Opening of the Hennings Building

A selection of pictures and articles, some from the December 12, 1947 issue of The Daily Ubsyssey, concurrent with the opening of UBC’s first physics building

Then: June 23, 1948

Now: February 13, 2013

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Gordon Shrum
Head of Physics Department 1938-1961

Modern Architecture Aids Study Of Physics At UBC

By Laurie Dyer

When officials of the Physics Department of UBC got together to design the Physics Building, they made sure that their new home was going to be as perfect as was humanly possible. Complete with all the new innovations that such a building would need, the Physics Building soon opened ready to welcome the physicists of the future.

UBC’s Van de Graaff Generator Housed In Impressive Building

By NANCE PENN

Contrary to common belief on the campus, it is not a cyclotron but a Van de Graaff generator that is going to be erected in the “atom lab” of the new Physics building.

Physicists at Work

George Volkoff and graduate student David Carter. The Ubsyssey article noted the growing importance of theoretical physics.

OPENING CEREMONY

Chancellor Eric Hamber and Premier John Hart opening the Hennings Building

Construction photograph of 1946 showing the location of lecture theatres. L-R: Hennings 202, 200 and 201.

In 1947 physics was still considered cool enough to be in use in marketing.

World Famous Scientists Work In UBC Physics Dept.

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