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BEVERLY (BEV) ROBERTSON

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Biographical Sketch: Beverly (Bev) Ellis Robertson was born on February 5, 1939 to parents John and Margaret Robertson in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. He married and raised two children with his wife Elaine. Bev attended the University of New Brunswick to study physics and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1961. His 1965 Masters degree in Science, and his Doctoral degree, obtained in 1967, were from McMaster University and a Post-doctoral Associate in Chemistry was attained from Cornell University in 1969.

Robertson's research interests included crystal structures analysis and the relation to the physical properties of inorganic compounds and materials, polymorphism, polytypism and phase transformations.

He joined the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus faculty in 1969 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics, was a member of the Canadian Association of Physicists for several years and was involved with revisions to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act.

On sabbatical in Germany at the Universität der Stuttgart in 1976/77, Bev began to appreciate a distinctive pale lager known as Dortmunder and the locally produced premium label, Pilseners, which was been produced in Pilsen, Czech Republic since 1842. It was on the family's return to Canada, around 1979, that Bev began to search out a source for a better tasting beer and as an alternative to what was being offered, Robertson started making his own full mash beer and with a group of friends, the "Bushwhacker Brewers", bottling up to 3,000 12 oz. bottles over the winter months.

From 1988 to 1992 Robertson was chairman of the Saskatchewan Health Research Board. In 1988 Robertson suggested to the Conservative government of the day that the province of Saskatchewan allow brewpubs. After government legislation and regulations were finalized, and more than one attempt at obtaining a license was made, Bev and his group were successful at obtaining one of them and on January 25, 1991 Bushwackers Brewpub in Regina's Old Warehouse District opened with Elaine Robertson as general manager. Bev's son Scott and daughter Kelly were on the team as well.

Dr. Robertson is also noted as being an Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret) of 38 Brigade Communications Regiment, Regina squadron. He was a member of the Canadian Association of Physicists and the Chemical Institute of Canada.

In 2014 Dr. Robertson became the founder of the Centre for Science and Public Policy within the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGSPP) with a gift of \$500,000 establishing two graduate fellowship scholarships.

Robertson became professor emeritus in 2003 and throughout his career published over 80 scientific and technical papers related to physics, chemistry, education, beer, hospitals, economics, the University and its role in the community, he also continued to publish papers until 2014. Bev Robertson passed away in November 2017.

Elizabeth Seitz, 2018
Edited by Scott Robertson

Sources: January 31, 2018:

<http://www.bushwacker.com/history.htm>

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/leaderpost/obituary.aspx?n=beverly-e-robertson&pid=187330573>

<http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/csip/about/our-people/bev-robertson.php>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/bev-robertson-bushwacker-obit-1.4419053>

Scope and Content: This collection measures 117 cm and includes 1 contact sheet and 32 photographs related to the personal life of Beverly (Bev) Robertson; a large group of physics research papers were included as were papers related to the donor's businesses outside of his University of Regina teaching and the Canadian Association of Physicists with which he was involved. They range in date from 1966 to 2017 however, predominantly from the 1990s.

Custodial History: These materials were donated to the Archives and Special Collections by Professor Robertson's son, Scott Robertson, in late December 2017.

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Related Accessions: Related accessions include 86-69, 89-46, 92-27 and 2016-36.

Agendas / Minutes / Briefing Material			
Box 1	File	American Physical Society	
	1	Meeting Arrangements (includes correspondence)	1996, 1997
		Canadian Association of Physicists	
	2	Annual General Meeting	June 28, 1994
	3	Annual General Meeting	June 14, 1995
		Board of Directors	
	4	Meeting	February 15, 16, 1997
		Council Committee	
	5	Meeting	June 25, 1994
	6	Meeting	June 29, 1994
	7	Meeting	October 15, 1994
	8	Meeting	March 25, 1995
	9	Meeting	November 11, 1995
	10	Meeting	March 23, 1996
	11	Meeting	June 19, 1996
	12	Meeting	November 16, 1996
	13	Meeting	March 22, 1997
	14	Old and New Council Meetings	1994 - 1995
	15	Engineering and Geoscience / Revision of Engineering Act	1994-1997
Executive Committee			
Box 2	16	Meeting	June 25, 1994
	17	Meeting	October 14, 1994
	18	Meeting	February 17, 1995
	19	Meeting	November 10, 1995
	20	Meeting	February 14, 1996
	21	Meeting	March 21, 22, 1996
	22	Meeting	June 15, 1996
	23	Meeting	September 17, 1996
	24	Meeting	September 18, 1996
	25	Meeting	November 14, 15, 1996
	26	Meeting	January 31, 1997
	27	Meeting	March 20, 21, 1997
	28	Meeting	June 7, 1997
		Physics Liaison Committee	
	29	Meeting	November 9, 1995
	30	School Achievement Indicators Program - Science Consultations	1994
		Science Policy Committee	
	31	Meeting	June 25, 1994
	32	Science and Technology Consortium Study	1992 - 1996
	33	Members Values Perspectives Study	July 1996
Box 3		Saskatchewan Science Center	
	34	1986	
	35	Clippings of Interest	
Computer Printouts			
	36	Introduction	n.d.
	37	N.R.C. Diffractometer Routine	May 1988
	38	TICPR SFLSXM	October 27, 1986

Correspondence

	39	Unfinished / Undated
	40	1967
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Financial Records

	National Science and Engineering Research Council	
70	Account Statement	1996

Forms

71	Polycrystal Book Service; German Canadian Club (blank)	
72	[Humor]	

Membership Directory

73	Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists / Canadian College of Physicists in Medicine	1997
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Newsletters

74	Canadian Association of University Teachers	May 1996, April 1977
75	Contact Volume 21, No 2	1996
76	Science Council of Canada	June 1979

		Papers (published and unpublished)	
	77	1/13	
	78	2/13	
Box 6	79	3/13	
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	89	13/13	
		Personal	
		Biographical / Health Information	
	90	Includes Robertson's resume, exercise sheet for shin splint injury, certificate from Cornell University	n.d., 1969
		Business Endeavors	
		Bushwackers Brewing Pub	2017
	91	Conference bag (Artifact #1) (black with white letters) "Association of Brewers, Craft Brewers Conference, Portland, Oregon"	2001
	92	Correspondence, Floor plan, and Bushwakker Picayune	1990
	93	Financial Statement (unaudited) to August 31, 2017)	
Closed	94	Head Brewer Position	1999
		Cathedral Corners Development	
	95	Cathedral Village Restaurant 1/3	2001-2003
	96	Cathedral Village Restaurant 2/3	2001-2003
	97	Cathedral Village Restaurant 3/3	2001-2003
	98	Strathdee Condominium Corporation	
	99	Woods Robertson Associates Inc. (letterhead)	n.d.
		Correspondence	
	100	Family - Mother, Father	n.d. 1968 -1970, 1972, 1975, 1978
		Notebooks	
Box 9	101	Crystallography Data	n.d.
	102	No title	n.d.
	103	Physics 300	n.d.
	104	Physics 420	n.d.
	105	Proposal in support of the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy	2014
		University of Regina	
	106	Exam – Final Exam Physics 100	April 1984
	107	Exam – Midterm Exam Physics 215	October 1979
	108	Grade Report – Physics 447	April 1981
	109	Grade Report – Physics 841	April 1981
	110	Memo regarding matters concerning the future of Regina Campus	n.d.
closed	111	Memos regarding Robertson's students	1990, 1991

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| 112 | Thesis – Draft: Wessell, Warren "Teacher Interaction and Student Knowledge Construction in High School Physics" | October 1996 |
| 113 | Travel Expense Claim Forms and Requisitions (includes correspondence) | n.d., 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1990 |