

DEVELOPMENTS



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BCIT looks at daycare

The BCIT daycare issue has resurfaced.

"The objective of education is to provide the whole package," said Graham Fane, student affairs coordinator.

"We should be servicing all the needs of all the students. We have partially accommodated student housing needs, we've met their food needs and recreation needs and now we should be looking at daycare as part of the whole package of services."

Fane is currently gathering information from students and staff to submit a proposal to the provincial ministry of human resources to consider daycare services on campus.

The first task Fane has is to demonstrate a need.

"I have to hear from the people who see this as a need," explained Fane. "And if we receive a response we could have a daycare program here in six months."

To date Fane has received only one written response to a questionnaire which appeared in a recent issue of the *Link*.

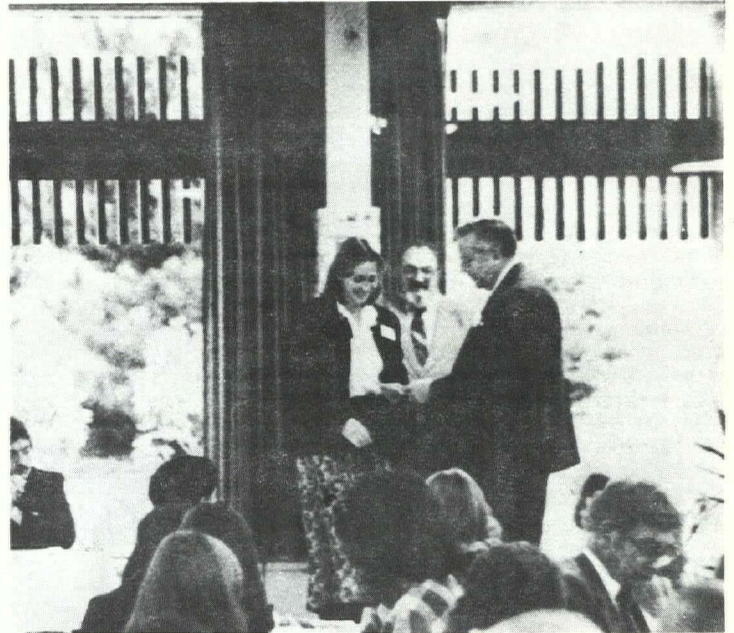
The planning process will depend upon the number of people who want daycare, said Fane.

"If 600 people want this service we won't have the same planning process if ten people want the pro-

gram. We'll have to look at the total population, hours and the program needs of students. We'll have to consider evening hours for staff as well as students," he explained.

According to Fane, the local marketplace cannot meet the needs of BCIT students and staff.

"Students are in competition for daycare services with full-time employees," said Fane. "They continued on page 3



The 1979 Fall Scholarship Ceremony, held on campus Oct. 25, saw the largest number of students and donors in attendance in the history of the event. More than 130 scholarships totalling \$45,000 were presented.

Leave is a fruitful experience

A lot of good things can happen to a person on educational leave. Just ask Dr. Rita Bakan, an instructor in BCIT's basic health sciences program.

During a recent retreat from her teaching duties at the institute, Dr. Bakan received a notable appointment to the Scientific Advisory Committee of the B.C. Health Care Research Foundation and published a paper on the role of zinc in anorexia nervosa for the *Medical Hypotheses Journal*. She also signed a contract with the Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., of California, to write a college text for basic health science students.

"Educational leaves are very beneficial," said Dr. Bakan. "It allowed me to do things I can't find time to do when I'm teaching."

She feels the opportunity to get involved with the Vancouver Health Department as a research associate, while on leave from BCIT, had an indirect result in her appointment.

"If I hadn't had a chance to get back into the health field in the real world, I probably wouldn't have had a chance to serve on this committee."

Dr. Bakan's appointment to the Scientific Advisory Committee makes her the first person from a post-secondary, non-university institution to serve on the committee. Other members of the committee include academic representatives from universities in the lower mainland, hospital administrators and provincial and municipal officials.

Dr. Bakan will serve a two-year term. Her appointment became effective on Oct. 1, 1979.

Her first task, along with other members of the committee, will be the review of proposals for funding under the foundation's research grants program. The program is

designed to foster and support research and development projects directed to the solution of priority health problems in the province.

The foundation also sponsors a research scholar awards program and offers a limited number of development and training fellowships to candidates who want to undertake full-time training in fields of health science research.

Dr. Bakan's paper on the role of zinc in anorexia nervosa has been well-received around the world.

She has received more than 200 responses for copies of the article and has learned that a clinic in Lon-

Phase II discussed

In Ottawa Tuesday night four officials of BCIT met with members of the B.C. government caucus at which time a presentation for phase two of the student residence was made.

The meeting was put together through the office of B.C. caucus chairman Bill Clarke, MP for Vancouver-Quadra. Clarke attended the launching ceremony of the Anik-B project on campus early in October and expressed interest in the residence need of the institute.

Making the presentation to the caucus were Vice-principal Human Resources Dale Michaels, Public Relations Director Dick Melville, Housing Manager Val Karpinsky and Student President Jennifer Moore.

Deadline now Nov. 30

The deadline for comments from staff, faculty and students on the post-diploma "white paper" has been extended.

Submissions will be accepted by the post-diploma activities committee until Nov. 30.

The committee asks for campus-wide input on the propos-

ed definitions of post diploma training and education at BCIT as outlined in the "white paper."

No anonymous material will be accepted, but written comment on any part of the report may be made to committee chairman Bob Mason, Dean of Engineering. He can be reached at local 258.

Program a "success"

Centre planning for 1980's

In only seven months the Training Development Centre at BCIT has proven to be a successful pilot project.

"The results of the program have been optimistic and I have faith in the marketplace," said Bob Jamieson, coordinator of the TDC. "Now we're looking at another year."

The centre, set up to organize and coordinate seminars and conferences on specialized technical, business and health topics, offers technicians professional development opportunities.

"The program is really a high level mirror of current BCIT offerings in engineering, business and health sciences," said Jamieson.

"I'm taking general disciplines and transforming them into specific seminars. The presentation of the seminars must be practical and have a direct relevance to the day-to-day operation of people attending the sessions."

Seminar topics, available to the community, cover such subjects as effective business negotiations, people management, the art of management, and problem solving skills of group meetings.

The sessions range in length from intensive two-day seminars to week-long workshops such as the Pulp and Paper Institute held on campus this summer.

Jamieson said the most popular seminar topics are in the business area.

"Seminars in business generate a lot of enthusiasm and some of the more popular offerings such as labor negotiations are proposed to run again."

New programs for the 1980's are expected to include topics from the engineering side. Among the subjects to be considered are engineering systems and industrial electronics.

Jamieson is excited about the programs and the TDC.

"It's great to take a concept and produce a successful seminar," said Jamieson. "It's personally rewarding and presents a high profile image of the institute."

Although the decision to run programs rests with Jamieson, he gets input from three sources.

"Ideas or specific requests for seminars come from departments such as marketing and Industry Services. They have an understanding of the business community and can offer insight into program planning," explained Jamieson.

He also receives suggestions from potential seminar leaders.

The first year of programming is an "experimental one" for Jamieson.

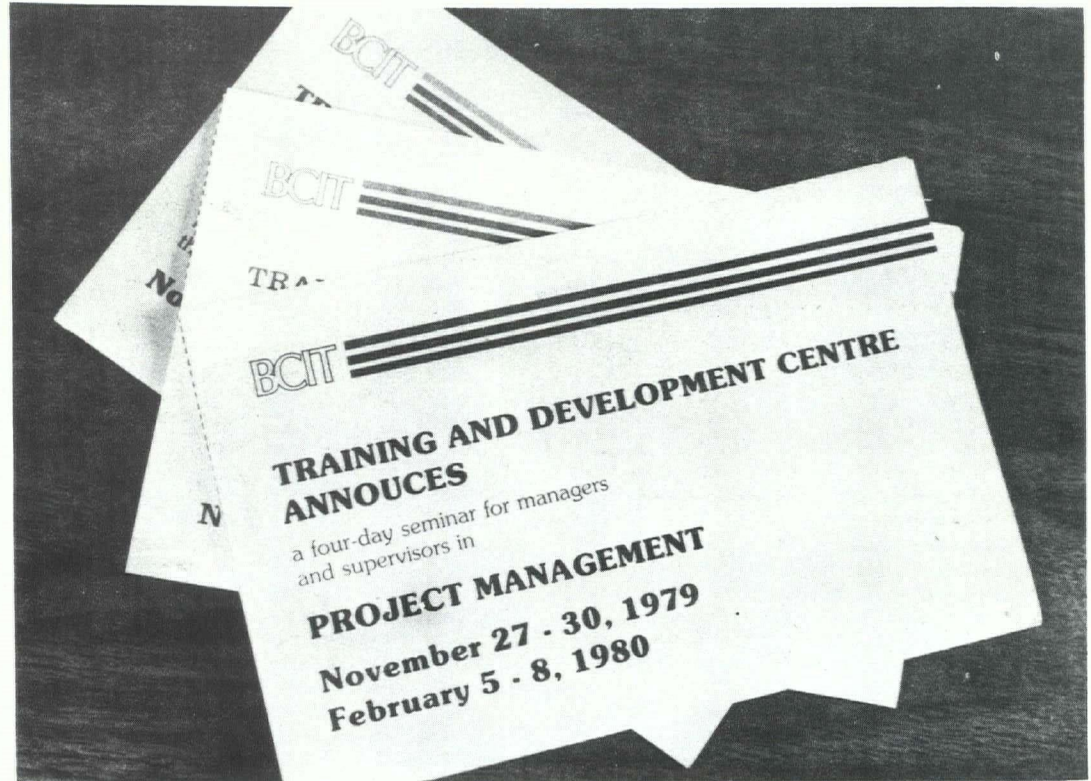
"I'm trying to do as many things as humanly possible. I have a great deal of flexibility in the types of seminars I offer, but I have to offer

seminars that will have some impact on the community."

To help determine the needs of the potential seminar participants, Jamieson is interested in scheduling an open meeting for staff and faculty.

He said he hopes the meeting will be an information exchange—a chance to discuss the purpose of the TDC.

If you are interested in learning more about the TDC contact Jamieson at local 736 or 445.



Name changes for some

The executive committee has made a number of name changes in titles and departments to more clearly reflect the functions they perform and to conform to institute titling.

Neil Chadwick, previously designated Administrator of Safety and Security, now becomes Manager, Safety and Security. Richard Smyth's title changes from Director of Physical Resources to Director of Physical Plant. John MacKean changes from Manager of Physical Plant to Manager, Operations and Maintenance and Larry Taylor changes from Manager, Facilities Development to Manager, Construction Programs.

The Personnel Department under Director Lois Spindler becomes Personnel/Labor Relations.

The department known as Information Services becomes Public Relations under Director Dick Melville. The word "information" is

becoming increasingly aligned with computer systems, creating some confusion within the institute as to the roles. The Canadian Public Relations Society is the accrediting body in Canada and public relations more clearly defines the role than information.

Daycare cont'd

can't make a 12-month commitment, they can't meet costs and they have schedules that are demanding."

To help speed up the establishment of a daycare facility, Fane is looking at a joint venture with PVI.

"PVI is currently working on a proposal and if the two institutes can justify a daycare service, we may be well on our way to providing a complete education package," said Fane.

Leave cont'd

don, England will undertake clinical trials of her proposals beginning in

1980.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Dr. Bakan has held joint research and teaching appointments with Justin Morrill College and the Michigan State Faculty of Urban Affairs. She came to BCIT in 1973 from the Vancouver Health Department where she served as senior psychologist. Her primary area of interest is human development.

Abel to speak

J.J. Abel, Chairman of Civil and Survey Technology at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute will speak on "Ryerson's Experience with Post-diploma and Bachelor of Technology Programs" in lecture theatre 197 on Nov. 23 at 8 p.m.

Abel will be on campus for an articulation meeting on technical training for the construction industry. The two-day meeting, organized by BCIT's Civil and Structural Technology, is scheduled for Nov. 23 and 24.

Psychiatrist arrives at BCIT

Dr. Oliver Robinow is BCIT's new psychiatrist.

Funded by the Medical Services Plan of B.C., Dr. Robinow will be on campus at Medical Services for two one-half days per week. His hours are Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Prior to graduating from the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Medicine in psychiatry this year, Dr. Robinow obtained an M.D. at the University of Western Ontario and was a general practitioner in London, Ontario for five years.

Questioned regarding his decision to return to university after establishing a practice, he said, "I thought I needed a refresher after five years and felt psychiatry was needed for general practice. Six weeks into it I decided I liked it better and continued."

Dr. Robinow currently has a private practice in the Fairmont Medical Building and is the afternoon supervisor in the psychiatric assessment unit in the emergency department at Vancouver General Hospital. He is also on the teaching

staff at UBC.

Dr. Robinow is not a newcomer to dealing with students. While taking his psychiatric training at UBC he worked for one year as a psychiatric resident in UBC's Student Health Services.

"Identification problems and

learning to cope in new situations are common problems encountered by students," he said.

Dr. Robinow's main hobby is flying, but he'd also "like someone to take him sailing."

His wife, Gwen Thompson, is a



Dr. Robinow now on campus.

BCIT numbers are growing

The number of employees at BCIT has increased by 15 positions in the last year, according to Lois Spindler, Director, Personnel/Labor Relations.

"As of Sept. 1, the number of established positions in each employee group at BCIT totalled 830.17 employees," said Spindler. "The figures are up from last year, but BCIT is experiencing a slower growth pattern than in previous years."

The official staff complement at BCIT, on Sept. 1, 1978, was 815.17 employees.

The largest employee group is the staff society with 547.57 posi-

tions. The BCGEU grouping, which includes employees in the Food Training Centre, library employees, clerks in departments such as payroll, admissions, accounts payable, typists and secretaries has 204.50 employees and the excluded group holds 78 positions. These figures do not include part-time faculty employees in Continuing Education and Industry Services or auxiliary clerical and faculty.

The turnover rate at BCIT has dropped from 4.6 per cent in 1978 to 3.1 per cent on Sept. 1, 1979.

"This figure is very low compared with other educational institutions in the lower mainland," explained Spindler. "A random sample survey recently showed a nine to twelve per cent turnover rate at lower mainland institutions."

Spindler said she feels BCIT's reputation, the opportunity to work

Closure set

The official Christmas closure dates have been released by Vice-principal of Human Resources Dale Michaels.

The campus will be closed for the Christmas break on Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 31 and Jan. 1. The institute will be open, under normal operating hours, on Dec. 27 and 28 and Jan. 2.

with career-oriented students and the institute's pay scale contribute to the lower turnover rate.

Members named

The appointment of four members to the BCIT board of governors and the re-appointment of two others was announced by Education, Science and Technology Minister Dr. Pat McGeer recently.

The new appointments are John Leech, of White Rock, executive director of the Society of Engineering Technologists of B.C., appointed as a member at large; Robert Simons, of Vancouver, product manager of toll options for the B.C. Telephone Co., as the Alumni Association representative; BCIT financial management instructor Russell Curtis, of Vancouver, representing the academic faculty and Gordon Rollick of Vancouver as the BCIT student association representative.

The present chairman of BCIT's board of governors, Michael Hobbs, general manager of Cominco in Vancouver, was reappointed to Feb. 1, 1980 and J.L. Whitehead, of Vancouver, president and publisher of the Journal of Commerce, was reappointed for a two-year term.

concert violinist and has performed on the CBC. She teaches music at the UBC Academy of Music. They have one child, Richard, six weeks old.

Referrals to Dr. Robinow will be made through the doctors at Medical Services.

BOG Notes

- The Board of Governors expressed interest in seeing the Educational Council assume its role in the institute as soon as possible. In the interim, the Board agreed to handle all proposals dealing with educational policy and related matters according to existing Technological Education Committee procedures. Proposals will be transmitted to the Educational Council for early attention and comment.

- The Board agreed to submit to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, the proposal for a post-diploma chemical analyst program. The proposal will be referred to the Educational Council for comment.

- The Board approved expenditure for the design and installation of a new electrical supply system to the student residences.

- Expenditure for a feasibility study to look into the renovations and new construction required to correct the institute's facilities shortfall was approved by the Board.

- The BOG congratulated newly-elected Educational Council members and look forward to their recommendations and advice on educational matters.

- The Board approved the food services agreement and the provisions contained therein including the operation of the present Food Training Centre, food outlets and utilization of the facility for execution by the principals and bursars of PVI and BCIT.

- The heating plant agreement, providing for the supply of high temperature hot water, for execution by the principals and bursars of PVI and BCIT was approved by the Board.

- The Board approved the parking agreement, providing for the utilization and operation of the parking facilities for employees and students of the two institutes for execution by the principals and bursars of PVI and BCIT.

- The Board approved a Joint Boards Committee (PVI, BCIT) meeting to discuss the question of the sharing of a new hotel training facility.

- The Board endorsed in principle *continued on page 4*

Follies for all

A talent search is now under way for the BCIT Follies involving faculty, staff and students.

Campus Life student activities coordinator John Wight is looking for people who want to get involved.

"I'd like to hear from anyone who can do anything," said Wight. "If you're a magician, a singer or a fire eater I want to hear from you."

The event is tentatively set for late November during the Wednesday break.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Wight in the Campus Life trailer.

It's a "first" for Canada

The first Canadian college text to deal specifically with credit management in this country has been written and published by BCIT financial management instructors Robert Jackson and David Mapleton.

"No other text exists in Canada and the two American texts used in colleges today are simply unacceptable," said Jackson. "Canadian legislation differs considerably from credit legislation in the U.S.; sources of credit information differ and the Canadian banking and monetary system is different."

The introductory section of the book deals with the history of credit, the Canadian monetary system, personal loans, installment sales and monthly and revolving accounts. Parts two and three concentrate on mercantile credit and consumer credit topics. Jackson authored the consumer portion of the book while Mapleton handled the chapters dealing with mercantile credit.

"It was a fifty-fifty effort," explained Jackson.

Jackson and Mapleton anticipate the text will be used by more than 30 post-secondary institutions across the country.

"Response to the book has been very gratifying," said Mapleton.

"We've had a substantial amount of interest from instructors coast to coast and preliminary indications from the Canadian Credit Institute suggest the institute may adopt the text for its MCI designation."

A student's workbook containing questions and case problems and an instructor's guide with suggested course outlines, answers and solutions is also available.

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the recommendations contained in the "Report on policy, organization and resources required for the institute to undertake the function of obtaining new sources of funding." And, as a preliminary step to the creation of a BCIT Development Board, established a task force to develop terms of reference and proposed membership.

•The Board approved a meeting at the earliest date, between the principals and bursars of the two institutes, and other representatives as required, to develop recommendations in respect of the electrical power supply, with such recommendations to be brought before the Joint Boards Committee within sixty days.

Jackson joined BCIT in 1965. During his 15 years at the institute, Jackson has taught about 5,000 students in the credit and collections course. A member of the Canadian Credit Institute, he is cur-

rently a senior instructor in the finance and insurance option.

Mapleton has more than twenty years of practical mercantile credit experience. He is a fellow of the credit institute, has served on the

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Psychiatric nursing program instructor Stephany Grasset, has been elected president of the Registered Nurses' Association of British Columbia. Grasset assumed the position Sept. 1. She is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital (New York) School of Nursing, holds a public health certificate from UBC and a B.Sc. in chemistry from Louisiana State University. Grasset has also studied history and philosophy at the Sorbonne in Paris.

United Way campaign contributions on campus appear to be slightly higher than last year at this time, according to BCIT campaign chairman Bob Chisholm. As of Oct. 23, donations have reached \$6,323. The 1979 BCIT target is \$11,000.

Carole Orchard has been selected as acting department head of General Nursing. Orchard replaces B.B. Kozier who resigned Aug. 27, 1979.

Tickets are on sale now for the annual BCIT staff Christmas dance Dec. 1. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a hot and cold buffet, continuous music—live and on tape—and door prizes. Contact Mark Angelo (FWR); Colleen Fostvelt (Personnel); Wayne Happle (Purchasing); Dave Jones (Public Relations); Di Nelson (Library); Brian Leslie (Forest Products); Miriam Quarin (Payroll); Doug Smith (Environmental Health); Chris Wilson (Audiovisual) or Greg Wilson (Hospitality and Tourism).

Applications are available in the Student Association general office to staff and student interested in special Christmas air fares to Edmonton and Toronto. The cost is \$244 return to Toronto and \$97.20 to Edmonton. Applicants can pay the full fare at the time of application or a minimum deposit of \$50. Flights leave Vancouver for Toronto on Dec. 20, 21 and 22 and return Jan. 3, 5 and 6. The scheduled flight to Edmonton leaves Dec. 21 and returns Jan. 6.

Library and Audiovisual Services

are inviting faculty and staff to a "behind the scenes" look at the services they offer. The purpose of the sessions is to help faculty and staff become more aware of the library's operation. Staff and faculty will have an opportunity to learn about the microcatalogue, can have a computer search done and will see displays and examples of media material prepared by the media centre. Suggestions as to how the library can better serve faculty and staff will also be encouraged. The sessions are scheduled as follows: Nov. 16, Health Division; Nov. 23, core and administration; Nov. 30, Engineering Division and forestry. Hours are from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The 1979/80 series of Canada savings bonds are now available to staff members through regular instalments on the payroll savings plan. Applications are available at the payroll office and must be returned by Nov. 12, 1979. The compound interest bond offered on the payroll savings plan earns interest on the interest after the first year, at a guaranteed reinvestment rate. The interest is payable when the bond is redeemed or at maturity. Further information can be obtained from Leora Valecourt of the payroll office.

Elaine Del Gobbo has been appointed Registrar effective Oct. 26, 1979.

Winifred (Wynn) Causier (Nursing, a long-time member of the institute, retired Oct. 31, 1979.

Donations toward a retirement gift for Burns Lyttleton, stockman, stores supervisor and coordinator of inventory maintenance will be received by Dave Jones, special events coordinator, Public Relations department, until Nov. 19. Jones is located in trailer 2V.

Handling of dental and extended health claims and cheques is somewhat behind, due to volume and lack of staff. Claims and cheques are being dealt with as quickly as possible.

Advisory Committee of the CCMA (Creditel of Canada Limited), has taught credit courses at night school programs throughout the lower mainland and has been a lecturer and guest speaker at credit seminars and conferences.

He is the author of the book "Credit Dynamics—The Techniques of Advanced Mercantile Credit Management."

The discrepancies which occurred in the Oct. 19 pay cheque regarding benefit deductions are being investigated and amendments will be made as soon as possible.

Dean of Core, Brian Gillespie, has been loaned to the Division of Health to serve as acting Dean of Health for an interim period. Gillespie will hold the position only until a new dean is selected. Gillespie is replacing John MacKay, who resigned effective Oct. 31.

Students poll tastebuds

Campus "eatery" at BCIT and PVI will be the subject of an in-depth survey to be conducted by second-year marketing students at the institute beginning Nov. 19.

Approximately 100 students will be polling opinions of staff, students and faculty on food needs, wants, facilities and locations.

Marketing students are asking for cooperation with the survey.

The results of the survey will be utilized in implementing a five-year plan. It is expected the findings and recommendations will be available by mid-March.

"The students are handling the entire exercise," said instructor Ron Venne.

"They are looking after everything from start to finish including preparation of the survey questions, tabulating the results and analyzing the responses."

Venne is coordinating the exercise.

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