

October 1993

Planning begins for '94-95 anniversary celebrations

Next year will be a big one for Malaspina College. September 1994 marks the 25th anniversary of first classes for Malaspina College, and the 58th year of trades and vocational training at our Nanaimo campus.

A committee came together this month to prepare for a program of year-long events to include reunions for alumni, staff and board members, open houses for the community, and some special events to record the contributions Malaspina has made to the central Vancouver Island region since 1969.

The steering committee is chaired by Director of Communications Marianne van Toor, and includes Sue Benoit (Office Admin.), Bob DeBuysscher (Ambassadors), Ross Fraser (Development), Roger Prior (Communications and Development), Stu Seifert (Commercial Vehicle Transport Mech.), Trudy Sorensen (Education), Dave Wadson (Facilities), and Maxine Zurbrigg (International).

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A million-dollar cheque from the Minister to Board Chair Jane Gregory was a high point on opening day.

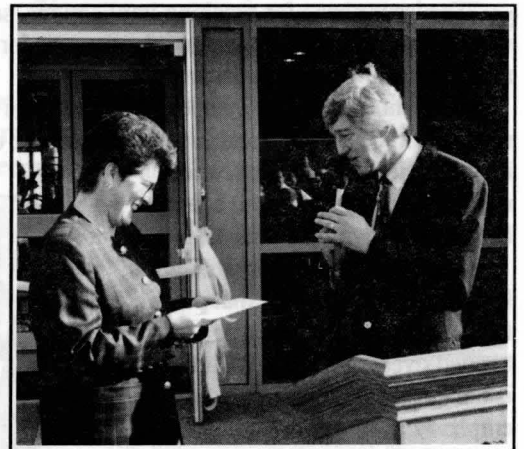
More building to come

Dan Miller, Minister of Skills, Training and Labour, officially opened the new \$4.5 million Student Services and Business building on the Nanaimo campus Oct. 21 (see speech page 8) and confirmed that construction will continue on more new facilities.

He handed Board Chair Jane Gregory approval for \$1 million in planning funds to prepare for two buildings housing Developmental Education and Education and Social Sciences.

The Business faculty moved into their new home in September and now Advising, Counselling, Student Employment, First Nations Student Advising, Financial Awards and Registration are all together in a one-stop location on the top floor.

The Switchboard is also now located in the new building. Visitors are invited to drop by.



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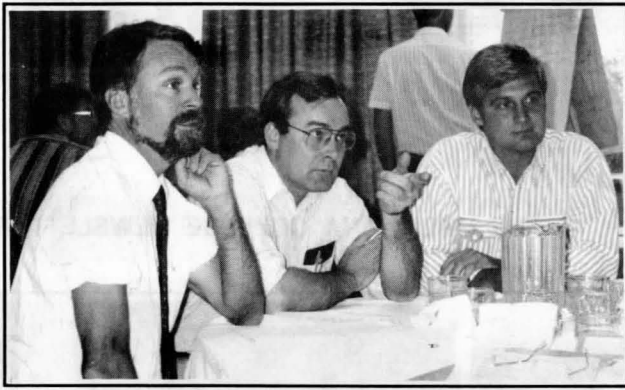
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Dan Light, Glen Galloway, and Dan Lines, left, listen as Len Taylor, right, makes a point at the workshop.



Study will take Trades training into the future

The future of vocational training at Malaspina took a big step forward Friday Sept. 24 at a first-ever, all-day faculty workshop.

Forty instructors and staff from Welding, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Hairdressing, Office Administration, Carpentry, Marine and Small Engine Repairs, Appliance Repair and Automotive gathered to define a new vision for trades training for the next five years.

"The issues have far-reaching implications, so we felt it was important for everybody to take the step forward together" said Dean Jack Doan.

President Rich Johnston opened proceedings with a review of recent events and future plans for the division, including the proposed \$42 million rebuilding of the Nanaimo campus between the gym and Wakesiah Avenue.

Vice President of Administration, Edwin Deas, confirmed that planning funds for the project are soon to be handed over, signalling what he believes is the government's new shift of emphasis in education to the trades and technologies.

During the morning session, presentations were made by Dr. John Walsh of the Ministry on the need for change in vocational training, and from Earl Bloor and Les Bachelor who have been involved in a similar process at the University College of the Cariboo.

The group also heard the results of a survey commissioned by Malaspina to study attitudes and training needs of regional industry and trade employers.

The meeting then got down to identifying key factors that should drive a new vision and mission statement for the Malaspina Trades and Vocational division.

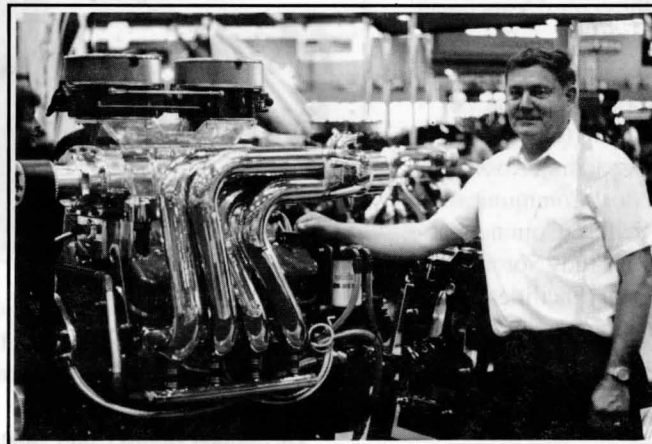
Facilitated by Vice Presidents of Instruction Glenn Johnston and Gary Bauslaugh, several hours of discussion

resulted in a working paper which identified image and promotion, cooperative ventures, laddering, professional development, a broader curriculum and flexibility as areas to be addressed.

The meeting then broke into groups to address each of these factors, and brought back suggestions for action on improved student preparation for vocational training, access, flexible programs, responsiveness to market needs, linkages with industry and non-traditional industry needs.

What next? Tech Prep?

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Harold Wanke with a high performance marine engine in Chicago.

The way to go

Harold Wanke and Neil McIntyre were already ahead of the trends when delegates at the Sept. 24 thinktank on vocational programs discussed the need for more innovative partnerships with industry.

The week before the event, the two instructors in Malaspina's Marine and Small Engine Repair program were in Chicago at the invitation of one of north America's biggest marine engine

manufacturers. They were preparing for a program that puts \$250,000 worth of new tools and equipment into Malaspina, and will work to the mutual

advantage of skilled tradesmen in the region, the company, the college and students for many years to come.

As a result of years of preparation by Wanke and McIntyre, Malaspina is now contracted by Mercury Marine to provide certified training and upgrading for all the company's distribution and repair outlets on Vancouver Island. The contract makes Malaspina one of eight Mercury Marine training institutions in Canada.

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Artifact collection provides unique vision of the past

The Royal British Columbia Museum is giving Archeology students at Malaspina College an unprecedented opportunity to look into the past.

The museum has made available a collection of artifacts made by the aboriginal people of B.C. up to two thousand years ago. The 100 items from the Museum's "Y" collection will be invaluable in giving students direct contact with archeological materials, said instructor Clarence Richie.

"Instead of seeing these artifacts in a book or on a TV screen, students will be able to hold them in their hands, and that can be a powerful link with the past," he said.

The artifacts in the collection are made from local stone and bone, and were intended for a variety of domestic, hunting and artistic uses. Their exact origins are unknown, but they are all from the BC coast and interior.

The collection will be made available to students taking Anthropology 213, an archaeology laboratory course.

"This will help students understand how archeology works, and will be especially valuable to students who intend to take up archeology professionally," Richie said.

"It is the first time in my experience that this kind of collection has been made available to a college."

Richie said that the Museum was quick to respond when he outlined his needs to them, and he thanks Alan Hoover, Chief of Anthropological Collections, Nancy Romaine, Collections Manager, Archeology, and Grant Keddie,



Anthropology instructors Gary Tunnell and Clarence Richie with some of the items from the museum's collection.

Curator of Archeology, for their help.

The Anthropology department of University of Victoria has also loaned part of their collection for the course through the assistance of Dr. Donald Mitchell and Becky Wiggins. Richie describes both these collections as excellent resources for a wide range of laboratory projects designed to teach students about the history of the First Nations people of B.C.

Disneyworld was value-added education for Tourism student

When Cecily Dobson enrolled at Malaspina in the Tourism Studies Diploma program, she didn't expect to be graduating with a "Duck-torate" degree from Disney U as well.

Cecily graduates this Fall, and has just returned from a year's work experience at Disneyworld in Florida. She was one of 60 young Canadians staffing the Canadian pavilion at the huge theme park while she added credits to her Diploma studies.

The year of working and learning at Disneyworld was made possible by a unique agreement between the Disney Corporation and Malaspina's Co-operative Education program. Under the plan, students in related fields of study are hired to work at the

theme park, learn about the corporation's marketing and business methods, and establish contacts and friendships with other students from around the world.

Cecily says the experience was everything she expected, and much more.

"I learned a tremendous amount about merchandising and marketing, but I also learned a lot about the world, and about myself," she said.

"In the Canadian Pavilion we were dealing with visitors from all over the world, and we had to answer thousands of questions about Canada and how Canadians live. I thought I knew quite a bit about my country, but I learned a lot more down there."

The international workers at Disneyworld live together in a complex of 40 apartment buildings, with up to 3,000 young people sharing two and three bedroom apartments.

"Over my year there I shared with girls from the US, Europe, Japan and Mexico," Cecily said. "We had great apartments with all the conveniences, very good security, and every recreational facility."

Jim Ketelsen, Coordinator of the Cooperative Education program at Malaspina, says both employers and students are benefitting from the co-op method of placing students where they can learn while working at their chosen careers. "It's value-added education," he said.

Ron Smith

English instructor Ron Smith has added another major award to his Oolichan Books collection. Since 1974, Ron has seen Oolichan grow from a kitchen-table, part-time publishing project to one of Canada's most prolific, and respected literary houses.

This year Oolichan published nine titles, including *Visible Light*, a book of short stories by Carol Windley of Nanaimo, which was recently awarded the 1993 Bumbershoot Weyerhaeuser Publication Award. The award is one of the most prestigious literary publishing prizes in the US Northwest, and was presented to Ron and Carol at the Bumbershoot Arts Festival in Seattle in September. It was the first time the award was given to a non-U.S. publisher.

"It was a great thrill for Carol and for me," Ron said. "Carol is an ex-student of Malaspina and this award will mean her work will get even wider exposure."

Visible Light is now being reviewed in six major US newspapers. One story is also a finalist for the annual "Journey" award, one of Canada's most important short story prizes.

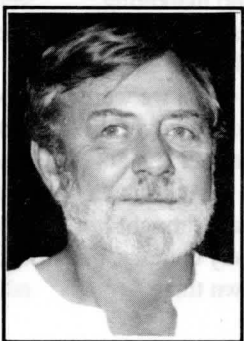
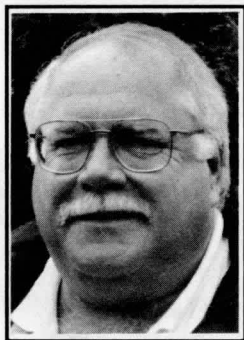
The invitation to Seattle was a satisfying final high point to a one-year sabbatical and a one-year leave for Ron. During his year away from the classroom he completed a book of short stories, "Nine Romantic Tales," and worked on a collection of poems to be titled "Enchantment and Other Demons." He also saw some of his poetry published in the Australian journal "Island," and worked as an advisory editor for Gary Geddes on a new anthology of modern fiction, *The Art of Fiction*.

Other publications by Oolichan this year include "Van de Graaff Days" by Ven Begamudre, with a cover designed by Malaspina Graphics instructor Robin Field, "White Buick" by Greg Hollingshead, "Trout Tales and Salmon Stories" by W.A. (Bill) MacDonald, and a quality souvenir book for children written by Sonia Birch-Jones and illustrated by Lissa Calvert to commemorate the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Kevin Roberts

Physical and spiritual journeys have borne fruit in two new publications of writings by English instructor Kevin Roberts.

His book of poems *Red Centre Journal*, has recently been published by Wakefield, in Australia, and a chapbook, *Poems*, published by Hawthorn Books, of Victoria. They centre on Roberts' journeys of rediscovery to "the dead heart" of his native Australia, and of his



Malaspina writers in print

struggle against cancer.

Red Centre Journal grew out of a well-remembered exhibition of photographs, mementos and poems Roberts originally presented in the Nanaimo Art Gallery in 1990.

"They were both physical and metaphysical experiences," he said. "I went to see and understand. The desert is actually vibrant with life and mythology, and I wanted to put myself into the place and the spirit.

"Uluru (Ayer's Rock) is now a tourist trap, and there is a dilemma for anyone trying to reconcile portable barbecues with the mystery of the place, and what it means to Australians."

Poems is a collection of works inspired by Roberts' fight against lymphatic cancer.

"There is a process to surviving," he said. "It doesn't come easily, and these poems are about dealing with the struggle.

"Some strange things happen to you and the people who go through it with you - the radiation treatments, the other patients, the calls from life insurance companies and funeral homes."

He is currently working on a book and a play.

Liza Potvin

A book that "had to be written" has won a prestigious national award for English instructor Liza Potvin. Her book *White Lies (for my mother)*, published in 1992 by Ne-West Press of Edmonton, has been awarded the Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction.

The award, administered by Wilfrid Laurier University, is for first or second books by women which are distinguished by first-hand research, interpretive writing and which express personal experience and discovery.

White Lies (for my mother) has already qualified as a Canadian best seller, but was "risky and difficult" to write, said Potvin, "but it had to be written."

It is an intimate account of her recovery from incest, and is based on 15 years of personal journals. Sexually abused by her father and grandfather since she was a baby, Potvin examines in her book the impact of this abuse on her relationship with her mother.

The book has been hailed by reviewers, and by a multitude of women across the country, not only for its bravery and for its lament for the destruction of childhood, but also for the celebration of release that language offers.



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"Writing the book was a cathartic experience," Potvin said. "I was in the middle of my Ph.D. and had started several novels, but I couldn't finish things until I had got this done."

Since then, she said that she has been amazed by the number of students who have come to her with stories of their own similar experiences. Potvin has also received more than 400 letters from women who have read her book and also been the victims of incest.

"However I am proud that this award is for the writing, not for being an incest survivor," she said.

"Certainly it was difficult to write about something so personal, and then put it out into the open. But as a writer I tried to tell my story outside established genres. I experimented with form, and I am gratified that others have appreciated what I tried to do."

Student teachers go international

Seven graduates of Malaspina's Bachelor of Education (Elementary) program are adding something special to their training this month.

October 16 they flew to Bangkok for a 10-week work-and-learn assignment at one of the biggest teacher training institutions in Thailand. Under a special twinning arrangement with Suansunandha Teacher's College, the group will gain experience in teaching English as a Foreign Language. At the same time, a student drama teacher from Suansunandha is working at Malaspina with Theatre director Tony Bancroft. Sheila Swanson, coordinator of English as a Second Language, and Anthropology instructor Andra Thakur, have been helping prepare the students for their work in demonstration schools in Bangkok.

"This opens up exciting possibilities for teachers," Ms. Swanson said. "Last year four graduate students went to Japan under similar arrangements, and there may well be more EFL opportunities in China and Vietnam."

Anniversary '94-95

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Initial planning is for pre-publicity to begin with the revival of a Malaspina float for regional summer festival parades from May 1994, then a big Open House October 14 and 15. Special events through the year may include music, art, and theatre performances, sporting events, historical publications and a celebrity lecture series.

A Grand Finale homecoming and gala is being considered for the May 24 long weekend 1995.

Themes discussed are "*Discoveries in Education*" and "*Celebrating past, present and future.*"

A province-wide drive is scheduled to start soon on registering all our alumni, and trades and vocational grads from pre-amalgamation eras.

Working committees will be needed, and a survey and volunteer form will be circulated in November to get further feedback for the steering committee.

Our Town nostalgia holds value for new Theatre director

A 1930's theatre classic about simple rural virtues has a lot to say in a mushrooming city of the computer age.

Thornton Wilder's classic, *Our Town*, is the Fall major production by the Malaspina theatre department, running November 4 to 13. For producer Tony Bancroft and director Bonnie Gibson it depicts the lives of ordinary people but still manages to say: Life is wonderful, live for the moment, don't ever forget that even the simplest days are meaningful.

Antony Holland plays the Stage Manager who narrates the story and students of Malaspina's drama program have been cast in all other roles.

For Gibson, *Our Town* meets criteria that a play must stand the test of time.

"I've always looked at plays from the point of view of 'How will this be perceived in its place in theatre history?' Consequently I have been very short tempered with plays that I consider to be of little consequence; that I consider will not survive a hundred years."

Gibson also says that she has to love a play in order to direct it, and it has to say "something about the experience of being a human being and struggling to be a better human being".

Our Town measures up to Gibson's expectations of what a good play should be: "It's very cleverly crafted. It reminds us not only of our grandparents or what we think our grandparents were, not only of our parents or what we think our parents were, but of ourselves."

She was also drawn to Wilder's obvious affection for the period, in that he had written it in 1938 but was looking with nostalgia at small town life some 30 years earlier.

"We are still nostalgic for that period," Gibson says.

Gibson is new to Malaspina and Nanaimo, having recently moved here from Vancouver.

She is enjoying her work at Malaspina because she believes that the theatre program is particularly well run, and she is pleased that she has seen "a real sense of camaraderie and supportiveness being fostered in the students".

From an interview by Chris Ashton



BONNIE GIBSON

ANYONE FOR STEPHEN GOULD LECTURE?

Jane Saxton (local 2637) would like to hear from anyone wanting to join a bus trip or carpool to Dr. Stephen Gould's lecture at the Orpheum Dec. 1. The renowned Harvard anthropologist will be speaking on his theory of evolution.

Tech Prep may provide model

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The revitalization of vocational training in B.C. may start in high schools.

Tech Prep, a movement of reform in the U.S. that produces focussed, prepared high school graduates, may figure in Malaspina's vocational planning.

This month several members of the planning committee travelled to the States to get first-hand experience of Tech Prep, and assess how new partnerships with Island high schools could affect future vocational training effectiveness.

VP of Instruction and Student Services, Glenn Johnston, together with Heavy Duty Mechanics instructor Ross Dingwall and Hairdressing instructor Pat Ballance, travelled to Atlanta, Georgia for a national conference on Tech Prep curriculum development.

VP of Instruction and Planning, Gary Bauslaugh, with Dean of Vocational Training Jack Doan, Carpentry instructor Ross Ballard and Automotive instructor Glen Galloway travelled to Waco, Texas to visit the Centre for Occupational Research and Development and Texas State Technical College.

"Tech Prep is one of several programs that we are studying," Bauslaugh said. "We aim to improve students' grounding in technical skills, broaden the curriculum to ensure academic training is delivered together with technical skills, we want to remove negative stigmas from trade training, we aim to extend the horizon of opportunities for applied technical training, and we want to improve our ability to respond to people who have been inadequately prepared."

The working group will have a draft planning proposal by early November.

Mercury Marine adopts Malaspina

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Starting in January up to 70 trades people from dealerships between Victoria and Port Hardy will come to Malaspina for one-week certification and 3-day recertification courses. They will use the latest engines and specialized tools provided by Mercury Marine, and which will be updated every year. The program will be housed in an area of the Automotive shop and will use a separate classroom.

Wanke points out that students in the Marine and Small Engine program will also be able to learn on the Mercury Marine equipment, and so will have access to current equipment and technology that would otherwise be extremely expensive to provide. Instructors will benefit through the association, getting an inside track on new developments in the industry, and closer ties with future employers for their graduates.

"Most of our graduates are hired almost directly from the classroom," said Wanke, "But the trip to Chicago proved that there are distributors all over the world who could be potential employers too."



FRAMED FOR POSTERITY

Graphics instructor Rick Conroy was all ears when the invites went out for a pre-Halloween costume party last week. But Rick, did Vincent really do an endorsement for Timex?

MALASPINA PEOPLE

Congratulations to **David Zandvliet**, Coordinator of Developmental Education at the Cowichan campus, for winning his Master's degree in Arts in Science Education from University of Victoria. David's thesis was on computer-assisted testing and assessment.

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Congratulations also to **Cairine Green**, Counsellor at the Cowichan campus, for winning her Master's in Education Counselling from the University of Victoria. Cairine's project was an evaluation of a high school course entitled Interpersonal Communication Skills. Cairine thanks the college and her colleagues for their ongoing support.

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Kerri Reid, Criminology, was the co-author with Dr. Brian Burtch of SFU of a \$60,000 survey recently conducted for the People's Law School. Five immigrant communities in Vancouver contributed to the survey, which assessed barriers to legal education faced by first generation immigrants. The survey found that isolation and alienation was reduced by increased knowledge of Canadian laws, but many still faced barriers caused by language, family and work obligations, and lack of information about where to seek legal information.

THE DATEBOOK

Cafeteria Hours

Mon. to Thurs. - 7.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Friday - 7.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. Sat. - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SAB Cafeteria

8 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.

Bookstore

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gymnasium

Mon. to Fri. - 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Saturday - noon to 5 p.m.
 Sunday - Closed

Nanaimo Art Gallery

"Gardens and Friendly Places" - acrylics by Nanoose artist Rosemarie Gall, with ceramics by Qualicum potter Larry Aguilar. To November 7
 Oil and watercolour paintings of B.C. coastal landscapes by Nanaimo artist Pat Allison.

November 4 to 13*"Our Town"*

Major Fall production of Thornton Wilder's celebration of the small town. Starring Antony Holland as the caretaker, with student cast.

Theatre, Nanaimo campus. Nightly at 8p.m.
 Box office 755-8700.

WORKPLACE HEALTH

Some prime excuses for not exercising, collected by The Physician and Sportsmedicine magazine;

"I can't exercise because I'm out of shape."

"If I get to live any longer because of exercising, the time I gain will have been spent exercising, and will therefore be wasted."

"I only have so many heartbeats left, and I don't want to waste them exercising."

"I can't exercise; I have a hyena."

"Working out makes my boyfriend jealous."

"I always forget my locker number."

Check today for the many opportunities for health and fitness activity available for Malaspina employees.

Call Wayne Pealo (2415) or the Gym (2430).

McLOTTO WINNERS

Sept. 24 - Rich Johnston, President - \$450

Oct. 8 - Gwyneth Evans, Liberal Studies, Education - \$440

Oct. 22 - Tom Carson, Building Services, Parksville - \$450

You too can play, and contribute to Scholarships for students. You can buy any number of chances at \$1 each, deducted by Payroll. Winner randomly selected by computer.

The prize is half the total wager. The other half goes to the Scholarship Endowment Fund and is matched by the provincial government. Contact Noreen Freeman, local 8743.

Thanks from Doug Bridges

I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to ensure that the barbecue for my retirement celebration was a success. I certainly feel that it was. I was touched by the presence of so many friends and the memories that were evoked by them. I thank you all for coming.

Retirement is certainly another rite of passage and I'm looking forward to it eagerly. What will hurt most is not seeing friends on a regular basis.

I thank you all for making my life richer through the years. I shall think of you often - especially when sitting on the beach at Mazatlan in February!

Catch the wave at MARINER GAMES

SOCCER

Canadian College Athletic Association 1993 National Women's Championships

Wednesday Nov. 10

11 a.m. Quebec vs. BC - Caledonia Park

1 p.m. B.C. vs. Nova Scotia - Bowen Park

Thursday November 11

11 a.m. Quebec vs Alberta - Bowen Park

1 p.m. B.C. vs Ontario - Harewood Big Field

Friday November 12

11 a.m. Alberta vs BC - Bowen Park

1 p.m. Ontario vs Nova Scotia - Harewood Big Field

Saturday November 13

11 a.m. Playoff for Fifth - Harewood

11 a.m. Playoff for Third - Bowen

1 p.m. Final - Caledonia

BASKETBALL**Women**

Sat. Nov. 20 vs. Trinity Western 6.30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 4 vs. Okanagan 2 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 15 vs. Cariboo 2 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 21 vs. Fraser Valley 4 p.m.

Men

Fri. Nov. 5 vs. St. Martins 8 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 6 vs. Skagit Valley 3 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 20 vs. Pacific Lutheran 4 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 27 vs. Trinity Western 6.30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 4 vs. Okanagan 4 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 15 vs. Cariboo 4 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 21 vs. Fraser Valley 6 p.m.

I prefer to think of today's ceremonies as not only an opening of a much needed facility, but as a celebration of Malaspina's responsiveness to the needs of this region of Vancouver Island.

In that regard, the college is an acknowledged leader.

In a world where increasingly, there is pressure to deliver programs that lead directly to employment, Malaspina is in the forefront.

Virtually all the graduates of the college's carpentry and residential construction, forest resources technician, and resource management technology programs have found jobs.

Another example of Malaspina's leadership is the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program. It's the first of its kind in B.C.--and is looked upon as a model of how to effectively deliver to students a liberal education in arts and sciences.

Time today doesn't permit me to give other examples, which are abundant.

But let me say that Malaspina College is clearly recognized as a key innovator in post-secondary education and training in B.C., in Canada, and around the world.

The complex we're opening today demonstrates the college's and the government's commitment to enhancing Malaspina's reputation and

THE HON. DAN MILLER

Speech for opening of new Student Services, Business Building Nanaimo campus September 21 1993

expanding services and learning opportunities for students in the mid-island region.

I'd like to take this opportunity to further strengthen that commitment by announcing that further expansion of the Nanaimo Campus is slated to begin next spring.

The government has just approved \$1 million in planning funds for a new developmental education building and a new education/social sciences building.

These facilities are urgently needed to meet growing demand for the education degree program offered at Malaspina.

At the outset, I suggested that Malaspina College is at the forefront in delivering programs likely to lead to jobs for graduates.

That focus is of critical importance in B.C. today, where the learning/work ethic is dramatically different from the past.

Now, people need opportunities to obtain new knowledge and skills over the course of their lives, not just at the outset of their careers. Lifelong learning -- whether formal or informal in the classroom, or the workplace -- has become a personal, social, and economic necessity.

In order to ensure British Columbians achieve their personal objectives and contribute to the province's sustained economic well-being, education and training initiatives must be strongly linked to economic development.

Education and training must lead to jobs for British Columbians and prosperity for employers.

We need to strengthen links between education, training, retraining and employment.

And, our system must work in a way that gives all citizens of this province equitable or continuing access to the right kind of training and learning opportunities.

This complex we're opening today, and the new construction scheduled to start next spring, are in one sense symbolic of our commitment to meeting these challenges.

Ultimately, they represent an investment in our students, our communities, and our future.

Snow Reminder

It is coming on for winter, so please note the following procedure in the event of heavy snow fall and campus closure.

If snow conditions are severe enough to affect safety, the campus will be closed. The decision will be made at the Nanaimo campus by the President, and at regional campuses by the Principals.

In the event of heavy overnight snowfall, the decision to close will be made by the President and Director of Physical Plant before 5.30 a.m. and the Director of Communications will provide the news to radio stations in Nanaimo, Duncan, Parksville and Port Alberni for broadcast by at least 7 a.m. Updates will be provided to the radio stations as conditions change.

Recorded messages will be available to callers to the main switchboard, but staff and students are asked to stay informed by listening to the radio.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the day, the decision to close will be made by the President and

Principals based on campus and road safety conditions.

The news will be provided to area secretaries who will be required to communicate it immediately to all staff and instructors in their areas. Staff are asked to wait until the decision is made, and not pre-judge the situation.

Designated staff are expected to ensure that students are advised, and buildings are cleared before they leave.

Staff will be paid as normal for snow closure days. On re-opening, staff who are unable to report for work because of local snow conditions will be required to take the time without pay or as vacation time.

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