

DEVELOPMENTS



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Forum goes next week

The wheels are in motion for a forum to discuss BCIT's Educational Five Year Plan.

The forum, scheduled for May 14 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in room 197/198, is open to all staff, students and interested members of the BCIT community.

The forum will be chaired by Richard Smyth, director of Physical Plant. Members of the Educational Council and its committees plus educational administration will be on hand as resource people.

Smyth stressed that the forum would concentrate on giving information and exchanging ideas, not on defending or promoting the plan. Straw votes during the forum will be disallowed, he added.

A sub-committee of the council, struck to organize meetings with various

segments of the community for consultation, is organizing the forum. Committee members are Smyth, Henry Arthur, Margaret Briscall, John MacKay, Jennifer Moore, Roy Morris and Bill Sheriff.

Briscall, president of the Staff Society, estimated that 200 people will attend the forum.

"It's really hard to say," she said. "From the faculty and staff, which is the main group we're looking at, I would say that if we got 150 that would be quite good."

"I would expect maybe 200 people there altogether," she said.

Copies of the second draft of the plan and plan summaries have been made available by the committee.

The BCIT Educational Five Year Plan makes explicit the educational directions which will guide BCIT for the next five years.

The first Five Year Plan was published in 1977. The current plan for the period 1979-85 clarifies and develops BCIT's future directions. It was written after input from all teaching departments in the institute.

The second draft of the 1979-85 plan incorporates recommendations made by the Educational Council. The council is now consulting with all

segments of the BCIT community.

The plan is based on three assumptions about technological education: economic growth and development is a priority in British Columbia; technological advancement is one of the more important factors associated with economic growth; and, technological education is the preferred means of satisfying provincial requirements for trained technologists.

For those interested in submitting written comments about the plan after the forum, they can be forwarded to Pat Maertz, the Board of Governors and council secretary.

Comments must be submitted by Friday, May 16 at 4 p.m. to be taken into account in the committee's report to council. The next meeting of the council is slated for May 29.



The breadline at Growlies last Thursday was a long one. Student Day, sponsored by the Student Association, meant half-price items at Growlies, freebies at the This and That, raffles from the Publications Department and free entertainment at the Pub.

Last call

Only two nominations for the Principal's Award and Board of Governors' Award have been received by the Convocation committee.

Nominations should be submitted to Dean of Students Jerry Lloyd by Friday, May 9.

The Principal's Award honors the BCIT student who has been an active student participant in institute events and has attained significant academic achievement. The BOG award is presented to the student who has "performed outstanding leadership service to peers, faculty and staff with a demonstration of dedication to the institute and distinguished allegiance to fellow students." The student is also recognized for academic honors. The awards are presented at Convocation.

Cheating/appeals policy under review

"Honesty in academic work is a central element to learning."

—from draft #8, 'Cheating and Plagiarism'

During the past 11 years, only two cases of cheating have come to the attention of the registrar's office.

Are BCIT students immune to the temptations of cheating? No.

"Cheating goes on; there's no doubt about it," said Dean of Business Ernie Iannacone. "But it's minimal."

Why? According to Iannacone, it's all in the approach.

"As instructors we encourage group participation. We want students to get together. We endorse collaboration."

Bob Mason, dean of Engineering, agrees.

"On routine assignments, students often cooperate. Some projects require a joint effort—you can't call that cheating."

Mason said that cheating on final examinations is a different story.

"You have to look at each case and the subject should always be handled on an individual basis."

At BCIT, the majority of cases are handled at the departmental level.

"In the business division, we deal with the more severe, blatant cases very thoroughly," said Iannacone. "We investigate each case. We look at the circumstances and usually make students make amends. Students are often prepared to do special projects."

BCIT has a cheating and plagiarism policy, but "there are few major issues in cheating that reach the administrative level," said Jerry Lloyd, dean of students. "Cheating is handled very successfully at the departmental level."

Lloyd admits that the old policy which the institute is currently using is outdated.

"Ron Sterne [mathematics department head] and I did some cosmetic updating, but that wasn't enough. The policy really needed some work and that's what's before the Educational Council now. They'll

establish a committee to review the draft policy."

When does Lloyd hope to see a new policies and procedures statement on cheating and plagiarism? "I want a new policy for the fall."

Appeals

"Existing procedures... are not cast in stone."

—Jerry Lloyd

Dean of Students Jerry Lloyd is on his ninth draft and eighth month of the new procedural policy for appeals. It now runs 28 pages, but he hopes to pare it down to a mere 15. He admits that even that is too long.

"It's a very difficult policy to write," said Lloyd. "You want to give the student the right to appeal, but at the same time, you don't want to impune the academic freedom of the instructors."

But the underlying factor of the policy, he said, is that "we

want natural justice to happen."

Lloyd researched the topic by studying appeals procedures at 25 other campuses in Canada and the U.S. On campus, he has consulted with Registrar Elaine del Gobbo, Human Resources Vice Principal Dale Michaels and mathematics department head Ron Sterne.

After Lloyd has finished writing the policy, it will be routed through the Deans' Committee, the Educational Council and a sub-committee of the council for consultation and revision.

"I'm hoping it'll be in working condition for this fall," said Lloyd.

"There are some existing procedures, but they're not cast in stone," he said.

"If a student is having a problem," said Lloyd, "the first

avenue is to consult the instructor," thus reducing the need for bringing the issue up to the appeals level.

Lloyd explained that the current procedures are as follows: A student can appeal his mark to the registrar within 10 school days of the official institute transcript distribution date, with a fee of \$10. From the registrar's office, the appeal moves to the dean. Marks are reread. The student receives his money back only if the reread is successful.

If the student wishes to appeal further, he applies again to the registrar. The dean is notified. The divisional marks review committee is called upon to make an adjudication.

The third and final appeal, if the student is still not satisfied, is to the principal. He establishes a review committee for the case.

Kshatriya named convenor

BCIT physics instructor Amar Kshatriya has been named convenor of the Overseas Development Committee.

The committee is one of five formed under the newly-founded B.C. International Education Committee. The other committees are Governmental Affairs, Instructional Resources, Development of Curriculum and Faculty Exchanges.

Because BCIEC was found-

ed only in late March under the sponsorship of the International Projects Office and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, the duties of the new organization and its committees are still undefined.

The next BCIEC meeting is scheduled for October.

Kshatriya has expressed his intent of contacting those on his seven-member committee before then "to decide

how we go about getting our college faculties involved and [to] get some more input and ideas about the best way of doing and undertaking this project."

The committee consists of representatives from community colleges throughout the province, but Kshatriya is also interested in response from BCIT staff and students. He can be contacted at local 315.

For more information, or to get on the mailing list for the International Office's newsletter, write to: Association of Canadian Community Colleges, Suite 203, 211 Consumers Road, Willowdale, Ontario M2J 4G8.

New York, New York



Rob Nason.
Photo by Cindy Low.

Rob Nason, co-ordinator of technical services and operations for the Anik-B project, is planning to go to the Big Apple for further studies in interactive communication.

Nason has been accepted into the two-year Master of Professional Studies program at New York University. The program was started only last September.

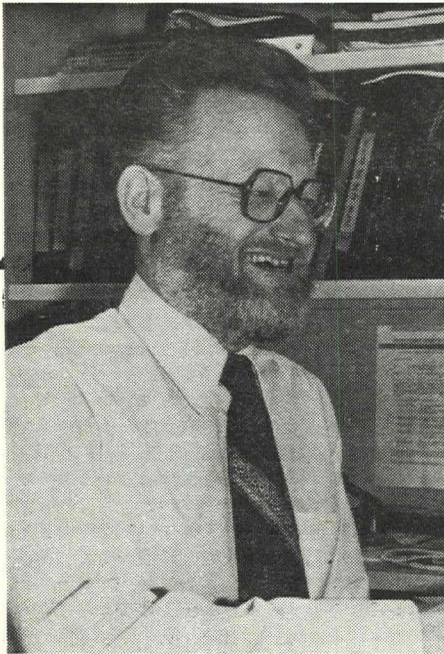
"It basically deals with interactive communication," said Nason.

Nason has signed a letter of intent to return to BCIT. He said he expected to return no later than July, 1982.

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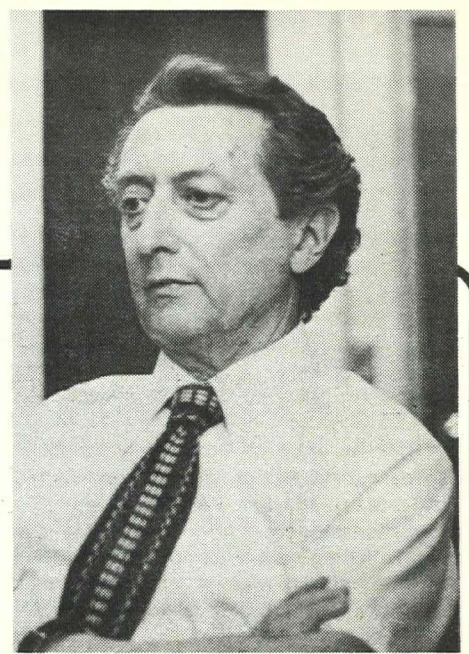
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Art Ridgway



Ralph Smylie



Tony Elston

By CINDY LOW and PENNY FRENO-LINK

"He's done a great deal of work here. He's plowed a straight furrow and he'll be missed."

That's how Dave Martin, department head of Basic Health Sciences, feels about Art Ridgway's announcement that he is leaving the institute.

Ridgway, department head of Biomedical Electronics and Health Data, simply wants "to make a change now, while [he] still can."

"I plan on taking a few months off; then I'll look around for something else. I'd like to try something entirely different."

Ridgway, who has been at the institute since it opened in 1964, had a major hand in the development of the Health Division. In the early days he taught in the Medical Radiography department. He also acted as department head for the training program for public health inspectors.

"He's always been willing to listen to staff, he has a genuine interest in each technology and the students and, most importantly, he's been a very understanding, perceptive department head," said Betty Nelson, senior instructor in the Health Data department. "He has been a real pleasure to work with and we'll miss his pragmatic approach and attention to detail."

Ridgway said he will miss the staff, but "I will really miss working with the students."

Ralph Smylie's retirement plans will include "skiing, playing golf and all those good things."

After spending more than a decade at BCIT, Smylie will step down as department head of Operations Management on August 1.

Although Smylie started as an instructor at BCIT, his schedule in more recent years has focussed "mainly on being a department head, the administration of the department and some teaching duties."

During the time he was department head, the instructional staff has grown to 18 from eight, corporate television tapes and films were produced to bring the work environment into the classroom, and a laboratory facility was set up.

Smylie was chiefly responsible for major revisions of the Operations Management program, a process which spanned almost three years.

"He's a super-organized guy," said Frank Gruen, a chief instructor in the department.

"That's his forte. And he goes to bat for the department very strongly."

Barney Morrow, another chief instructor, echoed similar sentiments.

"He's been able to accomplish the happiest department in the whole school. Of any department, bar none," said Morrow.

Tony Elston is truly a pioneer of the institute—he arrived here in January, 1964, before the school opened.

After "setting up the institution," Elston was named head of the Civil Engineering department in 1964-65.

Fifteen years later, he has come full circle.

After stints as BCIT night school vice principal (1965-66), an instructor, and an engineering consultant in the private sector (1969), he is preparing to resign from his post as department head of Civil and Structural Engineering.

Elston, who has a B.E. and a P.Eng., is a civil engineer by profession. In addition to his dozen-odd years as an instructor at BCIT, Elston's teaching experience includes four years at Ryerson Polytechnic.

"He came to BCIT from Ryerson and therefore he had a pretty good idea of what technological education was about," said Dean of Engineering Bob Mason. "With his clear thinking and so on, he has had a lot of influence."

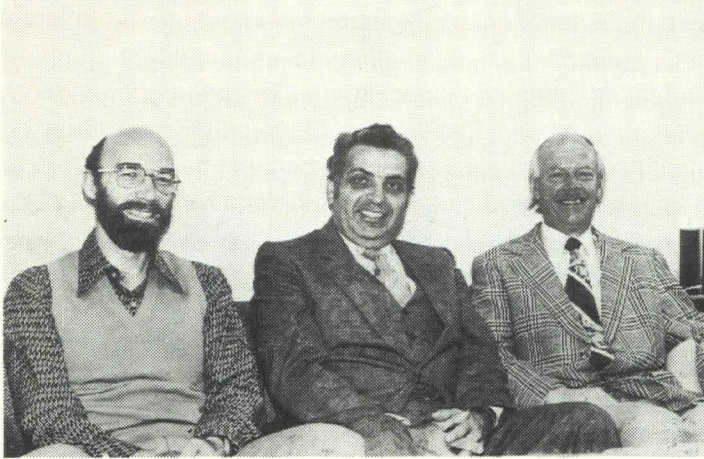
"Tony has contributed more than just to the department of Civil and Structural Engineering. He has contributed to technological education at BCIT," Mason said.

What does the future hold for Tony Elston?

"I have no idea," he replied.

A farewell gathering for friends of Ridgway, Elston and Smylie will be held on Wednesday, May 14 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Food Training Centre. The wine and cheese reception is hosted jointly by Principal Gordon Thom, the vice principals and the three division deans.

CAMPUS BRIEFS



Ernie Iannacone, dean of Business Management, is flanked by Mike Scriabin, left, and Peter Woolley. Scriabin, department head of Computer Programming, has just attained a PhD from Simon Fraser University. Woolley, department head of Financial Management, has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of B.C.

We're in the driver's seat

"In a very general way, I think it's safe to say that as far as faculty and staffing [go], BCIT doesn't have to take a back seat to anything I saw," said Bill Noel.

Noel, department head of Medical Radiography, has just returned from a whirl around educational institutes across Canada and in the United Kingdom.

"You could look at the calendar at Dawson or Red River, but you can't get a true picture of the place. The only way is to go there," he said.

"What I was interested in doing," he continued, "was visiting as many institutes as I could that were involved in doing what we were doing here."

Noel examined the technologies of medical radiography, nuclear medicine and ultrasound at various institutes. He visited about 12 Canadian institutes and five

U.K. training centres during a six-month period.

After his trip, Noel could draw general conclusions about the differences between British and Canadian medical training.

"The U.K. hasn't gone into the institute-based health technology training that we have in Canada," he said.

"Most of the training [in the U.K.] is the old, traditional hospital-based system. However, there are recommendations from various groups that perhaps they should get into the institutes," he added.

In comparison, Noel pointed out that "BCIT assumed its present style in 1967," along with many other institutes started about that time.

Noel said that his trip was a worthwhile and gratifying one, but alas, he claimed he had "no great, brand-new ideas."

A questionnaire scheduled for distribution this week will survey student opinion about the orientation program at BCIT. The four-page questionnaire covers registration, the slide presentation, the tour, and academic and social orientation. Instructors may be called upon to distribute questionnaires in class. Completed questionnaires should be returned to the set instructor, the Housing Office, or the reception bins in the SAC foyer, the library or the north foyer.

Carol Orchard is now the department head of General Nursing. Orchard was officially appointed department head in April.

Those people who submitted blind financial planning forms for processing should collect them now from the Personnel Department.

For the first time, there will be no wine and cheese at Convocation. Instead a post-Convocation tea will be held after both ceremonies.

Instructor from Red Deer College in Winnipeg visiting Vancouver with family between July 21 and Aug. 9. Would like to rent home for all or part of that time. Contact J. Tompkins at local 373 or 931-8097.

On July 24, **George Bedwell's** appointment as a member of the Board of Governors (nominated by the non-academic staff of the institute) will expire. Arrangements are now being made for an election to take place in May. Watch *Developments* for election in-

formation.

Results of chest x-rays which were done at the recent Health Fair may be picked up at Medical Services.

Garth Decker has attended his last meeting as a member of the BCIT Pulp and Paper Advisory Committee. "It's time for another pair of eyes," said Decker. He has been on the committee for the past six years, including the last two as chairman. "My only reason for moving is that I'm a firm believer in the idea that you need to keep injecting new people for new ideas," he said. Decker, now the personnel manager at Prince George Pulp and Paper, was a member of BCIT's first graduating class in the Pulp and Paper option. He has worked in various departments at the Prince George company and for its sister company, Intercontinental.

Correction

In the May 1 issue of *Developments*, there was an error in the story "Society picks seven." The article incorrectly named Charles Saunders as Economics Affairs Co-ordinator, rather than Graham Cocksedge. Saunders is in fact the Educational Development Co-ordinator. *Developments* apologizes for any embarrassment this may have caused either Saunders or Cocksedge. The executive committee also includes Margaret Briscall, past president and Patrick Thomas, general secretary.

THIS MONTH

Thursday, May 8

1 pm Correlieu Senior Secondary Campus Tour

Friday, May 9

1:30 pm Douglas College Campus Tour

Saturday, May 10

9:30-4 pm "Stress and the Working Woman," workshop in Staff Lounge. \$15.

Register by May 5th at Campus Life trailer.

Friday, May 16

Exams begin

Friday, May 23

Exams finish

Saturday, May 24

10-3 pm

Massage—Level II. Workshop in Room 294A. \$10. Register in Campus Life trailer.
TDC seminar, "Systems Analysis and Design." To May 30 at the Holiday Inn, Vancouver city centre.
TDC seminar, "Computer Graphics and Design." Sheraton Villa and BCIT campus.