. 27	Klein, Lawrence	Economics, 1980	Recent Challenges to Keynesian Economic Policies.
1982	Oct. 9	Calvin, Melvin	Chemistry, 1961	Energy: Growing and Engineering Hydrocarbons.
1984	March 17	Bloch, Konrad	Medicine, 1964	The Chemistry of Evolution.
1985	Feb. 9	Fowler, William	Physics, 1984	The Quest for the Origin of Elements.
1985	March 16	Hubel, David	Medicine, 1981	Vision and the Brain.
1985	Nov. 30	Herzberg, Gerhard	Chemistry, 1971	The Space Between the Stars.
1986	Feb. 8	Simon, Herbert A.	Economics, 1978	Why Economists Disagree.
1986	Oct. 25	Schawlow, Arthur	Physics, 1981	Lasers and Man.
1987	Jan. 24	Samuelson, Paul	Economics, 1970	The Economic Future.
1987	March 28	Polanyi, John	Chemistry, 1986	The Molecular Dance in Chemical Reactions.
1991	Feb. 9	Lederman, Leon	Physics, 1988	Particle Physics: Miletus to Waxahatchee - A Tale of Two Cities
1994	Sep. 24	Smith, Michael	Chemistry, 1993	The Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1993
1994	Oct. 1	Taylor, Richard	Physics, 1990	Small, Smaller! Smallest? The Finding of the Quark
1996	Feb. 24	Hoffmann, Roald	Chemistry, 1981	One Culture: What Art and Science Have in Common (And How They Differ)
1997	Mar. 1	Rotblat, Joseph	Peace, 1995	How to Get Rid of Nuclear Weapons
1998	Mar. 14	Martin Perl	Physics, 1995	What Einstein Couldn't Have Known: Very Small Particles and Very High Energies

TABLE 9 - Typology of Institute Lectures - Fall 1971 to Spring 1998 *

Anthropology	5	Geology & Geophysics	11
Archeology	16	History	25
Architecture & Planning	5	Law	35
Art	14	Linguistics	4
Astronomy & Astrophysics	10	Literature & Theatre	46
Biology	5	Media	12
Botany	4	Medicine, Health & Physiology	57
Chemistry	10	Music	19
Computers & Computing	7	Philosophy	12
Ecology & the Environment	23	Physics	23
Economics & Business	41	Politics, Government & Current Affairs	76
Education	22	Psychiatry	4
Engineering	5	Psychology	10
Forestry	6	Science, General	8
Genetics	7	Sociology, Culture & Religion	13
Geography	10	Zoology	6
		TOTAL	551

* Note that the number of speakers is slightly greater than the number of lectures

FIGURE 1: Excerpt from Vancouver Institute's First Program, 1916**OFFICERS:**

Hon. President ----- Charles Hill-Tout, Esqr., F.R.S.C.
 President ----- F. F. Wesbrook, Esqr., M.A., M.D., LL.D.
 First Vice-President ----- Hon. F. W. Howay, LL.B.
 Second Vice-President --- Mrs. J. Stuart Jamieson, B.A.
 Hon. Treasurer ----- T. P. Hall, Esqr., M.A., Ph.D., M.D.
 Hon. Secretary ----- Lemuel Robertson, Esqr., M.A.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS:

Art, Historical and Scientific Association.
 Academy of Science.
 Archaeological Institute.
 Architectural Institute of British Columbia.
 Natural History Section of the B. C. Mountaineering Club.
 Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.
 Vancouver Teachers' Association.
 Women's University Club.
 British Columbia Fine Arts, Society.

The VANCOUVER INSTITUTE has been formed to bring under one organization the various Courses of Lectures of public interest which have hitherto been delivered independently by a number of Vancouver societies and associations; and also to provide additional lectures of public educational value.

A few of the advantages of co-ordinating these various Lecture Courses are:

- I. Lectures will be FREE to the public.
- II. A regular central place for Lectures.
- III. The Programme of lectures will be arranged and a Syllabus issued at the beginning of each Season, thus preventing conflict of dates, which often now occurs.
- IV. The INSTITUTE will be able to secure well known lecturers.
- V. There is a common impression that Courses of Lectures delivered by the different organizations have been for members only. As the INSTITUTE has been formed with the underlying principle that its Lectures shall be FREE to all, this feeling should disappear and large numbers should take advantage of the opportunity offered.

The INSTITUTE is managed by representatives from the Affiliated organizations and the public at large.

The maintenance of such an INSTITUTE will require some financial support from public spirited citizens, prepared to contribute a small sum annually and YOU are invited to become identified with the INSTITUTE either as Subscribing Member by an annual subscription of \$2.00, or, if you are a member of an Affiliated Organization, you may become an Affiliated Member of the INSTITUTE by an annual subscription of \$1.00.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO LEMUEL ROBERTSON, ESQR., UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Unless otherwise announced in the newspapers from time to time, all Lectures will be given in the Assembly Hall of the University of British Columbia, corner of Tenth Avenue and Willow Street.

FIGURE 2: Henry Angus Addresses The Institute



TEXT OF ARTICLE:

“Professor Angus Flays Kidd Report”
Committee’s Recommendations Characterized as Propaganda By
Ec. Head in Scathing Speech
People Turned From Auditorium Doors When Vancouver Institute
Sponsors Lecture on Kidd Report
No Feelings Spared
by Jack Stanton
The Ubyssy, Tuesday, October 18, 1932.

“Did you deliberately, when in a position of trust, use selected figures and defective economic analysis to deceive your fellow citizens—, or were you yourselves so ignorant and so incompetent as to be misled by your own figures and statements; and, if so, when their shortcomings are pointed out to you, are you ready to modify your conclusions?”

Professor Henry F. Angus, lecturing on “The Kidd Report” to a capacity crowd in the auditorium Saturday evening, addressed this question to the Committee whose chairman, Mr. George Kidd, was present on

the platform. Mr. Kidd himself delivered a short address at the close of the meeting which was held under auspices of the Vancouver Institute.

Prof. Angus made it clear that his question was used as a debater might use it. In his capacity as a lecturer, who spoke in terms of fact and not arguments, however, Mr. Angus admitted that he preferred not to think of the Committee as "ignorant," "incompetent" or "deceptive," but rather as "sincerely convinced that it could not be wrong" and "careless about something which, in its opinion, mattered very little — the arguments used to convince the public."

University's Duty to Attack Loose Thinking

"I believe it to be the duty of a university to attack this sort of carelessness; to take a stand for integrity in reasoning and to attack opinions based on unconscious judgment or bias," declared the speaker.

New economic principles and dogmas laid down by the committee would, the lecturer asserted, make no mean contribution to the science of economics, except for the failure of the Report to state proofs for its new theories.

Social Policy Criticised

Those branches of the Report dealing with social policies received Prof. Angus' strongest criticism. "Here the Committee is at its very worst. It is not representative enough to deal with such matters. It contains no representative of labour, none of the indigent classes, no economist and no woman."

It was on account of this failure to be truly representative that the indirect costs of abandoning a child's education on his fourteenth birthday received no attention from the Committee. "A boy kept idle at this critical age will deteriorate morally very fast. Criminals are costly to society and it seems wasteful to manufacture them," stated the Professor.

Committee Takes Electors' Privilege

"To the wretched M.L.A.'s no latitude or discretion is left. They have been told what to do and are to do it. What possible qualifications have the five members of the committee for arrogating to themselves the functions of the electorate? Unfortunately we are not here considering a comic form of megalomania, but a serious proposal made to a legislative body," declared the speaker.

This too authoritative attitude taken by a Committee of business men, cannot but aggravate class-consciousness and make people think

they are being hoodwinked. The proposals of the Committee are, therefore, dangerous, revolutionary and fascist, was the conclusion reached by Prof. Angus. Prolonged applause followed this speech.

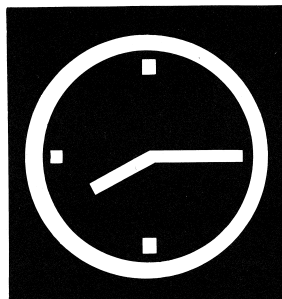
Kidd Replies

Mr. George Kidd, speaking in defence of the Report, agreed with Prof. Angus, that rehabilitation of public finances and restoration of B.C.'s credit was necessary.

Three methods might be used to gain this end: either, repudiation of the debt (a method never seriously considered), or increased taxation, or else decreased expenditures. Whereas Mr. Angus maintained that increased taxation was not impossible Mr. Kidd declared, "We (the Committee) are definitely of the opinion that more taxes are impossible, and the only way left to balance the budget is to curtail expenditures."

"Economy is difficult because it hurts people, but people have to be hurt," maintained Mr. Kidd. "We must cut our coat according to our cloth, but cut it we must," was the speaker's conclusion.

Editor's Note:



The following twenty-nine chapters represent a sampling of lectures delivered to The Vancouver Institute over the past four years. Because of space constraints, not all lectures during this period could be reproduced here. In addition, some of these lectures relied heavily on audio-visual material which is not amenable to book publication.

For those readers wishing to hear or see past lectures, the Special Collections Division of UBC's Main Library holds audio tapes and selected video tapes of many of these lectures.

Readers are encouraged to consult the UBC Library's Special Collections Division website at <http://www.library.ubc.ca/spcoll/>

APPENDIX 1: ACADEMIC SPONSORS OF THE INSTITUTE

The Cecil and Ida Green Lectures

As a co-founder of Texas Instruments, Cecil Green's contributions to modern technology are enormous. A graduate of Vancouver elementary and secondary schools, Cecil Green studied applied science at UBC, then moved to MIT to complete degrees in electrical engineering. He went on to become a world leader in educational philanthropy.

Cecil Green was born in Manchester, England in 1900. He and his family moved to San Francisco just before the 1906 earthquake. The family survived and moved to Vancouver, a city to which Cecil Green retained a lifelong tie. After graduating from MIT, he travelled across the continent in search of challenging work.

He went from designing steam turbine generators for General Electric to making electrical rectifiers for Raytheon and on to running a vacuum tube laboratory with Charles V. Litton, who later founded Litton Industries.

In 1930, he joined Geophysical Service Inc.—a new firm that worked on a service basis for major oil companies. For six years, Dr. Green and his beloved wife Ida shared an adventurous and nomadic lifestyle, moving every few weeks in search of oil deposits.

Dr. Green recalls fondly, "Before we were through, there was hardly a small town in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas or Louisiana that we hadn't lived in. We always remembered those as some of our happiest days, because we were together so much." The odyssey was in later years to take him to South America, the Middle East, Indonesia, Australia and China.

In 1941, the Greens mortgaged everything they owned and bought GSI with two partners. GSI was a major innovator in the use of digital technology for petroleum exploration. The company's thriving laboratory and manufacturing department was eventually incorporated as Texas Instruments, with GSI as a subsidiary.

Texas Instruments became the first company to put multiple transistors on a chip, thus inventing integrated circuitry or silicon



chips. This innovation is responsible for many everyday devices from calculators to automobile controls.

The Greens had no children of their own, but their generosity has helped educate more young people than they will ever know. They have funded more than 20 professorships, major components of a world-wide earthquake detection system, a score of hospitals, research centres and university buildings. One of Cecil Green's proudest achievements is the establishment of a television linkup between all campuses in the Dallas / Fort Worth area and every major technology enterprise in the region. This program is typical of the type of university / industry collaboration that the Greens have supported and promoted over the years.

Cecil Green never forgot the excellent education he received at The University of British Columbia. In 1966, Cecil and Ida Green donated \$200,000 to UBC for the purchase and upkeep of Cecil Green Park House, an oceanfront mansion now used as Alumni Associa-

tion headquarters and a “town and gown” centre. Ida Green, who passed away in December 1986, bequeathed nearly \$3,000,000 to the University for the maintenance and upgrading of Cecil Green Park House.

It was a \$600,000 gift from the Greens that launched the Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Professorships in 1970. The annual income from the gift enables distinguished visiting professors and scholars to come to UBC.

Thanks to the Greens’ foresight, UBC students have been exposed to outstanding teachers such as Dr. Theodore Ruzsak, California State University; Sir John Eccles, Australian National University; Dr. Ursula Franklin, University of Toronto; Dr. B.E Skinner, Harvard University; and many others.

Cecil and Ida Green’s extraordinary contributions have earned them many honours, including honorary degrees and prized awards. In 1979, the National Academy of Sciences awarded Cecil and Ida the Public Welfare Medal. In 1984, they each received the Great Trekker Award from UBC and in 1988, Cecil Green was made a Freeman of the City of Vancouver.

Today, Cecil Green lives in Dallas and maintains an apartment in La Jolla, California. He continues to travel around the world promoting education, exploration and collaboration. He was honorary chairman of MIT’s \$550 million “Campaign for the Future.” As honorary chairman of The UBC Campaign, he has provided the spirit of adventure and the legendary vision that has helped to place UBC firmly in position as a world class centre of research and study.

The J.V. Clyne Lectures

The J.V. Clyne Lectures honour a man who has touched the imagination of the people of British Columbia, and indeed the country. The remarkable career of The Honourable John Valentine Clyne, Q.C., began as a cowboy in the Cariboo and ranged from serving as a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., the largest corporation in British Columbia. J.V. Clyne was one of the students who participated in the Great Trek of 1922 to move the UBC Campus to its present Point Grey location. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree from The University of British Columbia in 1923, he apprenticed in law with E.P. Davis & Company and then articulated with Blake and Redden, the Privy Council solicitors in London. Back in Vancouver, he built a formidable reputation as a maritime lawyer. Law, in Jack Clyne's words, "is founded upon the principles of justice, morality, and common sense."

He served with distinction also as a Director of several major Canadian corporations including Canadian Pacific, Phillips Electronics, Canada Trust and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, headed three Royal Commissions, chaired the Canadian Maritime Commission, and in 1985 completed two three-year terms as Chancellor of The University of British Columbia. Little wonder that he chose *Jack of All Trades* for his autobiographical title.

The J.V. Clyne Lecture Program affirms the University's commitment to forge strong, new links with the community it serves. Building on the fine tradition of The University of British Columbia's outstanding lecture services, the J.V. Clyne Lecture Program will supplement and enhance the quality of these programs, making them a cornerstone for knowledge both on and off campus.

With the J.V. Clyne Lectures, Vancouver hosts an exciting and unique program which sees world leaders in the fields of Business, Government, Law and the Arts brought into our community on a regular basis to give public lectures both in the community and on campus. These four heads mirror the areas of expertise in which J.V. Clyne distinguished himself.

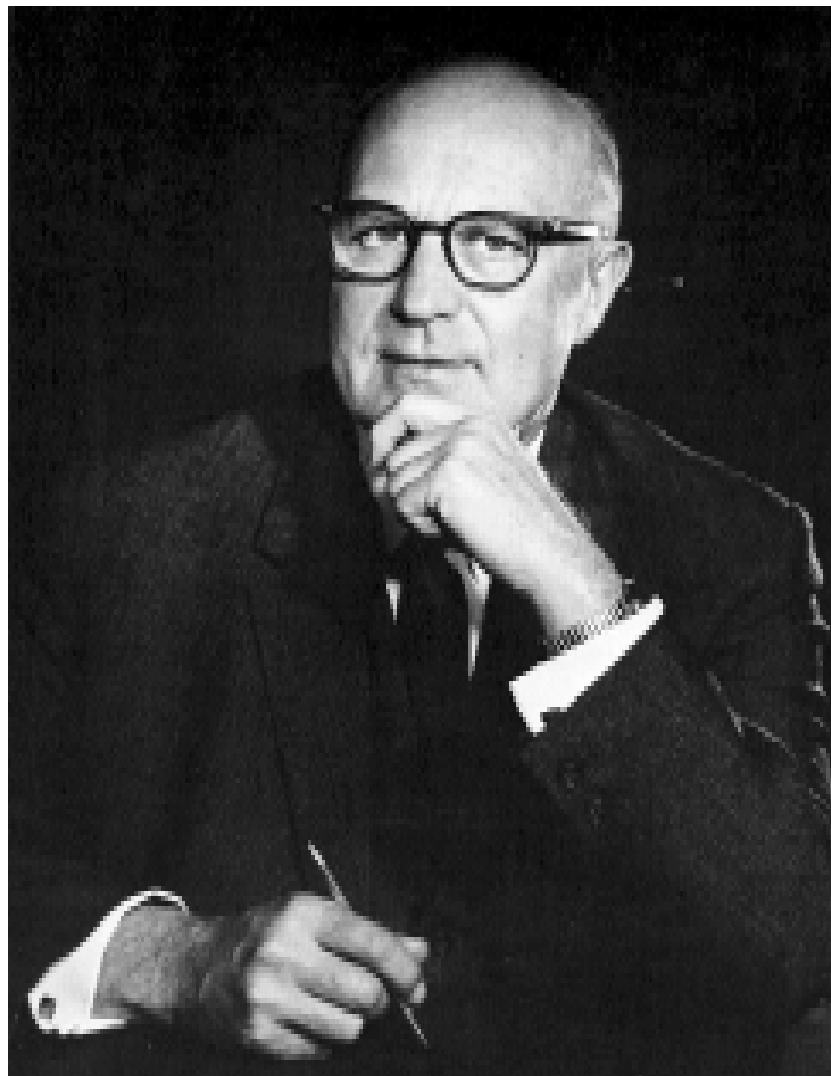


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This exciting program is directed by a committee of outstanding British Columbians, including: the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia; the Chief Justice of British Columbia; the Chancellor, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, and the President of The University of British Columbia; the Chairman of the Vancouver Board of Trade; the Deans of the faculties of Arts, of Commerce and of Law; and the President of the UBC Alumni Association.

The E.S. Woodward Lectures

The Woodward lectureship is based upon a gift to the University from Mr. Eugene Sidney Woodward, of Vancouver, who died in 1970. In making this gift, Mr. Woodward imposed few constraints on the Department of Economics or the University. It was agreed, however, that the lectureship would perpetuate his “concern for economic freedom and his interest in new approaches to contemporary economic problems and institutions.” As a journeyman, proprietor, and journalist, Mr. Woodward’s chief preoccupation had not been so much with the search for remedies to the evils of inflation and unemployment as with the full and fair consideration of alternative methods of overall economic organization. He had himself examined the ideas of “unionistic” economy, as described by Summer Slichter; of the co-operative movement and its guild-socialist relations; of the single tax on land value as recommended by Henry George; and of various gold and paper standards. He was also, as his daughter has recorded, a sympathetic observer of “grass-roots economics movements.” In these interests he perhaps reflected many westerners’ resistance, in the period between the Klondike gold rush and Bretton Woods, to unthinking acceptance of current economic systems and units. Around him he saw co-operators, syndicalists, populists, progressives, social creditors, and single-taxers; all of whom, as he noted, had more in common with each other than they ever cared to admit. But E.S. Woodward clearly did not accept all that was preached. He reflected, argued, and discussed, and finally published under the pen name of Gene Ard *Adventures in Free Enterprise*, a volume in which two intelligent men, conversationalists, review by Socratic methods items in an agenda for economic reform. We hope that the public lectures published from time to time in his name will continue his critical scrutiny of received orthodoxy.

The Grauer Lectures

Dr. A.E. "Dal" Grauer, B.A., Ph.D., LL.D., (1906-1961) was regarded as one of the most brilliant men of his generation in Canada. At his death in 1961, he was President and Chairman of the Board of the B.C. Power Corporation and its subsidiary, the B.C. Electric Company, and was serving his second term as Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia.

At an early age, Dal decided that he was interested in law and politics. A Rhodes scholar, he graduated from UBC at 19 with first class honours in economics. He earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Berkeley and a B.A. in jurisprudence from University College, Oxford. His honorary LL.D degree was awarded by UBC. He captained the Oxford lacrosse team and, with his brother Carl, was on the Canadian lacrosse team that won a Gold Medal in the 1928 Olympics.

Called to the bar in 1931, he articulated with E.P. Davis and Company, but then deciding that academic life was his first love, he accepted a position as lecturer in economics at the University of Toronto. In 1933 he married Shirley Woodward of Vancouver, and they created a family of three girls and three boys.

Dal was the youngest full professor in Canada in 1937 when he became Director of the Department of Social Sciences at the University of Toronto. While there, he was retained by the Bank of Canada to study the nation's taxation system. He left the university to act as expert advisor to the Rowell-Sirois Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations. Later he served on the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects, (the Gordon Commission).

In 1939, he accepted a job as general secretary at the B.C. Electric Company because, he said, it involved labour relations, welfare and economics and he could test some of his classroom ideas in a real business situation. He became President of the company when W.G. Murrin retired in 1946.

Community service was very important to Dal Grauer. He served two terms as chairman of the Vancouver General Hospital Board. Loving music, he played the piano well and served three terms

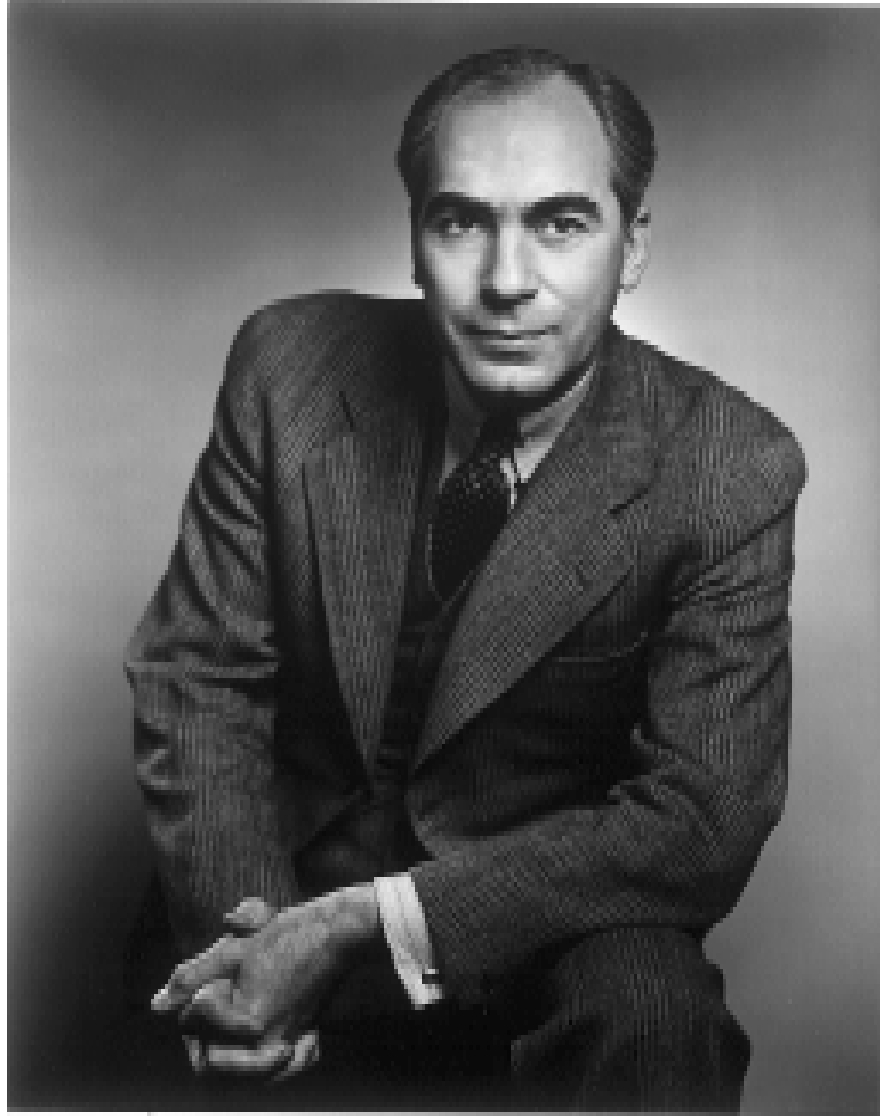


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as president of the Vancouver Symphony Society. He had active roles with the Canadian Welfare Council and the Family Welfare Bureau of Greater Vancouver. He held many corporate directorships and was a member of the National Industrial Conference Board, New York, and the Advisory Committee on Atomic Power for Atomic

Energy of Canada Ltd. In 1957 he was named Canadian Businessman of the Year, and the following year, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews presented him with its Human Relations Award.

An outstanding businessman, he was also scholar, athlete, educator, public servant, community leader and family man. When he died of leukemia at only 55, his widow and friends established this lectureship as a memorial reflecting his extraordinary range of interests. Dal Grauer had said that just one great teacher can make all the difference in a person's life. According to the terms of the trust, the Grauer committee recommends projects promoting distinguished teaching in the humanities, fine arts and social sciences.

The tragedy of Dal Grauer's death is that his time was cut short. He used each day as fully as it could be used, for business and community activities, for intellectual exploration, for enjoyment of the people he loved, but there was so much more he wanted to do. The loss of his interest and influence was felt in every sector of British Columbian, and indeed Canadian, life. The loss of his conversation, of his intelligent attention, his deadpan humour, and his warm, calm, dignified and courteous presence is still felt by those who knew him.

The Leon and Thea Koerner Lectures

The Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation was established in 1955 with a capital gift of \$1 million dollars. In making their gift, the Koerners said they wished to express their thanks for the warmth and



Mr. and Mrs. Leon Koerner with Dr. and Mrs. MacKenzie (photo courtesy of the UBC Archives)

kindness they had received from their adopted land, Canada.

Since 1955 the Foundation has distributed more than \$6 million in funding in the areas of the cultural and creative arts, higher education and social services. The Foundation also supports young students in the visual and performing arts through its annual contribution to the UBC Grants-In-Aid Fund.

The Koerners had a deep commitment to the growth and development of the University of British Columbia. From its inception, the Foundation offered support for a wide variety of departmental programs and projects at the University. The Koerners were also interested in raising the profile of the University by bringing distinguished lecturers to speak; these lectures were to be available to the public as well as to the University community. In 1964, to highlight the Koerner's ongoing commitment to the support of important public lectures, The Leon and Thea Koerner Memorial Lecture Series was established, which continues to this day to assist in bringing outstanding scholars and artists to UBC.

APPENDIX 2: Vancouver Institute Programs, 1983-1998

SPRING 1983

- January 29, Dr. Joseph B. Martin, Head, Department of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, *HORMONES AND THE BRAIN*.
- February 5, Professor Ezra Mishan, Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of Victoria, *FAITH, CAPITALISM AND TECHNOLOGY*.
- February 12, President Peter Meincke, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, *SMALL IS PROFITABLE*.
- February 19, Professor Robert C. Miller Jr., Head, Department of Microbiology, University of British Columbia, *GENETIC ENGINEERING: HOW IT CAN AFFECT YOU*.
- February 26, Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Lecturer, Professor j. David Singer, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, *MILITARY STRATEGY, POLITICAL TACTICS AND SURVIVAL*.
- March 5, Professor Michael J. Pentz, Dean of Science, British Open University, A *EUROPEAN SCIENTIST LOOKS AT NUCLEAR WEAPONS*.
- March 12, Mr. Pierre Juneau O.C., President, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, *THE FUTURE OF NATIONAL BROADCASTING*.
- March 19, Professor Ian Ross, Head, Department of English, University of British Columbia, *THE SCOTTISH ENLIGHTENMENT AND THAT GADFLY DAVID HUME*.
- March 26, Professor James Peebles, Department of Physics, Princeton University, *THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE*.
- April 2, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, Ms. Jessica Mitford, *INSIDE MUCK-RAKING*.

FALL 1983

- September 17, The Honourable Mr. Justice Brian Dickson, Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, *THE FORGOTTEN PARTY: THE VICTIM OF CRIME*.
- September 24, President William Saywell, Simon Fraser University, *CHINA'S RACE AGAINST TIME: MODERNIZATION AND EDUCATION*.
- October 1, Dr. Margaret Rule, CBE, FSA, Research Director, The Mary Rose Trust, Portsmouth, England, *A TUDOR WARSHIP: KING HENRY VIII'S MARY ROSE*.
- October 8, President K. George Pedersen, University of British Columbia, *EDUCATION UNDER SIEGE: ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND THE CULT OF EFFICIENCY*.
- October 15, Dr. Alan Astbury, Department of Physics, University of Victoria and TRIUMF, *W AND Z, THE NEW PARTICLES AND THE NEW PHYSICS*.
- October 22, Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Lecturer, Professor Brian Simon, School of Education, University of Leicester, *THE I.Q. CONTROVERSY: THE*

CASE OF CYRIL BURT.

- October 29, Dal Grauer Memorial Lecture, Professor Edward Cone, Department of Music, Princeton University, *HEARING AND KNOWING MUSIC with piano illustration.*
- November 5, Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Lecturer, Dr. W.E. Hillis, Chief Research Scientist, CSIRO, Division of Chemical and Wood Technology, Australia, *THE IMPENDING CRISIS IN FORESTRY.*
- November 12, Dr. Kevin M. Cahill, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York and New Jersey College of Medicine, *AIDS: A MEDICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEM.*
- November 19, Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Lecturer, Professor Ursula Franklin, O.C., Department of Metallurgy, University of Toronto, *INTERPLAY OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY: THE CASE OF ANCIENT CHINA.*
- November 26, Professor S.I. Rachman, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia, *FEAR AND COURAGE.*

SPRING 1984

- January 28, Mr. Gordon Fairweather, O.C., Q.C., Chief Commissioner, Canadian Human Rights Commission, Ottawa, *THE YEAR OF ORWELL AND HUMAN RIGHTS.*
- February 4, Mr. Thomas Y. Arai, President, Tokyu Hotels International, Chairman, Systems International Incorporated, Tokyo, *CANADA AND THE PACIFIC POTENTIAL.*
- February 11, Professor Jeffrey Hopkins, Department of Religious Studies, University of B.C., *BUDDHISM: COMPASSION AND WISDOM.*
- February 18, Professor R.L. Chase, Department of Geological Sciences, University of B.C., *DEEP SEA VENTS: LAVA AND LIFE UNDER THE SEA.*
- February 25, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, Professor Condoleezza Rice, *EAST-WEST SECURITY: PROSPECTS FOR PEACE.*
- March 3, Dean Daniel R. Birch, Faculty of Education, University of B.C., *TEACHING IN BABEL: THE VANCOUVER SCHOOL SYSTEM.*
- March 10, Professor Jeffrey M. Masson, Berkeley, California, *FREUD AND TRUTH.*
- March 17, Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Lecturer, Professor Konrad Bloch, Department of Chemistry, Harvard University, *THE CHEMISTRY OF EVOLUTION.*
- March 24, Professor Rene-Jean Dupuy, College de France, Paris, *INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.*
- March 31, Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Lecturer, Professor Irving Lavin, School of Historical Studies, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, *THE UNITY OF THE ARTS AND THE EARLY BAROQUE OPERA HOUSE.*

FALL 1984

- September 15, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Hideo Tanaka, Faculty of Law, The University of Tokyo, *THE ROLE OF LAW IN JAPAN: COMPARISONS WITH THE WEST*.
- September 22, The Honourable Madame Justice Bertha Wilson, Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, *CHILDREN: THE CASUALTIES OF A FAILED MARRIAGE*.
- September 29, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Alexander P. Kazhdan, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C., *BYZANTINE CULTURE*.
- October 6, Professor Peter A. Larkin, Institute of Animal Resource Ecology, University of British Columbia, *HOW SALMON FIND THEIR WAY HOME*.
- October 13, Dr. A.R. Dobell, President, Institute for Research on Public Policy, Ottawa, *ECONOMICS AND POLITICS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA*.
- October 20, Dr. Howard H. Hiatt, Dean of the School of Public Health, Harvard, *MISPLACED PRIORITIES: THE HUMAN COSTS OF THE ARMS RACE*.
- October 27, Dr. Benoit Mandelbrot, IBM Fellow, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center, and Mathematics Department, Harvard, *THE FRACTAL COSMOS: NEW SHAPES IN THE SCIENCES AND ART*.
- November 3, Professor Zenon Pylyshyn, Director, Centre for Cognitive Science, University of Western Ontario, *ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE HUMAN MIND*.
- November 10, Professor Catharine A. MacKinnon, Faculty of Law, University of Minnesota, *PORNOGRAPHY*.
- November 17, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Phil Gold, OC, Professor of Medicine, McGill, Physician-in-Chief, Montreal General Hospital, *THE CLOUD OF CANCER WITH THE EVER INCREASING SILVER LINING*.
- November 24, Dr. Bernard Crick, Professor of Politics, University of London, *THE OTHER ORWELL: GETTING AWAY FROM 1984*.

SPRING 1985

- January 26, Professor Richard Pearson, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, *ASIAN ARCHAEOLOGY: RECENT DISCOVERIES*.
- February 2, Dal Grauer Memorial Lecture, Mr. Timothy Findley, Author, Ontario, *MATTER OVER MIND: THE IMAGINATION IN JEOPARDY*.
- February 9, Professor William A. Fowler, Institute Professor of Physics, California Institute of Technology, *THE QUEST FOR THE ORIGIN OF ELEMENTS*.
- February 16, Professor Leslie C. Reed, Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia, *RESHAPING FOREST POLICY*.

- February 23, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, Miss Marjorie Nichols, Columnist, The Vancouver Sun, *REFLECTIONS ON THE MEDIA*.
- March 2, Professor Martin Kitchen, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, *WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THE SOVIET UNION*.
- March 9, Sir Stuart Hampshire, Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy, Stanford University, *PAST AND PRESENT, IN THE MORALITY OF POLITICS*.
- March 16, Dr. David Hubel, Department of Neurobiology, Harvard School of Medicine, *VISION AND THE BRAIN*.
- March 23, Professor Geoffrey A. Elton, Regius Professor of Modern History, Cambridge University, *ROADS TO CIVIL WAR IN ENGLAND*.
- March 30, Mr. Michael W. McCrum, Master, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, *ELITISM, EGALITARIANISM, AND EXCELLENCE*.

FALL 1985

- September 21, Dr. David W. Strangway, President, University of British Columbia, *EXPLORING THE PLANETS*.
- September 28, Professor Roger Fisher, Harvard Law School, *NEGOTIATING WITH THE RUSSIANS AND YOUR WIFE*.
- October 5, Dr. Michael Gottlieb, Department of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles, *AIDS: MEDICAL SCIENCE IN ACTION*.
- October 12, Professor C. S. (Buzz) Holling, Institute of Animal Resource Ecology, University of British Columbia, *ECOSYSTEM DESIGN: LOCAL SURPRISE AND GLOBAL CHANGE*.
- October 19, President William G. Saywell, Simon Fraser University, *RELEVANCE AND OUR UNIVERSITIES: RESPONSIBILITY OR RED HERRING?*
- October 26, Dr. George F. MacDonald, Director, National Museum of Man, Ottawa, *RAVEN'S TREASURE HOUSE: Northwest Indian Art and Culture*.
- November 2, The Dal Grauer Memorial Lecture, Margaret Atwood, Author, Ontario, *BLOOD AND THUNDER*.
- November 9, Professor Irwin Shainman, Department of Music, Williams College, Mass., *MOZART: MYTH AND REALITY*.
- November 16, William Golding, Author, England, *THOUGHTS AND READINGS*.
- November 23, Dr. John F. Helliwell, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, *CANADA'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, 1955-1990*.
- November 30, Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, National Research Council of Canada, *THE SPACE BETWEEN THE STARS*.

SPRING 1986

- January 18, The J.V. Clyne Lecture, The Honourable Geoffrey Palmer, Deputy Prime Minister and, Minister of Justice, New Zealand, *REFORMING PARLIAMENT: THE CASE OF NEW ZEALAND*.
- January 25, Professor John Caldwell, Earth and Space Science Institute, SUNY, Stony Brook, NY, *THE NEWS FROM HALLEY'S COMET*.
- February 1, Dr. Birute M. F. Galdikas, Visiting Professor, Department of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University, *ORANGUTANS: PEOPLE OF THE FOREST*.
- February 8, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Herbert A. Simon, Departments of Computer Science and Psychology, Carnegie-Mellon University, *WHY ECONOMISTS DISAGREE*.
- February 15, Professor Michael Smith, Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia, *GENETIC ENGINEERING - 1986*.
- February 22, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dean Victoria A. Fromkin, Professor of Linguistics, University of California at Los Angeles, *BRAIN, MIND AND LANGUAGE*.
- March 1, Mr. Stephen Lewis, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, *THE UNITED NATIONS: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?*
- March 8, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, Mr. Martin Goldfarb, President, Goldfarb Consultants, *THE ROLE OF POLLING, IN CANADIAN SOCIETY*.
- March 15, The E.S. Woodward Lecture, Dr. Partha Dasgupta, Professor of Economics, St. John's College, Cambridge, *THE SILENT FOOD WAR*.
- March 22, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Arthur Kleinman, Departments of Medical Anthropology and Psychiatry, Harvard University, *BODILY IDIOMS OF DISTRESS*.
- March 29, The Right Honourable Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Court of Appeal, England, *THE COURTS: THE CITIZEN'S, NON-NUCLEAR DETERRENT*.

FALL 1986

- September 27, Professor Eugene Kamenka, Head, History of Ideas Unit, The Australian National University, and Professor Alice Erh-Soon Tay, Head, Department of Jurisprudence, University of Sydney, *LIFE UNDER COMMUNISM: SOVIET UNION AND CHINA*.
- October 4, Mr. Lister Sinclair, O.C., Broadcaster, Writer and Critic, Toronto, *ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE MASS MEDIA AGE*.
- October 11, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor David Braybrooke, Department of Political Science and Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie Uni-

- versity, *CONCEPTS OF JUSTICE*.
- October 18, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Sir Alan Cottrell, Master, Jesus College, Cambridge University, *ENGINEERING THE FUTURE*.
- October 25, Professor Arthur Schawlow, Department of Physics, Stanford University, *LASERS AND MAN*.
- November 1, Sigma Xi Centennial Lecture, Dr. J. Christopher Bernabo, President, Science and Policy Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C., *TOXIC RAIN AND TOXIC OCEANS*.
- November 8, Professor Cole Harris, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, *CANADA AND THE AMERICAN QUESTION*.
- November 15, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Keith Griffin, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, *WORLD HUNGER AND THE WORLD ECONOMY*.
- November 22, Professor John H. Borden, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, *WHO IS MANAGING THE FORESTS — MAN OR THE MOUNTAIN BEETLE?*
- November 29, Red Cross Society Lecture, Dr. John M. Goldman, University of London and Hammersmith Hospital, England, *CURES IN CANCER*.

SPRING 1987

- January 24, The E.S. Woodward Lecture, Professor Paul Samuelson, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *THE ECONOMIC FUTURE*.
- January 31, Professor James Russell, Department of Classics, University of British Columbia, *BYZANTINE ARCHAEOLOGY: A CITY REVEALED*.
- February 7, The J.V. Clyne Lecture, Geoffrey Simpson, Ottawa Correspondent, The Globe and Mail, *PATRONAGE IN CANADA*.
- February 14, Dr. Hans Weill, Chief, Pulmonary Diseases Division, Tulane University School of Medicine, *ASBESTOS: SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY*.
- February 21, The Honourable Allan E. Gotlieb, O.C, Ambassador to the United States, Washington, D.C., *CANADA AND THE U.S.: TRADE REALITIES*.
- February 28, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, Mr. John P. Fisher, President and Chief Executive Officer, Southam Inc., *INFORMATION AND DECISIONS IN A DEMOCRACY*.
- March 7, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Donald Mitchell, Music Critic, London, *THE MAHLER PHENOMENON with musical illustrations*.
- March 14, Dr. Judith G. Hall, Professor of Medical Genetics, University of British Columbia, Director, Clinical Genetics Unit, Grace Hospital, Vancouver, *MEDICAL GENETICS AND YOUR FAMILY*.
- March 21, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor George S. Bain, Director, School

of Industrial and, Business Studies, Warwick University, *INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: CONFLICT OR COOPERATION*.

March 28, Professor John Charles Polanyi, C.C., Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto, *THE MOLECULAR DANCE IN CHEMICAL REACTIONS*.

FALL 1987

September 26, Dr. Peter North, Principal, Jesus College, Oxford University, *SEX, SPIES, AND SECRETS*.

October 3, Dr. Helmut Kyrieleis, Director, German Archaeological Institute, Athens, Greece, *EXCAVATIONS AT OLYMPIA*.

October 10, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Sir Owen Chadwick, O.M., Regius Professor of Modern Religious History, Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, *THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN HISTORY*.

October 17, Professor Jesse Brewer, Department of Physics, University of British Columbia, *HIGH-TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTIVITY*.

October 24, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. E. Arthur Bell, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England, *BOTANY AND THE SURVIVAL OF MANKIND*.

October 31, Dr. Donald Brian Calne, Head, Division of Neurology, Health Sciences Centre Hospital, University of British Columbia, *NEW APPROACHES TO OLD DISEASES*.

November 7, The Honourable Sir Gordon Slynn, Court of Justice, European Community, *TRADE ACROSS FRONTIERS - A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE*.

November 14, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Edward G. Seidensticker, Department of Japanese Studies, Columbia University and The University of Hawaii, *THE WORLD'S OLDEST NOVEL: "TALE OF GENJI."*

November 21, Dr. Sandra Djwa, Chairman, Department of English, Simon Fraser University, *FRANK SCOTT: THE POLITICS OF THE IMAGINATION.*

November 28, Dr. Erich Vogt, Director, TRIUMF, University of British Columbia, *THE KAON FACTORY*.

SPRING 1988

January 23, Professor Duncan Kennedy, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, *RADICALISM IN ELITE INSTITUTIONS*.

January 30, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, Mr. Peter Calami, Correspondent, Southam Inc., Washington, D.C., *ILLITERACY: NAMING THE GUILTY PARTY*.

February 6, Dean Nancy Sheehan, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia, *EDUCATION AND SOCIETY: INSIGHTS FROM THE PAST*.

February 13, Dr. Robert Gallo, Chief, Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, *VIRUSES, CANCER AND*

AIDS: TODAY AND TOMORROW.

- February 20, Mr. Donald Fullerton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, *THE OUTLOOK FOR GLOBAL BANKING.*
- February 27, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Charles Taylor, Department of Political Science, McGill University, *THE INNER SELF.*
- March 5, Professor Werner Israel, Department of Physics, University of Alberta, Edmonton, *FROM WHITE DWARFS TO BLACK HOLES: THE STORY OF A REVOLUTIONARY IDEA.*
- March 12, Mr. Earl Foell, Editor-in-Chief, The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Massachusetts, *THE RISE AND FALL OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE?*
- March 19, The J.V. Clyne Lecture, Mr. Kenneth Dye, Auditor General of Canada, Ottawa, *FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND THE FEDERAL DEFICIT.*

FALL 1988

- September 24, Mr. Gordon Fairweather, O.C., Q.C., Chairman, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa, *CANADA'S NEW IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE POLICY.*
- October 1, Professor Anthony Arrott, Department of Physics, Simon Fraser University, *SCIENCE AND PEACE: COPING WITH OUR CREATIONS.*
- October 8, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Winslow Briggs, Director of Plant Biology, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Stanford University, *PLANTS THAT FOLLOW THE SUN.*
- October 15, Dr. Kurt Sontheimer, Professor of Political Science, Geschwister-Scholl-Institut für Politische Wissenschaft, University of Munich, *THOMAS MANN AND HIS POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT.*
- October 22, Professor Julia Levy, Department of Microbiology, University of British Columbia, *A NEW APPROACH TO CANCER THERAPY.*
- October 29, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Robert Darnton, Department of History, Princeton University, *THE LITERARY REVOLUTION OF 1789.*
- November 5, Miss Mary Eberts, Partner, Tory, Tory, DesLauriers and Binnington, Barristers and Solicitors, Toronto, *THE EQUALITY GAP: CANADIAN LAW AND WOMEN'S REALITY.*
- November 12, Dr. Gottfried Helferich Wagner, Author, Journalist, Stage Director, Milan, Italy, *NIETZSCHE AND WAGNER: THEIR OEUVRES AND PERSONALITIES.*
- November 19, Professor Peter Hochachka, Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia, *MEN OF THE ANDES AND SEALS OF ANTARCTICA.*
- November 26, Miss Pauline Mary Webb, Writer and Broadcaster, London, En-

gland, *THE MEDIA AND MORALITY*.

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- January 28, Dr. Paul A. Keown, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia and Director, B.C. Transplant Society, *NEW PARTS FOR OLD: AN ODYSSEY IN MEDICINE*.
- February 4, Mr. Murray Schafer, Composer, Music educator and author, Toronto, Ontario, *AN EVENING WITH MURRAY SCHAFER*.
- February 11, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, Mr. Peter C. Newman, O.C., Author and Editor, British Columbia, *DOES CANADA HAVE A FUTURE?*
- February 18, Professor Patricia Baird, Head, Medical Genetics, University of British Columbia, *GENETICS AND HEALTH CARE: CHALLENGE AND CHOICE*.
- February 25, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Seymour M. Lipset, Departments of Political Science and Sociology, Stanford University, *DISTINCTIVE NATIONS: THE VALUES, AND CULTURE OF CANADA AND THE U.S.*
- March 4, J.V. Clyne Lecture, Professor John Fleming, Faculty of Law, University of California (Berkeley), *THE INSURANCE CRISIS*.
- March 11, Dean Gary Heinke, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto, *OUR FAILING URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE*.
- March 18, Dean William S. Fyfe, Faculty of Science, University of Western Ontario, *CHANGE ON PLANET EARTH*.
- March 25, The E.S. Woodward Lecture, Professor Thomas Schelling, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, *STRATEGIC ARMS CONTROL: WHAT MAKES SENSE?*
- April 1, Dr. Geraldine Kenney-Wallace, Chairman, Science Council of Canada, *MOLECULAR CHOREOGRAPHY WITH LASERS*.

FALL 1989

- September 23, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Stephen Ambrose, Department of History, University of New Orleans, *EISENHOWER, NIXON AND THE MODERN AMERICAN PRESIDENCY*.
- September 30, Dal Grauer Lecture, Dr. Zara Steiner, College Lecturer and Fellow in History, New Hall, Cambridge, *MRS. THATCHER'S BRITAIN: AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW*.
- October 7, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, M. J. M. LeClezio, Novelist and Essayist, Nice, France, *SACRED CITIES*.
- October 14, Dal Grauer Lecture, Professor Marilyn French, Department of English and American Literature, Harvard University, *BEYOND POWER*.

- October 21, Professor Alan Rudrum, Department of English, Simon Fraser University, *THE DOMINATION OF NATURE: EARLY MODERN THOUGHT AND ECOLOGICAL CRISIS*.
- October 28, Professor Robert Evans, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia, *WHY ARE SOME PEOPLE HEALTHY AND OTHERS NOT?*
- November 4, Dr. Françoise Pommaret-Imaeda, Author and Anthropologist, Thimphu, Bhutan, *INSIDE BHUTAN*.
- November 11, Professor Alexander Woodside, Department of History, University of British Columbia, *EMPERORS AND DEMOCRATS IN CHINA*.
- November 18, Professor Richard Lipsey, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University, *HIGH-TECH AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: WHERE IS IT TAKING CANADA?*
- November 25, Canadian Red Cross Society Lecture, Dr. Robert Gale, Faculty of Medicine, University of California (Los Angeles), *NUCLEAR ENERGY, NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS, AND NUCLEAR WAR*.

SPRING 1990

- January 27, Vancouver Sun Lecture, Mr. Geoffrey Stevens, Author and Journalist, Toronto, Ontario, *UNEASY BEDFELLOWS: POLITICIANS AND THE PRESS*.
- February 3, E.S. Woodward Lecture, Professor Paul Krugman, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *THIRD WORLD DEBT: THEIR PROBLEM OR OURS?*
- February 10, Dr. Gary Rogers, Pacific Geoscience Centre, Victoria, B.C., *EARTHQUAKES*.
- February 17, Professor Anthony Giddens, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Cambridge University, *THE FUTURE OF MODERN SOCIETIES*.
- February 24, Dr. Hansgerd Hellenkemper, Director, Romisch-Germanisches Museum, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany, *COLOGNE — ARCHEOLOGY IN A LIVING CITY*.
- March 3, J.V. Clyne Lecture, Professor Martin K. Whyte, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), *CHINA'S STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS: THEIR SOCIAL ROOTS*.
- March 10, Mr. Philip Keatley, Drama Development Department, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Vancouver, B.C., *TELEVISION DRAMA IN CANADA: THE END OF THE LINE?*
- March 17, Cecil & Ida Green Lecture, Professor Brunilde Ridgway, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, *THE PARTHENON AND CLASSICAL GREEK SCULPTURE*.
- March 24, Cecil & Ida Green Lecture, Professor Richard Doll, Oxford University, *PROGRESS AGAINST CANCER: AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST'S ASSESS-*

MENT.

March 31, Dean William S. Fyfe, Faculty of Science, University of Western Ontario, *CHANGE ON PLANET EARTH.*

FALL 1990

September 29, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. John L. Harper, FRS, Agricultural Research Council, United Kingdom, *GLOBAL WARMING.*

October 6, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Milan Simecka, Philosopher, essayist, literary critic, and, Councillor to the President of Czechoslovakia, *THE POLITICS OF LITERATURE: THE RESTORATION OF FREEDOM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.*

October 13, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Bruce N. Ames, Chairman, Department of Biochemistry, University of California (Berkeley), *CARCINOGENS AND AGING.*

October 20, Dr. G. Langguth, Head, Representation of the European Communities to the Federal Republic of Germany, Bonn, *GERMAN UNITY - WHAT NEXT?*

October 27, Dal Grauer Memorial Lecture, Professor William A. Brock, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin (Madison), *CHAOS THEORY.*

November 3, Dr. William J. Raduchel, Chief Financial Officer, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Mt. View, California, *INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.*

November 10, Dr. Max Cynader, Professor and Director of Research, Department of Ophthalmology, University of British Columbia, *SPACE, TIME, SEEING AND HEARING: CORTICAL MECHANISMS OF SENSING.*

November 17, President David Strong, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., *UNIVERSITIES ON A CHANGING EARTH.*

November 24, Archbishop E.W. Scott, C.C., Anglican Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, *EUROPEAN COLONIALISM AND ITS IMPACT ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.*

December 1, Professor Saul Wolfe, Department of Chemistry, Simon Fraser University, *DRUG RECEPTOR INTERACTIONS: A CHEMIST'S APPROACH.*

SPRING 1991

January 26, The Vancouver Sun Annual Lecture, The Honourable Philippe Deane Gigantes, The Senate of Canada, Ottawa, *THE FATE OF CANADA.*

February 2, J.V. Clyne Lecture, Mr. J. Christopher Thomas, Ladner Downs, Barristers and Solicitors, Vancouver, B.C., *THE GATT, PROTECTIONISM AND CONTINENTALISM: A NEW INTERNATIONAL TRADING OR-*

DER?

- February 9, Dr. Leon Lederman, Director, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Illinois, *PARTICLE PHYSICS: MILETUS TO WAXAHACHEE — A TALE OF TWO CITIES*.
- February 16, Professor Jane Coop, School of Music, University of British Columbia, *MOZART'S GENIUS: A PIANIST'S PERSPECTIVE*.
- February 23, Professor Josef Paul Kleihues, Dipl.-Ing., Kleihues Architect, Berlin, *ARCHITECTURE AND THE SPIRIT OF THE CITY*.
- March 2, His Excellency Yves Fortier, O.C., Q.C., Ambassador and Permanent Representative, The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York, *THE UNITED NATIONS AFTER THE COLD WAR*.
- March 9, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Ronald Melzack, Department of Psychology, McGill University, *THE TRAGEDY OF NEEDLESS PAIN*.
- March 16, Professor Christine Boyle, Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, *SEXUAL ASSAULT: ISSUES WHICH WON'T GO AWAY*.
- March 23, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Arnold Demain, Department of Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *BIOTECHNOLOGY: BLOTTING AND DOTTING; BUBBLING AND BOILING*.
- March 30, Dr. A. Michael Parfitt, Director, Bone & Mineral Research Laboratory, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, *FRAGILE BONES IN FRAIL PEOPLE: A BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE ON AGE-RELATED FRACTURES*.

FALL 1991

- September 28, Leon and Thea Koerner Lecture, Dr. Christopher M. Andrew, Director of Studies in History, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, *THE KGB: FROM LENIN TO GORBACHEV*.
- October 5, Professor Ivan L. Head, O.C., Q.C., President, IDRC, Ottawa, *A WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN*.
- October 12, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Lotfi A. Zadeh, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, University of California (Berkeley), *FUZZY LOGIC: PRINCIPLES, APPLICATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES*.
- October 19, Professor Keith N. Slessor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Simon Fraser University, *AN ESSENCE OF ROYALTY: QUEEN HONEYBEE PHEROMONES*.
- October 26, Dean Michael A. Goldberg, Faculty of Commerce, University of British Columbia, *VANCOUVER: NORTH AMERICA'S FIRST PACIFIC RIM CITY*.
- November 2, Professor Terence G. McGee, Director, Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, *THE MEGA CITIES OF EASTERN ASIA*:

A NEW PHASE IN GLOBAL URBANIZATION.

November 9, Professor Shelley Page, Department of Physics, University of Manitoba, *SYMMETRIES IN PHYSICS.*

November 16, E.S. Woodward Lecture, Professor Oliver S. Hart, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *THE MODERN CORPORATION: THE THEORY OF ITS FINANCIAL STRUCTURE.*

November 23, Judge Rosalie Abella, Chair, Ontario Law Reform Commission, *LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY: WHO DECIDES?*

November 30, Professor Erich W. Vogt, O.C., Director, TRIUMF, University of British Columbia, *THE KAON FACTORY IS BORN.*

SPRING 1992

January 18, Dr. David A. Pyke, CBE,MD,FRCP, Registrar, Royal College of Physicians, UK, *DIABETES: WHAT CAUSES IT; CAN WE CURE IT?*

January 25, The Vancouver Sun Lecture, Mr. James Delgado, Executive Director, Vancouver Maritime Museum, *THE ARCHEOLOGY OF THE ATOMIC BOMB.*

February 1, Dr. Frank Close, Head, Theoretical Physics, Rutherford Laboratory, Oxfordshire, UK, *COLD FUSION: TOO HOT TO HANDLE.*

February 8, Dean M. Patricia Marchak, Faculty of Arts, University of British Columbia, *THE INTEGRATED CIRCUS: THE NEW RIGHT AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF GLOBAL MARKETS.*

February 15, Professor George Bowering, Department of English, Simon Fraser University, *READINGS AND COMMENTARY.*

February 22, Professor Peter Crowcroft, Department of Zoology, The University of Texas at Austin, *WHY HAVE ZOOS?*

February 29, The J.V. Clyne Lecture, The Right Honourable Brian Dickson, PC, CC, Chief Justice of Canada, Retired, *THE CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS: HAS IT AMERICANIZED THE CANADIAN JUDICIARY?*

March 7, The Honourable Mr. Justice Peter Seaton, B.C. Court of Appeal, Vancouver, *WILL MEDICARE SURVIVE?*

March 14, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor David Gauthier, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, *MAKING MORALITY.*

March 21, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Harry B. Gray, Department of Chemistry, Caltech, *CHEMISTRY AND SOLAR ENERGY.*

March 28, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Theodor Meron, School of Law, New York University, *SHAKESPEARE'S HENRY V AND THE LAWS OF WAR.*

FALL 1992

- September 26, The Hon. Mr. Justice Jean-Louis Baudouin, Quebec Court of Appeal, Montreal, Quebec, *MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY: HOW FAR CAN THE LAW GO?*
- October 3, Professor E.H. Williams, Department of Classics, University of British Columbia, *THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF A VAMPIRE or DIGGING UP ANCIENT LESBOS.*
- October 10, Professor Donald Vandenberg, Physics Department, University of Victoria, *STAR CLUSTERS, STELLAR EVOLUTION, AND COSMOLOGY.*
- October 17, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor David Shulman, Institute of Asian and African Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *PLAYING DICE WITH GOD: MYTHS OF SIVA AND THE FEMININE.*
- October 24, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Alan Watson, School of Law, The University of Georgia, *RELIGION AND WAR IN ANCIENT ROME: LESSONS FOR MODERN CONFLICT.*
- October 31, Mr Peter Wrist, President and CEO, Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada, Pointe Claire, Quebec, *SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FOREST, PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.*
- November 7, Leon and Thea Koerner Lecture, Dr. Caroline Barron, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London, *WOMEN IN MEDIEVAL LONDON.*
- November 10, Special Joint Lecture with External Affairs Canada, 1992 O. D. Skelton Memorial Lecture, Dr. Maurice Strong, Secretary-General, United Nations' Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro.
- November 14, Professor Lawrence E. Stager, Director, The Semitic Museum, Harvard University, *EXCAVATIONS AT ASHKELON: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE PHILISTINES.*
- November 21, Professor Alan D. Aberbach, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, *GIUSEPPE VERDI: LIBERTY, CATHOLICISM, AND THE RISE OF ITALIAN NATIONALISM.*
- November 28, Professor Cole Harris, Geography Department, University of British Columbia, *THE BACKGROUND OF THE NATIVE LAND QUESTION IN B.C.*
- December 5, Dal Grauer Memorial Lecture, Ms. Lucy Lippard, Art Critic, Historian and Author, New York, *TOWARDS A POST-COLUMBIAN WORLD: MULTICULTURALISM, HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY ART.*

SPRING 1993

- January 23, Professor Stella Miller-Collett, Department of Classics, University of

Cincinnati, *TOMBS AND TREASURES OF ANCIENT MACEDONIA: RECENT DISCOVERIES IN NORTHERN GREECE.*

January 30, Dr. W. Mark Fruin, Director, Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, *KNOWLEDGE-BASED COMPETITION: THE JAPANESE CHALLENGE.*

February 6, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Carolyn Merchant, Department of Conservation and Resource Studies, University of California (Berkeley), *REINVENTING NATURE.*

February 13, The Vancouver Sun Lecture, Mr. Moshe Safdie, O.C., Architect and Urban Designer, Toronto, Montreal, Boston and Jerusalem, *ARCHITECTURE IN SEARCH OF THE PUBLIC REALM.*

February 20, E. Gordon Young Memorial Lecture, Dr. Alan R. Fersht, Department of Organic Chemistry, Cambridge University, *PROTEIN ENGINEERING: BASIC RESEARCH AND BIOTECHNOLOGY.*

February 27, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Homero Aridjis, Poet, Novelist, Activist, Diplomat, Mexico City, *1492: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JUAN CABEZON OF CASTILE: THE HISTORY OF AN HISTORICAL NOVEL.*

March 6, Leon and Thea Koerner Lecture, Professor Michael Posner, Director, Institute of Cognitive and Decision Sciences, University of Oregon, *IMAGES OF MIND: PICTORIAL REVIEW OF BRAIN CHANGES DURING THOUGHT.*

March 13, Ms. Phyllis Webb, O.C., Poet, educator, broadcaster, Salt Spring Island, *POETRY AND PSYCHOBIOGRAPHY.*

March 20, Dr. David Vogt, Director of Science, Science World, Vancouver, *CANADA'S STONEHENGES.*

March 27, Professor Ann Scales, School of Law, and Professor Jane Caputi, Department of American Studies, University of New Mexico, *THE PORNOGRAPHY OF EVERYDAY LIFE.*

FALL 1993

September 25, Mr. Michael Jacobs, Research Fellow, Centre for the Study of Environmental Change and Department of Philosophy, Lancaster University, UK, *SYMBOLS OF REVOLT: ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND BEYOND.*

October 2, The Honourable Nathan M. Shamuyarira, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Zimbabwe, *SOUTHERN AFRICA IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER.*

October 9, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Karl J. Åström, Department of Automatic Control, Lund Institute of Technology, Sweden, *BLACK BOXES AND WHITE NOISE.*

October 16, Mr. John Gray, Playwright, composer, novelist, Vancouver, *AN EVENING WITH JOHN GRAY.*

- October 23, Professor Julian Davies, Head, Department of Microbiology, University of British Columbia, *THE RISE AND FALL OF ANTIBIOTICS*.
- October 30, Professor William Fisher, Department of Psychology, The University of Western Ontario, *REDUCING THE RISK: UNDERSTANDING AND PROMOTING AIDS-PREVENTIVE BEHAVIOUR*.
- November 6, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Wallace Broecker, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University, *IS FOSSIL FUEL CO₂ GREENING THE EARTH?*
- November 13, Dr. Michael Hayden, Department of Medical Genetics, University of British Columbia, *GENES R US: THE LINK BETWEEN OUR PAST AND FUTURE*.
- November 20, Sir Crispin Tickell, Warden, Green College, Oxford University, *THE UNITED NATIONS IN PEACE AND WAR*.
- November 27, Professor Susan Kieffer, Head, Department of Geological Sciences, University of British Columbia, *RESEARCHING THE EARTH: LIVING IT, LOVING IT, SHARING IT*.

SPRING 1994

- January 22, The Vancouver Sun Lecture, President John Stubbs, Simon Fraser University, *COMPUTERIZING THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY*.
- January 29, E.S. Woodward Lecture, Professor Andrei Shleifer, Department of Economics, Harvard University, *PRIVATIZING RUSSIA*.
- February 5, Professor Julia Cruikshank, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, *THE DISCOVERY OF KLONDIKE GOLD: CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FIRST NATIONS' ORAL TRADITION*.
- February 12, Dr. Murray G. Smith, Director, Institute for Trade and Law, Carleton University and University of Ottawa, *AFTER NAFTA: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?*
- February 19, Professor Patricia Baird, Department of Medical Genetics, University of British Columbia, *PROCEED WITH CARE: NEW REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN CANADA*.
- February 26, Mr. Angelo Delivorrias, Director, Benaki Museum, Athens, *IN THE SHADOW OF THE PARTHENON: BUILDING THE NEW BENAKI MUSEUM*.
- March 5, Professor Richard Ericson, Principal, Green College, University of British Columbia, *THE DECLINE OF INNOCENCE*.
- March 12, Ms. Eleanor Wachtel, CBC, Toronto, *THE LIVES OF WRITERS*.
- March 19, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Richard Rorty, Department of Philosophy, University of Virginia, *DO WE NEED ETHICAL PRINCIPLES?*
- March 26, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Stanley Falkow, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Stanford University School of Medi-

ciné, *DIARRHEA, TUBERCULOSIS, AND GENETIC ENGINEERING*.

FALL 1994

- September 24, Bel N. Nemetz Lecture, Dr. Michael Smith, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Director of Biotechnology Laboratory, University of British Columbia, *THE NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY, 1993*.
- October 1, Dr. Richard Taylor, Stanford Linear Accelerator, Stanford University, *SMALL, SMALLER! SMALLEST? - THE FINDING OF THE QUARK*.
- October 8, Mr. Mavor Moore, O.C., Playwright, Actor, Producer, Critic, Victoria, B.C., *RE-INVENTING CANADA*.
- October 15, President Geoffrey Weller, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, B.C., *THE FUTURE OF THE CANADIAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, IN THE POST COLD WAR WORLD*.
- October 22, J.V. Clyne Lecture, Professor Frithjof Bergmann, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), *THE FUTURE OF WORK; THE FUTURE OF CULTURE*.
- October 29, Professor David Owen Norris, Royal Academy of Music, London, *THE CRAFT OF MUSIC*.
- November 5, Professor Derek Gregory, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, "A BOATING TRIP INTERSPERSED WITH RUINS": *IMAGINED GEOGRAPHIES OF EGYPT*.
- November 12, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Lynn Margulis, Distinguished University Professor, Department of Biology, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), *GAIA - THE LIVING EARTH FROM SPACE*.
- November 19, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Sir Martin Rees, Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge University, *OUR UNIVERSE AND OTHERS*.
- November 26, Professor Robert Anderson, Director, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University, *INTERVENORS IN TROUBLE: COMMUNICATION IN CONFLICT*.
- December 3, Dr. Jack Granatstein, Distinguished Research Professor of History, York University, *THE GENERALS: THE CANADIAN ARMY'S SENIOR COMMANDERS IN WWII*.

SPRING 1995

- February 4, Dr. Jill Ker Conway, former President, Smith College, Amherst, Massachusetts, *GETTING TO KNOW CANADA*.
- February 11, Mr. Robert Bateman, Saltspring Island, B.C., *AN EVENING WITH ROBERT BATEMAN: ARTIST AND ENVIRONMENTALIST*.
- February 18, Professor Anthony Sinclair, Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia, *IS CONSERVATION A LOST CAUSE? FROM B.C.*

TO AFRICA.

- February 25, E.S. Woodward Lecture, Dr. Robin Boadway, Sir Edward Peacock Professor of Economic Theory, Queen's University, *REFORMING SOCIAL POLICY: CAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DELIVER?*
- March 4, Dr. John Ford, Vancouver Aquarium, Vancouver, B.C., *KILLER SOCIETIES: THE NATURAL HISTORY AND CULTURE OF KILLER WHALES.*
- March 11, The Vancouver Sun Lecture, Mr. Angus Reid, Pollster and Political Analyst, Vancouver, B.C., *THE FUTURE OF CANADA AND QUEBEC: PATHS OF CONVERGENCE OR DIVERGENCE?*
- March 18, Ms. Audrey Thomas, Novelist, Galiano Island, B.C., *AN EVENING WITH AUDREY THOMAS.*
- March 25, Mr. Jeffrey Simpson, Columnist, *The Globe & Mail*, Ottawa, *REFLECTIONS ON THE UNITED STATES.*
- April 8, Professor Roger Penrose, Department of Mathematics, Oxford University, *THE EMPEROR'S NEW MIND REVISITED.*

FALL 1995

- September 30, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Ann Saddlemyer, OC, former Master, Massey College, University of Toronto, *OUT OF A MEDIUM'S MOUTH: W.B. YEATS AND HIS WIFE GEORGE CREATE "A VISION."*
- October 14, J.V. Clyne Lecture, Mr. Alex Colville, CC, Artist, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, *CANADIAN CULTURE AT THE MILLENNIUM.*
- October 21, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Karl W. Butzer, Dickson Centennial Professor of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas, Austin, *AFTER 1492: REFLECTIONS ON THE COLUMBIAN CONTROVERSY.*
- October 28, Dr. David Bates, former Dean of Medicine, University of British Columbia, *GROWTH WITHOUT AIR POLLUTION: VANCOUVER AND ELSEWHERE.*
- November 4, Dr. Maria Klawe, Vice-President, University of British Columbia, *IS "EDUTAINMENT" AN OXYMORON?*
- November 11, Professor Ivan Head, OC, Faculty of Law and Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, *SHAPING CANADA'S FOREIGN POLICY, 1968-84.*
- November 18, Mr. Robert Grenier, Head, Underwater Archaeology, Parks Canada, Ottawa, *RED BAY: A 16TH CENTURY BASQUE SEAFARING, SHIP-BUILDING AND WHALING SITE IN LABRADOR.*
- November 25, Professor Carl Walters, Fisheries Centre and Department of Zoology, University of British Columbia, *THE CRISIS IN CANADIAN FISHERIES.*
- December 2, Professor Verena Tunnicliffe, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences/Biology, University of Victoria, *A DEEP SEA FANTASY WORLD.*

December 9, Mr. Peter C. Newman, CC, Author, Saltspring Island, B.C., *THE CANADIAN REVOLUTION: FROM DEFERENCE TO DEFIANCE 1985-1995*.

SPRING 1996

January 27, Dr. Fraser Mustard, President, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Toronto, *PROSPERITY OR DECLINE: CANADA'S CHOICE*.

February 3, Professor Robert Evans, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia, *HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND CUNNING? PROFIT AND LOSS FROM HEALTH CARE REFORM*.

February 10, Mme. Lysanne Gagnon, Columnist, *La Presse* and *Globe and Mail*, *BETWEEN TWO REFERENDUMS: THE FUTURE OF QUEBEC AND CANADA*.

February 17, Professor Patricia Shaw, Department of Linguistics, University of British Columbia, *THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE: ENDANGERED LANGUAGES*.

February 24, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Roald Hoffman, John A. Newman Professor of Physical Science, Cornell University, *ONE CULTURE: WHAT ART AND SCIENCE HAVE IN COMMON (AND HOW THEY DIFFER)*

March 2, The Rt. Honorable A. Kim Campbell, Prime Minister of Canada, 1993, *WHAT'S A NICE COUNTRY LIKE US, DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?*

March 9, E.S. Woodward Lecture, Professor Jeffrey Williamson, Department of Economics, Harvard University, *DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBALIZATION: THE LONG VIEW*.

March 13, Mr. Albert Reynolds, Prime Minister (1992-1994), Republic of Ireland, *THE PEACE PROCESS IN IRELAND*.

March 16, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Stewart Clegg, Department of Management and Marketing, University of Western Sydney, *THE RHYTHM OF THE SAINTS*.

March 23, Professor Timothy Jones, Department of Anthropology, McGill University, *MYRRH, MEDICINE AND MAASAI IN THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY*.

March 30, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Paul Falkowski, Oceanographic & Atmospheric Sciences Division, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York, *PHYTOPLANKTON, OIL FUTURES AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE*.

FALL 1996

September 28, Major-General Guy Tousignant, Canadian Forces Headquarters Ottawa, *PEACEKEEPING: SOLDIERS AND AID WORKERS - PART-*

NERS APART.

- October 5, Professor Pat Marchak, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of British Columbia, *UNIVERSITIES AFTER A MILLENNIUM: WHITHER OR WITHER?*
- October 19, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Dominick LaCapra, Professor of Intellectual History, Cornell University, *HISTORY AND MEMORY: THE SHADOW OF THE HOLOCAUST.*
- October 26, Grauer Lecture, Professor Koichiro Fujikura, Faculty of Law, Waseda University, Japan, *WHAT CAN WE RETURN TO THE EARTH? JAPANESE POLLUTION EXPERIENCES.*
- November 2, Ms. Mary Pratt, Artist, Newfoundland, *AN EVENING WITH MARY PRATT.*
- November 9, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Carole Pateman, Department of Political Science, UCLA, *DEMOCRATIZATION: QUESTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2000.*
- November 16, Professor Ira Nadel, Department of English, University of British Columbia, *LEONARD COHEN: "THE ONLY TOURIST IN HAVANA."*
- November 23, Mr. Chuck Davis, Author, Vancouver, B.C., *TODAY, VANCOUVER; TOMORROW, EVERYTHING.*
- November 30, Professor Alan Cairns, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, *CANADA: CAN WE SURVIVE?*

SPRING 1997

- January 25, Dr. Martha Piper, President Designate, University of British Columbia, *BRAINPOWER: THE NEW NATURAL RESOURCE.*
- February 1, Mr. Michael Harcourt, former Premier, Province of B.C., *DEMOCRACY IN PERIL.*
- February 8, Mr. David Adams Richards, Novelist, Saint John, New Brunswick, *AN EVENING WITH DAVID ADAMS RICHARDS.*
- February 15, Dr. Max Cynader, Department of Ophthalmology, University of British Columbia, *BRAINS, GENES AND SOCIETY.*
- February 22, Mr. Bing Thom, Bing Thom Architects, Vancouver, *FROM THE GROUND UP: DESIGNING AND BUILDING A NEW CITY IN CHINA.*
- March 1, Dr. Joseph Rotblat, 1995 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, *HOW TO GET RID OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.*
- March 8, Dr. Connie Eaves, Deputy Director, Terry Fox Laboratory, Vancouver, *THE ORIGIN OF BLOOD CELLS: A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH.*
- March 12, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Ms. Slavenka Drakulic, Novelist and Political Commentator, London, *WORDS AND BULLETS: A WRITER AND THE WAR.*
- March 15, Professor Richard Pollay, Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration, University of British Columbia, *A PACK OF LIES: THE TRUTH*

ABOUT CIGARETTE ADVERTISING.

March 22, E.S. Woodward Lecture, Professor Richard Blundell, University College, London, *REFORMING OUR TAX AND WELFARE SYSTEM.*

April 5, Professor Peter Borwein, Shrum Professor, Simon Fraser University, *NEWTON ON LINE: THE ELECTRONIC REVOLUTION IN MATHEMATICS.*

April 12, Professor Stanley Fish, Department of English, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, and Professor John Fekete, Cultural Studies, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, *ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND THE INCLUSIVE UNIVERSITY.*

FALL 1997

September 20, Mr. William Thorsell, Editor-in-Chief, *The Globe and Mail*, *GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS: POWER IN CANADIAN MEDIA AND POLITICS.*

September 27, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Bruno Messerli, Institute of Geography, University of Berne, Switzerland, *MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS: THE LAST FRONTIER.*

October 4, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Anthony B. Atkinson, Warden, Nuffield College, Oxford University, *CAN WELFARE STATES COMPETE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY?*

October 18, Professor Larry Cuban, School of Education, Stanford University, *WHAT ARE GOOD SCHOOLS, AND WHY ARE THEY SO HARD TO GET?*

October 25, Dean Moura Quayle, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of British Columbia, *URBAN COUNTRYSIDE ~ RURAL METROPOLIS.*

November 1, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Jonathan Dollimore, Graduate Research Centre for the Humanities, Sussex University, *FROM HOMOSEXUAL TO BISEXUAL: EROTIC DISSONANCE AT THE END OF THE CENTURY.*

November 8, Professor David Kennedy, Department of History, Stanford University, *IMMIGRATION: WHAT THE U.S. CAN LEARN FROM CANADA.*

November 15, J.V. Clyne Lecture, Professor Harry Arthurs, O.C., Faculty of Law, Osgoode Hall, York University, *GLOBALIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS.*

November 22, Mr Bruce Pullan, Director, The Vancouver Bach Choir, *THE HUMAN VOICE.*

November 29, Professor Heribert Adam, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Simon Fraser University, *CONTRADICTIONS OF LIBERATION: TRUTH, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.*

December 6, Special Lecture and Concert, Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, Professor Robert Silverman, School of Music, University of British Columbia, *ON PERFORMING BEETHOVEN.*

SPRING 1998

- January 31, Mr. David Baines, Reporter/Columnist, *The Vancouver Sun*, *LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER: THE VSE AND THE EXPLOITATION OF SPECULATION*.
- February 7, Professor Wayson Choy, Author and Novelist, Toronto, *THE IMPORTANCE OF STORY: THE HUNGER FOR PERSONAL NARRATIVE*.
- February 14, Professor Richard White, Department of History, University of Washington, *HISTORY AS THE ENEMY OF MEMORY: AN ANATOMY OF REMEMBERING*.
- February 28, Professor Michael Church, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, *A RIVER IN TIME: THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE FRASER RIVER*.
- March 7, Professor Kal Holsti, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, *WAR IN THE 20TH CENTURY: CAN WE DO BETTER IN THE 21ST?*
- March 14, Professor Martin Perl, Stanford University, *WHAT EINSTEIN COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN: VERY SMALL PARTICLES AND VERY HIGH ENERGIES*.
- March 21, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Angeliki E. Laiou, Director, Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University, *TWO VERSIONS OF CHRISTIAN WARFARE: THE CRUSADES AND THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE*.
- March 28, Professor Stanley Coren, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia, *DOGS AND PEOPLE: THE HISTORY AND PSYCHOLOGY OF A RELATIONSHIP*.
- April 4, Professor Carol Shields, Author, Winnipeg, *MAKING WORDS/FINDING STORIES*.

FALL 1998

- September 26, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Thomas King, Department of English, Guelph University, *A WASTED EVENING WITH THOMAS KING*.
- October 3, Dal Grauer Lecture, Paul Fussell, Donald T. Regan Professor of English Literature, University of Pennsylvania, *THE POETRY OF THREE WARS: WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, AND VIETNAM*.
- October 17, Professor James Hudson, Department of Pathology, U.B.C., *EVALUATION OF MOTHER NATURE'S ANTIVIRALS: TRADITIONAL MEDICINE MEETS MODERN SCIENCE*.
- October 24, Dal Grauer Lecture, Ms. Karen Armstrong, Author, teacher and commentator, London, *A HISTORY OF GOD*.
- October 31, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor William Chafe, Dean of Arts, Duke University, *FEMINISM AND CIVIL RIGHTS: A COMPARATIVE*

STUDY OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS.

- November 7, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Professor Bruno Latour, Centre de Sociologie, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines, Paris, *ON SEEING PARIS AS A WHOLE: THE NOTION OF PANOPTICON.*
- November 14, Cecil and Ida Green Lecture, Dr. Timothy O’Riordan, Professor of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, *ENVIRONMENTALISM IS DEAD: LONG LIVE SUSTAINABILITY.*
- November 21, Leon and Thea Koerner Lecture, Dr. William Cronon, Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin (Madison), *RETHINKING THE FOUNDATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTALISM.*
- November 28, Dal Grauer Lecture, Mr. John Ralston Saul, Novelist and essayist, Toronto, *DEMOCRACY AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBAL ECONOMICS.*
- December 5, Dr. Gail Anderson, Department of Criminology, Simon Fraser University, *MURDER AND MAGGOTS: THE USE OF INSECTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.*

APPENDIX 3: Presidents of the Vancouver Institute, 1916-99

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1929/30	Dr. Samuel Petersky
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1933/34	Dr. G.M. Shrum
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1937/38	Mr. John Ridington
1938/39	Mr. John Ridington
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1942/43	Dr. M.Y. Williams
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APPENDIX 5: “Saturday Night at the Lectures,” by Andrew Purvis, Reprinted from the *UBC Alumni Chronicle*, Fall 1986.

In 1918, when Vancouver was still a rugged, outdoorsman’s town, the head of the Alpine Club of Canada gave a Vancouver Institute lecture on the “Peaks and Passes of the Canadian Rockies”. A record 330 Vancouverites pulled on their hobnail boots that evening and trudged over to the old UBC Assembly Hall on 10th and Willow for the latest tips on the mountains to the east.

Seven decades later, Margaret Atwood was slated to speak, her topic an esoteric “Blood and Thunder”, and another attendance mark was set when 2,000 lovers of literature packed into the Point Grey lecture halls for the Saturday night address.

If there is one constant in the rambling, intellectually intrepid history of the Vancouver Institute, which this fall celebrates its 70th year of free public lectures for the Vancouver community, it is an ear for the interests of the times.

“I thought it was too, scattered when I took it on,” says last year’s Institute president Professor Cole Harris, of a forum which in 1985 topped its all time membership high at 1,950. “But I was dead wrong. It is a movable feast of different people talking about the latest developments in every field.”

From the beginning, this wide-ranging topicality has been an Institute trademark. In 1919, former B.C. provincial forester and future logging magnate H.R. MacMillan spoke of the fortunes to be made in “The Forest Regions of British Columbia.” In the early days of World War II, UBC history professor Henry Angus warned his Institute audience that “Japan, when faced with a crisis, has never shrunk from a drastic solution,” predicting war with the Japanese 12 months before their bombers banked over Pearl Harbor.

And 15 years ago, then justice Minister John Turner, BA’49, after imposing the hotly debated War Measures Act during Quebec’s October Crisis, attacked the critics in his Institute address, “Law and Order: What Does It Mean?”

For 70 years, the Vancouver Institute has consistently provided this city with timely topics and celebrated speakers. But behind the

scenes, what may be North America's most venerated lecture forum has had to cope with its share of hard times. In fact the Institute would probably not be here today if it were not for a few, key individuals.

Frank Wesbrook, UBC's founding president, and S.D. Scott, editor of the now defunct Vancouver News-Advertiser, were the first.

One February afternoon in 1916, the two friends sat down to hammer out the details of a membership-supported weekly lecture forum which, they hoped, would combine the strengths of the young city and the younger university.

In the beginning, it was a two man operation. With an annual budget of less than \$60 a year, Scott and Wesbrook had to ferret out Vancouver's top minds themselves, and personally cart them over to the UBC Assembly Hall at 10th and Willow every Thursday night.

But not even the Assembly Hall could be depended on. In 1925, UBC abandoned the old Fairview shacks and moved to distant Point Grey, then separated from the city by several miles of rotten wooden planks and muddy track.

Institute organizers tried for a time to stay close to downtown audiences by scrounging around for free lecture space in church basements, old bingo halls, and vacant gymnasiums. Finally, in 1929, they followed the University out to Point Grey.

But the combination of no fixed location and, after 1929, distance from the downtown, took its toll on membership and attendance. One September evening the executive called an urgent meeting. They had to chip in a dollar each to keep the lectures alive.

In 1933, Gordon Shrum, then a 37 year old professor of physics, took over as Institute president, beginning 50 years as champion of the weekly series.

"Several times Shrum saved the Institute from disappearing altogether," says current program chairman Bel Nemetz.

Shrum's first scheme was to print notices each week, inviting lecture-goers to a reception that Saturday night, immediately after the address.

"If he could get, say, 40 guests," explains Nemetz, "that meant at least 40 would have to show up for the talk." Post-lecture parties are

now an Institute tradition.

To further boost attendance Shrum staged an extremely popular and heated debate over the future of UBC. Businessman George Kidd, author of the “Kidd Report” recommending closure of UBC, would argue that the University should be shut down, while professor of history Henry Angus was to argue that the gates remain open.

More than 1,000 people came for the widely advertised event. Nemetz, praising Professor Angus’s “brilliant mind”, recalls the outcome: “It was a complete rout. Kidd fled in moral and intellectual defeat.”

But enthusiasm for the talks at UBC was still only flickering.

What the lectures needed most was an overall warming of town-gown relations. And Eric Hamber, who took over as UBC Chancellor in 1944, was just the man for the job.

“Hamber really brought town and gown together,” says a long time patron of the Institute and close friend of Hamber, Evelyn Lett, BA’17. “He was a fine young man, with a very bright wife,” she recalls.

The Hambers put their charm to good use. They began throwing parties at their Point Grey home, inviting both university and city dignitaries. Lett herself, as wife of Sherwood Lett, a member of the UBC Board of Governors, sipped cocktails at many of these affairs.

“Pretty soon,” she says, “university women all of a sudden began being invited to city social functions.”

It was not until several decades later that the Institute began to acquire its current reputation. In 1960 Bel Nemetz, BA’35, became involved. As wife of that year’s president, Nathan Nemetz, BA’34, she helped bring to Vancouver, among others, British author and physicist C.P. Snow, Minister for External Affairs Howard Green, author and CBC correspondent Don Miniffee, and Justice Minister E. Davie Fulton, BA’36, plus three university presidents, one principal and three deans. Saturday night lectures that year were the best yet attended in Institute history.

Since formally taking over as program chairman in 1972, Bel Nemetz has personally commandeered, from her home telephone, most of the forum’s most eminent speakers.

“Basically the quality of recent programming has been thanks to the devotion of (Nemetz),” says former Institute president Cole Harris. “She is so charming, and so bright on the phone that (prospective speakers) find it very difficult to say no.”

The Dalai Lama of Tibet, anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss, and Nobel Laureate William Golding are among the victims of Nemetz’s entreaties. Margaret Atwood, after waiting patiently for the applause to die down before her “Blood and Thunder” speech last November, claimed “I am here only because of Bel Nemetz.”

The program chairman has several rooms in the back of her Point Grey home filled with boxes of correspondence to and from prospective lecturers. Most chart the successful wooing of prominent intellectuals. But even those that do not, such as one series with novelist Saul Bellow, seem to suggest a comfortable rapport and future possibilities.

“You make me feel like a brute. But I must tell you I am not a very vigorous brute,” wrote Bellow in a 1981 letter, excusing himself from a lecture engagement because of ill health and over-work. “You have had the Dalai Lama. I wish I were the Dalai Lama. His life makes sense, mine is chaotic. . . .”

Nemetz and the novelist still exchange letters; if the program chairman has her way, he will follow in the Dalai Lama’s footsteps yet.

Nemetz’s uncompromising pursuit of timely speakers has more than once led to raised voices and trampled toes in the lecture hall itself.

Following the October Crisis of 1970, as John Turner was defending the War Measures Act in his Saturday night speech, angry student demonstrators surged to the front to cut him off. In the ensuing fray, Gordon Shrum, then 77 years old, was struck on the head with an umbrella. But the retired professor of physics got his revenge. He sued his broolly-wielding attacker and won.

Bel Nemetz has had help in raising the Institute to its present prestige and popularity. Well-connected UBC faculty tap their acquaintance with high profile speakers; and the financial resources of five Vancouver lecture trusts help to bring in lecturers the Institute

could not otherwise afford.

The faculty members and lecture trusts, for their part, are happy to schedule with the Institute. They are then assured of the largest, most varied, and most sophisticated audience in town. "High quality," sums up one Institute patron, "begets high quality".

The Vancouver Institute's success has been met by extraordinary praise. Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Sir George Porter, ranks the Forum second in the world only to his own venerable Institution, a weekly series founded in the 1800s. Porter, a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, is particularly impressed by the Institute's programming over the last 20 years.

But Saturday night regulars like 89-year-old Evelyn Lett have no patience with the suggestion that their septuagenarian Institute has ever been anything less than first rate.

"Don't tell me the lectures have improved," she recently demanded, indignant. "They've always been superb." As one of the few lecture goers who predates the Institute itself, she is, perhaps, best qualified to judge.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE: Mrs. Evelyn Story Lett, O.C., 1896 -



Evelyn Story Lett, an outstanding leader in community service in British Columbia, was taken by her father in 1916 to the first lecture of The Vancouver Institute. Since that date, Mrs. Lett has been a faithful attendee and supporter of The Institute. Now an Honorary Life Member, Mrs. Lett continues to share her experience and advice with her colleagues on the Executive of The Institute. This is just one of many civic activities in which Mrs. Lett has demonstrated exemplary service. In recognition of her extraordinary career, Mrs. Lett was awarded the Order of Canada in 1998. Her citation reads:

Her work for women's rights has been revolutionary. One of the first women graduates of the University of British Columbia, she helped draft the University's constitution which gave women students the right to vote in 1914. An unprecedented move in Canada, this decision came even before women could vote in federal elections. She has had an immense impact on the Vancouver community by raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for a seniors facility and a much-needed daycare centre for the University.

The Institute joins with the many other dear friends and admirers of Mrs. Lett to wish her not only continued good health but also the vitality to help guide our worthwhile social causes.