



As 1986 winds down and we start to anticipate the holiday season and what lies ahead in 1987, I would like to take this opportunity to wish every one of you a very happy Christmas and fulfilling new year.

Roy Murray

Visit to Ottawa productive

ROY MURRAY's visit to Ottawa at the end of November resulted in an invitation to meet with Premier Bill Vander Zalm this month and some very productive discussions with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Murray was in the capital as part of a Government Business Development Association of B.C. (GBDABC) mission. The organization was formed in 1985 to bring together B.C. based companies in a common front to create a greater awareness of the capabilities and facilities of the B.C. secondary manufacturing and service industries within the federal government. Their goal is to improve access to federal government business opportunities and to develop a greater awareness by B.C. firms of the programs and assistance available from the federal government.

During the sessions in Ottawa Murray had an opportunity to meet informally with Premier Vander Zalm, who was in attendance as the keynote speaker. The result was an invitation from the premier to meet him in Victoria during December to discuss some of BCIT's issues.

Murray was especially pleased with the supportive comments about BCIT voiced by many of the high tech industries in attendance. "They were very pleased to see us participate in the

mission and spoke very highly about the value of what we are doing," he said. Among those companies were International Submarine Engineering of Port Moody, RMS Industrial Controls of Port Coquitlam, Nexus Engineering of Burnaby, Microtel Ltd., Ebco Industries of Richmond and Macdonald Dettwiler and Associates Ltd of Richmond.

While in Ottawa Murray also met with senior officials of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to point out that even though BCIT is one of the major institutes of training and technology in the country, it has received no significant CIDA contracts.

"We had some very productive discussions and CIDA will arrange for a working session with BCIT officials in either January or February with a view to establishing a process which might see future contracts awarded to BCIT," says Murray.

Hagen to attend this week's Board meeting

Mr. STAN HAGEN, Minister of Continuing Education and Job Training, will be present at the December 17 meeting of the BCIT Board of Governors. The open session, which everyone is welcome to attend, starts at 1:30 p.m. in the main Administration Building Boardroom.

At 3 p.m., following the meeting, the Board will host their annual staff Christmas Reception in the Food Training Centre.

Finance Dept. moves

The following departments have moved from the 1A building to the J.W. Inglis Building:

Financial Services

Director's office
Accounts Payable
Payroll
Revenue Accounting
Financial Accounting
Budgets and Analyses

All cheques, including payroll cheques and stubs, expense cheques and student scholarship, bursary and loan cheques, are now distributed at the J.W. Inglis location, lower floor, northwest corner of the building.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THE PRESIDENT CORDIALLY

INVITE ALL BCIT STAFF TO A CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

Wednesday, December 17, 1986

3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Drop by and enjoy the festivities at the
Food Training Centre

One complimentary drink ticket available.

CASH BAR
(Ticket Sales to 5 p.m. only)

Telephone directory ready

The BCIT telephone directory has now been printed and is in circulation. If you haven't received your copy by Thursday, please contact Barbara McLeod at local 8385.

ACCC seeks candidates for Defence course

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) has once again invited BCIT to nominate someone from within the Institute to attend the prestigious National Defence College in Kingston, Ontario. One place is available on Course XL starting September 2, 1987 and ending June 24, 1988.

This outstanding post-graduate level program is a unique learning opportunity. Candidates are given a top view of the organizations and functions of our federal and provincial governments, Canada's industrial potential and needs, and the national role in our alliances. Candidates travel across Canada and visit several continents during this year of education and professional development.

Pat Fingarson in the President's Office, local 8529, has more information and application forms. All nominations have to be submitted to the ACCC by January 12, 1987. Selections are made in early February.

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Owing to the traditionally small number of students and staff using the Library over Christmas and the need to rearrange the periodical collection, the Library will close to the public Dec. 13-14, Dec. 20-Jan 1, Jan. 3-4.

The Main Library will be open on Jan. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New name for Bonnie

BONNIE RYCROFT, secretary to Vice President, Student Services and Educational Support, Peter Jones, has adopted her family name and is now BONNIE TAYLOR.

EMPLOYEE COMMENT

A hundred years ago when our grandmothers worked 12-14 hours a day in a gin mill, with no coffee break, little time for lunch, no workers' compensation, no holidays and very little pay; times were hard.

1986 - We now have coffee breaks, lunch hours, workers' compensation, holidays, very little pay, and "Accumulated Sick Days". Unlike our grandmothers before us, we now have all of the above plus a safe working environment. We ARE more fortunate; but times are still hard. Speaking as, and for, the single female -- approximately one half of our salary is needed for shelter, one of the first necessities of life. One quarter for food, the second necessity of life, and the remainder for gas (it IS the 20th century). Times are still hard.

There is a "rumor" afloat that management now wants to "take back" our accumulated sick days. What happens now, to the woman alone, who barely makes ends meet. Who can't afford a vacation. And now can't afford to get sick. What happens when we have the misfortune, because of our sex, to have a ruptured ovarian cyst, have to have our uterus removed, require a mastectomy? Or because we are also part of the human race; have a heart attack. A stroke. Our accumulated sick time is our insurance. Not every female is in the position of having a second income in the family to fall back on. Some of us are self-supporting and do the best we can as responsible members of the community.

1986 - Is management asking us to go back to the gin mill? Come on! It is time we again stood up and got counted. Times are still hard. Are we still oppressed?

JOYCE MUSCROFT, SCNRS
BCGEU

Response from RON BELL,
Director, Personnel/Employee Relations

As I hope everyone is aware, the Institute and the BCGEU have made a commitment to create an open and honest relationship using the Single Team Bargaining process. This means that neither party tries to take away or make demands, but rather seeks solutions to

problems and concerns. One such problem is that we have two very different types of sick leave protection plans and somehow, perhaps over time, we should reach a point where all employees are treated equitably. I am told that the bargaining committee is very much aware of this concern and believe that it will be addressed in a very fair manner.

You are invited to a

Wine and Cheese Party



at the

Open Education

Access Centre

December 22 at 1 p.m.

Meet Doug, Vivienne, Mahnaz and Iris and find out more about BCIT's pioneering computer education project on the North Shore.

The Centre is located in Chadwick Court at the rear of Lonsdale Quay Market in North Vancouver. A quick hop over the Second Narrows and down to the bottom of Lonsdale.

BCIT's popular television series, Plant Propagation, will be repeated on the Knowledge Network this month.

The series, which was produced on campus over a year ago, was a co-operative project involving students from Broadcast Communications and Biological Sciences under the direction of Terry Garner. The five, half-hour segments will be shown on TUESDAYS, starting December 9 at 5:30 p.m., and repeated SATURDAYS, starting December 13 at 6 p.m.

A skiing trip to Silver Star in Vernon is being organized by Bryan Boldt of Computer Resources. He wants to get together a party of about 45 people for a ski package which includes: round trip airfare to Kelowna, three nights accommodation at the Village Green Inn, three ski-lift tickets, airport transfers to the hotel, accommodation and airport tax. To register call Bryan as soon as possible at 432-8246. The trip, planned for February 19-22, is available to all BCIT faculty, staff and their friends.