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PREMIER BILL BENNETT SHAKES GORDON THOM'S HAND AFTER HE HAD PERFORMED THE OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE 1976 BUILDING ON CAMPUS

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PREMIER OPENS 1976 BUILDING

The 1976 building on campus was officially opened in a short but significant ceremony Thursday, December 2nd, by Premier William Bennett.

Not only was it an important occasion because the premier and 14 members of his cabinet spent most of the day on campus, but the cabinet gained a new perspective on the Institute. Further, the need for student residence on campus came through loudly and clearly to the Premier and his ministers. Their response was gratifying.

In introducing the Premier, prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, Gordon Thom, Principal, told of the many visits to campus of former Premier, W.A.C. Bennett. On each visit he recognized the future needs of BCIT and initiated action to build new classroom buildings, and a library.

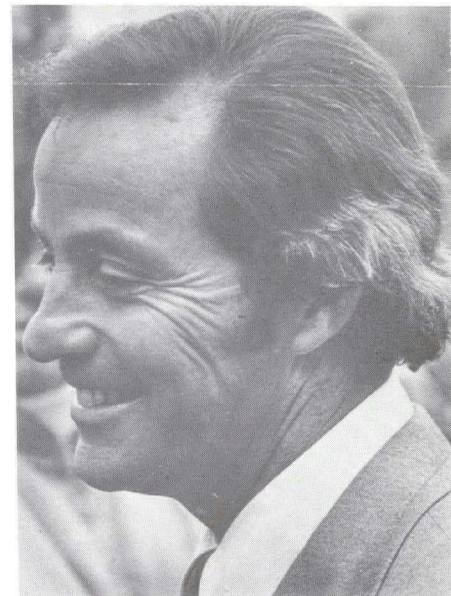
"Mr. Premier, if you will carry on tradition and announce a student residence on campus we will all be eternally grateful," said Gordon Thom to Premier Bennett.

The Premier's response was: "Mr. Thom, I intend to take that matter up with Education Minister McGeer at a very early date."

Later in the day, as the cabinet sat in the staff dining room, they received a well-prepared brief from Student Association President, Sharon McElroy, accompanied by Dale Michaels, the Executive Director of Student Services and Student Housing Co-ordinator, Val Karpinsky. The cabinet gave the trio a warm reception.

Following the cabinet meeting, which extended through to 8:00 pm, Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm attended a wine and cheese gathering in the staff lounge. He spoke of the student housing brief as an excellent document and shared with those gathered about him the positive reaction of the cabinet when it discussed the brief in private.

While there was no promise of a residence, the cabinet response left the door wide-open for further discussions and meetings are to be arranged with the Housing Minister, Hugh Curtis.



A smiling Bill Bennett chatted with the crowd of students who had come to see him open the '76 Building.

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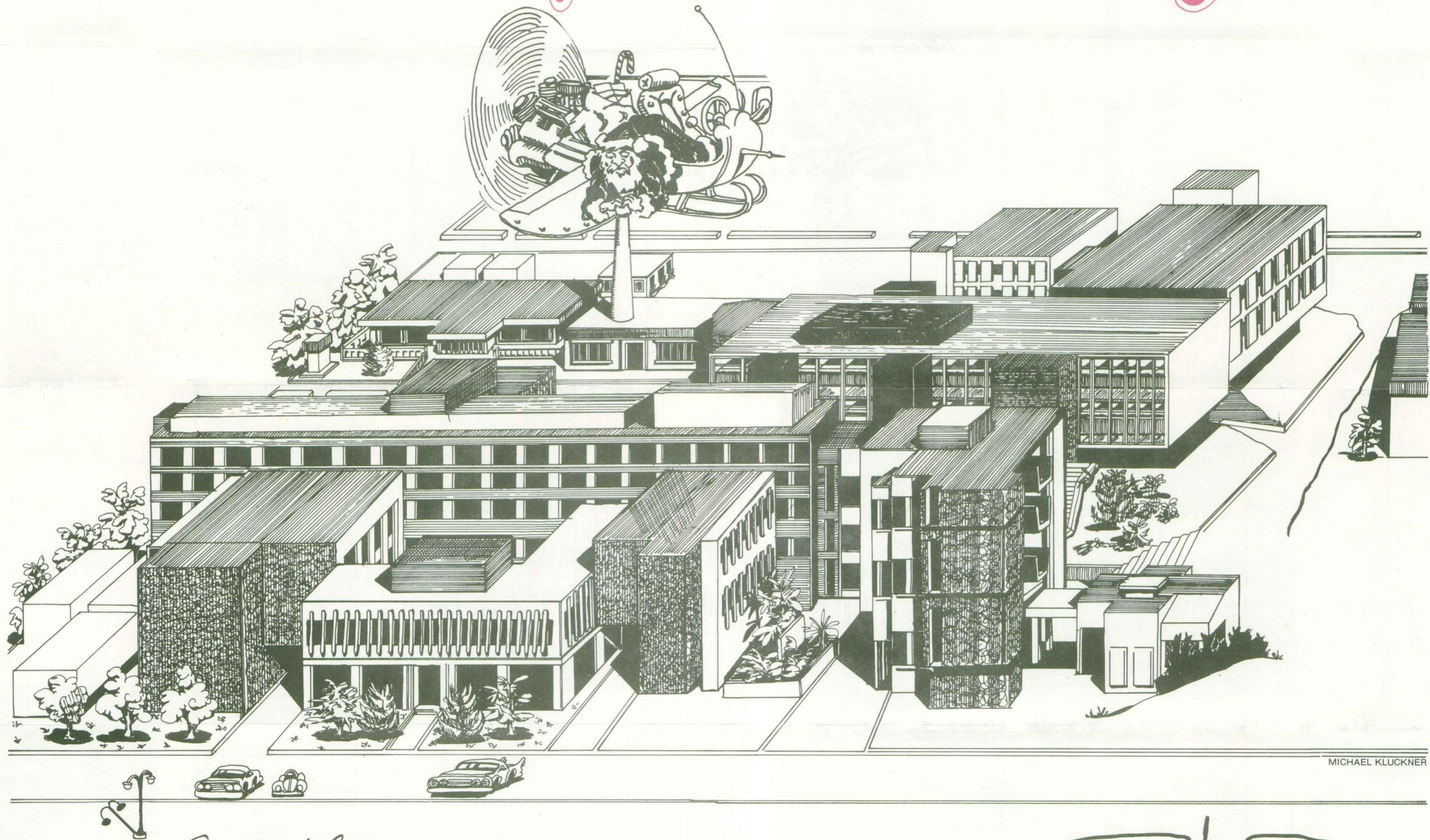
Another year is coming to a close and the time has arrived where we reflect the past and look ahead to the future. It is a time we set aside and share with our families and friends and hope that everyone is able to enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

I personally want to take this opportunity to extend my very best wishes to each and everyone associated with B.C.I.T. and to extend my appreciation for efforts; past, present and future.

Gordon A. Thom
Principal

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MICHAEL KLUCKNER


Gordon Thom
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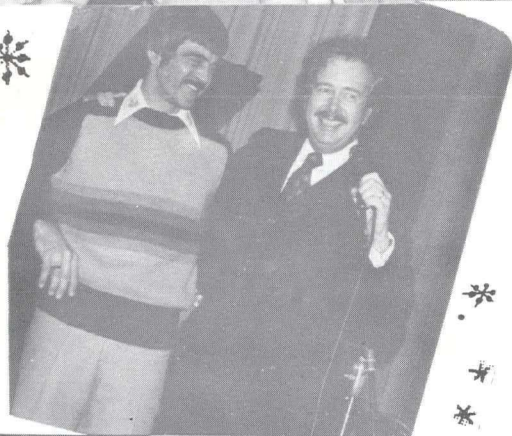

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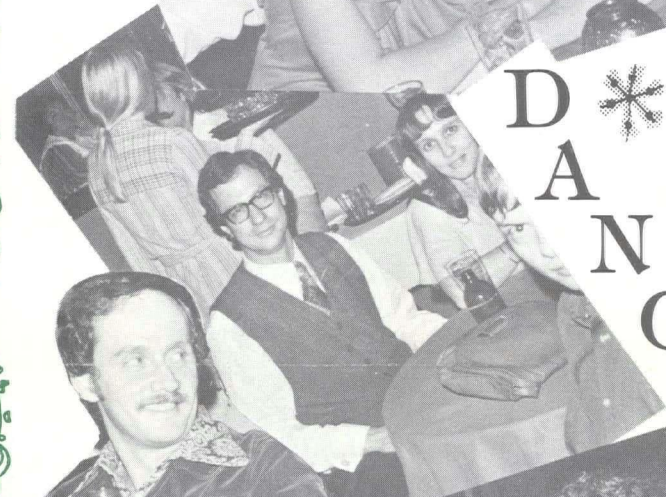
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