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Net surfers calling up Malaspina University-College’s World Wide Web address at http://www.mala.bc.ca/ since Monday, January 22, have noticed a new Malaspina Home page bearing a scenic photograph of Nanaimo campus headed by Discover/MALASPINA.

From the main page, visitors enter Malaspina’s “virtual campus” by clicking on button bar headings leading to new pages that restructure the information flow on the server named Discover/MALASPINA.

While the redesigned Web site appeared suddenly, it didn’t happen overnight.

The electronic publication’s redesign is the result of several months of effort donated by The Discover Web Team, a volunteer working group of Malaspina’s digitally-inspired who gave of their time and skills to put a new face on how Malaspina presents information to the world via the Internet.

The Web team was formed by invitation through a unique partnering of the computing services and communications departments, with computing services being responsible for the technical/implementing-side and the communications department overseeing the content and presentation of the information on the server.

Marianne van Toor, director of communications, said, “We owe Malcolm Dunnett a big thanks for getting Malaspina established on the Net before most of us even knew what it was. Now we have an up-to-date electronic publication that allows for orderly development for future research, teaching and communications.”

Web team members share the common goal “to develop the Web site to its full potential as an informative interesting and creative education, research and communications tool for use by the entire Malaspina University-College community.” Their mission is “to support and promote Web publishing and Web use at Malaspina University-College.”

Now that the infrastructure and information flow has been established, the Web site is ready for the Malaspina community to contribute by producing their own departmental, program and personal Home pages to attach to the Web site.

“Unfortunately, there are no resources identified for us (communications and computing services) to develop individual Home pages for the community,” said van Toor. “However, the Web Team has organized the site and developed Web publishing resources to make it simple for interested parties to build their own pages.”

Some of the resources are the Web Team themselves who will continue to volunteer their time to coach beginning page developers through the intricacies of Hypertext Mark-up Language (HTML) used in Web publishing. Liz Hammond-Kaarrema, instructional computing, and community education are offering Web publishing courses on a continuing basis.

The Web publishing resource page is located by clicking on Discover/MALASPINA from the main page. Listed under this section are the policies, guidelines, authoring tools, templates, graphics, backgrounds, and information (on-line and hard copy) needed for people to construct their own Web pages.

By organizing the site this way, the Web Team hopes Malaspina’s Web publishers will be inspired to develop interesting and creative pages for Discover/MALASPINA that will establish it as one of BC’s premier educational Web sites.

This is already happening. Bob Lane, philosophy instructor, was notified last week by the McKinley Group that Malaspina’s Institute of Practical Philosophy page at http://www.malaspina.bc.ca/www/ipp/pp.htm has been named a “4-Star” site (their highest rating) in Magellan, McKinney’s Internet directory. McKinney’s editorial team base their assessments on “depth of content, ease of exploration and Net appeal.”

According to Web team member Marshall Soules, who is teaching a new course, Media Studies 133, desktop video-conferencing with Liz Hammond-Kaarrema, “New Media publishing is only as good as the content. I look for a sense of play in intelligent Web sites because play for me signifies creativity, freshness, and innovation; all prerequisites if we are to get and keep the interest of the digital nomads.”

Projects at various stages of development intended for the Web site include digital versions of Mainly Malaspina, This Week at Malaspina and the student newspaper, The Navigator, an electronic admissions form request, a digital Donor Wall, an electronic version of the Nanaimo Art Gallery, and many other pages from the Malaspina community.


Web team members expect Discover/MALASPINA will take an evolving, ever-growing role in how all of us at Malaspina teach, learn and receive information.

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Malaspina University-College
A Newsletter for the Malaspina University-College Community
Meet Dan Wood: Training Consultant

Dean of Training and Development, Pat Rowantree, would like to announce the appointment of Dan Wood as Training Consultant for the Training and Development department.

Dan Wood’s principal responsibility will be to assess the training needs of local businesses and to develop strategic training solutions to be delivered by Malaspina University-College. Wood will be collaborating with other Malaspina departments in an effort to provide consistency in the development and delivery of educational services to business.

Wood comes to Malaspina from Seneca College in Toronto where he worked for nine years as an administrator in Seneca’s Corporate Training and Community Education department. Wood’s clients ranged from one-person operations to huge multinational corporations like Magna International, a world leader in auto parts manufacturing. Another large company, Timbersmith, a leader in the construction of log and timber homes, tested Wood’s talents by contracting him to prepare an entire corporate identity, marketing and promotion program for them.

Before Seneca College, Wood worked for the City of Mississauga as a Community Development Officer where he planned and coordinated community festivals and official ceremonies. For several years he managed the city’s aquatic programs and facilities, including 16 swimming pools.

“We’re eager to meet with local companies to assist them to ‘Mind Their Own Business.’ At Malaspina’s training and development centre, we can start with a needs analysis and then design and deliver tailored training programs,” Wood said.

If you would like more information on Malaspina University-College’s new directions for corporate training, call Dan Wood at Malaspina University-College’s training and development centre, 741-2783, local 2782 or e-mail wood@malaspina.bc.ca.

Web Publishing Raises Human Rights Issues

Discover/MALASPINA, the name given to Malaspina’s Web site or information server, is an official publication of Malaspina University-College, albeit an electronic one. Personal Home pages produced by Malaspina faculty and staff for addition to the Campus Life page are governed by the following disclaimer:

“The contents of these pages are the responsibility of the individuals who created them and do not necessarily represent the views of Malaspina University-College.”

While this message may limit the institution’s responsibility for the content of personal pages, it does not license the publication of material which contravenes the Malaspina University-College Human Rights Policy and procedures.

All material must be presented with the same consideration of the rights of all persons working and learning at the University-College as any other publication produced at Malaspina.

The first line of the Statement of Appropriate Use of Information Technology Facilities and Services to be found in Discover/MALASPINA’s Web publishing section states “Malaspina University-College is committed to ensuring a working and learning environment in which all persons treat others with humanity and respect.” This reflects the Human Rights Policy goal of creating an environment free of discrimination.

Individuals preparing material for the Web site should also be aware that use of the information technology and facilities is governed by law.

Members of the Malaspina community wishing more information about the Human Rights Policy in reference to Web publishing can call Mary McKenzie, human rights advisor at local 2489.

Mariner Women’s and Men’s Volleyball Teams Leap into 1996

The Mariner Women’s Volleyball team, currently ranked number three in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association, started off their new season well with a 3 to 0 win over Trinity Western on January 19. The Mariner Women duplicated that performance the next day with another 3-0 win over Douglas College.

After the matches, assistant coach, Janelle Vessey said, “We were unsure of what to expect after the Christmas break, these being the first matches played after the tragic death of Robyn Muir, but the team really showed their character and determination with this weekend’s performance.”

For her efforts in the above matches, Amy Baldwin was named by the CCAA to be one of January’s 1996 CCAA Volleyball Athlete of the Month. Baldwin is a second year physical education student who plays power for the Mariners.

The Mariner Men’s Volleyball team started their season with a meet against Trinity Western, a team that beat them 3-0 previously. Losing the first game, the Mariners overcame Trinity Western in the next three through some hard fought battles and extraordinary effort beating them 3-1.

The following Saturday the Mariners played first-place Douglas College and, although they came close to winning two of their games, they couldn’t get on the scoreboard.

Well, That’s One Set of Stairs Done!

From top to bottom, Malaspina’s Nanaimo campus has over 333 stairs. Here’s the physical plant shovel brigade that struggles to keep them all clear when the white stuff flies. The crew, usually noted for quick quips and occasional zany behaviour apparently are quite quiet at 4:00AM on a frosty winter morning when faced with that many stairs to shovel. From left to right: Rick Heikkila, Steve Hughes, Rob Campbell, Paul Farrow, Mick Baldwin, Glenn Campbell, Wayne Hiles and Gordie Howe.

Library Teams with SFU on ABI Pilot Project

The Library is participating in a pilot project with SFU involving ABI Inform, a major business periodicals index. It indexes approximately 1,500 journal titles of which about 30% of the articles are available on-line in full text. Upon request, those articles are faxed to the library within 30 minutes. The Library will be charging $2.00 per page for this service.

What makes the project interesting is that the retrieval and faxing of the articles is entirely automated. The trial period extends to April 30, 1996.

ABI is available via the Internet terminal in the Library, or anyone with a VAX account may, at the $5 prompt, simply enter ABI. The database should prove valuable to everyone, not just Business researchers, as it provides information useful to administrators in any field, like nursing and social work, for example.

For further information, or to comment on the service, please contact Catherine Whiteley or any of the Reference librarians at Local 2505.
Steve Lane (English) has been invited to deliver a paper at the International Hemingway Society Conference in Idaho this summer. He will be joining scholars from around the world who are meeting at the University of Idaho to share work on the Hemingway canon.

A welcome goes out to Lynn Meyers (development & alumni) who will be assisting the development office as alumni coordinator. Right now Lynn is assisting Rod Church, dean of Multi Disciplinary Studies, in the beginning stages of the Strategic Plan.

John Black (multidisciplinary studies) had his review of Mary Midgley’s second edition of “Beast and Man” appearing in the October edition of Canadian Philosophical Reviews.

The University of Victoria Theatre Department is presenting an international conference on Samuel Beckett in May. Twenty-seven productions ranging from Bryan, which runs about 27 seconds to Endgame, one of Beckett’s greatest works will be featured. Also 27 scholars from around the world will present papers on Beckett’s work. The scholars and companies come from Australia, Europe, the US and Canada. One of the scholars is Bob Lane (philosophy). Bob reads and performs his Becket’s Godot - a bundle of broken mirrors on Friday May 3.

Robert Pepper-Smith (classics, philosophy, religious studies) had a short story published by the prestigious Queen’s Quarterly. The title story titled “Oregano Harvest” appears in the Fall 1995 issue. Robert reports that “writing fiction is harder than writing philosophy!” Robert also has a review appearing in the current issue of Philosophical Books. The review of Medicine and Moral Reasoning from Cambridge University Press; presents his argument that the book, edited by twelve scholars fails in many important ways to address the real philosophical problems that are current in medical ethics.

Helen Evans (developmental education, Powell River) informs us that Eileen McKinnon’s (developmental education, Powell River) brother, Carl Goresky, a professor of medicine at McGill University, has been awarded the Order of Canada for his clinical research on metabolism of the liver. Professor Goresky’s research is largely responsible for the medical advance allowing liver transplants.

At the International Aesthetics Congress held in Lahti, Finland 1995, Emily August (art) presents a paper titled “Imit Women and Aesthetics.” The paper will be published in a special 1996 volume of Dialogue and Universalism titled Cultural Identity. The volume is published by the Centre of Universalism attached to the Institute of Philosophy of University of Helsinki.

Kevin Roberts (creative writing) has just been given word that his short story titled “The Masque” has been accepted for publication in the University of Western Australia’s literary magazine, Westerly. Kevin’s play “Dust on the Moon” based on the life of Tommy Douglas, was presented on January 26th at the Malaspina Theatre which was directed by Dr. Jennifer Wise (English).

EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT by Katharina Rout, Chair

Are you involved in the assessments of phases II and III of the Strategic Plan? Council is happy about the process we are embarking on and would like to encourage your participation. Remember that the tension between our visions and the dismal financial reality can—and need to—make us creative. Much of the cooperation I have seen over the past months has been moving and exhilarating, and in to say we can’t continue a shared vision of how to make Malaspina a better school, in spite of all obstacles?

Thanks to the Curriculum Council, Council will be able at its three meetings in December and January to deal with the rationalization of the Science and Technology programs, new degree proposals for Tourism and Recreation Management and for Education, a report on post diploma programs and course proposals that I dare to count. We also had to wrestle with the problem of proposals that came forward only because of budget cuts. How much can we give up without jeopardizing credibility? Concerns about standards also drove SAC’s work on approval processes for certificates and Council’s decision to form a Task Force to review program and outcome requirements with regard to skills such as numeracy, literacy or computer literacy.

A preliminary last word on the budget: Having accepted the recommendations of the Joint Committee regarding exemptions from cuts, we were dismayed to learn that, while we thought the planned cuts matched the target numbers of a 10% cut “worst scenario,” it appears we have $600-700K short, pending Ministry decisions and enrolment figures. We do want to honour our commitments to return whatever we may be cut less than 10% to the proportional cuts in Phase V. We were also told much might be available for details on all this and much more speak to your rep or check the Council minutes.

Attention Faculty Researchers

Malaspina University-College faculty planning to undertake major research involving humans or animals now must have the approval of the Research Ethics Sub-Committee chaired by Pat Robinson.

The sub-committee is part of the Ethics and Development Committee of the Education Council. Researchers requiring more information—should call Robinson at local 8779.

Using the Net at Malaspina

Bob Lane (Institute of Practical Philosophy), an exponent of the Internet as research tool, is now finding other ways to put the New Media to work. Go to IPP’s Home page at: http://www.mala.bc.ca/ipp/ipp.htm where you will find the institute’s recently published chapbooks on current issues. Look for links to “Euthanasia: the debate continues” and “Whose Decision is it Anyway.” a paper on BC’s new guardianship legislation. John Anderson’s (“Criminalo­gy”) EJF “How Not To Get Tough on Crime” will be available soon.

Elizabeth Grove-White (English) has her English 290 class leading a discussion through NewsGroups. To see a fascinating new dynamic at work go to: mala-com-mediated-comm. Grove-White says you can get there through NewsGroups on Netscope though she notes that “it’s rather like being one of those disguised emperors in fairy tales who wander their empire eavesdropping”, in this case, on the student’s “virtual bedroom.” The Writing Across Curriculums page at: http://www.mala.bc.ca/www/llwac/wac.htm that Grove-White helped assemble has already proven to be a well-used writing resource.

Marshall Soules (English) and Liz Hammond-Kaarrema (instrumental teaching) are co-instructing one of Malaspina’s newest courses, Media Studies 113, which makes use of the Net and the latest digital technology. The course titled “Emerging Digital Communications,” has been included in the Malaspina Skills Now Distance Education pilot project and is an examina­tion of all aspects of the New Media. Students are introduced to the Internet, the World-Wide Web, e-mail, VAX training, Web publishing, electronic library resources, and desktop video-conferencing technology that enables the course to be delivered simultaneously across Nanaimo and Powell River. LisaHC’s Home page at http://www.mala.bc.ca/~liihk/medialist/outline.htm provides students with course outline, discussion papers, Web publishing resources, a discussion group and course assignments.

If you are a student, researcher, writer, or anyone else looking for a good starting point to learn what is happening in the world of psychology then it would be worthwhile for you to visit the psychology Home page assembled by Ron Apland (psychology) at http://www.mala.bc.ca/~psy/psyweb.htm. Apland has completed an extensive reference list of journals, institutions, research, and resources for the study of psychology.

Once again, Bob Lane (philosophy) informs Mainly Mal of another unique use of the Internet. According to Lane, the publishing firm, HarperCollins is hosting a symposium on the historical Jesus in mid-February. This will be followed with an e-mail debate/discussion among J. D. Crossan, Marcus Borg, and Luke T. John­son. Lane suggests that even people not interested in the details of the historical Jesus will find the debate interesting since, given the participants, the lines will be drawn around general issues — the reliability of New Testament texts, for example. To “listen in” (to participate on the debate) go to: SUBSCRIBE JESUS2000 (no other text to: lists@info.harper­collins.com). Mail will begin mid- to late-February. Lane has asked his Philosophy 203/212 students to subscribe to this list which will give them an unique opportunity to “listen” to three important scholars debating some of the most controversial and current material of today.

PR’S BEST Program Now Has “Outdoor” and “Tourism Hospitality” Focuses

Apologies are due to all those at Malaspina’s Powell River campus involved with making the Basic Employment Skills Training (BEST) program the success it has been for many years. In last month’s Mainly Malaspina we inadvertently dropped “Outdoor” out of the title and made it sound like the BEST program was a totally new program being launched. Actually the BEST program has been revised to include a new Outdoor model.

Carol Samburn now informs us that another new component has been added. Canada Employment Centre has announced that it will fund a new BEST program with a Tourism Hospitality focus to begin this March.

For more information about the BEST program call Carol at local 8028.

Koksilah Elementary Visits Cowichan Campus

Koksilah campus receptionist, Lori Morrison shows visiting Koksilah elementary students Malaspina’s most important document for future enrolment, the calendar.

Grade 6 students from Koksilah elementary school visited Malaspina’s Cowichan campus as a result of a special mentor program with Cowichan’s advanced composition class.

The elementary students toured the campus and were given presentations, acknowledgements and a bunch of hot dogs served up by instructor Ian Whitehouse and coordinator/students Hannah George and Anne Marie Living­ston.

The Malaspina Arts One-First Nations students act as role models for the elementary students who are encouraged to stay in school and to value their education.

The Malaspina students plan to continue the project by visiting Koksilah elementary school once a week.

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Vietnam/Canada Circle Complete
Dr. Tinh, minister of higher education from Hanoi, Vietnam discusses the photographic study of Vietnam completed by Adrian Rout during his recent 2 1/2 month trip there. Dr. Tinh was Adrian’s liaison for the duration of his stay. The photo presentation was Adrian’s media project depicting his Vietnam experience. By a stroke of good luck, Dr. Tinh was able to attend the Malaspina Theatre showing of Adrian’s work while he was on a cross Canada tour studying community colleges. Dr. Tinh hopes to establish similar institutions in Vietnam.

George Wagner Contributes at Chocolate Sunday
Malaspina chef George Wagner, Maarten Schaddelee and chef Laurent Lhuillier combined their talents in the carving of an enormous chocolate replica of the Dove of Peace to celebrate the 3000th birthday of the City of Jerusalem, at Chocolate Sunday held at the Palm Court of the Empress Hotel January 14th. This major chocolate event attracted over 9000 people and raised funds for the Hadassah Wilo, a Jewish women’s charity organization. Chef Wagner is seen here with the chocolate Dove of Peace sculpture weighing 1700 kilos. For next year’s event, the group is organizing an attempt to build the world’s largest chocolate sculpture and is planning to invite representatives from the Guinness Book of Records.

“Embracing Diversity in an Educational Community” February 21, 1996, 10-3, Mini-Conference
The “Embracing Diversity” mini-conference will be a gathering of members from all parts of the Malaspina community who are committed to sharing the responsibility of enhancing Malaspina’s working and learning climate.
Harinder Mahil, chair of the BC Council of Human Rights will be the keynote speaker. He will speak on ways to advance human rights and employment equity at Malaspina. Other resource people will work on ways to prevent and deal with incidents of individual or systemic harassment and discrimination.
For additional information call Mary McKenzie, Human Rights Advisor at local 2489 (Mon-Wed) by e-mail: MCKENZIM@mala.bc.ca.
Please register in advance, as lunch will be provided. Registrations accepted by e-mail: SPROULED@mala.bc.ca, in person at Building 200, Room 347, or by calling Diane at local 8751.

Nanaimo Art Gallery
Past, Present, Future Uncertain: Salmon Running; 13 Elk Killed Here
Multimedia Installation by Anna Gustafson and Paul Burke
Until February 25, 1996 (upstairs gallery)

Naturalist’s Perspective: From Illustration to Abstraction
Paintings by Gretchen Markle and Alison Watt
Until February 25, 1996 (downstairs gallery)

Alternative Cinema: Friday Evening Videos
7:00pm Building 200, Room 203
Shirley Goldberg and Ron Bonham are offering a repeat of a popular film series featuring 8 international films not available in video stores or local theatres. The series costs only $24 dollars and runs from Jan. 26 to March 29 (not Feb. 23 or Mar. 22) in building 200, room 203. Films start at 7:00pm. Register by phone through Community Education 755-8775.

Mt. Washington Ski Passes
The department of physical education and student programs remind us that Mt. Washington ski passes are available again this year. The passes can be purchased at the gymnasium equipment office. Present a Malaspina ID card and you can buy two passes and then you must present it again at the ski hill. For more information call Brad Reimer at local 2572.
Prices:
- Lift/Lesson = $36.00 plus tax
- Lift/Lesson/Equipment = $52.00 plus tax
(Equipment rental does not include snowboard rentals)

Barbara Coloroso: Author of “Kids Are Worth It!”
Beban Park Auditorium, Thursday, February 22, 7:30pm
Lecture presented by the Canadian Federation of University Women Nanaimo.
Tickets at: Bastion Books, Beban Park, Education Station (Woodgrove)

Mariner Athletics Presents: KIDS NIGHT ’96
Friday, February 9, 6:00pm at the Gymnasium
Kids’ admission is free for the third running of Kids Night for Basketball to see the Malaspina Mariners take on the Capilano College Blues. Women’s game 6:00pm; Men’s game 8:00pm. All proceeds go to Kidsport Fund administered by Sport BC.
For further information contact Rick Bevis, athletic director at 753-3245 local 2356.

Walt Disney’s Magic Kingdom Club Reminder
Diane Deyotte, reminds us that Malaspina University-College is a member of Walt Disney’s Magic Kingdom Club and as such, faculty and staff are entitled to great travel, entertainment and dining savings opportunities available when travelling anywhere in Disney’s world. For more information about all the terrific benefits and details, Diane has the 1996 Club Membership Guide. Call Diane at local 8711.

Treadmill Wanted For Home Too
Bob Katzko (Records) has made a New Year’s resolution and he needs assistance in keeping it. If anyone has a motorized treadmill for sale, or if anyone would like to rent one for a few months, please call Bob at local 2221, or e-mail: SRSKATZKO@mala.bc.ca

Sam “Big Boot” Bailey Brakes Best
Rodney Macenling, JRC safety officer puts Sam Bailey (heavy duty mechanics) through an emergency brake test while Marina Hingston (trades) and a student of the Class I Driving Training Class observe. Macenling uses the test to illustrate his lecture on braking safety which he was presenting to the driver training class. Bailey’s reaction time was 1.8 seconds, the fastest of the day.

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Jan. 26 Tammy Eastman Bookstore $510

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