

DEVELOPMENTS



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Ottawa mulls over housing request



BCIT's existing greenhouse, located at the rear of the campus, will soon become part of a large complex. The structure will allow for more "hands-on" experience for students in the Biological Sciences technology.

Branching out

"Hands-on" experience will be more readily available to students in Biological Sciences come September, when construction of a laboratory is expected to be completed.

The complex will encompass the existing greenhouse at the rear of the BCIT campus.

There will be an additional 7,700 square feet, said Richard Smyth, director of Physical Plant. Smyth predicted that the building would be up by the end of July.

"The actual over-all cost, including construction and design, is \$437,000," he said.

According to Jim Muir, senior instructor in the technology, the complex will include a mechanics lab and workshop, classrooms, stores, services, and supplies.

"This will be dedicated probably to applied horticulture, landscape mechanics, agriculture mechanics and related topics," he said.

Muir added that the complex will provide more flexibility for both individual and group projects in lab situations. The labs will be used by about 80 first and second year students.

He pointed out, however, that the facilities in Building 1A will still be utilized.

"The program has been growing over the years and we've been adding options," he said.

"The requirements outstripped our facilities," said Muir, noting that the existing greenhouse was built in 1970.

"We had this projection in place four or five years ago," he said, "and it's finally come to fruition, so to speak."

The possibility of a second residence on the BCIT campus is still up in the air, pending a decision from the federal government.

Four BCIT representatives, who visited Ottawa last month to lobby for \$5 million in funds, remain optimistic that the government will give BCIT the go-ahead.

"We have spoken to Canada Mortgage officials here in Vancouver [about loans and interest rates], but they say, 'Sorry, there's no funds available,'" said Housing Manager Val Karpinsky.

"So it's up to the politicians to say, 'Make the funds available'."

"We got a tremendous reception from Senator Ray Perrault, who supported our request for funds 100 per cent," said Dick Melville, director of Public Relations.

"We had a one-hour interview with him," he said. "But the important thing is, he dictated a letter to the Honorable Paul Cosgrove, who is the Minister of Public Works and to whom Canada Mortgage reports, and in it he specifically asked him [Cosgrove] to give

this his highest priority."

Melville reported that the letter was delivered to Cosgrove early the next day, and that the minister forwarded it to Canada Mortgage officials "with a favorable recommendation."

"With Perrault's assistance, I think we stand a good chance," said Karpinsky.

"He did everything possible to assist us in our request for housing," he said.

Other delegates included Dale Michaels, vice principal of Human Resources, and Jennifer Moore, past president of the student association.

Melville said that a decision could be expected within a week.

The proposed residence, like the existing Maquinna Residence, would accommodate 250 people.

Thom gets ACCC post

Principal Gordon Thom is the new president of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC).

Thom was elected to the post at the ACCC conference which was held at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia last week.

Thom said he is very proud to take on the role of president of the ACCC.

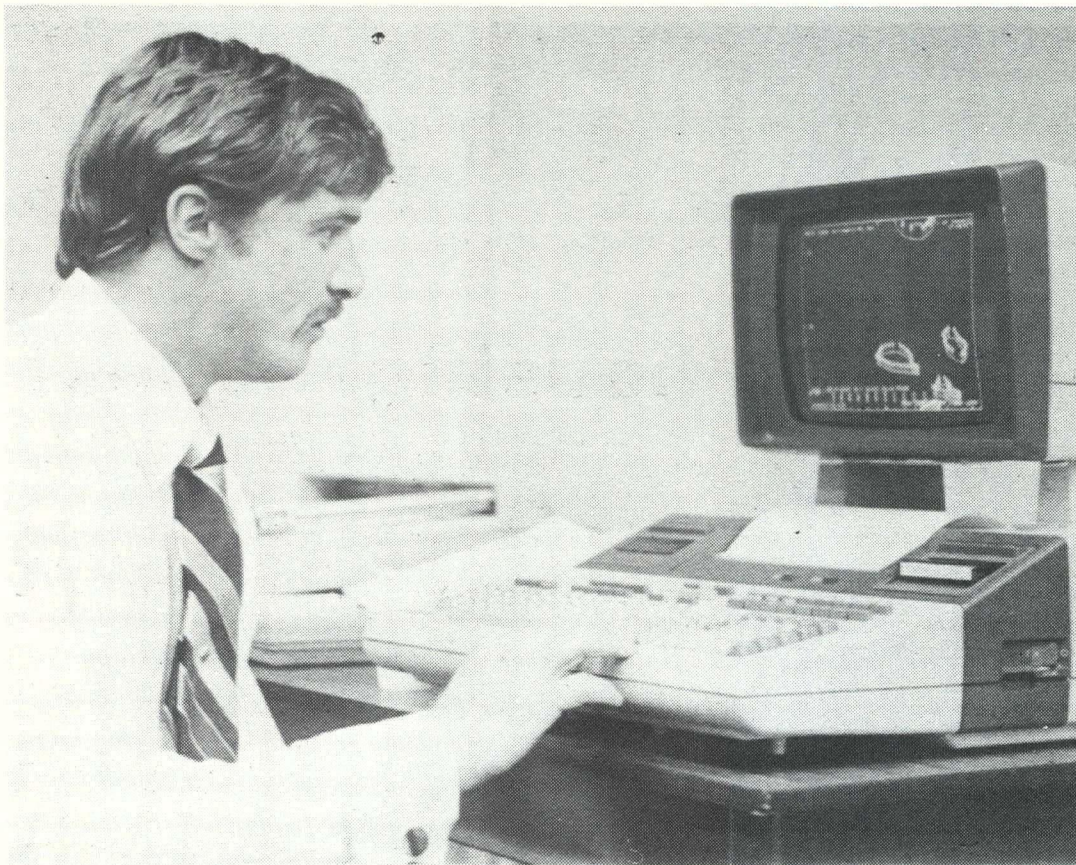
"I will devote a great deal of effort to the objectives of the association," said Thom. "ACCC is a vital link across Canada and indeed crosses language barriers and education barriers to unite post-secondary institutions."

ACCC, a national associa-

tion, is devoted to the growth, development and potential of 170 post-secondary institutions in Canada.

About 950 delegates attended the four-day conference, the first joint conference of the ACCC and the Canadian Vocational Association.

Conference topics included computer usage, industrial arts, Canadian studies, evaluation in education, links with third world colleges, student placement, the marketing and pricing of adult education courses, labor-management relations and an organized approach to the effects of declining enrolments.



Mark Angelo, an instructor in FWR, feeds information into a terminal during the TDC-sponsored seminar, *Computer Graphics in Landscape Assessment*, held on campus last Monday. Angelo, who has utilized computer graphics to visualize impacts of forest harvesting and ski-area design, was one of the seminar leaders. Photo by Cindy Low.

Computers captivate full house

A unique seminar in computer graphics, sponsored by BCIT's Training and Development Centre (TDC), attracted a full house last Monday.

Computer Graphics in Landscape Assessment, the first seminar of its kind in western Canada, consisted of lectures and workshops held at BCIT and the Sheraton Villa.

"The whole theme of this thing is hands-on experience," said BCIT's Mark Angelo, one of the four seminar leaders.

"It's utilizing computer graphics to predict visual impacts of things like clear cuts, Hydro lines, roads and what-have-you," he said.

"People are concerned about aesthetic impact now for particular developments," he said, "and computer graphics is the best method to see what those impacts are going to be and the best way to reduce those impacts."

The class, which consisted of 40 academics and field, plan-

ning and managerial personnel from business and government, gained the hands-on experience on new hardware brought in specifically for the seminar.

TDC's Bob Jamieson, responsible for marketing the package, said that the majority of the hardware was rented from an Ontario outfit. Telephone lines, which were hooked up to a master computer in California, were installed by B.C. Telephone.

Thom speaks at SETBC conference

Technological education must be expanded and advanced to realize B.C.'s industrial potential, said BCIT Principal Gordon Thom.

Thom participated in a panel discussion at the twenty-first annual general meeting of the Society of Engineering Technologists of B.C. (SETBC). The theme of the meeting, held recently in Victoria, was

Technology and Education.

Thom told delegates that BCIT is concerned with providing continuing education courses in an attempt to keep graduates abreast of technological change, particularly as the institute bears the brunt of enrolment in technological education.

Dr. Terry Clement, represen-

ting the Ministry of Education, announced that a task force is being set up to determine the future of technological education in the province.

BCIT, SETBC and many community colleges had expressed a need for such a study. The last major study was conducted more than 20 years ago.

Two seek BOG spot

Ron Hyde and Brian Leslie, candidates in the recent election for non-academic staff representative to the Board of Governors, agree that the job needs a higher profile.

Balloting lasted three days, ending on Monday. Results of the election were not available at press time.

"I think there's going to be a lot of PR to do, for whoever gets the job," said Hyde at an all-candidates meeting last week.

"I feel we're all part of a team," he said. "We're only as strong as our weakest link. We're going to have to find out what the needs are and try to represent them."

Hyde, department head of Biological Sciences, has been at the institute since its inception. He was one of the first six members of BCIT.

Leslie, 32, an instructor in Forest Products, came to BCIT from industry in 1973.

"I'm not going to the Board of Governors as a gangbuster or to make full scale changes," said Leslie. "I'm going to the board to learn a bit, if elected."

"I would hope that people in my constituency would take their concerns to the Board of Governors through me—that would ultimately be my job."

The position is a two-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a further two years.

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fit people

By CINDY LOW

Paula Pick knows what it's like to get that long distance feeling.

Pick, head cataloguer in BCIT's library, runs eight to 10 miles each weekday.

In May, the 30 year-old entered the Vancouver International Marathon, hoping just to complete the grueling 26-mile distance. She did finish, and carted off three trophies to boot.

Posting a time of 3:11:38, Pick placed second in the B.C. championship, third in the Canadian championship, and tenth in the international class, all in the women's division. About 270 women pre-registered for the race.

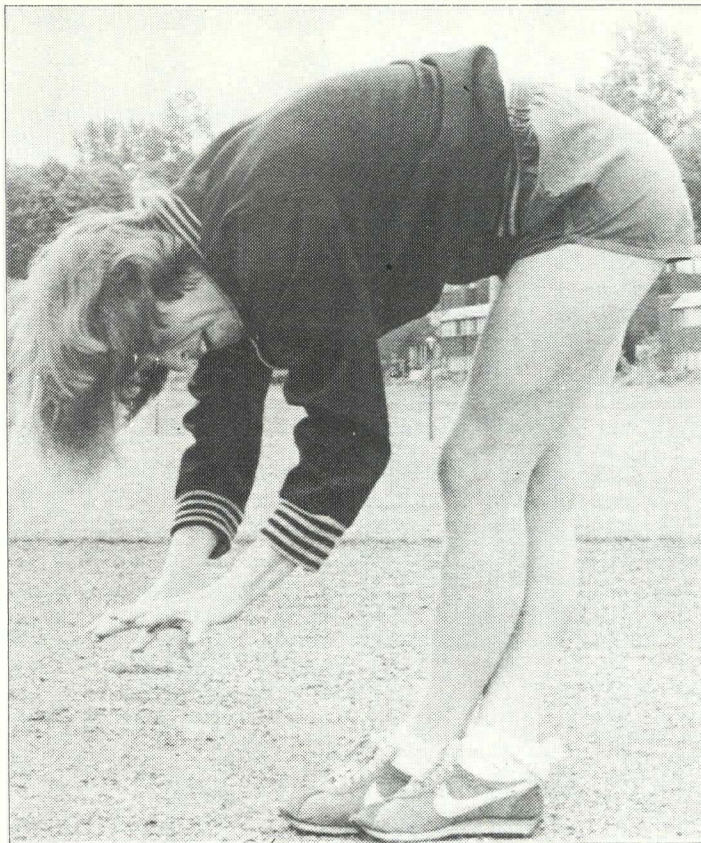
"I was stunned out of my mind," said Pick of her three awards.

"When you start out with your goal to finish, well, I felt embarrassed," she said.

Pick said that at no point in the race did she feel unable to go the distance.

"It was almost easy," she said.

"There are water stations and sponge stations every five



Paula Pick

miles, or probably less than that," she said.

"I just kept drinking water. I was feeling a lot stronger this year, with the weight work and the interval work [in training]."

"And the crowd makes it incredibly enjoyable—when you're coming down the last stretch, there's a thundering noise," she said, her eyes lighting up as she relived the moment.

Pick, who started running competitively seven years ago, initially did it to keep in shape for skiing during her off-season. Her small, compact body, which belies its strength, seems more suited to gymnastics than to marathon racing.

"The instructor used Kenneth Cooper's book on aerobics," she said. (The book revolutionized concepts about fitness in the 1970's, utilizing the 12-minute run as a measuring instrument.)

"Twelve minutes was hard at first," she recalled, "[but] the

time just kept getting longer."

"When I first came to Vancouver a few years ago, a friend invited me to Stanley Park where they had some middle-distance cross country runs," said Pick.

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"The longer the distance I raced, I realized that I could probably run more," she said.

Pick got her first taste of marathoning last year in the inaugural Vancouver marathon.

"After the first marathon, I didn't think I'd want to run it again," she said. "I wasn't looking forward to the race this year."

All the mixed feelings vanished, however, when she hit the road. She improved her time by almost 15 minutes over last year's time.

"My goal was at least to match that time, so I was really happy," she said. "When you compare it to other Canadian marathon times, it wasn't that fast, but I was happy."

Pick noted that if the marathon became an Olympic event for women, the race might attract more runners of a higher calibre.

"Most runners' eventual goal is to run a marathon—it's compelling."

Pick said that although she'll probably run in more marathons, she's not interested in more than one a year. [World-class marathoners run at least three or four a year.] She added that she is more comfortable with half-marathons.

"I'm not exclusively dedicated to it," she said, adding that she also enjoys climbing and mountaineering, skiing and cycling.

Pick does not consider herself a fanatic about running. She doesn't read the umpteen magazines about the sport now available on the news-stands.

"I used to, but now I don't, unless I have a problem or an injury, and then I'll dig up my old issues," she said.

"They're mainly advertising vehicles. They've really deteriorated in that respect."

"The one nice thing about running," she reflected, "is that it doesn't require any of that."

"There are very few sports that are so unencumbered with gadgetry," she said.

"I run for the pleasure of it."

Pick doesn't run exclusively in women's races now, although she does draw the line at the "fun runs" which attract more than 3,000 entrants.

"That's a happening, more than a proper race," she said.

"The big toughies will trample all over you and dig their elbows into your sides—that's not fun."

Pick, who has worked at BCIT for the past three-and-a-half years, now is off on a trip to Hawaii.

To scuba dive, of course.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Peter Renner of Hospitality and Tourism has been selected by the Ministry of Education to prepare a provincial curriculum for Hospitality Management programs offered in B.C. post-secondary institutes. Renner will be on assignment for about nine months beginning in June. The Coordinator of Program Development at the Ministry of Education will monitor the progress of the project.

costs \$8. For more information, contact **Louise Preiswerck** at local 607.

Pre-treatment plans are still required for any treatment expected to cost more than \$300 and for all major and orthodontic treatment, said **Carolyn Parry**, benefits manager. Study models and x-rays should also be presented with the proposed work, and will be returned by registered mail to the dentist involved. Written approval of treatment plans is normally received within two or three weeks of submission.

Five of a proposed total of 16 B.C. native wood panels are now on display in the Staff Lounge. Funding for the panels was provided by Principal **Gordon Thom**, who would like feedback from staff and faculty on whether further funding should be provided for the remaining 11.

Ian McNeil, who has been on a one-year educational leave, is back as department head of the Survey Technology. **Ken Gysler**, who has been acting dean in McNeil's absence, will return to his post as senior instructor. McNeil can be contacted at local 281.

The Orange NOW service in the library has been suspended for the summer. Distribution will begin again on Sept. 3, 1980.

There will be a house for rent in the Deer Lake area on a contract or yearly basis. For details, contact **Gene Kozier** at 298-9445.

We can't stop. Keep Fit sessions will continue until the end of June on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:40 p.m. to 5:25 p.m. in the gym. The new session

"There's almost total support," he said.

Lutz said that the action comes after other measures have been taken.

"The government already has a lengthy report, which it has chosen to ignore," he said.

"The rally started on Friday in Nelson and Cranbrook," Lutz said. "I understand Nelson and Cranbrook were shut down."

The final rally is slated for Victoria, "on the steps of Parliament," later in the month.



It's a toss-up

Students have been playing softball for weeks, with matches set up through the athletics department. Instructors, however, only recently got off the bench to compete in the third annual All-Staff softball game. The game pitted the East (2N building, trailers and library) against the West (1A and trailers) in typical show-down fashion. The game, played yesterday, was sponsored by the Staff Club.

BCGEU walk-out set

A walk-out by BCGEU members, scheduled for noon Tuesday, June 10 at BCIT, is one of 17 being organized across the province to protest proposed changes to the Superannuation Act.

The changes will affect paycheques and pensions, said Rick Lutz, chairman of Local 59, in a press release to union members.

Lutz added in an interview that the act is not negotiable because it is an act of Parlia-

ment.

BCGEU members have been asked to leave work at noon on Tuesday and not return until the next morning. Lutz said that Personnel has assured him that no disciplinary action will be taken other than the loss of pay for the half-day.

Since this is a political protest, rather than job action directed at the employer, supervisors should be informed by the area steward as to how many people will be away in the department, said Lutz.

THIS MONTH

Thursday, June 5

6:30 p.m. Educational Council meeting in the PVI Boardroom.

Friday, June 6

Pit Par closes.

Monday, June 9

TDC seminar, "Packet Switching Technology." Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver.

Tuesday, June 10

TDC seminar continues.

Thursday, June 12

8:30 a.m. Graduating Awards Ceremony in the SAC Cafeteria.

TDC seminar, "Report Writing for Professionals." BCIT.

TDC seminar, "Successful Business Negotiating — Skills and Strategies." Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver.

Road Runner evening service terminates.

Friday, June 13

TDC seminars continue.

10 a.m.

Convocation—Engineering Division at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

2 p.m.

Convocation—Business and Health Divisions at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Thursday, June 19

Food Training Centre dining room closes.

Friday, June 20

TDC seminar, "Mechanical Power Transmission." BCIT.

Monday, June 23

TDC week-long seminar, "BCIT Pulp and Paper Summer Institute." BCIT.

Sixty tee-off

More than 60 staff and faculty teed off in BCIT's seventeenth annual golf tournament, held on Friday at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club.

Gus Anderson of Surveying won the Cec Roper annual low net trophy. Sid Andersen of Biological Sciences and Mary Sutherland of Nursing won the low gross trophy for the men's and women's divisions, respectively.

Other winners included Al McLean of Counselling for the longest drive and Stu Gibbs of Counselling for coming closest to the hole. Neil McLagan of Computer Systems added up his score to become the most honest golfer.