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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR STUDENT BUILDING

We hope that the next Alumni News will carry word of the sod-turning for the student building. The \$330,000.00 contract was awarded April 1 to Warner Construction Co., of Dauphin, and construction is expected to start immediately.

Financial difficulties have occasioned considerable planning delay, but the need for a student gymnasium has become so pressing that its beginning will be based on a sizable loan, a measure which we had hoped would not be necessary.

Alumni members individually have been very generous in supporting this project. To date, however, less than 15% have responded to the request which was mailed well over a year ago. Perhaps this note will serve as a reminder to those whose good intentions have been delayed. Each student is honouring his commitment of \$10 per year — Can we do less?

AUDITORIUM FOR COLLEGE CAMPUS

The Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Legislature on February 6 announced that a special centennial project would be developed at Brandon with the general oversight of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation.

On February 11 the Corporation announced that the project would be construction of an auditorium on the Brandon College campus. For this purpose a grant of \$300,000 would be available, half federal money, half provincial, on condition that the City of Brandon contribute at least \$150,000. Later the Corporation revealed that the architects for the building would be Ward and Macdonald Associates. These are the same architects, as it happens, that planned the College Music Building and Ladies' Residence. The College Board of Directors meanwhile have specifically offered the site on the northwest corner of the campus (Corner of Princess and Twentieth Street) adjoining the Music Building.

The City of Brandon, like other municipalities in Manitoba, is empowered by provincial statute to levy a one-mill assessment per year (some \$30,000) from now until 1970 for centennial projects. City Council has informed the government that its main centennial project is to be an auditorium.

ARTS AND SCIENCE COURSE STRUCTURE CHANGED

Beginning in the fall of 1964, First Year Arts and Science at Brandon College will no longer equate to Grade XII. In line with changes at the University of Manitoba, Senior Matriculation will be the standard entrance requirement, and

course work formerly taken in Second Year will be First Year, with Third Year becoming the final year.

Together with this change come new course patterns, providing for one major area of study and one minor area, plus seven optional courses taken over the three-year period.

Additional faculty members have been engaged over the past two years in preparation for this curriculum change, so that new courses for major and minor selections can be provided in each department.

Alumni, and particularly those who are counselling young people, may be interested in writing for a brochure recently published by the College. It describes the courses offered in Arts and Science, Music and Education; lists important dates at the College for 1964 and provides a pictorial tour of the Brandon College campus.

BACCALAUREATE

Included in the procession at Brandon College's annual Baccalaureate Service this year were more than 100 graduands in Arts, Science and Education.

The service was held in Knox United Church on Sunday, March 15. Baccalaureate guest minister was Prof. J. Weldon Grant, a member of the Brandon College Department of English.

CHEMISTRY RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

A \$2000 grant from the National Research Council of Canada has enabled Professors Walter Rodewald and Robin T. B. Rye to undertake research in the decarboxylation of substituted salicylic acids in resorcinol solution. A special laboratory has been set up in the basement of the Administration building, and it is hoped that this is but the beginning of such work in Brandon College's Department of Chemistry.

ORAL FRENCH

Summer of 1964 will again see special classes in Oral French offered at Brandon College, this year at both beginners' and advanced levels.

Based on the Chilton-Didier audio-visual language course, "Voix et Images de France," the course will involve five to six hours of instruction daily, with a master teacher of this method in charge of the program. College residence and dining facilities will be open to the students, and spoken French will be encouraged at meals and in residence.

Each four-week course will provide three units of credit toward permanent certification by the Manitoba Department of Education.

SMITH GOES TO U. OF M.

A recent announcement from Winnipeg names Prof. W. D. Smith as Acting Head of the University of Manitoba Department of History, beginning 1964-65. A member of Brandon College's history department since 1948, Mr. Smith holds the M.A. degree from the University of Manitoba and in 1951 and 1952 pursued doctoral studies at the University of Toronto. A familiar figure in Brandon College halls, he has been honorary president to a number of classes and, more recently, to the Sigma Mu 'fraternity'.

WANTED — URGENTLY !

This is no idle 'whim'—It's a desperate plea! If you attended College in either of these years, won't you please cudgel your brain to think whether you might have a copy of the 1934-35 or 1942-43 Brandon College Calendar in your 'attic'. They are the only copies missing from the College files, and we would like very much to have a complete set of calendars bound for our records.

COLLEGE HOSTS MUSIC WORKSHOP

On January 24 and 25 the fourth annual Music Workshop was sponsored in Brandon by the Manitoba Music Educators' Association. Chairman of the Brandon Arrangements Committee since the inception of the workshops has been David Wilson '59.

This year featuring instruction and direction of the well-known Dr. Wilfred Pelletier of New York City and Dr. Harry

Wilson of Columbia University, the workshop was attended by participants from most of Manitoba's major communities and from points as distant as Saskatoon and Lethbridge.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Brandon College library is embarking upon the project to strengthen its collection of Canadian material in anticipation of the College's development to university status. Those "dusty old books" in the attics of Alumni News readers may contain the very items required for a university collection.

We are interested in the following specific types of Canadiana:—Scholarly books and pamphlets published in Canada, by Canadians, or about Canada. Such material would include outstanding speeches; pamphlets outlining the policies of various political and other interest groups at different stages of the country's development; travel guides which describe the physical development of the country; documents outlining the origin, development and policies of major Canadian organizations and institutions. Atlases and maps. Reports of surveys and exploration. Scholarly journals. Magazines which depict the growth of Canada. Publications of the federal and provincial governments. Works of literary merit by Canadian authors. Publications depicting the history and contribution of ethnic and religious groups.

It is desirable that material pertaining to western Manitoba should be the focal point of our collection. We are interested in all types of material except local newspapers, which space does not allow us to collect.

Strengthening of the College library in this respect will provide a study and research collection which will serve not only future students and faculty members, but all residents of western Manitoba. Contributions to this project will help to establish a western Manitoba resource centre for Canadian studies similar to such resource centres provided by university libraries in other parts of the country.

The College would, of course, have sole jurisdiction over any material which it accepts unless otherwise stated in the agreement of acceptance. Alumni who wish to contribute to this project should contact the undersigned.

E. M. McFADDEN,
Librarian, Brandon College.

MAJOR PRODUCTION TAKES CLASSIC THEME

The Brandon College Literary Board accepted a new challenge this year in presenting the Giraudoux fantasy 'Ondine'.

Miss Nina Kozakiewicz of Brandon triumphed as Ondine, the lovely mermaid venturing into the mortal world, and Philip Blain, originally from Winnipeg, played opposite her. The play was directed by Mrs. Sigrid Green, of Brandon, and represented a tremendous combination of the talents and enthusiasm of College and community.

STUDENT GROUP ENTERTAINS

A feature of student entertainment this year has been a remarkably professional group of folksingers. They've dubbed themselves the 'Minnesingers' and their final concert of folk songs from various countries and ages brought a capacity audience to the J. R. C. Evans Lecture Theatre, and encores until they could sing no more. Arts and Science students Carol Wolfe, Jim Simmons, Don McLaren, Cliff Olson and Lee Davies have, as a song-loving group, provided a real core of talent in College activities for 1963-64.

'63 GRADUATE VISITS CUBA

Dan Bjarnason '63 was one of three students from Carleton University's Journalism course, who spent three weeks at Christmas time on a combined vacation-assignment in Cuba. Asked for a short report for the Alumni News, Dan chose to place emphasis on the University in Havana.

HAVANA—The Cuban revolution is now stumbling into its fifth year; and for all the chaos and disorganization, the loyalty of the students doesn't appear to have diminished in the slightest.

Two new universities have been built at Santa Clara (in central Cuba) and at Santiago. The Universidad Habana simply hasn't room for its 15,000 students. Ali must study political economy (i.e. Marxism-Leninism). I met a graduate engineer who was refused his degree because he lacked an "adequate academic program."

The logic of this university policy is, of course, to insure the political loyalty of the next generation of leaders. And it appears to be working.

Cuban university students are possibly the most influential single group on the island. They give Fidel blind loyalty and absolute obedience. Fidel in return listens to what they have to say; a rare concession indeed from the Maximum Leader.

Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria (FEU), is the students council. It has had a left wing if not outright communist background since it was founded by Antonio Mella in the 1920's. Mella was assassinated in 1927 and is regarded as something of an intellectual martyr today. I was shown a room in which the walls were littered with photographs of scores of students who were killed by Batista's police. One student was actually machine gunned to death almost on the university steps in 1957.

The ancient campus, about two city

blocks long, is surrounded by high walls on which can still be read fading anti-Batista slogans. Universidad Habana was an active center of physical opposition to Batista; thus accounting for the loyalty of the university today to Fidel, an alumnus of '49.

Fidel has given FEU an adequate budget. The organization turns out a newspaper, several magazines; operates a foreign affairs department and a propaganda office; owns two automobiles; and sends students overseas.

FEU obtained for me a card to the university cafeteria, an interpreter, and an interview with the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

They had organized a tour of the island for some visiting Latin American students and offered to let me join the group. In most cases all FEU seemed to require was a letter or a phone call to get what they wanted.

Most students belong to the militia. Student leaders, even co-eds, wear olive-green fatigues with bulky pistols strapped to their waists.

They of course take every opportunity to smother the visitor in propaganda. Skillful in debate, they are dogmatic and unyielding. Despite their monomania, however, they are friendly and polite. They show a genuine fondness for Canada and are eager to listen to any defense of our political system.

It would appear that anyone who is going to turn against the regime has done it by now. Rationing and short-

ages could probably get more severe without further discontent.

Everyone is eager to sacrifice. One entire graduating class in Commerce joined the merchant marine because Fidel hinted that the revolution didn't need their particular talents for another two years.

No doubt students obtain filtered information, and class discussions are channelled along proper lines. There is freedom to disagree in theory; but over the long run the individual gets swallowed up in the mass hysteria.

It's easy to be smugly cynical about the so-called "education" Cubans are getting under the Castro government; but the menace remains. Cuba is exporting revolution and Universidad Habana is processing the raw material.

ATTENTION, CLASS '39

Replies to letters sent out by Don MacKay indicate that Class '39 members are showing keen interest in a reunion.

The concensus of opinion seems to be that, since the classes are small, as many as possible of Class '39 should attend the Alumni activities this May and form a committee to plan the 'grand reunion' of Classes '39 and '40 for 1965.

B.C. IN CALGARY . . .

The Calgary branch of the Brandon College Alumni association held a social evening February 6 at Imperial Bowl in Calgary. There were 28 present and everyone enjoyed an hour's bowling before sitting down to dinner in the banquet room. Following dinner Ron Bell gave a short informative talk on the new music building at Brandon College. Five of the men modelled spring hats which any enterprising woman could manufacture from their kitchen equipment. Models were Leon Price, Jack Muir, Bill Black, Ken Campbell and John McCamis, with Ernie Shaw as narrator. The evening ended with dancing to records.

ROVING REPORTER

When publishing Maria Nelson's contribution to the November issue of the Alumni News, we didn't dare to hope she would steer her magic carpet to the West Coast. But she has done so, and has very generously acceded to our request for 'Chapter Two' for the Alumni News. We're pleased to introduce another visit from Maria (Grant) Nelson '25:

Among the Brandon College people Wesley and I saw on our trip west during the winter were:

Elizabeth Greig McLeod '20, who still finds life a great deal of fun, and has not allowed the status of Grandmother to subdue her contagious laugh. She and her husband 'Mac' are unabashed boosters of their home city, Edmonton.

Reita Bambridge Sparling '18 who has lived for the last five years in Victoria, B.C., where her husband is a minister in the United Church. They look forward to retirement in June, in Victoria, naturally. Reita lives an active life in the church and in the community, occasionally taking time out to fly to Winnipeg and Hamilton where she assumes the role of proud grandmother.

Bess Wolverton, Acad. '20 — At Deep Cove, a beautiful bay about six miles from Sidney we visited with Bess, who has retired on lovely Vancouver Island after a nursing career in Vancouver. She lives in a comfortable duplex which looks out over the bay. In the other half of the duplex live:

Jaspar Wolverton '15 and his wife Christine. When Jap, an electrical engineer with Consolidated Mining and Smelting at Kimberley, retired a short time ago, he came to the Island and built the duplex in one of the most picturesque spots we saw in our travels. I think they are going to hate to have to go to heaven.

Lillian Edmison Beaubier '24 and **George** are among the landed gentry at Chemainus. George is personnel manager with MacMillan Bloedel and Lillian teaches. Their two sons are at U.B.C. Lillian is as beautiful and charming as she was at college. She made me sorry that I had been such a gourmand during the last thirty years! George and Lillian enjoy as neighbours **John** and **Alexe Ferguson MacNaughten** who are making quite an impact on the cultural life of the Chemainus - Ladysmith community where John is the editor and publisher of the local paper and Alexe is his capable assistant. We regretted not seeing them.

In Victoria I talked by phone with **Marion Thomson Edmison '36** and was

glad to learn that she reads the Alumni News with enthusiasm. Every one seems happy to get the 'News'. It would be a great help to our busy editor if you would keep her posted on what's new.

During our stay in Vancouver I visited by phone with **Tena Turnbull Stone '19**. She and Kelly have established their home in White Rock since Kelly's retirement from full-time service in the ministry. I imagine retirement is only a word as far as Kelly is concerned.

Dr. Jane Turnbull '15 has been over two months in hospital in New Westminster. She is recovering from an accident in her suite in White Rock, where she fell before Christmas and broke her hip. I spent two delightful afternoons with her at the hospital. She is the same wonderful person that she was when she was the Honorary President of Class '25. She still blushes when she laughs and we seemed to laugh a good deal. She is such an interesting person. Her inquiring mind has explored many fields as she has read widely during the intervening years. She studied Spanish as her second language when she was working on her doctorate in French. She taught in Jamaica, in Newfoundland and in

Prince Edward Island. But I'm not going to tell you any more about her. Since we have returned home, **Florence Turnbull McGregor '29** (wife of our College Board President) has told me that Dr. Jane has had to have a second operation on her hip, so I hope all those who know and love her will write her at the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, B.C., where she will be staying for some time yet.

Florence Kennedy Sheane '22 — Anyone who is in Calgary and doesn't get in touch with Florence is missing a happy experience. Florence is the soul of hospitality, and if you have been to Brandon your welcome is really special.

Catherine Nelson Los '53 — Last but not least, we spent Christmas in Calgary with Catherine and Walter and their sons Gregory and Grant. We are hoping that in about 12 years these two young men of tomorrow will be enrolling as freshmen in the University of Brandon. Who knows?

Well, enough is enough — Now you know why they call the winds

MARIA.

WITH THE GRADUATES

— **Corday (Mackay) Atkinson '20** writes from Chilliwack, B.C., where she and her husband, who edits an advertising paper, have moved from White Rock.

— **Kay (Condell) Batho '27** of Vancouver tells in her Christmas letter of exciting events in the Batho family. In autumn of 1962 **Dr. Harold '26** co-chaired the Physics programme for the World Congress of Radiology in Montreal 1963 saw the Bathos in South America, where Harold spent six weeks in Lima, Peru, as a consultant to the cancer clinic and hospital. Kay and son Gerry were free to sight-see in Peru, and were very much impressed by the variations of culture and social conditions observed

— **R. Campbell McNeil '30**, Commercial Manager of the Canadian Electrical Manufacturers' Association was one of fifteen members of the Canadian Appliances and Housewares Trade Mission to the West Indies, October 26 to November 14, 1963. Object of the mission was to introduce various Canadian goods and ascertain which products are needed to further improve the West Indies and Canadian trade relationship.

— **Dorothy (Webb) McDowell '33** and **Herb '33** stopped for a short chat at the annual Banquet for the Graduates, at which their daughter, Eleanor, was a graduand. Herb hastened to point out that there are three 'next generation' McDowells attending the College this year, and to grant 'honourable mention' to **Alys (Hunter) Robertson '33** and **Mel**, whose twin daughters are students at Brandon College.

— **Ella (Barnecut) Showalter '32** writes from Calgary, where she and her husband have been living for nearly six years. Their daughter Kathleen, who graduated in Honours Modern Languages from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, last spring, is attending the University of Strasbourg on a French Government bursary.

— **Helen (Pattison) Welliver '37** and her husband have taken up residence in Lac la Biche, Alberta, where her husband has been appointed magistrate.

— **Art McMurdo '49** of Prince Albert has been appointed to the position of Provincial Judge for Saskatchewan.

— **Art Mantell '54** and family have moved to Ottawa where Art is reporter for the Ottawa Journal.

— **Allen Hattie '55** is now Chemist at the Manitoba Hydro's power plant in Brandon.

— **Joan '53** and **Jack Meyers '53** have moved from Winnipeg to Toronto, where Jack has been transferred by his Company.

— **Heather (Stewart) Coates '58** and **Fred** have made their home in Vancouver, where Heather's 'spare' time is taken up teaching in West Vancouver.

— The Great West Life Insurance company has announced promotion of **Laurie Craddock '56** to agency assistant in the agency division office.

— Ed Gillespie '60 has been transferred to Winnipeg where he is Chief Chemist for the Manitoba Hydro.

— Penny Smith '61, social worker, is now in Timmins, Ontario.

— Martha Smith '62 writes from Deep River, Ontario, where she is working at Atomic Energy of Canada, presently working on a genetic study of British Columbia.

— David Bertram '63 was one of a group of T. Eaton Company interviewers who came this spring to interview Brandon College graduands as prospective employees.

— A number of Brandon College graduates in Calgary were pleased to have a visit with Mrs. R. Darrach, former lady dean at the College, when she visited that city during the Christmas season.

— A few of the Alumni visitors who were at the College during the Christmas vacation included: Barbara (Ricketts) Yaeger '35 from Calgary; Don Axford '63 of Vancouver; Craig Ferguson '50 of Kingston; Donna McPhail '52 of Edmonton; Barry McLennan '60 of Edmonton; Dianne (McDonald) McKinnon '53 and Paul '52 of Dawson Creek and Jim Struthers '53 from Regina.

MARRIAGES

Frances Elizabeth Worthy to John Easter '59 December 14, 1963 at Victoria, British Columbia. John is Principal of the Community Secondary Grammar School in Ugep, Eastern Nigeria.

Elaine Westcott TTC '62 to Robert Moore August 29, 1963, living in Columbus, Ohio.

BIRTHS

To Lorraine (Benson) Kaczar '57 and Richard a son, Stephen Richard, November 12, 1963 in Vancouver.

To Jean and Norval Brown Ed. '61 a daughter, Julie Maureen, November 28, 1963 in Brandon.

To Lois (Dickey) Daley '48 and Gordon '47 a son, Mark Douglas, October 27, 1963 in Swan River, Manitoba.

To Lorna and Allan Robertson '61 a daughter, Kimberly Gail, May 28, 1963. Allan is teaching in Hamiota.

To Louise and Mike Yakimishyn '59 a daughter, Michelle Louise, December 6, 1963. Residing at Inglis, Manitoba.

To Joan '56 and Jack Meyers '55 a daughter, Karen Ann, September 9, 1963 in Winnipeg.

To Ruth (Mitchell) Strang B.Paed. '57 and George '53 a son, Gavin Bruce, December 9, 1963 in Brnadon.

To Shirley and Ed Gillespie '60 a son, James Vincent on October 14, 1963 in Brandon.

To Evelyn and Gerald Jerrett '51 a second daughter, Shereen Olive on August 28, 1963 in Winnipeg.

To Margaret (Young) Borotsik '62 and Ron '63 a daughter Kimberly Ann on January 2, 1964 in Brandon.

To Elaine (Fraser) Rust '58 and Carman '59 a son, Lenton John, February 15, 1964 in Winnipeg.

To Joan '64 and Brian Foster '63 a daughter, Laura Joan on February 18, 1964 in Brandon.

To Cecilia (Andreychuk) Rocen '62 and George a son, Christopher, February 24, 1964 at Esterhazy.

To Joyce Marie (Thordarson) Glendenning '53 and Bob a daughter, March 29, 1964 in Winnipeg.

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News items and articles from our members will be most welcome.

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