

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Q. How will the new educational structure result in better service to the students, i.e. higher educational quality?

A. Hopefully, the new structure removes those obstacles that prevent faculty from performing their teaching duties in as effective manner as possible.

Because the new structure should enable faculty to make decisions on matters affecting them on a day-to-day basis, institute resources that interface with the teaching activity should come together more quickly. I refer to such things as institute supplies, scheduling of instructional space and short term professional development. However, no amount of administrative back up or restructuring will improve the quality of instruction if the faculty member isn't dedicated and prepared.

Q. Will the new structure save the Institute any money?

A. I have said from the beginning that it wasn't designed to save money. However, it definitely will not be any more expensive and should save money in the long term.

Q. Renovations were made to your premises due to your wanting a "storefront" image. Would it not be advisable to have a "BCIT" sign on the exterior of your "storefront"?

A. A campus-wide plan for the replacement of all signs to conform our Institute colour scheme and logo has recently been approved. Twenty major directional

signs will be erected before the end of this month, among them one for the Administration building.

Ed.- a list of new signs will be printed in the next issue of UPDATE.

CENTRAL STORES TO CLOSE

Central Stores will close all day March 31 for fiscal year-end inventory taking.

SVI convention being planned

Members of the BCIT Chapter of the Society of Vocational Instructors of B.C. are currently planning their next convention, due to be held on campus May 27 to 29.

Weekly meetings are being held from now until the convention in Room 205 of the Inglis Building from 12 noon to 1 p.m. each Thursday.

Instructors interested in finding out what is being planned for the convention, or who would like to contribute their talents, are welcome to drop in.

Call SVI Chapter President, BROCK HILLIARD at local 5058 for more information.

HELP!

Where is that meeting being held?

Registration staff are having problems helping people from off campus who come to the Institute for meetings during the day or evening and don't know which room to go to.

According to MARGO SLATER, the frustration experienced by the visitors and those trying to assist them could be avoided if staff would simply phone or send her a PROFS note whenever they are booking a room on campus for an outside group.

CAMPUS PEOPLE

Good luck to EVA LONGMAN, who left the Institute on March 7. Eva worked for the Institute and former BCIT for 14 years, the past three as program assistant in the International Education department.

WENDY WONG of Office Assistance is temporarily providing secretarial assistance to Vice President Finance, DUNCAN MACPHERSON, while LYNN LOUNSBURY is on sick leave.

GORDIE BRADBURY, chief instructor, Sheet Metal Department, will be in Seattle March 20 and 21 to participate as a judge in one of the competitions at the Joint Apprenticeship Improvement Committee, Sheet Metal Local 280 Pacific Coast Competition. Several BCIT Sheet Metal apprentices will compete in the first, second, third and fourth year competitions. The Pacific Coast includes Alaska, B.C. Washington and Oregon.

Millwright instructors PETER FILL and TODD DAVIES have been invited to set up displays on our hydraulic programs, ELTT program and other general programs for millwrights at the Gold River Pulp Open House on March 25.

Former Personnel employee, FERN STOREY, who left BCIT early last year to travel in Europe and the Middle East, returned to the Institute last December. She is currently working for the School of Computing and Electro-Mechanical Studies, C.E.



Spotlight on Staff



COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Staff: l. to r. CAROL DION, special events coordinator, SUSAN DUDAS, work study student, JUDI BAINBRIDGE, secretary, TERRY GARNER, promotion director, JERRY LLOYD, director, SUSAN WALTERS, executive secretary, PAULA KENT, systems coordinator, MARY BACON, publications officer, TRISHA MASON, editor/writer.

Service: Produces publications, periodicals, advertising, media coverage and special events in support of its major function - to market, promote and raise funds for BCIT. Currently developing an advertising strategy and assisting the Institute create a marketing strategy by September, 1987.

Typical Endeavors: Academic calendar, convocation and awards ceremonies, Retirement Dinner Connection, Update, promotional videos, recruitment advertising, fund raising coordination, tours, speech writing.

Comments: A flexible group given to risibility and occasional bouts of irascibility. For more information phone 432-8869.

Wrestlers compete at BCIT

Those brightly clad young men you may have noticed around campus on March 13 were competing in National Wrestling Championships on campus.

JIM MITCHELL, who as director of Recreation and Athletic Services booked the space to the B.C. Wrestling Association, says the event served as a dry run for the World Junior Championships due to be held here August 10 to 15.

The benefits to BCIT from that booking are substantial, says Mitchell. "Our residences and eating facilities will be utilized as well as our recreational areas and this translates into revenue and excellent P.R. for BCIT."

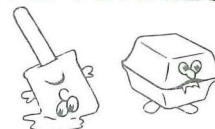
"WHAT MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT DOES THE INSTITUTE HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY MARCH 31, 1987?"

The first person to call local 8738 on Tuesday, March 24 with the correct answer will receive the UPDATE Staff Award of the Week.

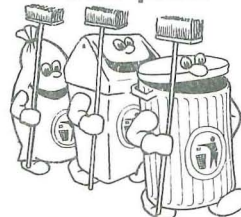
Ford donates truck

A 1987 pick-up truck, damaged in transit, was recently donated by Ford Canada to our Automotive Department.

THE YUKKIES



Please put them in their place



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