

Our safety is their No. 1 concern

If you've ever felt nervous about turning left off Goard Way on to Willingdon during rush hour, it may reassure you to know that there is a committee on campus which shares your concern.

The driving hazard associated with turning left on to Willingdon is just one of many issues that the BCIT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE is attempting to resolve. Judging from its record, it has been very successful, with only 16 items left unresolved from an original list of 209.

Each time an issue is resolved, the word "delete" appears on the meticulously kept minutes taken during the committee's monthly meeting. These minutes will soon be posted throughout the campus to keep everyone informed on the committee's progress. Some examples of recently solved issues include: hazardous chemical waste disposal, installation of ventilating fans for fume removal in the automotive building, poor lighting in the mail room and first aid coverage on Saturdays.

Set up to conform to Workers' Compensation Board guidelines, the committee is "made up of employee and employer representatives consulting in a cooperative spirit to identify and resolve safety and health problems in support of a planned occupational safety and health program." Non-adversary in nature, the committee's role is to recommend and consult. Although committees always existed on both the PVI and BCIT side before the merger, the current committee has only been meeting since last November. "We are a means of getting problems solved after usual methods have failed," says committee chairperson, Cam Barnettson.

"We are an unbiased, Institute-wide representative group simply attempting to solve health and safety problems in an amicable and non-adversarial fashion. We deal with both large and small problems - everything from potentially hazardous carpets that people are prone to trip on, to the planning and implementation of an Institute Disaster Plan."



If you have any health or safety concerns related to working on campus, you should first approach your department's elected health/safety delegate (a list of these is currently being compiled and will be circulated later). The delegate will then give the department head or manager a written description of the problem. If it remains unresolved, the delegate will then approach the committee.

Inspection starts this week

The BCIT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE will commence a safety inspection of the Institute on March 18. Three groups of four committee reps will systematically visit each department on campus to determine if conditions conform to WCB standards.

Committee chairperson, Cam Barnettson, expects little or no disruption to shops, classes or office routines during the inspection.

Sorry Ron...

We apologize to RON HYDE, dean of the School of Construction and Natural Resource Studies for omitting to include his name in our UPDATE story of March 9, as among those in attendance at the BCIT/VCC Protocol of Co-operation signing ceremony on March 3.

More smoking areas designated on campus

In accordance with the Institute's Clean Air Policy, which went into effect at the beginning of this year, two more buildings on campus have received official Smoking/No Smoking designations.

Effective Monday, March 23, the area currently allocated to NON-SMOKERS in the Food Training Centre will become the DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA.

All remaining eating spaces within the FTC, including the snack bar and staff dining area, will become DESIGNATED NON-SMOKING AREAS.



Effective immediately, the south balcony lounge on the second floor of building 1A has been allocated for SMOKERS. The third floor lounge is now a NON-SMOKING LOUNGE.

Your co-operation in adhering to these changes is appreciated.

Len T. McNeely

Call for clean up!

V.P. Finance, DUNCAN MACPHERSON, who is currently overseeing Physical Plant, would like to reiterate the Institute's desire to create a clean and pleasant campus environment. Strides in this direction have already been made with the hiring of a new cleaning service company and the establishment of a Maintenance Service Hotline telephone number but, in order for these to be really effective, your help is also needed. If you are aware of any areas on campus requiring cleaning or maintenance attention, please call the Maintenance Service Hotline (432-8777).

CAMPUS RECREATION

Discover the excitement of jazz dancing or exercise your way into spring with aerobic fitness classes offered by the Recreation and Athletic Services Department.



JAZZ DANCE

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
March 24 to April 30, 1987



Fee: \$25 per person

AEROBIC FITNESS TO MUSIC

March 16 to May 29 / Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
7:05 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

or

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
4:40 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.

Fee: \$25 for as many classes as you like



INTRAMURAL REGISTRATION WEEK March 16-20



Sign up for: Flag football
slo pitch softball
volleyball
wallyball

CO-ED SQUASH CLINIC



Tuesday, April 7

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

\$6 per person



Participants should be playing squash about two times a week

REGISTER FOR THE ABOVE CLASSES

AT RECREATION & ATHLETIC SERVICES,

S.A.C. BUILDING, south campus

Central Stores to close

Central Stores will close all day March 31 for fiscal year-end inventory taking.

Overseas employment opportunities

Overseas Employment Opportunities with WUSC (World University Service of Canada)

Carole Munden and Ric Kueks of WUSC, Ottawa, will be conducting interviews from March 16 - 19 at Canada Employment Centre, Suite 3000, 757 West Hastings Street.

A public information session will also be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16 at UBC's Woodward Lecture Hall No. 6.

For more information contact BCIT's WUSC committee chairman, Amar Kshatriya (local 5315) or WUSC member Don Wright (local 8757).