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EDITORIAL

THE UNITED WAY — FOR ALL, OR JUST A FEW?

United Way is sometimes criticized as an organization monopolized by big business with a vested interest in maintaining and promoting fundamentalist principles in society. Critics say the organization has a tendency to support groups that reflect a W.A.S.P. outlook on society. An example often cited is Boy Scouts of America, an organization rooted in traditional values. Critics claim that poor and minority groups aren't included in the annual pay out and that the same type of organizations are supported year after year. These are generalizations, but they tend to draw a picture of a large, machine-like organization with sinister vested interests disguised under a facade of benevolence and altruism. Does this picture have any basis in fact, or is it merely an ignorant exaggeration used to justify keeping one's hand out of one's pocket?

It is true that the chairman of each year's campaign is usually selected from the corporate business world, but might that not be because of that person's aggressive leadership abilities, motivation and high profile persona? Isn't someone who competes in industry for a piece of the pie a pretty good bet to succeed when put in such a challenging public position? It could also be reasoned that those who profit from society may feel an obligation to serve society by volunteering their time and effort. A look at the executive and staff who work for United Way would surely rock notions that the organization is run by some sort of heavy interest group. Among the paid staff are people like United Way labour participation organizer, Joy Langan, also president of the provincial N.D.P. party and V.P. of the B.C. Federation of Labour; United Way executive director Gary McCarthy, a social worker, and United Way director of finance, Derek Scrivener, a chartered accountant who has worked for the organization 31 years.

United Way officers — all volunteers — are President, Ruth Oliver, a housewife with an extensive background in volunteer activity; Hector McKay-Dunn, a lawyer; Alison Morse, a chartered accountant and Robert Stewart, president and C.E.O. Of Scott Paper.

In a quick perusal of the United Way directory of services, Boy Scouts of America appears as one among many benevolent organizations dedicated to providing help and guidance to youth growing up in this increasingly complex society. Also included are the

Richmond Youth Services Agency, YMCA and YWCA, the Borstal Association, Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and Big Sisters of the the Lower Mainland, Boys and Girls Club of Delta, Delta Youth Services and Crime Prevention Society, Society for Children and Youth of B.C. and a host of family support services.

The charge that minority and underprivileged groups are ignored is surely difficult to prove if one considers the facts. Among the groups listed in the Directory of Services are the *Burnaby Multicultural Society*, promoting integration and full participation of all ethnocultural groups in the life of the community and serving as an advocacy group for ethno cultural interests; *Pacific Immigrant Resources Society*, providing language orientation and preschool programs for immigrant families in the Lower Mainland; *Vancouver Indian Centre*, providing referral, counselling, day care and recreational programs for native Indians in Vancouver; *Citizen Advocacy Society*, providing direct assistance to people at risk in the community through an ongoing and supported one to one

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relationship; *Unemployment Action Centre Program*, founded by the B.C. Federation of Labour, providing drop-in, advocacy and community programs for the unemployed; *Labour Participation Services*, training union members as union counsellors able to refer working people to social and health services as needed, provide liaison between unions and social service agencies to facilitate access, and coordinate union activities and policies as they relate to services to members; *The Vancouver Jewish Community Centre* and *United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society*.

There doesn't appear to be discrimination at any level, whether it be political, religious, racial or sexual. Even if a person doesn't support a particular charity group for one reason or another the United Way allocations system allows for specific designation of gifts through the Payroll Pledge Scheme.

Another fact about United Way that many seem unaware of is that a donation can be made through the payroll scheme to any charity, whether it be affiliated with United Way or not. It must, however, be registered with the provincial government.

When faced with these facts many of the suspicions and barbs aimed at United Way do not appear to have much

credence. The truth is that an enormous amount of monetary help is given to people in all walks of life from caring people who know that the healthy child, grandparent or adult of today can become an abused child, cancer victim or paraplegic tomorrow.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN BCIT vs VCC HOW WE RATE

At UPDATE publication time last Tuesday, November 3, BCIT had raised a total of \$5,186.49. \$4,421.26 came from amounts donated through the Payroll Pledge Card scheme and \$765.23 was raised through special events like the Pancake Brunch and Raffle.

As of October 28 VCC had raised \$8,856 from special events alone. Pledge card totals hadn't been totalled.

Can we let them beat us?

The BCIT United Way committee is determined they won't and is urging everyone to get behind them by supporting their fund raising activities over the next two weeks.

Reminders

Payroll pledge cards are available at the Finance counter if you have lost or mislaid yours. You can donate any amount through this scheme, from \$10 to a full day's pay. You can also specify which charities you want or don't want your money to go to.

Some tickets are still available to the **GUNG HO GOURMET BUFFET AND SILENT AUCTION**, this Friday, November 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Get a party of your friends together for this fun evening of eating and bidding. \$14 tickets are available from Community Relations in the Administration Building. Call locals 8868, 8656 or 8865 if you would like yours dropped off.

GUNG HO GOURMET BUFFET AND SILENT AUCTION

Friday, November 13, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come and bid privately on the wide variety of goods and services then sit back with a plate of delicious gourmet specialties while the auctioneer announces the highest bidders — breath stopping excitement for all who participate!

Seats are limited for this event. Please call Community Relations (locals 8738, 8868, 8656, 8865) to reserve your tickets (\$14 per person).

1987 BCIT ANNUAL STAFF RETIREMENT DINNER

Tuesday, November 17, 1987
Culinaire Dining Room, Redford House
1850 Rosser Avenue, Burnaby

Tickets: \$20 per person, available
from Community Relations

NO HOST BAR 6:30 p.m.	DINNER 7:00 p.m.
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RETIREEES

- Della Allison, Redford House
*Edsel Back, Electrical
Dave Butler, ELTT
Mike Coltman, Hospitality/Tourism
*Mary Cook, Housekeeping/Redford
Joan Davis, Medical Laboratory
*Sheila Ferry, Library
John (Terry) Field
Hal Ford, Sheet Metal
Larry Gauthier, Electrical
John Gillingham, Biological Sciences
*Bill Hall, Carpentry
*Bett Hardie, Finance
*Daniel Hardie, Mining
Norma Hawkes, Counselling
Paul Hielscher, Autobody
David Hume, Management
*Len Lous, Hospitality and Tourism
Quentin Lake, Civil and Structural
*Elsie Molle, Redford House
Carlee McLean, Maple Ridge
Pat Ord, General Nursing
Frank Salt, Sheet Metal/Small Appliance
Services
*Charles Saunders, Audio/Visual Ser.
Douglas Short, Broadcast
Les Smith, Operations Management
Joan Taylor, Switchboard
Jack Taylor, Power Engineering
*John Teerling, ELTT
*Leora Valecourt, Finance
Ed Warkentin, Aviation - Sea Island
Jim Wardroper, Mathematics

Call local 8398 for further information.

* Confirmed attendees to date

PERSONNEL AND STAFF SOCIETY COLLABORATE ON WORKSHOPS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Workshops aimed at generating a better understanding of the collective agreement have been initiated by the Staff Society executive and BCIT Personnel.

The first one of its kind, held Wednesday, October 21, included associate deans, program heads, Staff Society tech reps and Personnel Department reps. Staff Society president Mark Angelo, who led the workshop together with Personnel Director, Ron Bell, labour relations manager Jose Stockdale and Staff Society general secretary Patrick Thomas, said the main purpose is to foster a better understanding of the Staff Society collective agreement by faculty and associate deans so that areas of potential conflict can be identi-

fied and resolved before reaching Personnel and the Staff Society executive. Workshops on contractual issues will be ongoing, with one held each term.

Workshops on issues of more general interest have also been initiated by the Staff Society and Personnel. The first, a seminar for all staff on the subject of AIDS, was held November 4.

"Although our primary role is to deal with contractual matters, we feel another important part of our mandate is to provide leadership in other areas of interest to our membership and the Institute community," Angelo explained.

The next workshop, on financial and retirement planning, is planned for next January or February. A Distinguished Speakers series, due to begin next September, has the earmarks of being a resounding success with both the Institute and external community. Two of the speakers that Staff Society educational coordinator David Chiu will be trying to book are former B.C. premier Dave Barrett and geneticist/TV personality David Suzuki.

OBITUARY

Former BCIT Aircraft Maintenance instructor Cy Tinley died October 29 at Burnaby General Hospital aged 67 years. He had retired from the Institute in early 1985 after some 27 years of service. He served for many years as chief instructor and worked tirelessly with other staff members to establish credibility and high standards for the Institute's aviation programs.

Cy Tinley was an outspoken advocate for trades training and for trades instructors. Over the years he passed on his craftsmanship and skills to many students, always insisting on high standards and quality work in return.

Cy's work in helping establish BCIT's aviation programs is his legacy. He will be remembered by those who knew him as one who gave in uncommon measure.

Cy Tinley is survived by his wife Pearl.

PICK'S PAPER PUBLISHED

A 17 page paper on DOBIS by Paula Pick has just been published by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information Resources. Institute Librarian Pick, who is currently acting V.P. of Student Services and Educational Support, gave the paper at the IBM Centre in La Hulpe, Belgium in June, 1985. It is titled "The Implementation of DOBIS/LEUVEN at the British Columbia Institute of Technology Library."

SECOND CLUE CARD ISSUED IN CAMPUS CENTRE TREASURE HUNT GAME

Check your nearest This 'N That store for the next clue card in this four part trial run of the Treasure Hunt game. This week's verbal clue is:
"DIS-GUISE THE LIMIT"

Graphic clues to help you solve the ONE WORD answer can be found on the clue card map and diagram.

Last week's clue card with the verbal clue "LOOK ON HIGH" should still be available in T & T stores, but if you can't find one, contact Ray Young at local 5089.

THE CAMPUS CENTRE TREASURE HUNT GAME (trial run)

FIRST PRIZE: A trip for two to San Francisco, courtesy Hagen's Travel

SECOND PRIZE: A \$150 gift voucher for a shopping spree at Bootleggers

Have fun testing your ingenuity and knowledge of the campus in this four part trial contest designed to familiarize you with the major Treasure Hunt game coming up next January.

How to play

Pick up one clue card per week from one of the This 'N That stores on campus.

First clue issued week beginning November 2

Second clue issued week beginning November 9

Third clue issued week beginning November 16

Fourth clue issued week beginning November 23

With the help of verbal and graphic clues found on each card, solve the one word answers. At the end of the four week period you should have four one-word answers which, when put together, form a simple sentence.

Write the sentence on a plain sheet of paper together with your name, address and telephone number and post in a Campus Centre Treasure Hunt collection box. All entries must be in by December 4, 1987. In the event of more than one correct answer, a draw will be held to determine the winners. The names of the winners will be posted in the S.A.C. and Food Training Centre and announced in the December 14 issue of UPDATE.

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