

BCIT Events to Come

Wednesday, May 24

- Mark your calendar for the annual all-staff barbecue, 1130 to 1330 at the Rix.

Thursday, May 25

- Student Association incoming/outgoing executive barbecue from 1700 to 1900 at the Rix. Contact Michelle at 8398.
- Food for Thought lunch and learn session on basic nutrition at 1130 in SW1 Rm. 1015.

Thursday, June 1

- SkillMaster program demonstration will show test design and generation; on-line testing and scoring; and statistical analyses. Call LRU at 8927.

Friday, June 2

- The 1995 BCIT Golf Tournament and social will be held at Mylora Executive Golf Course at 9911 Sidaway Rd. and 95550 No. 5 Road in Richmond.

Monday, June 5

- Cooperative Learning workshops begin. Call LRU for details.
- Summer aerobics begin, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1240 to 1320 until Thursday, August 4. Twenty-seven sessions cost \$45, drop-in for \$3. The classes will alternate between step and aerobic. Register at Rec Services.

Saturday, June 10

- Innovations 2020—the third international symposium on technician education and training—begins at BCIT.

Thursday, June 15

- Retirement Planning for Support Staff session will be held in Town Square B, from 0930 to 1400.

Enviro tip

Check tire pressure! If correct, it will increase fuel economy!



For more information on this week's environmental topic, call 8288 (option 2).

Venture program launches 17 new businesses this month

Graduates of the spring session of the Venture program were recognized with more than applause at a graduation ceremony on May 4. As part of the program's Incentive Challenge initiative, Venturepreneurs who demonstrated outstanding effort were rewarded with cash.

Leslie Ann Drummond won \$5,000 after a panel of entrepreneurs and business people judged her business plan the best of the group. Her venture is Lixx Lablez, a mail order company that produces personalized labels, stationery and rubber stamps.

Drummond took a six-month leave of absence from her job and moved from Calgary to Vancouver to take the Venture program. She has a bachelor degree in Zoology and has taken several apprentice programs, but insists that the Venture program is the best education she has received yet.

"I came all the way from Calgary because the program was everything I wanted; it highlighted all the areas I knew I was weak in, and promised an operational business plan by the end."

Drummond has been operating her business on a part-time basis since 1990, but with the Venture program behind her, it's unlikely



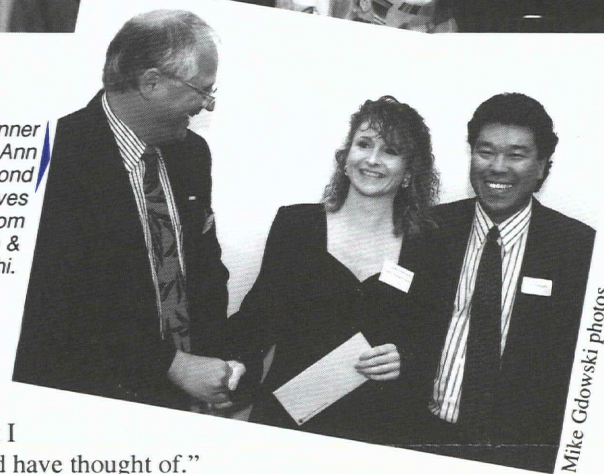
Venture program graduating class is ready for the business world.

she'll be returning to her position as reptile keeper at the Calgary Zoo.

A line of unique and authentic Canadian souvenirs tied for second place with a consulting service offering expert and unbiased services to underground cable users, manufacturers and compound suppliers. Wendy Copeland and Harry Orton shared \$3000 in prize money.

Copeland spent considerable time researching all business planning programs in B.C. before choosing the Venture program. "This program is realistic; it presents you with every possible encounter and makes you ask questions about

First-place winner
Leslie Ann
Drummond
receives
\$5,000 from
Peter Thomson &
Ken Takeuchi.



Mike Gdowski photos

your venture that I never would have thought of."

Tim Sarsfield won \$1,000 as third prize for his business plan outlining a retail/wholesale bakery, Crumbs, which will open for business this summer in Maple Ridge.

To wrap things up, Venture grad Tom Everitt, chosen by the graduates to speak on their behalf, presented his version of the popular game show Jeopardy,

drawing an enthusiastic response and lots of giggles. With help from one of his fellow graduates he rattled through a round of Venture Jeopardy, choosing from topic headings that included The Politically Incorrect; Shrewd Business People; and Not so Famous Quotes.

—from Kelly Gervais

Instructor opens door to accessibility

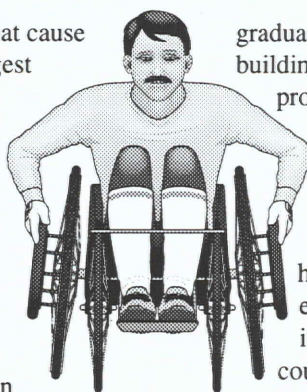
It's the little things that cause Larry Boden the biggest frustrations. Little things such as doorknobs.

For someone in a wheelchair, a doorknob can be as good as a brick wall—impassable.

But all it takes to open that door to disabled access is foresight, says wheelchair-bound Boden, who developed and teaches a new evening course on accessibility now offered at the B.C. Institute of Technology.

And it's something he hopes will give designers and builders a better understanding of the needs of people with visual, hearing or mobility disabilities.

"It horrifies me that a group of Canadians should be limited in where they can go and how they lead their lives," says the



graduate of BCIT's building technology program.

Able-bodied people don't often notice access, but Boden has first-hand experience he used in designing his course, believed to be the first of its kind in

British Columbia.

Even government facilities and buildings—generally more accessible than most—aren't without their barriers. Visiting his daughter's elementary school recently to watch her play in a volleyball tournament, Boden found there was no way into the gym for his motorized wheelchair.

"If you want to get something done, you have to go to the root of things. Catch it right when a building is designed. But access issues are just not incorporated

as deeply as they should be in most of our architectural training."

Access isn't expensive if it's built in right on the drawing board.

Designers and builders may protest the changes are too pricey, but they can cost even less than the landscaping—about half a per cent of total construction costs.

It's a smart sales move, notes Boden, who lives in an automated house in south Delta.

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Including the likes of ramps, lever-style or loop door handles and other barrier-free finishings make a home, apartment

building or business universally accessible—and universally appealing as well.

Already some real estate agents are specializing in listing and finding accessible properties, says Boden, and the specialty shows a lot of potential.

As the bulk of Canada's population enters its golden years, demand is expected to increase with this new generation of seniors more committed to living on their own.

Only a significant change in attitudes could have made this course possible, he says.

"Awareness has increased significantly ... and it has been a lot better since disability issues have been associated a bit more with our national identity, thanks to (wheelchair athlete) Rick Hansen and (disabled runner) Steve Fonyo."

—from Stephen Barrington

We're on the air!

Town Square C was turned into a broadcast centre on May 4, as CKNW's Bill Good open-line show took to the airwaves from BCIT.

Good began by asking president John Watson and coordinator of program advisors Raelene Christie just what makes BCIT different from the universities.

"The best way to make that contrast is that universities are there to explore knowledge and increase intellectual capacity," said Watson. "At BCIT, we focus on getting people jobs."

Christie added that many students enrol after completing a university education. "More and more of our students are trying other things before they come to us. Here at BCIT, people have clearly defined career goals when they start," she said.

Panelists who added to the afternoon's discussion were Chris Lee, president of the Student Association; Mike Jervis, dean of Electrical and Electronic Technology; Norman Streat, director of the Technology Centre; Doug Deans, dean of Engineering

Technology; Ron Evans, associate dean of Mechanical Industries Training; Michael Harris, dean of Business; Verna Magee Shepherd, associate dean of Health Sciences; and Ken Takagaki, dean of Computer Systems and Academic Studies.

Chris Lee continued on the theme of university/BCIT comparisons. "I graduated from university 10 years ago," he said. "At university, you have more time to think and think deeply. At BCIT, they feed you information—you have to use it right away, make your mistakes and learn from them."

Callers asked program-specific questions, as well as broader questions about BCIT policies. One criticism was in the area of finding jobs after graduation. Before the panel could respond, a first-year Marketing student in the live audience had this to say: "BCIT doesn't promise that you're going to get a job. They give you the skills so you can go out and acquire a job."

Later, another member of the audience added to the sentiment. "A lot of people think school



Talk show host Bill Good.

owes them a job, but it's a natural progression that has to be initiated by the student."

As the enthusiasm for BCIT bubbled from both audience and panel, Bill Good himself was unable to resist listing a few of the BCIT grads he has worked with over the years.

—from Ruth Raymond

Bill Good interviews Raelene Christie and John Watson.

Bert Schendel photos



Classified

For Sale: Bright 2 bdrm. condo in Ambleside, West Vancouver, 2 blks from beach, 912 sq/ft, large balcony, 1 bath. Bldg. has secured u/g pkg, pool, sauna, tennis courts, party room, billiards, workshop. New plumbing, exc. contingency fund. \$233,000 obo. Call Ronaye at 8738.

For Sale: Bauer F-4 in-line roller blades, men's size 9, hardly worn. Cost \$180; will sell for \$100. Call 434-4996.

For Sale: Sega Genesis (16-bit) with two regular controllers and one six-button controller. Includes six-button arcade-style fighter stick with slow motion and turbo rapid fire features, as well as eight games with all instruction manuals. Asking \$175 o.b.o. Call 434-4996.

Dog needs good home: Much loved five-year-old male registered fawn boxer. Neutered, wormed, has all shots. Very gentle with people; aggressive toward male dogs and cats. Affectionate dog who needs lots of love and walks. Guaranteed to bring you joy. Call Bruce or Naomi at 732-4368.

For Sale: Inglis washer, gold colour, \$150. Inglis dryer, white, \$50. Near Coquitlam Centre. Call Dave (8560) or 941-0259.

For Sale: Upright Palmer piano, some scratches, \$1,000 o.b.o. Near Coquitlam Centre. Call Dave (8560) or 941-0259.

For Sale: 1929 Ford Model A Coupe. Mostly rebuilt, complete and running, some new chrome. \$5,000. Call Bob at 431-6217.

For Sale: Canon lens FD 50 mm f 1:1.8; Avignon Skyfilter; Toshiba 81A filter; Kinko closeup; Vivitar 2X multiplier; Vivitar zoom thyristor flash;

Canon AE1 leather case. Everything except the camera—it was stolen! To make an offer, call Michael at 8218.

For Sale: Three-bedroom town house in Burnaby's Forest Grove area, 1270 sq. ft., 1 1/2 bathrooms, kitchen nook, south-facing LR & DR patios. Close to sch & bus. Secluded park-like setting. Pool and squash in complex. Asking \$192,000. Call Denise at 8948 or 421-4637.

For Sale: Five-string banjo, \$800. Call Chris at 8203 or 585-1944.

For Sale: By owner, one bedroom apartment, refurbished, close to Lougheed mall. \$80,000 o.b.o. 669-4724.

For Sale: 1984 Plymouth Voyager 7-passenger van, fully loaded, immaculate condition, 136,000 km, \$4,000 o.b.o. For more information, call Wendy at 264-4612.

For Sale: 1985 dk blue Nissan Micra hatch-back, new brakes, std transmission, sun roof, excellent body, great student vehicle \$2200 o.b.o. Call Leslie at 987-7336.

For Sale: Leather recliner with fabric seat cushion, excellent condition, \$50. Call Hanne at 8439.

For Sale: Roland D-20 keyboard with sequencer. Fully serviced by Roland Canada. Includes stand and case. \$650. Call Randy at 8306 or 856-7406.

For Rent: Three-bdrm home in Kits. Enclosed deck and yard, fireplace, new paint, hardwood floors, dishwasher, stove and fridge, organic garden, three blocks from beach. Available June 1 for \$1,300 per month. Call Roma Dehr at 739-9345.

Staff News

Welcome

The School of Computing and Academic Studies welcomes Susan Geddes to the position of administration officer. She comes to BCIT from UBC, where she held a similar position in the faculty of Forestry for the past two years. Previously, she worked at Dalhousie University as Registrar's Representative, finance officer and assistant to the director of Public Management programs. She holds a B.Sc. in Psychology and

a B.A. in Geology, both from Dalhousie University.

Appointment

Randy Singer, Nuclear Medicine program head, has been appointed to the position of associate dean, School of Health Sciences until May 31, 1996. Over the coming year, the School of Health Sciences will undertake an ambitious project examining the future of Allied Health training.

"Randy's support will allow Verna Magee Shepherd to coordinate a study of the changes reshaping allied health

professions and the educational impacts of these changes," says George Eisler, dean, School of Health Sciences.

Fundraiser

Richard Fowler of Purchasing is organizing a benefit to raise money for Canadian Cancer Society breast cancer research. The annual benefit features a fashion show and lunch at Caballero's Restaurant in Leg-in-Boot Square (False Creek), Sunday, May 28 at 1300. Tickets are \$30. Call Richard (8466).



PAWWS

(Personal and Workplace Wellness and Safety)

Adding life to your year: the healing garden

Gardening is the second favourite physical activity for adult Canadians, according to the 1988 Campbell's survey on well-being in Canada.

And gardening's popularity is (forgive us) continuing to grow and blossom. Here's why:

1. Gardening is good for the soul. Watching a seedling burst from a tiny seed gives you a warm feeling you never outgrow.
2. Gardening is good exercise. All that bending, digging, pulling and stretching makes you stronger and more supple.
3. Gardening constantly rewards you. Nothing beats the taste of your own fresh vegetables.
4. A garden is a living work of art, using colour, texture, shape and space to create a visual treat. All you need to garden is a few square feet in your yard. Or, in most municipalities, you can rent a garden plot for a small fee.

A few labour- & body-saving tips:

- If you're new to gardening, remember that less is more fun. Start with a small plot and work up slowly. Your body and your garden will thank you.
- Protect your back by bending your knees when weeding or leaning over in the garden. Use a knee pad if kneeling for long periods of time.
- Feed your plants by feeding the soil. Compost, composted manure and leaf mould add nutrients and hold water.
- Mulch (grass clippings, wood chips or other material you put around the base of your plants) keeps weeds down and feeds the soil.
- Instead of sprinkling every day, water deeply once or twice a week. This encourages deep root growth and helps your plants weather dry spells.

—from Recreation Services

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