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Department of Physics

Wednesday, April 27 Room 3003 3.30 p.m.

Speaker: Professor T.R. Koehler, IBM Research Laboratories, San Jose, California. Topic: "Theory of the Self-Consistent Harmonic Approximation".

Department of Modern Languages

Dr. Bursill-Hall is one of the official Canadian delegates to the 7th International Conference of Second Language Learning in Quebec, from April 19-25.

Department of English

Dr. Candelaria attended the Northwest Manuscript Conference at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, from April 14-16.

NEWS

A bronze plaque in honour of Chancellor Gordon Merritt Shrum has been presented to Simon Fraser University by the Austrian Consul General in Vancouver. The plaque will have in the centre a bronze relief in the likeness of the Chancellor and when completed will be set up at a suitable place within the University.

The artist of the plaque is Professor Hanisch-Consée, an Austrian who has done similar work for two Popes, de Valera, Churchill, Ataturk and several other European men of history.

The Austrian Consul General is also presenting a medal which will carry a likeness of the head of Simon Fraser and will be awarded in connection with a University Scholarship. Artist, Professor Hanisch-Consée, has also made the plaster mold of the medal.

"I am delighted at this unexpected recognition by the Austrian Consulate and pleased that such a gifted and distinguished artist was engaged to execute the plaque and the medal," said Chancellor Shrum. (Released to the Press: April 18)

"I am concerned that the public may be mislead by the many statements that have been made recently regarding government grants. I join with President Taylor of the University of Victoria in expressing our appreciation to Minister Peterson and the government for the substantial grants they have given and this recognition of the importance of higher education.

Dr. Macdonald, if quoted correctly, has unfortunately overlooked a key factor brought out clearly in the Bladen Commission report on financing higher education in Canada that new universities have substantial emergent costs (make ready costs) such as the equipping of new undergraduate teaching laboratories. When these costs are separated out in our total operating budget, the remainder is comparable to the situation at mature universities. With two institutions, U.B.C. and Simon Fraser University, so different in age and size, it is important that comparisons be made that are meaningful. We each have faculties of Arts, Science and Education and when emergent costs are separated out, our actual academic teaching costs in these three faculties are \$827 per student. Equivalent U. B. C. costs are over \$1,000. Our total budget requirements therefore reflect these very competitive teaching costs plus the emergent costs of starting a new university. I am sure that the University of Victoria similarly has emergent costs that must have a real effect on their budget."

P. D. McTaggart-Cowan

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