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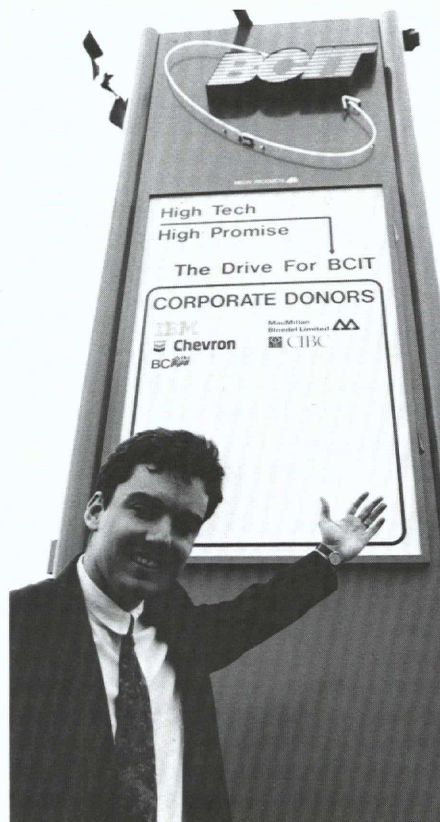
Candis Medland

Candis Medland was appointed to the BCIT Board of Governors in May 1992.

She began her career as an apprentice with Cominco Limited and completed her apprenticeship training at the Pacific Vocational Institute in 1988. She has worked extensively as a journeyed painter with construction companies and as a self-employed painter. She is also experienced in industrial painting.

Through her work with the United Steel Workers of America, Ms. Medland actively promotes the employment of women in trades. She is an experienced public speaker and uses her skills to open up opportunities for women to succeed in non-traditional occupations.

Ms. Medland enjoys the outdoors and is an enthusiastic skier and gardener. For less strenuous recreation, she enjoys painting in oils and water colours.



BCIT Capital Campaign sails over the top -- raises \$13.3 million

*Duff Gardner, President,
BCIT Student Association at
the Campaign Kick-off on
April 1, 1989.*

A three-year, fundraising campaign at BCIT has surpassed its \$10 million goal, raising \$13.3 million dollars.

The campaign ended officially November 30.

The major challenge of the High Tech, High Promise capital campaign was to update equipment and labs for advanced technology and trades training. Much of BCIT's equipment had outlived its usefulness and needed to be replaced. Of the \$10 million, \$7.5 million was earmarked for these purposes.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, with the added incentive of B.C. government matching funds, a total of \$11.1 million was raised in gifts-in-kind and cash donations for equipment. An additional \$2.2 million was raised for endowment purposes.

The provincial government contributed \$5 million to the campaign through an approved matching fund. These funds enabled BCIT to match private sector contributions to the campaign dollar for dollar.

"The government matching grant program was essential in making the campaign such a success," said BCIT president John Watson. "Besides the money raised, our capital campaign also strengthened BCIT's working relationships with industry."

*The faculty and staff of the British Columbia Institute of Technology
extend Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year
to friends and associates throughout British Columbia*

*Instead of Christmas Cards, BCIT is establishing the
BCIT Christmas Bursary Fund to assist BCIT Students in financial need.*

**Have a wonderful,
safe holiday.**



After the first year... A strategy for the nineties

I am delighted with the progress made during the first year of implementing *A Strategy For the Nineties*. This report shares news of our successes and points to challenges still to be met.

In looking ahead, I am reminded of a key point made in the original document: our economy is cyclical and if we wish to succeed we must persevere during difficult economic times as well as during the good times. The next couple of years will pose special challenges to us as we move forward with implementing our strategic plan. I look forward to working with each of you as we move BCIT towards the next century.

A summary...

- **Enrolment Management**
 - Recruitment strategies and plans have created a larger and better qualified set of applicants. Figures indicate an average of 2.9 applicants for every seat, up from about 2.5 applicants per seat last year.
 - The Phase 1 Report of the project highlights challenges arising from a variety of initiatives such as the Engineering Technology Entry program and Women in Trades plans.

- **Program and Staff Development**
 - Program redesign and curriculum renewal is ongoing. Institute learning outcomes have been presented for discussion.
 - Advisory committees are being reviewed to improve their effectiveness.
 - Staff orientation by the Learning Resources Unit has been made available to full-time and part-time staff.
 - One-semester professional development leaves have allowed more staff to take advantage of the opportunity.
 - Over the past two and one half years 39 faculty from BCIT have been involved in Technology Centre projects.
 - Customer service training for staff has taken place as part of a strategy to seek service delivery improvements.
- **Meeting the demand for more training...**
 - FTE growth has increased consistent with projections: 3.5% per year over the last two years.
 - Collaborative programs with the Open University and Advanced Diploma programs have emerged.

From John Watson

BCIT researcher traces link between zinc deficiency and eating disorders



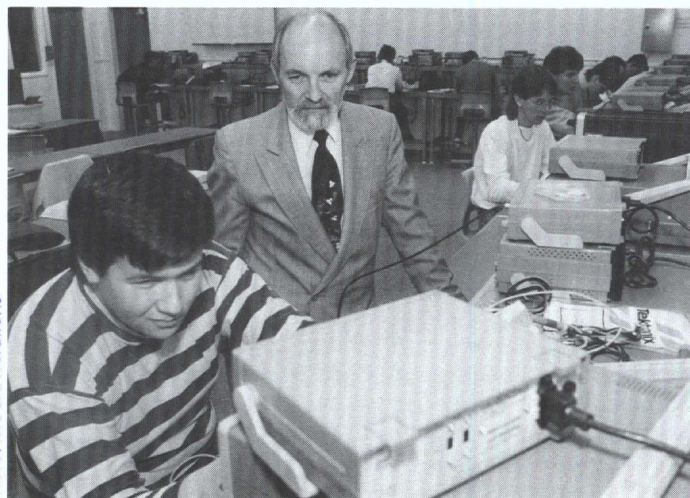
Rita Bakan

New, physiologically based treatments for anorexia nervosa are being developed at centres such as the Eating Disorders Clinic at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. At this hospital a team of researchers and clinicians has been investigating the role of biological factors in the development and treatment of this disease. While it is clear that social and psychological factors play a major role, there is increasing evidence that biological factors are implicated as well.

Dr. Rita Bakan, an instructor in the Department of Basic Health Sciences at BCIT, has collaborated with Dr. C. Laird Birmingham and Dr. Elliot M. Goldner, co-directors of the Eating Disorders Clinic, on a number of projects. A clinical trial of zinc supplementation of anorexia nervosa in patients was recently completed. An investigation of the dietary zinc intake of vegetarian and non-vegetarian anorexia nervosa outpatients, and an extensive review of the evidence that pregnancy and birth complications may be risk factors for the development of chronic anorexia nervosa have been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Eating Disorders.

Dr. Bakan first became interested in anorexia nervosa when she visited one of her students who had been hospitalized for the disorder. Her primary interest at that time was in the relationship of prenatal nutrition to later development, an interest which led her to read about zinc deficiency during pregnancy.

From Terry Jorden
Media Relations



Langley Secondary School Principal Dan Peebles checks in on a class of BCIT Electronics Technician students who are taking BCIT courses at his school. About 32 electrical/electronics students have been attending BCIT's Langley Campus since September.



Raman Dhair, first recipient of the Hedy Pevecz Memorial Award.

Transportation industry students benefit from Hedy Pevecz Memorial Scholarship

The newly created Hedy Pevecz Memorial Award will benefit the transportation industry after a major donation from the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation.

The award was presented for the first time October 26 by Bill Hopkins, president of the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation, which contributed the endowment funds. Raman Dhair of Williams Lake, B.C. was the first recipient.

The award is named in honor of Hedy Treer Pevecz, a BCIT instructor who died of cancer in June 1992. She was well respected and inspired many staff and students. This memorial endowment fund will provide a perpetual achievement award for International Trade/Transportation and Logistics students entering their second year at BCIT.

Hedy Pevecz graduated from the University of Hungary before coming to Canada. She worked in industry and government from 1960 until 1980 when she joined BCIT. She became program head in 1982 and started the International Trade program in 1984.

All donations will be held in trust and administered by BCIT. The provincial government may match, dollar for dollar, all contributions.

BCIT to establish endowment fund in memory of L'Ecole Polytechnique tragedy

BCIT is establishing an endowment fund in memory of the 14 women killed at the L'Ecole Polytechnique on December 6, 1989.

The endowment provides entrance scholarships to encourage women to enter BCIT engineering technology programs.

"The first thing most people remember about this tragic incident is the name of the perpetrator, not the murdered women," said BCIT President John Watson. "I felt BCIT could do something about that by creating an endowment in memory of these women."

The Simons Foundation will provide \$6,000 towards the endowment fund. The goal of the initiative is to raise \$25 thousand from the private sector. These gifts will be eligible for a matching grant.

At least one scholarship will be awarded annually at which time the names of the 14 women will be acknowledged.

BCIT A good place to work

On Friday, November 27, Brian Curtis lost his wallet on campus.

A good Samaritan turned it into Lost & Found where Brian found it on Monday. Thank You!

Reorganization

SOB decentralizes part-time studies, reorganizes business client studies

As part of the campus-wide reorganization, the School of Business has decentralized the administration of Part-time Studies and reorganized Business Client Studies.

With over 17,000 registrations each year, the school accounts for more than half of BCIT's total annual part-time registrations. Now, instead of one office handling support for part-time studies, five areas in the school will handle it.

The responsibilities have been assigned as follows:

Administrative Management -

Terri Carde, Program Assistant
Operations Management/Career Programs -

Laura Davie, Program Coordinator
Financial Management -

Jean Covell, Program Assistant
Broadcast Communications and Marketing Management -

Vicki Forbes, Program Assistant.
The Downtown Education Centre staff remains the same.

Michael Harrison, Dean, School of Business, said the new distribution of duties will contribute to the continued cost effectiveness of part-time studies. "This close working relationship between faculty and part-time studies coordinator in a particular program area and the administrative staff will help ensure part-time studies remain profitable," he said.

Administering part-time courses involves advertising, signing instructors to contracts, identifying classrooms, producing course outlines, setting up course files and obtaining textbooks. If any element is missing, the course cannot happen.

The work of setting up tailor-made courses in business will continue through Debbie Saxby as the coordinator of business training. Former acting director of Business Client Studies Mike Powley returns to the faculty of Marketing Management.



A memorable evening was enjoyed by all at the Annual Staff Retirement Dinner held at the Rix Club on November 26. In attendance were (back row left to right) George Milne, Patrick McSorely, Dick George, Ed Bissell (front row left to right) Max Ferstl, Norma Morris, Shirley Smith and Glenn Hardle.

Personnel/Employee Relations United Way Raffle

The very lucky winners of the Personnel/Employee Relations United Way draw included:

Bottle of Eric's homemade wine

Neil Howard

Basket of Marilyn's relishes

David Harvey

Basket of Col's salsas

Brent Balluff

Deb's Dough Bear ornaments

Paul Nolan

Pat's Christmas ornaments

Gail Brady

Tomi's French brew

Sharron Dodds

Susan gyotaku apron

Bruce Fostvelt

Grand Prize Winner of gourmet basket:

Tony Sartori.

(Grand Prize basket included wine, cookies, muffins, gyotaku teeshirt, christmas ornaments, dough boy ornaments, salsa, fudge, french brew, certificate for two facials, honey, fitness pass and a beautiful wicker basket.)

Raffle proceeds resulted in \$231 donated to United Way.



Ten ways to avoid being a victim of theft

1. Never leave handbags on desks or wallets in coats in your absence.
2. Always keep money in a safe place.
3. Be careful with keys -- always put them in a safe place and don't put spare keys in desk drawers.
4. Fasten vulnerable windows in your absence.
5. Never assume a stranger wandering in the building is a staff member. Ask the individual if you can help them.
6. Don't accept that a stranger is authorized to be in the building just because he says so.
7. Don't be overawed by visitors even if they want to see the president. Make sure the visitor is known and expected.
8. Never leave visitors alone in your office.
9. Don't disclose confidential information to a stranger.
10. Take care of your own property. BCIT does not accept liability for the loss of personal property

From Neil Chadwick
Safety and Security

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For rent: Cosy studio basement suite, furnished, clean and recently renovated, for VERY quiet, non-smoker/drinker/drugs. Street parking, beautiful garden, shared laundry facilities. No pets. \$400 /month, includes hydro and cable TV. Available immediately, for long or short-term tenancy. Security deposit and references required. East 6th/Rupert area. Call 253-5683 before 9:30 pm.

For sale: Roto tiller, \$150.
Ride-on lawnmower and utility trailer, \$1,000.
Chestnut/Canvas (eastern) canoe, \$1,500.
All in excellent, working condition.
Call Mary, 8656.

SA welcomes new Link editor

The Student Association is pleased to announce that Paul Dayson has won the competition to fill the position of LINK Editor. Paul comes to us with four years experience on the UBC newspaper and a Bachelor of Arts in History from UBC.

Some of you may already know Paul since he helped put together the Student Handbook this past summer and he produced the most recent issue of the LINK.

Let's all give Paul a warm welcome to BCIT! If you wish to chat with him or provide an article for the LINK, he can be reached at local 8935.

From Stephen Miller
SA

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