'Grade Inflation' Troubles Senate

The Senate will hold a special meeting Dec. 10 to tackle the thorny issue of 'grade inflation' at UVic.

"The value of first-class honors is being seriously debased," said Vice-President Dr. K. George Pedersen, in a report to the Senate meeting Nov. 5.

He presented charts revealing the 10 departments granting the highest percentages of first-class honors.

"Serious inequities continue to occur in the distribution of scholarship funds based on academic performance when wide ranges of grading practices are condoned," he said.

At the meeting the Senate asked the Committee on Academic Standards to look into the grading issue and report to the Senate on the high grades given education students in somesummer courses.

"Grade Inflation is a phenomenon not unique to the Faculty of Education," she said.

"It would be possible also to provide data which would indicate that grade inflation is a concern of many other universities in North America," said one of the chief problems presented a detailed report on grading and nothing was done.

Academic Standards committee chairman Dr. D.L. Jeffrey (English) agreed there has been confusion surrounding a grading policy for several years at UVic.

"We've got to establish what grading models are now being used," he said.

"We've seen inequities and we've seen people defend their contributions to grading practices."

"Because of the diversity of models we're asked to make relative comparisons of oranges, apples, turnips and beets." Dr. Norma Mickelson, acting dean of the Faculty of Education was asked at the October meeting to report to the Senate on the problems involved.

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Two Hats in Ring for Chancellor

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Wright is internationally known as an expert on olfaction and his published works range from odor control in pulp mills to olfactory components of predation in mosquitoes.

His insect olfaction studies have produced insecticide-free control measures against insect pests in North America, Europe and third-world countries.

Balloting for a part-time student representative on Senate and for a student representative on the Board of Governors began this week, with the ballots to be counted Nov. 19.
Chairmen call for grading policy

The adoption of a clear grading policy at UVIC had been requested by several divisional chairmen and department heads.

The chairman and heads were asked to explain the high number of As awarded to students in some summer sessions courses. "I accept no criticism for any of the grades that were registered," replied Dr. Arthur Kratzmann, chairman of the Communications and Social Foundations Division of the Faculty of Education.

"I could do so only if this university had a clear cut policy with respect to grade distribution," he said, in a report to the Senate meeting Nov. 5.

Kratzmann said divisional chairmen and department heads have little authority with respect to monitoring grades awarded by instructors.

"We may be able to influence some people's judgment but that is where it begins and ends."

At the Senate meeting David Henn (Hispanic and Italian) took exception to Kratzmann's statement that until a grading policy is adopted. "I suspect that people will continue to take advantage of some academic licence in which to voice their disapproval of matters for which they should be battling internally for the resolution."

"If by public arenas he means the Senate, then he can bet his sweet As the issue will be raised again," said Henn.

Dr. David Jeffrey, chairman of the English Department, said there did seem to be some discrepancy in the grading policy in one English summer course compared to marks awarded in a similar course during winter session.

"This discrepancy does suggest that some grading patterns within departments, between departments and between faculties may be utilized in the attempt to ensure fairness on a faculty basis and the procedure of including the mean grade and number of Bs and so on, can have insidious effects," he said.

C.F. Coulson, chairman of the Social and Natural Sciences division of the Faculty of Education, said the "highly emotional area of academic freedom" makes grading policies a difficult problem.

Coulson suggested investigating Alberta's procedure of including the mean grade and number in the class with each course grade given to a student.

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Students and faculty caught up in the action of educational games. (McGill Photo)

Gamesmen Who Want to Learn

Picture yourself as a land developer, a city planner, a city speculator. The development and future of a city lies in your hands. The decisions you make for the community will enhance or detract from your property. You must balance personal interests with your responsibility towards the community. You must also deal with a variety of other interests, such as city planners, land developers and speculators.

Never thought you would be able to try your hand at planning the perfect city? Now you can. The situation just described is "Newtown", one of many simulation games which will be offered by the School of Public Administration at UVIC on Nov. 29 for $3 and a few hours of your time that Saturday.

It's a relatively new concept known as game simulation, and "it's very realistic", according to Dr. Bart Cunningham, a course instructor who has introduced educational games to his classes. It offers people the chance to enact the roles of politicians, administrators and policy negotiators. The games present real problems, require solutions and the kind of decision-making often faced by governments.

The games offered this year are similar to APEX, a three-day computer game sponsored by Public Administration last year, but will not require as much time to play.

Sixteen students from the School of Public Administration are organizing the game simulation day that will highlight community land use.

"It's a useful way of isolating processes from what in real life is a more complex system," said Rick Browney, one of the student organizers.

"We're probably the only class in the province focusing on games and simulation, and the use of games for problem solving," added Cunningham.

The idea this year is to cater to the community needs, schools, university classes, and any group which would like to play. The students can't make the date, Cunningham said, the students will go out to groups, free of charge. Any adult can play the games, which vary in complexity.

The games used this year will depend on the number of participants. Games offered this year will include The End of The Line, Policy Negotiations, Starpower, Newtown, and Community Crisis Simulators.

"We have, or can, get, games for almost every purpose a group may have," said Cunningham.
Robertson Davies, the author of the critically acclaimed novel Fifth Business (1970), The Manticore (1972) and World of Wonders (1975), will give a reading from his latest novel, North of女友land, at UVic's MacLaurin 144. Davies, whose visit is being sponsored by the English Department, was featured in a recent story in a recent Canadian edition of Time Magazine. He is professor of English and master of Massey College, University of Toronto.

U.S. physicist Robert Aldridge, the former group leader for the Trident submarine project, will be one of the main speakers at a public meeting at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Old Gymnasium. Sponsored by the Alma Mater Society, the meeting will also hear two other notable opponents of the Trident nuclear sub, Dr. William Epstein, retired director of the disarmament division of the United Nations Secretariat and now a visiting professor at UVic, and David Alexander, (Lib. - Victoria). Aldridge, 48, "left the Trident project in disgust" and is now a critic of the U.S. military and industrial establishment. Aldridge, and McCann, AMS academic affairs chairman. Aldridge is here prior to "Ban the Trident War Protest in Vancouver beginning Nov. 28 at UVic."

The Japanese Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs will be stopping in at UVic this week-end as part of the hitch-hikers cascade. Aldridge is here prior to "Ban the Trident War Protest in Vancouver beginning Nov. 28 at UVic."

Dr. Charles Daniels (Philosophy), an outspoken senator and defender of faculty rights, didn't get much support for a motion he tabled in the Senate. He asked the Senate to create another seat for a representative of the part-time, sessional and visiting faculty on campus. He made the motion in response to the Senate's creation of a seat for a representative from the part-time student population. Even his second, however, wasn't sure he wanted to support Daniel's motion. Dr. T.R. Warburton (Sociology) of the professor to send the motion to the committee on agenda and procedures. "The part-time faculty is looming large in this university," said Daniels. "We've got 85 sessional appointees alone. Whatever the arguments for part-time students having a representative seat, I'd be against it." The Senate didn't see it that way and defeated his motion.

Canadian music, says Martin Bartlett, a UVic composer who will have one of his works played. It is entitled Nautical Almanac (1953) for two marimbas, flute and percussion. Also to be featured will be John Whittingham's (Educ-5) An Idiot Joy, which won him the Governor General's Award in 1967. Stony Plain and Crusoe appeared in 1973. He has published criticism and compiled some of the best-known anthologies of Canadian poetry.

Peter C. Newman, editor of Maclean's and a well-known political commentator, will speak in the SUB upper lounge at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 24. His visit is being sponsored by the Alma Mater Society and the university lectures committee.

The sports year at UVic is off to a sparkling beginning with two teams winning Canada West Athletic Association (CWUAA) championships already. Last weekend the Vikings soccer team hosted and defeated in the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) soccer championship (see story on page 5). The women, meanwhile, were off to Vancouver Nov. 7 for the CIAU field championship at the University of British Columbia. The Vikettes staved off the CWUAA championship in October in the round-robin tournament undefeated in Ladies' Field Hockey Association play on the weekend. Their lone loss this season came Nov. 1 in an exhibition game against the British Columbia Indians, a Vancouver team. Coach Diane Whittingham (Educ-5), a member of Canada's national field hockey team, and manager Debbie Fulmore (A&S-2) were optimistic about the Canadian finals, the first ever for women's field hockey. The Vikettes faced teams from Dalhousie, Mount Allison, Lakehead Universities in the round-robin championship.

University Relations and Ring staff are lost these days without the sparkling presence of ace secretary Brenda Barnabe. She underwent surgery two weeks ago at the General Hospital, and, although she is recovering well, won't be back until at least mid-December. (We all miss you, Brenda.)

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LONELINESS OF THE SHORT-DISTANCE RUNNER

For Joyce Yakubowich It's been a Long, Hard Road

In the late afternoons a slim young woman runs with powerful strides beside a soccer field near UVic. She runs alone, sprinting 100 yards, jogging, sprinting another 100, ignoring other runners who, like her, appear immersed in their own worlds.

She's Joyce Yakubowich, 22, a second-year biology student at UVic and Canada's Pan-American Games heroine who won two gold medals in October in Mexico City.

These days Yakubowich is a happy runner but it hasn't always been that way.

There was a time, in 1973, when Yakubowich decided to quit running for Canada. "I got fed up with it," she said. "It was a personal thing. I felt I was putting a lot of effort into it and receiving no support, nothing was coming back."

She came back to running in 1974 because, as she puts it, "I missed it. I enjoy running, the trips and meeting people. And I had set some personal goals that I hadn't accomplished."

In Mexico City she accomplished a great deal. She helped Canada's 4x100-metre relay team to a third-place finish and a bronze medal.

She then broke the Pan-Am Games' record in running a 51.62-second 400-metre race to register an upset victory and win a gold medal. Finally she surprised the experts by demonstrating a strong finishing kick to anchor Canada's 4x400-metre relay team to another gold medal.

Mexico City has been the climax thus far in a five-year track career that has taken Yakubowich to international meets in Moscow and Edinburgh and almost into a mental collapse when she attempted to combine a full year of university with her track training.

"You can't combine school and training. I wasn't doing one or the other properly when I took full courses. My marks were good, but I came close to having a nervous breakdown."

So after one full year at Simon Fraser University, Joyce came to UVic and became a part-time student.

"It's a question of priorities. If I combined full courses with my training I wouldn't get much out of it. I don't want to get lousy marks."

"I could be finishing university but I'm not sorry I put my priority on running. I don't want to look back when I'm 35 and say I should have tried track while I had the opportunity and skill."

Even taking one course Joyce finds herself behind because of the time spent in Mexico City. "I took some books to Mexico City but it was just impossible to study. Now I've finished my mid-terms and I've got some studying to do to catch up."

After the Olympics in Montreal next summer she plans to take a full year of courses.

After her victories in Mexico City, Yakubowich was immediately acclaimed by Canadian newspapers as "our best hope for a track medal in Montreal." That kind of pressure has destroyed more than one track athlete but Yakubowich doesn't feel it will bother her.

"It might if I were younger," she said. "But now I understand why things are the way they are in Canada and I'm not going to worry about it."

Yakubowich feels that Canada has offered little assistance to international amateur athletes who often find it financially impossible to compete.

"Canada doesn't recognize its amateur athletes until they win a medal. I have a lot of national pride but you feel by yourself a lot of the time when you're representing Canada. You have to sacrifice a great deal of time and effort and sometimes you can't financially afford to go to training camp."

She said European athletes have "everything laid out for them. Many of the East German women, for example, have such strong families. When they compete internationally, everything is taken care of. In the American society is not set up for amateur athletes. We're geared more for professional spectator sports. I'm hoping for a change, but the pressure is still high in athletics here, but it will take time."

Yakubowich is receiving an $1,800 Grant-In-Aid from the federal government to assist Canada's international athletes. She's grateful for the financial aid but feels it is still difficult for many athletes to compete.

"Track on the high-school level is well organized here, but after high school there's just nothing. You have to have a scholarship to continue. That's why so many of our good athletes quit."

Yakubowich, who has had the encouragement of her husband in her track career, doesn't plan to quit after Montreal. "I'll take it one year at a time."

She took a week off after her triumphs in Mexico City but is now back to the grind of two to three hours of training seven days a week, under the watchful eye of her coach, Stan Gill, who also coaches the Mount Douglas Secondary School track team.

"Gill was surprised and delighted by Yakubowich's performance in Mexico City. "Her time was better than I thought she'd do," he said.

"She has an excellent chance to reach the five-year goal of 50 in Melbourne and that would be a tremendous achievement."

He describes Yakubowich as having "real speed in her legs and great strength in her legs. Aside from her physical abilities she's got a fantastic mental attitude and a great competitive spirit."

Yakubowich has been competing internationally for Canada for five years and it's been a slow, hard climb. As a high school student at Burnaby Central Secondary School she tried out for Canada's national basketball team.

"Basketball had been her first love, but the national coach advised her to concentrate on track events because the opportunities were greater than in team sports."

"I didn't take up track seriously until I was 18," she said. "Perhaps that's why I still enjoy it. If I'd started earlier I might be ready to retire."

At first, running against women 10 years older than herself, she was in awe. "Some of the European girls, just warming up, had such fantastic times I couldn't believe it," she said.

"Her own times improved slowly. "It doesn't come all of a sudden. You have to have patience and perseverance."

The next year promises to be a busy one for Yakubowich and the rest of the Canadian Olympic sprint team. She joins the national team Dec. 27 for training camp and there are a series of pre-Olympic meets building up to Montreal.

Yakubowich said Canada's pre-Olympic program to develop world-class athletes should have begun sooner. She pointed out that the East Germans, now recognized to have the best women's team in the world, began preparing for the 1972 Munich Olympics in the early sixties.

As for her own career, Yakubowich feels that all the hours of sprinting, weight-lifting and conditioning have been worth it. "Even if you don't win a medal, it's worth it in terms of achieving your personal goals. I've found running a real challenge to myself."

That's why you can see Joyce Yakubowich, running alone beside a soccer field most afternoons, not so much for medals as for the challenge to become the swiftest Joyce Yakubowich she can be.

Stories by John Driscoll
Photos by McGill, Driscoll

'I Want to Win. I Don't Want to Lose.'

As a professional soccer player and coach Brian Hughes says he played to win because of pride, love for the game, and the money it meant for his club and himself.

As coach of UVic Vikings there's no money involved in winning, but his attitude has changed. "I've been a pro all my life and I can't change," he explained on the eve of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union Soccer championship which was held on campus last weekend.

"I want to win. I don't want to coach a losing team."

"(Sunday at Centennial Stadium the Vikings won the biggest prize in collegiate soccer, the CIAU championship. Before a large and enthusiastic crowd they triumphed 2-1 over Concordia Stingers, representing the Quebec University Athletic Association.)"

The Vikings wrapped up the Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA) championship with two wins in Edmonton Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Hughes' philosophy of coaching college students differs little from his coaching of professionals.

"I drive the lads pretty hard, but I realize they're out to enjoy themselves as well as compete, so I'm not as hard on them as I used to be. Not quite."

Hughes said when professionals don't produce they are dropped from the club. "At the university level, the lads don't have to play. I make it very clear to them that either they want to play or they can leave."

"I don't take any different line with them than I would with professionals. I let them know if I'm angry."

Hughes and the Vikings get along well. At practices he participates with them in scrimmages, shouting instructions and encouragement. "They're a good bunch," he says of this year's team. "They've got great spirit and winning is just something that comes a lot."

Hughes played 12 years with Swansea Town in the English Football Association and was captain of the Vancouver Chiefs in the North American Soccer League.

He came to Victoria first in 1970 to coach and play for the semi-professional Victoria Regals in a summer league and returned the following year to coach and stay in Victoria. Coaching the Vikings is a part-time job, but one that is demanding with an eight-month season and twice-weekly practices.

"You have to love the game to take on a coaching job," said Hughes. "If costs me money to take time away from my job and it's difficult to get the best possible results from part-time coaching.

"To do the job properly the university would need a full-time coach."

Hughes said he has never had any pressure from the university about results. "The facilities here are excellent, but I believe the university is not backing soccer enough," he said. "If they backed it more we'd get better response from kids who attend UVic and play their soccer elsewhere in Victoria than with the Vikings."

Hughes said the university sponsors one trip per year to the prairies for the soccer team. "Any other trips have to be generated by the Vikings themselves."

He said university-sponsored trips would be worth the money "in terms of goodwill, interest and publicity."
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This year the Vikings are aiming for another first, the Canadian Intercollegiate finals in Nova Scotia.

"It won't be easy," said Taylor. "There's not a weak team in the conference. Last year we saw the other teams which would could make for exciting basketball this year."

Taylor feels the introduction of two international rules should also prove crowd-pleasing. A rule forcing an attacking team to shoot within 30 seconds or give up the ball and a rule allowing a player to "dunk" the ball will be used in conference play for the first time this year.

"I don't think there will be anything wrong from the coaching but it will open the game up and make it more exciting," said Taylor. "In that sense they're good rules."

The Vikings have lost three players from last season's conference champions including first all-star team member Dave Mulcahy. "It's tough to lose an all-star but I've been pleased with the replacements," said Taylor.

The team which faces Lethbridge in two games this weekend and travels to the University of Saskatchewan for games Nov. 21 and 22 includes returnees Jim Duddridge, Lorne Dakin, Bert Zethot, Lee Edmonson, Robbie Parris and Doug Mosher.

Newcomers to the Vikings include Tim McGovern, Tim Carlson, Mickey Welder, Dave Speed, Chris Hebb and Ben Shotton.

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Forest Firm to Donate Log Cabin Lab

A $60,000 field studies resource laboratory will be built by Crown Zellerbach on UVic’s 20-acre Lake Cowichan waterfront wilderness property, James Greig, vice-president of industrial relations, announced this week at a news conference.

To be constructed of logs, the laboratory will represent the first phase of development on the property, which will be used by UVic scientists and students as a field studies and resource management centre. Construction is to begin immediately for completion in May. The laboratory will be 1,200 square feet in size and will house equipment supplied by various university departments involved in wilderness research.

At the news conference, held jointly by UVic and Crown Zellerbach at the Empress Hotel, Greig said that the laboratory represents the desire of Crown Zellerbach to become more involved jointly with universities on projects, as opposed to simply funding them.

He endorsed the concept of the property and urged that other forest companies become involved in its development.

The property was bequeathed to UVic by Mrs. Jeanne Simpson of Lake Cowichan, who died in 1973.

The property is a two-fold blessing for the university, providing an exotic collection of rhododendrons, which is forming the basis for the new university gardens (see story elsewhere in this edition), and an unspoiled wilderness acreage with 1,000 yards of waterfront.

Planned development of the property is based on recommendations from a study in 1974 carried out by an ad hoc committee headed by Dr. Roderick Haig-Brown, well-known naturalist and a former chancellor of UVic.

Also planned are four log dormitories that will house up to 53 persons, a cook house and dining area, septic tank and electrical services, a floating dock and a storage shed.

The historic old Simpson house will be renovated. All the buildings will be clustered in the present cleared area, near the lake front, with the rest of the property to remain in a natural state.

More Rhododendrons Given to University

A second major rhododendron collection has been donated to UVic to be used in the development of its new campus gardens.

Edmund H. Lohbrunner, 70, a native Victorian who was earlier this year given an honorary doctorate by UVic for his life-time work as a plant collector and cultivator, has turned over a collection of more than 200 rhododendrons.

This will be added to another rare collection of about 350 Asiatic rhododendrons bequeathed to UVic by the late Mrs. Jeanne Simpson of Lake Cowichan.

Together they will give UVic one of the foremost rhododendron collections in North America, according to Rex Murfitt, superintendent of grounds who is in charge of the design and development of the gardens site near the Henderson Road entrance to the university.

Both collections "represent a lifetime of work," Murfitt said. "They are just priceless."

The Simpson collection is from expeditions made in the early twenties to southeast Asia and China, while the Lohbrunner collection comes from American expeditions under Dr. Joseph J. Rock made in the early forties to Burma, northern China, Tibet and Siam.

Work began this summer on a two-acre wooded site on the east side of the MacLaurin Building parking lot. Nature paths have been created in the wooded area, and about 80 of the Simpson rhododendrons planted to date, the rest being cared for in a holding area elsewhere on campus.

Murfitt said the gardens will extend to a much larger wooded area across Ring Road from the present site, and work to this end just began last week.

He said the rhododendrons will form the basis of the gardens, but "we intend to plant other rare and beautiful plants as we come into possession of them."

He said work will never be completed on the gardens "it will be continually developing over the years, and that's the beauty of it."

He predicted the university gardens will become as noteworthy as Butchart Gardens is now, but rather than being a show garden "it will be more subtle and of a botanical nature."

Though Lohbrunner cultivated a prize rhododendron collection, he is internationally prominent as an authority on alpine and rock garden plants, becoming the first Canadian to win the American Rock Garden Society's prestigious Marcel Le Piniec Award.

In 1936, he and his brother Joe gathered 20,000 plants from a Yukon River expedition. These were the first live plants to come out of the Arctic.

Lohbrunner is a member of a committee called Garden Friends of the University announced recently by President Howard Petch.

The committee has been formed to assist in the planning, design and development of the new gardens, to recommend on the type of plant materials to be used, to assist in the acquisition of plant materials through private donations, and to present annually to the president recommendations for future development.

Other members of the committee are chairman F.A. Firth, 4 492 Toronto Street; W.G. Shelton (History), 24; Dr. D.S. Auld (Education), 14; and Dr. G.W. Hoyga (Theatre), 7.
Biggest Bibliography Completed After 10 Years

UVic's largest publication project to date, a bibliography of British Columbia from 1774 to 1950, is now completed with the third and last volume off the press and now on sale at the campus bookstore.

Entitled A Bibliography of British Columbia: Years of Growth, 1799-1950 (Evergreen), the volume has 4,125 entries, double the more than 2,000 entries in each of the first two. Its printing is 1,000 copies.
The project began in 1965 when UVic's Centennial Committee agreed to sponsor the preparation and publication of a bibliography of British Columbia, production was placed under the supervision of UVic's Social Sciences Research Centre, and the first two volumes came out within five years. The last two took five and one half years.

In a foreword to the last volume, Dr. Reginald H. Roy, chairman of the research centre, noted that "since it would cover the period from 1900 to 1950, and it was realized from the outset that there would be far more material written about British Columbia in that period than in the pre-1900 era, the additional amount of research and compilation doubled the time it took to complete either of the earlier volumes."
The first volume was Laying the Foundations, 1849-1899, by Barbara J. Lowther. Two years later, in 1970, Gloria M. Strathern completed the volume she had compiled, Navigations, Traffiques and Discoveries, 1799-1849. UVic will not be bringing the bibliography up to beyond 1950, because of the expense and the enormity of such a further undertaking. "It may become a project someone else will have to do."
The third volume was originally started by J.G. Lort assisted by Mrs. Margaret H. Edwards who had helped Strathern with her book. After several years, Lort retired from the project and Edwards, assisted by Wendy Carmichael, took charge.

Throughout the 10 years of the project, the research centre was advised by the same bibliography committee, consisting of Dean J.C.R. Lort assisted by Mrs. Margaret H. Edwards who had helped Strathern with her book. After several years, Lort retired from the project and Edwards, assisted by Wendy Carmichael, took charge.

The project was mainly subsidized by UVic with the help of grants from the Canada Council, the Social Science Research Council of Canada, and the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation.

Cost of the third volume is $30, and of the other two. $18.50.

Unknown Scribes Haunt Professor

When he started a bibliography of B.C. letters (drama, fiction and poetry) last June, Charles Lillard (Creative Writing) naively believed he could wrap up the project by September. It's now November, and Lillard is literally up to his neck in books.

The popular conception is that B.C. became a "writer's Mecca" only after the Black Mountain onslaught at UBC in the late fifties, but the deeper Lillard digs the more he realizes that B.C. has always been a writer's country.

To date he has reached the point where he has collected some 900 authors who either of the earlier volumes."

Although Lillard admits that many of these books were published elsewhere, and are deservedly forgotten "since the authors seem to have been unduly influenced by Fannie Hurst, Harold Bell Wright and others of that ilk," he said he doesn't understand why "all" Canadian bibliographers have ignored the majority of these books. "Some of his finds are "pure luck." Last week, for instance, a student walked into his office carrying three books, all written in or about B.C., and two had been published in B.C. — one by the Okanagan Ambulance League in 1913. All three were unknown to the standard Canadian bibliographies.

Lillard started the project with a Canada Council Explorations grant, and has recently received a $9,000 LIP grant to hire three full-time research assistants and to hire him to advertise in newspapers for "lost material."

He now believes he can have the bibliography ready for his publisher by early May.

This Student Fought During First World War

By Laura Leake

John Richard Hopkins was a pilot for the Royal Flying Corps and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross during the First World War. He is now a student enrolled in a UVic Continuing Education course.

John's been in my classes for three years now, and rarely, if ever, misses a class.

Hopkins is a quick student, and has been able to keep up with the work.

"It amazes me," says Dr. R.W. Baldner of the Department of French Language and Literature. "John's been in my classes for three years, and he's always up to date with the work."

Hopkins gets up precisely at 6:30 every morning and studies an average of five hours a day.

"Education is essential," contends Hopkins. "It keeps my mind active and I do a lot of walking to keep my body active."

Hopkins lives by himself, in an apartment at 1975 Lee Avenue where bookshelves line the walls, the floors are covered with Indian rugs, and an old wooden clock ticks and chimes. His desk is a table covered with a woolen tartan and several more books. Pillows are everywhere, on every chair.

"It's a pastime," says Hopkins of his courses. "I go just for the pleasure of doing it."

Hopkins has travelled extensively, and his most recent globe-trotting adventure was a trip to Russia in 1973, on a tour arranged by the University of Victoria.

In 1972 Hopkins also went to Buckingham Palace when the World War One Flyers organization was invited to visit Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip.

Born in London, England, Hopkins arrived in Canada in 1911 and worked as a farm hand in Manitoba for the first few months, then moved to Winnipeg to work in a law office.

In 1914 he "went active." He joined the Canadian Army, and became a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. In 1915, the regiment originated in Canada in 1883. The regiment was sent to England and stationed at Salisbury Plain. From there it was sent to France in May, 1915, straight into the Battle of Festubert.

Hopkins was in the trenches in France until Dec. 1915 when he received a message which sent him to Edinburgh to become a second lieutenant in The Royal Scots. He trained with The Royal Scots until April 1916, and then returned to France. After the Battle of the Somme the Germans was to begin. He was accepted and sent to the Royal Flying Corps headquarters.

He stayed on with the RFC until December of 1916 when he returned to England, obtained his wings and as a pilot, and went back to France to continue flying there until the Armistice at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918.

After receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross from King George V at Buckingham Palace, Hopkins returned to Canada in 1919 with his wife Winifred whom he had married while in England.

"When I married Win, that was the most important event in my life," said Hopkins. "I returned to Regina to study law. The university there had just started, said Hopkins. We passed the law exams of the Law Society of Saskatchewan for 17 years, until the outbreak of the Second World War. Hopkins again joined the Canadian army in 1941 at the age of 55 with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In May, 1942 he became permanent president of courts martial for Military District No. 12, which covered the province of Saskatchewan. During 1941-44 he presided at all sittings of the court, about 300 cases, ranging from simple offences to desertion and cowardice.

After the Second World War he returned to Regina for a short while, and became director solicitor of the Department of Veterans Affairs, before retiring to Victoria.

JOHN HOPKINS: he 'amazes' prof

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An award-winning play for the young, The Ice Man, by Joanna Helpert-Kraus, will be presented by the Department of Music Nov. 11 to 15 at 2 p.m. at St. George's Church Hall, 2580 Maynard. Here Wendy Merk, who plays "Tarto", tries to subdue Ellen Connell, who would like their children to see the play are advised to phone 477-4821. Tickets cost 25 cents and are only available for Nov. 11 and 15.

The Apprenticey of Duddy Kravitz (1974). Richard Dreyfuss plays that little hustler from St. Urbain Street, in Ted Kotcheff's, novel. In short order, Duddy moves in and out of the resort hotel business, documentay film production (bar-mitzvah movies), and goes to Europe, while his girlfriens, Bette L杻tot as his French-Canadian girlfriend. (Nov. 15, 7 and 9:15 pm, MacLaurin 144, Cinecenta Films).

Decameron (1972). An uneven adaption of Boccaccio. A collection of bawdy tales directed by the late Pier Pasolini. Some moments are quite beautiful, others are obscene, the over-all effect is that of a Renaissance tapestry come to life. (Nov. 16, 7:30 pm, MacLaurin 144, Cinecenta Films).

Room Service (1938). The Marx Brothers ruin a hotel manager's day when they find that they can't pay the bill. And Laurel and Hardy drive each other nuts in Be Big. (Nov. 20, 9:40 pm, MacLaurin 144, Cinecenta Films).

To Have and Have Not (1945) and Beat the Devil (1947). To Have and Have Not is the picture that united Bogart and Bacall, and the sparky flies with lines like: "If you want me, just whistle." Howard Hawks directed. Beat the Devil, a burlesque of all movie melodramas, stars Bogart in an off-beat comedy role, under the direction of John Huston. With Gina Lollobrigida, Robert Morley, Peter Lorre and Jennifer Jones. (Nov. 21, 7:15 pm, MacLaurin 144, Cinecenta Films.)

Young Frankenstein (1974). A nutty but loving tribute to the horror movie genre. Mel Brooks has a wonderful time creating their look. All the monster-making machines are in perfect working order. Gene Wilder, Peter Boyle and Marly Feldman are the principal players, and Madeline Kahn is great as the monster's bride. (Nov. 22, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 pm, MacLaurin 144, Cinecenta Films.)

Antonia: Portrait of the Woman (1974). A documentary about a woman musician, Dr. Antonia Brico, who is a born conductor but who is also a born conductor. She wishes for more opportunity to prove this talent but it is denied to her because of her sex. A sensible, well-made film about an extraordinary woman. (Nov. 23, 8 pm, MacLaurin 144, Film Society). —Nora Hutchison

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Only Film Society films are open to the public. Cinecenta Films are restricted to students and university personnel.)

FRIDAY, November 14
3:30 pm Meeting, Arts and Science. Cornett 108.
3:30 pm Lecture, Department of Psychology. Dr. Michael Saks, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Lecturer in Law at Boston College, will speak on: "Misuse, Nonuse and Abuse of Empirical, Social and Behavioural Sociology by the U.S. Supreme Court."
6:30 pm Women's basketball. McKinnon Gymnasium. University of Lethbridge at UVic.
7:15 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "Some Like it Hot" and "Dr. Strangelove."
8:30 pm Men's basketball. McKinnon Gymnasium. University of Lethbridge at UVic.
SATURDAY, November 15
1:00 pm Rugby, Division II. UVic vs UBC. Maynard.
2:30 pm Field hockey. UVic vs Pirates.
6:30 pm Women's basketball. University of Lethbridge at UVic.
7:00 pm Grad Students' Society Party, SUB upper lounge. Make your own sandwiches at 50 each. Meals, cheese, breads supplied. Beer and cider at 40c per bottle. Taped music. ID required.
7:00 pm Cinecenta Films. MacLaurin 144. "The Apprenticey of Duddy Kravitz."
8:30 pm Men's basketball. University of Lethbridge at UVic.
SUNDAY, November 16
1:00 pm Rugby. Division III. UVic vs Agrarians.