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.

In 1989...

- 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?

The 1989 brochure was produced by Douglas Beder and Srbu Kunic.

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

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