



*Professor Everett Stanley Farr (3rd from left) with students on the Castle's south balcony.
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VICTORIA COLLEGE

Victoria College moved into Craigdarroch in 1921. Hundreds of young men and women attended classes here. Many would later lead prominent careers in the arts and sciences.

Famed Haida artist Bill Reid left one of his earliest woodcarvings in the Castle paneling – his name! Pierre Berton wrote and illustrated for the student newspaper before becoming one of Canada's foremost author/historians. Frances O. Kelsey excelled in science and medicine. She would go on to win an Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service from U.S. President John F. Kennedy for blocking the release of the drug thalidomide into the U.S. market. It caused birth deformities in children of many countries.

Many of Victoria College's professors, like E.S. Farr, left lasting impressions on their students:

"To sit through his lectures was to enjoy hours of richly intellectual living. Mr. Farr just seemed to radiate pleasant cultural atmosphere. I can't remember that he ever cracked a joke. I can't recall that he ever roared with laughter. But an air of good humour always prevailed where he was."

Albert Charles Young (student 1929-31)