Native Student Centre Opens During Success Seminar

The new Native Student Centre was opened appropriately with native singers, Able Joe, retired-Cultural Officer, and Ray Peters, both of the Cowichan band, providing prayers in honour of the occasion. The event took place on Friday, January 27 during the well-attended Native Student Success Seminar held on campus. Jeannette Matson, Chair of the Native Student Task Force, said, "We are really pleased with the attendance at the seminar. We had about 120 people during the afternoon and a great representation from the school district and bands of the area."

Topics discussed by the various panels and workshops held during the day included: "What a Native Student Needs to be Successful", Native students' educational needs, "How are we currently working together and how can we further improve Native student success?"

Speakers during the day were: Verna Kirkness, Director First Nations House of Learning, U.B.C., Rich Johnston and Glenn Johnston, Jeannette Matson, Nicholas Buchart, a Malaspina College student who gave the Opening and Closing remarks, and Brian Cardinal, who gave the Opening Prayer. A highlight of the day's events, was the release of a hawk and a raven back to the wild. The birds were set free as part of the Opening Ceremonies for the new Malaspina College Native Centre.

Noam Chomsky Speaks at Malaspina

See review by Bob Lane on Page 7.
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President’s Message

Dear Faculty and Staff:

After two and half years of writing to you in the old "New Mainly Malaspina", I thought it was time for a different format and wider ownership of our College Newsletter. The many learning activities and events that occur at Malaspina are worthy of recognition. This newsletter is intended to provide one more communications link for everyone working at the College.

As I stated in our Faculty/Staff meeting last week, the most important objective at Malaspina is to provide high quality teaching and service to students. One of the main goals of the Board and Executive members is to work with our Ministry colleagues to ensure that we receive enough funding to meet Malaspina’s objectives by keeping our learning resources, materials, labs and shops up to date. Our positive and supportive faculty and staff create the successful environment that our students require.

There were many events during the last few weeks which made life most interesting around the halls of Malaspina. I especially enjoyed being the Master of Ceremony at the Long Service Awards night, January 19th, when the Board and Executive celebrated ten to twenty-five years’ service of 27 faculty and staff members. These employees have a total of 355 years of involvement with post secondary students. Congratulations to Leon Conyers who was the first to receive the 25-year gold medal.

I also enjoyed the "Native Student Success Seminar" on January 27, which provided an excellent opportunity for us all to gain a better understanding of our Native people and their needs. We now have a clearer insight into how Malaspina can maintain a better learning environment to encourage Native peoples’ success in post secondary education. The seminar was well attended by faculty and staff which indicates our commitment to cooperate, communicate and understand each other.

A third major event was Noam Chomsky’s visit and lectures. He is a thought-provoking intellect who stretches the mind. His lectures were quite a learning experience. Thank you to everyone involved in the Dube Symposium and who contributed to its success.

One devastating event, as you know, was the loss of our fish stock amounting to well over $54,000 in the Aquaculture Department. The cost of securing proper monitoring equipment to prevent further accidents has not yet been estimated. Stan Hagen, our Minister, pulled through with an immediate $10,000 emergency grant. Our thanks to him for this start towards some recovery. Cheers,

Richard

B.C.A.C. Bulletin Reports...

* Dr. Lloyd Morin has resigned from the office of President of Camosun College. He leaves after 17 years to take an appointment in the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training to advise on the development of policy and planning.

* The Board of Northwest Community college has accepted the resignation of Val George as President of the College.

* Dr. Jack Colbert, past President of BCAC has been appointed to the Board of BCIT.
Mainly News

New Program Accepted

Carol Mathews, Associate Dean of Instruction, has submitted and had accepted by the Ministry, a new program titled, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Initiative. The objective of the program is to develop curriculum for the education of people working with the problem of substance abuse and to develop a public education series for identified high risk groups.

The project will identify training needs of staff in public and private agencies, will work to support and strengthen existing programs and will develop curriculum for additional training required for more effective presentation, education and treatment services related to alcohol and drug abuse. Programs will be designed for delivery in Nanaimo and regional campus communities. Curriculum design will be evaluated by a steering committee composed of representatives from public and private agencies dealing with drug and alcohol abuse.

Nanaimo Campus Orientation Tours

Starting on February 28th, new employees will be given a two-hour tour of the Nanaimo campus as part of their orientation on arrival to Malaspina College. An invitation has been extended to recent arrivals and they have been asked to confirm with Diane Deyote, Local 8711, that they can take the first tour being conducted by John Lund, Director of Public Relations.

Immediately following the top-to-bottom familiarization tour, new employees are invited to meet with the Executive in the Boardroom for lunch.

In future, employees who have never had an opportunity to get around the campus will be invited through Mainly Malaspina to accompany the orientation tours as space and time permits.

Christmas in February?

It seems a little early to be talking about Christmas already, but we need to think about booking a place to hold next year’s Christmas Dance if we want to hold it off-campus as we did Dec 23rd. Apparently all the good locations and bands get booked up very quickly, so it’s important to book early.

Could we please have a show of hands to indicate where you would like the next Christmas dance to be held. Some people loved the cozy, Christmas atmosphere of the Nanaimo Golf and Country Club where it was held last year. Yet some missed the fabulous cooking of our own chefs here on campus.

Please indicate your preference by calling Diane Deyotte at 8711 who will record your vote.

And The Winner Is!!!

The first winner of Scholars Dollars Chance is Bill Rennie, commercial baking program instructor, who takes home an extra $260.00 with this week’s paycheque. But the big winner is Malaspina College’s scholarship and bursary fund which will benefit by $520.00 when the province’s matching dollars are added to the College’s fund.

A/V Department Hosts 2nd Satellite Teleconference

"UPDATE ON INTERACTIVE LEARNING: What Businesses and Colleges Are Doing With Satellite Delivered Learning", was the topic for Malaspina College’s second International Teleconference hosted by the A/V Department on January 11, 1989.

The two and a half hour show was presented by Sheridan College of Oakville, Ontario and featured live video segments from Albany, New York; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Cupertino, California; Tucson, Arizona; and Washington, DC.

A/V Coordinator, Ken Rumsby, says they have the technical problems worked out for the presentation of other satellite teleconferences and invites the college community to come up with suggestions for more electronic conferences. For more further information or a copy of the Video Conference Schedule of Comprehensive Education Programs, call Ken at Local 227.

IN MEMORIUM

The faculty and staff of Malaspina College would like to express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Genovese who passed away suddenly on January 20th, 1989. Robert, a dedicated Malaspina College student, was studying sciences in order to become a veterinarian to serve the animals he loved.

Donations can be made to the North Island Wildlife Recovery Association, Box 364, Errington, V0R 1V0, in Robert’s memory.
Around Malaspina

Nanaimo

New Year New Faces

The New Year brought several new faces to Nanaimo Campus. Please welcome Dan Lines, as a Heavy Duty Mechanics Instructor, Theresa Lyons, who will join the Support Staff in Student Services and Counselling, and Carol Lettington, who joins Trades as a Hairdressing Instructor.

Girls - 3, Boys - 1.

Mainly Malaspina missed a bundle of births in January so here they are with one repeat for those that missed him the first time.

Congratulations are past due to: Renee Martel, who works in the warehouse, and her husband Pierre. On December 17th they received a girl named Racia Joelle, weighing 8.9 lbs. Also from the warehouse we have a baby girl for Steve Hughes and his wife, Linda, who received an 8 1/2 lb. package named Tegan Jennifer. On December 20th, a baby girl arrived just in time for Christmas at Walter and Dierdre Seiler's house. Walter is an Instructor at Appliance Repair and the new arrival, Ariane Elizabeth, weighed in at 7 1/2 lbs. And at 7lbs. 10 oz., the only baby boy in the bunch arrived on January 9th and now has a new name, Jeremy. He belongs to Dale and Judy Francis. Dale is Coordinator of the Hospitality Management Program.

New Fax Number For Nanaimo

Effective February 15th, the new FAX number for the Nanaimo Campus is: 755-8725.

Cowichan

*** Sharlene Sommer reports enrolment is up 61% in university transfer courses and Cowichan Campus Director, Linda Love, says 447 units have been registered this spring compared to 277 at this time last year.

*** Sharon Tillie is Cowichan's new Assistant Director. Carrie Nelson assumes new responsibilities as Program Coordinator while Jenny Horn becomes Project Manager.

*** Over 30 staff and students from Cowichan Campus attended the 'Native Student Success Seminar' at Nanaimo Campus with two students, Dorothy Gray and Tracey Norris, taking part on the panel. As a group, the students were moved by the keynote speaker, Verna Kirkness, who made them proud of their native heritage.

Powell River

*** Georgia MacLennan reports from Powell River that the new 28-week Special Needs Worker program is approved and underway and is staffed by Coordinator Cathy Bolton and Heather McCartney as part-time secretary.

*** Friends at the College and in the arts community were greatly saddened when Powell River artist, John Richards died in a fire in 1984. In his memory they organized a retrospective showing of his oil paintings on Feb. 3rd sponsored by the Malaspina Arts Committee.

Parksville

Parksville Office Welcomes New Employees

Roberta Stets, reports the arrival of several new employees to their office in Parksville. Arriving on January 3rd were Linda Olsen, as Office Clerk, and Catlin McArt, who is Program Manager for Small Office/ Business Management in partnership with Canadian Job Strategy.

Liz Campbell is now working in the front office from January 10th and Judy Napper, C.E. Program Coordinator, took over from Lynne Gwartney on Friday, January 13th.

The entranceway to the newly renovated Powell River Campus.
Meet...Shirley Goldberg

After 17 years teaching English, Film Studies and Creative Writing at Malaspina, Shirley says she's now "officially retired." But the word retirement may have to be redefined if Shirley makes it even part-way down her "things-to-do-while-retired-list".

Shirley was born and raised in Portland, Ore., where she attended Reed College, a small experimental liberal arts college, during WWII. Shirley says she studied literature and languages for four happy years "without being blemished by grades".

After graduating she worked two years as a social service case worker before heading to U.C.L.A. to get her Masters in 1947. "U.C.L.A. was a shock!", says Shirley. "Reed had 250 students and here I was suddenly surrounded by 30,000!"

After completing her MA she raised two children while her husband earned his PhD., with moves to Eugene, Ore., and then Seattle, WA. and back to California where she first taught at Los Angeles City College in 1966.

"Community colleges were really alive in the sixties. This was right after the race riots in Watts. The student population was one third Black, one third Oriental and the rest of mixed race. The Black Muslim movement was very strong. The women wore long white dresses and the men black suits. One paid me my highest compliment at a time of intense racial tension. I was told, 'For a white devil, you're OK.' I liked that."

From L.A. Shirley went to Southwestern Community College in Coos Bay, Ore., where she met up with friends Bob Lane and Bart Sorensen, two other well-known Malaspina pioneers.

It was Shirley's friend Bob Lane who convinced her to come to Malaspina in 1972. Shirley thought she'd try Nanaimo for a few years - seventeen years later she's still here. "I like having the wilderness so close, but nearby Vancouver and Victoria offer great choices in opera, theatre and music. I couldn't do without them."

Upon her arrival, Shirley was asked to "run a little film series". Something she still does every Sunday night. "Our little film series grew. We've had some fun in 16 years but we made a mistake or two along the way. Once I advertised 'Death Of A Lumberjack' as a sparkling comedy only to have a logger shot and chainsawed to pieces in the first scene."

Shirley will continue to teach her Film Studies class in addition to running the film series. "I love alternate films. I think films should have something meaningful to say, and most of the films that do, come from Europe and Asia. People should know there are alternatives to the Hollywood movie."

"We also have to look more seriously at the media", she says. "Today's role models are bred from media. The media is changing us and our politics. Students need to be aware of how they are being manipulated."

About retirement she says, "Now I can write. I've got at least two non-fiction books in mind and I want to get back at fiction too. And travel. I've been dying to get to the Havana Film Festival, the main Latin American festival, and Tunis which features the films of black Africa and the Arab countries. There really is a lot to do."

INTRODUCING... Sharron Bertchilde as Malaspina's new Director of Business Programs. Sharron comes to us from Winnipeg where she was the Manager of Training Programs for the "Core Area Initiative", a highly successful revitalization of the downtown core of Winnipeg involving three levels of government. Sharron provided training and found employment opportunities for inhabitants of the core area as part of a team working with employers in both the public and private sectors.

Sharron has a MA in Public Administration from the University of Winnipeg and a BA from the University of Manitoba and taught in Winnipeg for several years as a certified teacher.
Mainly Malaspina People

AT LARGE...

Adrienne Kemble In Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Adrienne Kemble, a counsellor in Student Services, has just spent four months in Sierra Leone, West Africa where she assisted Njala University in setting up a new Student Services Program. Njala, an Agricultural and Teacher Training College, is 130 miles from Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.

Adrienne reports, "Student enrolment at Njala is about 950 including 150 foreign students from other West African countries. I helped set up a Student Services Program including: Academic Advising, Counselling, Foreign Students Program and Special Events."

"The situation in Sierra Leone and at Njala University is very difficult. Education is not a high priority with the very repressive government. They have 75% illiteracy in the country."

She says, "Communications are nearly nonexistent. There are no telephones, electricity was occasionally available between 7 p.m. to midnight. There was no running water or sewage system. Transportation could only be called whimsical."

"Student life is very difficult. They study from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. when they run out of light. Water has to be hauled from the river a mile away and the cafeteria often has a food (rice) shortage."

Andrienne said that she'd often wake up to the students chanting protest songs in the night, songs that called their longing for food, textbooks and laboratory equipment. "I'd lie there with tears streaming down my face. They sang without hope."

The project Adrienne worked on was sponsored through Canadian Crossroads International and funded through C.I.D.A. She says her experience was both difficult and fascinating but she made many good friends. She concludes, "I will never again complain about Malaspina College."

If you care to read more about Adrienne's Sierra Leone experiences, there's an excellent article by Christy Lapi in the January 20th edition of the Nanaimo Times.

*** Professional Development ***


Register Now For Staff Training:

Feb. 24 - "Where's The Service?", How to build an effective customer service program. One session, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during study days. Free for College Staff.

Mar. 4 - "Survival First Aid", W.C.B., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mar. 15 - "Wordperfect 5.0", 5 sessions, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Executive Programs, Faculty of Commerce and Business, U.B.C., 2053 Main Mall, Vancouver, V6T 1Y8. To register: Call 224-8400, or FAX 224-8496.

For more information, call Diane at Local 8711.

Feb. 9-10 & - "The Management of Time".

Apr. 11-12. Leader: Dr. Merle Ace.

Feb. 15-16 & - "Speaking For Results",

Mar. 29-30. Leader: Dr. David McNeal.

Feb. 21-22 & - "Assertiveness For Managers",

Apr. 4-5. Leader: Ms. Diana Cawood.

Feb. 21-22 Van. - Speed Reading For Executives and Professionals",

Apr. 27-28 Vic. - Leader: Mr. Joel Bonn.

May 2-3 Van.

Feb. 23-24 & - "Guidelines for the New Manager",

Apr. 18-19. Leaders: Dr. M. Ace and Ms. D. Cawood.

Mar. 15-16 - "How to Write Effective Reports",

Leader: Dr. David McNeal.

HEALTH & WEALTH

M.C.F.A.

The revised seniority list as of July 31, 1988 is now out. Check the Directors’ Bulletin board for your area.

All Employees

The Dental Assisting Program would like customers to come and have their teeth cleaned. Call Local 343 or 362.
Speaker’s Corner
Bob Lane Speaks On Noam Chomsky.

On Friday afternoon Professor Noam Chomsky came to Nanaimo and talked to and with an overflow crowd about the United States and its relationship to the third world. The talk was inspiring in several ways: first it provided a thorough review of the events from the Korean conflict to the Vietnam War, and all the way up to the Iran-Contra hearings of last year. The theme developed by Chomsky in the lecture was that the corporate elite and top political planners of the U.S. have been following a well-crafted plan for world domination since the end of WWIII. He gave evidence that the imperial aspirations of the U.S. have been obvious in action and in strategic planning since the 18th century.

Gary Bauslaugh, in his introduction of Professor Chomsky, reminded the audience of the many distinctions and honours received over his distinguished career as a linguist and more recently as a social critic of U.S. policy in the global village. The many students in the audience were told of Chomsky’s well earned reputation as an intellectual who has used his talents to fight against suffering and pain in the world. It is as if Professor Chomsky has had the energy and intellect to serve with distinction in two complete careers: his work in linguistics has changed that discipline completely and his criticisms of U.S. policy are certainly a part of what has allowed the public to maintain a growing opposition to U.S. policy in the third world.

Evidence of that growing opposition could be seen in the Iran-Contra hearings which showed that the U.S. was involved in “clandestine terror,” an approach which Chomsky argued would not have been necessary if the public did indeed support the policies of the government.

Briefly, the description of U.S. post war policy presented by Chomsky is this: U.S. economic interests require a hinterland to provide resources and a market for products. In order to have such a hinterland the planners had to see to it that “the virus of nationalism” did not spread through third world countries such that those countries would remove themselves from the sphere of influence of the U.S. To stop this illness, the U.S. has quite consciously set out to upset governments and to oppose self-directed government in many sections of the world. It has given arms to country after country in order to bring about the desired elimination of civilian governments that may indeed be interested more in their people’s problems than in being a part of the U.S. hinterland.

In the question period, Chomsky said that there is evidence that the public are still very active in opposing the excesses of the U.S. The peace movement of the sixties which stopped the war in Vietnam has not died out but has spread out to include efforts in environmental and other areas. One is left with the idea that although there is much to do, at least doing something counts. Bob Lane

Aquaculture...cont’d.

The amount of chlorine released was more than the 1 to 1.2 parts per million the College’s dechlorination unit was capable of handling. As a result, most of the rainbow trout used by the second-year aquaculture students were killed along with brood salmon and many fry. Two four-year old sturgeon were killed but spared were three older sturgeon used for breeding including “Prince”, a two-metre, 35-year old male.

Since the media has spread the news of the disaster, offers of assistance have poured in. Immediately upon hearing the news, Stanley Hagen, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, called Rich Johnston and offered $10,000 as an emergency grant to get started rebuilding. In addition, he offered his support in getting an upgraded dechlorination system installed. A dozen local fish farmers have called with offers of fish to restock and others have kindly offered their farms and their fish to be used by aquaculture students left without resources to finish their courses.

In a BCTV interview several days after the accident, Rich Johnston said, "The Aquaculture Program is already rebuilding and is going ahead. The community has been tremendously supportive with offers of fish and other forms of assistance. I would like to thank everyone for their help.”

International Update

Thirty-one students from Obirin Junior College, our sister college in Japan, are our most recent international students. The contingent arrived on December 19th and spent the Christmas season with host families in Nanaimo. The students are studying English and participating in a wide variety of multi-cultural activities.

The students from Obirin join fifty-two other international students presently registered in the College. We have students from Libya,
A Message From The Editor

As you can see Mainly Malaspina has changed, or I should say, is in the process of changing. As much as we hope you like what you see so far, we need you to tell us what is missing. We also need some help gathering the information you would like to see in these pages. If you have newsworthy items please forward them to Diane Deyotte at Local 8711, or call me, John Lund at Local 8714, or E-mail, Lund.

This is by no means Mainly Mal's final form. We know we have some distance to go but our intention is to produce a newsletter Malaspina employees will look forward to as a source of information about Malaspina and their fellow-employees.

One of the major attractions of employment at Malaspina College is working with such a wonderfully diverse group of people. Therefore, one of our regular features will be a page or two in the monthly edition called "Malaspina People". Here you can learn a little about your fellows, their jobs and their interests.

The Malaspina College region covers an incredible amount of territory from our Powell River and Parksville campuses in the north all the way to our Cowichan Campus in Duncan. (I've been in at least a dozen smaller countries). I believe this newsletter can reduce some of the distance between campuses by regularly including regional information on the new "Around Malaspina" page.

Mainly Malaspina's regular edition will be distributed the first Friday of each month with an update published mid-month when required. The "Update" will only be a single sheet printed both sides, therefore, please forward longer stories and/or photos by the 15th of each month for the main edition.

To the right of this column, is a calendar. You will always find it here on the "Back Page". If you or your group have an event coming up of interest to the college community, please give Diane Deyotte the details by the 15th of each month for publication in the monthly edition or by the first of the month to be included in the "Update".

We're looking forward to hearing your comments and suggestions for future editions of Mainly Malaspina and thank-you in advance for your support. - John Lund

International...cont'd from p.7.
Lebanon, Mexico, Japan, Hong Kong, the Peoples Republic of China, Trinidad, and Australia.

Terry Avery left January 27th to provide an Electronics Program for students in Granada. Casper Beuk, Cook Training, returned from a four-month posting in Guyana working with faculty at the Carnegie Institute of Hospitality. Casper's excellent work in difficult conditions, resulted in a request by ACCC to co-bid on a World bank contract in the Bahamas. Our Hotel, Cook Training, and Tourism faculty are busy gathering curriculum vitae's and program data to be included in the bid. If we are successful, it could establish a major base for Hospitality/Tourism training by Malaspina in the Caribbean.

The technology in highest demand in South East Asia is aquaculture. Faculty are completing a bid on a major project in Malaysia and another bid is complete for fellowship training in Indonesia and there is a recent call for more activity in Thailand.

It appears the demand for aquaculture training is growing as the high standards of training established by Malaspina College's Aquaculture faculty becomes known around the world. Glenn Johnston