

DEVELOPMENTS

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Nigerian project on its way out

Economic measures taken by the new Nigerian government have brought about a phase-out of the technician training program now in operation at BCIT and other Canadian centres.

In a letter to Principal Gordon Thom, James McBride, executive director of the Canadian Bureau for International Education in Ottawa, reported that the new government had decided to increase training

facilities in its own country, thereby phasing out its program in Canada.

"This means that the students now studying in Canada will continue and complete their programs, but no new students will be received under this program," McBride wrote.

BCIT has been involved in the Nigerian technician training program for the past two years with a total of 46 students from that country already receiving training here. The new measures taken by the Nigerian government will not affect those students.

Thom said he regrets very much that the program is being phased out, but that BCIT will continue to play a very important role in the development of the training there.

"In fact," said Thom, "Dean Bob Mason [Engineering] is over in Nigeria right now and I will be most interested in what he has to report on future training programs and

how BCIT can continue to play a leading role in development of that training."

Thom said he views the role of BCIT in Canada's international development and relations as a very important one and "I have been greatly encouraged in this area by many of our faculty."

"With that kind of support I have taken steps to establish an advisory committee to work in this area and that formation is taking place at this very moment," Thom said.

He said he would have more to report following the return of Mason from Nigeria.

YEP on this summer

Departments interested in creating summer jobs for students under the Ministry of Labor Youth Employment Program should apply now for funding.

Applications are available from Linda Krahn of the Student Financial Services office. The deadline for applications is 4 p.m. Friday, March 14.

The program, designed to help employers create special jobs for students, must provide a minimum

of 40 days of full-time employment between June 1, 1980 and Aug. 31, 1980.

The Ministry of Labor will contribute from \$4.15 to \$4.50 towards the hourly wage and from 37 cents to 41 cents per hour for holiday pay and benefits. The sponsoring department or division must cover the difference between the ministry's contribution and BCIT's negotiated wage rates.

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Lecture today

The third in a series of five lectures offered by the BCIT Staff Society goes today at 12:30 p.m. in room #97/198.

The free lecture features Dr. William Richards of the Simon Fraser University Department of Communication. Dr. Richards will speak on "Extraterrestrial Communications."

Long-distance telecommunications patterns in B.C. and communication networks among physicians are among the research topics Dr. Richards has investigated.

He has assisted in a study of communicational effectiveness for the B.C. Society of Occupational Therapists and this year he will participate in a study of organizational linkages as part of a program conducted for the Kalamazoo Valley (Michigan) school district.

He is a member of the International Communication Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society for Cybernetics and the American Society for Information Science.



The Ministry of Universities, Science and Communications has announced it will spend \$10 million on a multi-tenant building on the Discovery Park site adjacent to the BCIT campus. The first of many buildings scheduled for the research park will contain 80,000 square feet and will be used to attract scientific research to the province. Large companies will be erecting their own facilities on the site. A ministry official said it was hoped that Aug. 1 would be ground-breaking for the multi-tenant building.

Planning continues for campus development

BCIT's new construction and renovation plans are starting to take shape. And, if all goes well, a contract could be awarded by early August with major portions of new construction started by September, 1980.

Consultants, hired to produce a "broad brush" conceptual plan, are nearing completion of their feasibility study. Gil Johnston, director of Institutional Planning, said he expects the study to be finished in the next two or three weeks.

"The study will provide estimates of the feasibility of renovating existing buildings and the location of new construction," said Johnston.

"The consultants are looking at the location of teaching divisions and administrative support and student services areas to improve the working conditions of all faculty, staff and students," he said.

Other projects currently under construction include the redevelopment of administrative and business offices in the administration wing of the 1A building and the development of an integrated student services area in the lower floor of the 2N building.

According to Johnston, these two projects were approved as major renovations in the 1979-80 capital construction budget.

Consultants are also looking at the construction of a broadcast television studio to replace inadequate facilities on the fourth floor of the 1A building.

The value of these projects is about \$10 million.

The feasibility study and the three additional projects are under the direction of a project planning group comprised of Johnston, Richard Smyth, director of Physical Plant, Larry Taylor, manager of construction programs and Trish Labonte, Ron Hyde and Ralph Smylie, appointed by the Facilities Planning Committee.

From March 1 to April 30 teaching, administrative support and student support departments will be asked to prepare a space requirement statement.

"We're encouraging departmental and divisional involvement in the establishment of priorities and preferences," said Johnston. "Not all of the perceived space requirements are likely to be met within the constraints of space and budget so we'll have to discuss priorities and trade-offs."

The discussion among departments and consultants will be based

upon the results of the operational requirements statement being prepared by Institutional Planning.

Once space requirements are approved by the Ministry of Education detailed design and working drawings will be developed. Johnston said departments will be involved in this stage of development.

"Consultants will be talking to departments about their needs to

ensure that specific space and layout arrangements can be met."

During this period, tentatively set to include May 1 to June 30, departments will experience disruption in working schedules.

"Undoubtedly all departments will suffer," explained Johnston. "Due to lack of existing space in which to relocate operations while renovations are being carried out, normal routines will be disturbed. Cooperation and compromise will

be required."

Johnston said he feels completion of new construction by Sept. 1981 is an optimistic, but reasonable, expectation.

"Renovation work will be much more difficult to schedule. Some minor work may be able to be carried out during the summer, but most of it will have to be scheduled for the next academic year and the summer of 1981."

Instructors hit the books

Starting tomorrow, a handful of BCIT's instructional staff will enter a classroom on campus not as teachers, but as students.

These instructors are enrolled in BCIT's first formalized seminar series in professional instruction techniques.

Developed cooperatively by the BCIT Staff Society and BCIT administration, the new program will be available to all full-time and part-time instructors. Instructors from other institutions and industry may also participate in the offerings.

According to Bert Clark, the coordinator of the program, the workshops will be different from the summer courses he has taught in instructional techniques.

"This will be a whole new ball game," he said.

"The seminars will offer instructors a much broader range of interest areas. Course objectives and course content will reflect the needs of instructors in our institute."

The program format includes fundamental seminars and options.

The first offering, a 30-hour course in instructional course design, is a fundamental seminar. It will focus on the identification and development of instructional needs, content selection and organization, course writing and course and student evaluation in-

struments.

Other segments of the professional development program will deal with instructional techniques and classroom management.

Instructional techniques workshops will look at the essential skills of lesson planning, planning and presentation, learning theory and instructional theory.

The first seminar is scheduled for March 10 with another planned for May 26. Each session will cover 60 hours of class time during a 10-day period.

A third seminar, for new instructors, is set to start on August 11.

Group dynamics is the subject matter for the third segment.

Entitled "Managing a Learning System," the course will deal with human relations and communication in an educational setting. Small and large group learning processes

and theory and the leadership role of the instructor will also be discussed.

"This course will really concentrate on management of people," explained Clark. "We'll be focusing on how instructors can get the best out of students."

Terms of reference and guidelines for the scope of the program are being developed through a steering committee headed by Clark.

"This is just the beginning," said Clark. "The committee is looking for suggestions for future workshops and some option ideas. We want input."

Program details and registration information are available. Contact Clark at local 638 or Debbie Nightingale, of Industry Services, at local 737.

Tournament goes east

BCIT's plans to host the first Canadian Open Wrist Wrestling Championships have been squelched. The tournament is moving back east.

"We can't get the funding we need to pull off a first class event," explained Mark Angelo, FWR.

"We had been talking to a local brewery about financing the tournament. We had a verbal commit-

ment, but at the last moment the firm backed out. Now it's too late to make alternative plans for money."

However, Angelo and Wally Rowan, Campus Recreation coordinator, are planning a BCIT/PVI wrist wrestling tournament for staff, faculty and students, here on March 19. The bouts get underway at noon.

The event will feature two weight classes for men: 175 pounds and more and under 174 pounds. The women's competition will be open. Trophies and prizes will be awarded.

"If some of the entrants in this campus-wide event show potential and are really interested in competing in the Canadian Open in May we'll try and get them back east," said Angelo.

To help "would-be" wrist wrestlers with training ideas, Angelo will be available in the SAC activity room Monday, March 3, and Wednesday, March 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Women and self defence

If you, as a woman, found yourself in a situation where you needed to defend yourself against harm would you know how to protect yourself?

If the answer is no, or if you are not sure of your ability, then you may want to think about enrolling in the Campus Recreation-sponsored women's self defense course.

The course will deal with the psychological and physical aspects of self-defence. Women will learn to maximize strengths and

minimize weaknesses.

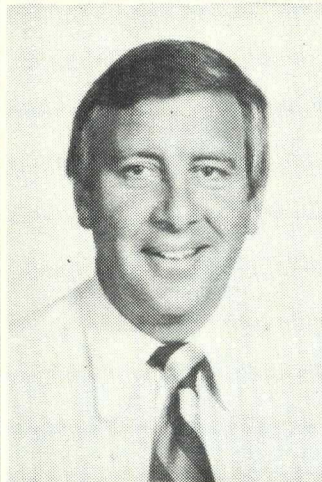
Discussions on such topics as women and the law, avoidance, roles, aggression, rape and verbal defenses will also be part of the two-day weekend workshop.

The sessions will be held in the SAC gym March 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fee for the course is \$10 and enrolment is limited.

For further information contact Louise Preiswerck, of Campus Recreation.

Like father, like son



Jack Fournier



Cliff Fournier

If for no other reason than a shared interest in BCIT's Pulp and Paper Advisory Committee, Jack and Cliff Fournier are "like father, like son."

Concerned that the advisory group continues to play an effective role in the development of the pulp and paper program at BCIT, the Fourniers are serving on the committee.

"Technology is changing all the time," said Jack Fournier, a six-year veteran of the advisory committee and a member of the Vancouver-based Pulp and Paper Industrial Relations Bureau.

"The committee has to keep in line with industry's needs and ensure that BCIT's pulp and paper graduates are acceptable to the market place. Our graduates must receive the kind of training that will help them function effectively in industry."

His son Cliff, a first-year student in the pulp and paper option, agrees. Although he's a newcomer to the committee, Cliff said he knows that "it's important for the committee to help graduates get

good jobs, but it's just as important that we meet the needs of industry."

According to Jack Fournier, the advisory committee's biggest contribution is in the area of curriculum development.

"The committee is made up of senior operations and production people who are aware of the needs of industry. These people can offer a great deal of input into course design and course modification that will reflect changing needs."

Enrolment is another area of committee interest. Fournier said the committee wants to assist the school in its search for good applicants.

Cliff said he sees his role as a liaison between students and industry. "I can bring students news on changes in industry and at the same time fill industry people in on the concerns of students."

The Fourniers even agree on the personal value of working on the committee. For both of them it's an interesting and enjoyable way to help students, BCIT and industry.

Committee gets Thom's support

Principal Gordon Thom reiterated his strong support for the Labor-Management Committee in a letter to Staff Society President Margaret Briscall.

His letter was in response to Briscall's written complaint that the committee was being given low priority by management representatives. Her complaint cited substitutions or absences from the meetings by management members and asked Thom to ensure that senior members were free from other duties for the meetings.

Thom said he did expect attendance at the meetings to be

regular, although occasionally the designated representatives will be unable to attend.

"My continued support of their attendance is dependent upon the committee developing and implementing a means to its greater effectiveness," Thom wrote.

He suggested that there be a pre-set agenda which is adhered to; that the parties prioritize their respective issues; that many issues which are brought to Labor-Management be handled in writing or in discussions between the general secretary and the director of personnel and labor relations.

Students have CHOICES

For the next five months students in 12 locations in the province—10 school districts and two colleges—will be getting supplementary career counselling on an experimental basis from a computer program called CHOICES.

To help BCIT personnel better understand the CHOICES program, Abe Schellenger, manager Career Advisory Services of the Occupational Training Council, will be on campus March 13 to demonstrate the system. He will also discuss proposed government policy on the career advisory system to be established in British Columbia.

According to Dave Hume, provincial consultant, BCIT will not be actively involved in the pilot project. "But," said Hume, "we do have a direct interest and our input will be important."

Relief in sight

Burnaby Council's recent decision to relax its crackdown on illegal suites is good news for Housing Manager Val Karpinsky.

"I'm really pleased with the results," said Karpinsky. "It takes a lot of pressure off BCIT students who will be looking for housing in September."

Council directed the chief building inspector to discontinue a house-to-house survey of dwellings thought to contain non-conforming suites.

Karpinsky said he believes presentations made by BCIT, Simon Fraser University and the Pacific Vocational School to Burnaby Council helped to ease the search for illegal housing.

Since Burnaby's crackdown on illegal suites started in March 1978 the municipal housing inspector has searched more than 1,700 homes.

Iannacone invited to BSBS

Two first year business students and Ernie Iannacone, dean, Business Management Division, were among more than 130 students and about 23 business leaders to attend the 15th annual Banff Student Business Seminar (BSBS) recently.

Iannacone opened the three-day conference speaking on "The Balance of the Eighties."

BCIT students Murray Wills, Marketing Management and Minto Purves, Hospitality and Tourism were the first institute students to be invited to participate in the seminar.

During the sessions students attended workshops and got together with business people in small group discussions.

The conference is hosted by students in the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce at

The purpose of the February to June program is to evaluate the project and its cost-effectiveness.

The pilot project is unique in that this is the first province to house the program in its own computer and set up its own network of terminals.

In the actual operation, the student answers questions from the computer about his or her interests, skills, likes and dislikes. The computer gradually reduces the 1,100 occupations to about 25 which might be suitable. Then, at the request of the student, the computer provides more detailed information about one or more of the careers in which the student expresses interest.

The experiment is being conducted by the Occupational Training Council in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the B.C. Systems Corporation.

CHOICES was developed by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission.

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IODE seeks BCIT chapter

The IODE (International Order of Daughters of the Empire) contributors to the BCIT Scholarship and Bursary Fund would like to establish a chapter of BCIT women.

"We want their ideas," said Vivian Henderson, an IODE member in one of four Burnaby chapters.

Annually, the chapter provides, through BCIT's scholarship fund, \$250 to a health division student living in Burnaby.

For details about the organization contact Mrs. Henderson at 291-7886.

the University of Alberta. All preparations are handled by the students.

Donations from about 40 companies subsidize the seminar. This year the students' budget exceeded \$25,000.

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To qualify for cost sharing the job must meet the following conditions: the job must provide a training or learning experience for the student; the job cannot displace regular or auxiliary staff at BCIT and the job must be one that would not be undertaken without financial assistance from sources such as the Ministry of Labor.

For additional information contact Krahn at local 887.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

The new premiums for the fringe benefit program, effective April 1, 1980, are:

	OLD	NEW	DIFF.
Life Insurance	.256/\$1000	.24/\$1000	.016 (7%)
Accidental Death and Dismemberment	.04/\$1000	.04/\$1000	no change
Extended Health	1.42 single	1.24 single	.18 (14%)
	4.13 family	3.60 family	.53 (14.8%)
Long Term Disability	1.23/\$100	1.20/\$100	.03 (2.5%)
Dental	11.57 single	15.12 single	3.55 (30%)
	22.27 couple	29.10 couple	6.83 ("")
	41.37 family	54.06 family	12.69 ("")

The 15 per cent projected deficit in the 1978-79 dental rates is only 9 per cent. Mutual Life has agreed to carry forward the deficit to this year's deficit. The B.C. College of Dental Surgeons has increased its rates 12 per cent with a surcharge on metals effective now (March 1, 1980). Mutual Life has agreed to increase only 10 per cent.

The first annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Spring Dance, Toga Party and Fundraiser, sponsored by the Staff Social Committee, will be held on March 21. Tickets for the gala affair, which will take place in the Rio Hall (near Joyce and Kingsway), are \$7.50 per person. Tickets are available from **Mark Angelo**, FWR; **Chris Wilson**, AV; **Greg Wilson**, Hospitality and Tourism; **Di Nelson**, Library; **Miriam Quarin**, Payroll; **Colleen Fostvelt**, Personnel; **Jeri Fostvelt**, Admissions; **Brian Leslie**, Forest Products; **Wendy Basford**, Medical Laboratory; **David Jones**, Public Relations and **Doug Smith**, En-

vironmental Health.

The February 20 edition of *Developments* incorrectly referred to the sponsoring committee as the Staff Society Social Committee. *Developments* apologizes to the committee and hopes the error did not cause any embarrassment to anyone.

The March-April listing of films on campus includes "1984," March 18 and 19; "Cross of Iron," March 25 and 26; "A Lion in Winter," April 1 and 2; "Citizen Kane," April 8 and 9; "Midnight Express," April 15 and 16 and National Lampoon's "Animal House," April 29 and 30.

On April 22 and 23 a double bill special will feature Mae West in "I'm No Angel" and W.C. Fields in "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break." The films are shown in Lecture Theatre 129 in the north foyer near the main entrance of the campus Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon. Admission is \$1.

The newly formed Canadian division of the International Council for Small Business (ICSB) held its first gathering of educators, business people and government officials at BCIT recently. **Randy Vandermark** acting department head, Marketing Management Technology and an executive member of the committee, said the purpose of the meeting was to see how the ICSB can best support management development in small business. Vandermark said the outcome of the session was good. "A strong interest amongst business schools in the province to encourage more entrepreneurship through such programs as student venture capital was evident." The group also discussed the need for more counselling for small business in local communities and the possibility of developing college community chapters of ICSB. About 50 people attended.

The Cougar Athletic Awards Banquet and Dance will be held Friday, March 28 at the Sheraton-Villa

Ballroom. The evening gets underway at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Campus Life Trailer.

Forms for Campus Recreation Award nominations are now available. Trophies are awarded to the most sportsmanlike team, the most sportsmanlike player, female contribution to campus recreation, male contribution to campus recreation and most supportive staff. If you know anyone who qualifies, pick up a form and help Campus Recreation select the most deserving people for recognition. Nomination forms are available at the Equipment Room and the Campus Life Trailer.

BCIT has established a memorial fund to provide a scholarship in the name of Gordon Bell, Administrative Management Technology instructor, who died suddenly on Feb. 10. The target for the fund is \$2,000. Interest from this fund will be awarded annually to the student who receives the highest mark in Organizational Behavior 1 and who registers in the Personnel and Industrial Relations Option in the second year. Donations to the fund can be forwarded to **Roger Cradock**, department head, Administrative Management. Contributions should be made payable to the Gordon Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Basketball

Preparations go ahead

Preparations are underway for the 1981 National College Basketball Championships to be held at BCIT March 26 to 28.

"We're at the preliminary planning stage," said Derek Swain, athletic coordinator and coach of the BCIT Cougars. "We're looking at staffing, organizing committees and funding sources."

As part of the planning process, Swain will travel to Truro, Nova Scotia and the 1980 championships.

"I'll be in Truro at the end of the month to look at their planning system and to get detailed information," explained Swain.

About 300 men and women players and coaches will be on campus next Spring for the two-day event.

The event will provide BCIT with its first chance to compete on a national level. As the host team, the Cougars receive a spot in the tournament line-up.

"This is a great opportunity to show off the campus to a national audience," said Swain. "It's great recognition for the institute. We'll be able to show that BCIT's athletic

program is on par with the top collegiate athletic programs in the country."

BCIT's bid for the 1981 championships was placed about two years ago.

Thom visits interior

"BCIT belongs to Kamloops just as much as it does Burnaby," Principal Gordon Thom told the Valleyview Kiwanis Club in Kamloops last week as he explained the provincial mandate of the institute during a swing through the B.C. interior.

While there, he held talks with department heads at Cariboo College on the possibility of transfer programs.

Thom met with Society of Engineering Technologists members and appeared on a number of radio and television open line programs.

"It is part of a program to ensure the provincial role of BCIT is well known and at the same time hold discussions with colleges," said Thom.

COUNCIL NOTES

Revision of the "growth, quality and productivity of service" section of the draft five-year plan will be examined by a group to be appointed by the principal.

Ad hoc committee chairman, Richard Smyth, said that this committee recognized the thrust of the section in the plan to provide cost effectiveness, but that BCIT should not pursue growth and cost reduction without equally pursuing improvement in quality.

The Educational Council endorsed the offering of BCIT courses off campus and the concept of a coordinated downtown education centre.

The endorsement resulted from a report prepared by the Continuing Education and Industry Services Division, in which the success of the downtown program was detailed together with the cooperative effort with other post-secondary institutions.

The John Dennison report entitled "An Assessment of the College and Provincial Institutes Act" was endorsed by the council as an accurate analysis of the present status of the legislation.

The council agreed to encourage the Ministry of Education to develop a policy for the provision of continuing education in B.C. It was felt that such a policy could have adverse effects on BCIT's program, but that, in general, it was needed.

Council chairman Gordon Thom accepted with regret the resignations of BCIT Alumni Association representative John Scott and faculty-at-large member Derek Swain. Both cited job responsibilities for creating difficulties in attending council meetings.

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