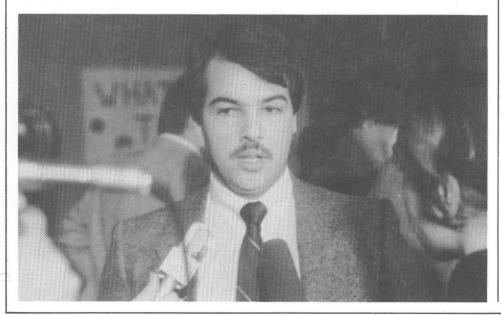
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Dialogue sought over coming weeks as Institute seeks to reduce impact of budget short fall

After Gordon Thom's speech last Friday we are now all aware of the severe problems facing BCIT in this coming year. With a predicted 10.7 per cent reduction in provincial government funding for the fiscal year beginning April, the shortfall facing us in dollar terms is approximately \$5,400,000.

Above, Staff Society president, Greg Layton makes a point during the Friday staff meeting on 1985/86 budget. Below, Student Association president, Don Rippon being interviewed by the press.



This consists of a reduction in the provincial government grant of \$3,473,000, an estimated \$1,500,000 in severance costs plus the \$375,000 deficit from the 1984/85 fiscal year.

Thom's five page statement clearly outlines the situation in terms of the magnitude of the shortfall, a summary of the major implications and a list of additional possible sources of revenue. The worst scenario picture of first year intake into certain programs being eliminated and up to 135 positions lost may well be modified over the coming weeks if these additional possible sources of revenue can be successfully tapped. Possible internal measures include the merging of day and night school contracts, tuition fee increases, renegotiated arrangements for funding educational leave, salary adjustments and deferments, based on the understanding that original levels would be restored after April, 1986. Thom was careful to stress in his statement that this is a great deal to ask in light of the salary freezes and rollbacks over the past three years. However, with institutions like SFU adjusting their salaries to prevent layoffs, it is not entirely a new idea.

Reducing the anticipated shortfall is now of key concern to everybody at BCIT and the doors are wide open for constructive solution-oriented debate. The administration and Board's continuing dialogue with the Ministry depends now, more than ever on the campus being perceived as unified in the single most important purpose in BCIT's 20 year history – to preserve programs and in the process hold on to the high reputation for quality we have always enjoyed.

Looking for Solutions (top of page 2)

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AN ATMOSPHERE OF WELL INFORMED OPEN DISCUSSION, GORDON THOM HAS JUST RELEASED THE DOCUMENT THAT PRECIPITATED THE MEETING LAST FRIDAY – THE 1985/86 GROSS OPERATING BUDGET, PLANS AND PRIORITIES ARRIVED AT BY THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. THE RANKED LIST OF FUNDING PRIORITIES ARRIVED AT DURING THE PPBA PROCESS WAS ATTACHED.

The document opens by explaining that this is the second consecutive year that BCIT's operating grant has been reduced based on formula funding grant distribution mechanism and the third year of reduction to the grant. In the wake of the reductions have come the severance costs and deficit, which are outlined in full detail.

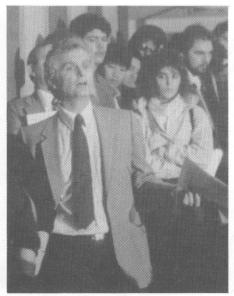
In a separate memo Gordon Thom calls all members of the campus community to forward suggestions to him before he makes his final recommendations to the Board of Governors in March:

"It is my hope that there will be an open, productive, consultative process during the next month so that my final recommendations reflect the best solutions we are able to collectively develop."



Pictures above and below show scenes from Friday's meeting.





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OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPUTER BASED EDUCA-TION HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO HENRY ARTHUR, DEAN, DIVI-SION OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT. NOT TO RON STERNE, DEAN, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, AS INCOR-RECTLY STATED IN THE JANU-ARY 25 ISSUE OF THE MES-SENGER, THE INTERIM DIREC-TOR OF CBE IS JEANNE MEISEN. NOW LOCATED IN TRAILER 1C. ROOM 101 - LOCAL 8803, WHO WELCOMES YOUR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON CBE.

The Computer Based Education Initial Planning Document, which recommended that a series of steps be taken to implement CBE successfully at BCIT, was released last Monday, February 4. Copies are available from the CBE Office, Trailer 1C, local 8817.

The first set of workshops organized by the CBE Office on the use of the TenCORE CAI authoring language were oversubscribed. Additional workshops have now been scheduled for Thursday, February 14, Friday, February 15, Thursday, February 21 and Friday, February 22 at 11:30 and 12:30 in room 2N 318. Reservations can be made through Burnie at local 8817.

The CBE Development Centre, 1A 294A, has just opened for business. Hours of operation will be posted on the door and are available by calling local 8817.



Trustees of the Cy and Emerald Keyes Foundation, Horace Harrison and David Dyke (2nd and 3rd from the right) with John Chapman, Mining '67, now V.P. Operations, Aurun Mines Ltd., (far right), John Fairley, Mining department head, (second left) and Gordon Doerksen. 2nd year Mining student.

Miner's will benefits BCIT students

The legacy of an "old style" mining entrepreneur and his wife has given a real boost to the fortunes of first and second year students in BCIT's Mining technology.

Cy (Cyril) Keyes made his fortune in various B.C. enterprises during the sixties and early seventies.

After a spell in a New Westminster orphanage, he worked on a farm and later became Brittania Mines' youngest employee. Diamond drilling was his first love and he was the owner of Pacific Diamond Drilling for many years. Later, as a Howe Street promoter he became involved in the promotion of mines like Silver City and Rolling Hills.

The bulk of Cy and Emerald Keyes' estate was left in trust in 1978, with income to be divided equally between charitable and educational projects. In 1983 BCIT's

Mining technology received \$35,000 for needy students after BCIT qualified as a charitable organization. The three trustees of the estate felt this donation was for a cause Cy and Emerald Keyes would have approved of

Last Friday, Mining students and Mining department head John Fairley gathered in the Food Training Centre dining room to show their appreciation to trustees Horace Harrison and David Dyke and explain how the money had been used. The third trustee, Ian Howard, was unable to attend.

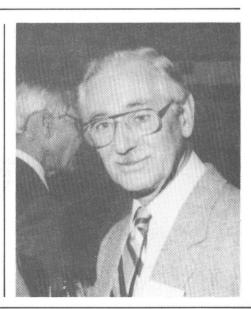
Jennifer Orum of Counselling described how a committee, formed to discuss the best way of disbursing the funds, had determined that \$19,000 be devoted to bursaries for needy students and \$16,000 for field trips. John Fairley later explained how valuable these field trips had been to the student's total educational experience and pointed out that although Mining was a little low on the totem pole it was hard to imagine industry without metals. "I would estimate that about 70 per cent of our grads are occupied in a short term or long term way in this field from last year's graduating class," he said

Horace Harrison, Cy Keyes' nephew, gave a short speech giving some background on his uncle's colourful career and applauding the quality of BCIT's graduates, three of whom he said he hired for his own company. David Dyke, the other trustee present, also spoke briefly and said he was most impressed with the quantity and quality of the students he saw.

After a break for refreshments, students showed the guests a slide-tape presentation of their field trip experiences.



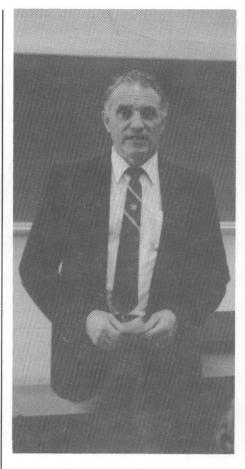
The picture on the right ran in the January 11 issue of the Messenger under a story about P.H. Stirling, a charter member of the Board of Governors. Unfortunately, our information about the identity of this picture was incorrect and this is in fact Dr. Ralph Patterson, first chairman of the Board of Governors. The real Mr. Stirling is pictured on the left. We apologise to both gentlemen for the error.



Visitors from Victoria

Several B.C. politicians visited the campus recently. Bob Skelly, Leader of the Opposition, dropped in on January 25, Tony Brummet, Minister of the Environment, came to speak to Fish Wildlife students on February 1 and Bob McLelland, Minister of Labour, was here on Monday, February 4. All visitors toured the campus and met informally with Gordon Thom. On the 22nd of this month Tom Siddon, Minister of State for Science and Technology will open the new technology centre.





Left, Bob Skelly, with students in the CAD/CAM lab. Above, Tony Brummet speaking to students in the Fish/Wild-life option of Forest Resource. Below, Bob McLelland is interviewed by a Broadcast Journalism student.



Broadcast gifts leave Lorne Greene "speechless"

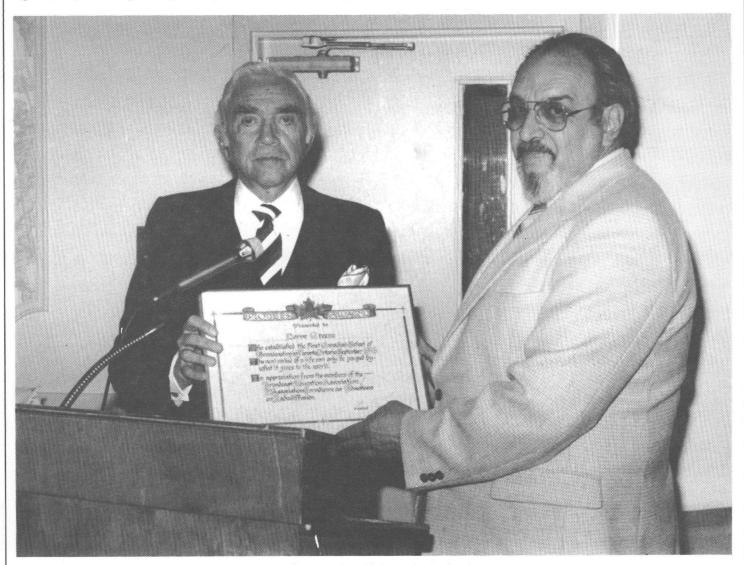
A presentation by BCIT's Lundy Sanderson to Lorne Greene rendered the famous television actor "speechless" January 25 during an annual broadcast event in Kitchener, Ontario.

Best known for his role as "Ben Cartwright" on the television series Bonanza and more recently in commercials for the Bank of B.C., Greene also played a major, but lesser known role as the founder of broadcast education back in Toronto in 1945.

The event was the annual student awards night held by Conestoga College's two year broadcast program. Sanderson was invited in his capacity as founder of the Broadcast Education Association, an organization affiliating broadcast educators and maintaining close links with industry. Sanderson presented Greene with a Pioneer Award, designed by BCIT's graphic artist, Ray Young, and a Nishga Talking Stick, made especially for the occasion by a native carver in Terrace. A talking stick is traditionally used in Nishga tribal councils as a symbol of authority. Sanderson, a well known campus speaker and personality, said Greene was visibly moved and delighted with the gifts.

Another story out of the Broadcast Centre occurred on campus June 27 when CFML, the fully licenced campus radio station, celebrated its third birthday. CFML is transmitted through receivers on campus and in various parts of the Lower Mainland on cable FM 104.5.





T4 and T4A slips available this month

BCIT employees take note. 1984 T4 and T4A slips will be distributed with paycheques and pay stubs on the following dates:

February 8, 1985 - Auxilliary employees

February 15, 1985 - Full time and night school employees

If you normally pick up your cheque or stub, remember that these slips will only be held until February 26, 1985. After that time all slips will be mailed. Any questions on this should be forwarded to the Payroll Department at the following locals:
Local 8703 - Full time employees
Local 8670 - Auxilliary and night school employees

Mabbett appointed to Health position

The School of Health Sciences is pleased to welcome Mr. Ray Mabbett, who was appointed department head of Radiological Technical Services effective February, 1985. Ray comes to BCIT from the Vernon Jubilee Hospital where he was technical director of Medical Imaging. He is a BCIT graduate from the Medical Radiography technology.

Ray will take over from Pat Rogers of Medical Radiology who has been acting department head for the past several months. He can be contacted at local 8296 or in his office, 1A-315.

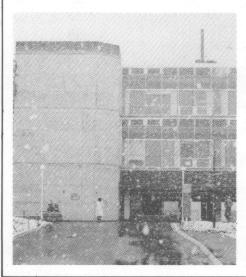


Snow policy at BCIT

Once again this week the campus was covered in snow as a cold northerly flow sent temperatures plummeting to below zero.

Physical Plant takes care of clearing roadways and paths during snow conditions. They call in a local snow plough company to clear the roads, and shovels and salt are used by Plant staff to take care of the pathways. Please give Physical Plant a call if there are any dangerous spots you are aware of.

A BCIT snow policy, created in 1977, outlines procedures to be carried out in the event of a heavy snowfall. See Snow Policy 3.10, Policy and Procedure Manual.



International Education office analyses responses to questionnaire

The International Education Office wishes to thank everyone who completed the questionnaire distributed recently.

The initial compilation and analysis of responses is now underway.

In addition to providing general information on international education experience and interests at BCIT, responses to the questionnaire will provide information for re-evaluating Institute policies in the area of international education and for more effective publicizing of international educational projects as BCIT is increasingly in a position to recruit personnel for overseas projects. The International Education Office will continue to accept completed questionnaires from those who have been unable to return the questionnaire before now but who would like to express interest in international education or would like to express views on BCIT's involvement in international education.

If you did not receive a copy of the questionnaire, or if your copy has been misplaced, copies are available from the International Education Office in portable 1D, just behind the bank. If you have any questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact me at local 8475. —David Sabo



Campus favourite retires

June Vosper's "surprise" retirement party on January 30 left memories she won't easily forget. About 40 people, most of them instructors, gathered in the Word Processing Department to honour the lady whose bright smile and happy personality has won her many friends over the years. She started at the Institute in 1974, working part time in Central Stores for one and a half years, then moved to Word Processing where she worked for 9½ years.

June received many accolades and gifts at the party, among them a cheque for over \$600 from faculty and staff and a piece of Royal Doulton china. Four medallions inscribed with epithets like "Monday Morning Mama," and "The Greatest Copycat" were presented by Jean Scribner (Comm.), Barney Morrow (Operations Management), Mark Angelo (Forest Resource) and Glenn Hardie (Building). June, along with co-

worker Janet Tucker, also received a BCIT commemorative certificate.



Glenn Hardie presents June with a BCIT commemorative certificate.