Two major donations support Malaspina students

A BRAND-NEW GRAND MARQUIS valued at $30,000 has been donated by Ford Canada to the Automotive department to give students up-to-date equipment to work on. Making the presentation for Ford were, front left, Peter Gray and Meyers Holland rep Bill Holland, and at right Joe Boles and Ford BC manager Jim King. Representing Malaspina were president Rich Johnston and instructors Glen Galloway and Gary Doolin. The Grand Marquis has all the latest computer technology and features Ford's new modular engine.

MILITARY POLICEMEN got together this month to donate $9,461 to the college's Access Advisory Committee for the purchase of an Arkenstone Reader for visually challenged students. The reader scans a printed page like a photocopier, and then reads the page back to the student using a computer-synthesized voice. MPs in the Canadian Forces maintain a perpetual fund to help visually challenged young people. Captain Paul Weed from the Comox air base led a group of officers from three bases on the island to make the donation.
MALASPINA INTERNATIONAL

Indonesian experience a test of adaptability for the Baileys

Adaptability is one of the main strengths required in international programs, as Lyn and Roy Bailey discovered on their recent sojourn in Indonesia.

The couple went to Jakarta to complete two contracts through Malaspina’s International Education department - Lyn to work with Cikini Hospital in assessing nurse training programs, and Roy to teach computerised accounting methods with a private institution.

A Registered Nurse with both administrative and ward experience, Lyn was invited to observe nursing methods at Cikini Hospital, a centre specializing in kidney treatment and transplants in Jakarta.

She found cultural and philosophical differences in Indonesian methods of patient treatment and nurse training but the same underlying principles of care as in Canadian hospitals. Lynn’s suggestions for nurse training in Canada were well received, and she is working with International’s Theresa Meyer on a proposal for the Indonesian government.

Roy also found himself quickly immersed in the Indonesian system where education is only compulsory to Grade 6. Above that education is largely provided through private schools, and in a country where one semester of tuition costs the average wage of $400 per year, usually only the wealthy get to college level.

The Indonesian economy is currently going through hard times; interest of 30 per cent is not uncommon and inflation has severely affected a basic wage of about 80,000 rupiahs, or $45 per month. The middle class has virtually disappeared. There has been much retrenchment and when the Baileys arrived, Roy found that his intended school had not been able to recruit enough students for his course. Instead he worked on developing curriculum and prospecting around Jakarta for more contacts.

“As a personal experience it was phenomenal,” Roy said. “Jakarta has a population of about nine million, and that gives you plenty to look at. I never tired of watching the activity.”

Roy and Lynn Bailey met up with ex-Registrar John Rostron and his wife Kathy on a trip to Yogyakarta.

Kathleen Colclough and her Mexican interpreter responded to hundreds of inquiries at their Expo booth.

Expo gives Colclough insight on Mexico economic boom

With economic restraint the key word at home, one Malaspina staffer’s recent trip to Mexico with a Canadian trade delegation has proved an eye opener.

Kathleen Colclough, project manager of our Industry Training and Business Development department, was the only Canadian college representative at Canada Expo ’92, held recently in Monterrey, capital of Nuevo Leon province in north-east Mexico.

Malaspina was the only advanced education college among 201 Canadian companies exhibiting at the Expo, Canada’s biggest foreign trade show since the Expo in Beijing in 1972. And Kathleen said it matched the scale of the economic boom that was evident everywhere she went in the city.

Monterrey’s numerous heavy industries are working overtime and its 3.5 million inhabitants are enjoying almost full employment and a high standard of living. Steel production, auto manufacture, chemicals, electronics and the largest glass producer in the world are working to capacity and Kathleen’s visits showed that manufacturers are assuring their futures with highly-developed worker education and skill development programs.

“I learned a lot from them,” she said. “They were far more advanced than I expected and showed a high degree of expertise in their worker training methods.

“But we had crowds three-deep around our booth all looking for information on English-language education. It is a strong university city but the current institutions can’t meet the demand, and I interviewed 350 sets of parents interested in sending their children to Malaspina.”
THE NEW ARTS AND SCIENCES BUILDING can't be ready too soon for Rod Church, dean of Multi-Disciplinary Studies, front right, who took secretary Karen Gorosh and students Eva Allin and William Allen on a tour recently.

HEAVY DUTY MECHANIC STUDENTS got a great opportunity to experience the best and the latest with the loan to the college of a mammoth Challenger logging truck this month. The Challengers are made in Port Alberni and are widely used in the industry, giving instructors Sam Bailey and Emil Sorensen a great opportunity for their students to work on the real thing.

THE NATURE TRAIL IN THE COLLEGE FOREST is being given an upgrade by an enthusiastic crew from the Environmental Youth Corps. They are putting down new walkways, bridges and trail cover through the 16-hectare old growth and demonstration reserve. Woodland superintendent Paul Lucas says the upgrade will make the forest more accessible for school and public tours.

THE ADVENTURE LUNCHBREAK is one of the many advantages Malaspina offers, and three who take full advantage are Andrew Speed of the Computer Centre, Registrar Greg Link and Phys Ed instructor Brad Reimer. The three use the many lake and forest trails accessible from the Nanaimo campus to blow a little fresh air into their day.
MALASPINA PEOPLE

Anthropology instructor Andra Thakur has been awarded a Pacific Rim Scholarship to present a series of lectures and do research in India this spring.

Andra will be spending four months at the University of Kurukshetra in Haryana province in northern India, where he will give six lectures from his researches on the history of Indians around the world. Andra has been researching and writing on this theme since 1982 and has conducted research in Africa, India and the Caribbean.

While at Kurukshetra, Andra will be collecting data for a monograph on agrarian development in northern India.

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The Lanes are off again. English instructor Steve Lane and his family will be in Pamplona, Spain in July for the International Hemingway Conference. This takes place annually in places where Hemingway either wrote or which he used as a locale for his stories. Steve will be presenting a paper at the conference on his teaching methods for the short story "Hills Like White Elephants," which Hemingway wrote in Spain in 1927. Lane senior, philosophy instructor Bob Lane, will be in Portland, Oregon, in April to participate in a forum on the production of "King Lear" for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Bob has a long association with the Festival, both on and off the boards.

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David Prestley, late of Registration, acknowledges a debt to on-leave Switchboarder Sherry Routledge in landing the big role as the Witch in the Vancouver Opera’s recent production of “Hansel and Gretel.” David said he was up against heavy competition in the auditions, but won when he “borrowed” Sherry’s laugh. David will also have a major role in the VO’s “Carmen” this year.

THE DATEBOOK

Cafeteria hours
Mon. to Thurs. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 7.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Royal Arbutus Room
Available to staff and faculty daily
Student Pubs - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Nanaimo Art Gallery.
Mon. to Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday noon to 5 p.m.
to March 15
“On and Off The Wall” - joint exhibition of ceramics, paintings and engravings by Art faculty John Charnetski and Jan Garrioch
“The Two Valleys” - paintings of the Carmanah and Stein by Donald Harvey
March 18 to April 3
“Tracking” - multi-media exhibition by Elizabeth Mayne and Karen Severson
“Realities” - photographs by Nanaimo’s Andre Berube.

Friday March 6
Brown Bag Lecture. Noon. Royal Arbutus Room
“A Brief History of Native Land Claims”. Prof. H. Foster, Faculty of Law, U.Vic.

Friday March 13
Brown Bag Lecture. Noon. Royal Arbutus Room

March 19 - April 4
College Theatre. “Six War Years” Memories of the war years in song and story, set in Nanaimo’s famous Pygmy Pavilion. From the book by Barry Broadfoot. A Theatre Department production. Box office 755-8700

Friday March 20
Brown Bag Lecture. Noon. Royal Arbutus Room
“First Nations Literary Issues”. Joe Joyce and Janet Armstrong.

1992 Astronomy Lecture Series
Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.in the Arts and Sciences Lecture Theatre. Admission free.
March 19
“Are We alone? The search for extra-terrestrial intelligence” with Dr. James Hesser, Senior Research Officer and Director, Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria.
March 26
“Quasars in the Distant Universe” with Dr. Ann Gower, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, U.Vic.
April 12

Sunday March 22
Nanaimo Curling Club. Noon to 6 p.m.
Recreation Curling Bonspeil organized for students, staff and families by Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports. $5 per person. Register now with Rick Bevis, local 2572 or gym office, local 2430.

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