



A newsletter for the BCIT Community

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Santa increases student aid fund

BCIT will not have corporate Christmas cards available for departments this year. Instead, it will extend season's greetings to friends and associates through a small advertisement in the local media and use the funds normally set aside for this activity (approximately \$5000) to increase student aid.

The Institute feels this is a more appropriate way of celebrating the spirit of Christmas.

Christmas Reception

The Board of Governors and The President invite all BCIT staff to a Christmas Reception on Tuesday, December 15, from 3 to 6 pm. Drop by and enjoy the festivities at the Town Square Cafe.

Rix Birthday Bash

The Rix Club is celebrating its first birthday on Monday, December 7. And you know what that means ...

PARTY TIME!!

From 2 pm we offer

FREE baron of beef,

buns with veggies and dip.

Beer at \$1 per glass. Yes, a dollar!

Wine \$1.50

Coffee or pop \$0.50.

We invite all those members who've supported us all year.



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BCIT and OLA collaboration

BCIT Vice President of Education Brian Gillespie (left), Dr. Jack Newberry, Director of Universities and Provincial Institutes Branch of the Ministry 14-18. Dr. Karl Smith and Dr. Susan Gruber will be here representing The Cooperative Learning Centre at the University of Minnesota.

Cooperative Learning Workshops

Both Level One and Level Two Training will take place December 14-18. Dr. Karl Smith and Dr. Susan Gruber will be here representing The Cooperative Learning Centre at the University of Minnesota.

To register call Joyce in the LRU at 8406. If you have questions about the workshops or about Cooperative Learning call Jane in the LRU at 8208.

United Way basket draw...



Congratulations to Eric Mackay the lucky winner of Santa's little helpers' gourmet basket. Thanks to everyone who made this raffle a success. The total raised - \$432!

Marilyn Wright "develops" her career

Marilyn Wright, Director of Development, is leaving BCIT at the beginning of 1993 to devote her energies to full-time fundraising consulting. In this capacity, Marilyn will be working with an increasing number of community organizations and foundations who are initiating or developing fundraising programs. Marilyn will also be working with BCIT's Development Office on a part-time consulting basis.

Further details on organizational changes in the Development Office will be forthcoming in Update.



An accelerated automotive technician apprenticeship program has been developed between the British Columbia Institute of Technology, Honda Canada Inc. and the Apprenticeship Branch of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

Traditionally apprentices spend about six weeks every year for four years attending training at BCIT towards journeyed status. Now, as a result of a special agreement between the three parties, Honda Canada dealership service

Honda Canada Inc. opens innovative training centre at BCIT



Photo: AV Production

employees can complete their apprenticeship technical training in two years by attending classes at BCIT for 16 weeks each year.

This is one of three such arrangements with Honda in Canada. And to make it happen, Honda contributed \$225,000 in shop renovations, special tools, uniforms, manuals and several Honda/Acura vehicles.

Kalim Ansari, Honda Canada's senior vice president of Parts and Service, said this type of accelerated training specially designed for Honda employees is necessary to maintain his company's commitment to the best customer service.

Thirty-two students started training this fall on the pilot project. Honda and Acura dealerships throughout the province were encouraged to sponsor students in the training. But Ron Evans, BCIT's

Students from various Honda and Acura dealerships around the province gather at the official opening of the Honda training centre at BCIT.

associate dean of Mechanical Industries Training, said he has already received inquiries from other provinces.

For BCIT the agreement, signed Nov. 10, means that the latest automotive technology is now available. The facility will be shared with other BCIT automotive students when Honda is not utilizing the shop. The agreement also provides special training of BCIT instructors in Honda technology thereby keeping them up to date in a quickly changing industry.

*From Terry Jorden
Media Relations*

Board Profile



James A. McEwen

James A. McEwen was appointed to the BCIT Board of Governors in 1991.

Dr. McEwen received a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from UBC in 1975. He is a Registered Professional Engineer, a Certified Clinical Engineer, and a member of the Canadian Medical and Biomedical Engineering Society.

He is Chairman of Andronic Devices Ltd., a company involved in the development and manufacture of medical technology in Canada for world markets. He has been granted, or has applied for, over 60 patents for new medical devices. Some of these are now in daily use in Canada and around the world.

Dr. McEwen founded and was Director of the Biomedical Engineering Department at the Vancouver General Hospital and University Hospital, UBC site. He is Adjunct Professor in the department of Electrical Engineering and Clinical Engineering Program at UBC, and Adjunct Professor in the School of Engineering Science at SFU.

He has served as a member of the Premier's Advisory Council on Science and Technology in B.C. He is a member of the board of the B.C. Research Corporation.



Scholarship award winners

BCIT Canada Scholarship award winners gathered in Vancouver in October to receive scholarships presented by Conservative MP Mary Collins. The scholarship provides \$2,000 a year for up to three years for technology students. Beginning in 1993 the total value will increase from \$6,000 to \$7,500. At the same time the number of scholarships is increasing, nationwide, from at least 800 this year to about 1,600 by 1995.

From Terry Jorden, Media Relations

BCIT's unique approach to ESL

On November 20, a two-woman BCIT team was one of six selected from a field of 60, to present innovative ESL teaching methods to Federal and Provincial funders.

BCIT's unique approach to teaching ESL, using the nuts-and-bolts of technology and the language of engineers (as opposed to the language of English teachers!), fascinated the audience of 35. Dale Fitzpatrick and Kathy Vance began their talk by handing out sophisticated respirators, hydrometers, and industrial pipe connections, and setting the audience to writing practical "how-to" instructions and parts lists. Soon the bureaucrats were busy discovering that language learning can be "driven" by a sheer desire and necessity quite unconnected with "learning English as a subject." Richard Tam of the Chemistry Department starred in a brief technical video on laboratory procedures, used to teach ESL. Officials begged for encores!

Broadcast staff and students featured on Rogers Cable

Rogers cable has produced two one-half hour programs for their Women in Media series.

In December, a program featuring instructor Yvonne Eamor and continuing education coordinator Mary Kay Purkis will be featured along with students in Broadcast Journalism. There will be three opportunities to see the program: December 2 at 8:30 pm throughout the Rogers network; December 3 at 8 pm and December 6 at 8:30 pm in New Westminster, Surrey and Langley.

The second program will feature instructors Trudy Handel and Lisa Depoe. There are no dates yet on when the second program will air.

*From Terry Jorden
Media Relations*

B.C. Health Research Foundation

1993 Studentship Grants for Health Services Research are available to Master's or Ph.D. candidates pursuing post-graduate studies in an area of health services research relevant to British Columbia.

The program is intended to strengthen interdisciplinary research and further understanding of the complex health issues in British Columbia. Applicants from outside the traditional health services research mainstream are encouraged to apply.

Some study topics relevant to this program include:

- Health Economics
- Health Policy and Planning
- Program Evaluation
- Health Systems
- Health Administration
- Health Promotion

Awards will include a salary stipend and small research allowance.

Application deadline: Monday, February 15, 1993

For further information, contact:
B.C. Health Research Foundation,
Tel. 436-3573

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Ellen Helmig leaves BCIT

Ellen Helmig, Manager of the Road Runner Cafeteria, is well known to those who work and study in the SW1 Building. Everyone that I have spoken with is very sorry to see her leave BCIT but is happy to know that she will have the opportunity to get a well deserved rest.

It became part of my daily routine to stop at the Road Runner, buy a bowl of soup, and say "hi" to Ellen - knowing that her positive attitude and sense of humor would help me to make it through the day. I appreciated the times she decorated the room or dressed up in costume to liven things up for the customers.

Ellen worked very hard in a difficult situation and deserves all the support that BCIT can provide. I wish her well in her retirement and hope that she will come back and visit us whenever she can.

Dave Malcolm
Operations Management

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For sale: Sharp PC-6220 Notebook, 1MB RAM, 128 KB P-ROM for IPL, BIOS etc., and 1MB Mask-ROM for MS-DOS 4.1, Laplink, diagnostics and other utilities, 20MB hard drive 23ms, VGA paper white backlit display, AC adaptor, weighs 4.4 lbs, 11" x 8.5" x 1.4", \$800. Call George 8450.

Toshiba T1000 laptop, 640K memory, 768K hard card installed as drive D:, 3 1/2" floppy, AC adaptor, up to 5 hours on battery, RGB color connection, monochrome monitor included, weighs 6.4 lbs, \$500. Call George 8450.

Christmas jewellery sale: You are invited to a sale of fine Jewellery from Saltspring Island. Craig and Xenobia Wright who will discuss custom orders, etc.

Beautiful earrings, pins, bracelets, necklaces, rings etc. Cash, cheque, or Mastercard accepted.

Date: Sunday, December 6

Time: 1100 to 1700

Place: 1322 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby (between Lougheed and Hastings).

Door prizes! Early-bird draw! Refreshments. Come join us. RSVP to 571-0141 or call Sarah at 8593.

Wanted: Masochist is looking for a reel type (push) lawnmower (no engine). Call Mary 8656.

GALA

Alternative Gifts:

Vancouver's Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, OUT ON SCREEN, is offering gift certificates for NEXT YEAR's prices. Festival passes are available for \$40, which includes a free OUT ON SCREEN t-shirt to wrap the gift certificate that admits two people to one film. Buy two certificates, and get a free t-shirt!

Available from little sisters, 1221 Thurlow, and Aardvark Arts, 1141 Davie. Call Mark Miller, 8964, for more information.



Oops we goofed...

Our apologies to Ken Takagaki who's name we misspelled in the November 9 issue of Update.

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