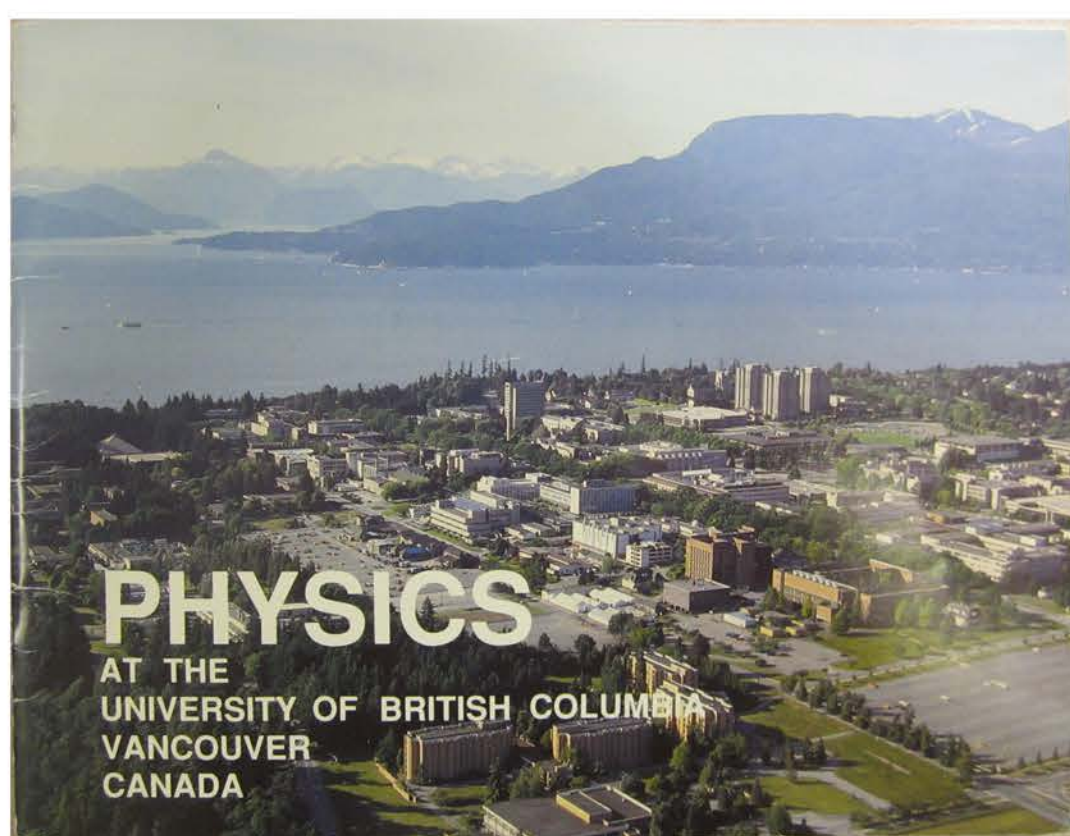


UBC Physics in 1989

Before the World Wide Web became the go-to place for department information, the Department of Physics produced 50-page recruitment brochures. The brochure includes information about faculty members' research as well as facilities available. Much effort was put into making these brochures - including a large number of photos taken.



The 1989 brochure was produced by Douglas Beder and Srba Kronic.

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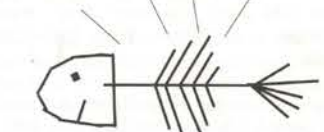
- ◆ You won't find many astronomers in this brochure. The Department of Astronomy did not merge with the Department of Physics until 1996. Prior to that, most astronomers worked in the Department of Geophysics & Astronomy.
- ◆ At the time, UBC had an enrollment of 27,000 full-time students, including 4,000 graduate students. Currently (2014), UBC has 41,500 full-time students, including 9,900 graduate students.
- ◆ "Excellent computing facilities are provided by the UBC Computing Centre, which operates a 48-megabyte [RAM] Amdahl 5860 with an attached FPS 164 array processor." Compared to this room-sized mainframe computer, a typical personal computer nowadays has around 4GB of RAM.
- ◆ Here is a challenge for you - how many people can you recognize in the contact prints below?



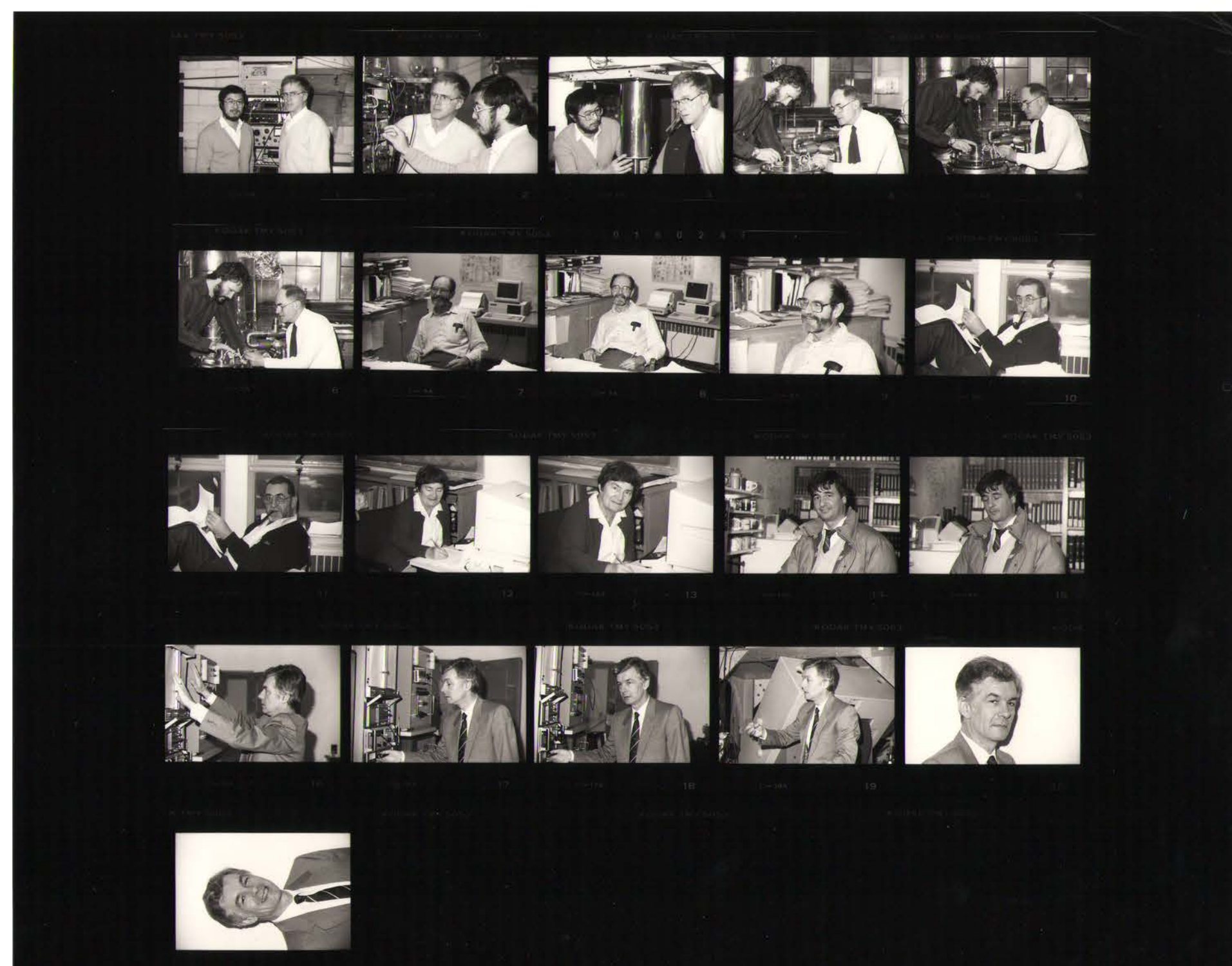
PETER W. MATTHEWS :

*Erstwhile involved in cool research,
To others now I leave the search,
Still unattained - Absolute Zero -
I leave it to some younger hero
To strive through deep and deeper freeze,
Aiming for lower and higher degrees!
Cast fears (and entropy) away
And reach for where it's all OK ...
(O Kelvin, we revere your Scale:
The Third Law, may it never fail !)*

*So with a plain and simple logic
I've turned to matters pedagogic
In course and program, lab and book
But Physics have I not forsook
With interest sound in things acoustic
Might toil with word-processor and glue-stick.*



A poem by Dr. Peter W. Matthews in the brochure.



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