

# the Ring



*".....and as you're about to leave  
who stands up and says 'hey love  
you forgot your glove'  
and the love that loves the love that loves to love that loves to  
love that loves to love the love that loves to love the love the glove."*

— Van Morrison, "Madame George" from Astral Weeks, 1968

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## University of Victoria

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## Merry Christmas



# Fast start on music wing seen

The provincial government has indicated that UVic could be in a position to call for tenders on a new music wing by early in January.

Reliable government sources told *The Ring* last week that the decision on the music wing will be quick and positive.

"If I were President Howard Petch I wouldn't lose any sleep over the decision," said one government official. "Everything should be ready for tenders to be called by early in January."

A spokesman for the office of Education Minister Pat McGeer said the minister was "anxious to go ahead as soon as possible with projects requiring urgent funding."

The Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC), in a letter to McGeer last week, reversed an earlier stand and recommended that UVic be given \$3.22 million to build the music wing.

The next step is for the B.C. Educational Institutions Capital Financing Authority to make a decision on the recommendation and

request treasury board approval for funding urgently needed projects.

McGeer established the authority this year as a new way of financing capital projects at universities. Deputy Education Minister Walter Hardwick and Finance Minister Evan Wolfe, along with McGeer, make up the authority.

The spokesman for McGeer said the financing authority was set up "to facilitate the process of providing capital funds to universities."

"This is the first time the new process will be tested and the minister is not going to postpone any action," said the spokesman. "He plans to move quickly on this."

UVic officials are also moving quickly on the project which has been ready to go to tenders since December of 1975.

"In anticipation that the building will be approved we're now preparing working drawings," said Petch.

"The instant that approval is given by the

minister of education we'll call for bids to construct the music wing."

Petch said he was pleased that UCBC has granted UVic's appeal on the music wing.

UCBC, in September, sent a list of projects requiring urgent funding to McGeer and the music wing was not included. Shocked UVic officials who had hoped to start construction of the much-needed building this year reacted swiftly.

Petch, Board of Governors chairman Joseph Cunliffe and BOG member Ian Stewart met twice with McGeer to appeal the UCBC recommendation. The UVic trio went to Vancouver in November to present the case for the music wing at a UCBC meeting.

Some UCBC members indicated at that time that they felt UVic should not have gone ahead with construction of the \$8 million university centre, approved several years before UCBC existed.

## Why not?

A presidential task force is being established to investigate possible discrimination against women at UVic and to make recommendations that will provide equal rights and opportunities for women.

President Howard Petch decided to establish the task force after meeting Dec. 1 with women representing faculty, staff and students.

"I requested the meeting with some people I knew who were interested in equal rights and opportunities for women," he said.

Petch said terms of reference for the task force are being worked out. "We agreed that there is a need for such an investigation and that the study should involve all areas of the university."

The women who met with Petch include Dr. Elaine Limbrick (French), student senator Rosemary Gray (A&S-4), Dr. Phyllis Sherrin (History), Edna Kowalchuk, supervisor of Messenger and Mail Services, Norma Mickelson, Dean of Education, and Helen Rodney (Library).

## Improved appeal system sought

An improved appeal system on grades is expected to be a key recommendation in the final report of the Senate committee on teaching and learning.

Committee chairman Dr. David Leeming (Mathematics) said that as a result of recent committee hearings before students there were "some examples of seemingly unfair grading practices brought forward."

Leeming, who stressed his committee is not conducting a witch-hunt, said he hopes to come up with some sort of positive procedures to overcome any problems of "inconsistent marking" throughout the terms.

He said such procedures would have to both protect professors from students playing angles for higher marks and at the same time offer just recourse for those students whose work has been unfairly marked by professors.

Leeming is looking for some input on how such an appeal system could be set up.

He ventured to say it would require two stages: first, consideration of an appeal's merit and, secondly, if there is a case, a way of resolving the problem.

Leeming said that at present the university provides only for a review of an assigned or final grade, and this is outlined on page 14 of the Calendar.

In the case of appealing grades for term work, the Calendar advises the student to discuss the matter informally with the



Leeming: wants even more input

instructor concerned and "failing that, he should appeal directly to the department head or chairman or to the Dean of the Faculty."

Leeming's comments to *The Ring* followed presentation of the preliminary report of his committee to the Senate at its December meeting. The final report is due in April.

The committee was instructed to do an in-depth study on the whole complex matter of grading practices and philosophies after a special Senate debate last December on grade inflation prompted by complaints over easy marking.

To date Leeming said his committee has received 90 briefs and submissions including

20 from heads, chairmen and deans.

He said he is still hoping for response as soon as possible from those departments he has not heard from.

Leeming noted that despite some complaints from students over grading practices at hearings held in the SUB, response from them has generally been "quite poor".

To overcome this the committee is designing a questionnaire to be sent to 600 randomly selected students.

More hearings to get oral presentations from both students and faculty will also be held in January.

The committee also sent questionnaires to 28 businesses and to nine school districts in B.C. to get the viewpoint "of those who are consumers of grades".

Fifteen of the businesses replied, and some of the information revealed that they had hired 135 UVic graduates in the last five years. The nine school districts indicated they had hired a total of 600 UVic grads in the last five years.

"We were just flabbergasted that such a small sample turned up such a high number of UVic graduates who have been hired by employers."

Asked whether he anticipated any radical recommendations in his final report, Leeming replied that this was unlikely. Only one submission, he said, called for complete abolition of grades.

## Double dealers

Students who hand in the same essay in two or more courses may find themselves in double trouble in future.

The issue of duplicate essays and whether there should be regulations covering their use has been sent to all faculties by the Senate.

Faculties are to report back by the April meeting of Senate on whether duplicate essays should be accepted or not.

Student Senator Rosemary Gray (A&S-4) wanted much quicker action. "Senate should ask professors to tell their students right away what attitude they have towards duplicate essays," she said.

"I've talked to professors who give lower marks to duplicate essays. This is unfair to students if they don't know in advance about the attitude towards duplicate essays."

President Howard Petch referred Jeffrey to the Calendar where there is a "Statement on Cheating" which clearly warns students against submitting "commercially prepared essays in place of a student's own work." Sanctions to be enforced against cheating range in severity from re-assigning of work through forfeiture of credit to possible expulsion in the most extreme, deliberate or persistent cases.

## 'Has the whole world gone mad?'

# CVs go public and some profs aren't happy about it

Curriculum vitae, of all faculty, with the exception of salary information will become available for public inspection in the offices of deans, effective Jan. 1.

President Howard Petch has requested deans to make c.v.s available after a ballot sent to faculty members resulted in a vote of 203 in favor of the move and 77 opposed.

Faculty members are also in favor of making career progress increments (CPIs) available for public inspection, by a vote of 158 to 120. The results of this ballot have been sent to the joint Faculty Association-University Salary Policy Committee for a recommendation.

*The Ring* has obtained a list of anonymous comments made by faculty members and it covers a wide range of opinions.

"If members of this university spent as much time on scholarship and students as they do on 'nit-picking' of one kind or another there would be little reason to worry about the quality of graduate work produced (as one example)," wrote one disgruntled faculty member who voted against making CPIs available for public inspection.

"Has the whole world gone mad?" asked another who voted the same way. "Who cares about career progress increments? Are there no more important issues than these?"

Many of those who supported making c.v.s available added comments like "long overdue" or "strongly support". Many added that they would support the step even

more if salary information was also included.

"As it is now the administration has no watchdog that prevents it from arbitrarily giving more or less money on whatever basis they chose. This would keep it more in line," wrote one faculty member in favor of making c.v.s available.

"The faculty members will then realize where are the academic research workers and where are the academic parasites," wrote another.

"I am in favor of c.v.s being available for inspection by people with a 'need to know' and I think the executive council's suggestion that they be made available only in the deans' offices is a sensible one. I would not be in favor of c.v.s being open to indiscriminate scrutiny such as would be the case, for example, if they were filed on the reference shelves in the library."

Still others recommended that c.v.s be placed in the library.

The list of c.v.s in the deans' offices should include "those of deans, presidents, et. al., with details of their special talents which render them good administrators," was one comment.

Some faculty members would like the c.v.s available for inspection by other faculty members only. Others who voted in favor of the step added comments like "it is about time" and "the more openness the better."

Some of those who voted against the proposal said they did so because they favor

making salaries available for inspection as well.

And one faculty member levelled a warning against the administration that he might sue if c.v.s are made available for inspection.

"I challenge the legality of such a breach of confidence between employer and employee."

"By what right can the university make available to the general public private information on individuals? Civil servants are not thus treated."

Another who voted against the proposal slyly added that he or she might consider supporting it "on condition that I not be denied access to the names of all persons who seek to inspect my c.v."

Many of those who voted against it felt c.v.s are confidential documents. "Morally, if not legally, this would be an invasion of privacy," was one reply.

"It would make as much sense for the federal government to take a poll on whether or not all tax records should be made public. This is not just a case where the view of the majority should prevail, if it infringes on the rights of the minority."

As for making career progress increments available for public inspection, comments were more varied. Those who favored the move added remarks like "why not clear the air?" and "good idea".

"As long as CPI is based on scholarly

production and quality thereof and on teaching—for which we are in measure responsible to the general public—it is essential that the information be in the public domain. Openness encourages honest practice also," was the reply of a faculty member in favor of making CPIs public.

Some faculty members in favor said it would create a healthier atmosphere and reduced "mistrust of the system".

Most of those opposed objected on the grounds that it would be an invasion of privacy.

"Any faculty member should have the right to keep his salary confidential. Nobody should be required to divulge his or her salary against his or her wishes."

One reply took a swipe at the administration. "Unfortunately such deliberations are typical of the way in which UVic administrators waste their time."

Some felt the whole issue has been created by paranoia. "This request reflects a childish envy that is out of place in a mature institution and out of phase with current legislative efforts to protect the privacy of individuals."

One faculty member warned that since CPIs are tied to salary increases, "it would be explosive to publicize this information."

And then there was one faculty member who made no bones about his or her feelings on both referendums.

"I personally don't give a damn."



# ringers

Dave Connell, the UVic student who was told he would have to drop one of three psychology courses he had registered in without problems during the summer, has won his appeal. Connell's plight, which was described in a story in the student newspaper, the *Martlet*, was discussed in closed session by the Senate at the December meeting. Connell had registered in the three courses without spotting a regulation prohibiting it. The regulation was placed in an obscure place in the Calendar. As a result of his appeal the Senate authorized Registrar Ron Ferry to scrutinize the Calendar regulations to ensure that other regulations are not buried and to contact departments and divisions where appropriate.

The work load for Senators has been building since September and the agenda for the December meeting was so stacked with reports and motions that it didn't seem possible they could work their way through it at one sitting. They couldn't. At 11:30 p.m. the weary group adjourned their four-hour meeting with a number of items untouched. These will be taken up at the first regular meeting of Senate Jan. 12. A week later a special Senate meeting will be held to discuss a report on graduate studies at UVic.

Music fans are reminded that the Department of Music is holding a special Christmas concert tonight (Dec. 15) at 8 o'clock in MacLaurin 144. It is the third concert in the Faculty Recital Series and it features violist Gerald Stanick appearing as a conductor of a program that includes works by J.S. Bach, Schubert, Vaughan Williams, Torelli and Boyce. Tickets are \$2.50 general and \$1.50 for students and pensioners.

Dr. Janet Bavelas (Psychology) has accepted an invitation to join the editorial board of the *Canadian Journal of Behavioral Science* for 1977.

## letters

Dear Sir

When I saw the Christmas tree on the SUB roof, I thought, what a great idea.

After a few questions, I found that the boys from Buildings and Grounds were responsible. The idea with the tree was great, but what impressed me was the fact they got together and purchased the tree and lights, then after work one day, mounted it on the roof. Not being satisfied with the way it looked, they went up again the next evening and straightened out the lights.

Bravo to Buildings and Grounds for doing your little extra.

Clayton Shold

Dear Sir

The year 1976 has brought faculty members a \$30 charge by the university for the use of McKinnon Building facilities and an appeal from the Director of University Relations to volunteer their services to speak, on behalf of the university, to community clubs and organizations, as well as a cost of living increase of 6 per cent, a new administration building, and many appeals to use the university's new TV facilities. I await breathlessly for what 1977 will bring.

C.B. Daniels

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If anyone is in New York City between Jan. 4 and 23, John Dobereiner (Visual Arts) is having an exhibition of paintings at the Pleiades Gallery, 152 Wooster St. The reception is on Jan. 8 from 3 to 6 p.m., and viewing will be between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Dobereiner is on study leave from UVic.

If you're stuck on deciding what to give someone for Christmas, Trudy Martin, manager of the Bookstore, has a suggestion. How about a book? The Bookstore has finally received the Christmas catalogue and has a wide selection of the latest Canadian titles.

It looks as if universities in Ontario have gotten the message handed down by the provincial government in that province. The Ontario government served notice earlier this year that it was holding university presidents "personally responsible" for ensuring that adequate numbers of Canadians were hired in faculty appointments. Now the Council of Ontario Universities, in a report, indicates that 84 per cent of newly appointed faculty at Ontario institutions for the 1976-77 academic year were either Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. UVic is adopting a Canadians-first faculty hiring policy and

while it won't be official until after it's approved by the Board of Governors, senior administrators indicate that it is being put into practice by departments.

UVic's neuropsychological laboratory is attracting international attention. Dr. Bill Gaddes (Psychology) who set up the laboratory in 1963 spoke last month at a major conference in Michigan about the diagnostic methods the Psychology Department has developed in the laboratory for understanding children and adults with severe learning disabilities. Some 300 teachers, psychologists, medical specialists, occupational therapists and parents of disabled children attended the conference and they were so interested in Gaddes' presentation that he's been invited back next year to present a two-day workshop on the theories and methods used at UVic. The conference, at the University of Michigan was planned and directed by Dr. William Cruickshank, director of the Institute for the Study of Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities at the University of Michigan. Cruickshank will be visiting UVic in May. Speakers included Dr. Helmer Myklebust, from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, who is coming to UVic in March. Other internationally-known speakers at the confer-

## 'tis the season to be silly

In looking back at a number of people we have come to know through *The Ring*, we have surmised some of their peculiar needs and virtues. And if we were Santa Claus, these are the gifts we would give them:

John Hayward, a rubber duckie... John Thomson, a cartoon of State Express cigarettes all to himself... David Titterton, Martin Collis, Mike Elcock, Bruce Howe, et al autographed photos of the Fantome... Bill Epstein, an anti-Trident device... Max Edwards blithe spirits... Rod Symington union card... Trevor Matthews, a bicycle pump and pant clips... Howard Petch, a few million dollars here and there... Danny Daniels, a modest, unassuming little Canadian wine... Betty Wright, a simple ceremony... David Climenhaga, a release from his monastic vows... Elisabeth Grambart, a big fat kiss... Maurice Cownden, a better groomed male staff... King Lee, another beautiful bridge partner... David Jeffrey, The Ring's Canadian heavyweight crown... Music Department students, sound-proofed washrooms... Dan Koenig, a headline in the Colonist... Rosemary Sullivan, a world of wonders... Peter McNelly, 4,000 subscriptions to B.C. Today and a Hunter Thompson yarn entitled Fear and Loathing in the Media... Chris Petter, a warehouse... Alf Loft, a few birdies and eagles... Charles Brookman, cosmic consciousness... Print Shop staff, private powder rooms... Gene Miller, the rest of the week... Steve Jennings, an "I'm fit" button for quitting the evil weed (how did you do it?)... Phil Young, a string quartet... Alan Gowans, a lifetime subscription to The Incredible Hulk... Martlet staff, lifetime subscription to The Ring... Herb Cook, an insurance policy for his talented hands... Trevor Trust, fishing tackle... Richard Ring, a can of Raid... Patrick Gregory, a mongoose... Nora Hutchinson, a go-cart... English Department, a return of the Beth Clarke piggybank... Rex Murfitt, more mounds of grass... Jacques David, a voyage on the Calypso... Lawrence Russell, a rave review of Sleep singling out the brilliant performances of his actors (ahem)... Bill Barringer, invitations to more Empress of Victoria balls... Derry McDonell, a day off... Bob Wright, orthopedic shoes... Edna Kowalchuk, a stamp of approval... Murray Fraser, Bora Laskin... Michael Ashwood-Smith, a

pair of mittens... Harold Foster, point zero one on the Foster Scale... to all Senators, transcripts of all debates on the dropping of the DR notation... Gordon Smiley, a large filing cabinet... Bob Wallace, an open-ended invitation to 'F' Hut coffee breaks... Nancy Smith, a special thanks from the staff of 'F' Hut... Tom Theobald, a subscription to the Victoria Times... Ed Lloyd, a dab of Brylcreem... I.-D. Pal, The Ring's Golden Gloves Crown... Brenda Barnabe, a return ticket to Canada... David Koop, a crash course in French... Alfred Fischer, a vote in the Faculty Association... Ron Ferry, a simple motion... George Pedersen, a crystal ball... John dewey, a package of firecrackers... Alistair Palmer, a box of chocolates from Rosemary Gray... Don Lobb, squash lessons from Frank Robinson... Bill Gordon, a bottle of aspirins... Dave Docherty, 10 flabby staff members... Howard Gerwing, a Dead Sea scroll... Walter Rieth, tickets to the Rose Bowl game... David Clode, a Doberman pinscher and a burglar alarm... Lee Edmondson, a hoopy New Year... John Reeves, The Ring's Most Dashing Biker Award... Norma Mickelson, a "Why Not" button... Peter Smith, a cheer... Dean Halliwell, happy returns... Vera Harvey and Elaine Daniels, earmuffs... the Grounds crew, 10-speed bikes... Sam Bawlf, a PEARF card... Rosemary Gray, chairmanship of a Senate committee... Trudy Martin, the rest of the Campus Services Building... Nels Granewall, The Ring's Long-Suffering Award... Bob McQueen, an axe... Paul Sutherland, The Ring's Thin Man Award... Harold Brodie, a rare fungus... Donna Livingstone, a lifetime pass to Senate meetings... Marina Gerwing, a Russian cookbook... Ken Shields, a seven-foot freshman... Anne Wills, The Ring's Lifesaver Award for bailing out certain penurious staff members... Penny Lough, a breath of fresh air... Red Lillard, a swath of inscrutable documents... Brian Gardiner, a clean slate... Terry Rickwood, the grand scheme of things... Reg Mitchell, a place in the sun... Donal Horn, a cape... Dick Powers, even odds... Connie More, a reformed chauvinist... Tom O'Connor, a car compactor...

Well, folks, our gifts are getting a bit thin, and we're past deadline, and we're driving the rest of the staff nuts. So to all our readers, we wish you a warm and relaxed Christmas. See you next year.







*Pedersen: bothered by mistrust and suspicion*

# This V-P has a vision, but then there is this problem

By John Driscoll

Vice-presidents often have a tendency to disappear. Swallowed up in the ego of their presidents, they are given nebulous duties and little opportunity to contribute.

Not so at UVic.

If, to quote one faculty member, President Howard Petch is "the first among equals", then Vice-President K. George Pedersen has become "the second among equals".

Since his appointment in 1975 Pedersen has been given an increasing number of key administrative duties including overall responsibility for academic development and the handling of all personnel appointments, as well as serving as a member of several UVic and Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC) committees.

Pedersen, who was somewhat reluctant to be interviewed, explained that he does not see his position as a "high-profile" one. "It's my belief that a good administrator should not be seen or heard too often," he said.

"It's our job to create a set of conditions where teaching and learning functions can be carried out with a minimum of hassles for faculty and students.

"If we're doing our job properly we should not be very visible."

Pedersen came to the vice-presidency from the Faculty of Education, a route not commonly taken. But then Pedersen's career has not been like that of most university administrators.

The 45 year-old UBC graduate spent 13 years in North Vancouver, as a teacher and administrator in elementary and secondary schools. He became a high school principal at 32 years of age and had an opportunity to go to the University of Chicago to study for his Ph.D.

After stints at the University of Toronto and at the Midwest Administration Centre at the University of Chicago Pedersen came to UVic in 1972 as dean of Education.

Before taking on the duties of vice-president Pedersen had the opportunity to meet Petch. "I wouldn't have entertained the thought of taking the appointment if I hadn't known that we share many common goals," he said.

The lanky Pedersen may have difficulty maintaining a low profile in the months to come.

He is chairman of the Senate Committee on Planning which is beginning the complicated task of defining the long-range goals of UVic.

He must deal with requests from all academic deans for personnel and related resources at a time when university operating budgets are being pared.

As an administrator who has been involved in salary talks with faculty he must face the possibility that the Faculty Association may become unionized.

He is involved in planning building

priorities for UVic at a time when the UCBC has been critical of UVic's planning and reluctant to part with funds for much-needed capital projects.

And there is another, murky problem that has been with UVic for a long time and which worries Pedersen.

"The level of mistrust and suspicion of administrators by faculty is higher here than at any campus with which I've been associated," he said.

Pedersen said it's a serious situation that bothers him a lot because it interferes with the development of UVic. "The situation has eased somewhat but people here have a very long memory.

"The president and I see it as a major challenge to dispel this mistrust. We're trying to alleviate it.

"The problem with this attitude is that every issue of consequence becomes political and academic arguments get lost in the politics. Perhaps it's because, as someone said, the stakes are so small, and consequently this may well be an over-governed campus with a more politically involved faculty than most places."

Pedersen is hoping that internal squabbles can be forgotten as UVic works out a statement of its long-range goals. "This is a thorny issue and a very difficult task at any university," he said.

"I would like to see this university come up with a statement of our overall purpose, not in motherhood terms but in terms which speak to developing high quality programs of teaching and research, associated with attracting high-quality faculty and students."

Pedersen said issues which would have to be tackled include how big the university plans to become, what professional and academic programs will be pursued and in general where UVic is heading.

"We have to decide whether we are to be a university for Vancouver Island or if we have a further role to play."

Pedersen leaves no doubt which way he wants UVic to move. "I want UVic to develop into a quality institution of academic excellence and to make students across B.C. and Canada aware of it.

"I want UVic to develop into a national institution, a quality national resource."

Pedersen pointed out that this is not an easy thing to do. Reputations of universities are established over a long time and UVic is a young institution at a time when governments are no longer giving automatic annual increases in allocations.

To gain a reputation a university must attract high-quality faculty and Pedersen said this is difficult when financial resources are in short supply. "I'm most pleased with the quality of appointments coming forward and I believe UVic is beginning to realize some of its potential," he said.

When Pedersen talks of academic excellence he is not referring only to the idyllic view of the university as a community of liberal arts scholars.

"The notion of running a liberal arts institution on its own is totally unrealistic today," he said. "It simply wouldn't be supported by governments or the public.

"I believe in a strong liberal arts program as the academic core of the institution, but it must be contained within a multi-university with professional schools. We already have this situation at UVic and in future more professional schools could be added."

Pedersen, whose doctoral work is in the economics of education, believes that education's share of the public budget may have peaked in the 1960's.

He said this was a period when governments and the public believed that social ills such as poverty, unemployment and various forms of discrimination could be cured through massive education expenditures.

"Those were unrealistic expectations for education to accept and they have caused serious disillusionment among politicians and the general public.

"Up to the 1960's a university degree practically guaranteed a job and I think it's fair to suggest that this is no longer the case."

Education in the 1970's is also faced with increasing competition for public funds from health, social welfare and environmental concerns. "The high priority for education has dropped."

Pedersen said B.C. Education Minister Pat McGeer has expressed increased interest in professional and technical schools and questioned the need to expand the support level for Arts and Science.

"This is a trend throughout all of North America," he said.

With dwindling funds educators must do a better job of planning, Pedersen believes. "In general, educational planning is poorly done," he said. "With financing on a year-to-year basis and incremental budgeting we don't really have an opportunity to look seriously at our programs."

Pedersen has been somewhat disappointed with the UCBC which was set up to do the overall long-range planning for the three B.C. universities.

"I had hoped the council would be of assistance to the universities in overall planning but that hasn't really happened to date, he said.

He said the UCBC should be working closely with the universities to rationalize the basis for university requests for provincial funds and then present the case to the government. "Clearly, I believe the universities should be held accountable, and the Universities Council in a position to assess the appropriateness of our requests in relation to the overall needs of the province."

He said the council should work out a

rational basis for allocating grants and leave the universities to make their own internal decisions.

"The operating budget should depend on enrolment and the kinds of programs offered, while the capital budget should also be worked out on some form of allocation related to program and enrolment."

Pedersen said special allocations should be given to new and emerging programs such as Law, Social Work and Nursing at UVic. "Because there is no special allocation at present it's impossible to tell whether or not our programs are being supported."

He said special provision should also be made for increases in enrolment and for extending or upgrading existing programs.

"These things need some special identification and support in the operating budget. Right now we get a lump sum and it's impossible to see where the money is for these special needs. To plan properly, we must know the rules of the game; that is, we must understand the basis on which the overall block allocation is being made."

Pedersen recently presented to Senate his committee's recommendation for capital spending over the next five years. Senate endorsed the five-year plan which calls for \$42 million to be spent on housing existing programs at UVic.

"If we get all the accommodation we've asked for, everything on campus will be permanently housed except History in Art (now in the Sedgewick Building) and Public Administration (now in the Craigdarroch office wing)."

When asked if UVic expected to get everything asked for in its capital budget, Pedersen replied, "one presents what one can defend."

He said planning of buildings at UVic has been done very carefully and has stood up to outside scrutiny, scrutiny incidentally instigated by UCBC. "This is why we were so surprised by the implied criticism from UCBC that we were irresponsible in our planning," he said.

"The Board of Governors is here to ensure that this university does a good job of planning and it's insulting to suggest that body is not doing its job. To suggest that we have placed University Center improperly in our system of priorities is to say that an earlier Board of Governors, previous administrators of this university, and the government of this province have behaved irresponsibly in the past. I reject that."

Despite the sniping from above and below Pedersen is enjoying his role as second-in-command.

"It's less exciting right now. We can't do all the things we'd like to because of financial restraints. But I'm optimistic about the future of UVic. As I've said on many occasions, it has a lot of potential."

# Student welfare report dusted off

Has the university been taking better care of its students in the last two years?

That is what Dr. Horace (Ace) Beach (Counselling Centre) and his reactivated committee on welfare of students is now trying to find out.

The ad hoc committee had submitted a sweeping and hard-hitting report in 1974 after it was given its terms of reference by then acting president Dr. S.A. Jennings "to consider all matters affecting the welfare of students at this university".

The report made 56 recommendations on how student life could be improved.

Now president Howard Petch has instructed Beach to find out how many recommendations were carried out and whether there is a need to make another study.

"We're taking the report off the shelf and taking a look at whether it has had any effect

on the university," Beach said in an interview.

"Too often committee reports are shelved, and hence there is often a waste of paper and time."

Beach and seven other committee members, the core of which are from the 1974 committee, are making their inquiries through the various university channels, and will likely have a follow-up report by March.

Beach said that some key recommendations have served as an impetus for change and named as examples the reorganization of Admissions and student services.

As well as Beach, the activated committee includes Betty Kennedy (Mathematics), Dr. Arthur Kratzman (Education), Dr. Bruce Wallis (English), Dave Titterton (McKinnon manager), Bruce Boccard (GS-M), and Jill Walker (A&S-2).

# UVic to study Act

The Senate has called for the establishment of a joint committee with the Board of Governors to investigate possible recommendations to the provincial government concerning changes to the Universities Act.

The Act, passed in 1974, has been the subject of controversy because of apparent grey areas of jurisdiction between the government, Universities Council, and university senates and boards.

In a letter to President Howard Petch, Pat McGeer, Minister of Education, asked for "any ideas about improvement that we might be able to bring to the Universities Act. "There is no thought of major revision," wrote McGeer. "However, amendments might be considered either at the coming session or the one following that."

The Senate's recommendation will go to the BOG Dec. 20.



# Hot debate expected on Graduate Studies report

A sweeping reorganization of Graduate Studies and a greater academic and financial commitment to them on the part of UVic have been recommended in a detailed report submitted to Senate by its ad hoc committee on the organizational structure of Graduate Studies.

The 31-page report, signed by chairman Dr. Keith Jobson (Law), appeared in the docket of the Senate's December meeting, but because of a heavy agenda, debate on it was postponed to a special session called for Jan. 19.

The report promises to produce fireworks, because on the same docket is a motion passed at a meeting of the Faculty of Graduate Studies rejecting the proposals for reorganization.

At the same time, the executive of the Graduate Students Society has come out fully in support of the ad hoc committee's report.

The central recommendation in the report calls for creation of a graduate council under a dean of graduate studies and consisting of five to seven members including three from Arts and Science, one from Education and one from Fine Arts.

This would replace the present Faculty of Graduate Studies, which is essentially a broad body of all faculty who teach graduate courses or who supervise graduate students, the executive of which is headed by a dean who has vaguely defined administrative responsibilities.

The responsibility for graduate studies is now diffused among the dean and the various departments which have graduate programs, and if the Senate accepts the ad hoc committee's recommendations the council would become a well-defined coordinating administration acting in consultation with the various faculties and departments.

The committee, which was established by Senate last January, listed a number of criticisms of the present structure it had received in its investigations.

Among the "deficiencies" the report lists are:

- The existing structure does not make it clear where the jurisdiction for certain functions lies. Teaching graduate courses or the supervision of graduate students, for example, would seem to be responsibilities undertaken under the jurisdiction of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Departments, under various faculties, however, tend to assume they have ultimate authority for such functions;
- Decision-making is often slow and cumbersome, particularly when it involves consultation through meetings of the Graduate Faculty at large. Such meetings have often been lengthy and devoted more to detail than to matters of broad policy;
- The Dean of Graduate Studies has somewhat vaguely defined responsibilities. While this permits flexibility, it tends to result in a loss of accountability in some matters,

and difficult problems may be passed from one group (or individual) to another without effective resolution;

- There are relatively few written procedures to guide students and faculty in their responsibilities with respect to graduate studies.

"All of these deficiencies tend to hinder the pursuit of excellence in graduate studies, and such weaknesses need to be overcome."

The motion by the Faculty of Graduate Studies opposing the reorganization reads: "That the Faculty of Graduate Studies agrees with the ad hoc committee's assumptions, viz., that graduate studies should continue at the university and should strive for excellence, but rejects the committee's proposals for reorganization, on the grounds that they would not achieve the agreed objectives; and that the Faculty applauds the committee for its recommendations that there ought to be a university commitment to financial support and that graduate courses ought to be recognized as part of teaching load."

At the same meeting of the Faculty two notices of motion were received on the same issue, in support of keeping responsibilities for graduate studies within departments.

Al Rydant, who has just stepped down as president of the Graduate Students Society and who also served on the ad hoc committee, told *The Ring* he "fervently hopes the report is accepted for the sake of the university."

He said the committee had 26 meetings

"hashing this thing out. There was a lot of careful thought, and as a result we produced a good report."

The report, in recommending a firm commitment by the university towards graduate studies, stated that "a basic problem mentioned by many of those who made presentations to the committee is the failure of the university thus far to state specifically that the pursuit of graduate studies is one of its major objectives."

This and a lack of firm policy has "led to uncertainties in decisions relating to allocations of teaching loads, as well as to negative attitudes toward studies in some departments."

The report further notes that apart from a limited number of fellowships and scholarships, the university makes no direct allocation of funds for graduate studies.

"Not only is the total amount thus allocated small, but the level of scholarship funding is well below that offered at other universities in the province and elsewhere in Canada."

Besides Jobson and Rydant, other members of the committee are Dr. Eike-Henner Kluge (Philosophy), Dr. Gordana Lazarevich (Music), Dr. K. George Pedersen, UVic vice-president, Dr. Derrick Sewell (Geography), and Dr. Marvin Shinbrot (Mathematics). Dr. Alex Bavelas (Education-Psychology) assisted the committee in its early deliberations.

## Winegard report comes under heavy fire

A joint committee of the Senate and Board of Governors has jumped with both feet on the report of the Winegard Commission on university programs in non-metropolitan areas of British Columbia.

The Winegard Commission has recommended the establishment of a four-campus university division of Simon Fraser University to bring complete university degree programs to the Interior.

SFU's Senate has already voted narrowly to accept the Winegard report with the condition that adequate funding be provided.

UVic's Senate unanimously endorsed the joint committee report and senators added some acid comments of their own.

President Howard Petch said from an academic point of view the project as proposed would be a fraud.

"I wouldn't want to see this institution associated with such a project," he added.

The Winegard report calls for 10 full-time faculty members for each of four campuses in Prince George, Kelowna, Kamloops and Nelson to offer arts, science and education programs.

"It would take 10 faculty members to offer science alone," said Petch.

Dr. Charles (Danny) Daniels said the funds suggested in the Winegard report for the establishment and operating of the program "won't do anything."

"It suggests there can be science degrees without laboratories and humanities degrees without a library," he said.

The Winegard report estimates an annual operating cost of \$7.1 million to establish four campuses, each with a library, laboratories, local administration and faculty plus a small administrative headquarters in Vernon.

The UVic committee called this amount "a naive and irresponsible underestimate of the cost. Much of the \$7.1 million would soon be swallowed with the cost of co-ordinating this vast and scattered operation."

The committee called the Winegard proposal "an expensive way of providing a mediocre education for a mere handful of students."

Dr. Larry Devlin, director of Continuing Education, made an impassioned plea to Senate to make an active response to the Winegard proposals, by stating publically that UVic is willing to take responsibility for one of the campuses in the Interior.

"If we do not, UVic faces a very bleak future," he warned. "I do not believe Senate is aware of the stakes involved in this issue."

Devlin called the Winegard report, "the most important issue to come before this university in many years. I feel our response falls far short in grasping the implications of this."

He pointed out that UBC President



Devlin: Senate fails to recognize the stakes

Douglas Kenny has already called for the creation of university centres in the Interior married to the three coastal universities.

"The Winegard report would put SFU in an incredibly luxurious position," he said. He pointed to Winegard's description of UVic as a "small residential undergraduate Arts and Science university".

Devlin said 35 per cent of first-year, full-time students at UVic are from the Interior and this pattern is bound to be disrupted with the establishment of campuses in that area.

"The students will not come in the same numbers as they did," he said. "We must serve notice that we are a provincial university."

"If we are totally shut out it will definitely not be in our interests. Sometimes I really wonder about our sense of reality."

Peter Smith, Dean of Fine Arts, agreed that funding poses a real threat to UVic's survival. "But if we ask to participate in this proposal it would be a case of selling our souls to save our skins."

The joint committee stated that contrary to the Winegard report UVic is not "a highly residential" university. "Fully 55 per cent of its students come from outside the Victoria metropolitan area, yet because of government funding policies it can offer residence accommodation to a mere 11 per cent of its full-time student body."

The report also pointed out that along with its undergraduate program UVic has a broad range of excellent graduate programs, an outstanding library and a number of professional faculties and schools.

"It views itself as serving the entire province," the report stated. "It has never

seen its role as a university for Vancouver Island."

The committee listed several academic faults with the Winegard proposals. "By diffusing resources among four mini-campuses and a separate administrative centre, the proposal would result in token library and laboratory facilities."

By providing only 10 faculty members for each campus there could be no variety or specialization within any one academic discipline. "What is offered is a meagre academic smorgasbord."

The committee described the proposed administrative set-up as a "bureaucratic wonderland."

"One could hardly imagine a more cumbersome and tortuous model than that of four tiny faculty units, each reporting separately through a remote administrative centre to the sub-unit of a distant university, itself subject to the nebulous control of a Universities Council."

While admitting that there is a need for an institution to deliver advanced higher education to the Interior, the joint committee said the interim solution is an "apron-string proposal."

"The interim solution would create a brand new political problem by granting one of the established public universities a province-wide territorial influence to which it has no historic claim."

The joint committee offered possible alternatives to the Winegard proposals, including the establishment of a single, small, degree-granting college which would be autonomous. "It's on-campus offerings should be strictly limited to a narrow range of basic disciplines, mainly at third-and-fourth-year levels."

Such an autonomous college could use regional college resources and emphasize outreach and extension activities. "Its entire personality and academic style would be free to develop without the stultifying control of a paternal authority."

Another alternative, suggested the committee, would be the provision of bursaries to enable qualified students in the Interior to have access to the specialized, advanced programs at the established universities of their choice.

"The magnitude of Winegard financing could provide 2,000 bursaries of \$3,500 each."

Finally the committee pointed out that nay new expenditures for higher education "must not be allowed to pre-empt the urgent priority needs of the major public universities and existing regional colleges."

The joint committee's report, endorsed by the Senate, will go to the Board of Governors Dec. 20 and, if endorsed there, will be sent to Education Minister Pat McGeer.



McClelland: now in charge

## GSS activist drops reins

Having stirred up what he had termed an apathetic membership, Al Rydant has resigned as president of the Graduate Students Society.

A graduate student in the Geography Department, Rydant is being succeeded for the last three months of the term by the GSS vice-president Steve McClelland, also of the Geography Department.

Rydant said he resigned because of his workload of being a graduate student and a teaching assistant and because he wants to spend more time with his daughter.

In recent weeks, he shook up the GSS membership by temporarily cancelling its traditional Friday evening happy hour in order to draw attention to issues confronting the GSS.

In his letter of resignation, he said his nine months in office had been marked by controversy "in which the GSS has begun to make some serious contributions to the students at UVic. It is my sincere hope that graduate students will now take control of their own future and move toward a position of respect, both within the university and on an individual level."

Rydant noted that the executive finally has a full slate, that a committee reviewing the GSS structure has been established, that the issue of graduate student salaries and funding has been brought out in the open, and that the Senate is about to entertain a report dealing with the organizational structure of Graduate Studies (see story elsewhere on this page).

McClelland said he will continue the thrusts of the Rydant dispensation, and added he will have the task of restructuring the GSS's constitution so it can be brought under the B.C. Societies Act.





Stothard: sharing with government

## Improved computer service in works

UVic will discard its present computer and temporarily share a much larger one with B.C. Systems Corporation, the provincial government's new Crown corporation.

Dave Stothard, manager of Computing Services, said the installation of the IBM 370/158 over the Christmas holidays will mean more facilities and better service on campus, even though UVic will only use a portion of it.

He said that this represents the first time UVic has co-operated in a major way with the provincial government in use of computing services.

The arrangement is scheduled to last only until August when UVic brings in another new computer, the IBM 370/148, which has less capacity than the 370/158, but which will have 40 per cent more capability than the present 370/145.

B.C. Systems Corporation will then move the larger computer to a yet unnamed provincial government computing centre site.

Stothard said this arrangement is a good temporary solution for both parties while UVic waits for its new computer, which has been on order since last June, and B.C. Systems for its new site.

"It's the best economical path to share a computer and still offer good services."

The present 145 is almost taxed to its limit because of increasing use throughout the campus, Stothard said.

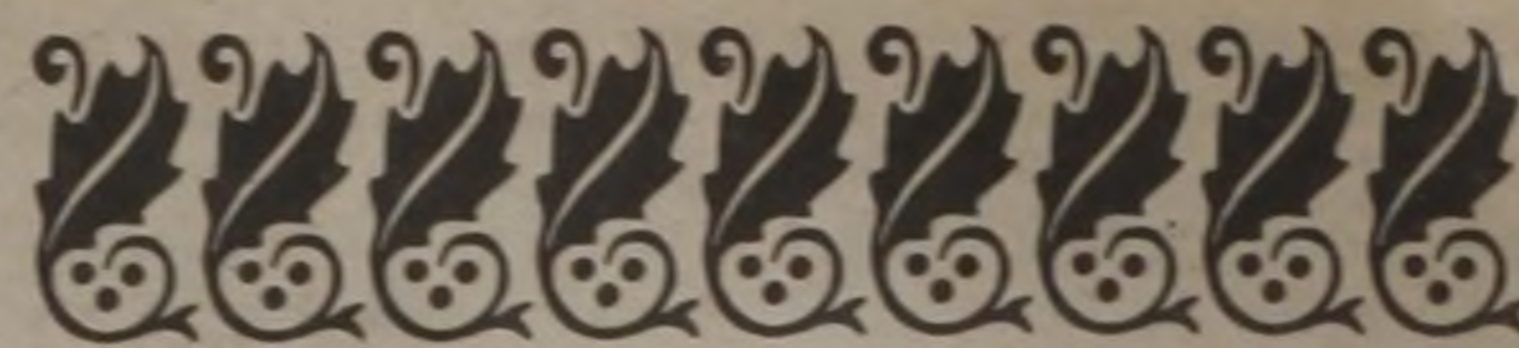
It is hoped, he said, that the new arrangement will be operative by the time

students return to class after the Christmas holidays.

UVic will be buying time on the computer from B.C. Systems, which is renting it from IBM. UVic will again directly rent from IBM when the 148 is installed.

B.C. Systems personnel will be provided offices at the computing centre here. Stothard will be in charge of the operation and maintenance of the computer.

Stothard said it would be ideal if UVic itself could have the super 158 computer, but the rental cost, \$62,000 to \$72,000 a month, is prohibitive. The smaller 148 will cost UVic \$27,000 a month.



## Campus hours for holidays

With students in the middle of examinations and the Christmas break less than a week away the hours of operation of campus buildings have been changed.

The university itself will maintain regular operations up to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 24, and will be closed Dec. 27 and 28. It will also be closed Dec. 31 for the New Year's Day holiday.

The McPherson Library will continue extended hours in the evening until Dec. 20. The library is open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 12 midnight Saturday and Sunday.

From Dec. 21 to Jan. 9 while students are on vacation access hours at the library vary.

Dec. 21 it is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Thursday Dec. 23 it is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library is closed Dec. 25 through Dec. 28 and Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2.

Dec. 29 and 30 and from Jan. 3 to 7 the library is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The weekend of Jan. 8 and 9 it is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

With the second term beginning Jan. 10 the library will resume normal operating hours.

The curriculum laboratory is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 12 noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 20.

Dec. 21 the curriculum laboratory is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and beginning Dec. 22 normal weekday hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These hours will apply until Jan. 9.

The curriculum laboratory is closed Dec. 25 through 28, Dec. 31 through Jan. 2 and Jan. 8 and 9.

The Student Union Building will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 2 with normal hours of operation until then.

During the examination period which ends Dec. 21, the McKinnon Centre will be open weekdays at 8:30 a.m. with activities ceasing by 9:30 p.m. and the closing of the building at 10 p.m.

Recreational swimming during the week is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

On the weekend of Dec. 18 and 19 the McKinnon is hosting the Bob Whyte Memorial-UVic Christmas Classic basketball tournament, and the building is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Recreational swimming for authorized families is available both days from 1 to 5 p.m.

On Dec. 22, 23, and 24 the McKinnon is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Recreational family swims are available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The McKinnon Centre will be closed Dec. 25, 26, and Jan. 1.

Dec. 27, 28 and 31 and Jan. 2 and 9 the building is open from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. On these days family swimming is available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Family swimming is also available Dec. 29 and 30 and the building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jan. 3 to 6 the building is open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Jan. 7 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Family swimming is available on these days from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The building is open from 1 to 11 p.m. Jan. 8 with family swimming available from 1 to 5 p.m.

The normal schedule at the McKinnon Centre resumes Jan. 10.

The Faculty Club will close from 2 p.m. Dec. 24 to Jan. 3.

All food service departments have changed hours of operation for the holiday period.

The residence dining room is closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 8.

The campus coffee shop will remain open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday during the holidays, closing Dec. 27 and 28.

The Coffee Gardens in the Commons Block will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from Dec. 20 to 24. It is closed Dec. 25 through Dec. 28 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2. It is open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 29 and 30 and from Jan. 3 through Jan. 7.

University Health Services will be closed Dec. 27, 28, and 31.

The campus branch of the Bank of Montreal will be closed Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. The bank will be open until 6 p.m. Dec. 23 but will close at 3 p.m., Friday Dec. 24. Banking hours for Dec. 30 are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the bank will close for New Year's at 3 p.m. Dec. 31.

## Confab at top delayed

A meeting which Education Minister Pat McGeer scheduled for Dec. 13 with student leaders from around B.C. has been postponed until Jan. 10.

Alistair Palmer, Alma Mater Society president, said the Department of Education decided to delay the meeting because mid-December is a bad time to bring students together when they are involved in exams or on their way home for Christmas.

McGeer's "communication workshop" is intended to be an adjunct to National Student Day, which was held Nov. 9. McGeer and his Deputy Minister Walter Hardwick were in Toronto that day, but McGeer said issues raised then were "of legitimate concern to students and they should have the benefit of a government reply."

## HANG ON TO THOSE BUS PASSES

Don't throw away your student bus passes. They're worth \$2 each on the price of another three months of use.

UVic co-ordinator Phil Esmonde said B.C. Hydro has agreed to extend the trial bus pass system, introduced this fall, through the spring term.

B.C. Hydro was going to charge a 40 per cent increase in the cost of the pass, reflective of the recent general public hike from 25 to 35 cents for a fare.

But Esmonde said that after a meeting with himself, AMS president Alistair Palmer and Peter Darling, UVic's senior management consultant, Hydro officials agreed to bring the price down.

Instead of \$52 a pass, Hydro will charge \$44, with UVic picking up \$5 of the cost, leaving the price for a student user at \$39, compared to the \$30 cost for having the pass in the fall.

Esmonde said that fall users will get an even better deal if they still have their passes when they come into the Student Union Building in January to pay for a validation sticker for the spring term.

It will cost them \$37, the \$2 difference being what it costs to produce a pass.

"The one thing I want to stress is that users hang on to their passes so they can get that \$2 deduction," said Esmonde.

Some 964 UVic students bought passes in the fall, and both UVic and B.C. Hydro "felt it was successful enough to continue," said Esmonde.

Passes will be sold in the SUB during the week of Jan. 10 to 14. Those paying for revalidation can come in any day of this week between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., but preferably on Monday or Friday. New pass purchasers are asked to come in Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Passes will be sold in the boardroom across the corridor from the SUB auditorium.

Meanwhile, the \$110,000 bus depot alongside the SUB was opened recently.

It provides bays for two buses coming through the campus: Cadboro Bay (No. 16) and University (14).

The AMS is working on Hydro to have a third bus, the Cross-town (26) stop at the depot.





# Research councils restructured

A federal proposal to restructure university research granting councils, now before parliament, will have a huge effect on UVic.

President Howard Petch said the proposed changes are "the most important in the last decade" concerning research grants to universities.

UVic through its faculty members now receives grants from the three councils, the National Research Council (NRC), the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Canada Council (CC).

Hugh Faulkner, Minister of State for Science and Technology has introduced a bill that will create two new granting councils for university research and re-organize the NRC and CC.

In announcing the establishment of two new granting councils Faulkner said that the new structure should ensure "stability and continuity in the government's support of university research."

He also said the councils would receive budgetary increases in the next fiscal year to compensate for inflation. This comes as good news to university researchers across Canada who have been complaining that federal research funds have been cut drastically in recent years.

Faulkner said he would also be requesting funds for council programs relating to regional balance, national problem areas and interdisciplinary research.

The present councils spend in total about \$160 million per year in support of university research.

The major recommendation in Faulkner's bill is the creation of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council will be responsible for the granting function of the CC in the area of the social sciences and humanities. The CC will then devote its full attention to the support of the arts.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council will take over the granting function of the NRC.

"This will enable the NRC to focus on the management of its laboratories which will continue to be oriented toward furthering scientific and technological development in Canada," Faulkner explained.

The MRC will not be basically changed.

To co-ordinate granting policies within the new structure the government plans to establish the Inter-Council Co-ordinating Committee.

Faulkner said the proposed changes are "further steps in the government's strategy to develop effective and positive granting policies for university research."

Along with the changes in structure the Science Council plans to restate its mandate, giving it a national and public information role.



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Studying for exams can be an exhausting and unrelenting exercise carried out in solitary places, as attested by this student slumped over in a carrel in the McPherson Library. However, for Carolyn Fard (A&S-1) and Dave Williams (A&S-2) a sense of well-being and coziness is entirely possible as they prepare for an exam in the basement lounge of the library.



## It's 'last chance' to deal justly with natives

By Sharon Venne

"What most people forget is that the so-called northern native problem is in reality a southern white problem," says Hugh McCullum, a white who was born and raised in the Northwest Territories.

McCullum, co-author of *This Land Is Not For Sale*, spoke at the university on the McKenzie Valley pipeline and the native people of the north. "This is the last chance the people of the south will have to deal justly with the native people of the country."

The federal government, which is committed to the pipeline in the valley, has been pushing the native people to extinguish aboriginal title to the land, he noted.

This, in reality, means the federal government wants to settle the issue with the minimum of concern for the native people, the end product being the gradual assimilation of the native into the dominant Euro-Canadian society.

"Unless the people in the south are willing to speak against the pipeline construction will proceed on schedule," he said. As he spoke, he constantly stressed the natives' need to have the south on their side.

In the south the question to be answered concerns energy consumption. "Are the people of the south willing to give up their demands for the energy which puts the natives of the north into a position of being forced to settle their claims to the land?" asked McCullum.

"The demand of the south means that there is an increased use of the non-renewable resources of the north. The oil

companies are constantly talking about the south freezing to death in the dark unless they are allowed to develop the north. In reality, the conventional resources of the south can supply energy for up to 60 years if Canada would take the time to conserve their resources."

In the north there are three principal groups which are concerned with land claims: the Dene, Inuit and the Metis. The federal government will not recognize the three groups together, thus forcing them to work separately on the settlement. It aids the government by pointing to their non-cooperation towards a settlement.

McCullum said that a hundred years ago on the prairies, the government quickly got treaties signed which left the native reserves totally dependent upon the government.

The natives of the north do not want this type of quick, easy settlement.

He said the natives of the north want to be able to determine their own future in their own way. In 1974, for example, the Dene Nation made public their concept of a federation of the north, declaring themselves to be a nation within Canada for the purposes of negotiation on the settlement.

*This Land Is Not For Sale* outlines the native concept of the land. "They are spiritually attached to the land and to take it away without consultation takes their lives."

McCullum said stopping construction of the pipeline will be no small feat. The oil companies of the south have an estimated \$10 billion invested in the project in the face of 15,000 Dene people.

### VIKES FACE CRUCIAL TEST

The UVic Vikings will get a chance Saturday (Dec. 18) to find out how they stack up against one of the top prairie teams.

The University of Winnipeg Wesmen will play the Vikings in the first round of the Bob Whyte-UVic Christmas Classic, an annual tournament at the McKinnon gym.

The Vikes play at 8:30 p.m. while the Victoria Scorpions and the UBC Thunderbirds play at 6:30 p.m. Winners of these games advance to the championship at 9 p.m. Sunday while the losers play for the consolation championship at 3 p.m.

Admission to the tournament which also

includes an eight-team high school tournament is \$1 for students and \$1.50 for adults each day.

In Canada West Universities Athletic Association (CWUAA) play now at the Christmas break, the Vikings sport a 3-3 record, behind the league-leading Calgary Dinosaurs who have five wins and a single loss, and UBC and the University of Alberta.

Viking coach Ken Shields believes his team is still "in the thick of things" and points out that if the Vikings can topple the Dinosaurs twice in home games Jan. 7 and 8 they can jump into first place.

## Lectures on teaching slated

A lecture-discussion series on university teaching has been established by Dr. Gren Mason (Physics) in an effort to promote better teaching at UVic.

The first speaker in the series Jan. 13 is Dr. Edward F. Sheffield, professor of higher education at the University of Toronto and editor of a recent book, *Teaching in the Universities, no one way*.

Sheffield will discuss a survey made of Canadian professors who were deemed to be excellent teachers by their graduates and whose articles form the chapters of the book. The audience will be encouraged to participate in the discussion.

The series is sponsored by a \$3,000 grant from the President's Innovative Teaching Fund. Mason applied for the grant, he said, because of his interest in improving teaching and communicating with students.

"My interest stems from the realization that university instructors, outside the Faculty of Education, normally have no formal training in teaching and yet that function constitutes roughly half of their duties," he said.

Mason said the objectives of the series are to provide a forum for discussing university teaching and education and to promote better teaching and education at UVic.



# calendar

Wednesday, December 15th

3:30 pm  
Meeting—Women's Action Group. SUB Rm. 144.  
8:00 pm  
Christmas Concert—Faculty Recital Series No. 3.  
Admission charge—Adults: \$2.50  
Students & O.A.P.'s: \$1.50. MacLaurin 144.  
University Women's Club Christmas Party. Gold Room, 208 Commons Block.

Friday, December 17th

9:00 am  
Meeting—Joint Council. Sedgewick 011.  
2:30 pm  
Meeting—Education. Cornett 112.  
7:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "Play it Again Sam" plus a special Bogart surprise feature.

Saturday, December 18th

3:00-4:30 pm  
Faculty Women's Club Annual Children's Christmas Party. For children of members of the Faculty Women's Club and the Faculty Club, between ages 3-6. To be held in the Faculty Club.  
7:15 pm  
\*Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "Play it Again Sam" plus a special Bogart surprise feature.  
6:30 pm & 8:30 pm  
Bob Whyte-UVic Christmas Classic. 6:30 pm—Victoria Scorpions vs. UBC Thunderbirds.  
8:30 p.m.—UVic Vikings vs Winnipeg Wesmen. McKinnon Gym. Admission charge for two games—Adults \$1.50 Students \$1.00.

Sunday, December 19th

3:00 pm & 9:00 pm  
Bob Whyte-UVic Christmas Classic. 3:00 pm—Consolation Final. 9:00 pm—Championship Final. McKinnon Gym. Admission Charge for 2 games—Adults: \$1.50 Students: \$1.00.

Monday, December 20th

1:00 pm  
Meeting—Board of Governors—Gold Room.



Friday, January 7th

6:30 pm  
Basketball—Vikettes vs. University of Calgary at UVic.  
8:30 pm  
Basketball—Vikings vs. University of Calgary at UVic.

Saturday, January 8th

2:15 pm  
Soccer—Vikings vs. Victoria A.A. at Athletic park.  
6:30 pm  
Basketball—Vikettes vs. University of Calgary at UVic.  
8:30 pm  
Basketball—Vikings vs. University of Calgary at UVic.

Tuesday, January 11th

12:30 pm  
Tuesdaymusic. MacLaurin 144.  
4:30 pm  
Liberal Arts 305—Cornett 163. Dr. J. Fitch (Classics) will speak on "Satirical Literature and Its Impact".

Wednesday, January 12th

7:30 pm  
Meeting—Senate. Commons 205.  
8:30 pm  
Badminton, Old Gym

Thursday, January 13th

12:30 pm  
Meeting—Fine Arts. MacLaurin 169.  
3:30 to 5:00 pm  
Petch Peeves. SUB Upper Lounge. Students, Staff and Faculty welcome to see Dr. Petch.  
Call local 4201 for confirmation of room.

Friday, January 14th

9:00 am  
Meeting—Education. Cornett 112.  
12:30 pm  
Fridaymusic. MacLaurin 144.  
2:30 pm  
Seminar—Cunningham 1102. Dr. P.A. Jolliffe, (Dept. of Plant Science, UBC) will speak on "Phytochrome Action: The darker side of plant photomorphogenesis".  
3:30 pm  
Meeting—Arts & Science. Elliott 167.

Sunday, January 16th

1:00 pm  
Soccer—Norsemen vs. Vic West at UVic.  
2:15 pm  
Soccer—Vikings vs. Vic West at UVic.

Monday, January 17th

1:00 pm  
Meeting—Board of Governors. Gold Room.  
8:15 pm  
University Extension Association Meeting. Elliott 168. Dr. Gordon Shrimpton (Dept. of Classics, UVic) will speak on "Atlantis—located at Thera?"

Tuesday, January 18th

12:30 pm  
Tuesdaymusic. MacLaurin 144.  
4:30 pm  
Liberal Arts 305. Cornett 163. Dr. A. Gowans (History in Art) will speak on "The Wizard of Id and Popeye: Erasmus and Rabelais".

Wednesday, January 19th

2:30 pm  
Seminar—Cunningham 1102. Dr. P.L. Steponkus, (Dept. of Floriculture, New York State College, Ithaca, N.Y.) will speak on "The effects of freezing and cold acclimation on chloroplast structure and function."  
8:00 pm  
Degree Recital—MacLaurin 144.  
8:30 pm  
Badminton, Old Gym.

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



The complaint has been heard in all quarters, for many months now, about the paucity of good new movies in downtown Victoria—and it isn't only the movie buffs, film freaks, and other members of the population who maintain an obsessively intense interest in the cinema that are complaining, but those who venture into a movie-house only occasionally have noticed it as well. Looking back over what Victorians have been presented with so far in 1976, one is hard pressed to find more than a few movies that contain uncommonly interesting stories, varied and unстереotypical approaches to character, or a distinctively new handling of film technique. What follows is a subjective, selective impressionistic sketch of certain 1976 movies seen, remembered, and, in some cases, best forgotten.

I should have known it was not going to be a terribly eventful year for movies when I made the mistake of going to see **The Hindenburg**, directed by Robert Wise (of **Sound of Music** fame) on New Year's Day. In its ploddingly refined way it neither provided the vulgar carnival-like excitement of disaster movies nor did it succeed in involving us in the tedious, drawn-out story of George C. Scott dashing about attempting to locate and then dismantle a bomb which was planted on board as a subversive, anti-Nazi act. The most disappointing thing about the movie was seeing Anne Bancroft in the ridiculous role of "the Countess," which she performed with equal ridiculousness. Instead of performing in a modern movie set in the Thirties, she seemed to think she was in an actual Thirties movie—at least that's the only explanation I can find for her out-moded, melodramatic, mannered performance.

Another one of these big-budget, quasi-disaster movies arrived in Victoria in June, and succeeded in being even more boring than **The Hindenburg**. An all-star cast couldn't save **Midway**, a movie about certain World War II air-and-sea-battles in the Pacific, and neither could the use of Sensurround—and absurd set-up of enormous speakers which belch a low-frequency noise, giving one the impression that the theatre is shaking. (It made its debut, more appropriately, in the funhouse movie **Earthquake**.) All it accomplished in **Midway** was to occasionally jolt the audience out of its drowsy stupor. It's getting so a person can't even sleep in peace during bad movies anymore.

On the more significant side, **Next Stop, Greenwich Village**, played in town for one measly week late in March and was seen by practically no one, which is unfortunate because it was one of the more honest, appealing comedies of the year. Directed with footloose ease by Paul Mazursky (**Harry and Tonto**, **Blume in Love**, **Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice**), it is about Larry Lapinsky, a New York Jewish kid who leaves home and heads for Greenwich Village—the time is the 1950's—and tries to become an actor. The movie mainly concerns itself with his bohemian life which is populated by an assortment of outrageous friends; but the most surprising thing about the film is the fact that the kid makes it: the movie ends with him leaving for Hollywood. I would trade all the rip-off sequels now being made (like **The Exorcist II** and **Jaws II**, to name two) in order to find out what happened to Larry in Tinsel City. Mazursky's approach to character is more sincere than most of

his contemporaries and what makes **Next Stop, Greenwich Village** such an enjoyable movie is that it has all been felt by the director. It should have been a hit—it is one of the few that deserves to be.

**Greenwich Village**, perhaps along with Mel Brooks' **Silent Movie** (in which Anne Bancroft redeemed her **Hindenburg** performance by crossing her eyes), provided the only good laughs of the year; most of the other comedies—like Gene Wilder's **Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother**, Melvin Frank's **The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox**, Mark Rydell's **Harry and Walter Go to New York**, and Richard Lester's **The Ritz**—were wheezing attempts at zaniness with too few truly inventive situations or performances.

Movies which defy classification (often a sign that a director is at least striving for something different, whether the ultimate result be good or bad) are among those which offered the most memorable experiences—most notably, Martin Scorsese's **Taxi Driver** and Arthur Penn's **The Missouri Breaks**. The former includes an outstanding performance by Robert De Niro (soon to be seen in **The Last Tycoon**) as Travis Bickle, a downtrodden, alienated man who makes a desperate, last-ditch effort to assert his existence and change the world he views with disgust. Scorsese's visual style (as was evident in his **Mean Streets** and **Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore**) is remarkably expressive—if not, at times, expressionistic—the teeming, inferno-like view of New York City is seen from Travis' eyes. It is unfortunate that the relatively banal handling of the violence marred what was otherwise a very original film.

Two male performances of major importance this year occurred in the same film, **The Missouri Breaks**. Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson were both superb; Brando, as the playfully demented hired killer, would have stolen the movie away from any less an actor than Nicholson who shrewdly played against his sly, hip image and turned in a performance of amazing sensitivity. And, under Penn's surefooted direction, the two stars complement each other instead of being at odds.

Apart from two festivals (and a small Hitchcock retrospective) this year, Victoria was treated to other new films by foreign directors: Lina Wertmuller's chaotically entertaining but maddeningly superficial **Swept Away...** and **Seven Beauties**; Louis Malle's whimsical and abtuse **Black Moon**; and Bergman's **Face to Face**, the horrifying chronicle of a woman's nervous breakdown with a performance of astounding emotional complexity by Liv Ullmann.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, we were plagued with **The Omen**, a particularly offensive, if not morally objectionable, film which rivals only **The Exorcist** in tastelessness. The movie pretends to deal with such serious subjects as the interplay of good and evil, while titillating the audience with many an ugly, violent death; I mean, any movie that kills off both Lee Remick and Gregory Peck doesn't have its heart in the right place, if it has a heart at all. And it played with religious symbols as if they were bowling balls, with the audience in the unpleasant position of being the pins.

This year we were also afforded the opportunity of seeing Margaux Hemingway get raped in the trashy **Lipstick**; Redford and Hoffman do their duty in **All The President's Men**, which was more a document than a movie; glitzy transvestitism in **The Rocky Horror Picture Show**; Ryan O'Neal stumble over an Irish brogue in **Barry Lyndon**; John Wayne dying of cancer in the not-bad **The Shootist**; and Hitchcock showed that he is still up to snuff in the droll **Family Plot**.

But all in all, the general impression one is left with as this year winds to a close is that it's been a fairly lacklustre one for movies—barring a few exceptions. Perhaps a few of the upcoming Christmas attractions will change our outlook, but it seems doubtful: **King Kong** and **The Seven-Per-Cent Solution** might be good fun, and **The Silver Streak** is of interest if only because the Canadian Pacific passenger train plays the title role. But, never fear, one can always curl up in front of the television set on Dec. 24 and marvel at Alistair Sim's perfect portrayal of Scrooge in **A Christmas Carol**. It's performances like that which keep us going ever hopefully to the movies.



# notices

Faculty or staff who will be away for either the winter or summer session of 1977-78 and wish to rent out their residences are being urged to contact Shirley Baker, manager of Housing Services. Her office is preparing information regarding living accommodation for new or visiting faculty. Baker notes, in a memo to faculty and staff, that summer faculty and their families, for the seven-week period beginning July 1, usually require furnished apartments or houses, while winter visitors need either furnished or unfurnished accommodation during the nine-month period. Those interested in having their places listed are asked to phone locals 4392, 4393 or 4585.

The annual children's Christmas party sponsored by the Faculty Women's Club will be held Dec. 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty Club. The party is for members' children who are ages three to six.

Those whose children will be attending are asked to inform Mrs. Sheila Bridgman at 477-8559 or care of the Biology Department.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has announced its 1977-78 awards program. The awards are available to Canadian citizens who have completed a post-secondary program of studies and who indicate their intention to pursue a career in international development work. Deadline for receipt of completed application for a total number of 20 awards is Jan. 31. Details and application forms are available through the CIDA care of Human Resources, 122 Bank, Ottawa, K1A 0G4.

Corpus Christi College at Cambridge has announced its 1977-78 program for visiting scholars. Application for accommodation can be made at any time,

but intending applicants are advised to apply as soon as their plans are known. A first allocation of accommodation was made on the basis of applications received before Dec. 1. Details are available at the Department of University Relations ("F" Hut), and any applications should be sent as soon as possible to the Fellowship Secretary, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, CB2 1RH

Members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies are invited to attend the following oral examinations: David Thompson, a M.A. candidate in Geography,

on "An Analysis of Recent Japanese Economic Involvement in Three S.E. Asian Countries: Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia", Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. in Cornett 145; Brian Fowler, a M.Sc. candidate in Chemistry, on "A 19F N.M.R. Study of Group Va Pentafluorides", Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. in Elliott 402; and Patrick Hill, a M.A. candidate in Political Science, on "A Failure of Unity: Communist Party-CCF Relations in British Columbia, 1935-1938", on Dec. 20 at 1:30 p.m. in Cornett 314.

