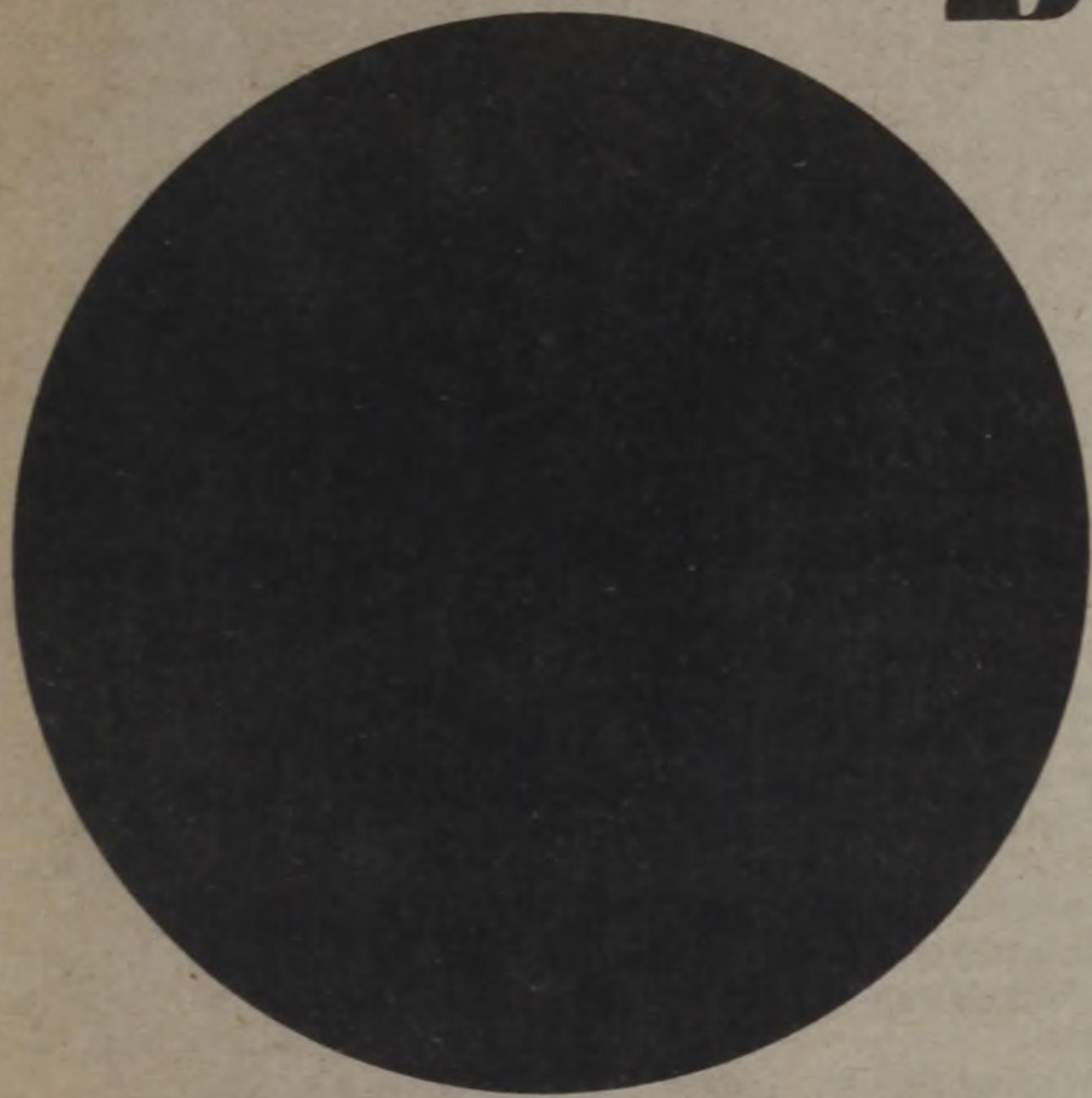


# the Ring



*"At the moment when the corpse of Riel falls through the trap and twists in convulsions of agony, at that moment an abyss will be dug that will separate Quebec from English-speaking Canada, especially Ontario."*

— Israel Tarte, in a statement made before Riel was hanged on Nov. 16, 1885.

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## University of Victoria



UVic's young and James Bay's old are having some beautiful moments together. See page 5.

## Extramurals in trouble

The future of UVic's extramurals program is now in the hands of a special 11-member Task Force on Athletics established by President Howard Petch.

Petch said he set up the task force to examine the "serious problems" facing the extramurals program.

"I hope that its recommendations will aid us in formulating policy for the development of the athletic program at UVic for the next five to ten years," he said.

Chief among the problems, according to Petch, is the fact that rising travel costs are eating up the extramurals budget. "Soon there won't be anything left but travel costs," he said.

He pointed out that if UVic pulled its basketball team out of the Canada West Universities' Athletic Association (CWUAA)

competition, all other CWUAA competition would have to cease.

The CWUAA demands that all member universities have at least one team in a major sport to remain a member.

Another problem, said Petch, is that of hiring coaches. He said the practice in the past has been to use coaches from outside the university and pay them an honorarium. But it is now becoming difficult finding coaches under this arrangement.

He said the hiring of Ken Shields as extramurals co-ordinator and basketball coach was a temporary solution.

Petch has given the task force committee until Jan. 31 to come up with recommendations on the athletics program.

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## Vote taken on open-file CVs

Ballots are being counted today in two referendums initiated by President Howard Petch to find out if faculty members want curriculum vitae information and career progress increments made available for public information.

Petch called for the referendum after the Faculty Association had requested that this information be made available.

Meanwhile tonight at the Senate will discuss a motion by Dr. Charles Daniels (Philosophy) that curriculum vitae information be made available for inspection.

Daniel's motion goes further than the

referendum and asks that information on salaries be included.

Petch, in a letter to faculty members, said he had obtained an opinion from UVic solicitor Cecil Branson that making curriculum vitae available for inspection would not contravene the Privacy Act, provided salary information was excluded.

He said the results of the survey of faculty members on career progress increments will be referred to the salary policy committee. This increase is given in addition to regular salary increases.

## Faculty turfs out administrators

The Faculty Association has eliminated senior administrators from its full membership ranks as it moves towards the possibility of unionizing.

At a recent association meeting, a vote requiring a two-thirds majority was taken to strip deans, the vice-president and the president of voting privileges.

Association President Rod Symington (Germanic) said the vote barely passed, with 35 in favor, 13 against. Some 32 votes were needed for approval.

The association also passed another amendment to the constitution in clearing the way for certification, and this was passed easily, said Symington.

As required by the B.C. Labor Code, this amendment spells out in the constitution the objective of the association in the regulating of employment relations between the Board of Governors and academic employees.

Symington said the moves were taken "to open up as many ways as possible" for improving the bargaining status of the association and to make preliminary changes as required by the Labor Code in the eventuality of having the faculty unionized.

He said the next major step will likely be a referendum in the new year to decide whether the faculty at large wishes to become certified.

Under the Labor Code, a simple majority of 50 per cent plus one will be required from all the faculty members, whether they are members of the association or not.

Symington said that at present the association has a membership of 300, which is about 80 per cent of faculty. The referendum, which will likely be in the form of a mail ballot, will require more than 200 votes in favor to succeed.

Having senior administrators removed from the voting rolls means they will still be able to hold associate membership, he explained.

A heated debate preceded this motion, and one of the objectors was Dr. Alfred Fischer, Dean of Arts and Science, a long-time and involved member of the association.

Fischer later told *The Ring* he resented being "turfed out" because of his long-standing with the association and because it was a premature move.

"I've never been opposed to unionization, but I do object to being kicked out before any decision has been made to certify."

Symington, who is pushing for certification, said that those opposing this step "see it as a personal affront when it's only a legal necessity".

He added that the association executive is acting according to legal advice from the Canadian Association of University Teachers and from a local law firm.

He noted that some faculty members "have a fear that a small group is leading the association into unionization. This is entirely unfounded in that a referendum must be held."

Symington said that even if the referendum decides on certification it will be a long process, probably another year, before it is

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## 'Happy hour' resumes

The venerable "happy hour", sponsored by the Graduate Students Society (GSS), will reopen Friday (Dec. 3) at its usual 4 p.m. time after being closed down the past two Fridays.

GSS Vice-President Jamie Alley said a special meeting of the GSS last Friday decided to resume the happy hour in the SUB upper lounge after it was cancelled by an executive, unhappy with the apathy of the membership-at-large.

The executive was having trouble filling positions, including that of a social director to take care of GSS social functions.

A turnout of 50 graduate students showed up for the meeting, and enough people volunteered to fill vacant executive positions, Alley said.

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## CANADIANS 'TURNED OFF' PROF CAREERS

President Howard Petch is becoming concerned with what he calls "an ominous trend" in graduate programs at universities across Canada.

"We've turned our young people off graduate programs, particularly Ph.D. programs," he told the Board of Governors at the Nov. 15 meeting.

Petch said the Science Council of Canada feels the problem is so severe that it is carrying out a study to bring it to the attention of the universities.

"It's incredible," said Petch. "The numbers have dropped so drastically that there could be a serious time ahead, another period when Canadian universities will be in short supply of Canadian graduate students."



# ...Extramurals

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He asked that they review the existing extramural program, make recommendations on its future role and scope, and recommend the basis for funding the extramural program for the next five years.

Petch also asked the committee to review and make recommendations concerning the relationships of the coaching staff to the university and to make recommendations regarding the relationship between the extramural and intramural programs.

Co-chairmen of the committee are lawyers Ian Stewart of the Board of Governors and Robert Hutchison, representing the UVic Alumni.

Committee secretary Ted Sawchuk, director of Student and Ancillary Services, said material is being collected on extramural programs across the country. "We'll be scheduling meetings this month as we'll have to move quickly," he said.

Mike Elcock, manager of Athletics and Recreational Services, is in charge of the athletics budget and he agrees with Petch that the cost of an intercollegiate program has been a consistent problem at UVic.

"Personally I believe there's a huge value in having an intercollegiate program," said Elcock, who is a member of the task force.

"Our intercollegiate program has been shrinking since I arrived here six years ago."

Elcock said the establishment of the task force was "an excellent idea".

He said the travel budget this year accounts for \$78,000 out of a net extramurals budget of \$115,000. "Travel costs have gone sky high."

He said with \$58,000 as the net budget for the intramurals program, UVic was spending at a ratio of two dollars for extramurals to every dollar for intramurals.

"Our two-to-one ratio is very favorable when compared to other programs such as the one at the University of British Columbia where it's about seven to one."

Elcock said the intramurals program has always been considered as the top priority at

UVic when cuts in budget have to be made.

Elcock, like Petch, is concerned about the coaching situation at UVic. He is delighted with the appointment of Shields. "It would be ideal from my point of view to have all coaching staff connected with the university," he said.

He said he hoped recommendations concerning the tenure document might come from the committee. At present the tenure document gives no credit for coaching. If credit were given, Elcock feels faculty members would be willing to take on coaching duties.

"It's getting more and more difficult every year to get coaches," he said. "Many of them are putting in 20 hours a week and they get no recognition from the university at all except from this department. They also get very little remuneration."

Elcock said he sees the costs of involvement in the CWUAA and the coaching situation as major issues to be tackled by the committee.

Along with Elcock, Stewart and Hutchison the task force includes the Alma Mater Society President Alistair Palmer, AMS representatives Glenda Scott (Educ-3) and Ted Zinkan (Educ-4).

Other members are graduate student Rick Rollins, Bruce Howe, chairman of the Physical Education Division, Bill Gordon (Mathematics), Dennis Davis staff member and Brian Hughes, coach of the Vikings soccer team.

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finally approved by the Labor Relations Board.

At present, the association does have annual pay talks with the senior administration, which itself is largely made up of academics who were members of the association.

After this year's pay talks, the association executive expressed dissatisfaction of "the administration's imposition of a salary settlement for the year 1976-77."

The charge was that even though talks were held "the administration refused to

enter into any negotiations with the salary committee of the Faculty Association".

Being certified, the association will be able "to bargain with the administration on any issue we wish to talk about," Symington said.

It is anticipated the association will be seeking an ambitious contract when next year's talks start in three months' time, and that the executive is hoping to have some clout by at least having a referendum favoring certification behind it, though actual certification would still be in the works.

UVic President Howard Petch has said in the past he is prepared to accept whatever the association decides in regard to its status. "There are advantages and disadvantages of being certified."

## ...Happy

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The meeting also decided that every Friday prior to happy hour the GSS will hold a special "talkback" session, and that the bar won't be opened until a quorum arrives. This will go into effect Dec. 10.

The cheap bar prices, such as a bottle of beer being sold at 50 cents, will remain, but there was talk of instituting a cover charge for faculty and staff who attend the popular function.

Alley said members expressed annoyance at having to subsidize faculty and staff in supplying inexpensive spirits. The happy hour is subsidized by the GSS to the tune of about \$800 a year.

The future of the GSS itself is now being studied by a committee under T.J. Sawchuk, director of Student and Ancillary Services, acting upon the request of the GSS executive.

One possibility is that the GSS will dissolve and its membership come under the Alma Mater Society, which acts on behalf of undergraduate students.

SUB Manager David Clode told *The Ring* that if the GSS had decided to drop its sponsorship of happy hour, it would still have been reinstituted under new sponsors.

Some campus groups, such as the Rugby Club, and a few faculty members offered to take it over when news of its closure was announced by the GSS.

# Heavy month ahead for Vikings

The first part of their Canada West Universities Association (CWUAA) schedule is over, but the UVic Vikings basketball team is not about to take December off.

The Vikings under coach Ken Shields will participate in three tournaments this month in an attempt to keep sharp for the final 14 games of the CWUAA schedule.

Off to a slow start with one win in their first four games, all played on the road, the Vikings were back at McKinnon gym last weekend for two games with the University of Saskatchewan.

This weekend they are participating in an International Basketball Weekend sponsored by the Senior 'A' Victoria Scorpions in the McKinnon gym.

The Vikings play Burnaby Bullets Friday (Dec. 3) at 9 p.m. Victoria Home Lumber, Canadian women's champions, start off the evening playing against a team from New South Wales at 5 p.m. The Scorpions tackle Dandenong of Australia at 7 p.m.

The Vikings play the Aussies Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. while the Scorpions are matched with Burnaby and Home Lumber has a return game with New South Wales.

The UVic Christmas Classic Tournament Dec. 18 and 19th has attracted three top teams to do battle with the Vikings. The fifth annual tournament includes teams from the University of Winnipeg and the University of British Columbia as well as the Vikings and Scorpions.

During the Christmas break the Vikings will travel to Winnipeg for one of Canada's most prestigious intercollegiate basketball tournaments, the Golden Boy Classic.

Teams from coast to coast will play in the tournament Dec. 28 and 29.

Meanwhile, coach Mike Gallo's Vikettes have picked up where they left off in CWUAA women's basketball play. Going into last weekend's encounters with the University of Saskatchewan the Vikettes had won 24 straight CWUAA games.

# gazette

The Board of Governors reports the following actions taken on Nov. 15, 1976.

### New Appointments

Richard M. Brown, LL.B. (Queen's), Cambridge, Massachusetts; appointed assistant professor, Faculty of Law, effective July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1979.

T. Murray Rankin, B.A. (Queen's), LL.B. (Toronto), Cambridge, Massachusetts, appointed assistant professor, Faculty of Law, effective July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1979.

William H. Dyson, B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D., M.D., Victoria, B.C., appointed general practitioner, University Health Services, on a part-time basis, effective Jan. 1, 1977.

### Study Leaves

The following faculty members were granted study leave in the academic year 1977-78. Study leaves that are contingent upon the granting of tenure will be announced later in cases where tenure is granted.

T.J. Trust (Bacteriology/Biochemistry), M.J. Ashwood-Smith (Biology), Alfred Fischer, G.A. Poulton (Chemistry), P.L. Smith (Classics), G.R. Walter (Economics), Anthony Jenkins, D.L. Jeffrey (English), Jennifer Waelti-Walters, Jeanne Adam (French Lang. & Lit.), W.E. Riedel (Germanic Lang. & Lit.), Caroline Monahan (Hispanic & Italian Studies), E.J. Cockayne, W.K. Hastings, A.E. Hurd, Pauline van den Driessche (Mathematics), C.B. Daniels, E.H.W. Kluge (Philosophy), L.P. Robertson (Physics), L.E. Acker, Janet Bavelas, Bram Goldwater (Psychology), Elaine Cumming, D.J. Koenig (Sociology), R.D. Bell, William Cross, Anne McLaughlin, Margery Vaughan (Education), S.A. Welch (History in Art), Boyde Hood (Music), Barbara McIntyre (Theatre).

### Leave of Absence

The following faculty members were granted leave of absence: J.P. Grant, Rosemary Sullivan (English) J.P. Oleson (Classics.)

### Gazette Items

The Senate reports the following proceedings from the 136th meeting held on Nov. 3, 1976.

### Transfer Credit

The Senate endorsed a policy statement prepared by the British Columbia post-secondary co-ordi-

nating committee in regard to college-university credit transfer guidelines. In doing so, the Senate also endorsed comments prepared by the Senate committee on academic standards to be conveyed to the aforementioned committee.

### International Baccalaureate

The Senate approved a Calendar entry concerning admission of applicants with the international baccalaureate.

### Graduating Grade Point Average

The Senate gave approval in principle to a revised Calendar entry governing the computation of the graduating grade point average and asked the Senate committee on academic standards to reword the regulation and bring it back to the Senate. In effect, the revised regulation confirms the procedure being currently used and nullifies a change that was to have been effected in May 1977.

### Reports Received

The Senate received annual reports from the following committees: Senate committee on academic standards, Senate committee on awards, and Senate committee on continuing education.

Also received: Report on Political Science 580, Legislative Internship, which was offered on an experimental basis in 1975-76 and which is now to be offered on a regular basis, subject to continuation of provincial government financial support; a report from the vice-president on the role of the Dean of Academic Affairs; a report from the administrative registrar on the results of a questionnaire sent to newly-admitted students who did not register in September; a report from the committee on the library in regard to the hours of the reserve reading room during the Summer Session, a report which was then referred to the Senate committee on Summer Session; a report from the Senate committee on teaching and learning, which was postponed to the next meeting.

### New Awards

Two new awards were approved by the Senate and recommended to the Board of Governors: The Wootton Scholarship in Law, The Sara Spencer Foundation bursaries.

### Committee Appointments

The following appointments were made by the

Senate committee on committees on authority from the Senate: 1. Committee on university budget - R.I. Cheffins, 1978 (1976), J.A. Schofield, 1979 (1976); 2. Joint Board/Senate committee on Winegard Report - P.L. Smith, Casey Rippon, J.L. Climenhaga; 3. Ad hoc committee on remedial English - John Meredith, superintendent of Educational Programs - Schools, Department of Education Also, the Senate appointed Stephen R. Taylor of the Graduate Students' Society as a member of the committee on continuing education, for 1976-77.

### Correctional Education Program

The Senate discharged with thanks the Senate ad hoc committee on correctional education programs in federal penitentiaries on the understanding that a correctional education program committee, reporting to the Dean of Academic Affairs and chaired by the director of the program, would be established and would submit an annual report to the Senate.

### Examination Timetable

The Senate adopted the following motion recommended by the Faculty of Arts and Science;

That it is the wish of the Senate that the university consider the policy of determining and publishing the final examination timetable for a given academic year prior to the registration period for that academic year provided that no additional timetable conflicts are thereby generated; and that this matter be referred to the administrative registrar for a report in time for the January meeting of the Senate.

### Proposed M.F.A. Program in Visual Arts

The Senate adopted the following motions in response to a proposal made by the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

That whereas the Senate views with favor the proposal to establish a program leading to a master of fine arts degree in visual arts, the chairman of Senate be authorized to submit a letter of intent to the Universities Council of British Columbia.

That the proposal for an MFA program in visual arts be referred to the Senate committee on planning for consideration and recommendation to the Senate.

The Senate understood that the first motion did not constitute approval of the program but simply authorization to the chairman of Senate to initiate

preliminary procedures through the Universities Council of British Columbia in keeping with that body's procedures.

### Universities Act

A motion made from the floor was adopted to the effect that the Senate request the provincial education department to involve the universities in its review of the Universities Act prior to introducing any legislative changes.

### Membership In The Faculty Of Education

On a recommendation from the Faculty of Education, the Senate approved membership in the Faculty of Education of the co-ordinator of professional programs (undergraduate) and the co-ordinator of school experiences.

### Transcripts

The Senate adopted a series of motions arising from a report from the ad hoc committee on transcripts, as follows:

- That Senate not adopt a system of course withdrawal specifications such as WP, WF, WM.
- That Senate not adopt a system of recording audit courses on the transcript.
- That Senate retain the free drop period in the first term as it now exists (two weeks). However the committee recommends that Senate expand the free drop period in the second term to two weeks from one week.
- That Senate leave unchanged the dates for dropping courses subsequent to the free period.
- That Senate approve the discontinuance of the "student granted honourable dismissal" message on the transcript.
- That Senate approve the discontinuance of the "Registration Cancelled by University" message on the transcript.

### Granting of Degrees and Diplomas

The Senate granted degrees and diplomas to candidates who completed their programs by the end of Summer Session 1976. Degree recipients will now be offered the option of receiving their diplomas by mail in January or in person at convocation in May 1977.



# ringers

The usual dignified serenity of the Faculty Club will be shattered on the night of Dec. 3 when high rollers, boozers, sharks and even a belly dancer take over the place. The occasion is annual Casino Night, and, as an added attraction to a night of roulette wheels, blackjack, crown and anchor, poker and craps will be Catherine Samsel, a professional belly dancer who teaches a course in that art at Camosun College. Gambling gets under way at 8 p.m. and Samsel will perform at 10 p.m. Organizer Wendell Rylander (Institutional Analysis) said he hoped the dancer will bring in more members than the number who turned out last year. The idea of Casino Night is to buy tickets at the door which can be used for drinks or food or as gambling tokens. Winners at the tables can then use their tokens for buying drink or food and/or for the auction which will end the event. It is all strictly for fun in that no tokens can be cashed in for money.

Slightly more than 10 per cent of UVic's 5,668 eligible student voters marked ballots in a November election that saw P. Donald MacDonald (GS-M) elected to the Board of Governors. Mac Donald fills a vacancy created when student governor Paula DeBeck did not return to UVic in September. He finished with 232 votes, 31 more than Timothy D. Dunford (Law-2). Douglas Franklin (GS-M) finished third with 106 votes. In an election to fill two vacancies on Senate, R.C. (Tino) Di Bella (Law-1) a former student Senator, topped the polls with 316 votes. Also elected was H. Donald McIntyre (FA-4) with 256 votes. Unsuccessful candidates were Margaret Bawlf (A&S-4) and Jeffrey Rueger (FA-2). In an election earlier in November to choose a faculty representative on Senate, Dr. John Greene (French) was elected.

It's getting very close to nail-biting time again for students as examinations get under way Dec. 9. Because of scheduling problems the examination timetable this year will run for 11 days, a day longer than originally planned, winding up Dec. 21. Students will then have a breather until Jan. 10 when second-term classes begin.

Mulled wine and music by candlelight are once again being offered to the university community and the public as the UVic Alumni Association presents the Elizabethan Carolers in an evening of Wassail and Song, Dec. 13. The pre-Christmas festivities begin at 8 p.m. in the Faculty Club. A similar program last year was "very successful" according to association director Paul Sutherland. Tickets are \$5.50 each and can be obtained by calling the Alumni office at Local 4588 or 4859. Proceeds from the evening help support UVic's music program and scholarships.

A group of women on campus interested in promoting Women's Studies at UVic is scheduled to meet today with President Howard Petch to discuss the issue. Student senator and UVic Women's Action Group (WAG) activist, Rosemary Gray (A&S-4), said representatives of students, faculty, administration and staff have been invited to the meeting. Last WAG organized a workshop on Women's Studies in the Student Union Building. Dr. Dorothy Smith, a sociologist at UBC and involved in Women's Studies at that university, will address interested members of the faculty at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in the Faculty Club.

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# notices

The issue of aboriginal rights will be discussed at a meeting Dec. 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Commons Block. The public is invited to hear Karmel Taylor McCullum and Hugh McCullum authors of This Land is Not For Sale. The McCullums have spent considerable time in the North and are now a project team of the Anglican, United and Roman Catholic churches on northern development. Further information is available at the Indian Education Resources Centre in 'G' Hut, telephone Local 4861.

Members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies are invited to attend the following oral examinations: Bertha Adams, a M.A. candidate in Education, on "An Investigation of Reading Readiness Tests, and of Selected Auditory Perception, Visual Perception, and Language Skills Involved in Reading Readiness", on Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. in MacLaurin 257; Pijush Sarker, M.A. candidate in Geography, on "The Integration of Mobile Home Parks and Existing Residential Neighborhoods: A Case Study in Greater Victoria", on Dec. 6 at 3:30 p.m. in Cornett 145; and Iryna Lawriw, a M.A. candidate in Psychology, on "A Test of the Predictive Validity and a Cross-Validation of the Neurosensory Centre Comprehensive Examination for Aphasia", on Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. in Cornett 193.

An exchange of professors with Belgium for 10 days between Feb. 15 and March 15 has been announced by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. The successful candidates will be

Canadian citizens, members of a department or faculty of music or architecture with an ability to give instruction in either French, Dutch or German. A curriculum vitae supported by a letter of nomination from the dean of the candidate's faculty should be submitted to the Director of International Programs, AUCC, 151 Slater St., to arrive not later than Dec. 15.

Imperial Oil Ltd. is inviting applications for its 1977 university research grants program, deadline being Jan. 17. Application forms and details of the program are available from the Registrar's Office. Last year, out of 150 applications, the company granted 62 awards to 26 Canadian universities for a total of \$300,000.

Craftsmen and women from all over Vancouver Island and Vancouver will be on hand for the popular Christmas Craft Faire Dec. 2, 3, and 4 in the new lounge of the Student Union Building. Now in its fifth year at UVic the fair attracted 3,000 people during two days last year. It's an opportunity for students, staff, faculty and the general public to examine high quality, hand-crafted wares which range from pottery to puppets. Weavers, craftsmen in glass, toymakers, and ornate leather workers will be at the SUB. Organizers have established a committee which juries all work submitted for the fair to ensure high quality. Hours for the fair are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 4.



## letter

Dear Sir:

Apropos of the letter from Ms. Connie More regarding hiring of faculty wives, or faculty husbands for that matter, there is a serious principle involved which she seems to have completely overlooked. Appointment of a spouse within the same organization such as a university is a very delicate matter, both in terms of the close relationship involved and the income of the household concerned. It is all very well to declare in an exalted manner, as does the new "conflict of interest" policy guide, that "favouritism may arise in a variety of contexts of which family relationship is only one." However, there are potential but real dangers of favouritism in making such appointments that the exquisite jargon of the policy guide pretends to ignore.

With the increasing number of husbands and wives both possessing higher qualifications in a field or fields of specialization, a small campus like ours will have to accommodate the spouse, when offering a position to a suitable candidate, if the qualifications of both fit the needs of the university and provided they meet the criteria of positions as advertised. In large metropolitan areas, this may not be necessary as opportunities for employment for both may exist in nearby places. Still, a university cannot be turned into a cluster of petty dynasties. This is true of government and business as well. The new trend towards two homes in many cases where both husband and wife are employed in their respective professions indicates how the challenge is being met in the North American society.

The problem is different with regard to part-time positions. Until recently almost all the part-time positions at this university were filled by candidates who were not related to the university employees, and in most cases the chairmen of departments would stumble on them in search of suitable persons to fill these vacancies. With faculty spouses taking a number of part-time positions, however, it is necessary to make sure that the best candidate is hired for each position, as part-time appointments are usually subject to flexible criteria, unlike regular full-time appointments, and they may be potentially influenced by considerations other than merit.

It would be preposterous to suggest that

universities should advertise these positions nationally and internationally, but there should be an open competition for them based on local advertising in the university community, and if possible, in the community at large in Greater Victoria. This is what I had in mind when I used the word "local" regarding this matter at the October meeting of the Board of Governors as reported in The Ring. I would find Ms. Connie More's position—that she cannot imagine anyone more local than a wife—as an extremely ascriptive position and therefore unacceptable. Merit rather than status is the only superior criterion for appointments, including part-time appointments. Given our system, an overwhelming number of wives have very little freedom of choice for jobs, and if the main criterion to hire the wives was to be this lack of opportunities for them as against husbands or single persons, then we should also decide whether the university owes a living to all the faculty wives, or, if some are hired then why not others. The only objective answer to this question is to adopt open selection procedures. Conflict of interest takes place not only when the conflict of interest exists; it is also when there is a potential danger for it to be developed, and such a danger is greatest in terms of family relationships than most other relationships, as far as the university is concerned.

Let me add that in my opinion part-time employees perform an invaluable service to the university. But many of them create surplus value for the employer. And there lies the paradox. If compensation and other conditions of work were to be improved, a good number of part-time employees would no longer qualify.

In my opinion, all part-time positions should be periodically reviewed and replaced by full-time positions by consolidating part-time work, wherever possible.

Sincerely,

I.D. Pal,  
Department of Economics



# The search is on for troubled students of yesteryear

By John Driscoll

What ever happened to Johnny who couldn't read?

That's one of the questions that intrigues the busy Dr. Otfried Spreen, an internationally-known expert on aphasia and a neuropsychologist at UVic.

Now, thanks to the neuropsychology laboratory in the Cornett Building and a \$32,000 grant from the National Department of Health and Welfare, Spreen and his three research assistants may be able to answer the question.

The laboratory was set up in 1963 by Dr. Bill Gaddes (Psychology) to assess children with learning problems for the purpose of counselling. Dr. Frank Spellacy, Dr. Louis Sutker, Gaddes and Spreen collaborate on work in this UVic laboratory and see two or three cases each week.

Spreen is now in the process of contacting 400 people who went through six hours of intensive testing in the laboratory several years ago.

The children went through the laboratory between the ages of 8 and 12 and they are now, on the average, about 19 or 20.

"The question I'm really asking here is 'what happens to these children?'," explained Spreen in a recent interview. "How have they adjusted in later years?"

The Children were originally referred to the laboratory from a variety of sources, including physicians, teachers and health centres. In every case a complete medical was supplied which assisted the UVic neuropsychologists in determining whether a child was brain damaged.

"We're talking about very minor brain damage," said Spreen. "With most cases it's congenital brain damage caused by such things as prolonged birth or poor oxygen supply."

"We'd like to know if we can even tell the difference between those who were brain damaged and those who were not when seen in later life."

At the time they were tested the children received counselling from UVic psychologists and detailed prescriptions were given to school principals. "One of the problems is that in some cases our recommendations never reached the teachers involved with the children," said Spreen.

The group tested was not getting along well in school and most of them had reading difficulties. "The whole educational system breaks down for children who haven't mastered enough reading and writing in their first three years," said Spreen.

"By the time they get to high school, teachers have a terrible time persuading these children to go on. If you are failing subject after subject it's understandable to want to drop out. And we have very little alternative in our schools."

And how did these children with learning difficulties years ago, some with brain damage, some without, make out in later years?

"Some have made a very poor adjustment and others are doing just fine and dandy," said Spreen. "Response so far is very mixed and I can't give a final result yet."

Spreen said some cases were followed into Riverview Hospital and into the British Columbia Penitentiary. "Some are followed into Woodlands School for the Mentally Retarded and still others have made an excellent adjustment."

Spreen and his researchers are looking at school achievement, adjustment at home



Motor steadiness test is only one of the many at UVic lab for children with learning problems.



Spreen: tracing turns up some sad stories

and social adjustment. They are also attempting to determine the kinds of occupational adjustment made by these children.

"As far as co-operation is concerned, we've had very few people who just flatly refused to give us any information. When they do refuse, they have the same reaction at either end of the scale."

Spreen said a few parents with children who have made an excellent adjustment don't want to be reminded of the past. "At the other end a parent simply tells us everything went wrong with his child and he doesn't want to be reminded by going into details."

"The reaction is understandable in both cases, but we try to find out what at least has happened to those we lose out of the study."

Spreen sends his assistants all over Vancouver Island and the lower mainland in search of follow-up cases. They track the cases down, sometimes through the school board or through the physician the children had at the time of the tests. He said he has received excellent co-operation from school boards and school counsellors.

They have a standardized interview set out and every single question can automatically be computer-coded. "The whole thing goes on the computer without names. It's crucial that we keep confidentiality," said Spreen.

Spreen said the study is important in several areas.

"I'd like to find out what separates good adjustment and bad adjustment," he said. "The crucial question is could we have predicted how the child would adjust."

"If we had been able to predict we could have at least reassured some parents that things were going to be okay. With other parents we could have said 'throw the book at him, use any resource you have or else you're in trouble'."

Spreen also hopes the study will indicate the effect that the presence of brain damage has on future development.

"The study has other implications in examining our present facilities for treatment, training and remediation."

Spreen said this part of the follow-up study has proven to be a sad story. "You get kids who have been sent around to 16 different places and never, in the opinion of the parent, have they received the help they needed."

Spreen added that he did not wish to condemn the available treatment without seeing the end results of the study. Interviews will be completed about March and the entire study will be completed by September, 1977, he said.

The neuropsychological laboratory developed by Gaddes now has about 3,000 case files of people of all ages. The laboratory is linked to the laboratory at Jubilee Hospital and to the Mental Health Centre and the Gorge Road Hospital.

Tests under the supervision of chief psychometrician Mrs. Marjory Halliwell, include psychological and intellectual tests, some very highly specialized to pick up neurological deficits.

The follow-up study is only one of Spreen's spheres of interest. He has been involved for several years in studies of aphasia and its effects on language.

His current research in this field deals primarily with adults who have brain injuries caused by accidents, tumors and strokes.

"About half these cases develop language problems," explained Spreen. "And in talking professions such as teaching, sales or acting it's unbelievable how this can ruin a person's life."

Spreen is engaged in a linguistics study of aphasia victims to determine the way in which the language is disturbed.

"Aphasia takes many forms and if you can describe exactly what it is like then the speech therapist can pick up on this and work on those areas."

Spreen has already, along with Dr. Arthur Benton of the University of Iowa, made up a very detailed test, listing 20 different aspects of language, which determines how severe the aphasia is, what kind it is and what language functions are affected. The test was made up more than 10 years ago and has become popular throughout the world.

"The other thing I'm fascinated with is recovery from aphasia, not just the severity but what type of aphasia recovers best."

Spreen said some patients can't understand you and others understand well but can't really get things out. "I'd like to know the prognosis for the different types of patient."

Spreen said there is a type of jargon aphasia where a patient talks a kind of gibberish that is sometimes mistaken for schizophrenia. "A neurologist who goes into a mental hospital can always find one or two patients who shouldn't be there because they have aphasia," he said.

Another form of aphasia might involve a patient with word-finding difficulty. "For

example if I hold up this pencil and ask a patient to name it he'll say that he knows it, that you write with it and he'll go on and on and finally come up with 'pencil'."

"Another patients goes on in the same way and finally calls it a 'prissel'. Now that's a different kind of response. One patient has word-finding difficulty while the other comes up with a completely new nonsense word that may or may not have similarity to the real thing."

"Then again if you ask the second patient to speak freely he can use the word pencil without any trouble at all which means he still has the word in his vocabulary."

Spreen is now engaged in a very detailed linguistic study of aphasia patients in which the patients use free speech analyzed from tape-recording transcripts and computer analysis.

His concern about neurological deficits has taken Spreen into another area, mental retardation.

He has just finished a book on it, teaches a fourth-year psychology course in it for child care, social work, psychology and nursing students and is heavily involved in the Greater Victoria Association for the Retarded.

"Right now we're planning a very detailed survey on the facilities that are available and hoping to bring out a comprehensive plan for the Capital Region District on services that would be desirable."

Spreen believes there is a great need for more and varying facilities for the retarded.

"A large institution which is a community unto itself is not very beneficial for most youngsters," he said. "The trend is to get back into the community, to integrate rather than segregate."

Spreen believes that a number of small residences in the community is the answer. "It's unlikely to upset the community whereas an institution with 200 people would upset the community very much."

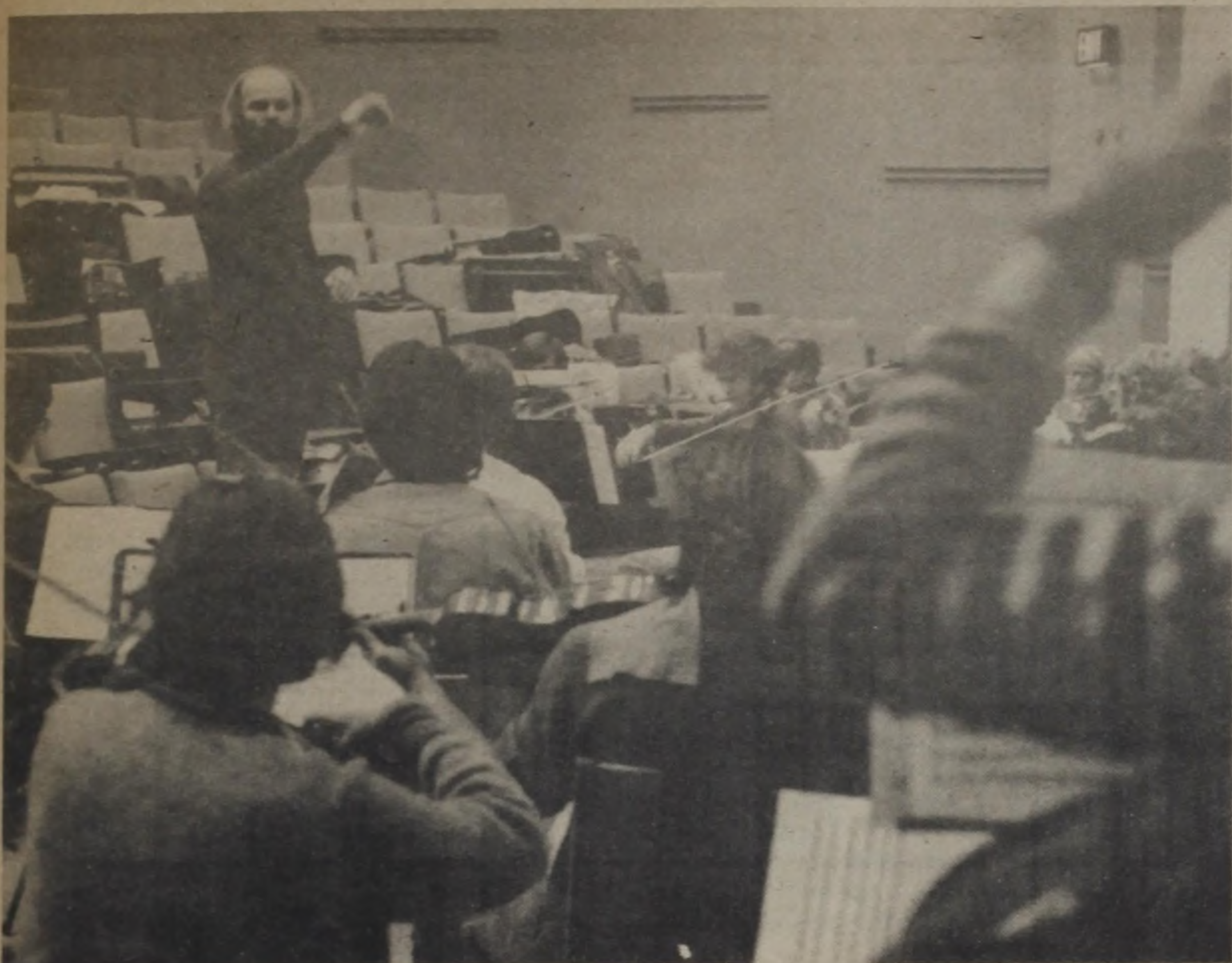
He sees the integration of the retarded into the community as a two-way street. "You can't push integration without changing attitudes. And you can't change attitudes unless people have had experience with a handicapped person."

He said integration will not be a swift process but that it has already been started in a small way. "Woodlands School used to have 1,300 people and now it's down to 900 so integration is taking place."

As if Spreen's research, teaching, and involvement in mental retardation work at the local and provincial level is not enough, he has recently been appointed to the health education advisory committee, set up by Education Minister Pat McGeer to advise him on post-secondary health education.

Of his activities in community and provincial organizations Spreen admitted, "it does get rather time-consuming". He smiled as he said this however, indicating that he is not about to slow down from his hectic schedule.





Walker rehearses University Orchestra

## 'LORD NELSON MASS'

UVic's Christmas offering to local music lovers will come in the form of a Taylor Scholarship concert Dec. 3 and 4 in Christ Church Cathedral.

James Walker, visiting conductor to the Department of Music, has lined up an array of talent to present a program featuring the *Mass in D minor* ("The Lord Nelson Mass") by Haydn, *Flos Campi* ("Flowers of the Field") by Vaughan Williams, and *Concerto Grosso Opus 6, No. 8* ("Christmas") by Corelli.

The two-hour program will begin at 8 each night in a cathedral that has "exceptional acoustics for this type of work."

Walker, visiting from the State University of New York, will conduct the 160 voice University Chorus and 45-piece University Orchestra. A number of solo artists will assist.

*Flos Campi* will highlight UVic's outstanding violist, Gerald Stanick performing with the Pacific Wind Quartet. *Mass in D minor* will have soprano Ruth Champion, contralto June Dupuis, tenor Rory Hammond and bass Garth Gislason. In *Concerto Grosso*, the principal of each section will give a solo.

In commenting on the *Lord Nelson Mass*, Walker said "the impressive thing about this work is that it is so tightly knit without any obscure choruses. Every section of the mass is an exciting statement."

Walker noted that Vaughan Williams, the famous English composer, said shortly before his death that if there was only one work he would be allowed to hear before he

died it would be the *Lord Nelson Mass*.

Of Vaughan Williams' own work, *Flos Campi*, Walker said its significance lies in the use of a muted chorus. "There are certain tonal paintings in the feeling of each text." The texts are from the *Bible's* "Song of Solomon."

A Taylor Scholarship concert is the Department of Music's major event of each term, the proceeds of which go to scholarships for music students.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and pensioners. Reservations can be made through the Department of Music at local 4361.

## \$42 million needed for capital projects

A \$42 million building program in the next five years will be needed to provide adequate facilities for all existing programs at UVic.

In a report to be presented to the Senate tonight, the reconstructed committee on planning has outline recommended capital needs for the next five years.

The Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) has asked each university to present a priority list for capital funds up to 1981.

As expected the music wing of the MacLaurin Building and the third wing of the Clearihue Building, already completed, top the list.

"Our priorities are to provide adequate housing for existing programs," explained

A love affair has developed between Department of Music students and a group of senior citizens in James Bay.

It all began when Jesse Read, a member of the department got together with Allan Beveridge (Continuing Education) and hatched a scheme to expose UVic's young musical talent to more audiences, that is, having them play in the community as a supplement to the normal practice of having the community come to the campus for various recitals. "The idea was to give students more contact with the reality of performance," said Read.

Beveridge, who has cooked up in the past years a number of successful projects that has brought UVic personnel to the community, approached the James Bay New Horizons Society with the idea, and its members enthusiastically went for it.

Read said that music students were at first reluctant to face what they feared were "a bunch of old people who probably would have difficulty hearing and seeing."

But when they started giving Saturday afternoon concerts at the New Horizons Centre they were "totally surprised and delighted at having such a keen and receptive audience."

As for the response of the senior citizens, "it has been fantastic". Usually a full house listens to the student recitals, and now the centre may have to reserve seats.

"Our people are very happy with it," commented Mary Pankowski, executive director of the New Horizons Society. "We are not only enjoying the quality of the presentations, but also the pleasure of just being with young people".

She added that "sometimes they turn out to be more conversations than concerts" as the performers talk about music with their audience.



Read: music for the community

"It was really great," said Paul Thompson, a first-year violin student who, along with Gary Russell, a fourth-year cello player, and Judy Au, a piano student from the Victoria Conservatory of Music, performed recently at the centre.

"They were so informal and they made us feel right at home. And they appreciated what we did".

The next recital is scheduled for Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. when a string quartet will perform.

Read said the students will not only be performing for other senior citizen groups but for other kinds of organizations that may be interested.

Read is also conductor of the new "Town and Gown" band, which is another co-operative venture between the Music Department and the Division of Continuing Education in getting UVic involved in the community.

This group is a successor to the university band and consists not only of student musicians from the campus-at-large, but also a number attending local high schools.

The "Town and Gown" group plays at various schools and holds weekly rehearsals at UVic. Read draws on about 70 musicians "who are just happy to play together and learn more about music".

## Searing bits of brain for peace of mind

By John Driscoll

Psychosurgery. To the layman with a vivid imagination it can conjure up visions of Gothic castles, Frankensteinian scientists and hunch-backed assistants named Igor.

After all it does involve implanting bundles of tiny electrodes deep into people's brains and then passing a current through the electrodes to destroy brain tissue.

For such a layman it's a surprise to find out that one of the world's leading exponents of psychosurgery is a cherubic, little Englishman with a dry wit and a reasoned defence for this most drastic form of behavioral modification.

Dr. Harry Crow, director of the Perth Neurological Hospital, spoke last week at a special lecture in the Psychology Department at UVic.

Crow has developed a treatment regarded as behavioral therapy as well as brain surgery which has raised interest and eyebrows around the world because of the high degree of success claimed for his patients.

Crow emphasized that he has a "distaste" for surgery and that "we're still nervous about it."

He has been involved in psychosurgery with electrodes for 18 years at the rate of 8 to 10 operations a year. "With lobotomies the price was greater than the benefits. We were searching for a way to achieve the benefits of lobotomy without the side effects."

Crow said psychosurgery is considered only for chronic cases who have not found relief from their pain through more conventional methods.

He said patients who undergo the surgery have had about an average of 15 years of psychiatric treatment to no avail. After psychotherapy, social manipulation, drugs and diet have failed to ease suffering, surgery is considered.

While the first few patients to undergo surgery were from his own clinic, word of his successes prompted a few consultant psychiatrists to ask him to look at their patients.

"More than half these patients are turned down," he said.

Crow said all patients who undergo psychosurgery are "legal free agents who make their decisions based on the information I give them. None of my patients are psychotic."

"I am fortunate I do not have to face the problem of having to operate on a patient without his consent," he said.

"The treatment is based on trust, not just the trust between patient and doctor but trust between the patient and the society from which the patient springs."

Crow said there are rival camps in psychology and psychiatry, with some people insisting that "manipulation of the psyche is the thing" and that the brain does not have to be considered.

"At the opposite end of the scale there are psychotherapists who ladle in drugs which often have long-term results."

Crow explained that his patients are people who experience excessive anxiety or have an obsessive personality. In all cases the life-history of the patient is studied.

"Benefits have been experienced in 84 per cent of the anxiety group and in 74 per cent of the obsessional group," he said.

He said his clinic has a group of patients who are completely mobile, who can go home for weekends and

have gone into the working world. "We had one patient who was from a university community who was able to attend Senate meetings after surgery," said Crow.

He explained his theory that there is a neural system in the brain that acts as an alarm which in some way produces fear in people. In some people it produces an excess of fear and the surgery attacks that part of the brain. "By reducing the number of neurons we reduce the unpleasant reaction."

He admitted that in some earlier operations, mistakes were made and the patients suffered side effects such as a loss of interest in life and a lack of ability to concentrate.

When asked if his type of surgery sets a precedent for "the most sinister type of surgery", Crow said he believed this is not the case because of the extensive life-history check into each patient's background by a number of psychiatrists.

"Most people are not prepared to accept what I say," he said. "But I have seen the results and there has been a relief from suffering."



# Fine Arts funding 'disgraceful'

In a report to the Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC), Peter Smith, Dean of Fine Arts at UVic, has called capital funding for UVic programs "disgracefully inadequate".

The UCBC is currently studying Fine Arts programs at the three public B.C. universities and has expressed concern about the number of programs coming out of Fine Arts.

Smith pointed out in his report that UVic has the province's only Faculty of Fine Arts. UBC has Fine Arts programs within its Arts and Science Faculty and Simon Fraser University has an emergent program.

The School of Fine Arts, first of its type in Canada, was created in 1966 and given faculty status in 1968.

Smith said each of the four departments in Fine Arts; Music, Visual Arts, History in Art and Theatre offer a selective program of high quality.

Graduate programs are established in three departments and in November the UVic Senate approved in principle a proposal to establish a program leading to a Master of Fine Arts degree in Visual Arts.

"For whatever reason, capital funding for the Victoria programs has been disgracefully inadequate despite the fact that the departments have proved their validity in over a decade of planned development," said Smith.

Smith noted that in the Music Department,

"the major impediment to further progress has been the delay in approval of a Music wing to the MacLaurin building, a facility planned in meticulous detail over a three-year period."

The music wing was approved by the previous government and construction was expected to get under way in January, 1976. However, the new government put a freeze on capital funding during 1976 while it worked out new funding legislation and in a surprise move in September, UCBC did not recommend construction of the music wing as a top priority item.

UVic has appealed the UCBC decision and is now awaiting a decision on the appeal.

Music is not the only department in Fine Arts suffering from a lack of adequate facilities.

Smith said the Theatre Department, like Music, "has been struggling for over a decade in accommodation that can be described as primitive."

"Yet the high level of its professional achievements has carried its reputation far beyond the city of Victoria," he said.

Smith said Visual Arts, too, has an "acute need" for capital funding. "Present studio facilities are scattered on campus and far from ideal," he said.

He said History in Art, now housed in the Sedgewick Building, had satisfactory accommodation at present.

Smith also submitted a position paper to

the UCBC on the council's concern about "unnecessary duplication" in Fine Arts programs. While he agreed that the UCBC must take seriously its legislative charge to "minimize unnecessary duplication" he warned the council to guard against the temptation to view all duplication as unnecessary.

"It would be reactionary in the extreme to argue that the three major provincial universities are guilty of 'unnecessary duplication' if all have established or should chose to establish undergraduate degrees in the basic fine arts area."

He said universities and colleges across Canada do not appear to regard fine arts studies as peripheral or specialized programs to be severely limited in availability but "rather as basic components of the standard undergraduate curriculum."

Smith pointed to the Symons report "To Know Ourselves", which urged greater recognition to the capital and operating costs entailed in supporting an adequate program in the performing arts at the post-secondary level in Canada.

"Fine and performing arts are areas where Canadian universities can play a great role in fostering a Canadian awareness both on and off the campus," said Smith.

He appeared before the Board of Governors at the November meeting to answer questions on his report.

# Canadian hiring almost official

About a year after it first emerged from the executive council, a new faculty recruitment policy favoring Canadians is just a minor editorial change away from becoming official UVic policy.

In the past year the proposed policy has been praised, put down and prodded as it made the rounds of faculties, departments, divisions and schools.

Its original form has been slightly altered after being placed under the microscope by the Faculty Association, Graduate Students' Society, Alma Mater Society and the Senate.

The controversy that surrounded it at the beginning has all but faded away.

Presenting the final version to the Board of Governors at the November meeting, President Howard Petch said he felt the policy is widely accepted.

"It has been good to have this discussed at all levels," he added.

"I believe it's the consensus that we should find Canadians wherever possible, to fill positions."

"We've made enormous efforts to develop graduate schools in Canada and it's only right that young Canadians be given the opportunity to teach in our public universities."

Petch said the situation in Canadian universities was "really turning around" with fewer non-Canadians being hired in recent years. "The Ontario government has taken tough action in this regard and issued a directive to university presidents that there must be an increase in Canadians hired as faculty. That government is holding the presidents of universities personally responsible for seeing that this happens."

He said the UVic policy now represents the final version accepted by the Faculty Association.

Governor I.D. Pal (Economics) made a suggestion at the BOG meeting that the policy be amended slightly, by not naming, specifically, the publications in which new or vacant positions will be advertised.

Petch was agreeable to the change but asked the BOG not to make a decision on the policy until he had taken the minor change to the Faculty Association.

After the BOG meeting, association President Dr. Rod Symington (Germanic) said he could see no objection to the change.

"The wording of the policy is almost exactly what was recommended by the association," said Symington. "It just goes to show you what can be accomplished when administration co-operates with faculty."

Petch will bring the policy to the Dec. 20 BOG meeting.

The policy defines a Canadian applicant as "a Canadian citizen, or a landed immigrant in Canada at the time of making an application for a faculty position at this university, or one who has had extensive academic training or experience in Canada."

The key paragraph in the policy deals with the selection procedures.

"If the competition produces applicants who, by virtue of academic degrees, scholarly interests and training, research and teaching experience and accomplishment or potential and other such qualifications, meet the specific requirements of the advertised position and clearly qualify to be appointed by the general criteria for appointment, and if one or more such applicants is a Canadian applicant, then the appointment will be offered to the best qualified Canadian applicant."

"However when it can be clearly demonstrated that a non-Canadian applicant is likely to make a contribution superior to that of any Canadian applicant, the appointment will be offered to that applicant."

Petch said the Simon Fraser University recruitment policy was "possibly stronger" than the UVic policy.

"Most countries are stricter than Canada regarding non-citizens," said Petch. "This is the part that bothers me. Young Canadians can't really go elsewhere to compete for positions but must compete against the whole world for jobs here."

While Petch said the university community has generally accepted the new policy, there are some people who feel it is not strong enough.

Petch said Kathleen Ruff of the Human Rights Commission said that landed immigrants must be treated as Canadians.

# Music wing decision on way

A new recommendation on the proposed music wing for UVic from the Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) will be in the hands of Education Minister Pat McGeer later this week.

Bernard Gillie, a Vancouver Island member of the UCBC, told *The Ring* last week, the council had made its decision following a meeting with UVic President Howard Petch and Board of Governor chairman Joseph Cunliffe and member Ian Stewart.

The UVic representatives were appealing an earlier recommendation by UCBC to omit the music wing as a priority item for special funding.

At the instruction of council members, chairman William Armstrong has drafted a letter explaining its decision following the UVic appeal.

Armstrong and Gillie declined to reveal the nature of the letter until it is in the hands of the minister.

"It was a good idea to hold a meeting between UVic officials and the council," Armstrong told *The Ring*. "We were certainly pleased with the presentation by Mr. Cunliffe. It gave us a very clear picture of the problems faced by UVic."

Armstrong added that no decision was made at that meeting, but Gillie confirmed one has been made since in consultation with council members.

Following the meeting, Petch said he is hopeful UVic will get immediate funding for the \$3.375 million wing.

He confirmed that one council member asked him how much it would cost to stop construction of the \$8 million university centre so the funds for this project could be switched over to the music wing.

"One could shut it down," said Petch, "but it would be a very large loss."

Construction on the centre began in June. The centre is to house student services offices, meeting rooms, a dining room, and a 1,000-seat auditorium.

The council has termed the centre "a luxury item", but Petch insists the university was never presented with a choice between two badly-needed projects.

"We had the funds for the centre, and we were waiting for approval of the music wing."



Neufeldt: see improvements

# McGeer announces standardized literary test

If Senate gives the go-ahead, UVic will participate in a scheme announced recently by Education Minister Pat McGeer that would have freshmen in B.C. universities and colleges taking a standardized literacy examination.

Dr. Victor A. Neufeldt, director of UVic's Freshmen English and Language Program, told *The Ring* that McGeer is establishing the English language test as requested last spring by the universities and colleges.

Neufeldt noted "the government has made it emphatic that the test is not a requirement for admission, but just for placement in English courses after a student has been accepted."

Dr. Walter Barss (Physics), chairman of the Senate standards committee, said the matter will be brought before the December meeting of Senate. Neufeldt will also be present to reply to any questions from senators.

Barss said his committee favors the standardized test and added that a fair amount of work is involved in having it implemented by May as a two-year experiment.

Neufeldt said the idea is to give the test on a voluntary basis to Grade 12 students planning to enter post-secondary education with the understanding it will be a requirement for those universities and colleges agreeing to adopt it.

To accommodate mature students or late

entrants, summer or fall tests will be held at post-secondary institutions.

Neufeldt said that UVic has had its own placement test since 1970, and that since then UBC and most of the colleges have introduced their own.

"With all these placement exams springing up, we went to the minister suggesting that it would make sense to have a standardized exam."

He said one main advantage in giving a standardized test in high schools is that institutions will have an advance notice of how many sections of English courses they can plan for rather than arranging them at the last minute in the fall.

At UVic, the practice is to give a remedial course called English 111 to those who fail the literacy test provided by the Department of English. The same practice will continue if the provincial test is adopted.

"We won't have to mark tests anymore," said Neufeldt, "and that will make it much easier for us in the English Department."

The provincial tests will be marked by committees around the province made up of English instructors from both high schools and post-secondary institutions.

Neufeldt has been appointed by McGeer to the advisory board that will administer the test. Besides representatives from colleges and universities, the board will also consist of officials from the various segments of the educational community, including the Educational Research Institution of B.C. (ERIBC), which is designing the test.

Based on input from English departments and registrars, the test will consist of two sections, one requiring students to identify errors in 30 sentences, the other a 500-word essay on one of five topics. It will also determine whether students whose native language is not English will need special instruction.

Neufeldt was asked to comment on a recent survey by a research team from UVic's Faculty of Education, which was commissioned by the Department of Education.

The survey indicated that language skills in both primary and secondary levels were more satisfactory than was commonly believed.

"It's very difficult to interpret what satisfactory means," said Neufeldt. By what standards are these students reaching a level of competence?"

He suggested "success at university requires something more than satisfactory."

However, Neufeldt agrees, though, there have been improvements in the teaching of English in high schools as reflected in the writing skills of freshmen in the last few years.

Since UVic raised its entrance requirements from "C" to "C-plus" two years ago, some 17 per cent of freshmen have failed the literacy test, compared to 35 per cent three years ago.

"By raising our standards we have cut in half the number of students poorly skilled in writing."





Vickers: now co-ordinator

## Indian Centre revived

By Sharon Venne

The Indian Education Resources Centre at UVic has reopened after a seven-month closure.

A \$35,470 grant from the Department of Education has allowed the satellite centre in Victoria to hire a co-ordinator.

The centre has been closed twice in the past because of funding difficulties.

The new co-ordinator is Margaret Vickers, a native Indian from Kitkatla, who will also work with the main centre in Vancouver to produce the British Columbia Native Teachers' Association (BCNITA) newsletter. The last letter produced was in the spring of 1975.

This newsletter goes to all areas with Native education programs, school communities and school boards bringing the latest information about native education.

"My basic task at this point in time is to re-establish contact with the native education committees and school boards in an attempt to get a good flow of materials between the districts of Vancouver Island," said Vickers.

"Those natives involved with programs have been so involved that communication with other groups doing similar work has been lacking in the past." With renewed funding the centre can also resume its liaison between the government and the native community which was its major objective when established by the federal Department of Indian Affairs in 1973.

The Centre, located in Hut 'G', maintains a selection of material available for use in the schools. The library with numerous books on native education and history was designed to allow campus and local teachers to

borrow the material for review.

The centre itself does not supply books for sale but has in the past developed a book list of suitable books for the various grade levels of instruction. "The centre has always been for the use by the community."

On the various reserves around Vancouver Island special native educational developments are taking place. Schools from Alert Bay to the West Coast of the Island and to Sidney have been developing programs which need to be communicated to native organizations and to the outside world.

To accomplish this end Vickers will be attempting to compile a resource list of people available on a speaking basis. Teachers from the school districts will be able to contact the centre for an individual withing their own area.

Working within the University, Vickers has arranged for Karmel Taylor McCullum and Hugh McCullum, authors of *This Land Is Not For Sale*, to speak in the Gold Room of the Commons Block, Dec. 8.

During the past two weeks the walls of the centre have been covered with posters and pictures relating to native material. There are also cards to explain how to obtain such material.

There are many organizations which have material relating to natives that could be of benefit to the teacher in the classroom. I want to gather this material together for teachers to view for future use in their classrooms."

Helping to keep in touch is the aim of the centre.

## Native Union aided by government

The Native Students' Union (NSU) at the University of Victoria has received a grant of \$2,500 from the First Citizens' Fund to provide for part-time workers.

The fund was established by the provincial government a number of years ago to promote native organizations and activities. During the year the fund committee meets to consider the applications for the money administered under the Provincial Secretary's office.

The money is to be used by the NSU to promote native presence at the university and in the surrounding community. Students will be available to speak in classrooms at the university and at secondary schools in the area. In the past the students have not been organized to take their unique experiences to the non-native.

The largest undertaking with which the students will be involved concerns the production of a slide presentation on the University of Victoria. This project when finished will hopefully travel to the reserves around the province in an attempt to recruit native students to the university.

During the coming year the students will also gather data from native organizations across the country gaining knowledge of their goals. In addition, the NSU will be collecting newspapers and newsletters from these groups for their office library in 'G' Hut.

This information will be available for use by all students at the university who wish to know the present state of native organizations.

The students will also be compiling material on the native in modern day society. This project will involve the correlation and graphing of statistical information on Indians in school systems and in urban society. This study has been undertaken to give the native student an idea of the projection in native growth. The study will also be available to the general university population.

There are now about 35 native students on campus enrolled in various programs. This is an increase from the seven students six years ago. As more native students attend university, they can return to their own communities to use their skills and knowledge. It also encourages young native people to attend schools.

A second goal of the NSU is to promote and encourage teachers of native students to present material relevant to such students. Traditionally, native people have been skeptical of the Euro-Canadian educational system from their exposure at residential school.

As natives learn more about the system, their experiences can be shared among the communities. The money and personnel now exist for such contributions to go forward.

# Ottawa urged to use cold water team's expertise

It would be a relative waste of money to expand marine rescue operations unless precautions are taken to protect victims of shipping and boating accidents from exposure or hypothermia, Dr. John Hayward, head of UVic's "Man in Cold Water", team, has informed federal Transport Minister Otto Lang.

In a letter to the minister, Hayward suggested that if the expertise at UVic was used by the government, there probably would be less need to consider "prohibitively-expensive rescue facilities".

The Biology professor's proposal follows recent mounting public pressure on the government to provide rapid rescue operations on both coasts.

Hayward explained to *The Ring* that "it is useless to provide quick rescue if people die quickly".

In his letter, he stated: "Myself and my colleagues here at the University of Victoria have been conducting research into hypothermia, and are now able to make recommendations which could form the basis of programs to increase the probability that victims will be alive when rescue arrives."

"For example, if we can double survival time from three hours to six hours, this will greatly influence the functional design of rescue facilities, and could result in large monetary savings while still providing a system which is defensible in human terms."

Hayward, with his colleagues Drs. John Eckerson and Martin Collis, both of the

Faculty of Education, have developed behavioral techniques and a thermofloat jacket which will at least triple survival time in waters as cold as the northern Atlantic and Pacific and dramatically increase the possibility of helicopters finding the victims alive.

Hayward referred to the recent tragedy of the Dutch freighter "Gabriella", in which eight of nine persons were found dead in a raft five hours after they abandoned ship.

Had they been wearing a UVic thermofloat jacket instead of a standard flotation device they would have been alive, as possibly the five others who were found dead a day later in another raft, he contended.

Hayward notes there is little likelihood people can be saved from drowning, because this usually happens right away. But he adds that most people, while kept afloat by life jackets, die from hypothermia, that is, the loss of deep body heat.

He partly blames the way accidents are reported for the lack of public and official awareness about this exposure factor. Press accounts usually report marine deaths as drownings, even when victims are found floating in life jackets.

UVic's cold water research has been receiving world-wide attention in the last year. "Canadians lead the world in research into this problem of accidental hypothermia," Hayward stated in his letter. "We hope you will see fit to take advantage of this knowledge in relation to the pressing problem of Canada's rescue capability."



Hayward: ways to save lives and money



Testar: swamped by requests

## UVic produces hot film

In producing its first professional film, UVic has come up with a splash international hit, so to speak.

Entitled *Man in Cold Water*, it's a half-hour feature on research that has made UVic known around the world.

The man who produced, directed and wrote it and who is now distributing it is Gerald Testar, supervisor of Television Services, and whose background includes six years with CBC.

Shot on local waters and in UVic laboratories in 1975, the 16mm film has recently been made available for distribution, and already, says Testar, requests for it are pouring in from all the provinces and from a number of American states.

"This represents the first time UVic has professionally produced a motion picture and properly released it to the public," said Testar.

The nature and importance of the research is a natural subject for a movie that would grab public attention, he said. "Many things people are doing on this campus put them on different people's maps, but this research project has put the university on the public map. And it is extremely important that the government and people get to know about it."

The film depicts the myth-shattering work by Dr. John Hayward and his two "Man in Cold Water" colleagues, Drs. John Eckerson and Martin Collis, who, from their findings, have developed techniques for surviving cold water, including the creation of the UVic thermofloat jacket.

Testar estimates that the \$28,000 cost of

the film will be paid for through sales and rentals within three years.

"But if you put a dollar value on the PR and the prestige it has brought to the university, the film has already more than paid for itself."

Earlier this year, the film premiered on CBC and was later shown on the PBS station in Seattle.

Testar has gathered a mailing list of 1,000 names of organizations in Canada connected to water safety, marine activity, and education, but without any promotion on the U.S. market requests have been coming in the last few weeks from such states as Iowa, Montana, Michigan, Missouri, and even Alabama, which one would suppose would not have cold water.

Meanwhile, "the film is being shown in every province of the country, reaching all sorts of people we didn't even know about when we prepared a mailing list."

In making the film available for distribution in the past month, Testar said he has already sold 10 prints sight unseen at \$400 each, not to mention about 30 requests for previews subject to purchase.

On top of that, the Ontario and Alberta Educational television authorities are currently screening it for possible use on their province-wide systems and it will soon be shown on CKVU in Vancouver.

Testar and Hayward are planning to produce two more films on cold water research, one a more academic-oriented film, and the other a short feature geared for children.





Buildings and Grounds worker Gerhard K. Reiss rakes around yet another batch of rhododendrons which have been donated to UVic. These are some of the 50 rhodies given by Gerhard Gerke, of the Green Thumb Nurseries and Landscape Co. Ltd. in Lantzville. They have been mainly planted on the fringe of University Gardens, which are being developed near the MacLaurin Building. According to Rex Murfitt, superintendent of Grounds, UVic has now more than 500 rhododendrons given to it by friends, most of them now in University Garden, with some at the Henderson Road entrance.

## McGeer opens ear to students

Education Minister Pat McGeer will open his doors to student leaders Dec. 13.

McGeer has set up a "communication workshop" to be held in the Legislative Buildings and which will involve student representatives from around B.C. and government officials.

The conference is an adjunct to National Student Day, which was held Nov. 9. McGeer and his Deputy Minister Walter Hardwick were in Toronto during National Student Day, but McGeer said issues raised on that day were "of legitimate concern to students and they should have the benefit of a government reply."

Among the issues cited by the minister as potentials for discussion are: student employment, the loan program, provincial government grants and scholarships, and long-term government policy regarding post-secondary education.

Besides McGeer and Hardwick, the workshop will have present the associate deputies and members of the finance, administration and student services branches of the Education Ministry.

On the student side, invitations have been extended to the student presidents of the B.C. Institute of Technology, the B.C. Vocational School and the province's three universities. The executive of the B.C. Student Federation has also been invited.

UVic AMS President Alistair Palmer said

he will likely be accompanied by AMS Vice-President Brian Gardiner.

Palmer anticipates some kind of end to his search for funding for more student housing. "We've gone full circle looking for funds. I'm hopeful we can pin McGeer down as to where he thinks the funds should come from."

Other issues Palmer hope to table at the workshop include proposed tuition fee increases and the government's alleged proposal to eliminate student participation on the Senate and Board of Governors.

According to Palmer, government feeling on the student representation issue is that students don't have enough time to contribute to these bodies. The Board of Governors and Senate meet once a month, but require a number of committee commitments.

While Palmer said that students sitting on the BOG and Senate were, for the most part "token representation", he added that they did create a "sympathetic ear" for students. He expressed alarm at any plans to eliminate them.

The students invited will pay their own costs in attending the communication workshop. In a letter to Palmer, McGeer stated that UVIC will be expected to help provide overnight accommodation for the student delegates.



Our intrepid film critic, Michael Hoppe, has been sidelined by illness. He was going to review *Carrie*. "It was terrible," he commented from his sick bed. His next "Film Clips" column—unfortunately—won't probably appear until January.

## calendar

### WEDNESDAY, December 1st

3:30 pm  
Meeting, Women's Action Group. SUB Rm. 144.  
4:30 pm  
Reading, Creative Writing. Elliott 167. Reshard Gool will read from his book "Price".  
7:30 pm  
Meeting, Senate. Commons 205.  
8:30 pm  
Badminton, Old Gym.

### THURSDAY, December 2nd

11:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Craft Fair. SUB Upper Lounge.  
3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Petch Peeves. Sedgewick Rm. 4. Students, staff and faculty welcome to see Dr. Petch. Call local 4201 for confirmation of room.  
7:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. Ingmar Bergman's "The Virgin Spring".

### FRIDAY, December 3rd

10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Craft Fair. SUB Upper Lounge.  
12:30 pm  
Fridaymusic. MacLaurin 144.  
3:30 pm  
Seminar. Cunningham 1102. Dr. J.D. McPhail (Dept. of Zoology, UBC) will speak on "Spines, predators and sticklebacks".  
5:00 & 7:00 & 9:00 pm  
Basketball Series. UVic's McKinnon Gym. 5 pm-Victoria Home Lumber (Women) vs New South Wales. 7 pm-Victoria Scorpions vs Dandenong of Australia. 9 pm-UVic Vikings vs Burnaby Bullets. Admission per evening-Children \$1.00 Students \$1.75 Adults \$2.50.  
7:00 & 9:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. Film to be announced.  
8:00 pm  
University Chorus and Orchestra. James Walker-Conductor. Christ Church Cathedral. Admission charge-Adults \$3.00. Students & O.A.P.'s \$2.00.

### SATURDAY, December 4th

10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Craft Fair. SUB Upper Lounge.  
12:45 pm  
Ladies' Field Hockey. Oak Bay vs Vikettes at Windsor Park.  
5:00 & 7:00 & 9:00 pm  
Basketball Series. UVic's McKinnon Gym. 5 pm-Victoria Home Lumber vs New South Wales. 7 pm-UVic Vikings vs Dandenong of Australia. 9 pm-Victoria Scorpions vs Burnaby Bullets. Admission per evening-Children \$1.00 Students \$1.75 Adults \$2.50  
7:00 & 9:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "Monty Python & the Holy Grail."  
8:00 pm  
University Chorus and Orchestra. James Walker-Conductor. Christ Church Cathedral. Admission Charge-Adults \$3.00. Students & O.A.P.'s \$2.00.

### SUNDAY, December 5th

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Steak Dinner Night. Commons Dining Room. Please reserve early. Local 6678 or 6679.  
7:30 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "Monty Python & the Holy Grail."

### MONDAY, December 6th

12:30 pm  
Music Theatre Workshop of the Faculty of Education will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury". MacLaurin 144.  
7:30 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. Milos Forman's "Taking Off".  
8:15 pm  
University Extension Association Meeting. Room 168 Elliott Building. Dr. James Boutilier (Dept. of

History-Royal Roads Military College) will speak on "Project METEI; a Canadian expedition to the Easter Islands.

### TUESDAY, December 7th

12:30 pm  
UVic Chamber Singers-Bruce E. More, conductor. MacLaurin 144.  
4:30 pm  
Liberal Arts 305. Cornett 163. Professor R. Skelton (Creative Writing) will speak on "Only bad poems have influence".

### WEDNESDAY, December 8th

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
Karmel Taylor McCullum and Hugh McCullum authors of "This land is not for Sale" will speak on "Aboriginal Rights - What is the Issue?". Gold Room of the Commons Block.  
3:30 pm  
Meeting-women's Action Group. SUB Rm. 144.  
7:30 pm  
Meeting-Senate. Commons 205.  
8:30 pm  
Badminton, Old Gym.

### THURSDAY, December 9th

12:30 pm  
Meeting-Fine Arts. MacLaurin 169.  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Petch Peeves. SUB Upper Lounge. Students, staff and faculty welcome to see Dr. Petch. Call local 4201 for confirmation of room.  
7:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "Cocoanuts".  
  
FRIDAY, December 10th  
12:30 pm  
Fridaymusic. MacLaurin 144.  
3:30 pm  
Meeting-Arts and Science. Elliott 167.  
7:00 & 9:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "Animal Crackers".

### SATURDAY, December 11th

12:45 pm  
Ladies' Field Hockey. Vikettes vs Oak Bay. UVic.  
2:15 pm  
Soccer-Vikings vs Da Vinci at UVic.  
7:00 & 9:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "The Yakuza".

### SUNDAY, December 12th

1:00 pm  
Soccer-Norsemen vs Castaways at UVic.  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Steak Dinner Night. Commons Dining Room. Please reserve early. Local 6678 or 6679.

### MONDAY, December 13th

8:00 pm  
UVic Alumni Association presents "Elizabethan Carollers" in an evening of "Wassail and Song". UVic Faculty Club. Tickets \$5.50. Call Alumni office at 477-6911 Local 4588 or 4859.

### TUESDAY, December 14th

12:30 pm  
Tuesdaymusic. MacLaurin 144.

### WEDNESDAY, December 15th

3:30 pm  
Meeting-Women's Action Group. SUB Rm. 144.  
8:00 pm  
Faculty Recital Series. Concert #3. MacLaurin 144. Admission charge-Adults \$2.50 Students and O.A.P.'s \$1.50.  
University Women's Club Christmas Party. Gold Room. 208 Commons Block.  
8:30 pm  
Badminton, Old Gym.

N.B. \* All Cinecenta Films have an admission charge and are not open to the public.