

# The Aggregate

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- ag-glom-er-ate** (ə glŏm/ə rāt/), *v.t.*, *v.i.*, **-ated**, **-ating**. collect or gather into a mass. —**ag-glom-er-a-tion** (ə glŏm/ə rā/shən), *n.*
- ag-glu-ti-nate** (v. ə glŏo/tə nāt/; *adj.* ə glŏo/tə nit, -nāt/), *v.*, **-nated**, **-nating**, *adj.* —*v.t.*, *v.i.* 1. unite or cause to adhere, as with glue. —*adj.* 2. united by or as by glue. —**ag-glu-ti-na-tion** (ə glŏo/tə nā/shən), *n.*
- ag-gran-dize** (ə grăn/dīz/, ə grăn/diz), *v.t.*, **-dized**, **-dizing**. increase, as in size, power, wealth, etc. —**ag-gran-dize-ment** (ə grăn/dīz mēt), *n.*
- ag-gra-vate** (ə grə/vāt/), *v.t.*, **-vated**, **-vating**. —*v.t.* 1. make worse; 2. Colloq. provoke; irritate. —*v.i.* 3. worsen; annoy, vex. —**ag-gra-va-tion** (ə grə/vāshən), *n.*
- ag-gre-gate** (*adj.*, *n.* ə grə/gāt/; *v.* ə grə/gāt/), *adj.*, *n.*, *v.*, **-gated**, **-gating**. —*adj.* 1. total; combined. —*n.* 2. sum, mass, or assemblage of particulars. 3. in the aggregate, collectively. —*v.t.* 4. collect into one sum, mass, or body. 5. amount to.
- ag-gre-ga-tion**, *n.*
- ag-gres-sion** (ə grēsh/ən), *n.* 1. violation by force of the rights of another state, particularly of territorial rights; acts of aggression. 2. any offensive action. —**ag-gres-sor**, *n.*
- ag-gres-sive** (ə grēs/iv), *adj.* 1. characterized by aggression. 2. vigorous. —**ag-gres-sive-ly**, *adv.* —**ag-gres-sive-ness**, *n.*
- ag-grieve** (ə grēv/), *v.t.*, **-grieved**, **-grieving**. to wrong grievously; injure unjustly.
- a-ghast** (ə gāst/, ə gāst/), *adj.* struck with fright or horror.
- ag-ile** (āj/əl), *adj.* 1. quick and light movement. 2. active; lively.
- ag-o-ni-zing** (ə grē/ə nī/), *n.*, *pl.* **-nies**. extreme pain; intense suffering.
- a-grar-i-an** (ə grār/īən), *adj.* 1. relating to land or land tenure. 2. pertaining to the advancement of agricultural groups.
- a-gree** (ə grē/), *v.i.*, **agreed**, **agreeing**. 1. yield assent; consent. 2. harmonize in opinion. 3. come to an arrangement or understanding. 4. suit. —*Syn.* accord, concur, acquiesce.
- a-gree-a-ble** (ə grē/ə bəl), *adj.* 1. to one's liking; pleasing. 2. Colloq. ready to agree. 3. suitable. —**a-gree-a-bly**, *adv.*
- a-gree-ment** (ə grē/mēt), *n.* 1. a mutual arrangement. 2. unanimity of opinion. 3. accord; conformity.
- ag-ri-cul-ture** (ə grī/kūl/), *n.* farming. —**ag-ri-cul-tur-al**, *adj.*
- ag-ri-cul-tur-ist** (ə grī/kūl/čər ist), *n.* farmer.
- a-ground** (ə grəʊnd/), *adv.*, *adj.* on the ground: the ship ran aground in the fog.
- ague** (ā/gū), *n.* malarial fever characterized by chills and sweating fits.
- a-head** (ə hēd/), *adv.* 1. in or to the front; before. 2. forward. 3. U.S. winning.
- a-hem** (ə hēm/), *interj.* utterance designed to attract attention, express doubt, etc.
- a-hoy** (ə hoi/), *interj.* Naut. call used in hailing.
- aid** (ād), *v.t.*, *v.i.* 1. assist; help. 2. help. 3. one that helps.
- aide-de-camp** (ād/də kāmp/), *n.* assistant to a
- aides-de-camp**. assistant to a
- tary officer.**
- ail** (āl), *v.t.* 1. pain or trouble: ails him? —*v.i.* 2. be unwell.
- al-ler-on** (āl/lərən/), *n.* hinged of an airplane wing, used to bank etc. —**al-ler-on-ment** (āl/mēt), *n.* slight



# Task Force presentation

Recently the BCIT Alumni Association made a presentation to the Ministry Task Force on Technological Education in B.C. Making the presentation on behalf of the association was newly hired Alumni Co-ordinator, Jean Davidson.

The presentation focused on eight points dealing primarily with the future of BCIT, and how that fits into a provincial perspective. Summarized, those points were:

1. That the BCIT Educational Five Year Plan 'Introduction to the 80's', be endorsed by the Task Force; given that, a) Canada's output of technologists lags far behind that of most industrial countries, b) that the current task is to identify BCIT's role NOW [not 15 years ago] and for at least the next ten years, and c) that programs must continue to be evaluated in relation to response to the need of industry and the community.

2. That BCIT be recognized as the senior polytechnical institution in British Columbia, and as such that it play the major role in developing and providing the breadth and depth of technological education and training.

3. That the 'Report of the Task Force on Institutional Differentiation' be endorsed by the Task Force and that the important differences between BCIT and other institutions be recognized.

4. That BCIT be designated a major partner in the 'Knowledge Network' of the West, responsible for satellite, cable television, and audio systems.

5. That the Nursing programs are an integral part of the Health Technologies, and as such should evolve to meet the health manpower needs of the province.

6. As a comprehensive polytechnic, BCIT must provide complete services and campus life

programs, and that appropriate funding should be available.

7. That the Ministry of Education seek to have industry support employees in their technological education, helping with educational leave.

8. That BCIT be officially designated a Degree granting institution providing that a diploma of technology or equivalent plus one year work experience be an essential base to the development of required advance programs.

The Task Force is expected to make their recommendations to the Ministry later this spring.

## Students to finance new campus centre

The Alumni Board of Directors had a visitor from the Student Association at the January executive meeting. Robin Williams, VP Internal, attended the meeting to introduce the new 'two phase' campus centre plan.

Robin told the directors that the SA is now arranging financing for phase one, to be completely paid for by students, to the tune of \$800,000. However, Williams indicated the student association would be looking outside the student body for financing of phase two.

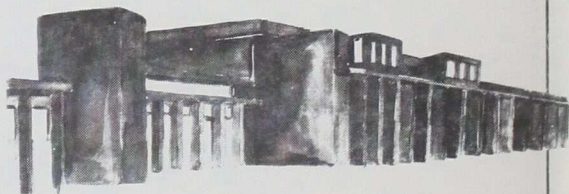
The new centre will be located adjacent to the Student Activity Centre, on the north side of the Gymnasium. Phase one incorporates five racketball courts, and overhead SA and publications offices. Phase two attaches to phase one on the southwest side, and includes a cafeteria, a separate licensed area, meeting rooms, and other student facilities. Williams indicated that the Alumni have been provided for in phase one of the project.

One group Williams hopes to tap for funding assistance is the alumni of BCIT. He did not specify what approach the SA would be taking, and action on that is not expected until phase one is completed, sometime in the spring/summer of 1982. Phase two is estimated to cost \$1.2 million dollars.

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Phase One of the proposed campus centre, from the east.

# Co-ordinator hired by BCIT Alumni Association

The BCIT Alumni Association, after years of shakey ups and downs, finally has a full-time employee of it's own. Jean Davidson, a Marketing Technology graduate of 1980, was chosen from among many applicants to fill the newly created position of 'Alumni Co-ordinator'. Jean started work on January 12th this year, and has been putting in '48 hour' days ever since.

'I've been mainly updating membership lists,' said Jean, 'but I also made a presentation to the Ministry Task Force (on Technological Education in B.C.) on behalf of the association. As well, I have been involved with both convocation and Open House.'

The Alumni Association has needed the support of a full-time co-ordinator for quite a few years, but did not have the funds to do so. Currently, the Association operates on funds from membership fees and a grant from the Public Relations/Human Resources Departments at BCIT. The Student Association has also assisted by providing the association with an office, located adjacent to the east entrance to the Student Activity Centre (SAC).

As the full-time co-ordinator, Jean is able to take some of the pressures and workload off the alumni directors, who all have full time jobs of their own. Jean recently established a line of communication with the alumni associations of SFU and UBC. She was given tours by Peter Jones, Executive Director of the Alumni Association at UBC, and Susan West, Program Director at SFU, when she visited their respective facilities.

'There is a spirit of co-operation between the UBC/SFU associations and the BCIT Association', Jean added.

Jean is particularly interested in the way records are kept by the two alumni groups, with the intent of establishing the BCIT Alumni Association as the official 'records keeper' on campus. Currently, no records of graduates are formally kept at BCIT. It is no coincidence that this activity is also a major goal of the association over the next five years.

'There are no official records on campus', said Jean, 'so I'm trying to update as much as possible. As well, I'm sending letters out to companies, hoping to get the Alumni Association mentioned in company newsletters and that sort of thing.'

Jean has also been busy co-ordinating volunteers to help with the work, doing the mailing and assisting with renewals.

'I try to convince graduates that it is important



to sign up or renew,' she said, 'and I will be contacting second year students in the near future, getting them interested in the association.'

Jean's duties include working on recruitment of members, liaison with the campus community, handling general inquiries, fund-raising, contributing to the Aggregate, and maintaining the Alumni Office. The office is open most days during regular business hours, and Jean invites BCIT graduates to drop by for a coffee or tea. She is interested in what graduates would like the association to do, and what graduates are interested in doing for the association.

'I know I can make it work, especially with all the help from the Board of Directors and the membership. I really love this job, I think I'm well suited for it, and I'm proud to be associated with BCIT in this manner.'

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# Open House this year

Despite conflicting reports you may have heard, Open House '81 is on, and the Alumni Association will be there. The bi-annual affair is March 27, 28 and 29th this year, with Friday the 27th doubling as VIP/Alumni Day.

On all three days the Alumni Association will have a display set up, located in the Staff Lounge on the second floor. Members and other graduates will have the opportunity to meet the directors of the association, who will man the display throughout the event.

The Directors are working on a contest for alumni who visit the booth, the details of which will be included in the next issue of the

## Aggregate.

Finally, there will be refreshments available from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, the 27th, for anyone who visits the alumni display during those times. More information will be forthcoming in the next Aggregate. Watch for it in early March.

*Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing the alumni Open House display. If you are interested in donating time or materials, please contact Jean Davidson in the Alumni Office, 433-2248.*

# Membership form

Happy New Year! It is now time to renew your membership in the BCIT Alumni Association. 1981 promises to be a busy year for Alumni functions. Please renew your membership and keep your name and address active in the

computer, otherwise it will be lost forever. The 1981 membership fee is \$5.00. Please make cheque payable to the BCIT Alumni Association.

Thank you for your support in the past.

## Join or renew today!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss.

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