

MB to build in BCIT Discovery Park

At a news conference yesterday chaired by BCIT's Discovery Park Chairman Dave Brousson, it was announced that MacMillan Bloedel will construct a \$20 million research and development centre at BCIT's Discovery Park.

Dr. Otto Forgacs, senior vice president of research and development for MacMillan Bloedel said, "This location was chosen because of its ready access to MB's downtown head office and to Vancouver Airport.

"Ready access from a large choice of residential areas was also a factor, and the proximity to BCIT was considered a further important 'plus'."

Preliminary design work has

been completed for the new centre, and detailed engineering will be completed in 1981. No date for the beginning of construction has been set.

Also announced at yesterday's press conference were plans for Microtel Pacific Research Limited's new \$9.1 million research facility at SFU's Discovery Park.

The metrically-designed, 9,000 m² (96,000 square foot) building will be completed in December this year.

Discovery Park at BCIT covers 85 acres across Willingdon Avenue from the campus. When completed the park will have 17 buildings —

three clusters of four buildings each — and five separate buildings.

The floor area of all buildings will total about 2,459,000 square feet.

The MacMillan Bloedel research centre in the park will be a two-storey, campus-style building of about 120,000 square feet. The centre will utilize only a part of the site, allowing for landscaping in a park-like setting.

The possibility of co-operative research and development activities with other tenants of the park exists said Dr. Forgacs. He hopes related industries, such as equipment suppliers, locate their research facilities close by.

MacMillan Bloedel's research centre is currently located in two separate buildings on East Broadway.

It employs about 150 scientists, technicians and other staff and is the largest private research organization in Canada's forestry products industry.

At the present time, the first Multi-Tenant Facility research building is being constructed at BCIT's Discovery Park. Design of this building has brought its

architects — Russell Vandiver and Partnership — the 1980 Canadian Architects' Award for Excellence.

The four-storey building, to be completed in November this year, will be a post-tensioned concrete structure with clear anodized aluminum cladding. It will provide 93,000 square feet of floor space, over half of which has been spoken for.

Dillingham Corporation Canada Ltd. is constructing the building.

More than 400 people also attended a special ceremony last night marking the start of construction on the Discovery Parks projects at BCIT and SFU.

Guest of honor was Dr. Pat McGeer, minister of universities, science and communications.

Dr. McGeer was presented with two commemorative plaques at the ceremony, one each to be placed on a Discovery Park building at BCIT and SFU after construction is completed.

Other guests included: Gordon Thom, president of BCIT, Dr. George Pedersen, president of SFU and guest speaker Dr. Michael C.J. Cowpland, president of Mitel Corporation of Ottawa.

Pat Jordan to speak

The Honorable Pat Jordan, provincial minister of Tourism is expected to speak at BCIT's Hospitality and Tourism Industry Days 1981 at the Hotel Vancouver Feb. 13.

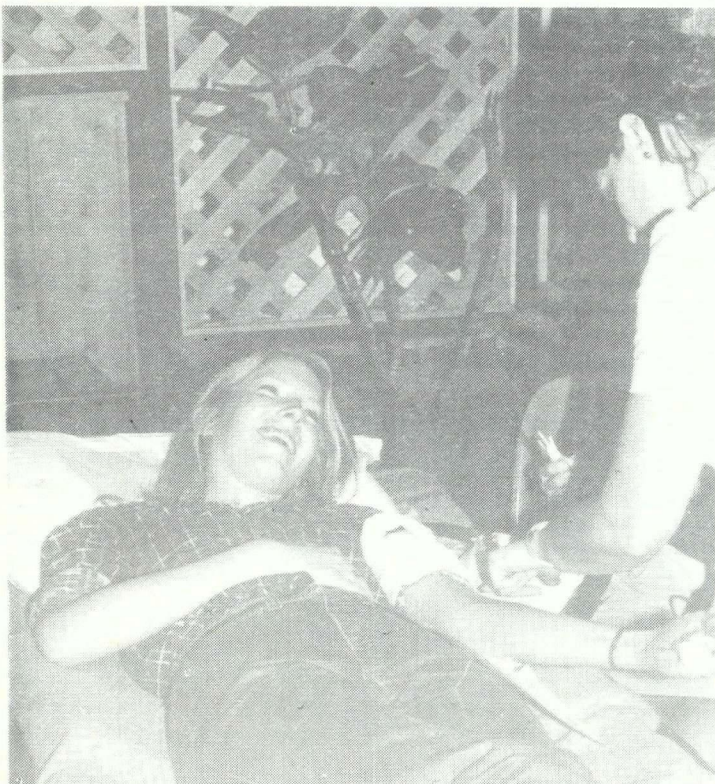
The two-day event, starting Feb. 12, will feature seminars, guest speakers and employment interviews to give representatives from the hospitality industry and graduating students a chance to meet each other before

students enter the job market.

Students and staff from Camosun College, Victoria and Malaspina College in Nanaimo have also been invited to attend.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the hotel foyer. A bus from BCIT to the Hotel Vancouver will leave campus at 7:55 a.m. each day.

Advance registration can be made today, Feb. 5 and Friday, Feb. 6.



Above student was one of 530 BCIT people who helped set an unofficial record in number of pints donated during last week's Blood Donor Clinic. Photo by Laurence Zorz

Get together with People Pool

WANTED:

- A squash or racquetball partner;
- A Dungeons and Dragons Club (both players and a master are needed);
- Others experienced in mountain climbing;
- A French conversation group;
- Others with experience in basketry (to work with).

AVAILABLE:

Time — a student would like to volunteer some weekends. Prefers spending it on children or the handicapped; in sports or what have you.

Contact Bill Marshall —
Campus Life Trailer

Have you ever wanted to play a game of chess, but couldn't find a partner to play against? Or needed some help in English but didn't know where to go for tutoring?

Welcome to the People Pool.

The brainchild of Campus Life Co-ordinator Bill Marshall, the People Pool is a way for people of similar interests to get

together to share their ideas or to get assistance in exchange for other services.

All you have to do is fill out one of the cards found on People Pool posters all across campus stating your name, interest, whether you want to share a hobby or need assistance and detail what free-time you have available.

Then you simply return the card to the Campus Life trailer (the one with Student Services marked on the outside) and, with luck, your card will be matched up with someone at BCIT of similar interests.

Marshall got the idea from reading his job description when he first came to BCIT in September.

"The description says I'm supposed to help organize student activities, clubs and so on," Marshall said, "but my first problem is to find out what students want."

When he started this job last fall, Marshall found most student activity was in the area of athletics, with little for the non-athletic person interested in chess or French conversation.

The People Pool was a way of

solving the question, "What activities do the students at BCIT want?"

"The People Pool also allows the students to organize themselves," said Marshall.

He feels this is particularly important at a technological college such as BCIT where students have so little free time.

"Students here are doing a three-year program in two years. There's no way I could say we'll have a chess club meeting at this time or a pottery class at another. Maybe the students couldn't attend at that time," said Marshall. "This way the students can decide what they want to do and when they want to do it."

"All I do is help them find the way and find each other."

So far, since the posters went up in December response to the People Pool has been slow, but Marshall isn't worried.

"This is the sort of program that has to become a tradition," he said. "The more it becomes known, the more it'll work."

Marshall said one problem is BCIT students only attend

school for two years.

He blamed this lack of continuity for the shortage of extra-curricular activities on campus up to now. But the People Pool is an excellent way to overcome this problem, he added. It allows campus activities to change with changing student interests and needs.

While helping students and staff form clubs and similar interest groups is one part of the People Pool, there is another side to the program.

Marshall describes it as the "barter system".

"People haven't fully realized the potential of this service yet, but think of the possibilities: Say a student needs help in mathematics and he's a good housepainter. By putting his card in the People Pool we can match him up with a math instructor who needs his house painted. The instructor pays for the house-painting by tutoring the student in math. Both sides benefit," explained Marshall.

The People Pool is open to everyone on campus, staff and students. For more information, see Bill Marshall in the Campus Life trailer just behind the library

CAMPUS BRIEFS

The next Board of Governors meeting will be Feb. 19, at 1 p.m. in the BCIT Board Room. It will be an open session.

Marlene Wittenberg, a first-year student in Psychiatric Nursing at BCIT, has been selected by the Soroptimist Club of Vancouver to receive a \$700 Training Award.

A runner-up award of \$400 was made to another BCIT student, **Deanna Bienville**, of first-year General Nursing.

The annual awards are intended to assist mature women in their efforts to upgrade their job skills or to retrain for entry or re-entry into the labor market.

If you're interested in becoming a residence don for the 1981/82 school year and haven't picked up your application form, remember the deadline is Feb. 13.

Application forms and information on becoming a don are available from **Val Karpinsky** in the Housing Office in Maquina Residence.

Faculty, staff, full-time students and alumni are eligible to apply. Applicants may be either single or married.

A residence don is responsible for such duties as assisting students in adapting to BCIT life, counselling individuals, organizing residence activities and handling some administrative tasks.

Deane representing BCIT

BCIT Student Association President Michael Deane has been selected to represent BCIT at the 26th Student Conference on National Affairs to be held from Feb. 11 to 14, 1981 at Texas A & M University.

The annual conference will bring together student leaders from colleges and universities in three countries — Canada, the United States and Mexico. Its aim is to develop leadership and an awareness of international issues through group discussion.

This year's topic is the "International Society in Transition", a discussion of the problems of transferring technological information between countries of different cultures.

Four other Canadian schools have been asked to send representatives to Texas including McGill, Queens, Ryerson Polytechnical and York University.

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Activities planned for residents

What do a Keg Ball contest, a pancake breakfast and a chess tournament all have in common? All are activities arranged for students living in residence at BCIT. And, said Housing Manager Val Karpinsky, they are only a few of the many events planned for this year.

Up until now, Karpinsky said, his staff people have been so busy setting up the residences, they've had no time for planning student activities.

"Organizing parties by themselves are no problem for the students," said Karpinsky. "But a lot of our students are under 19. We needed something for them to do on a Friday or Saturday night."

So this year the dons in residence and several BCIT students working on a Work Study program arranged through the Financial Services Office have been organizing

activities for students living in residence.

The Keg Ball contest, pancake breakfast and chess tournament were a huge success, said Karpinsky, and a recent curling bonspiel drew 70 to 80 people.

Last week students from Maquinna and Willingdon Residences competed in a Plasma Prize Contest to see who could bring in the most donors from their "house" to a Blood Donor Clinic held on campus.

Winner of the contest, Carrier House with a 30 per cent turnout, picked up the prize plaque.

Beginning Feb. 14, residence students will be able to learn First Aid at a course on campus.

In the planning is a residence banquet for the 288 students who live at BCIT and a series of hikes through the wilderness and mountain areas around Vancouver.

Karpinsky said, "The

impression is about that residence is a place for partying and that students have a hard time studying."

"We're trying to make it possible for students to live in residence and do well for school."

Bob Pennington retires



After 14 years at BCIT and 25 years in the Canadian navy, Bob

Pennington, responsible for maintenance of lab equipment and an assistant in teaching lab work in the mechanical technology, is looking forward to travelling during his retirement.

Pennington and his wife plan to head to the southern U.S. for about four months and then return to Vancouver again, only to be off on a six-month trip.

"If you have to work," Pennington said, "this is the place to be. The people here are tremendous. I really enjoyed the young people."

Small business council meeting in Vancouver

The International Council for Small Business - Canada will be holding its second annual conference at the Hotel Vancouver from April 10 to 11, said Randy Vandermark, acting head of BCIT's marketing department and vice president of ICBS-Canada.

The theme of the conference is "Research for the 80's". It was chosen, said Vandermark, "because the speakers and papers will focus on the problems of small businesses that need to be better understood for solutions in the 80's."

The key-note speakers will be the Honorable Charles La Pointe, federal Minister of State for Small Business on April 10, and the Honorable Don Phillips provincial minister of Industry and Small Business Development on April 11.

Also speaking at the conference will be Professor Eiji Ogawa, a leading economist in Japan and an advisor to the Japanese government on policy affecting small business.

Among the topics of the two-day conference are productivity improvement, counselling services and management techniques for small businesses.

About 25 American delegates will be attending - the remainder of the delegates will be from all regions of Canada.

Vandermark added that the conference is being held to provide support for an ongoing research centre that will encourage further research into small business problems.

COUNCIL NOTES

The Educational Council at its Jan. 29 meeting adopted a plan for staggering the terms of office for its elected members to assure continuity of its membership.

Only the April 1981 elections will be altered, with some of the groups electing their representatives for a one-year term rather than two. These groups are: the Department Heads, the Faculty/Technical Staff at Large, and the Engineering Advisory Committee and the Continuing Education and Industry Services Advisory Committee. In 1982 and every two years thereafter, these groups will elect their representatives for two-year terms.

The student representatives will continue to be elected for one-year terms in an October election. There will be elections this April in all groups. The Managers/Directors, Divisional Faculty/Technical Staff, and Business Management and Health Advisory Committees will elect their representatives for two-year terms. These groups will hold their next elections in 1983 and every two years after that.

Council also approved policy concerning course outlines and the format for outlines. While there was general consensus that course outlines should be required for all BCIT courses, some faculty members objected to the requirement for the statement of course objectives as proposed in the format. Long and sometimes heated debate resulted in some changes to the form that course outlines will now follow.

The council made two changes in course pre-requisites. Grade 11 physics will be required for entrance to Medical Laboratory Technology and grade 12 English M.E. (minimum essentials) will no longer be considered a substitute for English 12. The former course was found to be "more minimal than essential."

Four health programs were recommended to the board for ministry approval. All four are to begin in September 1982 and hinge on increased funding for facilities and equipment. The programs are:

- Electrophysiology Training - designed to graduate individuals with sufficient breadth of skills to perform

multi-discipline jobs in smaller hospitals outside the lower mainland and in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

- Access to Psychiatric Nursing - designed for LPN's and RN's to gain access to a career as Registered Psychiatric Nurses.

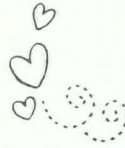
- Expansion of Prosthetics and Orthotics - to increase the enrolment from eight students to 12 annually.

- Health Information Technician Training - a one-year certificate course designed to graduate individuals who are able to perform the technical and clerical duties required by the employees of Health Records and related departments in health care agencies.

The next Educational Council meeting will be held Feb. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a location to be announced.




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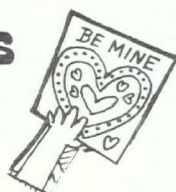


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Feb. 28: Deadline for BCGEU Scholarships