

DEVELOPMENTS



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Funds tight for athletic teams

Recent cutbacks in the travel funds of athletic teams are seriously affecting athletic programs across the country and, according to some athletic directors in Canada, intercollegiate athletic leagues could fold if money becomes any more scarce.

Although the BCIT varsity sports program is not feeling the pinch of cutbacks in federal and provincial travel grants (BCIT teams are fully financed by the institute) the program is operating under an extremely tight budget.

"I've got to budget down to the last nickel," said Derek Swain, athletic coordinator and coach of the BCIT men's basketball team.

"I don't have an discretionary money and I've had to cut out meal

allowances for athletes to free some money for air travel."

Swain's \$18.5 thousand budget must cover the cost of ten teams and 150 athletes. BCIT has the largest sports program in the pro-

vince with men's and women's basketball, badminton, curling, volleyball, men's soccer and rugby and women's field hockey.

The athletic department also hosts Homecoming in October and the Cougar Classic in January. The Cougar Classic basketball tournament is the largest annual sports event in B.C. colleges and universities.

"It will cost \$4,000 for BCIT's two basketball teams to travel to Prince George later this year and the soccer team's recent trip to Castlegar reduced my budget by \$1,750," said Swain.

In an attempt to help curb costs Swain is sending teams to league play, outside the lower mainland, on the day of the game.

"Instead of sending teams up on a Friday evening for a Saturday game they are going up on an early flight Saturday morning," explained Swain. "The teams should really

be sent up the night before so they can get in some practice time and be well-rested before the game."

Prior to this year all BCIT athletic teams travelled by car. Now, all distant travel is done by air.

"The decision came about because the hockey program, which was dropped, released some money from the budget. And, we've traded off the meal money for flying. Our athletes finance their own meals."

Swain's decision to implement air travel was reinforced recently when the BCIT women's field hockey team were the first people to arrive at the scene of a head-on collision outside Castlegar, B.C., Oct. 13 (See letter page 4). The team was forced to drive to the interior city when fog cancelled their flight.

"Flying eliminates the hassles of driving and it reduces the amount

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Work study this spring

Campus departments have until Oct. 31 to submit project proposals for funding consideration through the B.C. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology work study employment program for students:

"The work study program is not to be confused with the summer youth employment program," said Linda Krahn, student financial services work study coordinator.

"The program is designed to create part-time employment for students on-campus during the school year to help meet financial needs."

The 1979-80 work study program budget of approximately \$30,000 will help create about 30 jobs for students from January to April.

To qualify for the project positions, students must be able to demonstrate financial need based on criteria established by the Canada student loan/B.C. grant programs. Final selection of eligible students is determined by the project sponsor.

"Projects need to meet certain criteria in order to receive funding," said Krahn. "Projects have to be completed between January and April—a one-shot deal and must be unrelated to BCIT staff activities."

Employment cannot begin before Jan. 7, 1980 and must terminate by April 30, 1980. Positions may involve a maximum of 180 hours in the spring term with students working an average of

eight hours per week.

The BCIT work study committee reviews each application to ensure the submissions meet BCIT re-

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Second year building student Eyo Atangma, president of the BCIT Nigerian Students Association, admires a piece of ebony Principal Gordon Thom brought back from his recent trip to Nigeria (See story page 2). Atangma and Thom along with other BCIT instructors and administrators joined the Nigerian students at a "get acquainted" reception held on campus recently.

Overseas visit offers insight

Principal Gordon Thom's first visit to Kwara State College of Technology in Nigeria has reinforced his interest in establishing faculty exchanges between BCIT and the Nigerian school.

"Kwara State College could be a point of focus for people interested in doing an experience leave or a study leave," said Thom. "It would be an opportunity to learn about their culture, economy and heritage in an attempt to better understand the needs of our Nigerian students."

BCIT now has almost 50 Nigerian students on campus.

Thom's two-week visit to Nigeria honored a long-standing invitation from Dr. J.O. Amode, Principal of Kwara State College of Technology. The invitation was passed on to Thom by Dr. Abdul Ali, Director of the School of Technology.

Thom looked at the polytechnic system in Great Britain on the same trip.

During his visit Thom looked at the institute's curriculum, facilities and visited local industry to meet employers.

"The college doesn't have quite the variety of programs as those at BCIT, but they do offer several engineering and business courses," explained Thom. "And their programs are not as intensive."

The Nigerian National Diploma includes four years of study and a

cooperative education scheme. Students are placed in industry in the third year of the program and return to the classroom for a final year of instruction.

Kwara State College of Technology is a developing campus, according to Thom. "Their facilities are mostly temporary, and are only now in the preliminary stages of development."

"The institute doesn't have the quality equipment nor the library resources we have here."

A British Council grant gave Thom a first-hand look at the polytechnic system in the U.K. The visit resulted from the suggestions of Ministry of Education Associate Deputy Minister Andy Soles.

Thom looked at selected British polytechnics, other post secondary institutions and the central government agencies that support British polytechnics.

"All the 30 designated polytechnics are different from one another," said Thom. "Some are very technical in nature, some emphasize management areas and some are very academic. Some common themes do exist."

Among the factors shared by the polytechnics are movement of students between diploma and degree programs; encouragement of applied research and consulting; validation of degrees/diplomas by central government agencies and local education authorities' involve-

ment in funding.

"During the past ten years, since the polytechnics' designation in 1969, the system has been well received," said Thom. "Polytechnics are accepted and respected."

Thom said he learned a great deal from his visit to the U.K.

polytechnics.

"I saw education in another context and learned a tremendous amount by comparing systems," explained Thom. "When you come to understand the unique circumstances of other countries you can learn to understand your own situation."

New activities on campus

Surf sailing and a free stained glass course are among the new indoor and outdoor activities organized by Campus Recreation.

The first surf sailing session gets underway today at Burnaby Lake, but registrations are being accepted for Sat., Oct. 27 and Sunday, Oct. 28.

The course consists of two 2½-hour sessions. The final sessions will be held Nov. 3 and 4.

The fee of \$18 includes a wet-suit, lifejacket and the use of a surf sailer.

The weekend classes start at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

On Oct. 31, former Canadian national hockey team member Al McLean (Director, Counselling Centre) will be at Columbia 4-Rinks to assist people with skating problems.

McLean will demonstrate gliding, turning, body position and edging for beginning skaters.

The two-hour instruction is free and skate rental is available at the arena.

Campus Recreation is also offer-

ing a free stained glass course. The classes are held Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in room 284.

Fred Lam, 1978 winner of the men's doubles 4-West Badminton Championships, will conduct a free badminton clinic Thurs., Nov. 1 beginning at 8 p.m.

The clinic will take place in the SAC gymnasium.

The one-hour clinic will be a basic introduction to badminton with Lam demonstrating position and strokes. He will also discuss rules.

A table tennis tournament is planned for Nov. 3 and 4 in the west gymnasium. Events will include men's and women's singles and doubles. The entry fee is \$1 for singles and \$2 for doubles. The deadline for registration is 4 p.m. Oct. 27.

A complete list of activities, times and fees is available in the Campus Recreation office located in trailer 2P at the east end of the Library.

'BCIT Almanac' is full of hints

The first BCIT Almanac is now available to staff, students and faculty in the TNT.

The guidebook, published by the BCIT Student Association, is free.

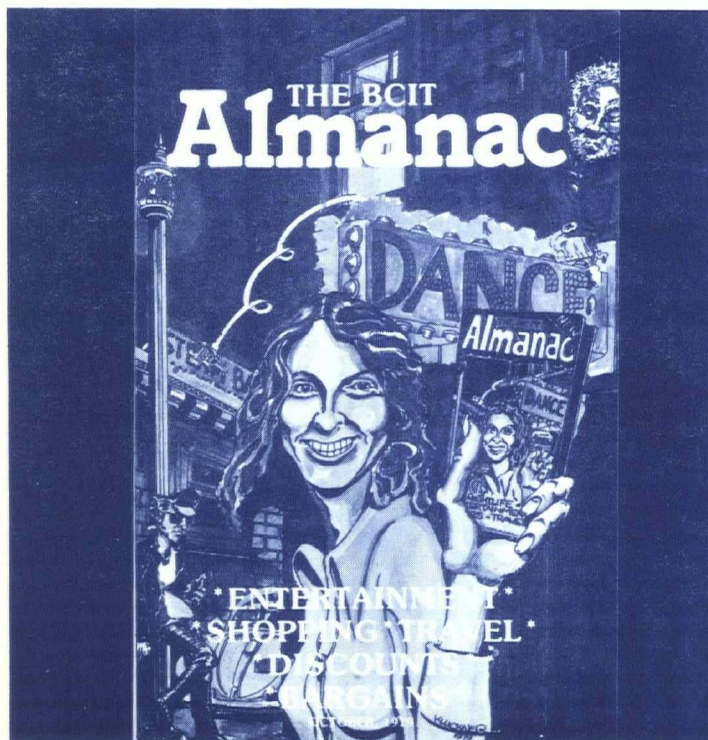
"The Almanac was published because half the BCIT population is from out-of-town," said Michael Kluckner, the artist responsible for putting the handbook together. "We wanted to make shopping, entertainment and getting around Vancouver as easy as possible."

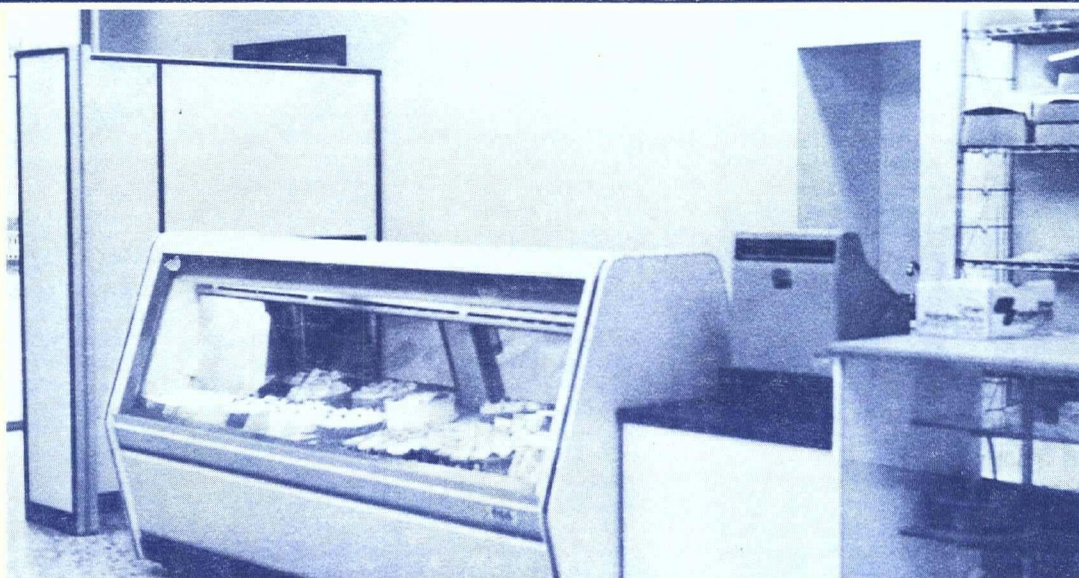
The book includes information on transportation, housing, on-campus services, entertainment, weekend excursions and discounts available to students.

"The book is an experiment," explained Kluckner. "We want to develop the publication into a catch-all for all bits of information, things to do and places to go."

Kluckner said he is hoping to get more on-campus information for the next publication.

"We're looking for a kind of consumers' guide to campus with information on such services as Student Financial Services and Counselling Services. We'd like a response from staff on everything from their favorite Chinese restaurant to recommending a mechanic."





The Kiosk in the Food Training Centre lobby attracted scarcely a customer during its first week of operation. Staff, students and faculty stayed away in droves despite long line-ups just a few feet away in the regular cafeteria area. If you don't want a hot meal, but do want the convenience of fast service, try the Kiosk. Current offerings include sandwiches, coffee, milk, yogurt, soup, hot dogs, chili, donuts and pastry. And, if you have an idea for this one-stop lunch centre contact campus food services.

Coffee hike due next year

Coffee drinkers at BCIT can expect to pay 30 cents per cup for the beverage by as early as January, 1980.

"We've received a new contract from a supplier with an increase of 40 per cent," said Ernie Schmutz, director of Campus Food Services.

"And the vending machine operators and the BCIT student association would like to increase their price to 30 cents per cup."

For the past two years the price of coffee at BCIT has been 25 cents per cup. Until March of 1976 a cup of coffee on campus cost twenty cents.

"The world price of coffee has shot up drastically," said Schmutz. "Coffee has increased from \$2.35 per pound to \$3.47 per pound as of October 1979."

Included in the cost of coffee is cream, sugar, labor and loss and breakage of cups.

"Labor is a small portion of the cost of producing a cup of coffee," said Tony Spatzl, Campus Food Services.

"Thirty-five per cent of the cost must cover cream and sugar because we can't charge specifically for those items. One of our largest expenses is cups. People keep them in their office so our losses are heavy."

According to Schmutz, campus foods is charging coffee prices similar to other lower mainland institutions.

Simon Fraser University is charging 25 cents per cup with plans to increase the cost to 30 cents this year and the Vancouver

Vocational Institute is also looking at charging 30 cents per cup. The University of Victoria is currently charging 30 cents per cup and a cup of coffee at Langara College

costs 35 cents.

"We're not trying to make a profit," explained Schmutz. "But we do have to be self-supporting and right now we are in the hole."

Calendar honored

BCIT's annual calendar has been singled out for honorable mention by the International Business Communications Association.

The calendar is published by Information Services.

Placed in the special print category, which includes annual reports and one-time publications of all major firms and post-secondary educational institutions in Canada, the calendar was rated by a panel of experts as "outstanding" scoring 84 per cent. Only on

cover design was the calendar considered "average." In writing and continuity of style, communication and clarity it rated 93 per cent and received the comment "excellent writing and congratulations" from the panel of judges.

Firms represented in the Silver Sheaf Awards were Imperial Tobacco, Esso, Shell, MacMillan-Bloedel to name a few.

In the writing category grammar was rated above average, vocabulary—outstanding, clear, concise, avoidances of clichés—outstanding, lead paragraphs—outstanding, organization and presentation—outstanding.

The calendar flaws were cited with a 2.5 rating in cover first impression. This is the average range. A three was given for the use of color on the cover and 3.5 in the above average range was given quality of photographs. Positioning of photographs was rated at four in the high above average range.

The critique was received this week, although the competition was held in June.

The calendar's editorial material was handled by Vicky Parr. Parr has since joined B.C. Telephone's marketing department.

Work study cont.

quirements.

Project sponsors are responsible for providing on-the-job training and supervision. Other duties include writing a detailed job description, interviewing eligible students and preparing a brief final report.

Departments interested in setting up work study projects should formulate project terms of reference and submit them to Krahn by the deadline. Her office is located in trailer 2V behind the Mechanical Building.

Funds tight cont.

of time athletes are away from classes and studying," said Swain. "All our athletes are carrying heavy work loads and don't want to be away from school any longer than they have to."

According to Swain all B.C. colleges are experiencing budget problems.

"The three colleges in the lower mainland do not have to travel as often so we don't have the same problems as interior schools. They have to travel more often and greater distances to get the competition they need."

The BCIT basketball teams participate in scheduled competition every weekend from October to March, but Swain would prefer more competition.

"We've got the longest playing season of any BCIT team but it would be nice to have a full exhibition basketball schedule during Christmas and some pre-season competition. We're only getting one trip to Seattle and this is when you really notice budget limitations."

Films, jazz and more

The Student Association has a number of on-campus entertainment offerings staff can enjoy.

Every Wednesday at noon, in the SAC, jazz and classical musicians perform in a free concert.

On Thursday Nov. 15 the Roy Reynolds Quintet is featured in the BCIT Coffeehouse. The Cathy Thom/John Shear Duo from New York plays on Nov. 29. The duo will perform tunes ranging from Joni Mitchell to Kenny Burrell.

Admission is \$1 and includes coffee. The shows start at 8 p.m. in the SAC cafeteria.

Feature films are also available on campus.

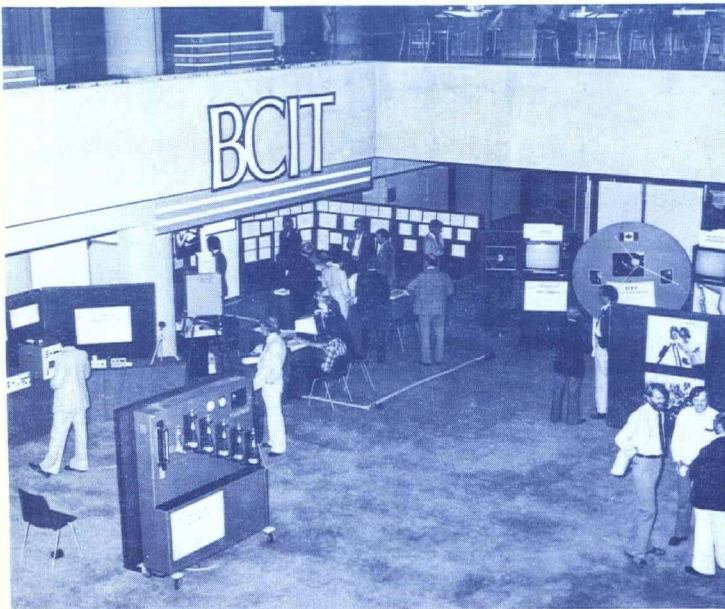
"Invasion of the Body Snatchers," "The Manchurian Candidate," "Equus," "Streetcar Named Desire" and Stanley Kubrick's classic "A Clockwork Orange" are among the offerings.

Admission is \$1.

Films are shown Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday at noon in Theatre 129 in the north foyer.

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More than 1,000 people visited the BCIT display at the Science Fair held recently at Robson Square Media Centre. Among the departments participating in the event were computer systems, mathematics, continuing education and industry services, environmental health and mining. Dr. Pat McGeer, Minister of Education, Science and Technology expressed his sincere thanks to the institute in setting up and manning the display.

PEOPLE

Sharon Johnson is the new student records assistant in Continuing Education and Industry Services (CEIS), effective Sept. 24, 1979. She is replacing **Marnie Baldwin** who was promoted to admissions coordinator. **Lorraine Lapointe** has been hired as program assistant (Business) in CEIS, effective Sept. 25, 1979. She replaces **Loraleigh Smith** who was promoted to the position of secretary to Wayne Hepple, Director of Purchasing. **Anna Dosen** has been hired as exam and course information clerk in admissions. She replaces **Corinne Jones**, who was promoted to senior applications clerk. **Mei Chung** is the new circulation clerk in the Library, replacing **Thomas Long** who resigned. **Val Strijack** has a temporary faculty appointment in the English Department. **Jennifer Williams** has a temporary faculty appointment in Financial Management. **Barb Hobson**, a computer operator in Computer Resources, has transferred to Computer Systems Technology as a teaching assistant. **Jack Van De Ven** is replacing a regular faculty member on sick leave as a temporary faculty member in Computer Systems.

Kathy Cherry, who has been with the institute for five years, resigned as secretary to the Dean of Core, **Brian Gillespie**, effective Oct. 5, 1979. **Shirley Munro** of Student Financial Services and with

the institute for two years is leaving for Australia. Her resignation is effective Sept. 21, 1979. **Teresa Archer**, a junior applications clerk in admissions, resigned effective Sept. 21, 1979. She was with the institute for five years. **Eric Lusk**, technical staff with the Chemistry Department and with the institute for two years and nine months, resigned effective Oct. 5, 1979. **Glenora Erb** of General Nursing resigned effective Sept. 14, 1979. She was with the institute for 10 years and three months. **Vivian Himbeault**, also of General Nursing has resigned effective Dec. 31, 1979. She has been with the institute for nine years and one month. **Camille Cloutier** of Industry Services, and with the institute for five years, resigned effective Oct. 31, 1979.

Rina Minni of CEIS and **Sandy Neilson** of the Purchasing Department are engaged. Born to **Dave Martens**, temporary employee in Survey Technology, and wife, Bev, a baby boy, Aaron David on Oct. 10, 1979. Born to **Brian Pratt**, Marketing Management Technology, and wife Wilma, a baby boy, Travis Ryan, born Sept. 26, 1979. **Marjorie Diomes**, recently married, now Mrs. Marjorie Arnold, is still operating the Roadrunner. **Cathy Davies**, recently married, now Cathy Magistrale, secretary to housing manager **Val Karpinsky**, also recently married.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Biomedical electronics instructor **Michael J. Barrett, C.E.T.**, has recently been appointed vice-chairman of the B.C. Chapter of the Canadian Medical-Biological Engineering Society.

Dave Brousson, Dean, Continuing Education and Industry Services has been appointed to serve on a Ministry of Education, Science and Technology advisory committee on adult/continuing education. The committee will advise the ministry on matters of policy, program priorities, levels of support and administration of adult/continuing education in the province. Brousson's term expires in 1981.

Staff, faculty and students have until November 1 to submit comments on the post-diploma activities committee "white paper." No anonymous material will be accepted, but written comment on any part of the report may be made to committee chairman **Bob Mason** Dean of Engineering. He can be reached at local 258.

All people who emigrated to Canada after July 1, 1977, will have

to be domiciled within the country for 40 years in order to be eligible for full old age security benefits. People with less than forty years' residence may receive a portion of the benefits and people who entered Canada prior to July 1, 1977 fall under the ten years' eligibility requirement. The old age security pension is in addition to Canada Pension, when the requirement is ten years' contributory service.

Athletic coordinator **Derek Swain** moderated a workshop entitled "Promotion within the School and Community" at the B.C. Federation of School Athletic Associations conference held in Vancouver last weekend. The three-day event featured guest speaker **Lenny Wilkens**, coach of the 1979 National Basketball Association (NBA) champion Seattle Supersonics. Wilkens spoke on preparation for excellence in sports.

Student Financial Services is having an open house to show-off new quarters. Faculty and staff are invited to drop into the office at the north end of trailer 2V (behind the Mechanical Building) Oct. 26 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

There are still a few seats available in the Counselling Centre's career search workshop for sons and daughters of faculty and staff. The workshop, which is set for Nov. 15, will explore educational and vocational goals. For registration information contact instructor **Howard Peto**, of the Counselling Centre. He may be reached at local 682.

Wrist wrestler **Mark Angelo** (Fish and Wildlife) advanced to the quarter finals of the World Wrist Wrestling Championships before losing to the Ohio State champion in the longest match of the competition. The competition, which was held in Petaluma, California, was won by three-time winner **Clay Rosencrans**, of California. While at the championships, Angelo demonstrated his technique to ABC Wild World of Sports for a program to be aired in December.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend the women's field hockey team for their outstanding assistance at the scene of a serious car accident near Castlegar. The team was driving to a tournament at Selkirk College on Oct. 13 when we were amongst the first people to attend the head-on collision. One person was killed in the accident and three others were seriously injured.

The field hockey team played a very important role in the care of the casualties. The three people had to be removed from a burning vehicle and the team were very calm and helpful throughout, assisting with traffic control, holding flashlights, and providing comfort to the injured. I think the institute may be very proud of the efforts and behavior of these young ladies. Team members were: **Pam Anderson**, **Janet Cole**, **Mindy Dhaliwal**, **Jennifer Freeman**, **Debbie Gittens**, **Bonnie Hawrys**, **Lynn Hooley**, **Suzanne Kristensen**, **Maria Lee**, **Laureen Popoff**, **Wendy Prochnavy** and **Sue Phillips**. The coach is **Shirley Kirkley**.

Derek A. Swain
Athletic Co-ordinator

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