



# POWELL RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

## FONDS DESCRIPTION

<b>FONDS NUMBER</b>	126
<b>ACCESSION NUMBER</b>	
<b>TITLE</b>	Bela Gorgenyi
<b>DATE(S)</b>	1956-1961; 2007
<b>EXTENT</b>	3cm of textual material
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH</b>	<p>Bela Gorgenyi (1936?- ) was born in Hungary, attended primary and secondary school and was accepted into the Forest Faculty of Sopron University. The Hungarian Revolution started in 1956 and when the Russian tanks reached Sopron, 291 students and faculty escaped on foot to the Austrian border, five miles away. Canada's Immigration Minister, Ian Pickersgill, arranged for the entire forestry faculty and its students to be accepted by the University of British Columbia (UBC) Forestry school. Because there was no immediate space, arrangements were made by the Powell River Company manager, Russell Cooper, and the Member of Parliament for the area, James Sinclair, that the Sopron Forestry Faculty be housed in Powell River until such time that they could move to Vancouver. The students arrived in Powell River in January 1957, settled in the Riverside bunk houses and went on with their lessons, including learning English. The students moved to the UBC Forestry department in September 1957. In 1958, UBC established the "Bachelor of Forestry Equivalent to Okleveles Edromernok". In 1961 the last of the original group graduated from UBC and the University Sopron Memorial Fund was created.</p>
<b>CUSTODIAL HISTORY</b>	
<b>FONDS DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The fonds consists of research material done by Gorgenyi in formulating the history of the Forestry Faculty.</p> <p>Title based on provenance of fonds.</p> <p>Series: Manuscripts          Date(s): 1956-2007          Extent: 3cm of textual records</p> <p>The five manuscripts are divided into five headings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vancouver Varos Leveltaraban Keresgeltem:          [photocopied ] – compiled January 4, 2007</li> </ol> <p>Includes a memo to the Forestry Industry Committee on Sopron Forestry Faculty from G.S. Allen. Searching the ARCHIVES at UBC (1956-1982) and includes Sopron file</p>



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	<p>parts 1-4, Alma Mater Society files, Community Relations Box 30 and the N.A.M. McKenzie files.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Powell River, Our First Canadian Home (1956-1957) – compiled February 4, 2007</li> <li>3. Farwell to Powell River 1957 (1957) – compiled March 8, 2007</li> <li>4. UBC Archives – Senate – Minutes of Meetings. (1956-1976) – compiled April 2007</li> <li>5. BC Loggers' Association – Minutes of Meetings (1958) House of Commons Debates January 25, 1957; Sopron Division at UBC An Early Evaluation a thesis written by C. Kruybosch and submitted in July 1958; 'Talpra Magyar ' ... gyerteck haza! From a German and Austrian newspaper; Appendix B 1957. – compiled July 15, 2007</li> </ol> <p>Title based on contents of series.</p>
<b>NOTES</b>	