

GEOGRAMME

A newsletter for geography alumni

Fall 1997

President's Report

Arthur Ng, BA '85

Hello again fellow alumni! While many were contemplating if spring and summer would ever arrive, many great things did transpire. We've had some changes and also introduced some mystery and intrigue in this edition. We hope you enjoy the articles as much as we enjoyed putting it together!

Several of our executive have moved on, but we've had replacements come forward from our last AGM. Our secretary, May Chow, was promoted to Ottawa with Agriculture Canada. Meanwhile, at-large-member Ingrid Hartmann enrolled in Planning at U of T. Donna Rodman, after many dedicated years of service, had decided to take a break. We thank all our ladies for their volunteer work and we welcome in our new members: Alastair Ross, Adam Fitch, Charles Dick, and Kenneth Martin. Recent members include Steve Brown, Jim Smerdon, and Andrew Ramlo. Note: We are short on female members!

We luckily participated in another casino night back in May on a last-minute call because another Division could not participate. Subsequently, we now have approximately \$2,500 in our account. As a result of government policy changes, however, this extra money must be used in the current year and only for scholarships and bursaries—the complete opposite of what we were permitted to do last year. In any event, this is a financial problem that we don't mind taking on. This means that funds for our operating account will be down for printing the newsletter, putting

together the AGM, and other events.

In February, we held the careers night for students with alumni speakers Mark Madryga (Atmospheric Scientist, Environment Canada), Adam Fitch (Civic Planner—Mission), Steven Garland (Education), Bruce Dagg (SRK Geotechnologist), and Sid Tsang (Terrain Mapper with June Ryder & Assoc.). Though the turnout was not as expected, those who attended had an informative evening. Meanwhile, the Geo-Gala held in March, was once again a sellout. Accolades for the graduating class of 1997 for a job well done!

The mini-convocation in May held at International House was well attended by about 100 students, family, friends and faculty. Mock certificates were handed out during the event by Department Head Graeme Wynn and retired Professor J.L. Robinson to the graduating class, followed by a social and refreshments.

We encourage all alumni to visit UBC during Homecoming Week, October 14-18, 1997, to participate in the various activities on campus. I'm sure that there have been many changes and new construction since leaving campus. Make a trip back here to see the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, the new Koerner Library, the David Lam Centre, and more. Free campus tours are being arranged during the week, in particular on Saturday, October 18, 1997.

Come see the results your generous contributions made to our university over the years. You should be proud not only to be a Geography graduate, but also a graduate from the University of British Columbia.

Finally, please remember to Keep in Touch. We'd like to know what you've been up to. I hope to see you all at the AGM and thanks for your continued support.



Alf Siemens makes a speech at the Geo-Gala as he embarks on retirement.

AGM

**Tuesday, October 14, 1997, 7:00 pm
Cecil Green Park**

All UBC Geography grads are invited to attend the AGM and social evening to honour Dr. Alf Siemens, recently retired, who will receive this year's Distinguished Geographer Award. Past Geography students will remember his local field trips and his intriguing photos and slides of Latin America. Also, a new award will be presented to Dr. John Stager for his long-time work with UBC Geography students. Many will recall his entertaining lectures in Geography 101 and his regional course on the Canadian Arctic. Grads from classes of '87 and '72 are especially invited to receive their 10 and 25 year alumni lapel pins and to chat with other classmates.

There will be lots of fun, prizes, entertaining speakers and refreshments as well as the usual AGM business. If you would like to help out, call Arthur at 430-6655(o) or 929-1376(h).

1996 DISTINGUISHED GEOGRAPHER AWARD

One of the themes of the 1996 AGM was the many couples who met while enrolled in Geography at UBC and later married. We were pleased to honour two such persons that evening.

Michael A. Church *PhD'70* and June Ryder *PhD'69*, met while taking courses in Physical Geography towards a PhD degree at UBC in the mid-1960s. They later married after both had become Geography faculty members at UBC. Each began to develop similar careers in the 1970s in academic and applied Geomorphology. We were pleased to publicly recognize their excellent teaching and guidance to Physical Geography students at UBC for about 25 years, and for their leadership in the practical applications of Geomorphology in environmental processes for government and other agencies.

Michael A. Church graduated in Honours Geography from the University of Toronto in 1964, receiving the Governor General's medal for highest standing at Trinity College. He completed his PhD thesis here in 1970 with a dissertation on Baffin Island fluvial processes.

In his academic career at UBC, Mike has inspired several generations of students to become aware of their physical environment and many to enter professional careers in environmental assessment and management. He has passed on his research and knowledge to others through more than 60 published papers in scientific journals and more than 65 reports on a variety of physical environment conditions and problems to government agencies and research institutions. In particular, he brought favourable attention to geography through his work in BC with environmental geoscience and the creation of government and industrial employment for Physical Geographers. Among his numerous critical advisory tasks was providing the hydrology-rivers expertise

on the government Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound.

Mike has already been honoured at least seven times by medals, prizes, fellowships and other awards for his innumerable contributions and leadership in practical and academic matters related to rivers and the physical earth. We were pleased to add one more from the UBC Geography Alumni Executive as half of our Distinguished Geographer Award for 1996.

June M. Ryder has made similar significant contributions to environmental understanding and practice at the regional level in BC. June came from England to do graduate work in Physical Geography at McMaster University and received a MA in 1963. She then earned her PhD in Geomorphology at UBC in 1969. For almost 25 years, June was an inspiring lecturer in Physical Geography courses at UBC, particularly our Introductory 101 course, on an intermittent or part-time basis. At the same time she was a practicing geographer-geologist with the federal and provincial governments, dealing with glacial and periglacial landforms and terrain mapping techniques. From 1975-82, she was head of the Terrain Analysis group in the BC Environment and Land Use Secretariat, developing terrain mapping systems and classifications.

After 1982, June became a geomorphological consultant, but also continued to help and guide UBC Physical Geography students in a course or two. At the same time, she prepared reports on forestry, water-power and terrain matters related to environmental uses and hazards. In recent years, she recreated her own consulting company, *June Ryder Associates Terrain Analysis*, described in the last *Geogramme*. June has trained and employed several recent Geography graduates in air photo interpretation, terrain and slope stability mapping, data collection of lake and stream characteristics and ecological mapping for habitat and park planning.

As one of our more than 40 Geographer-couples, what interesting environmental discussions they must have at home! For her contributions to environmental training and understanding in BC,

the Geography Alumni Executive was pleased to award June Ryder the other half of our 1996 Distinguished Geographer Award.



Departmental News

Graeme Wynn, Professor & Head

Consider some of the activities of the Department over the last twelve months. Colleagues have continued their widely-recognized research and publication efforts on the usual broad range of topics. This past summer the Department hosted two major international conferences—The Boundary Layer and Turbulence Symposium, co-sponsored by the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society and the American Meteorological Society; and the Inaugural International Conference on Critical Geography, co-sponsored by Simon Fraser University. Both meetings brought several hundred scholars to Vancouver, and placed the Department at the front of their consciousness.

In my first year in the Headship I have also been impressed by the commitment of my colleagues. For example, the work being done by the Metropolis Centre for Excellence involving David Ley, Dan Hiebert, Gerry Pratt and several graduate students is closely connected to the local community through involvement with immigrant support groups.

One of the privileges of the Headship of the Department is the daily support by such a thoughtful group as ours. They have been innovative, helpful, creative, and wise in dealing with the issues that come before us. In particular, let me say thanks to Bob North for being Acting-Head this year while I am on study-leave in England.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

compiled by *J. Lewis Robinson*

1940s

This year, we've received major donations for the Scholarship and Operating accounts from the following graduates of the first decade of Geography majors at UBC. Each has made several previous donations and they continue to support these funds for current Geography students. Their activities have been reported in the past three *Geogrammes*.

Donald P. Kerr, BA'41, a retired geography professor from the University of Toronto, is working on a history of the Toronto Geography Department ... **Alistair Drysdale**, BA'41, a retired geologist living in Skookumchuck, visited UBC last Fall for the 55th anniversary of his class graduation ... **Anna L. Sumpton**, BA'43, is retired in North Vancouver ... **Ed Wahl**, BA'45, MA'55, is retired in Kelowna and spends the winters in Southern California. Ed lectured part-time for a few years when Okanagan Junior College first opened, and he owned and managed a large grape vineyard near Osoyoos. As a graduate student at UBC, Ed was notorious for his continuing summer work as head bellboy at the Banff Springs Hotel and making a larger income than his Geography instructors! ... **Peter Cumberbirch**, B.Com'47, BA'48, is a retired secondary school teacher living in Richmond. I was pleased to greet him at my 50th anniversary party last October and to recall to others there that Peter was my first T.A. marker; together we marked all of the exams and essays for the 450 students in my First Year Economic Geography course. It took many hours, and Peter was paid \$400 for the academic year! ... **Don and Joan South**, BA'48, enjoy retirement in Victoria and support the Scholarship which he initiated ... **J. Harold Kenney**, BA'48, LLB'58, is a retired judge in Prince George ... **Albert L. Farley**, BA'48, MA'49, is a retired geography professor living in Richmond ... **Doreen Taylor**, BA'49, MA'65, is a retired librarian living in Toronto ...

Charles N. Forward, BA'49, MA'52, retired as Professor of Geography at the University of Victoria. He was the author of many books and articles on aspects of BC geography.

1950s

Phyllis H. R. Macdonald, BA'51, is a retired secondary school teacher in Victoria ... **Owen Kerley**, BA'53, retired from teaching in Williams Lake and is partially crippled due to polio. He is an avid bird-watcher ... **Betty Souther (Hamilton)**, BA'53, retired from a teacher-librarian position in Burnaby and lives in North Vancouver. She enjoys kayaking in summer on the west coast of Vancouver Island and is a ski-host in winter at Whistler ... **Ben Smith**, BA'53, retired after 30 years of secondary school teaching in Sault Ste. Marie. He is active with a retired teachers' organization in Ontario and local community theatre management ... **Jim Carter**, BA'54, has moved from his education consulting business in Victoria and now lives in West Vancouver ... **Julie Southerst (Debreceen)**, BA'56, is an instructor at Capilano College in Sechelt and lives at Garden Bay ... **Richard C. Loney**, BA'56, is a retired teacher living in Delta. Vancouver hockey fans will recognize him as he sings the National Anthem at most Canuck home games ... **Charles W. Dick**, BA'59, has retired from several careers as teacher, secondary school principal, head of a special private school for foreign students, and travel consultant. Currently he returned to the Geography Alumni Executive for the second time. In his non-academic career, he is Champion Senior athlete, placing first in his age class in four out of five events in the Pentathlon in the Seniors' Games in Kamloops last summer ... **Jim Maxwell**, BA'59, MA'64, retired from the position of executive director of the Canadian Geographical Society and continues to live in Ottawa.

1960s

Keith J. Crowe, BA'60, MA'69, retired after many years of service for Inuit and in Arctic matters in the Federal Department of Northern Affairs in Ottawa. He still remains active and helpful in Nunavut arbitration and Inuit land claims ... **Victor Warren**, BA'60, retired after 30 years of service for the City of Vancouver; 22 years as supervisor of Animal Control at the city dog pound. He has built a home on 25 acres on Fiji and will grow some sugar cane there and commutes half-time to Vancouver ... **Freda Rajotte (Walhouse)**, MA'60, has moved from Winnipeg to Dauphin, Manitoba where she is the minister at the local United Church. Her interesting life, combining Geography and Theology and world-ranging experiences as a university Geography instructor were outlined in our 1994 *Geogramme* ... **Bob Francis**, MA'61, has taken early retirement as a geography instructor at Langara College. He and Judy plan to move to Salt Spring Island ... **Larry Bell**, BA'61, is president of Shato Holdings, a Vancouver food services company which includes White Spot. He was recently appointed to the UBC Board of Governors ... **Jim Whitehead**, BA'62, MA'68, PhD'87, is partially retired, living in West Vancouver, and is most helpful as a sessional lecturer in the UBC Geography Department. He has contributed greatly to Canadian society and economy through several interesting careers. After completing his MA in urban geography at UBC, Jim became senior planner for the city of Calgary from 1967-73, dealing with development plans and urban renewal. From 1973-83 he was senior vice president for land with Daon Development Corp. in Calgary, responsible for all land developments of the company in Canada, including new towns and dealing with local planning officials. After returning to academic studies for his PhD at UBC, Jim became vice president for development for First National Properties in Vancouver, 1989-91, particularly

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in charge of several Western Canada shopping centres. With all of this successful, practical experience, Jim found that his real love was for teaching, students and academic life. Our urban geography students have indeed been fortunate to learn from his experience ... **Harry S. Swain, BA '64**, after receiving his PhD in Geography from the University of Minnesota in 1969, lectured at UBC in urban geography in 1970-71. Later, Harry had an important career as a senior civil servant and deputy minister in several federal government ministries in Ottawa including Indian Affairs, Industry and Finance. He left in 1996 to become director of Hambros, one of the last independent merchant banks in Britain. This past summer he returned to Toronto as chairman of Hambros Canada, a new subsidiary. In the spring, his past work was recognized with an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Victoria ... **Peter Hall, BA '64**, used his interest in maps in a variety of work for forest and mining companies during the 1970s; he became land manager for a BC mining company. In 1980, he started his own map company, Promap Drafting, doing high-end cartography for the corporate resource industry. He added a second company, Land Ranger Ltd., which provides consulting services and mapping advice on numerous environmental projects. It also produces its own line of recycling equipment, and provides field mapping for mining boundaries and geophysical survey lines. Peter is a wonderful example of a map-oriented geographer being successful in business... **Gary Mullins, BA '64, MA '70**, previously deputy minister of Education for the BC government, has moved to Vancouver to become president of the Canadian International College. The college, owned by Canadian and Japanese investors, was founded in North Vancouver in 1988, and provides two and four-year academic programs to high school graduates from Asia. Gary was appointed last year to improve their programs and markets ... **Doreen Mullins, BA '64, MA '66**, also moved from Victoria to the Vancouver office of the Federal Ministry of Indian Affairs,

where she is executive director of the Federal Treaty Negotiation Office. Gary and Doreen were joint recipients of our Distinguished Geographer Award in 1991 ... **Donald M. Currie, BA '64**, is a secondary school teacher living in Richmond. He continues to help young people as a coach in local minor ice hockey ... **Kenneth A. Martin, BA '64**, volunteered to be a member of the Geography Alumni Executive for the past year. Ken lives in Burnaby and has been a transportation consultant for many years to BC motor carriers and the BC Trucking Association. He is also a sessional instructor at BCIT in the Institute of Traffic and Transportation program ... **Angus M. Gunn, MA '65**, is professor emeritus of Social Studies in the UBC Faculty of Education and lives in West Vancouver. He is editing a new edition of the Geography of Canada text, *Heartland and Hinterland* ... **Greg Halsey-Brandt, BA '65, MA '69**, continues to provide outstanding service as mayor of the City of Richmond. He received our Distinguished Geographer Award in 1995 and his many contributions to geography, planning and politics were recorded in our 1995 *Geogramme* ... **Manfred P. Klein, BA '65**, died in North Vancouver in February 1997. Manfred was employed for many years in the Federal Ministry of Indian Affairs in Ottawa and later was transferred to the Vancouver office dealing with Indian land claims ... **Russ Awram, BA '65**,

lives in Burnaby and is president of First Gastown Land Corp. which assembles land in Metro Vancouver and sells it to builders for development. His most recent project was assembling the land at the former YMCA site in New Westminster for townhouses and condos ... **Colin K. Campbell, MA '67**, is director of the Heritage Conservation Section of the BC government and living in Victoria ... **Douglas J. Caruso, BA '68**, works in the City of Windsor Planning Department and is a part-time geography lecturer at the University of Windsor ... **Don Hull, BA '66**, is a retired secondary school teacher living in Falkland, BC. He is active in the Scouts Canada interior region ... **Nelson A. Riis, BA '67, MA '70**, was re-elected as the NDP MP for Kamloops in the recent federal election. Nelson was the recipient of our Distinguished Geographer Award in 1993 ... **Ronald H. G. Meyer, BA '67, MA '70**, died in Vancouver in March 1995 ... **Graeme A. G. Stamp, BA '68**, is senior vice president of Marathon Developments, a real estate arm of the CPR. His picture was on the front page of the Vancouver Sun business page in late July, announcing the sale of Marathon's waterfront property on Coal Harbour in downtown Vancouver ... **Arlene Gawne, BA '69, MA '74**, lives in Palm Desert, California, for part of each year, and travels widely, particularly to Africa. She prepares a wide range of handicraft items, especially silk paintings.

Robert North and Margaret Savage at their wedding in Vancouver in October, 1967. Both were UBC Geography instructors at the time and are still on faculty.



1970s

Donna Cook, BA'71, MA'79, volunteered to help on the local Geography Alumni Executive for the past two years. She and husband, Dave, are enjoying retirement and travel and live in Vancouver ... **David Whiting**, BA '71, lives in Kamloops and is part of a team of BC government staff developing a land and resource management plan for the Okanagan-Shuswap region ... **Wendy J. Inglis**, BA'72, continues to be the membership secretary for the NDP at party headquarters in Vancouver ... **Keith Nicol**, BA'73, MSc'77, is an associate professor of Geography at the Cornerbrook campus of Memorial University of Newfoundland. He has received awards for his contribution to tourist promotion in Newfoundland ... **Jim and Janis Connolly**, both BA'73. Jim's picture was on the front page of the Sun in June in a story about Canadian financial involvement in Taiwan. He is president of Shin Fu Life of Taiwan, a subsidiary of London Life of Canada ... **Gordon F. D. Wilson**, MA'73, was re-elected as the MLA for Sechelt in the recent provincial election. Gordon was a Geography instructor at Capilano College before entering provincial politics ... **Rick Jelfs**, BA'74, has worked in a variety of positions in the Toronto Transit Commission over the past 20 years ... **Tom Walker**, BSc'79, lives in a Toronto suburb and is in the medical

Alf Siemens doing field work in Mexico, 1960.



business as manager of Pyxis Healthcare Systems ... **Maureen Cowin**, BA '79, is the Parish administrator for St. John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church in Vancouver. She is responsible for facilities, personnel and finance. Previously she had an interesting experience as the administrator for the Federal Inquiry into BC salmon in 1994. Maureen served on the Geography Alumni Executive a few years ago and put on the computer a master list of all donors to our Alumni Operating account.

1980s

Katie Eliot, BA'80, co-chaired the original Steering Committee which recommended the creation of our Geography Alumni Division, and her enthusiasm and energy led it through the first two formative years, 1987-88. She was the second president of the Geography Alumni Alliance, following Don South. Katie also edited our newsletter for the first few years and gave it the name of Geogramme. She held several senior administrative positions in UBC academic departments and now lives in Langley where she is executive assistant for Timberholme Music Co., which produces music albums and other music items for Tim Lawson. Katie edits their newsletter, the *Timberline* ... **Tim Naegele**, BSc'80, MSc'84, is a G.I.S. technician at Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo. He remembers many hours of taking radiation measurements on the roof of the Geography building ... **Margaret Miller**, BA'80, works with topo maps and legal surveys to plot pipeline routes for a Calgary engineering firm ... **Lance Alexander** BA'83 has been with the Toronto Planning Department for many years and wife **Jane (Weninger) Alexander** BA'83 has a new position as manager of the Toronto Dept. of Public Health Environmental Protection Office. They have two young children ... **Greg Halseth**, BA'83, completed his PhD studies at Queen's University and was appointed assistant professor of Geography two years ago at the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George ... **Peter Jackson**, BSc'85, PhD'93, and **Chris Jackson**, BSc'87.

Peter is an assistant professor of Geography at UNBC, Chris is an education coordinator there and also works in the Fraser-Fort George Regional Museum ... **Arthur Ng**, BA'85, volunteered to serve on the Geography Alumni Executive two years ago and was selected by fellow members of the Executive to be president. Later, he was chosen by representatives on the UBC Alumni Council to be their chairman. Arthur has agreed to continue his leadership role and serve a third term as president of our Executive. Arthur is manager-partner of Coldwell-Banker Argosy Group Real Estate Services in Burnaby. He and wife **Nancy** BA'86, live in North Vancouver ... **Golsa Soraya**, BA'85, is an education planner with the Planning Services section of the Vancouver School Board. She received a Masters degree in urban planning in 1993 and did course designing in Architecture and Geography in New Westminster and Long Beach, California ... **Betty E. Hansen**, BA'85, is self-employed. Her business is called Ecosystems International, doing environmental research and consulting specializing on Latin America. She lives in North Vancouver ... **Abbie Milovsky**, BA'86, is a consultant for several forestry companies and lives in West Vancouver ... **C. Dino Falcone**, BSc'86, was an air traffic controller in the Canadian Air Force for eight years and moved to Vancouver in 1995. He is now an operational support specialist in the new air traffic control tower at the Vancouver International Airport. He lives in Burnaby and was married in September 1996 ... **Martin Cocking**, BA'87, has recently left his position as associate registrar at UNBC, returned to Vancouver and now has his own public relations consulting company ... **Monique M. Dubord**, BA'87, is real estate manager for Eastern Canada Starbucks Coffee Co. She married in 1994 and is enjoying renovating a historical old home in Etobicoke, ON. ... **Kathleen Laird-Burns**, BA'89, moved to her husband's new position in Victoria. She is a busy mother of two young children. Kathleen was editor of

our Geogramme for two years while she was employed in UBC Campus Planning.

1990s

Craig Nistor, BSc'90, MSc'96, worked for the past year on a large Watershed Restoration Project for the Nisga Indian tribal council in the Nass River Valley, Northwestern BC. He was earlier part of an environmental impact assessment for a coal mine in Indonesia ... **Janis Chung**, BA'90, is enthusiastic about the number and quality of positions for geographers with GIS training. She joined MacMillan Bloedel in Nanaimo in 1994 as supervisor of GIS Operations and is now a data specialist analyst in their Digital Mapping Operations ... **Monica Stekl (Klassen)**, BA'91, served on the Geography Alumni Executive for several years while employed as a planning assistant in the Vancouver Planning Department. She was married in April 1996 ... **Alex Wong**, BSc'91, is a renal technician in St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver ... **Carolyn Wong**, BA'94, is a lease administrator for AT&T in Vancouver. She is concerned with leasing of a variety of equipment in telecommunications ... **William Hamlin**, BA'94, is a tour leader for a tour company in Richmond taking groups to Greece and the Middle East. After graduation he studied Arabic in the West Bank and worked for a small Jerusalem newspaper ... **Paul Blessin**, BA'95, is in second-year Law at the University of Saskatchewan. His home is in Chilliwack ... **Kim Ferguson**, BA'96, is enrolled in the graduate program in Geography at the University of Toronto. Also there from UBC are **Solomon Wong** BA'96, **Richard Koo** BA'96, and **Christine Laing** BA'94.

A Note from Dr. Robinson:

I regret to report the end of one of Geography's traditions at UBC—the demise of Friday afternoon hockey. Geography students, mainly grads, have played friendly, non-contact ice hockey at UBC Arena every Friday afternoon at 3:30 since 1972, followed by a social hour and liquids at the Geopit lounge. Interest began to wane three years ago and not enough students came out to

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make up two teams. The next year none of the graduate students would take responsibility for collecting money, etc. and the ice-time was given up. Over the years, many faculty and students enjoyed this recreational and social event which became part of the Department's friendly atmosphere. As many of you know, I started playing hockey with the students in 1972, as physical rehabilitation following my 1968 heart attack, after 33 years of non-skating. This activity expanded into my second career as an Oldtimers hockey player. I finally retired two years ago, at age 77, when I could no longer perform on the ice as I used to do.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

The following is a summary of the operating account of the Geography Alumni Division.

Balance	Other Expenditures
Operating Account April 1, 1996 \$1,732.06	Postage 56.38
	AGM Food Services 314.48
Revenues	AGM Prizes 84.50
Newsletter Donations 1,107.50	Photocopies 5.70
Casino Proceeds 2,260.00	Total Expenditures 2,151.22
Subtotal 3,367.76	
1996/97 Newsletter Grant 570.00	Balance
Total Revenues 3,937.76	Operating Account March 31, 1997
Expenditures Geogramme	3,518.60
Envelopes 201.92	
Printing 708.17	
Mail-O-Matic 712.53	
Postage 67.54	
Total \$1,690.16	

Animal Head Memoirs

J. Lewis Robinson

Most Geography alumni probably remember the Canadian wildlife animal heads mounted on the side walls of the Geography lecture room 100. Over the years these heads were frequently attired in style with a variety of hats, scarves, pipes, etc. They were the subject of many comments by professors and students, often referring



to their ability to sleep through several generations of professorial lectures.

The heads were also the target for campus pranks when they were stolen from time to time by other student groups. Such raids were not even deterred when our technician bolted the heads to the two-by-fours in the wall.

These wild animal heads were mounted by G.L. Pop, a Vancouver furrier, and donated in the 1930s to the UBC Zoology Department. When Zoology moved to their own building in the late 1940s, they didn't want the heads because they had many in storage. So they remained in lecture room 100 looking down on several generations of geologists and geographers.

When Geology moved to their new building in 1971 they took a head called Waldo the Moose to their student lounge. The remaining heads became part of the ambience of the

Geography building. But, by about 1985, their place in our history became controversial. The walls had been damaged by some forceful removals; some of the heads did not return from their wanderings. A final blow was complaints by several students to the university administration that the heads peering over their shoulders were threatening and oppressive; others complained of the inappropriateness of these "trophies" in an academic building. So one time when the walls were being painted, the heads were removed by UBC Physical Plant employees.

In preparing this story I came across several interesting problems with which past geography students can help. How many heads were there? Faculty who used to lecture in this room said anywhere from five to ten. What kind of animals were there? Each of present faculty could only remember three or four, but collectively we recall moose, deer, antelope, bear, mountain goat or sheep. Any others?

This past summer I followed four different leads as to where the heads went. I finally found six of them in the UBC Theatre department storage, where they are occasionally used as props in plays. We would like to hear your memories and stories about these heads as part of your life in our Geography building.

Brian Klinkenberg at the Geo-Gala accepts his Professor of the Year prize.



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DONATIONS

J. Lewis Robinson

We are pleased and relieved that our Geography alumni responded well to our oft-repeated request for donations to our operating account for the production and mailing of the *Geogramme*. There were 57 donors in the period of October, 1996 to June, 1997. This is about the same number as in preceding years, and many were frequent donors, but the total amount of \$1,120 is the largest given in the past four years. We wish to thank six alumni in particular who each gave \$50 or \$100 toward our newsletter expenses: Katie Eliot, Greg Halsey-Brandt, Harry Swain, Ben Smith, Alistair Drysdale and Jim Carter. Also, 11 other people each donated \$25.

We had an additional one-time wind-fall when we received another \$2,000 for the participation of a few executive members in one of the BC Lottery's Casino Nights, in which the UBC Alumni Association also participated. As a result, we were able to increase the number of *Geogrammes* mailed out this year and have a small surplus towards next year's newsletter. However, don't let this good news inhibit your future donations to our Operating Account—particularly from those who have not donated previously.

We are most appreciative to report that your donations to the Geography Alumni Scholarship doubled from those of last year. The number of donors increased from 55 to 70, and the total was \$8,300. More are following the route of sending donations directly to the UBC Development Office and requesting that they be placed in the Geography Alumni Scholarship Fund. If you do so, please send the enclosed *Keep-in-Touch* form directly to Dr. Robinson in the Geography Department so he can report your personal or professional activities to your classmates in next year's *Geogramme*.

The capital in the endowed Geography Alumni Scholarship Fund now exceeds \$45,000, permitting us to increase the scholarships to three of about \$1,000 each. The scholarships go to the leading third-year students in the BA and BSc

programs. We hope that you will continue and increase your scholarship donations so we can achieve a fourth award. The student need is always there.

We are pleased to thank Don and Joan South (\$2,000) and John Stager (\$1,000) for donations. The following 17 alumni each gave \$100 or more: Tom Weir '41, Peter Cumberbirch '47, Harry Kenney '48, Doreen Taylor '49, Gordon Taylor '49, Mildred Ruggles '53, Jack Wallis '55, Julie Southerst '56, Jim Maxwell '59, Harry Swain '64, Russ Awram '65, Ian Hayes '72, Jim and Janis Connolly '73, Michael Vermilyea '76, Tom Walker '79, Matthew Henley '80, Mark Neithercut '84.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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It is with some considerable sadness that we bid farewell to Walter Hardwick and Alf Siemens, both of whom have reached the statutory retirement age. Walter and Alf have contributed an enormous amount to the Department, its students and the community over the years. They spent the majority of their careers as faculty members at their alma mater. Unfortunately, the fiscal difficulties of the university meant that we could not seek new appointments to replace them.

We made offers to two outstanding scholars in conjunction with the Department of Forest Resources Management in

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the Faculty of Forestry to fill our shared positions in Forest Hydrology. However, we were unable to lure the favoured candidate for the 60% Geography - 40% Forestry position to Vancouver. Discussions were concluded successfully for the 40% Geography - 60% Forestry position.

Departmental faculty received several awards. Among those I give special mention to Terry McGee, recipient of the Killam Research Prize, and the selection of graduate student Katherine McLeod, as one of the first recipients of the University's Killam Teaching Assistant Prize. Congratulations to both of them and to Walter Hardwick on his appointment to the Order of British Columbia.

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