

MacMillan Gives UBC \$7,200,000

Grant Termed 'Most Generous'

By RICHARD BLAIR (THE UBYSSEY)

Lumber magnate H. R. MacMillan's \$7.2 million gift to UBC will put the university on par with U.S. ivy league colleges, president John Macdonald said Wednesday.

MacMillan announced Wednesday a \$3 million grant to the UBC Library which, with interest earnings over a 10-year period, will total close to \$4 million. The money will come from MacMillan's personal resources.

Money for postgraduate fellowships totalling \$3.2 million over 20 years will come from the MacMillan Family Fund.

"These fellowships will put us into competition with the top U.S. colleges such as Yale," said Macdonald.

In addition, Union College and the Anglican Theological College each receive \$1 million endowment funds from MacMillan personally.

The \$3 million gift to the Library will provide \$300,000 a year for 10 years to supplement the operating budget for books and periodicals.

The fellowships for PhD students will provide \$3,200 a year for up to three years for each student and will be renewable each year depending on performance.

\$500 FOR OVERHEAD

UBC will receive \$500 a year for each fellowship for overhead and essential travel.

Macdonald said: "I believe these are the most generous gifts ever made to graduate education in Canada.

"Our first priority is to increase the number of our graduate and post-BA professional students from 2,099 at present to 5,500 by 1973."

He said the 1,300 graduate students at UBC receive an average of about \$1,000 each and the U.S. average is about \$3,000 a graduate student.

"The library gift will provide tremendous impetus to our graduate program by

strengthening our ability to provide library resources essential for research work and advanced study," he said.

TWO MILLION BOOKS

"The present 700,000 volumes will rise to two million volumes by 1975 to make our library the best in Canada. These facilities are crucial for attracting top-flight faculty and graduate students," said Macdonald.

The endowment funds for the two protestant colleges will be used for research, scholarship and training.

Staff members will be given opportunities for travel and study, visiting lecturers will be brought to campus and refresher courses will be offered to B.C. clergymen.

The first 15 H. R. MacMillan fellowships will be available in September. By September 1967, there will be 45 fellowships available, including renewals, and the same number including renewals for the next 17 years.

Applicants can come from any university, but must be Canadian citizens. The fellowships can be used only at UBC and each applicant must undertake to remain in Canada for a reasonable time after completing a PhD program, provided he is offered a satisfactory position.

High School Visits Continue

This month ten teams consisting of one male and one female student from the University of New Brunswick, are visiting selected high schools in the Fredericton and Saint John areas with the principle aim of encouraging more students to continue their education after leaving Grade XII.

During the course of a planned one hour program, high school pupils will hear talks from both members of the team concerning academic and financial problems and their possible solutions.

The present program, which is designed to reduce the student-peer relation to a minimum, is to answer all questions, both major and minor which might perplex the prospective University students.

Mr. Frank Lipsett, Chairman of the High School Visitation Program, believes that the full benefits of the scheme will be achieved as a result of the "student to student" relationship. Mr. Lipsett explained: "At the present time, most of the prospective students eligible to go to University have their questions answered by either a professor from the college or by their teachers; as a consequence, some questions go unanswered because of a student's fear of being embarrassed".

Mr. Lipsett stressed that these college students are not selling their respective institutions, rather, they are giving to the high school pupil a general and comprehensible picture of the present college situation in Canada.

The Visitation Program was inspired and aided by information from the Canadian Union of Students, and is being carried out under the auspices of the U.N.B. Students' Representative Council.

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we want to find out what we can get out of the organization before we make any rash decisions." He said the new editor of that paper had stronger feelings about withdrawal.

At UNB, newspaper officials of the Brunswickan had this to say: "CUP acts as a binding force within the nation, but since the French papers withdrew this function has deteriorated. It is still the best source of inter-campus communication, however, and it wouldn't be good to break off for that reason. We don't want to be taken over by the American press. We agree that a study should be made by these two competent people to see just where we stand."

The full report will be made public before the Regional Conference in Halifax next fall.

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