

DEVELOPMENTS



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China delegation tours campus

One of the most powerful and influential education delegations from the People's Republic of China ever to visit Canada made BCIT its first stop Saturday, October 15.

Led by Dr. Walter Hardwick, Deputy Minister of Education for B.C., the delegation of 12 was met by Principal Gordon Thom and members of the Deans' Committee. The delegation was comprised of the following: Yung Wen—Tiao, (head of delegation), Vice Minister of Education and Member of the National People's Congress; Chang Yen, Deputy Director of the State Planning Commission; Han Fang, Deputy Director of the Planning Department, Ministry of Education; Yu Shih-Chou, Deputy Director of the Scientific and Technological Bureau, Ministry of Education; San Yu, Deputy Director of the Education Bureau, State Planning Commission; Hu Shu—Chih, Division Chief of the Foreign Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Education; Li Chang—Tsien, Official of the Ministry of Education; Ms. Shen Pei-Jung, interpreter, official of the Education Bureau, State Planning Commission; Chen Ming, Professor, Institute of International Relations; Pan Shih—Chiang, interpreter, Ministry of Education; Yuan Lu—Lin, Third Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ottawa; Lu Shu-Min, Official of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ottawa.

Following a briefing in the boardroom during which Hardwick explained the educational system in B.C. and Thom presented a general view of BCIT, the group moved on to a two-hour tour of the Institute.

The tour was designed by Dave Hume and started in the Engineering Division led by Dean Bob Mason. Through interpreters, the delegation expressed great interest in the pulp mill operation.

Business Dean Ernie Iannacone took the group to the Broadcast Communications area and the Computer Centre.

Dean John MacKay conducted the Health Division tour where considerable interest was expressed in the Nuclear Medicine Technology and in Environmental Health.

Bill Robertson, subbing for Dean Dave Brouson, Continuing Education and Industry Services, explained the role of the division and outlined the involvement of



A 12-member delegation from the People's Republic of China was welcomed to the BCIT campus on October 15 in the BCIT boardroom. The group was accompanied

by Deputy Minister of Education Walter Hardwick. See inside for more photo coverage.

[Photo by Egon Steinebach]

BCIT in the Hermes satellite project. His presentation was supported by an audio-visual showing.

The delegation visited the PEMC operation on campus before returning to the Food Training Centre for lunch and further discussions on education.

In a toast to the delegation, Thom said he was aware of the tremendous concern China has for education and of the technological changes taking place there.

"I would like your visit here to be the start of an even greater spirit of cooperation and mutual help," said Thom.

Yung responded saying his country has much to learn from Canada and in the past several years has devoted its attention to broadening its horizons in the educational field.

He specifically referred to a proposed student exchange program, urging that the two countries get together very quickly on arrangements for such a project.

Assisting the Principal during the tour were Dean Jerry Lloyd of Admissions; Dean of Core, Brian Gillespie; and Information Services Director Dick Melville. Also assisting were Sid Andersen,

Biological Sciences; Gary Smook, Forest Resource; Ian Anderson, Natural Gas; Reg Ridsdale, Electrical; Gus Anderson, Surveying; Rob Riskin and Terry Garner, Broadcast Communications; Tony Wong and Beatrice Sun, Computer Programming; Greg Wilson, Hospitality and Tourism; Bill Noel, Department of Radiological Services; and Errol Borsky, Environmental Health.

Hardwick was accompanied by Information Officer Dave Roach, attached to the Deputy Minister's Office.

The delegation left for Simon Fraser University after spending about six hours at BCIT. The itinerary calls for visits to University of Toronto, McGill, Waterloo, special stops at schools for retarded children in Regina and a very special visit to the Gravenhurst, Ontario birthplace of Dr. Norman Bethune, a Canadian revered in China for his medical contributions during internal wars.

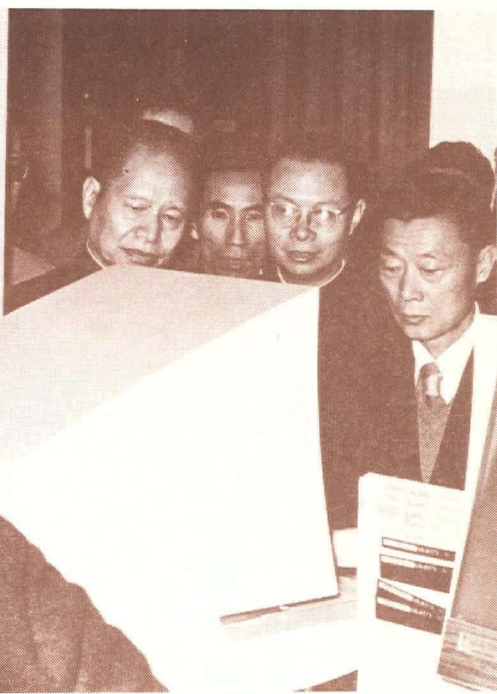
As well as being accompanied by interpreters and high-ranking officials from the embassy in Ottawa, two External Affairs officers from Ottawa are travelling with the group.



The two-hour tour of the Institute by officials of the People's Republic of China



included the pulp and paper lab and the microfiche catalogue system in the Library.



[Photos by Egon Steinebach]

New budget allocation procedures instituted

Establishment of three provincial councils under the Colleges and Provincial Institutes Act (Bill 82) to allocate funds to all post-secondary institutions, except the three public universities, has created a need for substantially new budgeting procedures. A more extensive financial information system to support budgeting decisions by the Councils is also required.

Each of the three provincial councils (Academic Council, Occupational Council and Management Advisory Council) have responsibility for the allocation of funds to various functions and technologies with the Institute.

All instructional programs except Hotel, Motel, Travel and Tourism, Agri-Management, Biological Sciences, Natural Gas and Petroleum, Mining, Building and Mechanical come under the jurisdiction of the Academic Council. Those excepted are placed under the responsibility of the Occupational Training Council. Other institutional functions such as student support services, institutional support and general instructional support, such as Library and Audio-Visual, are the responsibility of the Management Advisory Council (often referred to as Big Mac).

The task of making the diversity of the colleges and provincial institutes understandable to lay members of the provincial councils required the development of a sophisticated yet simple program structure.

This project was tendered by the Ministry of Education to Boeing Computer Services of Canada. In order to provide advice to this project, three people from

the post-secondary system—Max Fleming, Bursar, VCC; Dale Schatz, Comptroller, Cariboo College; and I—were seconded by the Ministry to work on the project.

The budget allocation procedures and the financial information system to support it are now completed. They will be implemented on a trial basis this fall in parallel to the Ministry's previous budgeting routine.

The new procedure will become a cost-reporting device, as well as a budget allocation tool. The impact on the colleges and institutes will be substantial. The implications are that:

- greater centralization of operational control will be exerted at the provincial level,
- a buffer between the institutions and

the Ministry has been created,

- greater rationalization of program allocation and support to institutions will result,

- the opportunity for capricious budgeting decisions has been reduced.

All in all, the new budgeting procedures have created a new game in the search for institutional financing. The rules are only now being developed and the strategy seems unclear. We can, however, look forward to an era of inter-institutional comparisons and greater demand for accountability for the expenditure of funds. Whether this is a good or bad state of affairs depends upon our willingness to use the system for the benefit of the Institute.

Whitecaps to play at Homecoming

One hundred fifty student athletes will take part in league and grad competition during the Athletics Department Homecoming on Saturday, October 28. Members of the Whitecaps will play a challenge match with our Over the Hill Gang and grads to raise money for the CKNW Orphan's Fund. A dance with music by the BCIT Stage Band and disco will be held Saturday evening.

The schedule follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Totem Conference Women's Field Hockey Tournament
- 11:00 a.m. Rugby: BCIT vs. Okanagan College
- 1:00 p.m. Soccer: BCIT vs. Vancouver Community College
- 3:00 p.m. Volleyball

5:00 p.m. Women's Basketball

6:30 p.m. Whitecaps Basketball vs. Over the Hill Gang and grads
(Admission by donation with proceeds to the CKNW Orphans' Fund)

8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Basketball games will be played under international rules.

The Homecoming dance will be held from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$1.50 in advance or \$2.00 at the door. Call local 845 for reservations.

On Sunday at 11 a.m., there is soccer (students vs. grads) and at 1 p.m. there's rugby (students vs. grads).

Institutional Planning Division established

The Executive Committee has endorsed the establishment of a Division of Institutional Planning within the Office of the Principal.

The division will be responsible for ensuring the orderly development of the Institute through coordinating current planning processes into an ongoing comprehensive development plan. The development plan will establish special short, middle and long-run objectives which will ensure that the Institute is able to manage its educational and financial resources and facilities efficiently and effectively.

The comprehensive development plan will also seek to achieve a balance between future demands for our graduates, level of student enrolment and internal demands for facilities, personnel and funds.

The need for more sophisticated planning techniques has become apparent as the post-secondary technological training market has become more competitive. BCIT is no longer the only technological training institution in the province and must now compete with the community colleges for funds. These funds are growing even more scarce as the public has begun to place a high priority on services other than education. Long-range planning would reduce some of the uncertainties of operating within an increasingly complicated environment.

The Division of Institutional Planning will operate under the authority of the Principal and will serve as a staff function, providing support and coordination for each of the educational and administrative divisions.

Director of the Division is Gil Johnston, who has been Executive Assistant, Institutional Analysis, at the Institute since December of last year. He has a Ph.D. in planning from Harvard and has served as director of a project to coordinate post-secondary education in Vermont, developed an educational plan for the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Education, and has also done work for the State Board of Education in Massachusetts. He has also been associated with the New England Board of Higher Education. Locally, he worked as a private consultant before coming to BCIT.

Johnston says: "The purpose of this Division is not to create a new position but to designate the responsibility for coordination and planning, and to reallocate some planning efforts. We are not adding more staff but increasing and reassigning responsibilities."

According to Johnston: "There is a need to have planning coordinated by some

office that crosses institutional boundaries.

The creation of a Division of Institutional Planning has come about in response to two resolutions—one from the Deans' Committee and one from the Facilities Planning Committee."

The Facilities Planning Committee has recommended that someone be given specific responsibility for coordination of the five-year plans and that that person be located in the Principal's Office. The Deans' Committee resolution asked that someone be hired to carry out a major planning study of the Institute and its needs.

Johnston says the Division "will support the work of the Facilities Planning Committee and will take the plans of various departments and divisions and bring them together in a comprehensive campus development plan". The plan will be drawn up in cooperation with the teaching departments and program areas.

His first priority? To work on space needs for the next three, five and ten years and beyond, and to coordinate the submission of these needs to the Ministry

of Education and the Management Advisory Council.

"We need to improve our planning processes to ensure there is adequate input from department heads, faculty, clerical people—everybody who has to use the building," Johnston says.

He adds: "This kind of planning can't be done in isolation from the systems that have been developed. For example, Admissions has a system which impacts on how we use the space. Likewise, the interaction between Continuing Education and day school has a bearing on the building requirements.

"Our space standards are abysmal. Eighty per cent of our classrooms are being utilized overall and 100 per cent during peak periods. Most institutions couldn't function at over 70 per cent utilization."

"I stress that we are not a decision-making body. It's not my job to create the grand plan but to bring it together in a form that is understandable to the decision-making bodies."

Staff changes: resignations, transfers

TED BYRNE transferred to Library Technical Services as a clerk, September 1... *AVIS ONDRA* has been appointed to the Psychiatric Nursing faculty, replacing *JOAN ANDERSON*, who is on educational leave... *TERRY ROSS* has been transferred from the Steno Pool to become one of the Business Management Division secretaries... *HAROLD HERRON* became Chief Instructor in Administrative Management September 1... *BILLIE ASKEY*, appointed to the General Nursing faculty August 30, was made chief instructor September 1... *LORRAINE FEDORAK*, who worked as an auxiliary, most recently in Health Continuing Education, resigned September 29... Chief Instructor in Chemical and Metallurgical, since July 1, is *WAYNE IRVINE*... *LORNA ZIEGLER*, who worked in the Purchasing Department for a year as an auxiliary is now receptionist in that department, while *LYNNE RHEAULT*, who was receptionist, was made Purchasing Assistant, effective September 1... *NOEL HAYNES* of Forest Resource has been transferred to Continuing Education and Industry Services for one year... *EVELYN NORMAN* will retire from Med Lab December 31... *NORMA MORRIS* was appointed Payroll Clerk, September 25... *MIRIAM SHATZ* is the new specialist librarian on a temporary appointment... *KATE POLLACK* has tak-

en a non-teaching faculty position in Library Technical Services. This is a two-month temporary appointment... *DARLENE HOMENCHUK*, who worked as an auxiliary in many departments on campus, resigned August 25... *OWEN EDWARDS'* appointment has been extended to the end of May to assist in the Mechanical Technology as specialist instructor as part of the Nigerian student program... *RODERICK KERR* and *GODFREY LYNUM* were made senior instructors in Forest Resource July 1... *VERNA HANKINSON* resigned from General Nursing December 1 after 10 years at the Institute... *JOE MICHAEL SALVO* was appointed specialist instructor in Chemistry and the Nigerian student program September 1... *NANCY KEIR* of the Admissions Centre resigned September 15 to marry... *ELAINE JACKSON* has a new one-year appointment in General Nursing as have *SUSAN COUSINEAU* and *DIANE BELYK*... *DEBBIE AU-YEUNG* was named clerk-typist in the Principal's Office, October 10... *ELSPETH HYNES*, secretary to Comptroller Ray Skulski, has submitted her resignation, effective November 3. She and her husband are moving to Toronto... *CAROL ROSS* has been appointed secretary in the Principal's Office. She assumed her new duties October 18.

What people are doing . . .

PAULA PICK entered the second annual 10 kilometer race around Stanley Park for women sponsored by Bonne Bell and the Alta Lake Sports Club. The event, billed as the biggest women's sporting event in Canada, attracted 600 entrants, ranging from elementary-school age to 50-plus. Paula ran for BCIT, placed eighth overall and fifth in her category with a time of 38 minutes and 26 seconds. . . . Congratulations to LORNA [CORNETT] ZIEGLER of Purchasing and JOE ZIEGLER of Central Stores who were married June 17. . . . Response to GERRY BERKENPAS' offer to give instruction in glasscutting has been so heavy, he has had to schedule two classes for students and one for staff. . . . KATHY MALSBURY of General Nursing and her husband have a baby daughter, Heather Anne. Heather was born on October 9 and

weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. . . . RAY YOUNG of A/V, together with the other members of the Burnaby Barbershop Chorus, competed in the Barbershop Chorus Competition held in Spokane Thanksgiving weekend. Barbershoppers from Montana, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Alberta and B.C. took part and the Burnaby group

placed seventh out of 18. Ray and his cohorts caught the ear of someone at the Alan Hamel Show who invited them to do a guest spot on the BCTV program.

ERICA WESTLEY, Computer Centre, had a baby girl, Caroline Rachel, 6 lbs. 8 oz., on June 17.

Music, music, music

Thirty new stereo cassette tapes have been added to the music collection, housed in the listening and viewing area of the library. Both master tapes and dubs of popular and classical music are available for use in the library by surrendering a piece of identification. They can also be taken out on an overnight loan or for the weekend.

Also available on cassette are close to 1500 audio tapes covering such diverse subjects as acting, air pollution, anthropology, economics, political leaders and

business and medical topics. A large portion of the collection is comprised of CBC tapes drawn from their "Concern" and "Ideas" program series.

Cassettes can be located by using the new microfiche catalogue (the light blue keyword index) and checking under either the keyword or context.

About 60 percent of the music and audio tapes have now been catalogued. It is expected that the full collection will be catalogued and on microfiche in another month.

Pipers wanted

If Dr. Keith Chambers of the BCIT's Medical Services has his way, there'll be the skirl of bagpipes at future official functions on campus.

But, he needs some help.

There are pipers on campus or those interested in learning and Keith would like to hear from you. If interested, please leave your name at Information Services (local 202 or 738), and the messages will be passed on.

While the call goes out for pipers or would-be pipers there is a need for drummers also.

Mug shots today

ID photos will be taken for all regular staff members in Room D320 of the 1976 Building between noon and 2 p.m. on four consecutive Wednesdays, beginning today (October 25).

October 25: Business Management Division and Library and Audio-Visual

November 1: Engineering Division and Human Resources

November 8: Health Division and Core Division

November 15: Continuing Education and Industry Services, Administration and all other staff

You should attend on the date designated for your Division, but you may attend any session.

If none of these dates fits into your schedule, there will be a "last chance" session on Friday, November 17, between 1 and 2 p.m. in Room D321 of the 1976 Building.

We will let you know through "Developments" when the pictures are ready for pick-up from the Personnel Department.

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BCGEU, Local 59

by Joan Cooper

Local 59 of the BCGEU has entered negotiations with BCIT administration for the fourth collective agreement. The current contract expired October 1.

Members of our negotiating team include Jim Browne of Electrical Stores, Valma Hayes of the Computer Centre and myself. Tom McKay of BCGEU headquarters is the staff representative assigned to us.

Our members are being encouraged to take advantage of the employee development provisions in the contract. Two employees have applied and received fee reimbursements under this clause of the agreement. Assistance from the employee development fund has helped one member with her MBA while another has been able to enrol for an administrative assistant course.

BCIT Continuing Education courses are free to staff and many BCGEU personnel are upgrading their qualifications to improve their chances for advancement. Enlightened managers are encouraging BCGEU people to upgrade their skills and departmental expense outside of the Institute. Thank you.

The members of Local 59 are proud of their contributions to the success of BCIT and are working towards enhancing their professional qualifications.