

Cost shrinking space

The inflationary trend will take its toll of the final square footage of the new building.

Approval has been given by the Treasury Board to a grant of \$4.65 million for building and remodelling here.

Costs have risen from \$16.35 in 1962 to \$38.41 per square foot now for the same quality of construction up, 15% in the last three months.

In a current proposal an imaginative way has been devised of solving the problem of joining the new building to the existing classroom block, to the Mechanical building, and to the Library.

Lines to Department change

Reorganization of top officials in the Department of Education gives to new deputy minister Jack Fleming over-all responsibility for kindergarten through post-secondary education.

"Differing requirements of post-secondary education are provided for two levels below where two superintendents will divide responsibility for educational programs - kindergarten to Grade 12, and post-secondary areas", according to press reports.

Between Jack Fleming and the superintendents are three associate deputy ministers.

Andrew Soles becomes new associate deputy minister for education programs, taking on new responsibilities in addition to those he formerly had as associate deputy for post-secondary services.

Annual Christmas program produced by second-year television students in Broadcast communications will be broadcast on channel 8 Sunday, December 23rd at 12:00 noon.

Business Technology offices are now occupying one of the "portables" sited near the main entrance. I.S. has the other.

Forum on Restructuring scheduled

The whys and wherefores of recommendations in the Preliminary Report on "Restructuring" are to be explained at an open meeting of staff and students the week of January 7th.

Explanation as to why decisions were arrived at and answers to questions on particular points will be given by the Task Force to interested groups within the Institute.

The report, being written by D.H. HELGESON, will be available for study by the end of the month.

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Early riser DALE MICHAELS accepted the challenge of chairing the Task Force deliberations with zest, arriving on campus at 7 a.m. daily, and leaving often at 10:30 p.m.

Membership on the committee she describes as "like going from kindergarten to a post-graduate degree in educational philosophy".

She has enjoyed the stimulation and new perspective opened but is looking forward eagerly to resuming teaching duties from which she was relieved for the vital task.

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The goal: agreement

Meeting two or three times a week for four or five hours at a stretch, the Task Force committed itself to reaching consensus on every issue.

Members in the sessions were characterized by MRS. MICHAELS as showing a willingness to see others points of view.

"General agreement on most issues has been reached," D.H. HELGESON reported in early December "and we are still hopeful about those still remaining unresolved".

Freedom of the Board to administer, participatory management, jurisdiction of the Board, and composition of the Board, were thorny issues with which members had to wrestle.

All together-now-V5G 3#2. It's the postal zone number of the Institute. This code should be used in all off-campus correspondence.

Biggest problem of the Task Force, reports DALE MICHAELS, Chairman, was keeping everyone informed as to progress. Although minutes of meetings were made public, because of the delay of several days before they were available, grapevine distortion of facts produced "crisis situations".

Following the "public" meeting, an in-depth examination of the report will be made with associate Deputy Ministers A.E. Soles and J.Fleming, acting in an advisory capacity, looking at details and problems in this first draft.

Final report will be transmitted to the Minister January 31st, the deadline having been extended one month.

After the legislature passes enabling legislation and Board of Administration is appointed it will take some time to effect changes, MRS. MICHAELS anticipates.

Internal changes could come quickly, but with twenty-two different organizations with which the Institute operates on campus, new modi will require to be developed.

Also sitting on the Task Force, in addition to appointees reported earlier, is CLIFF ANDSTEIN, BCUCG, representing clerical and food training employees' views.

Extension Division and department heads were not represented.

Alternates were not appointed along with those named to the Task Force, consequently J.C. McAWI did not substitute for Mr. GORD.

It's prevention and cure in Health Services now

"Dr. Bob", youthful Dr. Robert Wilkie, is quickly establishing good rapport with students since his recent appointment by Student Council to Health Services.

All were sorry to lose the friendly services of Dr. Huckvale, here since opening the Institute, reports Mrs. Fenner, Public Health Nurse.

With the expansion of the Health Services into the area of preventive medicine, Dr. Huckvale felt it was no longer compatible with requirements of his private practice.

"Dr. Huckvale always took the time to explain diagnosis and medical procedures to his student patients, and his downtown office door was always open to them," recalls Judy Hallgrimson, representative of all Health technologies on Student Association executive.

Dr. Bob will be on campus mornings five days a week. January 2nd he will be joined by Dr. Cheryl Barnes who will be on hand afternoons.

Emphasis in the services is on the individual's responsibility for his own continuing good health, and both doctors have the time and interest to assist anyone on campus to this end with counselling and medical attention.

Mrs. Fenner has been interested in promoting expansion of

Appointments in Extension

ATLEY MORROW has joined Extension Division as Program Consultant, coming from counselling in secondary schools in Saskatchewan.

BILL ROBERTSON has moved from ChemMet to be Coordinator of Directed Study Programs.

These new positions in Extension Division were opened as a result of the report of the Study Committee on the Division.

Confirmation of third appointment is pending.

Bill 75 not yet law?

Public Service Labour Relations Act, introducing collective bargaining for employees of the province (including BCIT staff) is not expected to be proclaimed until early January.

Meantime the "democratic right to select our own bargaining agent" is being pressed by Staff Society executive, "with backing of 80% of the staff" according to WALTER MALAKOFF.

Other Civil Service groups also oppose the legislation.

Statements have been reported in the press that the legislation will affect the Institute only until it goes under Board management.

Health Services here and has attended conferences on campus medical services over a period of time.

In Focus

Getting to know ---

ERIC CROSSIN reports he is suffering from the culture shock of returning to Canada this fall after two years in Kenya, East Africa, with CIDA as a technical advisor to the Kenya Forest Department. Loud traffic noises he finds particularly difficult to get used to.

The people of Kenya he found warm-hearted, friendly and hard working, with a driving desire to succeed as a young nation despite the many difficulties to overcome.

While there he lived near a small village in the high altitude (81000 ft.) forests.

"Kenya is a country of contrasts = the white beaches of Mombasa in the Indian Ocean, the thousands of square miles of grasslands and brush, home of

Wildbeast, zebra, impala, gazelles, buffalo, giraffe, ostrich, elephant, lion, hyena, rhino, baboon, and the beautiful lakes with hippo, crocodile, and fish, patchworked by the startling pink of thousands of flamingos; the coffee, banana, tea and sugar plantations, together with fields of wheat, pyrethrum, maize; the tropical forests of pine and cypress."

His two children took their education by correspondence through the B.C. Department of Education.

Eric joined BCIT in 1965 after sixteen years with the forest industry here. He is responsible for the teaching of silviculture, forest ecology, soils, fire control and forest measurement.

News Briefs

A record turn-out enjoyed Mr. Goard's way of extending Christmas wishes - his personal wine and cheese party for staff.

Rested, and fit from his two-mile a day walks, Mr. Goard expects to be back in harness on January 2nd.

FRAN ASHDOWN expressed regret that, because it was catered according to RSVP response, the unexpectedly high attendance depleted refreshments early.

VICTOR HEATH returned November 10th from his annual month in Columbia where he is involved in establishing relations between industry and a training program for workers in forest industries, a continuing CIDA sponsored project.

He reports a problem in retaining some of the training areas because of guerilla activities there.

HARRY LENKO, Forest Resources, has returned part-time to teaching duties after recent illness.

The "This 'n That" Campus Shop, located in SAC now has a license to sell postage stamps of all amounts.

The store is also the agent for well known manufacturers of calculators -- Hewlett-Packard, Texas Instruments, and Royal.

Operation of a Day Care Centre at Willingdon School has been delayed by legal requirements of registering as a non-profit society and being licensed.

Application has been made to Victoria on behalf of BCVS-BCIT.

There will be room for 45 children.

BCIT forestry students, under the Federal fisheries service, have been involved in the egg-take which resulted in 1 million chum salmon eggs incubating at Blowy Creek WRC research forest reserve.

JENNY CROPPER said 'bye at the wine and cheese party hosted by Mr. Goard, leaving it early to catch her plane for a two or three week holiday in Britain.

A skit on safety by BCIT forestry students, "one of the most popular events in past years," according to Truck Logger, will be repeated at the Association annual convention in Vancouver mid-January.