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THREE NEW COMMISSIONS APPOINTED

The Department of Education has appointed three more commissions during the summer to study various aspects of post-secondary education in the province. The Department earlier set up the Winegard Commission to investigate ways of providing degree-completion programs to residents outside Vancouver and Victoria. (See accompanying story).

The Goard Commission will make recommendations on improving the scope and effectiveness of technical and vocational training. In make the announcement, Labor Minister, Allan Williams, said: "The available supply of men and women who are skilled in the modern techniques used in our industries is a basic requirement for a healthy economy. It is also fundamental to economic growth.

"The curriculum and facilities for vocational and trade training and career counselling have, for two long, been assigned a low priority. The action being taken today is to correct this imbalance."

Education Minister Pat McGeer added: "Modern, consistent standards and facilities for vocational and trade training are essential if we are to provide better opportunities for young British Columbians now in our school system, and for those men and women already in the work force who wish to upgrade their skills."

The commission will be chaired by former BCIT principal, Dean Goard, Sr. Other members include E. H. McCaffery of the Mechanical Contractors Assoc., W. Trineer of the Western Canadian Regional Council of the International Woodworkers of America, Cy Stairs of the B.C. and Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades Council, Arthur Blakeney of the Aluminum Company of Canada who is also a member of the Northwest College council, and Betsy McDonald, an instructor at Vancouver Community College and president of the Vocational Instructors' Association of B.C.

The commission's deliberations will be interrelated to those of the Winegard Commission.

The Faris Commission, a panel of B.C. educators chaired by Dr. Ron Faris, superintendent of communications, will make recommendations on continuing and community education. Its findings will also be linked to the Winegard recommendations.

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CONVOCATION SPEAKER

BCIT graduates have a vital role to play in finding solutions to the ecological crises, according to Dick Tomkinson, the 1976 convocation speaker.

ABCIT alumnus, Tomkinson delivered his address on June 11th to 342 members of the 1976 graduating class, their families and friends. The convocation ceremony was held in the SAC Cafeteria.

In his speech, Tomkinson challenged the graduates to share their specialized skills with the global village and use their intellects in the struggle to preserve our environment.

"It is technology - applied to the practical problems of the society at large - that is at the cutting edge of maintaining humanity in this world," Tomkinson said.

Referring to H.G. Wells' depiction of history as a race between catastrophe and science, he continued: "Technology, the applied intelligence of man, is the power and the factor that will carry human habitation on this planet through the growing scarcity of energy and material into a new world."

As support for his thesis, Tomkinson pointed out that we live in an ever-expanding world. Our growing ability to measure in ever smaller and more precise units increases the amount of time we have. Advances in medicine extend our life-span. New techniques in exploration increase the availability of resources. Space travel expands our horizons. These factors, according to Tomkinson, increase our capability of solving the problems of a crowded planet.

WINEGARD COMMISSION REPORTS

The creation of a new division of Simon Fraser University, with university centres in Prince George, Kamloops, Kelowna and Nelson is among major recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on University Programs in Non-Metropolitan Areas.

The report also recommends that on a long term basis, the new SFU division eventually becomes the core of a multi-campus university to serve the non-metropolitan areas of BC. The report says to offer the proposal to either UBC or the University of Victoria would detract from their well defined areas of expertise.

The Commission recommends that SFU be given to December 1976 to accept or reject the proposal. Should it reject the proposal, the commission recommends that "a new university be established immediately despite the disadvantages." Among these disadvantages would be the large cost, which "could prove unfortunate for the post-secondary system of BC." The report predicts that three new university centres could be constructed for \$6 million while Notre Dame University could be used for the Nelson centre.

The report contains recommendations on the future role of BCIT in post-secondary education. The following is an excerpt from the report.

"It is clear that the British Columbia Institute of Technology knows its role and is

pursuing it vigorously. The Commission urges BCIT to continue along its present path with one extension; an extension that BCIT is prepared to accept if proper funding is provided. In many parts of the Province the Commission heard comments that the priority need was for more BCIT type programs. It was suggested that most colleges haven't facilities or the funds to provide the sophisticated technical courses offered by BCIT and that BCIT should become more involved in taking courses to outlying regions using the community colleges as the base for operations.

It is therefore recommended that BCIT provide such courses by face-to-face contact and in modular forms at the request of the various community colleges. BCIT should receive designated funding from the Department of Education for the development and delivery of such courses. It is further recommended that BCIT take on the coordinating role for the development of modular or directed study courses in the technical areas in conjunction with the colleges. In the development of media courses, BCIT should use the production facilities of the Provincial Education Media Centre in the same way that Simon Fraser University will use them for upper level academic courses.

BCIT is the flagship of the technical education system and a very important part of the post-secondary education system of British Columbia."

The Gaudry Commission will make recommendations on the scope of research activity at post-secondary institutions necessary to foster economic growth. Specific areas of study will include the dimensions of university and industry-based research and its adequacy for future economic development of the province; the amount of research currently being done in the universities and community colleges; and the role of the provincial government in sponsoring the social, natural and life sciences and recommendations for the future.

Commission chairman Roger Gaudry is president of the International Association of Universities and formerly president of the University of Montreal.

The recommendations of the three commissions will form the basis of a bill governing colleges, vocational schools and other institutions involved with recurrent education and training.

The bill is expected to have a major effect on institutions covered under section XI of the Public Schools Act.

college canada '76

The 6th Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, will be held in Ottawa, from November 13th-17th, 1976. The Association, with its annual conferences, has grown along with the colleges to help them develop regional, provincial, and national perspectives on common problems and objectives. The theme for the conference this year is 'Shaping Our Future Now' and it provides opportunities for critical analysis of future development of community colleges and selected aspects of them.

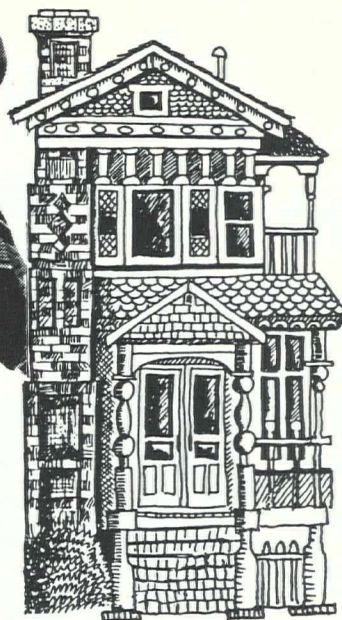
Five "mini-conferences" will run concurrently on November 14th and 15th, and precede the general conference. They will provide groups with special interests with a chance to meet and discuss these interests. Two other kinds of opportunities occur within the general conference, which will be organized in a special fashion to provide two "streams" running side-by-side throughout the conference. One stream is characterized by the title "Theme Sessions", the other, "Learning Strategies Sessions". Theme Sessions include units on The Body Politics, Life Long Learning, The Community, Culture and Social Justice. Emphasis will be on participation from delegates. The Learning Strategies Sessions offer an alternative to any or all of the theme sessions. Emphasis here is on presentation and demonstration of approaches and initiatives of individuals and groups in the community colleges.

The Community College in the Next Decade: Shaping Our Future Now, has been planned in response to a questionnaire distributed across Canada. There will be social activities including events for spouses of delegates and tours of the national capital provided during the conference.

For further information, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for the conference contact:

College Canada '76
Steering Committee
Algonquin College
1385 Woodroffe Ave.,
Ottawa, Ont.
K2G 1V8

THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYONE SAYS VAL



During the summer the BCIT Student Services Dept. has helped 1,500 students find housing while they attend BCIT. Under the direction of Val Karpinsky, Student Housing Co-ordinator, an effective system of supplying off-campus housing has made the anticipated housing shortage crisis non-existent.

Together with six other learning centres, BCIT's Housing Dept. has shared local newspaper advertisements plus listings and information. They advertised on local radio stations for suitable housing and the community's response has been excellent. Headquarters are located in the Board Room of the SAC Building until the Housing staff can move into the Student Services portable in October.

Val's duties also include responsibility for admission to Brentwood & Willingdon residences as well as supervision and control of both these residences. As Willingdon he has appointed "Dons" who will counsel and help those students living there, and at Brentwood the second year student floor

advisors act as peer counsellors and student government. The Willingdon Dons are: John Bunning, a Survey Instructor in Forestry, Maylin Gwilliams, a UBC student and Wyn Gwilliams, a Vocation Teacher Training student.

This year there are also ten students housed in the New Westminster YW/YMCA.

Until BCIT has residences of its own Val and his team will continue to find accommodation for our students and to help them with any housing problems they may encounter during their stay at BCIT.

A graduate of Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, (B.A. History), Val has good experience in Student Housing. After graduation he worked as an Administrative Assistant to the Director of Residences at Queens and was responsible for their 3,000 bed residence. He came to Vancouver in September 1975 and BCIT in January 1976.



KITCHEN CORNER

NEW FTC DINING HOURS

DINING ROOM

Lunch 11:30 - 12:40

CAFETERIA

Lunch 11:30 - 1:30
Dinner - 4:30 - 6:30

SNACK BAR

Snacks 11:30 - 300
Lunch 11:30 - 2:00

The 20 minute cut in Dining Room service has resulted in an extension of service in the Cafeteria to 1:30 p.m.

Campus Food Services, in their attempts to keep food costs low, have started two new ventures.

Breakfast service in the Staff Dining Room will be available from 7.00 a.m. for breakfast meetings. Mr. Schmutz or Mr. Sim of the FTC welcome your enquiries and will make the arrangements for you.

Another service from the FTC is box lunches. If any group is going off campus on field trips the FTC will be happy to provide them with box lunches as long as 24 hours notice is given.

An appeal for your cooperation is being made by the Campus Food Services. People are not clearing away their trays and putting them in the racks provided. Cups are still being taken out of the FTC and this has resulted in others having to use paper cups. If everyone on campus returned their trays and cups it would speed up the dishwashing area and everyone would be happy.

SHINERAMA

THANK YOU....

The Student Association would like to thank the Administration and Faculty for their generous support of Shinerama. In the next issue there will be a report on the day's events and the proceeds collected.



RELOCATES

The Executive Committee has given approval to revisions in the reporting procedures for the Audio Visual Services Department. The Department will now report to the Executive Director of Technological Education through the Director of the Library and Audio Visual Services.

As part of the reorganization, the title of Director, Information Resource Centre, has been changed to Director, Library and Audio Visual Services.

These changes were made in order to create a more efficient organizational structure and to improve services to the Institute as a whole. This has facilitated the relocation of the A/V equipment circulation function, previously located in Room 204, to the Library Circulation Desk, with all staff transferring to the library building.

Graphic services will remain in the A/V portable until Room 308 in the library is vacated. Room 308 will house graphics and the staff and student curriculum preparation area plus additional screening room and in-service training area.

Also located in the library is the Media Resource Centre which can be found to the right of the internal glass doors on the main floor. This area contains a film library and viewing area.

A complete listing of telephone locals and personnel will be circulated to staff as soon as telephone connections are installed.

BCIT NURSES DO WELL

In August 1975, 96 graduates from BCIT's general nursing program wrote five licensure examinations for their RN certification. These graduates probably constituted the largest group to write these national exams which are marked in Ottawa.

Provincial comparisons of the results who that BC ranked no lower than third in test mean comparisons for the five nursing program categories which range from Medical to Psychiatric nursing. Under nine nursing programs offered in BC results show that BCIT ranked higher by mean (average) grade than in August 1974, in comparison with other schools of nursing. UBC students also included in the statistics, wrote the examinations after four years of study. The standard deviation for this institute is high indicating a good range of marks due to the diverse age and background of our nursing students.

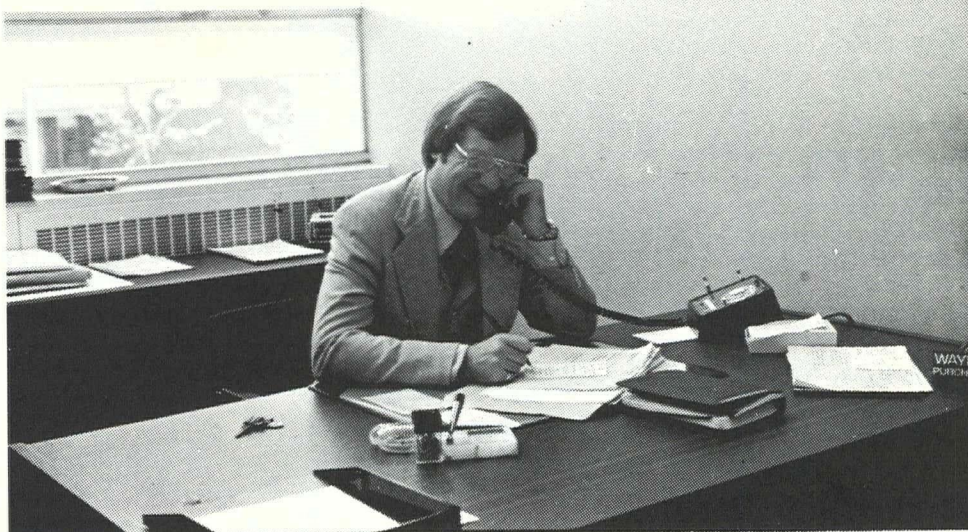
Statistics published on the admission and attrition rate by the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C. show that BCIT has the highest rate of completion of all nursing programs.

The Library

Periodicals in the Library are now shelved alphabetically by title, rather than being shelved by subject as in the past. This makes it easier and faster to find a specific periodical. Instead of having to consult the periodical list to find its location one can find it directly on the shelf.

Current periodicals will reach the shelves faster, and re-shelving after use will be speeded up, but, in case of any difficulty a librarian at the Reference Desk is ready to aid.

The library is currently receiving about 1,100 periodicals and over a hundred new subscriptions are beginning to arrive.



SERVING YOUR PURCHASING NEEDS

When BCIT became autonomous in 1974, Wayne Hepple joined BCIT as Manager of a one-man Purchasing Department and since then he has built up an operation which handles some \$4 million-worth of purchasing for this Institute. All the goods and materials used by BCIT are processed by the Purchasing Department from paper clips to complex technical equipment for classroom use.

"We now attempt to process normal requests for goods and have them ready for use on site within four days" says Wayne, who feels that the objectives and policies he started with back in 1974 are now being fulfilled with the expansion of his department.

Purchasing is a service department and the team Wayne has working with him are there to see that the goods you order get to you as requisitioned. This purchasing team consists of: Gordon Hunt, The Buyer, Susan Brown, Secretary to the Purchasing Mgr, who handles all the tenders, quotations and correspondence, Lori Chambers, the Receptionist, who types up the purchase orders and is secretary to the Buyer.

A newcomer this month is Kathy Davies (Tilley) whose function is to follow up the orders you, as users, have placed, to ensure delivery dates are met and to answer any questions you may have on the status of your order.

"If you need an order placed" Wayne said in a recent interview, "come and see us first and we will do the legwork of contacting vendors, obtaining quotations, and processing the resulting orders." The Purchasing

DEVELOPMENTS

BCIT Developments has a new 'Editor'. She is Veronica Timmons who you may remember was the S.A.'s Publication Manager last year. Any contributions to Developments that you wish to see in print please send to:

Ms. Veronica Timmons
Information Services Dept.
Room 221.

Local 694

Veronica would love to interview some of the interesting personalities around this campus. If you spend your off-campus hours doing something unusual, exotic, helpful to the community, or just plain interesting, please let her know.

Department know all the suppliers and can obtain accurate quotations, definite delivery dates and relevant tax exemptions. Wayne emphasized that it really can complicate proceedings when people call a vendor first before going to Purchasing as they often don't obtain the complete, or accurate, information.

Last year, Wayne was made responsible for the operation of Central Stores and the two departments have become closely interrelated and streamlined. The four day turn-around of purchases means the Receiving Department must work closely with Purchasing to get the goods delivered as fast as possible and this is now starting to be accomplished. Bob Friar, Central Stores Supervisor, and Wayne have also expanded the variety of items stocked in Stores but decreased the space-consuming bulk inventory.

There will soon be a catalogue available to staff listing what is on the Central Store's shelves, for quick reference when you requisition items.

Wayne also wants to hear from you if things go wrong, "The minute we fail to give the required service, one of two things is being indicated, either we are understaffed, or we are failing as individuals to remember that our function is service, and I want to know."

By using the Purchasing Department's services in the right way you can save yourself lots of frustration and time. Check your purchases out with Wayne and his team first, they are here to serve you.

AS THE INSTITUTE TURNS

BY PAT THOMAS

GENERAL SECRETARY OF BCIT'S STAFF SOCIETY

Welcome to all the "news" at BCIT: new students, new staff, new Board of Governors members and new buildings. Also, a few new problems, which appear to be chiefly related to fluctuations in government policy and transitional stages in the Institute's development.

For those unfamiliar with the BCIT Staff Society, or for those with a "traditionalist" view of unions, a few words of review might be in order as we start a new teaching year.

The Staff Society existed as a voluntary organization for many years at BCIT before it added collective bargaining to its functions and became a certified union under the Labour Code and BCIT Act in 1974. It represents faculty, both teaching and non-teaching, and technical staff. In traditional terms, it could be considered both a professional and union organization, although nowadays such a distinction may not be of much relevance.

The nature of the Society's wide-ranging concerns can be seen in the structure of its own committees and in the content of the Collective Agreement. The first Agreement was negotiated for 1975, while the second is a two-year Agreement covering 1976 and 1977.

Of course, we are concerned with wages, hours and working conditions. But the Agreements include much material relating to the whole educational function at BCIT. The Agreement has been negotiated in order to help fulfil the objectives stated in the Staff Society Constitution.

For example, the structure of the many "joint committees" with the Employer (in practical terms, the Administration) in part fulfils the need for Faculty and Staff to be involved in the decision-making process, and in part serves the organizational needs of the Institute corporation.

As the Collective Agreement states:
"(a) The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the basis for harmonious relations between the Employees of the BCIT and the Employer and between the Employees and persons appointed to act for the Board. The terms and conditions of the Agreement are intended to facilitate good relations and the peaceful resolution of any differences which may arise.

(b) Both parties to the Agreement recognize that the purpose of the Institute is to provide programmes of instruction which are of good quality and continuing effectiveness, and agree to work together actively and creatively towards this goal.

(c) Both parties to the Agreement shall

ensure that all concerned are fully aware of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Union shall instruct its members that they are expected to abide by the terms of the Agreement and the Employer shall instruct its representatives that they must be familiar with the terms and are expected to abide by them."

We all, of course, recognize that "the conduct of the Institute's business... is ultimately by statute the responsibility of the Board of Governors." But in addition, we also recognize that "the effective conduct of the Institute's affairs requires the active and continuing participation of the Faculty and Technical staff and the BCIT Staff Society in the development and implementation of the educational programme."

While it is true that many aspects of the Institute's functioning may require some adjustment, it is clear that the Board, the Administration and the Staff Society have agreed upon certain basic principles. The translation of these principles into actual standard practice takes longer and involves a good deal of trial and error. Out of these efforts, along with those of the BCGEU, Local 59 and with student organization development, we may see a growing realization of an "internal BCIT community" to help achieve our common educational goals.

AFGHANISTAN IS DANGEROUS

If you're entertaining romantic notions of a holiday in Afghanistan, Irma West has some words of advice: "Don't go alone, it's too dangerous. Take a conducted tour."

Dangerous? "Not that it's a violent country, quite the contrary," she adds quickly. "The danger is the poor sanitation which causes serious health problems for foreigners.

"While I was there young travellers came into the hospital with severe diarrhea and they treated it as a joke. But it isn't a joke. People can die --and do.

"Their dairy products are full of TB and hepatitis is rampant."

So how does the traveller cope?

"All our vegetables were scrubbed in soap and water and soaked in an iodine solution before cooking. You can eat kebabs since they're cooked over hot coals. But you have to eat them before the flies land of them!"

Irma, a new member of the Med Lab faculty, spent five weeks in Afghanistan with CARE Medico, teaching clinical chemistry to workers at the Jamhuriat Hospital.

She travelled through various sections of the country and over the Khyber Pass into Pakistan. All travel is by hired car and only in daylight since there are no lights and the roads are treacherous. There are no railroads.

Most of her time was spent in Kobul, a hillside city of 50,000 with a climate much like the BC interior. The clay and rock houses have outdoor plumbing. Some homes have wells but water must usually be carried. There is very little electricity.

Handcrafts are abundant--embroidery, pottery, jewellery, marble (alabaster), furniture, inlay work, weaving and gorgeous rugs.

The Afghanis are extremely hospitable and are very family-oriented. Women remain in the background and usually wear the traditional "shadri" which covers them from head to toe.

Irma says the hospital workers were very eager to learn and exhibit great willingness to change. They are also easily lead and

seem to regard foreigners as unquestionable authorities. As evidence of this attitude, their word for foreigner, "Ferengei" means "source of knowledge". "It was a very worthwhile experience. I went because I wanted to see an underdeveloped country. CARE is an excellent organization and working with them really gives you a chance to get to know the country and its people."

APPOINTMENTS....

APPOINTMENTS B.C.G.E.U.

L.D. Matsuba - Library
B.L. Dempsey - Career Programmes
M.G. Gdowski - Physical Resources
V.E. Parr - Information Officer
P.M. Koch - Student Services
S.L. Clarke - Student Services
S. McQueen - Career Programmes
L. Wheelhouse - Computer Centre
C.J. Braden - Counselling
V.L. Isen - Counselling
J.L. Pickering - Personnel

APPOINTMENTS EXCLUDED

L. Spindler - Director of Personnel
M. Neylan - Acting Dept. Head, Patient Care Services

STAFF SOCIETY:

R.J. Misuraca - Counsellor
P. Labonte - Library
C. Sinanan - Library
D.C. Schram - Admin. Management
D.J. Trunkfield - Financial Management
R. Argon - Hotel, Motel
L. Lous - Hotel, Motel
R. Wagner - Civil & Structural
W. Hooge - Biological Sciences
J.O.H. Bunning - Survey
R.K. Bremner - Survey
J. Fairley - Mining
R.W. Reisen - Forestry
F. Chan - Building
F. Alfeld - Building
J. Lancaster - Building
B. Sivak - Forestry
I.M. West - Medical Laboratory

E. Rankel - Patient Care Services
B. Miller - Patient Care Services
L. Brazier - Patient Care Services
L. Rosenheck - Patient Care Services
M. Stevenson - Patient Care Services
M.P. Ireton - Patient Care Services
A.G. Handford - Basic Health Sciences
P.M. Cyr - Operating Room Nursing
S. Currie - Patient Care Services
S.G. Brewer - Patient Care Services
H.I. Moon - Patient Care Services
M.E. Evans - Chemistry
G. Olive - Physics
W. Swetlishoff - Physics
G.A. Bodnar - Physics
J.M. Berry - Chemistry
J.Z. Segal - English
T.R. Easton - English
V.J. Johnston - English
A. Willson - English
MA. McArthur - Physics
A.T. Kirkpatrick - Mathematics
G.C. Cocksedge - Mathematics
V. Sawadsky - Mathematics
M. Bojadziev - Mathematics

TRANSFERS/PROMOTIONS

W.G. Rowan - Student Activities Organizer
S. Brown - Purchasing
C.A. Davies - Student Services
K.D. Cherry - Student Services
W.R. Herbert - Coordinator-Logistic Services
M. Lang - Physical Resources
K. Tilley - Purchasing
J. Holden - Personnel Assistant
B. Bitzer - Secretary, Executive Director
Personnel, Information and Student Services
R.V. Skulski - Assistant Bursar
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