University of Victoria

7,000 mark may fall

Enrolment of undergraduates at UVic is expected to hurdle the 7,000 mark for the first time.

Administrative Registrar Gordon Smiley estimates that 7,200 students will sit down to classes next week, which is nearly a 5 per cent increase over last year's official enrolment of 6,886.

If this is the case, this will be the third successive year UVic has seen an increase in enrolment, all coming in a period when the university is hard-pressed for space and funds.

Smiley said however, that this increase may not be as difficult to accommodate as the previous two jumps, the first of which was a staggering 899, with last year's being 400.

He explained that the number of freshmen will be about the same, with the increases coming more in the senior years. "It's much

(Student fee hike proposed)

UVic administrators meet this "fall to examine the feasibility of increasing tuition fees, effective July 1, 1977, and Alma Mater Society president Alistair Palmer is not happy about it.

"Any increase in tuition fees would be unfair and an increase of more than 25 per cent would be criminal," said Palmer after receiving notification of the feasibility study from President Howard Petch.

In a letter to Paijer and Albert Rydant, president of the Graduate Students Society, Palmer explained that the move to consider fee increases was made after UVic officials were told by Education Minister Patrick McGeer that a $1.1 million supplemental grant in the 1976-77 budget would not be available for 1977-78.

The supplemental grant was provided to offset 1976-78 salary annualization commitments which did not become effective until the 1976-77 academic year.

Petch said that since this supplemental grant was directed towards the salary component of the budget, a continuing cost, the universities hoped that this fund would be considered a part of the base budget for 1977-78.

"However, Dr. McGeer has made it clear that this will not be the case. The impact of his decision is that, as things stand now, we will enter the 1977-78 fiscal year with an effective reduction of 4.4 per cent in our provincial operating grant," Petch said.

Petch said that in this context that UVic officials were reluctantly considering tuition fee increases. He said consideration would begin about mid-September and was written to student representatives to provide them with the opportunity of submitting input on behalf of students.

"I am sorry that we must consider tuition fee increases at a time when other costs faced by students are rising rapidly while summer and part-time employment opportunities remain poor," he told the student representatives.

Fees for full-time winter session undergraduate students are $428 for 1976-77. Fees for students enrolled full-time in the first two years of graduate programs is $450. Fee for the Faculty of Law is $506.

Petch said UVic's undergraduate tuition fees haven't been raised since 1965 and are now about the lowest in Canada.

Palmer said he realized it wasn't the university's fault that the provincial government wouldn't supply more funds for education.

"But putting the crunch on students to solve the university's financial problems doesn't make any sense to me. Students are already living on peanut butter and jam and an increase in tuition fees would be terrible," Palmer said.

He pointed out that student fees account for only 9.6 per cent of budget funds for the 1976-77 academic year while the provincial grant accounts for 88 per cent.

"Funds from fees are insignificant in terms of the total budget," he said. "Increasing them now is just not worth the problems it would cause."

Palmer said UVic should be attempting to cut expenditures rather than increasing revenues. He said the university should look at such areas as expense accounts and department spending.

"Right now there's no incentive for any department to save money," he said. "If they have money left at the end of the year it's lost forever so departmental managers try to spend every cent they get."

Petch said while budget limitations were severe for this year, with almost no net increase in staff despite an increasing student enrolment, more drastic steps will likely have to be made for 1977-78.

He said these steps could include a cutback on staff and such things as the limiting of purchases of laboratory equipment.

"The situation is serious this year but it definitely looks much worse for 1977-78."

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Civil servants to get diplomas

In a special graduating ceremony, 24 provincial government employees will receive UVic diplomas in Public Administration Sept. 17.

They are the 18th graduating class of the B.C. Executive Development Training Program and the diplomas represent the culmination of three years of training for mid-management employees.

When introduced in 1986 this in-service program was unique in Canada and it remains a leader in the field. Director Norman Ruff said over the past 21 years "it has helped to ensure the availability of a pool of managerial talent within the British Columbia public service."

The ceremony in the Gold Room of the Commons Block at 3:30 p.m. will be an informal one this year, to be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

PRESS OTTAWA
FACULTY URGED

Alarmed by a continuing decline in federal government support of university research, Dr. John Dewey, Dean of Academic Affairs, has urged faculty members to write personal letters to politicians.

"Many of us feel it is now time to take more direct political action," Dewey said in a letter to all members of faculty.

Dewey said that as a result of a policy decision by the federal government there has been no significant increase in the support of university research since 1969.

"As a result of high inflation during the past six years the effective support for university research funding by the National Research Council and Canada Council has dropped to almost half during that period," he said.

"Canada now provides less support for research than any other developed country, less for example than Italy or Finland, and scarcely more than some underdeveloped countries such as India."

Dewey is convinced that the problem is not a matter of urgency for the government since all previous attempts to persuade the government to increase funding have been unsuccessful.

He suggested that writing personal letters was one way to bring pressure to bear on the government.

He said the letters should be "as personal as possible with references to particular cutsbacks in your own research and stressing where appropriate the significance of this work to society and to the education of students."

He suggested that faculty members could also arrange personal appointments with MPs.

R.M. Pearce, chairman of the Department of Physics, has responded to the Dewey challenge with a letter urging the government to publicly Canada's expenditures on research and development over the next few years.

"The science of yesterday is the technology of today," he wrote. "The effect of a decline in basic science will not be felt in the economy for a few years but at that time it will be stifling inasmuch as an essential ingredient, the innovative basis for new consumer products, has been removed."

Pearce said there are hardly any examples of 20th century innovations which are not indebted to basic scientific thought.

"Without the nuclear physicists and engineers at Chalk River there would be no CANDU, no nuclear power program in Canada. Without these trained scientists and engineers at home Canada would only now be importing this technology from the U.S.A. or England."

Pearce said it is never really possible to predict the practical results of pure research.

"In our present society, our clothes, our communications, our transportation, our entertainment, our food, our health, are all more and more dependent on the results of modern technology."

"To survive as a modern nation with a high standard of living our technology must be continuously renewed. It is silly to imagine that the technology can be largely imported unless we want to become a country continually seeking foreign aid."

Pearce urged the government to restore Canada's research and development appropriations to their former level to ensure that the country's position is not further eroded.

New Appointments - Faculty

Sergio Par casc A.M. (Bucharest) Montreal, P.Q., appointed sessional lecturer, Department of Creative Writing, effective July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

Terrence L. Gibson, B.A., M.A. (Carleton), Calgary, Alta., appointed sessional lecturer, Department of Geography, effective July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

Robert E. Pfister, B.Sc., M.Sc. (Michigan State University), Corvalis, Ore., appointed assistant professor, Department of Geography, effective July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1976.

New Appointments - Administrative and Academic Professional

Dona Nairn Horn, reappointed master, Marine Sciences Vessel, Department of Biology, effective July 1, 1976.

Marjorie Menkenst, B.A. (Wellesley College), M.A. (California — Berkeley), advising assistant, Arts and Science Advising Centre, effective July 1, 1976.

Lorne M.J. Jordy, B.A., (Winipeg), Winnipeg, Manitoba, appointed administrative assistant (Faculty of Law) and admissions/recorders, Records Office, effective Aug. 15, 1976.

Alistair S. Murray, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P. (C), Victoria, B.C. appointed psychiatrist, University Health Services, on a part-time basis, effective July 1, 1976.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS — SCIENCE

Professor Jean-Paul Vinay, reappointed director, Canadian Bilingual Dictionary Project, effective July 1, 1976.

Harriet McCurdy Blanshard, reappointed honory consultant to study post-secondary research in British Columbia and UVic's Board of Governors is hoping that one result will be increased financial support for university research.

"Dr. Roger Gaudry of Montreal has been asked to investigate the present level of research activity in B.C. and to tell us what research our universities and colleges should be doing to nourish economic growth in the province," Education Minister Patrick McGee explained when he announced the appointment in July.

BoG chairman Joseph Cunliffe sees the appointment as "a very encouraging and positive sign."

President Howard Petch said the appointment could mean "significant changes in support for research."

Economic Development Minister Don Phillips called the appointment "an important first step in relating B.C.'s economic opportunities to its educational requirements."

Gaudry is president of the International Association of Universities and a former president of the University of Montreal. He was a founding member of the Science Council of Canada and its chairman from 1972 to 1976.

He is now meeting various academic and industrial leaders as well as groups and individuals involved in research both in and out of B.C. His terms of reference include the investigation of the dimensions of university and industrial-based research in B.C. and the adequacy for the future economic development of the province.

He will study the portions of present post-secondary activity related primarily to research rather than teaching and the role of the provincial government in the sponsorship of the social, natural and life sciences, with recommendations for the future.

Gaudry is expected to make a preliminary report to the government later this month.
The facilities of Arts and Science and Fine Arts start the full session with elections to replace three members who have resigned. John Doobereiner (Visual Arts) and Dr. Harvey Miller (Theatre) are on leave this year and will be replaced by representatives from Fine Arts to resign their Senate seats. Dr. John Woods (Philosophy), former Associate Dean of Science and a senator, has resigned from UVic to take a position as Dean of Humanities at the University of Calgary. The elections for Fine Arts representatives have begun already with a call for nominations sent out Sept. 1. Nominations must be in by Sept. 15. The ballots will be sent out Sept. 22 and counted Oct. 13. Those elected will finish Dobereiner’s term which expires June 30, 1978, and Miller’s term which ends June 30, 1977. Woods’ replacement will serve until June 30, 1978. The Arts and Science election begins Sept. 16 with the call for nominations. Nominations must be in by Sept. 30 and ballots will be sent out Oct. 7. That election winds up Oct. 28 with the ballot count.

There is a place in Victoria, surprisingly, where students of French have a rare western opportunity to practice the language. Le Cerle is the only French-drop-in and information centre in Victoria and according to a letter sent to the university, they’d like to encourage students of French to drop in and visit. Le Cerle is located at 1318 Broad St. and has a small library of more than 500 books as well as French records, magazines, postcards and Edith Piaf. For more information, wanting more detailed information can call 363-3355.

A distinguished academic in the fields of federalism, public finance and public administration, Prof. Ron Burns of Queen’s University joins the UVic faculty this year as a special lecturer in Political Science and Public Administration. Burns will also become director of the Executive Development Training Program at UVic, in November.

A sweeping view of continuing and community education has been taken this summer by a committee of B.C. educators including Dr. Glen Miller, former chairman of the Division of Continuing Education at UVic. Farrell was one of three co-ordinators of subcommittees of the 22-member committee. Also named to the committee was Dr. Larry Devlin, chairman of the Division of Continuing Education at UVic. Chairman of the committee is Dr. Ron Farr, superintendent of communications with the Department of Education. The committee is expected to make recommendations concerning continuing and community education policy related to such matters as program, financing and administration.

Dr. Ron Tinney (Education) is one of six main speakers at the Focus on Hyperactivity Conference in Vernon Oct. 1 and 2. Tinney, who has had extensive involvement in assisting with the planning of educational programs for handicapped children, will participate in a symposium, “The Environment and Hyperactivity.” He will also chair a panel discussion and lead workshop on school influence on hyperactivity. Dr. Ben Feingold, of San Francisco, known for his studies involving diet and hyperactivity, will also speak at the inter-professional conference.

W.D. Valgardson (Creative Writing) has had a busy and successful summer. At the end of July two plays by Valgardson were premiered in Winnipeg. The plays, A Manitoba Accident and Love Through a Door, quietly, were presented to large audiences by the New Iceland Drama Society of Gimli according to The Winnipeg Tribune, “W.D. Valgardson is likely to be adding successful playwright to his already growing reputation.” During May a book of Valgardson’s poems, In The Cutting Shed, was published, by the Turnstone Press of St. John’s, Newfoundland.

For the first time, women will be eligible to apply for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarships, effective this fall, the Rhodes Trust for Canada has announced. One scholarship is offered annually in this province, and it ordinarily covers the cost of two years of study at Oxford University. Details are outlined in the Calendar, and this change will be noted in the supplement to the next Ring issue.

The federal Department of External Affairs is seeking to recruit Canadian faculty members on leave or on sabbatical leave, to live on campuses before university audiences abroad. For those who will be resident in the countries affected and willing to participate in the program, the department will cover travel and full per diem expenses as well as tuition fees in the U.S., Japan, Britain and France, and in this coming year will be expanded to Germany, Italy and Belgium. The department is, however, interested in the names and addresses of any faculty who may be in Australia, New Zealand, holland, Poland, the Soviet Union, Brazil, Mexico or India. “We believe that this is an important program, which is widely recognized as a window through which we can study the attitudes of future leaders,” said James R. Menzies, assistant deputy minister of External Affairs. This program is being administered by the British Council, 10 Springs Gardens, London SW1A 2BN. Conditions of award can be obtained from the Director of Awards, the Association of Commonwealth Universities and Colleges of Canada, 151 Slater, Ottawa, Ont., K1P 5N1.

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Major musical event to happen here

Thanks to a biologist and philosopher, the Philadelphia String Quartet will make its first appearance in Victoria at UVic Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. in MacLaurin 144.

Last winter, Dr. Michael Ashwood-Smith, chairman of the Department of Biology, and Charles Daniels (Philosophy), decided to stick their necks out and promote the appearance of a top string quartet.

"Mike and I have always loved chamber music, and we had felt there were not enough string quartets in town," said Daniels. "We had talked about it long enough, so finally we decided to do something.

In March they circulated a letter to regular concert goers in Victoria, explaining their plan.

"Whether or not this concert takes place depends upon whether we are able to interest a sufficiently large number of people to pay expenses," the letter stated.

The quartet offered to reduce its fee, and even then Daniels said they needed to sell tickets at $8 to 200 people to break even, which is about three times more than normal concerts in Victoria.

By late August, they had sold 80 tickets, but Daniels said they were going ahead in the hope that the remaining tickets would go as good as the concert neared.

Daniels said he doesn't even want to think about what would happen if a good proportion of the tickets are not sold. "If expenses are just made up, we propose to go ahead and launch a series of concerts.

"And if we are lucky and have a sell-out of around 300 tickets, the extra funds will allow us to give $100 to the one who bought the tickets in advance."

He said a successful concert will have established that there is a large enough group of people interested in chamber music to pay the understandably large costs involved in bringing an internationally renowned string quartet to Victoria.

One complication was that one of the members of the Quartet, cellist Charles Brennand, died this summer of a heart attack at the age of 81.

"The following day the artists will give an elaborate chain of approval has been set up. Each new building project must be approved."

"It's especially frustrating in the case of the music wing because all the planning has been completed for months and we still have no idea when we'll be able to proceed with the building."

Petch said the university had hoped to have the music wing in operation by September, 1977. "Of course there's no possibility of that happening now."

"It's a project that the minister to provide funding for these buildings without going through all the stages of approval."

"All we can do is hope the stages of approval will work reasonably well," he said.

"Petch said delays have already placed existing facilities at UVic under considerable strain, especially with the number of new and emergent programs being undertaken."

"In order to relieve the pressure we need quick approval for the music wing and the third wing of the Clearihue, which is nearly complete," he said. "We're asking the minister to provide funding for these buildings without going through all the stages of approval."

"And if they'll bypass the procedures for these two projects it certainly would indicate some level of understanding."
Light reading to serious texts

If you’re looking for textbooks you’ll find everything you need in the bookstore located in the Campus Services Building. These days the busiest place in the bookstore is always packed at the beginning of the winter session. Next week the bookstore and the campus shop will be holding their annual sidewalk sale on the mall between the two bookstores. Here you can buy bargains in old textbooks, trade books and general interest books. Inside the bookstore, which operates on a break-even basis, you’ll find more than textbooks. There are 15,000 titles in paperback and hardcover editions to provide the campus shop will be holding their annual sidewalk sale on the mall between the two bookstores. Here you can buy bargains in old textbooks, trade books and general interest books. Inside the bookstore, which operates on a break-even basis, you’ll find more than textbooks. There are 15,000 titles in paperback and hardcover editions to provide

Where to put money

The busy branch of the Bank of Montreal located in the Campus Services Building has expanded, with the Canadian Student Loans Department moved permanently into an adjoining, four-room office. The department has a separate entrance in the basement of the building. The bank is open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and until 6 p.m. on Friday with the busiest days the 15th and last day of each month, which are pay days at the university.

The long waiting list

To say UVic’s Day Care Services are in need of expansion would be an understatement. Applications for the 1979-80 academic year are already backlogged. Applications for Traffic and Security, says that to date his Lost and Found room has a "Tattle-Tape" system to tighten up security. A word about your library card. It’s probably the single, most important piece of information a student has, permitting him or her to gain entrance to the Student Union Building pub, theatre and almost all social and athletic functions. You can also borrow books, using the card.

You’re not alone if you’re down

If anytime you feel down or lonely or confused, don’t hesitate to contact the Counselling Centre on the main floor of the Cleanhouse Building. Many students do when either personal or study pressures seem to weigh too heavy. The centre provides professional counselling for personal and interpersonal problems, for educational-vocational and career planning questions, study-learning problems, and information needs. It also holds group activities on how to relax, how to manage anxiety, communication skills, sexuality, becoming assertive, career exploration, losing weight, stopping smoking, researching and writing essays. In each of the fall and spring terms, a six-week course on reading study skills is also offered. The centre is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Sort out red tape

To help students get through the red tape of working out courses and their academic whereabouts, a 0-nuridine Science A is a basic course room is used at the University of Victoria, and Faculty of Education Academic Advising in MacLaurin 250. Hours for both are 8:30 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

How to get money

If you’ve had a rough time finding employment during the summer and you’re wondering how you’re going to survive financially while attending classes, pay a visit to “M” Hut and the Financial Aid Services office. You may be eligible for financial assistance in the form of a non-repayable grant and a repayable loan. You’ll have to pass a means test imposed by government officials and if you’re from a family background where substantial aid is available, the maximum financial assistance you can get will be less. Financial Aid manager Nels Granewall advises students to phone in (Locals 4209, 4703) for an appointment because the office is always busy a place in town. Application forms and counselling are available. If you need financial aid you must apply before the end of the fourth week of classes to be considered for assistance for the entire year. If a student applies after that date, his or her need will be based on the second term only.

Where to munch, gobble or Dine

Everything from vending machine snacks to full-course meals is available on campus. A popular eating spot is the Robin’s and Tudora Room in the Commons Block which has cafeteria-style meals, moderately priced, and is open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Or if you’d prefer a glass of beer or wine with your lunch, the Raven’s Wing, also in the Commons Block, is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Others may find the noontime health food bar in the Upper Lounge of the Student Union Building a near perfection for the student in search of non-added food. The Green Room on the second floor of the Commons Block caters to university staff and is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Coffee Shop in the Campus Services Building is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and serves sandwiches, soups and pastries. The “munch” area is located at the southeast corner of Parking Lot 5 and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and until 8 p.m. on Friday with the busiest days the 15th and last day of each month, which are pay days at the university.

The parking crunch

If you haven’t obtained yourself a parking permit, you would be advised to dash over to the Business Office in the Campus Services Building and purchase your ticket for $40 and get 20 dinners or pay $36 for 20 lunches. Watson warns that meal tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis.
The University

The University of Victoria came into being on July 1, 1963, starting as a few buildings on a large campus of about 350 acres in what is known as the Gordon Head area of Saanich. Then there were only a few hundred students, compared to last year's enrolment of 7,500. However, UVic's tradition goes back to 1903, when its predecessor Victoria College opened in affiliation with McGill University in Montreal. It later affiliated with the University of British Columbia in 1920, and gained its autonomy when it moved from the Landsdowne Campus to become UVic in 1963. A Board of Governors regulates its financial affairs, physical plants and appointments, with the Senate being the supreme academic body. The chancellor is Robert T. D. Wallace, and the president, UVic's fourth, is Dr. Howard Petch. The historical traditions of the university are reflected in its academic regalia. The B.A. hood is of solid red, a color that recalls the early affiliation with McGill. The B.Sc. hood, of gold, and the B.Ed. hood, of blue, show the colors of UBC. Blue and gold have been retained as the official colors of UVic.

Saunders

This is where you go to get parking permits and pay fines, at the Traffic and Security Office. It also contains the departments of Buildings and Grounds, and Campus Planning. Electrical, carpentry and mechanical workshops are located here. It, too, is a recently-constructed building, opened in 1974.

The Huts

formerly army barracks and offices during the Second World War, they are scattered in the northeastern area of the campus. They mainly house student Services offices, and some academic departments. The main huts to know are 'G', which is the Phoenix Theatre and the Department of Theatre; 'M', which has the office of the Administrative Registrar, Admissions, Student Records Office, Student Aid, Accounting, Summer Session and the Alumni Office; and 'L', which has Continuing Education, Personnel, the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and Mail Services. The Ring originates from 'F', or the Department of University Relations, and that is where you should go if you are lost. Canada Manpower is found in 'V', and the Native Students Union in 'G'. 'N' Hut contains the departments of Bacteriology and Biochemistry, and History in Art, the latter of which is soon moving into the Sedgwick.

Cornett

This complex structure, built in 1966, is easy to find, flanking as it does the academic quadrangle. But once inside you may get lost. There are stories about unwary newcomers disappearing in its web of corridors. It houses the social sciences, such as the departments of Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, Economics and History. Hours: 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sedgwick

Some say this is the most appealing building on campus. It is actually a complex of three wood-frame buildings that were completed in 1966, 1969 and 1970. One of them houses the senior administration (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). The other two will be changing some of their occupants within the next few weeks, pending completion of the third wing of the Clearhue. The departments of English and Slavonic and Oriental Studies will move to Clearhue, likely before the end of September. Moving in will be History in Art from 'N' Hut, the schools of Social Welfare and Nursing (from the Craigdarroch office wing) and Institutional Analysis. Remaining are the departments of Classics and Philosophy, and the Child Care Program.

The McKinnon Centre

Ever since it opened in early 1975, this edifice of recreation and physical culture has been a splash hit with students, faculty and staff. It offers swimming, squash, badminton, basketball, weight-lifting, just to mention a few activities. It also houses the Division of Physical Education with its laboratories and classrooms. Building hours are 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday to Friday, and on weekends from noon to 6 p.m. General recreation swims Monday to Friday are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Family recreation swims on weekends are noon to 5:30 p.m. For more details contact the Athletics and Recreation Office on the main floor.

Clearhue

This was the first academic building to be constructed on campus, and a third wing is expected to be open later this year. Classes are offered in the departments of French Language and Literature (no English and Slavonic and Oriental Studies from the Sedgwick), Computing and Systems Services (from the McPherson Library), and sections are Germanic Languages and Literature. Linguistics and Services and the Counselling Centre are also there.
Rental Union Building

is one of the busiest buildings on campus, day and night, being the centre of student activities and government and the home of the Martlet, the student newspaper. It is also a popular and inexpensive place to eat and drink. During the noon hour, a popular health food bar is in the upper lounge, and the cafeteria offers a grill from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a pub is often jammed. This year the pub will be open Tuesday to Friday, 4:30 p.m. to midnight, and on Saturdays from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. An innovation introduced this summer is draft served in jugs. The building is also open on Saturdays (1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and on days (10:30 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m.). Cinecotta movies are also shown in the SUB's orum, which is part of a new million-dollar extension opened last December.

McPherson Library

There's more than books to be found in UVic's largest building. With the main part being constructed in 1964 and an addition in 1973, McPherson also houses the Faculty of Law (with its own library), the Department of Creative Writing, the Office of the Registrar, and Media and Technical Services with its television and photographic studios. It's the place to go for quiet study. In its basement, is one of the students' favorite lounge areas on campus. See other item in this issue for details on McPherson hours and services.

Elliott

This houses the large departments of Physics and Chemistry with all their labs and scientific equipment. It was built in 1963, and had a lecture wing added in 1964. The wing contains two large lecture auditoriums, some classrooms, and a lounge that is another good spot for catnaps and studying. The building is open from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Cunningham

This fortress-like edifice sits in an area of the campus that was purposely left wild and treed in appearance. It is entirely occupied by the Department of Biology, which is constantly sending out forays of students and faculty into the wildernesses of the island and the province, and out and into the sea. It was constructed in 1971. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MacLaurin

is the home of the Faculty of Education, and the departments of Music and Visual Arts in faculty of Fine Arts. It also contains MacLaurin 144, the auditorium where most campus arts are held. Language laboratories are also located there. Its main lounge area, where photo exhibits sometimes take place, is a good lurking and relaxing area. Nearby is a bar. Its hours are from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Up to this year it was the long wait to become registered.

Registration expected to be a breeze

For the first time in UVic’s history, registration week, starting today, is expected to be a breeze for students.

Administrative Registrar Gordon Smiley said in an interview that the introduction this summer of early registration appears more successful than anticipated.

Some 3,500 students took advantage of early registration running July 5 to Aug. 13, which Smiley estimates to be 50 per cent of the expected undergraduate enrolment this year.

Based on the experience of other universities, Smiley had earlier expressed hope that 40 per cent of the enrolment would register early.

He said that with half the students registered and out of the way, those registering in the old gymnasium this week will have considerably less time than in years previous.

And he noted that registration week will only be half a day shorter to put through half as many students.

One possible complication that is worrying Smiley is how many early registrants will change their minds on courses, dropping or adding some. “This could cause stress.”

He said that for the faculty the new system has its advantages and disadvantages.

“The advantage is that departments have a good idea of what course areas are being loaded up and can plan for them. On the other hand, the faculty don’t like the timetable being frozen as early as the middle of May. It gives them much less flexibility in that regard.

As far as the students go, however, “the response is really positive”.

Smiley said that a review of the effects of the experimental early registration system will be made by October, with feedback from students, staff and faculty, on whether to continue with it next year or to see what improvements can be made if it goes ahead again.

About a daily average of 120 students went through early registration, with the heaviest day being the last when 300 showed up.

“We were set up to comfortably handle 200 a day.”

He said that many out-of-town students registered early, one even coming from as far away as Toronto to do it.
Track hard on athletes’ feet

By John Driscoll

Everybody from athletes to politicians agree that the rubberized asphalt track at Centennial Stadium is in desperate need of renovation. However no one has yet come up with a formula for finding a minimum of $120,000 for a new track.

Centennial Stadium and its worn-out track is a facility jointly financed by UVic and the municipalities of Victoria, Esquimalt, Oak Bay, and Saanich. It is operated by the Centennial Stadium Committee, made up of representatives of UVic and the municipalities, Victoria Sports Council and the school board.

Dave Titterton, manager of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreational Facilities at UVic and secretary of the Centennial Committee explained the problem with the track, in a recent interview.

"The track has lost its resilience simply through time and heavy use," said Titterton. The stadium and track were built as a centennial project in 1968 and the track has served its purpose.

"Something has to be done with the track," said Mike Elcock, manager of the school board. "UVic has title to the stadium and operating costs when the stadium is not in use.

"Up to now the stadium has been a shining example of co-operation between the university and the participating communities," said Titterton. "But now it’s down to a matter of finding the money for a new track." Titterton said there are several possible ways of financing a new track. A special committee has been formed to study the possibility of Victoria making an application to host the 1979 Western Canada Games.

The games are financed by the Western Canada Lottery and if Victoria made a successful bid funds could be made available to upgrade facilities. The 3,000-seat stadium would be only one venue for the games, with the Crystal Gardens and other facilities being used.

Another possibility is a special recreation fund set up by the provincial government whereby the province could provide one third of the funds for a project, provided the rest of the money is available.

There are, however, only possibilities. Titterton pointed out that if the municipalities decide to drop the agreement on operating costs with the university, UVic would then legally be forced to close the track to the public. "We can’t operate the stadium for public use under the Universities Act," he said.

"But we can’t expect the municipalities to drop out, however. Victoria city council agreed in August to pay their share of operating costs and the councils of Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt meet each month to discuss their share.

Coach netted in surprise break in tradition

UVic, in a surprising departure from tradition, has hired an extramural basketball coach. Ken Shields, 30, former athletic director and coach at Laurentian University in Sudbury, has been hired as extramural co-ordinator and will teach two courses as well as coach the Vikings.

"I’ve been hearing about this appointment," said Mike Elcock, manager of Athletics and Recreational Services and the man responsible for finding coaches for extramural sports. Elcock and former Vikings’ coach Gary Taylor have been critical of the university’s attitude towards extramural coaches. Traditionally, coaches at UVic come from within the university community and are paid on an honorarium.

Shields is the lone UVic extramural coach with a direct connection with the university. "A coach should be associated with the university and I see this appointment as a step in the right direction," said Elcock. Taylor’s other duties as extramural co-ordinator will free Elcock to concentrate on recreational and intramural programs. "I’ve had to spend too much time on extramurals in the past," Elcock said.

Shields takes over a basketball program at UVic that has traditionally been run by Taylor during his four years as coach. The hard-working Taylor built the Vikings into a competitive team. He was a co-chair of the Canadian Universities Athletic Association (CWUAA) conference. The Vikings have also become a model of good team play on campus, often drawing more than 1,500 fans to CWUAA games.

Taylor resigned as coach at the end of last season to spend more time with his family and to concentrate on his teaching career. He has been appointed principal of Cedar Hill Junior Secondary School.

Shields brings an impressive reputation to UVic. Last season he was named Canada’s intercollegiate basketball coach of the year. He took the Laurentian Voyageurs to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) championships last spring where his team finished fourth. He coached the Voyageurs for six years.

Born in Beaver Lodge, Alta., Shields played high school basketball in Prince Rupert and intercollegiate basketball at the University of British Columbia and the University of Calgary.

Shields and Taylor have discussed this year’s edition of the Vikings and the new coach stresses a philosophy similar to Taylor’s. One ingredient is hard work and this week Shields has the Vikings starting practice sessions of two hours a day, six days a week. He’s making no predictions about the CWUAA season which starts for the Vikings Nov. 12, except to state that the team will be “competitive.”

Basketball will take up a lot of his time, but Shields will also coach extramural basketball teams outside the university. He’ll also teach physical education courses and introduce more than 1,500 fans to CWUAA games.

A UVic freshman, Daniel George Williams, 19, of 1660 McRae St., topped all undergraduates in marks for 1975-76.

"It’s very rare a first-year student tops the whole university," said Nels Granewall, secretary of the UVic Senate committee on awards, in announcing 368 winners of $46,920 in awards and scholarships.

Williams had a perfect nine point grade average, which is the equivalent of straight A-pluses in all his courses.

Granewall explained that normally senior students take the top awards, because they are specializing in the subjects they want. On the other hand, "a freshman takes such a mixed bag of courses, which makes it difficult to obtain perfect marks." Williams won a total of $800, plus a Francis gold watch. He received the UVic Alumni Scholarship worth $500 and a presidential scholarship of $300.

He has indicated that he plans to pursue an academic career in theoretical science. A third-year Arts and Science student, John Edward Bernard, 741 Gladiola Ave., took UVic’s most prestigious award, the R. T. Wallace Scholarship ($800), which is set aside for senior students on an honours program.

With a near-perfect average grade of 8.9 Mr. Bernard also won a Birks gold watch.

A second-year Arts and Science student, Harry Sue Wah Joe, 950 Caledonia, gained a total of $700 in awards for an 8.8 grade point average. He took a presidential scholarship of $350, the Seaspawn Scholarship of $150, and a B. W. Pearson Scholarship for mathematics, worth $200.

The top Fine Arts student is Claude Eli McLean, of Regina. The second-year student was awarded the $500 Harbord Scholarship in Music, and a $100 Adeline Julianne Delosman memorial scholarship. He also receives the German government book prize.

The top returning student to the Faculty of Education is Valerie Marie Hackle, of Terrace, winner of the $325 H. O. English Scholarship.

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From Russia, with love

By Bryan McGill

Marina Gerwing is back from Moscow and Leningrad — at her family home as a secretary in the Department of Slavonic and Oriental Studies.

“I wanted to stay at least another month, and they [her Russian mentors] wanted me to, but my money was running out,” she said ruefully over a cold plate meal in the Raven’s Wing, savoring the memory of 30 nights of Russian cuisine.

It is a wonder she had any time to eat when she listed off the day-to-day activities of life in Russia: classes, lectures, excursions, concerts, films, theatres, museums, social visits.

Gerwing, a veteran of office work in a number of departments going back to the last days of Victoria College and a person who seems to know everyone on campus, must be one of a kind, if not the only secretary, who has gone abroad to improve her job skills.

Marina is a Russian parent in Yugoslavia (her maiden name is Sissowje), her Russian was fluent before she left. But “I needed to polish it — we use it all the time in the department.”

Having no hint of an accent in her English, she exhibits a proficiency in German and French, which she used when she was a provincial secretary in the former Department of Modern Languages and a stenographer in the Department of French Language and Literature.

She learned German up from her father and French from living in a French-Canadian convent when her family moved to Winnipeg from Austria when she was 10 years old.

She perfected both languages, having completed a bachelor of arts in German and French from the University of Manitoba.

Gerwing can also understand Serbo-Croatian, which is handy, because her department chairman, Dr. Zelimir Juricic, teaches that language, having come, too, from Yugoslavia.

She had been planning this trip to the USSR for a year, aside from a 1980 assistant from her department, paid for the trip herself.

Her husband, Howard, UVic’s Special Collections librarian, had just come back from a seminar in Leningrad, where he spent the same time to look after their two daughters.

She went with second-year Slavonic students, Marilyn Shecter and Patry O’Connell, joining a group of 23 Canadians for the intensive Russian language seminar held annually under the auspices of the University of Leningrad in co-operation with the University of Waterloo.

The group spent three days in Moscow before going to Leningrad, which is on the outskirts of Leningrad, and on the Gulf of Finland.

Marina said she had a number of preconceptions about Russia, but these were soon shattered when she arrived.

“For instance, I thought it would really be a light political state, and it wasn’t. We could go anywhere we wanted, and talk to anyone.”

She said “the people were friendly and open, You go up to them on the street and talk to them. And when they found out you were Canadian they were doubly pleased.”

She was surprised to find out Russians were very knowledgeable about Canada, much more than our neighboring Americans. “They don’t have any misconceptions about Canada, like, say, Americans do. They know all the names of the provincial capitals, the various climates, and the geography.”

When Gerwing was there, the Russians were glued to their television sets, watching the Olympics. “Several Russians told me they were hoping the Canadians would do better in the Games, but they didn’t.”

Another thing that struck her was the greenness and cleanliness of both Moscow and Leningrad, which between them have populations totalling 13 million.

“There are parks — and garbage cans — everywhere.”

Another impressive thing was transportation, coming and going in all shapes and sizes, with low fares and little waiting. “There were electric trains, buses, subways, trolleys, street cars and taxis.”

The Russian people themselves have a “very exciting temperament” and everyone, that is, everyone “loves to go to theatres, art galleries, museums and the movies.”

And they have “this fantastic love of their country, and pride in all their achievements. But we didn’t hear any political propaganda.”

The Russian course was so intensive the Canadians soon found themselves automatically talking that language, even when they were by themselves, she said.

Besides a morning of lectures, they had essays to write, discussions to participate in, and a wealth of material that was required reading. They even had to take parts in Russian plays that were staged, not to mention the vodka.

“The professors lived and ate with us, and were always available for consultation.”

Many of the students came from a dozen other countries, and there was a lot of “exciting contact” with them under the common unifying factor of learning Russian.

Though she was fretting over some weight she had put on, Gerwing, a gourmet of no mean standing, couldn’t stop rhapsodizing about Russian food.

“It was too much.”
UVic extends campus into the wilds

UVic has a new laboratory: it's made of logs, it's nestled in forest, it's a few steps from a beautiful lake, and it's a 70-mile drive from the campus.

It is part of what has now been named the Jeanne S. Simpson Field Studies Resource Centre, the official opening of which will be Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. at its Cowichan Lake site.

F.A. Fairclough, director of Property Development for UVic, said that 100 representatives of private industry, government and the university have been invited to attend the opening and subsequent reception.

Fairclough said the laboratory, built at a cost in excess of $70,000 by Crown Zellerbach and donated to UVic, was completed in July and is being used for research and studies by faculty and students.

The laboratory, which will also be available to non-university groups carrying out research, will be used by various departments and will include studies in biology, geography, science education and physical education.

Its purpose will be to form a base for an outdoor classroom which will extend through the Bald Mountain Peninsula and other places of interest in the Cowichan Lake area.

Fairclough said the next major step in developing the former Simpson property is construction of a $300,000 dormitory and dining facility.

He said he hopes to have solicited that much in financial support from private industry within the year, having already received $16,000 from five major banks. That would mean the facility would be built in about two years.

Meanwhile, Western Forest Industries, of Honeymoon Bay, is about to begin construction of docking facilities, which represents another donation to the UVic project.

Until a dormitory is built, field studies will be limited to day trips, unless other arrangements can be made.

Fairclough has made inquiries whether UVic personnel can use the dining and dormitory facilities of the B.C. Forestry Services research station 10 miles away across the south arm of the lake.

Though he has received no firm commitment yet, the government agency has indicated that the research station could be made available for the winter months.

Another project for the site is renovation of the existing log house, built in 1903, and occupied by the present caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marley.

"The house is essentially sound, except for the base logs, the porch, and the need for a new shake roof," said Fairclough. "We're hopeful either some company in the forestry industry or an agency interested in the preservation of historical buildings will undertake the job."

Site development of the Simpson property, consisting of 25 acres of wilderness bordering on 3,000 feet of lakeshore, is being carried out under the guidelines of a report written in 1974 by an ad hoc committee headed by Dr. Roderick Haig-Brown, former chancellor of UVic and a well-known naturalist, and backed by a further study in 1975 by a subcommittee under Dr. Charles Daniels (Philosophy).

One guideline is that new buildings blend in with the existing buildings in the present cleared area and the rest of the property remain in a natural state.

Meanwhile, in June, President Howard Petch set up a standing committee to recommend on academic programs for the Simpson Centre.

The property was bequeathed to UVic by Mrs. Simpson, who died in 1973.

It was a two-fold blessing for the university, because along with the property came her invaluable and exotic collection of rhododendrons, which have been since moved down to the campus to form the basis of the new University Gardens now under development near the MacLaurin Building.
Fear of violence unfounded?

British Columbians appear overly fearful about the possibility of violence in their neighborhoods, UVic sociologist Dr. Dan Koenig notes following a recent survey he made of adults in all areas of the province. His survey, conducted with the help of research assistant Trevor Proverbs, showed that 47 per cent of 905 respondents replied affirmatively when asked if there was any area within a mile of their home where they would be afraid to walk alone at night. Koenig said that 16 per cent reported that they had even felt safe and secure at home at night.

Generally, he added, the respondents perceived the level of violence as being increasing. Some 49 per cent said they felt less safe on the streets than they did five years ago, 49 per cent replied that they didn’t feel much different, and only 2 per cent felt safer.

Sixty-nine per cent thought that more crime exists in their own community than existed five years ago, 28 per cent felt it was about the same, and 3 per cent perceived less crime in their community, compared to five years ago.

In interpreting his findings, Koenig commented that he thought British Columbians are watching too much American television featuring murder and violence.

He noted that although the American population is only 10 times as large as Canada’s, the U.S. has about 40 times as many murders as does Canada.

In addition, he said, law enforcement programs are even worse than news broadcasts in painting a picture of routine crime, violence and murder,” he said.

“After continuous exposure to massive doses of violence on a nightly basis, it would be surprising if people did not begin to confuse reality and distortion, becoming fearful beyond a prudent degree in the process.”