

Douglas T. Kenny fonds

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Fonds Description

Douglas T. Kenny fonds. – 1974-1983.

50 cm of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

The University of British Columbia's seventh president Douglas Timothy Kenny was born in Victoria, B.C. in 1924 and educated at Victoria College and UBC. He received his B.A. (1945) and M.A. (1947) from UBC and his Ph.D. at the University of Washington in 1952. Kenny began his teaching career at UBC as a lecturer in the Department of Psychology in 1950 and rose through the ranks becoming a full professor in 1964. His academic interests were in teaching and research in the areas of personality and learning, developmental psychology and patterns of child development. Kenny became head of Department of Psychology in 1965 and served in this capacity until he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts in 1970. As head of Psychology he laid the foundations which enabled that department to achieve its present distinction as one of the premiere psychology departments in Canada. As Dean of Arts from 1970 to 1975, he lead the Faculty with skill and distinction through a period which saw many challenges to the academic environment of universities in North America. In 1975 Kenny was named as UBC President. His commitment to excellence and his devotion to the betterment of this University, its students, its faculty and its staff were first and foremost in his administration goals. Under his leadership, a wide range of new academic programs and physical facilities were approved for development by the Senate. These accomplishments under his Presidency added significantly to the reputation of UBC as a University that was recognized and respected throughout the world. After stepping down as president in 1983, Kenny returned to the Department of Psychology where he remained until his retirement in 1988. He died in 1996 at the age of 72. President Kenny was a strong advocate for the cause of higher education in Canada. He played an important role in the advancement of scholarship and learning as a member of the Governing Board of the Canada Council (1975-78) and of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (1978-83). The Senate recognized his contributions to higher education and his Alma Mater with an honorary degree in 1983. In 1984 the Senate also designated the newly constructed facility that houses the Department of Psychology on West Mall, the Douglas T. Kenny Building.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of copies of speeches delivered by Douglas T. Kenny (1974-1983), appointment books (1974/75, 1980-1983) and an undated file of psychology notes.

Series Descriptions

Speech series. -- 1974-1983.

39 cm of textual records.

Series consists of copies of speeches delivered by Douglas Kenny (1974-1983).

Appointment Book series. -- 1974/75, 1980-1983.

12 cm of textual records.

Series consists of seven bound appointment books.

Miscellaneous Notes series. -- [n.d.].

1 folder of textual records.

Series consists of miscellaneous psychology notes.

File List

Box 1

SPEECHES

- 1-1 "Higher Education: Busts and Booms", October 28, 1974
- 1-2 "The Role of the University in Contemporary Society", Kelowna Branch of Alumni Association, October 25, 1974
- 1-3 "Interdependence and the Universities", Pacific Northwest Animal Nutrition Conference, Victoria, Nov. 7, 1974
- 1-4 "The University and the Community", Kamloops Branch of the Alumni Association, Nov. 15, 1974
- 1-5 "Higher Education Needs Friends", Feb. 6, 1975
- 1-6 "Reflection on the Problems Facing Our Universities", May 13, 1975
- 1-7 "Reflections on Problems Facing Our Universities", University Women's Club, June 10, 1975
- 1-8 Opening Remarks at Memorial Service for Barnett Savery, July 14, 1975
- 1-9 Speech at Faraday Society "On Research in Science", July 15, 1975
- 1-10 Speech at Exposition of Senior Achievement, Summer 1975
- 1-11 Speech at the 13th Pacific Science Congress '75, August 18, 1975
- 1-12 Orientation Speech to Students, September 4, 1975
- 1-13 President's Installation Address "The University and the Longer View", September 17, 1975
- 1-14 "What the University Can Do For Women", Sept. 24, 1975
- 1-15 "An Analysis of Ideological Structure and How Women are Excluded", October 1975
- 1-16 A Speech on the University and the Quality of Life (1975)
- 1-17 Introduction of Andre Fortier at International Council of Fine Arts Deans, October 2, 1975
- 1-18 TRIUMF opening, speech about the University's commitment to research, Feb. 9, 1976
- 1-19 Opening of the McPhee Conference Centre, speech about the contribution to development of higher education by Dean MacPhee and Cyrus Mclean, Feb. 12, 1979
- 1-20 "The University of Today", Canadian Information Processing Society, March 4, 1976
- 1-21 "Can We Afford Higher Education?", Men's Canadian Club of Vancouver, March 5, 1976

- 1-22 About the nature of the University and the nature of the frontier, Vancouver Institute, March 15, 1976
- 1-23 Opening of Variety Bob Berwick B.C. Mental Retardation Institute, May 20, 1976
- 1-24 President's Congregation Remarks (May 18, 1976)
- 1-25 President's Congregation Remarks "On Learning and Research", May 26, 27, 28, 1976
- 1-26 Opening Centre for Human Settlements, May 29, 1976
- 1-27 Opening Museum of Anthropology, May 30, 1976
- 1-28 "Values and the University", Lutheran Campus Centre, Sept. 16, 1976
- 1-29 Opening of the Law Building, Sept. 17, 1976
- 1-30 "UBC and the Province: Quality and Opportunity", Kelowna Rotary Club, Sept. 28, 1976
- 1-31 Opening Welcome - Association of Canadian Medical Colleges and Organizations Annual Meeting, October 4, 1976
- 1-32 On Social and Economic Problems of B.C., National Defence College Seminar, Nov. 3, 1976
- 1-33 Canadian Association on Gerontology, Hotel Vancouver, Nov. 13, 1976
- 1-34 "The Three R's plus one: Values and the University", Alumni Home Economics Group, November 15, 1976

Box 2

- 2-1 "The Three R's plus one: Values and the University", Vernon Institute, November 24, 1976
- 2-2 "Literacy, Values and the University", UBC Alumni Association Board of Management, Nov. 29, 1976
- 2-3 "The present fiscal situation of the University and its academic implications", UBC's Joint Faculties, Dec. 2, 1976
- 2-4 "Our Common Future", Prince George Rotary Club, Jan 18, 1977
- 2-5 "The Business of Higher Education", Institute of Chartered Accountants, Jan. 18, 1977
- 2-6 Handing Over the Keys for the Harry Purdy Extended Care Hospital April 7, 1977)
- 2-7 "A Milestone", sod turning ceremony, Acute Care Hospital, April 18, 1977
- 2-8 "The Three R's plus one: Values and the University", Women's University Club, April 26, 1977
- 2-9 Opening speech, Civil and Mechanical Engineering Building, May 12, 1977
- 2-10 Sixth Canadian Congress of Applied Mechanics CANCAM 77, May 30, 1977
- 2-11 President's speech to Spring Congregation, June 1-3, 1977

- 2-12 Welcome Address, The Sixth Parathyroid Conference, June 13, 1977
- 2-13 The Second International Conference on the Nucleon- Nucleon Interaction, June 27, 1977
- 2-14 "Community Ties", Harry Purdy Extended Care Unit, July 12, 1977
- 2-15 "What's Good about Canada?", Vancouver Rotary Club, October 11, 1977
- 2-16 "British Columbia as a Frontier Society", The National Defense College Seminar, October 31 1977
- 2-17 UBC Reception, Yukon Teacher Education Programme, Whitehorse, Nov. 8 1977
- 2-18 UBC Nisutlin Campus Yukon Teacher Education Programme Opening Ceremony, Whitehorse, Nov. 9 1977
- 2-19 "Some Challenges facing the University and the Public", Vancouver Board of Trade, Nov. 14 1977
- 2-20 "The Nature of the Cutbacks", speech to students, Nov. 24 1977
- 2-21 "Universities and Canadian Society", New Westminster Rotary, Jan. 12 1978
- 2-22 "Values and the University", Guest editorial for the Journal of Experimental Mechanics, Jan. 16 1978
- 2-23 UBC Alumni Board of Management, Jan. 30 1978
- 2-24 "The University and the Nation's Future", Combined Rotary Luncheon, Kamloops, April 10 1978
- 2-25 Opening of Performance Centre, Museum of Anthropology, April 16 1978
- 2-26 Dedication of the B.C. Native Garden, April 24 1978
- 2-27 Demonstration Forest and unveiling of the REFORESTER, Haney, May 8 1978
- 2-28 Remarks on Dean Fulton's leaving, Convocation, May 31, 1978
- 2-29 Remarks at Spring Convocation, May 31, June 1,2, 1978

Box 3

- 3-1 "Reconciling Equity and Excellence: Standards of Education and Graduation", The Association of Commonwealth Universities 12th Commonwealth Universities Congress, Aug. 19-25 1978
- 3-2 Welcoming address to the Association of Commonwealth Universities 12th Commonwealth Universities Conference , August 21, 1978
- 3-3 Opening Aquatic Centre UBC, Sept 27 1978
- 3-4 Student Leadership Conference at Elphinstone, Sept. 29 30, Oct. 30 1978
- 3-5 Memorial Service for President Emeritus Dr. Walter Gage, War Memorial Gym, Oct. 10 1978
- 3-6 Opening Vision Habitat, November 23 1978
- 3-7 The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, Dec. 7 1978

- 3-8 "Legends I must Live with - Myths about Higher Education", Vancouver Kiwanis Club, Feb. 8, 1979
- 3-9 Remarks to Forestry Undergraduate Society, March 17, 1979
- 3-10 Remarks to the Student Affairs Committee, March 19, 1979
- 3-11 UBC Alumni Dinner, Kelowna, April 30 1979
- 3-12 Kelowna Rotary Club, May 1, 1979
- 3-13 The 12th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Irish Studies, May 1 1979
- 3-14 Spring Congregation, May 30/31, June 1 1979
- 3-15 Retirement, J.E.A. Parnall, June 1, 1979
- 3-16 Welcoming Remarks to the International Conference on "Advances in Research and Services for Children with Special Needs" June 18, 1979
- 3-17 "British Columbia as a Frontier Society" National Defense College Seminar, October 29, 1979
- 3-18 "In Pursuit of a Liberal Education" The Canadian Club of New Westminster & The Fraser Valley, November 7, 1979
- 3-19 Remarks to the Joint Faculty, November 22, 1979
- 3-20 Third Canadian Symposium on Instructional Technology, Feb. 27, 1980
- 3-21 Official Opening of Open House 1980, March 14, 1980
- 3-22 "Higher Education in Canada: The New Realities" The All Canadian University Association Annual Dinner, Washington, March 22, 1980
- 3-23 Unveiling of "The Raven and the First Man" Museum of Anthropology, April 1, 1980
- 3-24 Prince George Alumni Dinner, May 4-5, 1980
- 3-25 Opening of the Walter C. Koerner Acute care Unit, May 16, 1980
- 3-26 Spring Congregation, May 28, 29, 30, 1980
- 3-27 Welcome to Students, September 2, 1980
- 3-28 Alumni Dinner, Toronto, September 29, 1980 [Speech not presented due to airline strike]
- 3-29 Alumni Dinner, Los Angeles, November 17, 1980 [Substitute speech given]
- 3-30 Rotary Club, Vancouver January 20, 1981
- 3-31 Opening Remarks Mock Parliament, February 28, 1981
- 3-32 Alumni Dinner, Kamloops, May 1, 1981
- 3-33 Asian Centre Opening June 5, 1981
- 3-34 Alumni Past Presidents Dinner, June 12, 1981
- 3-35 "Times of Scarcity" - To Faculty on Retrenchment, Nov. 1982
- 3-36 Alumni - New York, March 15, 1982
- 3-37 Welcome Address Canada Foundation on Asia and the Pacific, April 15, 1982
- 3-38 Alumni Dinner, Nanaimo, May 3, 1982

- 3-39 Twelfth World Congress of the International Council for Correspondence Education June 2, 1982
- 3-40 Meeting With the ASEAN Ambassadors, Ottawa June 23, 1982
- 3-41 Joint Meeting of the American and Japanese Histochemical Societies, UBC July 21, 1982
- 3-42 China/Japan Trip speeches to Universities, Sept./Oct. 1982
- 3-43 Second Annual Dinner - The Wesbrook Society, October 28, 1982
- 3-44 Open House 1983 March 11, 1983
- 3-45 "The Voyage that is UBC" Alumni Dinner, Cranbrook May 6, 1983
- 3-46 The Royal Society of Canada, UBC May 29, 1983
- 3-47 Introducing Dr. P.L. McGeer at the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education, UBC June 6, 1983
- 3-48 The Unitarian-Universalist Association, UBC June 13, 1983
- 3-49 Welcome Address The Associated Country Women of the World, UBC, June 21, 1983
- 3-50 List of President's Speeches (1975-1979)

Box 4

APPOINTMENT BOOKS

- 4-1 1974
- 4-2/3 1975
- 4-4 1980
- 4-5 1981
- 4-6 1982
- 4-7 1983

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- 4-8 Personal Notes - Miscellaneous Psychology notes [n.d.]