GENETIC KNOTS UNTANGLED FROM HERE.

It takes big-sky thinking to discover potential cancer treatments, pain medications or cleaner fuels. UBC consistently ranks among the best in the world for the way it translates research results into new therapies and products, thanks to a bold spirit of innovation. The approach has created 137 spin-off companies and products that have generated more than $5 billion in sales. And UBC is among the first universities to commit to ensuring new technologies reach the developing world. That is big-sky thinking, with a big heart.
A few weeks ago, I had occasion to use a laundromat. I don’t know what the situation is in your part of the world, but here in Vancouver laundromats are quickly becoming anachronisms. But my washer was dead, so I went looking.

The only laundromat within a mile of my house was a broken down old place on the Burnaby-New Westminster border. I dragged my three bags inside, expecting the worst. But it was clean, smelled like soap and had a few open machines. I began loading a machine, then noticed the sign above the little desk where the manager sat: “Wash and Fold: $6.50 per load.”

A quick visit to my arithmetic skills told me that soap, coin slots and time dictated spending a couple of dollars on the luxury. Wash and fold it was.

The manager was a friendly, middle-aged Asian man. He checked my bags of laundry, then said, “Three loads. Ready by two-thirty.” The sign above the little desk where the manager sat: “Wash and Fold: $6.50 per load.”

Later that afternoon I hauled the washed and folded laundry onto my Trek and had a few open machines. I began loading a machine, then noticed the sign above the little desk where the manager sat: “Wash and Fold: $6.50 per load.”

Inside the bags, each piece of laundry was perfectly folded and arranged so that each stack of clean clothes formed a solid square. Underwear, socks, facelcloths, towels, shirts, pants, all geometrically folded to oblong perfection. No wrinkles, no mismatched socks. Even my wife, who is a very picky laundress, was impressed. This guy not only took pride in his work, he was exceptional at it. At $6.50 a load.

Oddly enough, I happened at that time to be writing speeches for the MCs of the Alumni Association’s Gala Achievement Awards celebration. I was trying to express our theme of “greatness,” and what special combination of character, intellect and personality caused a person to rise to a level higher than most people.

I’m sure the guy at the laundromat doesn’t consider his work great in any way. It’s his way of making a living, providing for his family, building his business. He doesn’t have to put the extra care (or flair) into his work to keep his customers: wash and fold doesn’t require artistry, but that’s what he puts into it.

So, I’m no closer to figuring out what constitutes “greatness,” or why some people, in the course of their day, choose to push towards excellence instead of settling for OK, especially if they don’t have to. But I look at our remarkable Achievement Award recipients, and at the guy in the laundromat, and see the similarity. Some people just won’t accept second best.

Lucky for the rest of us.

Chris Petty, mfa’86, Editor in Chief

Depression Increases Cancer Mortality Rate

Depression can affect a cancer patient’s likelihood of survival, according to UBC researchers who have conducted the world’s first analysis of existing cancer and depression research.

Studies have shown that individuals’ attitudes can impact their physical health. To determine the effects of depression on cancer patients’ disease progression and survival, UBC department of Psychology graduate student Jillian Satin and colleagues analyzed all studies to date on the topic. They found 26 studies with a total of 94,417 patients that examined the effects of depression on cancer progression and survival.

“We found an increased risk of death in patients who report more depressive symptoms and also in patients who have been diagnosed with a depressive disorder compared to patients who have not,” says Satin. In the combined studies, the death rates were as much as 25 per cent higher in patients experiencing depressive symptoms and 35 per cent higher in patients diagnosed with major or minor depression.

The increased risks remained even after considering other clinical characteristics that might affect survival, indicating that depression may actually play a part in shortening survival.

However, the authors say additional research must be conducted before any conclusions can be reached. The authors add that their analysis combined results across different tumor types, so future studies should look at the effects of depression on specific kinds of cancer.

The investigators note that the actual risk of death associated with depression in cancer patients is still small, so patients should not feel that they must maintain a positive attitude to beat their disease. Nevertheless, the study indicates that it is important for physicians to screen cancer patients regularly for depression and to provide appropriate treatments. The researchers did not find a clear association between depression and cancer progression; only three studies were available for analysis.

Going Global

There’s a lot to be said for practical experience as a supplement to academic learning. Coop students, for example, add a slice of real life to their education by interspersing study terms with related work terms. But International Service Learning (ISL) takes the whole concept of experiential learning one step further, forming partnerships around the world and influencing students in a more profound way than conventional work experience.

UBC’s ISL program and it currently offers student placements in Costa Rica, Rwanda, Mexico, Swaziland, Uganda and, this past summer, Lesotho. It encourages involvement from students across a broad range of disciplines including engineering, social work, psychology, education and science. Students who meet the criteria are matched with projects that appeal to their academic and personal interests, working with local organizations on achieving locally-defined objectives. Before leaving for their chosen destination, students learn about its culture and are coached in team building and intercultural communication skills.

Take Note is edited from material that appears in other UBC publications, including UBC Reports. We thank these reporters and Public Affairs for allowing us to use their material.
In Lesotho last summer, engineering students helped design and build ventilated pit toilets in an area lacking proper sanitation facilities. Poor sanitation and contaminated water lead to a host of health issues and high mortality rates. Mathaliso Twapa, PhD'08, was born and raised in Lesotho and suggested the project to Go Global. She now teaches at Lesotho University but acts as the Go Global liaison with local organizations. The inmate project was a great success and more projects are planned for the coming summer.

Associate director of Go Global Tamara Baldwin said of the Lesotho project: “The focus was on working with the community organization to ensure the work would continue after they left. They’ve retained local youth who have gained important work skills and will be better able to contribute to their community.” For the students it’s a challenging but acts as the Go Global liaison with local youth strategies for finding work and development and animal habitats. It also gives them a new reference point for understanding the world.

Other Go Global ESL projects include:
- **Swaziland**: working with SOS Children’s Villages on initiatives including teaching youth strategies for finding work and supporting families affected by HIV/AIDS.
- **Uganda**: assisting community libraries to raise rates of reading and computer literacy.
- **Costa Rica**: studying the impact of tourism and industry on environment and animal habitats.
- **Kenya**: assisting small cooperatives to establish a dialogue for leadership and development.
- **Rwanda**: teaching business planning and ESL to a weavers cooperative.

**New Social Hub for Kelowna Campus**

Students attending UBC Okanagan have more places to relax, study and get together after a major new facility opened this summer. The $35 million University Centre is a hub for student activity offering everything from fresh food to financial aid.

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**Thread Market, developed by UBC’s Kelowna food services provider Aramark.**

"We built the University Centre to serve our growing student population," says Ian Cull, Assistant VP, Students. "We went from 3,000 students to more than 6,100 students and expect that number to increase to 7,500 students by 2014. The Centre will contribute greatly to the student experience." The new facility has been more than two and a half years in the making. The UBC Okanagan Students’ Union contributed $1 million to the project, and an anonymous donor gave more than $1 million to establish the Peter Meekison Student Centre, located on the ground floor. Peter Meekison was the public administrator appointed by the BC government to oversee the former Okanagan University College’s 2005 transition into two new institutions: UBC Okanagan and Okanagan College.

**Economics Professor Craig Riddell recently conducted a study that explored the impact of unemployment on long-term unemployed versus more recent hires. He discovered that the first group experienced more difficulty finding new work, and when they did were more likely to face a significant drop in pay.**

“When these folks lose their jobs, they are looking at pay cuts by as much as 30 per cent when they find new work,” says Riddell, who explains that long-term unemployed tend to accrue higher wages as they become more senior. “When they find themselves back in the competitive labour market, most just can’t find a job at a comparable salary with the qualifications they have.” It also takes them up to 15 per cent longer to find replacement work than other job seekers more used to navigating the employment market.

The long-termers also faced a greater emotional toll, being more susceptible to stress, depression, divorce, suicide and lower life-expectancy. The numbers of long-term unemployed out of work has risen rapidly with the latest recession and especially prevalent among the manufacturing, forestry, fishing and pulp and paper industries.

Riddell is a member of Canada’s Expert Panel on Older Workers, which exists to support and improve conditions for older workers. He also heads the Canadian Labour Market and Skills Research Network, which aims to improve our understanding of the national labour market.

The study fills a gap in national data and could have beneficial effects if used to inform unemployment policies. It suggests that despite paying into EI for many years, long-term unemployed out of work did not receive enough support. Riddell thinks the impact of unemployment on them justifies an increase in EI benefits. The study also recommends considering a national wage insurance program.
Sharing Island Treasures

Without the support of a UBC-based program, such a history of a local island community would remain confined to thousands of aging film negatives.

Thanks to the BC History Digitization Program and the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC, photos of local events, people and communities from Salt Spring Island, along with aerial shots from years past, will soon be available for viewing online.

The program has provided a matching grant of $15,000 to the Salt Spring Archives to digitize 15,000 negatives of photos taken from 1953 to 1973 by local photojournalist Marshall Sharp. “The project wouldn’t have happened without this support, because we needed additional equipment,” says Barbara Dumoulin, secretary of the Salt Spring Island Historical Society, and a grant writer and volunteer archivist for the Salt Spring Archives. The funding helped the organization purchase two additional scanners. So far, about 5,000 negatives have been scanned and Dumoulin hopes to have the rest completed by the end of the year.

The Salt Spring Island initiative is one of 14 projects throughout BC that received funding from the digitization program, launched by the Barber Learning Centre in 2006. Since then, 32 projects around the province have received more than $450,000 in total funding, underlining the Centre’s commitment to community engagement.

“We continue to be impressed with the breadth of material represented in this year’s group of applications,” says Chris Hiles, University Archivist. “In addition to several photographic digitization projects, we have also had requests to support the digitization of community newspapers and publications, oral histories, early British Columbia documents and graphic materials.”

The assistance allows recipients to make the fascinating stories of BC communities accessible for audiences throughout the province and beyond. By the way, most of UBC’s publications — including The Ubyssey, the Tetron, Trek Magazine (and the Obverse before it) and UBC Reports — have been digitized and placed online. Visit http://ubcpubs.library.ubc.ca/ to take a trip back in time.

Sex Trade Outreach

A mobile outreach service run by former sex trade workers for women still in the trade is having a beneficial impact on their health and vulnerability to physical assault, according to a UBC study co-led by Professor Patricia Janssen of the School of Population and Public Health.

The service operates out of a van and goes to where women are working to offer advice, intervene in a crisis, help document dangerous encounters, make available condoms and clean needles and provide a watchful presence.

The study surveyed 220 sex trade workers who had used the outreach service, 90 per cent of whom reported the van and staff made them feel safer on the streets. Some per cent reported escaping physical assault as a result of the van’s presence and 10 per cent reported avoiding sexual assault because of it.

Sex trade workers are one of Vancouver’s most vulnerable populations, with more than 60 going missing from the Downtown Eastside since the 1980s. “Sex trade workers face multiple dangers associated with communicable disease, alienation from family and friends, lack of access to health services and police protection, random and partner violence and even murder,” says Janssen.

The outreach van costs $30,000 per year to run and is funded by many agencies including the provincial government. It was launched in 2004 by the Vancouver Agreement Women’s Strategy Task Team, WISH Drop-In Centre Society and the Prostitution Alternatives Counselling and Education Society. Partners in the study include co-author Kate Gibson, executive director of WISH, Child and Family Research Group, St. Paul’s Hospital, and the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.

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One of the benefits is the Learning Exchange, which engages students and others from the university community in offering free educational resources to Downtown Eastside residents. The Exchange includes computer skills workshops and an ESL program for new immigrants. The Exchange organizes community service learning placements for UBC students in inner schools and non-profit organizations where they act as tutors, mentors and role models for kids and youth, inspiring them to stay in school. The students learn about important social issues as a result of their volunteering.

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UBC’s Barber Learning Centre is supporting a project to digitize images from the Salt Spring Island Archives.
Aparicio’s team partnered with BC Cancer Agency’s Genome Sciences Centre to examine the progression of the lobular breast cancer tumour over a nine-year period, comparing the 52 mutations they found in the metastatic tumour with those in the original tumour and finding an overlap of just five. The lead scientists to believe those five mutations were associated with the origins of the cancer, an association not previously made. “I never thought I would see this in my lifetime,” said Aparicio. “This is a watershed event in our ability to understand the causes of breast cancer and to develop personalized medicines for our patients. The number of drugs that can now be opened to future research is considerable.”

Climate Change Challenges Fisheries

The first major study to examine how climate change impacts oceanic fish was recently completed by the Sea Around Us Project at UBC with partners at Princeton University. It concluded that fisheries distribution is likely to be affected by climate change and that tropical regions — areas where land-based food production is already forecast to suffer — will be hardest hit.

“Our projections show that climate change may lead to a 20 to 70 per cent increase in catch potential in high-latitude regions and a drop of up to 40 per cent in the tropics,” said lead author William Cheung, now based at the University of New England.

The study covered more than a thousand species of fish accounting for about 70 per cent of catch worldwide and considered a large number of environmental and biological factors influencing oceanic fishes. It used two different climate change scenarios and calculated the impact of both on fisheries distribution between 2003 and 2055.

Areas expected to see the biggest losses in catch potential by 2055 include the US (with the exception of Alaska and Hawaii), Indonesia, Chile and China. High latitude areas expected to see the biggest increases include Norway, Greenland, Alaska and the east coast of Russia. Overall, Canada’s is projected to stay the same, but the west coast may see a 20 per cent decrease and the east coast a 10 per cent increase.

UBC Fisheries professor Daniel Pauly, who leads the newspaper interpreting an increased catch in some areas as a benefit. “We need to keep the big picture in mind when looking at the ‘winners’ and ‘losers’ of climate change,” he says. “Major shifts in fish populations will create a host of challenges in ocean ecosystems likely resulting in species loss and problems for the people who now catch them.”

“While warmer waters might attract new species to colder regions, the rise in temperature might make the environment unsuitable to current species in the region that cannot move to even higher latitudes. Often these species are important to the diets and culture of native subsistence fishermen.”

The Sea Around Us Project is a scientific collaboration between UBC and the Pew Environment Group. It exists to assess fisheries impacts and seek policy solutions. See www.searoundus.org for more information.

UBC has recently launched a branding campaign. This is a public storytelling effort aimed at capturing some essential truths about UBC that are both individually held and, in some fashion, resonated with those of us who make up the UBC community: faculty, students, staff, alumni and others. Visit the UBC homepage (www.ubc.ca) and you can browse through some observations from students, faculty staff and alumni about UBC. Click on “A Place of Mind” in the top banner, then “Learn More.” You will Find A Place of Mind. UBC is tackling the world’s big problems: From here, with you.

Having been invited to share, one alumni partner said, “I promote inter/religious cooperation and action. From here.” Let’s wish her every success.

Another student offers, “Increasing access to essential medicines. From here.” A web link then delivers those whose interest is piqued to another website to learn about the student organization Universities Allied for Essential Medicines, which is dedicated to enhancing the impact of universities’ biomedical research on global health. Their tagline? Our drugs. Our labs. Our responsibility. A powerful statement of accountability.

Shared Resource, Shared Responsibility

Ian Robertson, BSc, PhD, BSc, MA, MSc, UBC Alumni Association

Look back over UBC’s 100-year history and you’ll realize how far the university has come. Now that it has a $10 billion impact on BC’s economy and produces a sizable share of the social capital required for a healthy society, it’s hard to imagine the struggle to establish the university in the first place or the fact that it could ever have faced closure.

But UBC’s evolution from a collection of shacks into a first-class research and teaching institution didn’t just magically happen. It came about as a result of the efforts of people who understood the importance of post-secondary education and cared about the university’s future — not least its alumni.

The fact that UBC is a shared resource is even reflected in the university motto Tu Tuuva Tsuu 1915 (or, it’s up to you), coined by UBC’s first president, Dr. Frank Fairfield Wilbrey. He believed that student self-government was vital to the growth of a university.

In turn, the student body stands to gain or lose depending on its investment in university governance, and the AMS over the years has advised, criticized, lobbied on behalf of, and tempered the decisions of university administrations. It’s not surprising that the same group of students who set up UBC’s AMS also set up the Alumni Association in 1917. Its raison d’être then was the same as it is today — to serve the university and its alumni.

The Association communicates regularly with the alumni body, alerting you to both the university’s considerable accomplishments and its challenges; notifying you of opportunities for involvement; and enriching your support as members of UBC’s community. One upcoming issue to which alumni — and indeed all British Columbians who benefit from UBC’s success — will want to pay attention is the relationship between the university and Metro Vancouver (formerly the GVRD), specifically as it pertains to governance over the academic use of UBC’s lands.

Alumni are regularly consulted as important stakeholders when the university is undergoing major change, and the Association’s Board of Directors are your front-line representatives. When issues warrant, you should make your views known to appropriate decision makers. You should also make sure you have a say in who sits on your Alumni Association board table. The success of any election is determined not by the result, but by the voter turnout — a more reliable indicator of relevance, emotional investment, and faith in process.

As part of a broader review of our bylaws and the way we nominate candidates for Chancellor, UBC Board of Governors, and Senators, we will be examining the way you vote for members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. We hope to enhance your ability to exercise your right. After all, the university is in your hands, too.

From Here

Marie Earl, Executive Director UBC Alumni Association / Associate Vice President, Alumni

Canary Islands Trip winner

Olivia Freeman graduated this year with a BSc degree in Natural Resource Management. Her entered UBC’s Undeniable Easy Travel Contest in September and won a Canary Islands Cruise for two. Her friends and family are being exceptionally nice to her.

Others are cynical or flippant. “I can see Alaskaia. From Here.” Or “No Sky Train to and From Here.”

Alumni entries include: “Making friends from across the globe. From Here.” “Contribute as a global citizen. From Here.” And from what must surely be a proud Thueva department graduate judging from the web link back to the department, “Artistic vision ignited. From Here.”

Thus we see the fabric of our community begin to take shape. It’s a sort of crazy quilt to which a great number of people have contributed. I find inspiration in this act of co-creation.

As a metaphor, A Place of Mind certainly works for me. Cultural geographers study how our physical environments inform our sense of who we are as a people. I cannot imagine anyone being immune to the beauty of the Point Grey and Okanagan campuses. These are special places that we are proud to inhabit.

And UBC is very much a place of discovery. Whether professors or students, UBC scholars are endlessly curious about the world. They challenge us to share in their passions. Alumni tell us about discovering so much about themselves while at UBC. They fall in and out of love. They take risks of all kinds. They form lifelong friendships. They figure out what they truly value and why.

So for me, talking about UBC solely as a place of mind doesn’t tell the full story. For me, UBC is also an emotional landscape. Developing the heart. From Here.
Dear Editor:
I enjoyed the summer 2009 issue of Trek Magazine, but I question a couple of small factual points. First, in the article "UBC, the Science Building is in the list of major academic buildings undergoing renovation in recent years. The Faculty of Science has students, staff, and faculty in many buildings on the Point Grey campus so none can be considered "the" Science Building. I believe you refer to the heritage core of the Chemistry Building, the first of many Science buildings erected and recently re-opened after major renovations to the interior.

Second, in Little Known Facts about UBC (p.34) I find it difficult to accept the notion that the Biological Sciences building is shaped like a cell. As an undergraduate who studied in the building and as a long-time faculty member occupant, I know the building presents a challenge to anyone trying to find a lecture hall occupant, I know the building presents a challenge to anyone trying to find a lecture hall for the first time (and probably the second and third times), but there are few biologists who would liken the current building configuration to a cell. A cell has a semi-permeable membrane enclosing its contents whereas the building has a major gap in its perimeter and any plans that may have existed for a wing that building has a major gap in its perimeter and configuration to a cell. A cell has a semi-permeable or office for the first time (and probably the second and third times), but there are few biologists who would liken the current building configuration to a cell. A cell has a semi-permeable membrane enclosing its contents whereas the building has a major gap in its perimeter and any plans that may have existed for a wing that building has a major gap in its perimeter and configuration to a cell. A cell has a semi-permeable

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We’ve asked everyone, and no one can tell us with any certainty that the Ladner Clock Tower has or has not any bells. Guess we’re going to have to enlist some engineers to break into the building beside the tower. This is why it was so easy for the engineers to change the song as one of their pranks years ago – they simply broke into the little building and changed the cassette. You’re welcome to ask Plant Ops to confirm that there are no bells in the tower. In addition, according to the Library Archives website, the height of the tower is 121 feet, not 140 as printed. (See http://www.library.ubc.ca/archives/laddernclctow.htm) I believe it would be appropriate to print a correction in the next issue.

Chris Anderson

The building we refer to in the article was partially built before the outbreak of WWI in 1914. During the Great Trek, marchers sat on the girders of the unfinished structure, providing us with a great iconic photo of the event. At that time, the structure was called “the Science Building.”

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Unbelievably lush and green, even by West Coast standards, the jungle grows in overlapping layers. Exotic birdcalls ring out, joining the tiny crickets of poison dart frogs and loud monkey shrieks. Every surface crawls with life as super-sized insects scurry about. Without warning, a thunderous roar reverberates, drowning out everything. Blazing brightly, a huge Ariane rocket rises into the air followed by a puffy trail.

The area boasts one of the most modern and well-equipped spaceports in the world, and sun-seeking tourists are often outnumbered by researchers. The area has been a launch site for over 50 years, with the Ariane rocket reaching for stars and planets. The site is also a popular destination for tourists, who can experience a mix of modernity and adventure.

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The spaceport is located on the coast of French Guiana, a region that has a rich cultural and historical heritage. The area is known for its stunning landscapes, including swamps, mangroves, and rainforests. The site is also home to a variety of wildlife, including monkeys, sloths, and parrots.

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Launched this spring, the Planck and Herschel research satellites are expected to revolutionize modern astronomy.

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UBC's contribution to space astronomy includes work by Jaymie Matthews, documentary (BLaSt!). Halpern is also working on a second balloon of the Herschel observatory and was the subject of a recent feature-length experiment, SPIDER, looking at the microwave background. Matthews' balloon-borne experiment BLaSt, which served as a prototype for part of the brightness of stars. Mark Halpern and Douglas Scott worked on the busy and lucrative.

By DON WELLS (BA'43)

I have vivid memories of the sasquatch. I grew up in the shadow of Alberta's Rocky Mountains and was enthralled by the reports of sightings of an enormous bipedal creature in the Kootenay Plains wilderness region near Banff National Park. I was part of a group of kids that regularly fished with our fathers in that area in the late 1960s, and I remember casting our lines in the twilight hours and listening to our fathers discuss the most recent “Bigfoot” sightings they had heard on the radio or read in newspapers.

I was 11 years old, and the prospects of a hairy monster stalking the mountains where our families went camping thrilled and terrified me. I also remember being excited to discover a book in our local library about sasquatch encounters written by a man from Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., named John Green. Those times came back in a big way when, after four decades later, I found myself sitting in the living room of the author himself, a UBC graduate (BSc'69), who still resides in Harrison Hot Springs and is still regarded as the world’s most prolific researcher and author on the lingering mystery of the sasquatch.

John Green is not a rugged outdoorsman who has spent a lifetime in the bush. His upbringing was strictly urban and his 81 years have been spent in an amazingly eclectic pursuits. Yes, sasquatch investigator is on the list, but so is newspaper journalist, author, publisher, businessman, politician, investor, competitive sailor, boat builder, husband, father and community service leader.

The sasquatch may never have received worldwide attention if it had not been for Green, and for a serendipitous chain of events that began in 1943. An academically gifted 17-year-old majoring in English, Green agreed to tag along with a chum on his way to the Publications Board office in the basement of Brock Hall to pick up a writing assignment for The UBC Alumni. It was there in the offices of “the Pub,” the newspaper that his interest was sparked to pursue a career in the newspaper world.

As the son of Howard Green, a long-time Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister, John was no stranger to public issues. He was also a born communicator who took quickly to the mechanics of news writing. While a student, he turned out copy on university affairs for The Ubyssey and Totem yearbooks, and for The Province newspaper. He graduated at 19 and went to work for a year as a reporter for the Vancouver Sun before moving to New York in 1947 to attend graduate school in Journalism at Columbia University.

He worked part-time for The Globe and Mail in New York, and later as a full-time reporter for two years at the paper's Toronto headquarters, then returned to Vancouver to cover local news for The Province. After a subsequent stint at the Victoria Times Colonist, he bought his own paper in 1954, the Agassiz-Harrison Advance.

“Talk about an upside-down career,” he laughs as he recalls the peculiar journey from New York to a tiny community paper in the Upper Fraser Valley. “Our circulation was in the hundreds, but owning your own paper was what many people in the business wanted to do in those days.”
John Green's high-profile father studied law at the University of Toronto. His mother, Marion Green (nee Mounce), was the daughter of a Vancouver Island lumber baron and the first woman to graduate from UBC's faculty of Agricultural Sciences. In spite of his blue-blooded urban roots, small town life in Agassiz agreed with John and wife June, and they quickly settled in and began to raise the first of four children.

A running point came one day in 1956 when a Swiss-born farm labourer from the Alberta foothills named Rene Dahinden entered the newspaper's office and asked Green if he knew anything about reported sightings of a large two-footed creature that bore a resemblance to the Abominable Snowman of Nepal. Green told Dahinden that the reports were nonsense and that he was wasting his time.

"I referred him to some local hunters who thought they intended to make a big deal out of Bigfoot. What he got was a 40-second 16 millimetre film clip of what appears to be a large female biped walking upright along a creek bed. Almost overnight, the film went around the world, including a screening at UBC, and sparked renewed interest and speculation about the creature's existence. "There was already some publicity at the time, but it would have died down if the movie had not been made," says Green.

In response to claims that the film had been manufactured, he went to Los Angeles and interviewed Walt Disney film studios to ask if they could help him in any way. They turned him down. "There was no way I could convince the ABC or the ABC's traditional two-party system, or as he describes it, "a free enterprise government that hasn't gone crazy." He eventually announced his intention to run for provincial office as a "change" candidate, saying that he had already seen the film and deemed it to be legitimate, and that whatever it was in the film was neither a human nor a machine and had indeed walked in front of a camera.

The number of reports increased dramatically after the film caught public attention, and Green and his wife made a point of travelling to the scene of the events and recording sightings and tracks. Once the camera came of age, he spent a dozen years trying to make a big deal out of the prints, but grew to some 4,000 entries, and abandoned his work when the Internet made it impossible to keep up with the information that was available online.

John Green began archiving plaster casts of footprints in 1958 following the discovery of tracks on a remote road construction site in Northern California.
Early Frosh initiations involved the preparation of a bonfire on False Creek flats (1921). Photo: British Columbia Archives.
1954-1955  
If President Klinck set a standard for sober propriety (frequently violated by students), his successor had a very different influence. President MacKenzie surprised students with his penchant for roaming the campus dressed in shabby clothes, drinking cups of hot milk in the cafeteria, and chanting with whomever he met. Students were flabbergasted when they learned that this down-to-earth stranger with the lumbering gait was in fact the University President. He wore a freshman beanie during his first year and swapped war-stories with student-revelers, turning a blind eye to liquor violations and sharing the occasional beer.... Pranks and party practical jokes (such as planning a heist on a Library bookcase to surprise the Librarian) were on the rise, as were infractions of AMS regulations. The Discipline Committee was mocked in The Totem for its ineffectiveness, especially regarding the prohibition of drinking on campus. One club above all set a new tone for unabashed frivolity: the Jokers’ Club, founded in 1945 by three veterans intent on performing amusing acts such as gold fish swallowing, a Frog Derby, and roller skating marathons. Likely initiation rites returned, but aside from the formal welcoming ceremonies, freshmen were usually subjected only to embarrassing clothing and silly rituals, with a few victims tossed in the lily pond; gone were the big pep-meets, bonfires, and mock dances through the streets of Vancouver. Still, a determined group maintained the rowdier traditions that now pitted engineering students against all other freshmen, who sometimes turned the tables on their would-be assailants. Fraternities continued their own hazing traditions, but without official sanction. Faculty Balls, and the annual High Jinks women-only parties organized by the Women’s Undergraduate Society, were popular once again.

1955-1962  
In keeping with their well-earned reputation for rowdy intramurals, some engineering students did their best to paint themselves as the “bad boys” on campus with spitting contests, homage to a symbolic Lady Godiva, sorties by goon squads during Fresh Week, and such childish pranks as stealing toilet seats or other campus fixtures.... men at Fort Camp residence from time to time railed the women’s residence nearby, stealing their underwear or decorating their rooms with crates taken from the nearby beaches. When freshmen initiation ran amok (“sadistic,” observed psychology professor Edro Signori), students promised to keep participation voluntary and to bring an end to the physical intimidation that had characterized these rites; as a token of their new sense of responsibility, they even began bringing their own duck tanks to preserve the lily pond outside the Library from damage.

1962-1975  
After only four months on the job addressing student and seemingly endless student demands, President Hare returned to England to recover from influenza and exhaustion, staying there for much of September and October 1968 and attracting the accusation by the unsympathetic Ubyssey that he was hiding from students. While he recuperated, students unofficially opened their new student Union Building (SUB) with a “pub-in”—illegal beer drinking—to protest the absence of a licensed faculty facility on campus. After all, students had paid for much of the new SUB. A month later, on October 24, 1968, American youth radical and Yippie Jerry Rubin visited UBC where he addressed an unruly crowd of 5,000 or more before leading many of them to the UBC Faculty Club for a sit-in. Protestors (some of whom were not students) made vague demands for an end to the authoritarian structures of the University (including the AMS Student Council) and for greater democratic participation by students. As reported in The Ubyssey:  

The students created mass confusion and participated in such activities as drinking the faculty liquor, smoking their cigarettes, doing up dresses, clashing with furniture, burning dollar bills and an American Flag, swimming nude in the patio pool and basically enjoying themselves.... Most of the faculty in attendance seemed to accept the situation with resignation and merely left when it became apparent that the students wouldn’t.

1975-1985  
Some student pranks and stunts were losing their appeal; although beer drinking contests and the occasional toasting still occurred each autumn, freshmen hazing had effectively been discontinued and discounted; and instead of the near-riots of earlier years, inter-faculty rivalry found less damaging outlets, such as the symbolic vandalism of the new concrete “E” block placed on Main Mall near the recently completed engineering buildings. Students in Forestry, Agricultural Sciences, Nursing, and other programs took turns painting their own identities onto the blocks, faithfully repaired each time with a red E by students in engineering. The growing influence of the feminist movement also contributed to the more serious—some might say more mature—outlook of UBC students toward pranks by engineering students. The Lady Godiva ride, the offensive “Red Rag” newspaper, and the annual Smoker with its often wild entertainment now met with considerable opposition, especially from women entering Applied Science, and after 1979, from the new Dean, Martin Wideshelf. The AMS held welcoming barbecues, but many of the earlier traditions intended to escalate school spirit and group identity had been redirected to the more serious concerns of the late 1970s; its demise brought an end to the original Frosh Reception or accompanying dance through the streets of Vancouver. Still, a determined group maintained the rowdier traditions that now pitted engineering students against all other freshmen, who sometimes turned the tables on their would-be assailants. Fraternities continued their own hazing traditions, but without official sanction. Faculty Balls, and the annual High Jinks women-only parties organized by the Women’s Undergraduate Society, were popular once again.

1985-1997  
By the time President MacKenzie joined the student body in a soccer match (1940s), “fresh retreat,” the official gathering organized by the University at Camp Elphinstone since the late 1920s, its demise brought an end to any sort of university-wide formal initiation until the arrival of “Imagine UBC” days in the late ‘nineties.

1997-2008  
Improving the student experience was among the first priorities of the (Martha) Piper administration.... For the past several decades, as the institution grew larger, faculties and departments had largely taken over the job of greeting new students, but as the autumn of 1997 UBC revived an earlier tradition of welcoming first-year students across the University. Through “Imagine UBC” new students received a welcome by the President, an opportunity to meet deans, tours of the campus, and an evening of social events. Classes were cancelled for the day to permit senior student volunteers to coordinate and host the occasion; with over 5,000 first-year students participating in the inaugural event, the day was deemed a great success. Within a few years, “Imagine UBC” had added faculty representatives and a pep rally, complete with clowns and slogans designed to instill a sense of pride in the University.... “Imagine UBC” became the largest welcome event at a Canadian university, escalating into a whole week of activities coordinated with the AMS and the Graduate Student Society.
The 2009 UBC Alumni Achievement Awards

Kim Cameron 2BA'69, LLB'83, LLD'00 ALUMNI AWARD OF DISTINCTION

At UBC, Kim Campbell studied political science, was involved in student government and became the first female president of a freshman class. It was just a hint at the groundbreaking career to follow. Before becoming Canada’s 24th and first female Prime Minister in 1993, she was the country’s first female Minister of Justice and Attorney-General and the first woman to become Minister of National Defence for a NATO country. She has represented Canada at Commonwealth and NATO conferences; the G-7 Summit and the UN General Assembly. She has continued to be a high profile player in the political sphere, holding many senior advisory roles in international organizations concerned with the promotion of democracy, the economic challenges of developing nations, nuclear non-proliferation and climate change. After her tenure as PM, Ms Campbell joined the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard as a Fellow before serving as the Canadian Consul General in Los Angeles (1996-2000). She returned to the Kennedy school afterwards as a Fellow in the Centre for Public Leadership and joined the faculty as a lecturer. She remains an honorary fellow.

Hon. John A. Fraser LLD'84, LLB'54 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Since graduating from UBC law school in 1954, John Fraser has had a long and successful career first as a practising lawyer and later as a federal politician, cabinet minister and Speaker of the House of Commons. His deep commitment to social and environmental causes has earned him the respect of his peers as well as a considerable collection of awards and honours. Even in retirement, he remains an active member of numerous boards and councils.

After being called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1955, Mr. Fraser became a partner at the law firm of Ladner Downs – now Borden Ladner Gervais, where he remained until his election to the Canadian House of Commons in 1972. From 1979 to 1980 he served as the Speaker of the House of Commons and from 1974 to 1994 he was appointed an honorary Lieutenant Colonel in the Seaforth Highlanders and in 1997 was made an honorary Colonel. He has also received the Canadian Forces Decoration. In 2002, he received the Vimy Award from the Conference of Defence Associations Institute in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the defence and security of Canada and to the preservation of our democratic values. He has received honorary doctorates from Simon Fraser University and St. Lawrence University, both in 1999, and from UBC in 2004.

What makes a UBC Alumni Achievement Award Recipient Great? On November 10, more than 500 alumni and friends of UBC gathered at UBC’s Life Sciences Centre to find out.

Guests gather in the west atrium of UBC’s Life Sciences Centre for the awards presentation ceremony.
Jennifer Mervyn is a Métis community health leader who understands the challenges these youth face. She found herself living on the streets in the early 1990s, and her experiences motivated her to build a career dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk and homeless aboriginal youth.

Dr. Mervyn was able to get her own life back on track after moving to Montreal in 1994. She attended Concordia University, graduating with a BA in psychology in 1996. She then returned west to complete an MA in counselling psychology at Trinity Western University.

After writing her master’s thesis, Dr. Mervyn decided on a different (and more impactful) medium for her PhD project. Between 2002 and 2006, she researched, produced and presented the first video-ethnography doctoral dissertation ever submitted at UBC. Metamorphoses: an In-Depth Look at the Lives of Former Street Kids focused on 58 stories of movement into mainstream life. The film screened at a number of aboriginal research and homelessness conferences and was well received.

In 2005, she became involved with the Kill-the-eye-droop-in-center in Surrey, BC—meeting with the aboriginal street youth there and setting up a photo-therapy program. The participants told their personal stories by creating photo-essays, using photography, film, and visual storytelling. The photo-essays were then distributed for 10,000 copies as a tool for greater community understanding of the issues underlying homelessness. The collages were displayed in the centre and received a significant amount of media coverage.

Dr. Mervyn used a similar approach for a 10-week expressive-therapy program for at-risk youth in the South Fraser region, a partnership with the Knowledgeable Aboriginal Youth in-Action. In addition to learning technical skills, the youth had the opportunity to make their voices heard and put their artistic talents on display. Some of their work was selected for inclusion in a wall-sized installation piece at the World Urban Forum, hosted by Vancouver.

Dr. Mervyn worked for the Fraser Health Authority for more than seven years as a crisis counselor and is based now with the Ministry of Children and Families for Health and Youth Mental Health. She assesses mental health and suicide risk and provides support for youth in need of assistance. She has been an official member of the Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee since 2005 and is a voting member for the Urban Aboriginal Strategy. Since 2001, she has worked with children in five slum areas of Cebu, Philippines, on behalf of the Orchid Project and the International Gospel Centre.

Dr. Edwin H.K. Yen 2003 OUTSTANDING FUTURE ALUMNI AWARD

Edwin Yen served UBC as dean of Dentistry for 13 years until 2001. Under his watch, the faculty evolved into a world leader for research and innovation. He modernized learning facilities, restructured the undergraduate curriculum, increased international collaboration and raised standards for dental education worldwide. He is highly respected in his field and an inspiration and role model to colleagues and students.

Dr. Yen believes in lifelong learning and the retention of professional competence. To this end, he was involved in creating bylaws to support ongoing educational activities. He is also a founder and forward foward to tackle the complex problem of establishing a process for assessing and training international dentists in accordance with national standards. He established a novel international Dental Degree Completion program that has become the model for dental education in Canada, and the resulting international collaboration has enriched the student learning experience.

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through the secondary curriculum independently and challenged the national graduation examinations. She continued her education, first training – and later working – as a community health nurse and rural nurse practitioner in Ghana. She moved to Kelowna to complete her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing at UBC Okanagan. In doing so, she became the first female in her village to attain a university education. Her desire in completing her PhD and working with Project GROW has been to leverage her own educational opportunities for the betterment of the lives of women and children in her home village.

Carrying out this work, of course, requires resources. Fortunately, Vida also acts as an effective advocate for her organization. The inspirational leadership that she has provided over the past two years has made it possible for Project GROW to raise more than half the funds required to meet its $40,000 long-term funding goal.

Vida has received numerous scholarships and awards including the UBCO School of Nursing MSN Scholarship, the UBCO PhD Tuition Award and the PEO International Peace Scholarship, the UBCO PhD Tuition Award and the McNamara Memorial Fund Award, given to ten female graduate students from developing countries, from the World Bank.

Gary Birch 1983, 1988
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Gary Birch is an adjunct professor of electrical and computer engineering who specializes in human-machine interface systems with a view to developing technologies that assist people with limited mobility. He is a social advocate with a keen sense of the responsibility that goes hand-in-hand with the engineering profession and its potential to serve humanity.

As someone who enjoys widespread respect from scientists, the community, policy makers and the corporate sector, Dr. Birch is an effective driver of innovative and collaborative research. His work has been particularly successful at translating research and development into commercially available devices.

The main vehicle for these efforts has been the Niel Smith Society, a non-profit founded 25 years ago for which he serves as executive director. It exists to develop technologies, services and programs to improve, improve life, and empower members of the disabled population. Dr. Birch’s long-term leadership has guided research efforts and resulted in many life-changing technologies.

His current work developing a brain-computer interface – a switch that can be controlled using brain signals – is particularly exciting. In the future, people with even severe physical disabilities may gain control over elements in their immediate environment, such as light and heat, and even over prosthetic limbs. This potentially life-changing research could lead to far greater independence and less reliance on resources and caregivers.

Dr. Birch’s connections and prodigious research record – he has produced more than 100 original papers – ensure that the latest technology is available for both applications and further research. At UBC, he has ties to the International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD, an organization seeking new treatments for people with spinal cord injuries) and helped raise funds for a new research centre at Vancouver General Hospital.

As a person who has lived a lifelong struggle with his injury since his teens, Dr. Birch participates on a panel that advises ICORD on research relevance. At the governmental level he has served on the Advisory Committee on Disability Tax Measures for the Canada Revenue Agency and the BC Minister’s Advisory Council on Information Technology. He is currently the CEO of Industry Canada’s advisory committee on assistive technologies.

Dr. Birch has been recognized with a Leadership Award from BC Paraplegic Association, induction into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame, and a Maritimer Achievement Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC. He was recently appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

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Judith Hall is a leading pediatrician and clinical geneticist who has focused her research on disorders of growth, such as dwarfishism, and birth defects, such as spina bifida and congenital contractures. She is driven by curiosity, sees her field as an art as much as a science, and enjoys her work so much she tends to take little time off. The results have been prolific. During more than 30 years of clinical research Dr. Hall has identified many new syndromes (two bear her name) and documented the natural history of many others. She has also discovered the mechanisms behind many disorders and developed new ways to classify them. She has published more than 420 original articles – some considered classics – and 12 books, two of them award-winning. Her Handbook of Normal Physical Measurements is essential for physicians specializing in growth disturbances in children.

Dr. Hall was educated and spent her early career in the US, where she studied under Victor McKusick, widely regarded as the father of medical genetics. She moved to Vancouver in 1981, becoming a UBC professor of Medical Genetics and director of the Department of Pediatrics at UBC and BC Children’s Hospital. Now a professor emerita, she is based in Kelowna and Children’s and Women’s Health Centre of British Columbia.

Although Dr. Hall is a world authority in her field, her biggest motivation has been translating discovery into clinical care and improved treatments. To this end she has devoted countless volunteer hours driving professional standards, providing advice to patients and caregivers, and developing links with lay support groups.

She has served on parent support boards, written numerous articles in layperson’s language and been instrumental in developing the resources, services and care guidelines so vital for coping with genetic illnesses. She also advocates for research into rare disorders. Dr. Hall has been honoured with lifelong membership in Little People of America. Dr. Hall has also done much to set high standards for her profession. She has held many senior roles in major national and international science and medicine organizations, helping them to realize priorities and commitments. Her volunteering includes board work for the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, the International Pediatric Association, the Vancouver Foundation, the Medical Research Foundation of Canada, the US and Canadian Children’s Miracle Networks, Genome Canada, and the Canadian Council of Academicians. She has received many prestigious awards including a Senior Killam Prize for Research and the Ross Award from the Canadian Pediatric Society. She is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Justice Grant D. Burnyeat 1973, 1996

Mr. Justice Grant D. Burnyeat has been on the University of British Columbia’s Board of Governors and has been a member of the Board of the Calgary Foundation and the Board of the Vancouver Foundation. In 2008 he was elected as a director of the Law Society of British Columbia, was the founding president of the Canadian Bar Association and in 1987 was elected as a bencher of the Law Society of British Columbia, which is responsible for upholding and protecting the public interest in the administration of justice; establishing professional and educational standards, and regulating the practice of law. He went on to become treasuerer (now called the president) despite career demands on his time, he had plenty of advice to spare for arTing UBC law students and recent grads, whose professional years are guided by the Law Society. Mr. Burnyeat’s volunteer efforts are not limited to his profession. He continued his volunteering being very active as president of the Vancouver and BC Safety councils and as chair of the Vancouver Planning Commission. He was founding chair of the BC Arts Club Theatre Company and Focus Foundation, and a director of the international board of his fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon. He has served as president of the BC Liberal Party and of the Vancouver Civic Non-Partisan Association.

But one of the main beneficiaries of Mr. Burnyeat’s time and effort has been UBC. From 1973 to 1976 he was a member of the fundraising and management committee for the university’s Aquatic Centre, built in 1978. In the mid ‘80s, he served a term as president of the Alumni Association and chair of the regional committee, which provided financial support for students in developing countries. He was a member of the UBC Senate from 1983 to 1989 and more recently has been heavily involved in a fundraising project to replace the Law faculty building. He was a founding director of the Law Alumni Association and co-founder and the first and current president of AMUS, an organization that links past student leaders with the current AMS executive. It recently provided guidance for students during deliberations with the UBC administration for a new Student Union Building.

Mr. Burnyeat was honoured during the university’s 75th anniversary celebrations as one of the top 75 graduates. In 2012, he received The Queen’s Jubilee Medal. He was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 1994.
Since its beginnings in 1919, the UBC School of Nursing has been a pioneer in the field of public health. As the first degree-granting school of nursing in Canada to develop robust public health professionals occupying positions in homes and hospitals across the province and around the world.

Thanks to the foresight and dedication of John and others 90 years ago, the UBC School of Nursing is recognized world-wide as a leader in academic nursing, offering programs that remain on the cutting edge of both knowledge generation and practice application.

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February 8: What new ethical challenges have recent scientific advances created? (with Richard Pound, former Olympic swimmer, McGill-Chancellor and World Anti-Doping Agency chairman.)

February 12: Can sport and play serve as a development tool for the world’s most disadvantaged children? (with Johann Koss, former Olympic speed-skater and president of international humanitarian organization Right to Play.)

March 5: Are major sporting events inclusive of first Nations and other groups? (with Warren Horn Miller, former water polo Olympian and member of the Métis First Nation.)

March 10: Harb Harris, former wheelchair basketball Paralympian, will discuss sports and challenge. March 14: What are Olympic legacies and are they worth the effort? (with Bruce Kidd, former track and field athlete and University of Toronto professor.)

In-kind:

BCA: Beauty Collins Winery
CIC: Clark’s Audio-Visual Services
CN: The Lazy Gourmet
MNB: Minnesota Press (Berlin)

Prizes:

A pair of tickets to the women’s hockey playoff on Saturday, February 20, at 2:30 pm
A pair of tickets to Canada Vs Norway Sledge Hockey on Tuesday, March 16, at 6:30 pm
A pair of tickets to the Sledge Hockey Bronze Medal game on Saturday, March 20, at 1:00 pm
May to conduct in a special Chan Centre including an assortment of workshops and directed seminars. Afterwards he shared his approaches to motivating young theatre, African drumming and dance. Afterwards providing them with traditional workshops and coaching as well as a wider and more eclectic experience summer music program. YAE brings the theatre ensemble for the elite Young Artist experience. “I got to do just about everything at UBC,” says Zakresky, “from chant to contemporary music to Gilbert and Sullivan.”

After completing his Master of Music degree in 2011, Zakresky sampled a number of different vocal and choral environments, including Cambridge, before deciding that the master’s degree in Choral Conducting and doctoral program at Yale were the right next step for him. Yale’s lavish resources were a bit of a pleasant shock after cash-strapped British Columbia. Zakresky arrived on full scholarship, supplemented by a living stipend. For his master’s thesis project, he was given a substantial IMSYA to put together a team of performers. Most of the other grad students opted to conduct makeshift choirs with instrumental ensembles; Zakresky decided to stage Purcell’s hour-long opera Dido and Aeneas, with soloists, small choir and period orchestra.

“I got to play in New York and planned the rehearsals very carefully, since they weren’t all that interested in too many trips up to New Haven. I also got a theatre guy who was very, very familiar with the conventions of Restoration theatre.” Ultimately they settled on a mish-mash of modern/conception, with some period costumes and wigs and more trendy details like Aeneas, the caddish male lead of the piece, abandoning Dido with Starbucks mug in hand.

Yale was also a place to work with conducting guru Simon Carrington. “Simon was all about detail, detail, detail; know everything there is to know about a score before ever thinking of conducting.” Zakresky is now learning repertoire and prepping for doctoral level exams, he expects to complete his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Yale in 2012.

While that’s going on, he’s not haunting the libraries of New Haven. Last year he was offered the position of Choirmaster and Music Program Director at Chatham Hall, a private Episcopal school for Girls in South Central Virginia. “It’s a wonderful environment: great resources, small classes and a very fine staff of teachers.” He’s got big plans for this season: Britten’s Mass in B minor or possibly the pagan opera Noyes’s Fludde, Medieval composer Hildegard von Bingen’s Ordo virtutum (a religious allegory that he intends to stage to a beauty pageant) and a piece by Ontario composer Nancy Telfer; all demanding works well beyond regular high-school musical fare.

Much as he enjoys his new environment, as an ambitious conductor on the way up he has to keep his eye out for opportunities. At this stage in his career trajectory, working in the US is a distinct possibility, at least for the time being. But his ultimate dream is to find a conducting gig back here at home. Whatever pragmatic decisions dictate, there are matters of heart. In this Zakresky wears his loyalties, if not on his sleeve, then just as prominently displayed: the new tattoo is a Maple Leaf.
The Boys of War

By BOB BAGNALL, PEng, BASc(Civil)'49

Seventy years ago war was declared. Sixty years ago the class of ’49 graduated from UBC. In between, 65 young men taking the No. 2 Canadian Army University Course at UBC completed an intense year of study before serving in WWII. I was one of them.

We were among 1,100 boys attending universities across Canada who absorbed 44 hours of lectures and labs every week from September 1943 to May 1944. To qualify for the course, we had to be between 17 and 19, in good health and have junior and senior matriculation marks of 75 per cent or better in math, physics and chemistry. The army’s intention was to create a pool of NCOs and officers for the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and the Canadian Military Engineers.

After a month of basic training in Alberta we arrived on campus in September and were housed in the wartime huts at Acadia Camp. We marched to class each day in uniform and returned in the evening for two and a half hours of compulsory homework. The curriculum was weighted heavily to sciences and math. Discipline was provided by a captain and three sergeants, who were present 24 hours a day. Pay was $1.30 per day, which didn’t leave much opportunity for hi-jinks!

On graduation, we were offered a choice of serving with the Infantry, Artillery or Armoured forces. Most of us became NCOs and some of us officers during the last year of the war.

The army university course was arduous and difficult, but we cherish the fellowship and camaraderie that it spawned and have maintained a close association over the past 65 years. Many of us returned to UBC to complete our education in engineering. This September, the class of ’49 returned to campus to celebrate the 60th anniversary of graduation.
In May, UBC’s first graduating class in Medicine met at Whistler for its 57th anniversary reunion. We had a particularly strong camaraderie as students and we were excited to renew it. The bonds created through learning, challenges and opportunities experienced together at UBC were as strong as ever.

We planned our visit to Whistler with the goal of visiting its Olympic venues. We stayed at the Pan Pacific Whistler Village Hotel and took a four-hour tour of the venues with Whistler Eco Tours. A local guide described the new construction for the Olympics, I was struck by how fulfilling it was to be with my old classmates. There is something deeply personal about education. Our accomplishments, failures, inspiration, perseverance and intelligence are revealed to peers, and living through all together creates unique relationships.

Our 57th anniversary reunion was a wonderful reminder of this, and I encourage other alumni to engage fellow classmates at every opportunity. If you find yourself half as fulfilling as I have, it is not something to be passed up.

Past Events

UBC Bowl! took place throughout Asia and North America over the summer with alumni helping to welcome more than 300 new students into the UBC community. San Francisco alumni attended the Canadian Consulate’s Canada Day celebration, caught a Giants game with UVic alumni and volunteered at the San Francisco Food Bank. Florida alumni attended the Canadian Consulate’s Canada Day celebration, caught a Giants game with UVic alumni and volunteered at the San Francisco Food Bank. Florida alumni attended the Canadian Consulate’s Canada Day celebration, caught a Giants game with UVic alumni and volunteered at the San Francisco Food Bank.

Alumni Networks

All alumni are members of the Alumni Association, but smaller networks form around alumni with common affiliations. Graduates of the Arts Co-op program recently formed the Arts Co-op Alumni Network, for example, and other affinity groups are in the works.

Find out if your faculty, department, student club or current locality has an alumni group (or how to set one up) by asking your Alumni Relations representative.

To find out more, please contact the Alumni Relations representative; Yuanyuan Yin, BASc’08 (toronto), Brenda at brenda.tournier@ubc.ca (Alberta), Mei Mei at meimei.yiu@apro.ubc.ca (British Columbia). The event was held in the brand-new University Centre’s Ballroom, hosted by the Okanagan Alumni Chapter Committee, and emceed by chapter chair, Catherine Comben, BSc. The evening included the presentation of the 2009 Community Builder Award to alumni Paul Mitchell, QC, BCom ’60, LLB ’70.

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Alumni endowment fund gala

Two hundred and alumni friends gathered on September 25 for the second Annual UBC Alumni Endowment Fund Gala. This year it was held in the brand-new University Centre’s Ballroom, hosted by the Okanagan Alumni Chapter Committee, and emceed by chapter chair, Catherine Comben, BSc. The evening included the presentation of the 2009 Community Builder Award to alumni Paul Mitchell, QC, BCom ’60, LLB ’70.

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The Golden Girls of UBC

This September, the International Triathlon Union held the World Championship Grand Final at Surf’s Paradise on Australia’s Gold Coast. Representing Canada in the 35-39 age group was Suzanne Chandler, BA’94, (L) now a resident of Australia but still a Canadian citizen at heart. In the 40-44 age group was Stephanie Kieffer, BSc’89, (R) of Vancouver.

They are the daughters of Anne I. Brown, BA’42, and John C. Brown, who was a UBC faculty member from 1964 to 1992.

Stephanie entered the race to defend the gold medal title she earned in 2008 in Vancouver. Suzanne entered determined to give her sister a run for her money, even though they competed in different age groups. They had trained together in Vancouver during their times and their times for the swim, cycle, and run were all very close.

In the end, the sisters both won gold for team Canada. Suzanne was challenged throughout the cycling by the eventual second-place finisher, but took the lead early in the run. Her smirking kick allowed for a healthy margin by the end of the race. Stephanie (a former UBC varsity swimmer) led her age category from the first swim buoy.

Suzanne and Stephanie’s impressive achievement is even more remarkable given the demands on their time. Stephanie is the mother of three children under the age of 12, holds a part-time position as a genetic counselor at Children’s and Women’s Health Centre of BC, is a clinical assistant professor in the department of Medical Genetics at UBC, and is the head coach of two ice hockey teams with the Vancouver Thunderbird Minor Hockey Association. At the age of 22, Suzanne was diagnosed with a cardiac problem requiring the implantation of a pacemaker. She has never allowed this to interfere with her participation in physically demanding sports, including triathlon. She was awarded a cross country scholarship to the University of Hawaii; won the Northern Territory Australia Sprint Championship; and after a local race at Alice Springs was anointed Queen of the Mountain. She has two children under the age of seven.

The sisters are quick to credit others for making it all possible. Coaches Alan Carlston and Margaret Beaudoin provide motivation and guidance, while spouses Andrew Chandler and Timothy Kieffer, BA’90, MD’97, provide support around the home to enable upwards of ten training sessions a week. Both spouses have demanding professions. Andrew is a pilot with Qantas Airlines and Timothy is a respected UBC professor operating an extensive laboratory involved in diabetes research.

Irving K. Barber OC, OBC, BSc’59, LLB’62 has been awarded a 2009 Special Award for Philanthropy by the BC Museums Association (BCMA). The award was made in recognition of his involvement with several philanthropic activities in the province, most notably his gift for the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC, which provides innovative support and encouragement of his involvement with several philanthropic undertakings. The award was made in recognition of his commitment to the University of British Columbia in the 1950s.

Linda Smith, BA’50, MA’53, PhD’94, has been named provost of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, starting in late October. Preceding this appointment he was executive dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University (ASU), served as executive director of ASU’s Institute for Social Science Research, and was a professor in the School of Government, Politics and Global Studies. He is a certified planner and a recognized expert in North American urban development and is trained as a political scientist and urban historian. Okanagan lawyer and community advocate Paul Mitchell, BA’56, MD’94, is the 2009 recipient of the Okanagan Alumni Community Builder Award. The award honours his outstanding efforts in building bridges between UBC Okanagan and the greater Kelowna region. This includes efforts to provide for the Vision of UBC’s regional campus to enable upwards of ten training sessions a week.

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Kenton Low BA’80 has joined Bardel Entertainment as head of its interactive division, leaving his position as president of New Media BC. Prior to joining Bardel Kenton was the executive vice-president for the Vancouver-based animation company. He has been named provost of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, starting in late October. Preceding this appointment he was executive dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University (ASU), served as executive director of ASU’s Institute for Social Science Research, and was a professor in the School of Government, Politics and Global Studies. He is a certified planner and a recognized expert in North American urban development and is trained as a political scientist and urban historian. Okanagan lawyer and community advocate Paul Mitchell, BA’56, MD’94, is the 2009 recipient of the Okanagan Alumni Community Builder Award. The award honours his outstanding efforts in building bridges between UBC Okanagan and the greater Kelowna region. This includes efforts to provide for the Vision of UBC’s regional campus to enable upwards of ten training sessions a week.

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Heidi Clark BA’92, BFA’94 was profiled in the September 2009 issue of Canadian Family magazine as a Great Teacher Award recipient. The kindergarten teacher at Vancouver’s inner-city Evergreen Elementary School has a holistic approach towards education and incorporates lessons about yoga, meditation and nutrition into her classroom teaching. She is passionate about literacy and in her free time runs two popular intensive literacy and numeracy programs for preschoolers. She has also written the book The Alphabet Adventurer with artist Susan McCallum, with illustration help from her class. She is currently working on her master’s degree in education through UBC’s urban education program. The Synergy Awards have honoured outstanding university-industry research collaborations since 1995. Winners of the 2009 Synergy Awards for Innovation include Dr. Robert Rohling BA’80 and Dr. Septimu (Tim) Salukun of UBC, and their research partners at Ultrasound Medical Corporation, a leading developer and manufacturer of high quality diagnostic ultrasound imaging systems. The company began in 2001 when Ultrasound released its initial research device, and has developed over the years to include five laboratories, two manufacturing facilities and the U.S. Ultrasound ultrasound system at UBC. The company has taken advantage of research being performed at UBC by licensing cutting-edge technologies that help improve patient care in multiple ultrasound markets. Ultrasound now employs four UBC grads as full-time research and development engineers who have been given opportunities for academic and research opportunities for current students. Cindy Moxen BA’90, BEd’93 is a professor of clinical psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. She has also served a book, Why Kids Hate Sex, with evolutionary psychologist co-author David Buss. Using the voices of real women and men coast to coast, they explore the motivations that guide women’s sexual decisions and explains the deep-seated psychology and biology that often unwittingly drive women’s desires. Published by Times Books and Henry Holt Publishing, the book was released on October 1 in the US, Canada.

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In August, Pauline and Jen’s submission, FormShift, a sustainable design contest put on recently recognized in the wild card category of 40 DenCity:IntenCity encourages broader thinking about the community and cheered up the corridor, hit with graffiti after six months and needed along the tracks. Although the first mural was complete and seem to have achieved their initiative. The murals took two weeks each to help fund and build the first two homes in a previously graffiti-ridden light rapid transit corridor.

The Anderson Children Didn’t Come to Dinner credits include the acclaimed short films of photography and producer. Her production alumni and past president of the BFA’03, Amy is an award-winning director of photography and producer. Her production credits include the acclaimed short films Why The Anderson Children Didn’t Come to Dinner (2005), The Saddest Boy in the World (2006) and the Genev-nominated short Regarding Sarah (2008), as well as the feature film Muumuu (2008).

Canadians in the tensile strength of the Tensile World Cup, crowned by the winds of a period of North American history. Hudson’s story, which was written after more than 38 years of searching records and exploring the sites it would depict, was written largely to encourage young people to read about and enjoy their own fascinating history … Educator Tiffany Point, who has just published Q is for Question: An ABC of Philosophy, an illustrated non-fiction book for children about life’s most important questions. Through thoughtful prompting and playful verse, she asks open-ended questions that guide a child to discover, debate and articulate his or her inner thoughts.

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McPoems
BELLISH NICKERSON, MFA'94
Arsenal Pulp Press, $15.95
So often, poets take their work far too seriously—emphasizing form and word choice over insight and accessibility. This is not the case with the clever collection McPoems. Its unpretentious and humorous take on fast-food culture flows with a pace and wit that is uncommon in the poetic tradition.
In one poem, Tricht, Nickerson reflects on the absurd behaviour he’d seen in his years working at a fast-food restaurant.

Sometimes it’s grown men with straws attached to their drips as they look like nudists, or people who place their burgers on top of their heads like models in a compartment class.

Despite his irreverent tone and titles like Pancakes and No Pickles, Nickerson manages to successfully inject a necessary dash of humanity into his work. In Gloria, he writes:

For weeks fellow workers find G L O R I A washed out in French fries, undefined in ketchup on barn stabletops. In the staff room a group wonders who would do such a thing… At the monthly staff meeting your manager asks to be summoned as soon as someone finds the culprit, but on the afternoon you spot her, an elderly woman with shaky hands…you just sit down out in French fries, underlined in ketchup on your face stroked with such precise tenderness.

Billyh Nickerson’s first poetry book, The Automatic Glassblower, was shortlisted for the Publishing Triangle Poetry Prize. He is a founding member of the performance troupe Haiku Night in Canada and is the past editor of the literary journals Event and Prism International.

Enter the Chrysanthemum
FIONA TEMPLE LAM, BFA', MFA'94
Carson Press, $16.95
Fiona Temple Lam’s latest poetry collection, Enter the Chrysanthemum, is a beautifully startlingly honest examination of family and relationships. The opening poem, Chrysanthemum, is a bold look at the insecurity of a child.

My favorite of her paintings was of chrysanthemums…

If only I had been paper, a delicate, upturned face-struck with such precise tenderness.

This longing for parental affection is echoed in House, where she reflects on the emotional repercussions of divorce. In it, she uses a gingerbread family as a symbol of a boy’s shattered sense of family.

This year, the house is smaller.
My son’s a gingerheaded self, a dad, a mom—all burnt.
We eat them, cut new ones from the spare roof, and bake again, his father and I lying chastely on the sheet…

Throughout the collection, the chrysanthemum appears repeatedly as a symbol of stability and connection between generations. The most notable reappearance is in Chrysanthemum Tea, where the flower acts as a curative bond between a mother and daughter.

As a child, I marvelled. Flowers I could drink…

Pale gold when my mother dispensed it to quell a fever or aching throat.

Lam’s simple yet searing lyrically-driven poems portray slices of life that reveal hidden truths about our relationships and the important role that family plays in our personal development. Her clear and intimate style makes it easy to relate to her work.

Out of Hungary
New Star Books, $19.00
MARGARETHA FOGL, MA’78

Other Alumni Books
THE BRITS
New Star Books, $19.00
MICHAELE TREBOGLER, MFA’78

STRANGER WYCOTT’S PLACE:
Stories from the Cariboo-Chilcotin
New Star Books, $19.00
John Schreiber, BSc’66, MFA’78

Hitler’s Greatest Speeches
$24.95, $11.99
NATHAN S. GANAPATHI, BEd’73

THE SUMMER BETWEEN
Harbour Publishing, $17.95
ANDREW BINKS, BEd’87

BUBBLE HOMES AND FISH FARTS
Charlesbridge, $13.95
Rosa Bayrock, BEd’94

WOODSTOCK RISING
Random, $21.99
Tom Wayman, BEd’66

TRAGEDY AT SECOND NARROWS
Harbour Publishing, $32.95
On June 17, 1958, the bridge under construction across Vancouver’s Second Narrows collapsed into Burrard Inlet, killing eighteen workers. As dramatic images of broken bridge-spans tilting into the sea appeared in the media, people began asking how a construction project using the most modern engineering and materials available could possibly suffer such a catastrophic failure.

In Tragedy at Second Narrows, Eric Jamieson examines the story of the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge collapse in the form of a gripping narrative involving local politicians, construction bosses, engineers and the ironworkers themselves. With fascinating archival images to complement the story, the book provides an engaging look at the worst industrial accident in Vancouver’s history.
Men’s Basketball

Expectations run high for this season’s T-Birds. After a second place finish in last year’s CIS finals, the team has added some talented recruits to a strong group of returning players. Among the key returnees is Canada West all-star Josh Whyte, who averaged 13.8 points per game and was fourth in Canada West with 4.9 assists during the 2008-09 season. Three-point specialist Blain Lalраницhe and 2008-09 rebounding leader Brent Malish are also among the familiar faces that will stay in this year’s line-up. The most highly-touted of UBC’s 2009 fall 2009 fall 2009 fall 2009 fall 2009 rookies is 6’11” Kamar Burke, who averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds per game at River East Collegiate in Winnipeg. Another name to keep tabs on is Cameron Burke. A transfer from Thompson Rivers University, he led the Wolfpack with 15.5 points, 8.2 totals. In the absence of Conal Evans, last year’s points-per-game leader, Zara Huntley, the highest-scoring returning player, will figure prominently in UBC’s quest for success. Huntley played with Team Canada at the 2009 FISU Games in Belgrade and is continuing to develop into an dominant offensive force in the paint. Also helping bolster the T-birds will be Devin Liason, who should have an improved 2009-10 campaign after an injured ACL diminished her output last year. Alex Vieweg is another Thunderbird coming off an injury-plagued season and if she is able to stay healthy, her contributions will be noticeable. Vieweg and Liason are also expected to be among the leaders on this young team that features just one fifth-year senior in Candace Morisset.

Women’s Basketball

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Send your behind-the-curtains scoop to Vanessa Clarke, and we’ll publish the best stories in the spring issue of Trek Magazine.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald B. Rix, Ph.D.

Dr. Don Rix was an icon and his passing leaves a huge void in the community and sorrow in many hearts. A visionary, entrepreneur, philanthropist, business leader, tireless community volunteer, mentor, consumer advocate, corporate citizen, devoted husband and father, Don was—at the core—a physician and healer.

Born in Timmins, ON, in 1933, Don grew up in nearby London, where he attended London South Collegiate High School, followed by the University of Western Ontario, where he obtained his BSc in 1953 and his MD in 1957. Don moved to Vancouver in 1958 to intern at the Vancouver General Hospital. Following his internship, he worked with Alan Wadie, practicing family medicine in North Vancouver for five years.

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Syd was born in England in 1909 and came to Canada in 1928. He spent more than 70 years working as an architect in British Columbia. Throughout his career, he worked on projects that ranged from small residential homes to large commercial buildings. He was a member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, and a recipient of the Honourary Award from the Architectural Institute of British Columbia. Syd's association with UBC began with his friendship with Emily Carr, who was a professor at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. Last year, he was presented with an Honorary Alumnius Award at the UBC Alumni Achievement Awards. For many of those in attendance, his witty and memorable speech was the highlight of the evening.

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IRINE GRACE SCOTT Bl24
Irene Grace Scott (née Elgie) passed over just after her 97th birthday on July 4, 2009. Irene was born in Davidson, SK, but lived most of her life in BC. She will be remembered with much warmth and affection. She was a devoted mother to her children, Peter and Jayne, and a loving grandmother to her grandchildren, Isabella and Max. Irene enjoyed reading, playing bridge, and spending time with her family and friends.

Joseph Roy Pogson
Roy was an excellent student, passing through high school quickly and, after completing Grade 13, continuing on to UBC. He thoroughly enjoyed attending university and earned a degree in electrical engineering. After his job in his professional career was with BC Electric in Victoria. After a short time there, he enrolled in the RCA. He was posted to Vernon, Moncton, Ottawa, Brandon, and Grant Britain. After the war ended in 1945, Roy returned to BC Electric/BC Hydro where he worked until his retirement in June 1974.

Joe Roy Pogson was a valued member of the UBC community, and his generosity has helped more than 55 students in the landscape architecture program. His lifetime contributions to the endowment for this scholarship total more than $500,000, which provided funding for four students in the landscape architecture program. His historical contributions to the endowment for this scholarship total more than $500,000, and his generosity has helped more than 55 students achieve their goals of becoming landscape architects.

The landscape architecture program, the Faculty of Applied Science, and the university would like to extend their deep regrets and condolences to Syd's family. Syd was a valued member of the UBC community, and his friendship will be very greatly missed.

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Mac Harris was born and raised in Melville, SK. At 18, he pursued his dream at UBC. His first job upon graduating was with Public Works. He married the love of his life, Loraine, on April 6, 1951.

In 1959, Ken moved her family across Canada to Fort William to take a promotion with the Greater Water Levels Board of Canada to survey Lake Superior. On finishing this project, he moved to Ottawa in 1957 to work with Public Works and retired from Environment Canada in 1984. Curling and golf were his sports. His greatest joy was his cottage on Calabogie Lake. Ken passed away on March 5, 2009.

**Mackenzie Charles “Mac” Morris**

Mac passed away after a brief illness, peacefully and with dignity, with his family at his side on January 25, 2009, at Lion’s Gate Hospital. Mac was born June 2, 1945, in Silverton, BC, and raised in Nelson. During WWII he served as a pilot in the RCAF and the RNVR Hart Air Arm. He returned to Canada graduating from UBC with a degree in forest engineering.

During his undergraduate years at UBC he worked in sawmills, logging camps and at timber cruising throughout BC. He had a long and distinguished railroad career spanning 20 years with Canadian Pacific Railroad and 20 years with PCER/CRL.

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Sonia joined the staff at the BC Institute of Technology in the 1960s. Concurrently, she completed her master’s degree in education. Sonia would remain at BCTC for the rest of her working life, ending her career as head of the Health Administration Program. In 1976, she married David L. Watkins, a marriage that would last until his death in 1993.

Sonia had a passion for travel. She returned annually to England in the years after her mother’s death, to care for her father. While there, she tried to find a bit of time to explore – to bicycle in Scotland, or visit the Lake District. After her father’s death in the mid-80s Sonia was able to indulge her passion. She travelled to India, China, Cambodia (an uneasy experience), South Africa, Egypt (she loved the desert heat), the Middle East, Turkey, Greece, Libya, Tunisia, and Australia, as well as the European countries. In between these adventures, she sought warmth in Hawaii and Mexico.

Sonia loved the opera, and was a regular attendee of Vancouver Opera for many years. Whenever possible, she would travel to see rarely performed operas at festivals around the world – Glyndebourne, Glimmerglass, London, Berlin, Wexford.... She enjoyed numerous trips to San Francisco, Seattle, New York, and Victoria with the Vancouver Opera Guild and the Opera Club. She was able to visit Bayreuth for the Wagner Festival in 2006. Her opera activities extended to working for the Guild and the Opera Club in many volunteer capacities.

Sonia brought her condominium in 1975, and would live there until her death. She served on many terms on the strata council, and later worked as a volunteer for the Condominium Home Owners Association.

Sonia had a love of fine cooking and wine. She was an excellent and adventurous cook, and many friends have been treated to delicious meals and wine.

GERALD PODERSKY-CANNON B’70, M’79

Gerry was always active in his community and its political life as chair of the UBC Alma Mater Special Events Committee and member of the UBC Alumni Association board, UBC Senate, various federal Liberal Party policy development committees, the board of the internationally renowned Kinross Dance Troupe, the Canadian Club and the Canadian Council of Africa.

Gerry developed a worldwide network of friends from experiences in England, Canada and Africa (including the Yukon and Tanzania), and from his varied business relationships at Vancouver Cey Hall, the film industry, Pricewaterhouse Cooper, BC Hydro, Lightwave Medical Industries, Spectrum, Nancian Interna
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To his children, he was a mentor, role model, man of inspiration and loving father. To his mates, he was everything: business partner, friend, lover, husband, and soul mate. He may be gone but will never be forgotten. There will only be one Gerry Podersky-Cannon.

PAUL LEROY ROPELLE 54’BPV

Paul had a shining personality and special ability to connect and impart meaning to the student for whom learning came easily, despite a less-than-perfect attendance record. “Teach me the course in 15 minutes,” he would say at exam time to a boyhood friend and fellow cadet.

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