

"For sake of accuracy"

Svetic challenges Yakel to debate

Academic vice-president Drug Svetic has challenged Staff Society president Kent Yakel to a "free wheeling public debate" in connection with the issues contained in a Society letter to its membership dealing with alleged cutback proposals.

"In view of the serious points raised in the letter and in the hope of providing truly accurate information for the faculty and staff, I challenge the president of the Staff Society (Yakel) to an open debate to take place before the general meeting of the Society, scheduled for March 24," said Svetic.

The letter outlined alleged cutbacks and said the Staff Society executive, "is giving serious consideration" to a

motion that calls upon the Minister of Education to place the Thom administration under trusteeship. The motion would also ask that the Board of Governors be relieved of authority pending a thorough enquiry by the minister.

Svetic has suggested Friday, March 19 as a possible date for the debate or, "anytime after that, morning, afternoon or evening."

President Gordon Thom said he supports the challenge of his vice-president.

Svetic asked in the challenge letter to Yakel that the debate be moderated by the student president and that it be open

to questions from the floor.

"It is important that it take place when we are in the midst of the decision-making process so that all members of the staff and faculty possess accurate information," he said.

Bill Riddell, dean of the Center for Independent Learning/Yorkdale/York at Seneca College in Toronto, will visit the campus on March 18 and 19.

During his visit, which has been arranged by the Division of Continuing Education and Industry Services, Mr. Riddell will be available to meet any interested groups on campus. Bill Robertson on local 406 will make the arrangements.

Mr. Riddell, who is well known for his seminar presentations on the philosophy and management of independent learning systems, founded the Centre for Independent Learning in September, 1977 with 68 full time and 45 part time students. By 1981 that number had grown to 525 full time and 1500 part time students with another 400 to 500 taking one subject per semester.

At the Centre Mr. Riddell is responsible for the development and implementation of independent credit subjects leading to diplomas in business, tourism, English, liberal studies and computers.

DEVELOPMENTS

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BCIT's First Annual

Retirement Dinner

Wednesday, March 31, 1982

In the Staff Dining Room

1982 RETIREES

*Alf Cuthbert, Forest Resource
Henry Dick, Financial Management
Rod Kerr, Forest Resource
Florence Mahy, Telephone Exchange
David Mason, Surveying
Wallace Mason, Mechanical
Stewart McGill, CE & IS
Paul Meyer, Financial Management
Mildred Ogilvie, Campus Food Services
Ernest Schmutz, Campus Food Services
John Welch, Marketing*

Friends and colleagues at the Institute who wish to attend the Dinner can obtain tickets from the Public Relations Department up until March 19, 1982.

Tickets \$5 per person For information, call local 202/738.

PPBA conclusion is near

The Priority Planning and Budget Allocation process (PPBA) is nearing conclusion.

This week all department budgets are being reviewed in an open forum session by the President's Executive Committee, which will hear each manager state the case for his/her department. Vice presidents are there to ask questions of each other and Student Association and Staff Society members have also been invited.

When the process is over the P.E.C. will set up a final ranked list and pass it to the Board of Governors for approval.

The final decision on each department's budget will then have to wait until the provincial government budget for the Institute is handed down. Exact funding levels can then be established.

Finance Division reorganized

Duncan Macpherson, Vice President Administration and Bursar, has announced that a reorganization in the Finance Division has been approved by the President's Executive Committee.

The reorganization is the end result of a recently completed evaluation of the Division, and the desire of Division personnel to serve the Institute in a more effective manner, and to respond to the Auditor General's recommendations.

The reorganization is also one of the steps taken by the Division to meet the challenge given to all Administration and Finance managers when preparing their 1982/83 budgets, "to do more with less." Major changes resulting from the reorganization are as follows:

- Title of Comptroller changed to Director Financial Accounting. The responsibilities of this position now include those financial responsibilities that were handled by the Comptroller plus a portion of the responsibilities handled by the Chief Accountant position. George Nakatsu is Acting Director Financial Accounting while Ray Skulski is on extended sick leave.

- Responsibilities of the position of Chief Accountant not included with those of the Director Financial Accounting, plus the responsibilities of Project Accountant are merged under a position titled Manager Corporate Accounting. Ford Ramsay fills this position.

- Gary Lake, who was Acting Chief Accountant and formerly Project Accountant, will be responsible for financial systems development and will have the title Manager Financial Systems. He will report directly to Duncan Macpherson and will be responsible for expediting much needed improvements in financial reporting systems.



"Happy St. Patrick's Day!"

Logger Sports

The annual Logger Sports Day at BCIT will take place March 19 and 20.

The two day competitive event, which takes place on the Logger Sports field, will attract 14 colleges from the USA and Canada to demonstrate their skills in such things as pole climbing, power saw bucking, log burling and axe throwing.

Bookstore closed

Assistant Manager of the Bookstore, Michael L. Stewart, would like to advise the campus that the Bookstore will be closed on Wednesday, March 31 for inventory taking.

The Library

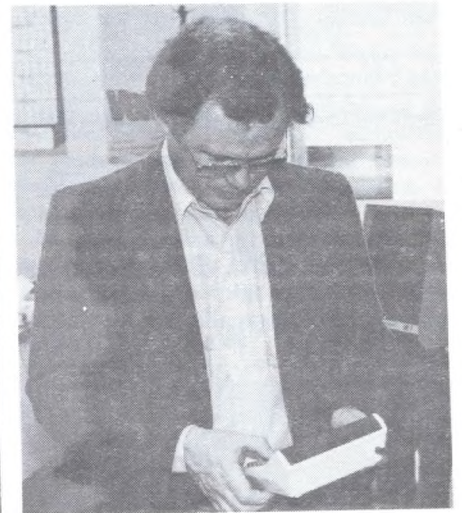


Librarians at BCIT, aware that conditions for disabled students in the Library are not what they should be, are attempting to solve some of the problems.

The latest acquisition that can be obtained at the Listening and Viewing counter is a Panasonic Talking Computer. It's a regular desk calculator with a difference. When the keys are pressed a female voice calls out the numbers and calculations that have been made.

The device is designed for blind students who, after learning the standard keyboard, can use it in the same way as a seeing person. It was provided for the Library through funding from the International Year of the Disabled and costs just under \$200.

Instructors interested in finding out more about this calculator can contact Frank Knor in the Library.



Library department head Robert Roy with computer that can talk.

Applied research at BCIT - caution advised



Members of an Educational Council Task Force on Applied Research have been told to proceed cautiously by external task force members.

In his interim report of February 25, Task Force chairman David Hume told Council members that there had been a great deal of internal support for applied research at the Institute but also a great deal of, "hold on, don't go too fast, you could get yourself into difficulties," comments from external members.

Hume countered this by saying, "while we are not as experienced as the universities in applied research, we do have a role to play and it is a matter of identifying that role."

Hume went on to ask Council for approval of the Task Force recommendation that a feasibility study be mounted at BCIT to include: an assessment of BCIT potential in applied research; a cost estimate of establishing applied research at BCIT; identification

of applied research areas in each department at BCIT; an internal review of BCIT's plant capacity to do applied research; an inventory of faculty with applied research skills and with interest in applied research projects; an inventory of the ways in which applied research is currently being carried out at BCIT.

After a few minor amendments Council accepted this recommendation and the Nominating Committee will now appoint members to mount the study.

New policy passed by Council



A motion was passed by the Educational Council February 25 to accept as policy and practice a hearing procedure for student non-academic appeals. The procedure, prepared in a report by the Student Services Committee, will now be passed to the board for adoption.

In outlining the report, Tony Juzkow, chairman of the committee, said that since giving a previous report in which the subject of whether or not a hearing committee should come under the Educational Council, technically a body dealing with academic issues, he had received many letters.

"Most of the people that wrote in suggested that the hearing committee should come under the Educational Council and this has been incorporated into the report," Juzkow said.

To streamline the procedure his committee has used the same student appeals committee that is set up for academic appeals and the same procedure for coming up with a hearing panel as employed for academic ap-

peals.

Juzkow also explained that any decisions made by the Student Association cannot be overruled or affected by an Institute appeals committee.

Fin Man - Most Successful Career Day

The Financial Management technology, which pioneered the Career Day concept at BCIT, had the most successful career day of its history on February 4 at the Sheraton Plaza.

Organizer and Financial Management instructor Dick Dolan reports that student attendance, normally in the area of 75%, exceeded 90% and invited guests from the accounting, finance and insurance industries numbered 25.

Asked why he felt the day had been more successful than in previous years, Dolan cited two factors.

"We think we've come up with a successful formula," he explained. "Over the years we've experimented with formal lunches, wine and cheese parties — a dozen and one formats — but this idea, where we start off with a six person industry panel discussion and

question period, then leave the rest of the afternoon free for informal interaction between students and industry reps, seems to work best."

Through their Career Day the Financial Management technology has also earned a reputation for effectively establishing industry/student contact that often leads to employment for grads.

"While it's not a job market," explains Dolan, "every year students have obtained jobs through the day. Employers definitely come here to see what kind of grads we are turning out."

To illustrate this he recalled a statement made by one industry rep who told students that BCIT is the only post-secondary institution his company looks to for grads.

The Financial Management team responsible for making the day a success consisted of: Harvey Lawson for Insurance, Dick Dolan for Finance, Marg Briscall for Accounting and department head Peter Woolley.

Industry panel members were: Stan Waters, Canadian Indemnity Company, Ann Polson, ICBC (BCIT graduate), Arthur Tymos, B.C. Tel (BCIT graduate), Brian Kennedy, McAfee Lilly and Co., Chartered Accountants (BCIT graduate), Julie Ankerman, Revenue Canada Taxation and Susan Smith, Royal Bank.

Industry Services program given enthusiastic response by U.S. educators

Industry Services' reputation for responding successfully to industry's need for training programs grew last month when department head Robroy MacGregor addressed the National Education Conference of North America in Anaheim, California.

MacGregor, who was accompanied on the visit by CE&IS dean David Brousson, presented a paper titled, Meeting the Needs of Business and Industry — a Joint Venture. His comments drew wide interest from attending delegates.

In his opening statements MacGregor told delegates that if educational organizations are to have their offers of service accepted by the market place, they must be prepared to deal with their prospective clients in ideas and language that will be understood and accepted.

"To succeed with business and industry," he said, "educational facilities must shed themselves of the ivory tower attitude..."

Defining marketplace needs as, "post-secondary education and training programs specifically designed for business

and industry," MacGregor went on to explain why colleges and institutes should be used, how programs can be designed, cautionary areas and what lies in the future.

MacGregor's description of BCIT's program design format for industry services received such a positive and enthusiastic response from delegates that he has been invited to repeat the presentation to the Washington State Continuing Education Administration Conference. The New York College Board and the Rochester Institute of Technology have also requested several appearances.

Four other institutions, Yakima Community College, Bellevue Community College, Edmonds Community College and Tacoma Community College, were so interested in the program that they have invited MacGregor to help them set up their own industry services operations, based on BCIT's model.

Industry Services plays one of the most relevant roles in today's changing technological society. As the government continues to push industry for

higher productivity, and staff are required to develop skills and experience to keep pace, the Industry Services role will continue to be much in demand.



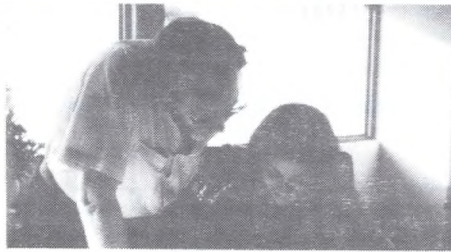
Robroy MacGregor, Industry Services.

Siddaway returns from Costa Rica

Computer Resources director Ron Siddaway returns to BCIT next week after a second visit to Costa Rica.

Specifically, his work as a CESO consultant involved working closely with the staff of the Computer Sciences department at the Institute of Costa Rica, who are setting up a data base on computer to allow Legislative Assembly deputies (M.P.'s) to access information on existing laws in the country.

During an initial visit last November, Siddaway oriented himself to the project by getting to know the staff at the Institute, reviewing their work on the project, and writing up recommendations. When he returned to BCIT one month later he had a much enlightened view of the situation and was keen to return in February to see the project developed further. One vivid impression he carried away was the cheerful commitment of his new found colleagues, who work under conditions



Ron Siddaway discusses project with Beatriz Zollez, head of Computer Sciences department at Costa Rica Institute.

affected by an extremely depressed economy.

"Things that we take for granted, like books, are in short supply," he explained. "Funding is too low for the Library at the Institute to buy up to date texts."

Pointing to the example of other countries, which supply manpower and equipment, Siddaway said he thought there might be some instances where BCIT could help.

"Sometimes we are offered equipment that we can't use, but which would be a first class opportunity for them," he explained.

"The Institute of Costa Rica have said they will pay freight costs on books and equipment," he added.

Any offers of assistance should be directed to Ron Siddaway on local 245.

Students assist in traffic study

Staff members who have to face annoying traffic jams when driving on Canada Way, will be glad to know that the efforts of 14 students may well contribute to future traffic improvement in the area.

The students, from UBC and BCIT's Civil and Structural program, spent two hours in a downpour February 16 taking traffic counts and analyzing traffic flow on Canada Way, in the area around Burnaby's municipal buildings.

Traffic instructor Rhett Wade was asked by Graham Hamilton, a traffic consulting engineer and member of the Civil and Structural advisory committee for student participation in the project designed to investigate congestion at this particular location.

The exercise will aid Hamilton and his firm of associates in a study they are conducting on the highway for Burnaby Municipal Council's engineering department.

Innovative Instruction Report goes ahead



An Educational Council Task Force which has been developing recommendations and goals for implementing policy on innovative instruction at the Institute, has been given the go ahead to complete their final report.

At the monthly Educational Council meeting on February 25, Task Force coordinators Mark Angelo and Chris Wilson gave Council members an outline of what the report would contain.

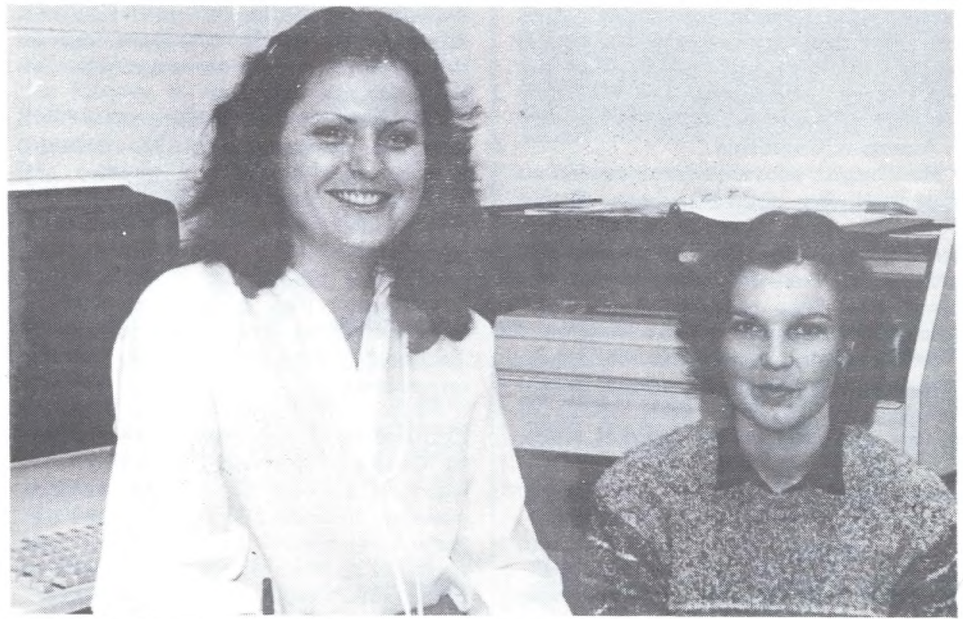
Working within the assumption that BCIT's approach to instruction is already innovative in many respects, the Task Force defined innovative instruction as breaking out of the time and space constraints of traditional instruction; tending to focus on student learning rather than on teaching, and/or using a variety of delivery systems (video, computers etc.).

Chris Wilson identified an important part of the final report as the major issues to be resolved. These were broken into five categories: Control of Curriculum and Standards, Implementation of Innovation, Institute Commitment, Instructor Involvement and Implications.

Speaking on Curriculum and Standards, Wilson said, "if innovation is going to become a major part of education at BCIT, it's the sort of innovation currently going on with CE&IS."

As well as the go ahead to complete

their final report Council also gave approval to a Task Force recommendation that one of their members be sent to the 1982 Association of Canadian Community Colleges conference on "The Information Society", to be held in Ottawa.



Two newcomers to the Purchasing Department are Shelly Brown (left), who replaced receptionist Lynn Bradshaw on March 1, and Marilyn Konstapel (right), who joins the department as an expediter.