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A mixed crowd listens as ministers pat themselves on the back.

Don Wright photo

Dedication ceremony attracts huge crowd

- Don Wright -

BCIT held a dedication ceremony on campus Tuesday April 1st that attracted hundreds of students and staff, and no less than three cabinet ministers.

The ceremony, commemorating the official passing of legislation merging the B.C. Institute of Technology and the Pacific Vocational Institute, lasted about 40 minutes. It featured the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, the raising of the new BCIT flag, and

the consumption of a massive quantity of cake.

Malcolm Wickson, chairperson of the BCIT Board of Governors, talked about the events of the past year since the merger was announced in May, 1985. He then thanked students and staff for their cooperation in getting the new institution off the ground. He also spoke about pursuing with B.C. universities the idea that BCIT graduates should get two years full credit towards a special associate degree. He noted that many

U.S. institutions give BCIT graduates full credit for studies here.

Minister of Post Education Russ Fraser said now was the time for hi-tech/ union/ management cooperation at the new BCIT and in B.C. in general. Minister of Forests Jack Heinrich said the merger was something that had been talked about on campus for a "longtime," and that the response to the merger has been without opposition, on campus or in the legislature.

BCIT president Roy Murray noted that no institution in this world can survive without excellence, and that a strong partnership with business, and cooperation in all areas was necessary.

Fraser and Wickson then unveiled a commemorative plaque, and S.A. president Troy Nagy raised the new BCIT flag. At first it refused to unfurl, but eventually the wind caught it, showing off the new BCIT logo. Balloons were released and everyone was invited to sample cake provided by the Commercial Baking Department. A special cake, a three dimensional version of the BCIT campus, was also on display.

Also on stage for the ceremony were several BCIT board members, labour leaders, mayors, MLA Elwood Vietch and MP Svend Robinson.

John Taylor: victim of S.A. restraint

Link staff report

A familiar face is missing on campus this week. John Taylor was laid off by the Student Association effective March 26.

John was the friendly fellow who dispensed change for the SAC's games room. He worked in the building for five years, but S.A. restraint has left him out of a job.

John is retarded and may have difficulty finding another job. He can collect unemployment insurance for the next 52 weeks, but afterward, he may be forced to

live on the Ministry of Human Resources Handicapped Pension. Taylor earned \$4.85 an hour working full-time for the S.A.

John said "I'm not upset, but there may be more vandalism in the games room when I'm gone."

John's start came when he volunteered his services to the Student Association. His sister Jill was an employee, and John would help her carry heavy boxes of paper. S.A. Business manager Phil Henderson noticed him, and hired him to hand out change.

Labour peace on campus for now

- April Lewis -

Life will carry on as usual around the new BCIT campus this summer even if the 34,000 member B.C. Government Employees' Union (BCGEU) goes on strike.

Although the BCGEU recently voted 83 per cent in favour of strike action, BCIT North and South Campus won't be affected as they are not part of the Master Agreement.

According to Shaun McCord, BCGEU Shop Steward, BCIT Computer Resources, BCIT North and South Campus are made up of three separate bargaining units which represent (former BCIT) support staff, (former PVI) support staff, and (former PVI) instructors. These bargaining units have been carrying on their contract negotiations entirely separate from the Master Bargaining Unit which took the strike vote. People who make up the Master Unit are "people who work directly for Victoria" such as the Attorney General's and Highways Departments.

However, there is one person on campus who is a member of the Master Unit and who would be directly affected if the BCGEU Master Unit went on strike. She is the sole stockperson/ receptionist at the Division of Industrial Education, UBC Faculty of Education.

Bill Logan, chairperson of this department, said the eight faculty members which make up the division are all members of the Faculty Association of UBC and as such would not be directly affected in the event of a strike. He said it is up to the faculty members' discretion as to whether or not they cross a picket line. During the last BCGEU strike about two years ago, all but one of his staff members crossed the picket line in front of their building.

Every campus BCGEU bargaining representative interviewed agreed they would honour any picket line that went up around campus by striking BCGEU members.

Members of the three BCIT bargaining units are presently engaged in contract negotiations as their collective agreements ran out last year.

Brenda Walton, chairperson of the Bargaining Unit for (former PVI) support staff said their contract expired July 31, 1985, as did the (former PVI) instructor's contract. The agreement for (former BCIT) support staff expired September 30, 1985. Negotiations for a new contract didn't get into full swing until January 1986, in order "to allow the new BCIT administration time to get their organizational structure in place" after its recent merger. Walton stated that the BCGEU Master Unit strike vote "is not affecting us at the moment."

Eric Mackay, BCGEU bargaining representative for (former BCIT) support staff said there have been no problems to date in negotiations, which are in the preliminary stages. He says his members haven't even considered a strike vote.

That statement was echoed by Terry Fletcher, acting chairperson of the (former PVI) Instructors' Bargaining Unit. He said there has been no strike talk on campus. He added that "what goes on in the Master Bargaining Contract doesn't directly affect us at this point in time." However, he added that certain Master Bargaining language issues agreed upon may affect his members in negotiation "down the road."

Dave Vipond, an official from the BCGEU regional office who represents BCIT campus staff members in negotiations, was unavailable for comment.

SAM'S print shop subsidy examined

- C. Smith -

Lorne Hildebrand, S.A. Assistant Business Manager, is investigating a 500 per cent increase in SAM's Print Shop subsidy. He will present a report to Council on April 7.

The Student Association budgeted a \$4,000 subsidy to SAM's in September, but current projections indicate the print shop will consume \$20,000 by year end.

Darren Suveges, manager of SAM's, said it's impossible to explain the increase. "The figures may be wrong, or it could be a book keeping error." A recent break-in resulted in the financial records being stolen, making an audit very difficult.

SAM's prints posters, handbills, tickets and stationery for students and the community. S.A. accountant Patti Kluckner said the operation is "not designed to make money, as most of the customers are students, but the subsidy has never been this high."

SAM's has three full time staff members, and sales have increased threefold this year over last, according to Suveges. Prices have also increased by 10 to 15 per cent in the past year.

This is the first year SAM's has received its own subsidy. In the past, it's grant was lumped together with the Link. The Link is currently running on budget.

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ON CAMPUS

April 2
Health Fair in the SAC presented by Medical Services, 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. Featuring free food samples and lots of information on good health.

April 2
Shipwrecks of the B.C. Coast, a lecture and slide show by David Griffiths, room 1A 129, noon to 1 p.m. All welcome.

April 2
The new evening Toastmasters meets at 6:30 p.m. in the S.A. Boardroom. Join BCIT Toastmasters and learn to communicate effectively.

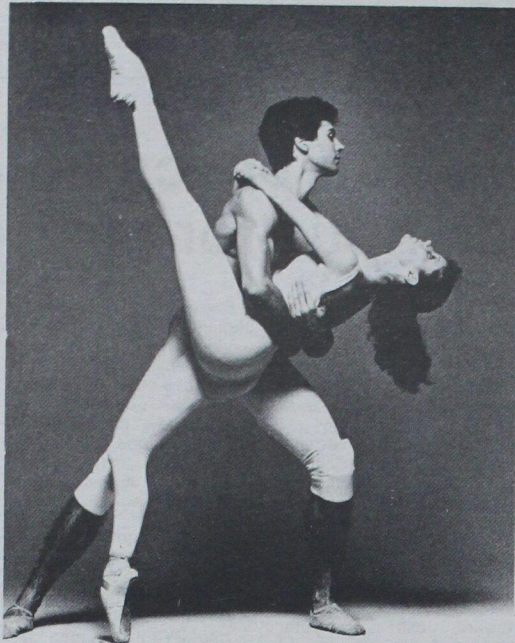
April 5
Administrative Management presents a Spring Fling. Celebrate Spring in t-shirts and mini-skirts. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in TAPS. Tickets \$3 advance at the SAC Info Booth, \$4 at the door. See you there!



April 11
Blood Donor Clinic in the lobby of the Racquet Court. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LIVE/ON VIEW

March 26 - April 12
"Filthy Rich" by George Walker, presented by the North Vancouver Players. A private eye is dragged into a tale of sex, murder, comedy



Ballet British Columbia: debut.

and mystifying intrigue. Performances Wednesdays to Saturdays at Presentation House, 333 Chesterfield, North Vancouver. Shows at 8 p.m. Call 980-3952 or 986-1351 for ticket information.

April 2-5
The Karen Jamieson Dance Company, a powerful Vancouver-based group, features the eclectic and dynamic choreography of Karen Jamieson. 8 p.m. At the Vancouver East Cultural Centre. For information call 254-9578.

April 3-6
The eighth annual Vancouver Wine Festival, featuring nearly 200 different wines from California, Oregon,

Washington, B.C. and Ontario, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver. A fund-raising activity of the Vancouver Playhouse.

April 3
Helen Caldicott speaks at the UBC War Memorial Gym at 7:30 - 'Stop Star Wars and Stop the Arms Race.' \$7 admission.

April 4 and 5
A Vancouver 100th Birthday Celebration at the Commodore Ballroom, featuring a variety of artists and the Robbie King Orchestra. Guests include: Gail Bowen, Cher, Jane Mortifee, Dave Neal, Niels Petersen, Noel Spooner, Hans Staymer and John Philip Wade. Tickets \$6.99. Info and charge tickets at 280-4444 or at VTC/CBO outlets.

April 4-6
Africa West presents 'Ocheami' a music and dance workshop featuring the traditional rhythms and songs of Ghana. At the Karen Jamieson Dance Studio, 5552 Fraser Street, Vancouver. For information call 929-3587.

April 6
The Burnaby Craft Market at 6450 Gilpin Street will feature a special display presented by the Miniature Club of B.C. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 6
Collectors' show and sale at the Royal Towers Hotel. Featuring antique and collectible households goods and furniture, ranging from centuries old to hot art deco and 1951's collectibles. Looking for a decorating idea - give antiques a try.

April 7-12
Club Soda presents a week-long reunion of Vancouver's top bands from the sixties and seventies in celebration of Vancouver's birthday.

April 11 and 12
Ballet British Columbia performs at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. Debut performances. 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets VTC/CBO 682-8455.

April 25-27
The Burnaby Artists Guide presents their 16th annual Spring show and sale 'Pathways and other Journeys.' At the Burnaby Art Centre, 6450 Gilpin Street, Burnaby.

April 26
'Give Peace A Dance' at the Commodore Ballroom - a dance marathon put together by Performers and Artists for Nuclear Disarmament. Part of International Peace Week. Dance teams can call Wendy at 879-4315 for information.

Write a poem!

In a survey of university students, only one per cent said swimming was uppermost on their minds when they went to the beach in the summer.

Two per cent said they went for the suntan. The remaining 97 percent said they went mainly to look at and meet persons of the opposite sex.

Nobody mentioned going to the beach to write Poems.

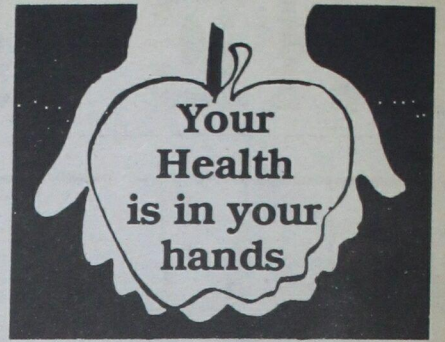
That's a shame because lying in the sun, blocking out all the other cares and problems, is an ideal time for the creative juices to flow.

The amateur poetry contest sponsored by Fame Canada Enterprises continues during the summer and the deadline for receiving entries is October 1st.

The contest is open to all amateur poets. The 45 best entries will be published in a book before Christmas. Cash prizes totalling more than \$4,300 will be awarded, including a \$1,000 prize for best poem. There is a \$10 entrance fee for each poem submitted.

Well-known Canadian poet Susan Musgrave will judge the contest.

Entries are to be typed on one side of one piece of paper and mailed to Poetry 86, 611 Superior Street, Victoria, B.C., V8V 1V1. The author's name, address, phone number and birthdate are to be typed in the upper right-hand corner. Please send two copies of each poem. For further details please call Denise Borrell at 385-1811.



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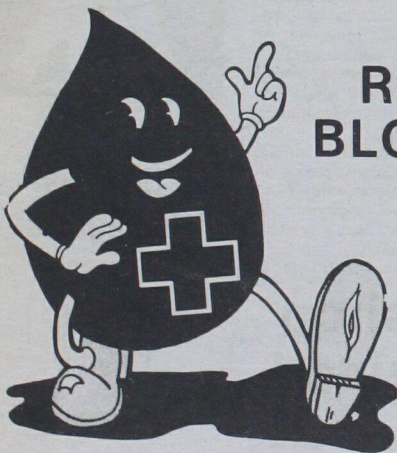
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Speakers discuss student consulting

-Don Wright-

Two of North America's most successful student consulting service founders spoke at BCIT during Open House. Robert Blumenthal and Willard Ellis both set up and currently run student consulting services, Blumenthal in Seattle and Ellis in Montreal. They shared their ideas on student consulting with a small but interested audience, and then were available for questions.

Randy Vandermark, head of the Marketing Technology at BCIT, introduced the subject of student consulting at BCIT by noting that it has "always been a part of BCIT... different programs have integrated it in different ways, through directed studies and so on."

Vandermark said his group was looking at formalizing student consulting so appropriate students could be involved, while at the same time "responding to business demand for more technology transfer." He said the Student Consulting Committee has studied the idea and the attitude towards it. "One thing that is clear from the studies is that it is a concept whose time has come." Vandermark said all groups, including faculty and business, support the concept.

Willard Ellis, currently in charge of the student consulting service at Concordia University in Montreal, said student consulting had three roles. It is an academic endeavour, it provides research in the area of entrepreneurship, and it provides a community service. The community service aspect of the operation comes in through the sponsorship of seminars and conferences, through studying and explaining changes in legislation and government budgets, and as a liaison with the community.

Thieves thrash Kwantlen building

The Richmond campus of Kwantlen College was recently hit by vandals who broke into vending machines and scattered school supplies, clothing, food and store displays throughout one building.

The break-in, likely committed by two or three burglars, according to the 'Kwantlen Comment', occurred on the night of March 9, and is thought to have lasted about 45 minutes.

The thieves took a small amount of cash, a video machine, and some pop and candy, but did a lot of

At Concordia, the Small Business Development Centre, as it's called, employs five MBA students over the summer, one as manager. He said the number of students involved has more to do with space limitation than anything else. He added that word of mouth brings in almost 60 per cent of the operation's business.

Ellis said participation in the centre is a "tremendous learning experience for students," and a good medium for students wanting to start a small business or consulting business. From the institutions point of view, said Ellis, the business community sees how interested the university is in small businesses. He said that clients seemed to be satisfied, based on a follow-up questionnaire the centre sends out. He added that students involved in the centre must be aware of their limitations, what they can do, and what they should refer elsewhere.

The centre at Concordia is monitored by an advisory board made up of faculty and off-campus people. Ellis said the board at Concordia is lucky because so many faculty members at that university are interested in small business.

Last summer, the Concordia centre served 31 clients, the majority of them with sales under \$3 million. The centre provided a variety of services, with market research and business plan guidance making up much of the work. According to Ellis, the centre charges \$85 per day, with the average job lasting about five days.

Robert Blumenthal, an associate professor at Seattle Pacific University, works for the Seattle Consulting Group. It is a privately incorporated company that employs faculty and students to do consulting

damage to doors, vending machines and video machines.

College administrators suspect that "kids" were responsible for the break-in, considering the type of goods taken.

BCIT Student Association operations have been the brunt of increased vandalism and theft over the past several months. The most recent incident was a break-in at SAMS print shop, when a small amount of cash and goods were taken, and goods pulled off the shelves and strewn on the floor.

Dr. Peter Jones breaks leg

Link Staff Report

When the good doctor was asked about his broken leg at yesterday's luncheon, Dr. Jones replied that it was due to skydiving.

Edwin Loo, Engineering Chairperson for the Student Association, said this situation brings up the question "Are our leaders

irresponsible?"

Edwin said he felt members of the administration shouldn't be involved in activities like "romping through the fields. It's sickening to think that our supposedly responsible leaders are acting like a bunch of engineering students," said Loo.

work. The company sponsors workshops and seminars using university faculty, and does consulting work using faculty and students, but was set up separate from the university to overcome liability problems. When students do the work, says Blumenthal, SCG gets a waiver from the client waiving the university from liability. "We've never had any problems with it," says Blumenthal. "Some clients like the work, some don't. You win some, you lose some."

He said that the companies seeking help from SCG don't want fancy reports, though. "They want to see results." He says the SCG approach is to offer entrepreneurs options and scenarios, leaving the choice up to the entrepreneur.

But, he says, the consultants not only have to get results, they have to "keep them coming."

Blumenthal says SCG is not in competition with commercial consulting firms, who he said attend SCG seminars themselves.

"Where we do have good competitors, it pays to give them business, because they'll give it back," says Blumenthal.

Following the speeches, both speakers answered questions from the audience, and then met informally with interested students and faculty.

The Student Association is currently working on establishing a Student Consulting Service at BCIT, to be operated by a manager based in the Student Activity Centre.

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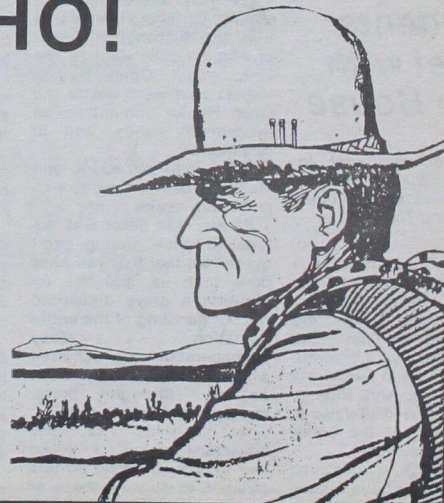
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Leaflet alternative to hype

Editor, The Link,

During Open House a classmate and I handed out a leaflet telling prospective students things that we wish someone had told us, about problems at BCIT. This leaflet was falsely represented in a letter to last week's Link. In fact we did not compare BCIT with other institutions, indeed we have no experience on which to base such a comparison. Nor did we urge students not to come here. Rather we urged them to make an informed choice, and to use their market power to motivate improvements before they lose that power by committing themselves.

Our critic charged that the leaflet "advertised incompetence" to potential employers. We perceive the main function of Open House to be advertising BCIT to prospective students, who turned out in far higher numbers than prospective employers. Should we give them a dishonest hype, and not warn them about our own experience, just to bluff the odd company owner who might wander in? We're more responsible than that!

People we respect have commented that our criticisms are correct but Open House is the wrong place to raise them. Well, we've complained "through proper channels" for two years and no long term improvements have come of it. BCIT's effective policy is to respond with the smallest action that will mollify the individual who complains, and then let everything revert to "normal" next year. If all you achieve is a dispensation in your particular case, you might as well just climb the hurdles with the rest of the crowd. The system insulates itself against meaningful change.

We've shown admirable restraint in not taking this off campus...yet (Damage Control... Report!). We'd like to see a mechanism by which ordinary students, and not just the usually sycophantic student councils, can hold their instructors to reasonable, written standards. If instructors all did their work as carefully as we have done ours there would be no problem!

Bill Metcalfe

A copy of the original handbill is available for viewing in the Link office.

Students upset with Open House

This letter was sent to Troy Nagy, S.A. president, with copies to Open House organizers and The Link.

We, the students of the technologies listed below, would like to express our dissatisfaction with the handling of the 1986 Open House by your committee. We feel that you have done both us, and this Institution, a grave disservice in your handling of the entire operation. Many misunderstandings occurred which could have been avoided through better

management on your part.

Several points of conflict arose due to the Open House Committee's interpretation of the "The Policy", a document which was never distributed to the student body. Therefore, we feel that it would be to the benefit of all concerned if the following recommendations were implemented:

1. The Open House Committee should be organized solely to coordinate the public relations and advertising with the BCIT Administration, conduct guided tours through the Institute and perform other "school oriented" tasks. As part of this, they should ensure the publication of the details of Open House - particularly the opening and closing times, and the dates - in the local media.

2. All Technologies should be allowed to organize their own displays, public relations and publicity.

3. Any policies and procedures which are deemed to be necessary for the orderly conduct of Open House must be in writing, and must be distributed to all Tech Reps no later than January 31st prior to Open House.

4. A written Criteria of Evaluation for judging the displays must also be distributed to the Tech Reps by January 31st.

5. The position of Open House Coordinator should be an elected position in the Student Association, with proper Job Specifications and a Job Description. By starting in June, the Coordinator should have more time to properly plan this event.

6. A list of the times for judging of the displays should be distributed to the Tech Reps no later than two full weeks before the Open House.

7. The Open House Coordinator and Student Association representatives should ensure that they are properly attired - especially when meeting the Minister of Post-Secondary Education.

While these recommendations may not provide all the answers, we feel that they would be a definite improvement in the situation that developed this year.

Mining Technology
Operations Management
Technology
Transportation/Distribution
Management Technology

Complainers in the minority

Editor, The Link,

I received a letter from the Mining, Op Man, Transportation and Distribution Techs of which a copy went to The Link, about Open House. Copies also went out to the Open House Committee, all department heads, and to Roy Murray.

There is an old adage that states "sharp comments warrant sharp replies."

Firstly, this letter was addressed to me, stating, and I quote "we feel that you have done both us, and this institution a grave disservice of your handling of the entire operation. Many misunderstandings occurred which could have been avoided through better management on your part."

In defence of my "mismanagement" I would like to set the letter writers straight. In no way, shape or form did I have anything to

do with the organization of Open House. It is unfortunate that the above mentioned technologies like to send out such negative letters throughout the institute without finding out to whom the letter should be addressed. Possibly the writers should take first year Communications over again, as it is important to know who to write to if you want your letter to have some semblance of credibility.

The letter goes on to bring up six constructive points on how Open House can be improved. These points will be invaluable for the next Open House organizing committee.

There was a seventh point that stated "Student Association representatives should ensure that they are properly attired, especially when meeting the Minister of Post Secondary Education."

In defence of this statement, there were no S.A. representatives there, as we were not invited. We have our chance to meet Mr. Fraser Tuesday April 1. We will be properly attired and no Op Man students are invited.

It is unfortunate that there were some incidents that caused conflicts between the organizing committee and the concerned technologies. However, I feel the Open House committee, especially Mr. Tim Bramwell, did an excellent job organizing this extravaganza. He and his committee are bound to make a few mistakes, as they are not professionals, but volunteers.

Interestingly enough, the three technologies I mentioned at the beginning of the letter were the only ones complaining. Not bad out of 31 technologies and about 20 to 30 programs from the North Campus.

Good work Open House Organizing Committee!

Troy Nagy, president
BCIT Student Association

Coordinator defends Open House

Editor, The Link,

There have been some concerns about the running of Open House '86 which have been instigated, in the main, by certain (not all) students from Operations Management.

In particular, the conflict arose as a result of our signage and no selling policies. These policies were discussed and sent to all of the tech coordinators during meetings subsequent to February 19th, 1986. It was up to the tech coordinators to disseminate all information to their particular technologies.

These policies were set with the philosophy that the students should show a professional attitude and atmosphere to the general public and guests. We did not want a trade show, or street hawkers atmosphere!

I might point out a few of the inaccuracies in their letter to Troy Nagy, just so that students are not led down the path by one sided information.

Technologies cannot individually coordinate all of the advertising and pr, simply because the institute assists us enormously, and pays for a good deal of it as well.

There are about 6000 students on both North and South Campuses. How can



an effective Open House be organized with that many opinions and viewpoints?

However, this attitude of being a "separate entity" to BCIT and Open House which Op man clearly expressed to myself, the planning committee and to the student body through the open letter to Troy, is a fallacy and a prime reason why our attempts to communicate to their coordinators (because they had several) resulted in a disappointment to other people and myself in an otherwise problem-free Open House.

I would like to suggest that this problem is a result of two or three students who attempted to do a great deal as a separate entity without consulting or informing others. I am also disappointed in having to write this letter, as I agreed with Op Man not to publish anything in the Link. I found out Tuesday morning that they wrote the letter to the Link.

Tim Bramwell
Coordinator
Open House '86

Reagan will not invade

Editor, The Link,

I am writing in response to the "History Repeats" editorial in last week's Link.

I would like to quote from a letter from Cardinal Miguel Obando Y Bravo, the Bishop of Nicaragua to Daniel Oretga, self proclaimed president. This letter states the type of censorship and oppression that the people of Nicaragua now face.

"The Bishops of the Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua, extremely worried about the resolution of the Directorship of the means of Communication of the Ministry of the Interior, of closing Catholic Radio Station of Nicaragua, property of the Nicaraguan Episcopate and official channel of the Catholic Church in our country, request your excellence your valuable arrangements to reconsiderate such resolution, which does not only deprive the Episcopal Conference of Nicaragua from the only means of communication available, but also deprives the Nicaraguan people, Catholic in its majority, from the right of being informed about the Ecclesiastical life."

As far as an American invasion of Nicaragua goes, that is the furthest thing on the Reagan administrations' minds. They do choose, however to support the so called "rebels" monetarily and militarily. Interestingly



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American soldiers in all of Central America.

In no way, shape or form does the American support for the "Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters" resemble the Vietnam War. In Vietnam the U.S. was opposing the Sino-Soviet backed guerillas of North Vietnam. The U.S. just stepped into the place vacated by the French. In Nicaragua there will be no U.S. military intervention.

I applaud President Reagan and his administration for having the guts to stand up to communist expansionism, whether it be Nicaraguan, Sino or Soviet.

Troy Nagy
Member for Canada
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College turns into space station

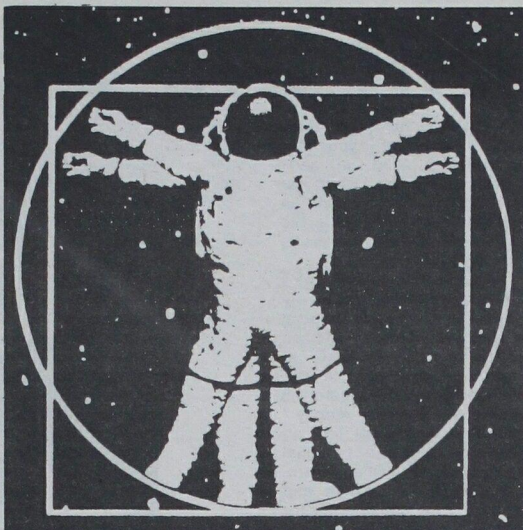
It's one small step for a college.

In the long run, it could mark a turning point in the history of the way higher education is funded in British Columbia. Everyone seems to agree the present system is less than adequate.

For the first time, a college has agreed to hold hands with free enterprise by renting itself out as the site of a fair during the summer doldrums. Douglas College, under the leadership of William Day, has moved into a leading position in the search for imaginative ways out of the education cost/cut squeeze in this province.

The solution? To lift off into space. The college has already achieved a low fixed orbit over the New Westminster waterfront, directly above the SkyTrain terminal.

As the parts of the New West Space Station begin to come together in the "Spaceworks" down in the basement of the college, it is all quite symbolic. An extremely unusual combination of forces is also coming together: free enterprise (Clapp & Associates), a union (IATSE), the academy (Douglas College-supported by UBC, SFU and Emily Carr Art School, by the way), and the federal government (through Manpower), with the Tories and NDP alike (Pat Carney and Pauline Jewett) backing the scheme to convert the college into a de fac-



to "Space Station" during July and August.

Although not everybody is aware of it, Douglas College is one of the "smartest" buildings in the world. That is, its builders had the foresight to wire it up with every state-of-the-art communications systems around, from fibre optics to coaxial cables. The college can beam messages to the world-and get them back-via the Anik-2 satellite instantaneously.

According to Space Station director Al Clapp, Douglas College not only LOOKS like a space station, it is wired very much like a real one. All the better for conducting teleconferences, global

youth peace initiatives, and showing off the first of the wares from the technological cornucopia that a station in space promises.

With linkups to SFU's

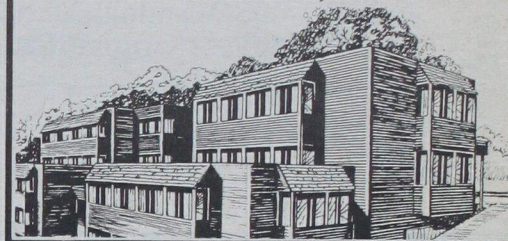
computer complex, the college will be able to function as a "prototypal teleport", Clapp added, "meaning that it can be a super communications complex".

The bottom line, as we say in the Eighties, is that a percentage of the profits goes to Douglas College. As well, Ottawa hires trainees to learn the arts of film production, since the Space Station will rely heavily on these skills to achieve its very special effects. Companies from B.C., Japan and the U.S. will get to display their latest wunderker technology. It means charities will get to do their thing. It means young, unemployed people get work, students get summer jobs, and the B.C. film industry gets to expand its pool of trained production crews, which means more badly-needed hard American currency coming into Canada from U.S. moviemakers who have had to turn away business in the past for lack of local expertise.

Apply now to Maquinna Residence for next September, 1986.

Applications for residence accommodation will be available to resident and non-resident students presently attending BCIT who will be attending BCIT as full-time students in September, 1986. Applications may be picked up from the residence business office (located in Salish House, Maquinna Residence) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed 12 noon to 1 p.m. daily until April 11, 1986).

All applications must be returned to the Housing Office no later than Friday, April 11, 1986 to be considered for occupancy in the 1986 - 1987 academic year.



EMPLOYMENT ACTION CENTRE

This is a new program established by the BCIT Student Association designed to help vocational students obtain job interviews.

The centre contains:

- A resume service
- Job listings
- Job search and interview techniques
- Handy information sheets and booklets
- A job-link program

All the information and services in the centre are available to all students and alumni of BCIT who are or will be seeking employment.

The employment action centre is located on the North Campus, 4th floor, JW Inglis building. Phone 438-1210.

This program financed jointly by the BCIT Student Association and the Institute.



Get some sleep!

-James E. Morrow, R.N.-

1. First of All - Before going to bed at all make sure you are pleasantly tired.
2. You won't sleep if you are in pain, or hungry, (a milky drink can help - milk actually contains L-Tryptophan, which is a natural "Hypnotic"), or too full with a heavy meal, or if you have been dozing or physically inactive during the day.
3. Gentle exercise (like a short walk) will help you to relax and to feel genuinely tired - but don't overdo it - and do make it regular. (Rigorous exercise just before bed can keep you awake.
4. Try to establish a simple routine every night on going to bed, habit helps you to sleep. Allow at least 1/2 hour of 'unwinding' time after studying before going to sleep.
5. A warm drink, a warm bath and a good book (not

too exciting) can work wonders - but avoid drinks with stimulants such as caffeine.

6. Try to avoid alcohol, especially early in the evening. You may drop off by the fire or in front of the t.v. and wake up restless half-way through the night.

7. Once in bed, make sure you are comfortable - not too hot or too cold, with a firm (not hard) mattress.

8. Fresh (not freezing) air, and as little noise as possible, will also help.

9. If you haven't been sleeping well for a long time (weeks) or if you feel tired every morning in spite of this advice, talk things over with your doctor.

10. Above All - Don't worry about the amount of sleep you are going to get - you can manage on surprisingly little.

- Medical Services

No tuition fees in the USSR

Could you survive on \$70 a month to cover your accommodation, food and additional expenses while at university? For students in the Soviet Union, this is the average monthly grant while at university.

"If one lives with one's parents, like me, for instance, one has no financial problems," says Mikhail Mikhailov, a student at Moscow University. "In this case, one tends to regard the grant as pocket money." Students who don't rely on their parents for financial support look to the government, their trade-union and to their own capabilities for financial well-being.

Education in the USSR is government-subsidized - there are no tuition fees. Every academic year, the government forks out 1,300 roubles (about \$1,800 Canadian) to pay for monthly grant payments, residence fees and the costs of the education proper for each student. Soviet students enjoy the free use of all educational facilities - libraries, laboratories, computer facilities.

Students who receive 'good' and 'excellent' grades are entitled to the monthly grant of 50 roubles (about \$70 Cdn.). Students whose grades are 'satisfactory' may also receive the monthly grant, provided they have financial difficulties.

Student residence fees are only about 3 roubles a month (about \$5 Cdn.) with heat and electricity included.

The largest expense for students is food. Student cafeterias offer meals at about half the cost of ordinary cafeterias. "The students who frequent our cafeteria can tell you that it costs them only 50 to 60 kopecks (about 80 cents Cdn.) for a substantial, four-course meal, consisting of vegetable, meat and fish dishes and dairy products," explains Mikhailov.

Transportation costs are minimal. "I go to the University by subway and bus," says Mikhailov. "Though all the public transport fee are five kopecks (about 7 cents Cdn.) per one-way trip, I usually buy a student season ticket, which cuts my transportation expenses in half." The student discount card also enables students to receive a 50 per cent discount on train travel and a 30 per cent discount in air travel during the off-season.

Almost all Soviet students are trade union members. With monthly membership fees only 10 to 30 kopecks (about 35 cents Cdn.), the advantages of trade union membership are enormous. Members are entitled to the free use of sports facilities, and free instruction in various sports and art clubs and studios.

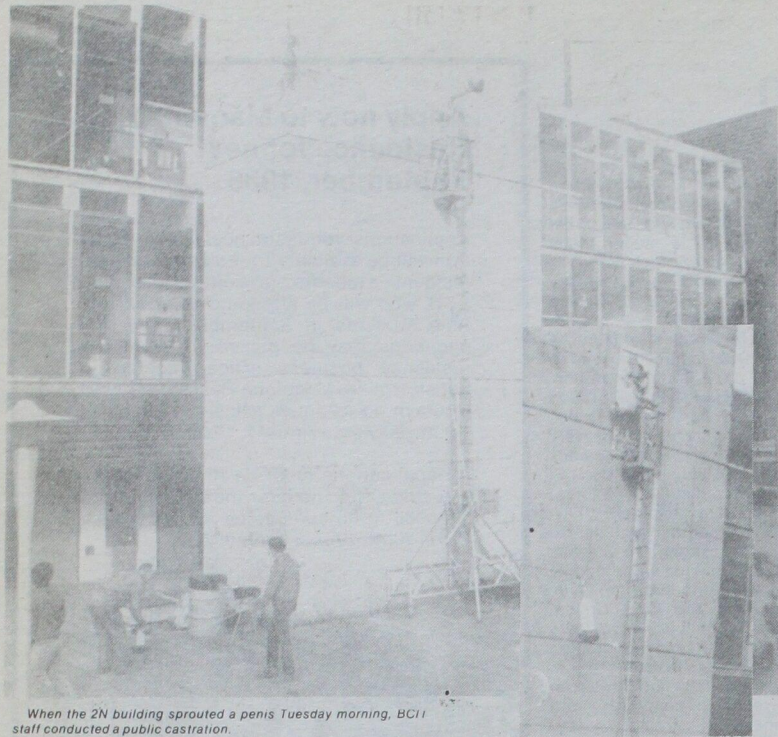
Trade unions also sponsor student vacations. "When the next winter holidays come around, I'll go to our student holiday centre, like I did last year," says Mikhailov. "There's nothing like going to the countryside

for a couple of weeks and resting there after exams, far away from our parents." The cost is inexpensive - just over 7 roubles (about \$10 Cdn.) for two weeks. This covers only 30 per cent of the expenses - the trade union pays the rest.

Tours abroad are also offered through the student trade union, with discount bookings available.

Even though the monthly grant and trade union benefits save students a lot of money, there are always additional expenses - a new outfit, or entertainment costs, many students work part-time to earn extra money. Every university has a job-placement centre which helps students find suitable part-time work - related to their area of study and with acceptable schedule and pay. "Usually such jobs take no more than two or three hours a day, several times a week," notes Mikhailov. "Surely, that cannot interfere with one's studies."

Soviet Embassy Press Office



When the 2N building sprouted a penis Tuesday morning, BCII staff conducted a public castration.

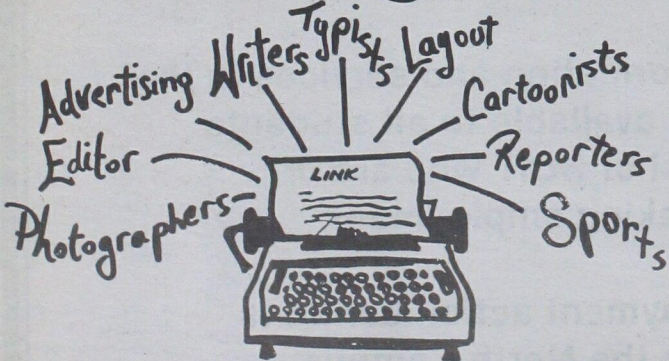
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Oppressed Penguins

Imagine a country inhabited by dogs, with a minority population of penguins, present because of a former colonial connection. Discrimination against penguins is supposed to be illegal, and most canine teachers in the schools think of themselves as liberal and above "speciesism". But take a closer look at one of the schools...

All the teachers are dogs - penguins just don't seem to apply.

Leather collars must be worn during exams.

All images of Dog (God) are canine.

Some of the penguin pupils are especially well liked - they can bark very well, they worship Dog, and one even goes out with a bitch. They're really well integrated.

The school is proud that some of its former penguin pupils (but only the very bright ones) have gone on to take Dog religion back to the benighted birds in Antarctica.

The geography syllabus looks at the problem of the sea - overpopulation in places, no proper kennels, no tinned food; and also how the sea is eroding the land.

A teacher who likes swimming has been asked to make sure there are some books about penguins in the library.

The games and sports taught are: running and catching the stick, catching a tennis ball in the mouth, running races, jumping over fences.

None of the teachers dislike penguins personally - some have even been to see the sea. A few refer to penguins as "squackers" but no insult is intended.

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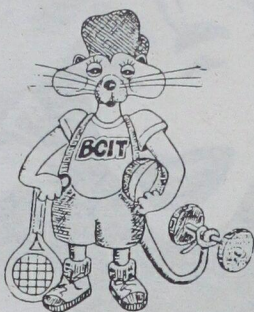




Flag football statistics

In Flag Football matches on March 26, it was the Drillers over the Sluggards 12 to 7, Schist Kickers over the Coursers 24 to nothing, and Ham Spankers over Cadavers by default.

Standings cut the Schiwt Kickers on top with 4 points (24 goals for), Drillers in number 2 spot with 4 points (12 goals for), and Ham Spankers in third with 4 points. Sluggards are next with 1 point, Coursers follow with 1 point, and the Cadavers take dead last with no points.



Women's Squash Clinics

Session 1: April 7th

- Warm-up exercises for the body
- Basic run-down on the game: the court, boundaries, rules, the "Knock-up"
- Ball sense drills; the grip and the stroke
- Forehand Drills
- Backhand Drills
- Combination Drills - rotation
- Review and Self-practise drills

Session 2: April 14th

- Warm-up exercises
- Review of DAY 1
- The Lob Serve
- Return of Serve
- Rallying drills between pupils - game situation with concentration on lob serve and wall length drives - Round Robin until all pupils have had turn (pupils keep score themselves)
- Second court is rotation of remaining pupils
- Serve - return of serve
- Review and self-practise drills

Session 3: April 21st

- Warm-up exercises
- Review of DAY 1 and DAY 2
- The Boast - Forehand and Backhand
- Boast and drive drills
- Review and self-practise drills
- Round Robin Competition - 4 pupils playing, 4 scoring with score sheets. Remaining students will referee.

All sessions 6:30 - 8 p.m.

You may attend one or all sessions.

Cost: One session \$6, two sessions for \$10, or all three for \$13.

Register at the Recreation and Athletic office before April 1st.

First Jump Course Saturday April 5th

Cost is \$75.00

Ground school April 4th at BCIT 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jump on April 5th at Pitt Meadows Airfield

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Deadline April 21st, 1986

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7 a.m. — 7:45 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:45 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 5:40 p.m. — 6:25 p.m.

Fee: \$22.00

Register at the Recreation & Athletic Services Office 9:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.



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Saturday April 12th 1986

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