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- 1) In a memo from Dr. J. J. Denholm, the following information concerning appointments to Councils was received:

Academic Council:

Ian McTaggart-Cowan, Chairman
Hugh Harris, Okanagan College
Jean Turnbull, Selkirk College
Brian Brown, Northern Lights College
Ralph Patterson, B.C.I.T.

It is the intention of the Ministry of Education to amend the legislation and appoint four additional members at a later date.

Universities Council:

W. (Bill) Gibson, Chairman

Occupational Training Council:

Will not be named until February 9, 1978, or thereabouts.

Marine and Justice Colleges:

Will be proclaimed, probably some time before February 9, 1978 and February 17, 1978.

Vancouver Community College Council:

New appointments will not be announced until approximately February 9, 1978.

Therefore, the Inaugural meeting provisionally scheduled for February 8, 1978 will be postponed (possibly until February 22, 1978).

H.E.P.

2) CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Richard Darville on attaining recently his Doctorate in Sociology. Richard has subbed and taught in Basic Ed for the last three years and now is our official "BTSD I" instructor. Cheers, Doc!

R.F.

3) SNOW!!

We get a little snow from time to time!

However, the only person on campus who has the authority to cancel classes is the Principal, or, in the evening, his delegate, the Dean of Instruction, or the Division Chairmen on duty.

Even though some of your students may be tempted to leave as the snow falls, please don't be tempted to terminate your class at such times.

R.F.C.

4) RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE FROM COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

Last fall, the Counselling Department circulated a questionnaire to all instructors, regarding the numbers of students that seemed to require individual help because of possible learning difficulties.

Respondents and percentage range of perceived needs follows:

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>RESPONDENTS</u>	<u>RANGE OF PERCEIVED NEED</u>
Basic Education	5	2% - 30%
College Foundations	18	0% - 25%
B.T.S.D.	7	10% - 50%
E.L.T.	13	0% - 35%

Comments by instructors have been noted. Thank you one and all for your help. We have concluded that KEC figures are 14.54% parallel the projections and findings of the Laycock report of 1963, which said that 12% - 15% of any learning group have learning disabilities.

G.N.

5) BE A WINNER!

I am selling raffle tickets (\$1.00 each) for the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association. Please let me know if you would buy a ticket.

Raffle is April 1 - for a Las Vegas weekend for two!

Greta Nelson

6) TO INSTRUCTORS, COUNSELLORS, LIBRARIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS
WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED:

A meeting is held on the second Friday of every month at the Jericho Hill Resource Centre, Blake Hall at 4128 West Eighth Avenue. Time: 1:30 p.m.

Purpose of the meetings:

- a) to get to know one another,
- b) to establish a means of communication and interaction that will be helpful to all,
- c) to have general discussions or hear speakers on matters of common interest.

The Resource Centre staff hopes that you will be able to attend some of these meetings. Come first to the Library, which is in the classroom wing of Blake Hall.

Next meeting: FEBRUARY 10th, 1978. All Welcome!

G.N.

7) APATHY CLUB

(Yawn)

You say there's an Apathy party on campus?

Yup.

What for?

Dunno.

Who can join?

Who cares"

(Yawn).

There is a box in the bottom (or top?) right-hand (left?) space in the mail slot cupboards. If you are apathetic, join us. Put your name in the box. Don't expect any celebrations!

Anon

8) NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department gratefully acknowledges a scholarship donation from the Hot Jazz Society of Vancouver. This scholarship, which is perpetual, will be presented each term to the outstanding student in the Jazz and Commercial Program in the Department. The Hot Jazz Society is a non-profit organization founded some time ago to enhance the jazz scene in Vancouver. Being a non-profit society, they, of course, must not make any money over expenses. The Society is making enough of a profit to offer the scholarship in each major term of the year and we are more than happy to accept.

The first winner of the scholarship was announced two weeks ago. Michael Creber, a first-year student, whose major instrument is Jazz Piano, was the recipient. Mike is currently working with the Theatre Arts Program, assisting them in their production of "Jacques Brel...", not only as pianist, but also an arranger of the musical score.

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There will be no Friday evening recital this week, but the series will continue on February 10th, featuring the Vancouver Baroque Ensemble, and our own Jerry Domer. Recital time is 8:00 p.m., Theatre (Room A130) Langara. We look forward to seeing many KEC friends there.

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Early reminder of the V.C.C. Fourth Annual Spring Festival of Music. Keep the week of March 13 free. There will be four performances, all at Langara; Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. More details to come.

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We have been given a mention of thanks in a letter to the Vancouver Resources Board for our services to the Association of Seniors in Kerrisdale (ASK). We have been sending students to perform for these Senior Citizens groups over the past two years, and they have been sincerely appreciative.

T.S.

9) POSITION OPENINGS

There is a possibility of a position opening in the Reading and Study Skills Department effective May 1, 1978. An instructor is required to teach 2/5 load in the May-August semester, night classes, 3 nights per week. There will be one Reading and Study Skills class and one Writing Skills class. A similar 2/5 load will be available in September. Interested applicants should see Mrs. Pletcher in Office 186. Phone 738-7622 for an appointment.

B.P.

A sessional lecturer for the Department of Anthropology, University of Victoria is needed from April 1, 1978 to March 31, 1979. For details, please see faculty bulletin board.

H.E.P.

We have received a notice of a posting for the position of Assistant Director, Language Institute, Centre for Continuing Education, U.B.C. Details for this position are on postings on the faculty bulletin board in the main office and at other locations around the campus.

R.M.



"But I thought my typing errors would make your letters sound human."



Christel Nierobish telephoned this week to bring us up-to-date on the Kitimat doings. As you are probably aware, Norm and Christel are on specially assigned duty 'off campus, teaching English Language Training to workers in the Alcan plant in Kitimat.

They teach on one side of a regular duplex that has been converted into a school and a drop-in learning centre. Classes are held at set intervals in the living room: language lab and listening post facilities are available in the bedrooms; and the kitchen, I gather, gets a pretty steady use for making coffee. They are handling about 50 students, who attend either the classes or use the facilities in the bedrooms, or both!

Christel and Norman have designed their curriculum in the following way. They began with a reconnaissance of the Alcan plant, collecting the special terminology used. Then they made up an Alcan dictionary, and taking the structures usually taught in ELT, replaced the usual nouns and verbs with special Alcan words. In other words, they no longer teach "the pen is on the table", but "the pot is on the pot-line" or something.

It sounds as if they are working very hard, but finding the atmosphere congenial for themselves and their students, and the experience enjoyable.

By the way Christel and Norman are not living in this duplex, or, for that matter, even next door: they are accommodated elsewhere - their address is -

A6 - 653 Columbia,
Kitimat, B.C.

if you would like to drop them a line.

R.M..

