



Newsletter

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With this first issue of the Newsletter, we announce establishment of the Centre for Society, Technology and Values.

The Centre's central concern is to facilitate the attempt by the University community to define and implement its role in understanding and affecting the impact of technology on people.

The Centre is guided by an Advisory Board consisting of the following members:

Robin Banks	(Arts)
Jim Bater	(Env. Studies)
Robin Cohen	(Comp. Sci.)
Bob Gibson	(Man-Env.)
John Hepburn	(Chemistry)
Russel Legge	(St. Paul's College)
Ron Marteniuk	(HKLS)
John Schey	(Mech. Eng.)
Steve Smith	(Recreation)
John Stubbs	(Arts)

The Director of the Centre is Larry Haworth (Philosophy). The Administrative Assistant is Ann Dunnet.

At present the Centre's initiatives include the following:

I EDUCATION

A small working group has been formed with every faculty represented to develop a proposal for an Undergraduate programme in STV. The members of this group are:

- G. Atkinson (Chemistry)
- R. Cohen
- S. Lerner (Man-Env.)
- S. Smith
- J. Stubbs, Chairperson
- B. Wills (Systems Design)

They would welcome suggestions.

II WORKSHOP AND COLLOQUIA

a) March 22-23 there will be a Workshop - open to all - on the theme: "The role of the University in understanding and affecting the impact of technology on people." The Workshop

will be held at Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's College. Dr. Terrence Hogan, University of Manitoba, will be the Keynote Speaker on Friday evening, March 22. A reception will follow. The group planning the Workshop consists of Larry Haworth, Chris Knapper, Russel Legge and John Schey. Please contact any of these individuals if you have suggestions or questions. More details will follow later.

b) Colloquia. There will be a regular colloquium series on STV. Bob Gibson and John Hepburn are organizing these colloquia and would welcome suggestions concerning speakers. Plans include colloquia jointly sponsored with Departments; suggestions concerning cooperative ventures would be particularly welcome.

c) Conferences. Planning is underway for three conferences which the Centre will either sponsor or participate in over the next two years.

III RESEARCH

The Centre interacts with organizations in the public and private sectors which are concerned about the human impact of the technologies they employ. It is expected that specific research projects will result from this interaction. If you have potential interest in being involved in such research, contact Larry Haworth (x 2776).

IV PUBLIC INFORMATION

a) The Centre is compiling a data base to identify the names of those at UW whose research interests include STV, their areas of research interests, publications, and work in progress.

b) The Centre will publish a Newsletter. If you wish to circulate announcements concerning STV events on- or off-campus, or other information, please contact Ann Dunnet (x 2437 until the CSTV extension, 6215, is in operation).

V TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC POLICY

It has been suggested that the Centre initiate studies in the area of public policy as related to science and technology. If you would like to be involved in discussions concerning how the Centre might best initiate such studies at UW, or if you have suggestions on this topic, please contact Larry Haworth.