

BCIT enters into formal relationship with VCC

BCIT's new co-operative relationship with Vancouver Community College became official on Tuesday, March 3 when officials from both institutions signed a Protocol of Co-operation in the old B.C. Pavilion (now B.C. Complex).

About 45 guests gathered together to witness President Roy Murray; Board chairman, Malcolm Wickson; VCC president, Paul Gallagher and VCC College Board chairman, Elizabeth Jarvis sign the Agreement involving the two institutions in mutually beneficial ventures. Some of these include: developing a joint plan for the placement of Co-op Education students, co-operative development of international education initiatives and co-operative development of joint library resources.

The ceremony brought to mind a speech made by President Murray on Dedication Day last April when he listed, "the spirit of co-operation with other post-secondary institutions" among the things he hoped would be achieved over the coming years.

Among those present at the signing ceremony from BCIT were the four vice presidents; Henry Arthur, dean, School of Academic and Vocational Studies; Brian Gillespie, dean, School of Health Sciences; Ron Sterne, dean, School of Computing and Electro-Mechanical Studies; Katie Pelletier of Program Advising; Paula Pick, Institute Librarian and Pat Carroll and A. Werner of the Student Association. Carol Dion organized the evening event and Community Relations director, Jerry Lloyd was Master of Ceremonies.

The historical signing ceremony was videotaped by Community Relations and photos of the event will

appear in the April edition of Connection.

Library off and running

One week before the VCC/BCIT Protocol of Co-operation was signed last Tuesday, our Library was off and running with their new mandate for co-operation and holding a DOBIS Cataloguing Workshop for 18 students from VCC's Library Technician program.

DOBIS project leader, Merilee Mackinnon, and cataloguing supervisor, Doug Moroso, demonstrated the searching and cataloguing capabilities of DOBIS using a PC, modem and the SAYETT system. This system, which is ideal for group instruction, transmits screen images from a PC monitor on to a large screen. The students were then able to get immediate practical experience on the DOBIS test system at six training terminals. Merilee and Doug, together with cataloguing librarian, Yu-Mei Choi, provided further instruction in the hands-on environment.

Hickman to develop functional plan

Effective immediately, Dave Hickman, Director of Physical Plant, will undertake the development of a functional plan for BCIT's physical facilities. The plan, which will address space needs on campus, is expected to take about two and a half months to complete.

Representatives from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training are being requested to work with Dave Hickman in the development of the plan, to ensure its acceptance by the Ministry.

A number of major projects, to accommodate new teaching programs and rationalize other existing programs, have already been identified and it is expected the Ministry's agreement with the plan will expedite their funding approvals.

In order to free Hickman for the project, V.P. Finance, Duncan Macpherson, will assume responsibility for Physical Plant. Abdul Said and Gil Moore, who run certain day to day operations of the plant, will report directly to Macpherson while custodial service supervisor Mike Gdowski will report directly to Abdul Said.

CAMPUS PEOPLE

MURIEL SHAW, who was laid off from her job as teleconference coordinator last summer, returned to the Institute on January 2 after a five-month absence.

After leaving the Institute, Muriel had "a wonderful time travelling to eastern Ontario."

Now working in the Student Services area, Muriel is glad to be back among her colleagues and friends.

JUDI BAINBRIDGE, former secretary in the Metal and Mechanical Trades Division, took on a new job as secretary to the Community Relations Department in February.

Congratulations to LAURIE DI TOMASO of Financial Accounting and husband Vince on the birth of their baby boy, Kelly James.

Kelly, weighing in at 3522.7 grams (7 lbs. 12 oz.), was born on March 3, just four days after Laurie left the Institute to go on maternity leave.

STUDENT SERVICES OPEN FORUM

Do you have questions or concerns about
STUDENT SERVICES?

Representatives from: PROGRAM ADVISING
COUNSELLING and
FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS

will be present to answer your questions, hear your
suggestions and address your concerns at the
following locations during March:

STUDENTS
South Campus

SAC BOARDROOM
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18

FACULTY, INSTRUCTORS and
SUPPORT STAFF
South Campus

BUILDING 1A
Room 201
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18

STUDENTS
North Campus

J.W. INGLIS BUILDING
Main Foyer
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25

FACULTY, INSTRUCTORS and
SUPPORT STAFF
North Campus

J.W. INGLIS BUILDING
Main Foyer
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 25

Telephone directory changes requested

An addendum to the recently distributed BCIT internal telephone directory will be issued shortly. To make sure it is as current as possible, GIL MOORE of Physical Plant requests that any changes to staff telephone locals be submitted to him as soon as possible.

Supporting Innovation (a quote ...)

"Innovation cannot be imposed by an administration, or attempted by the faculty without administrative support. Nor can a single teacher or small group of teachers successfully buck a system if that system is determined to maintain

the status quo. All parts of the system have to support and facilitate innovative efforts."

from Deterline, W. & Lenn., P., Coordinated Instructional Systems. Palo Alta, Calif.: Sound Education, Inc., 1972.



The BCIT Bookstore, on the south side of campus, will close for inventory taking on March 31.