

BCIT Events to Come

Tuesday, November 8

- Blood donor clinic in Town Square A & B, from 1300 to 1530. Free juice and cookies.

Wednesday, November 9

- The Magic Bus, a mobile demonstration facility presenting the latest in visual processing technology, will be at BCIT's White Avenue entrance, across from SW2 on Wednesday, November 9, from 0900 to 1600.
- Blood donor clinic in Town Square A & B, from 1300 to 1530. Free juice and cookies.
- Lunch hour info session on timetabling and scheduling at BCIT. Help the new timetable working group by offering your input. Building SW5, Rm. 1850, from 1200 to 1300.

Monday, November 14

- Official opening of the marine engine room simulator at Pacific Marine Training Institute in North Vancouver at 1400.

Wednesday, November 16

- Staff service and recognition dinner (for employees at 20, 25 and 30 years of service) in Town Square A & B. Reception 1800, dinner 1830.

Monday, November 21

- Conflict resolution workshop in Town Square A & B from 0830 to 1600.

Tuesday, November 22

- Annual staff retirement dinner in Town Square A & B. Reception 1830, dinner 1900.

This week's enviro-tip

Invest in reusable printer ribbons & recycle used ones — reduction!

For more information on this week's environmental topic, call 8288 (option 3).

Today's chuckle:

Most shopping carts can hold one child and a week's salary.

BCIT groups tour PMTI

On Friday, October 14, the Pacific Marine Training Institute (PMTI) was able to return the hospitality of BCIT's Burnaby campus. Three groups from Burnaby were shown the facilities on the North Shore, and had the opportunity to meet colleagues in the marine world.

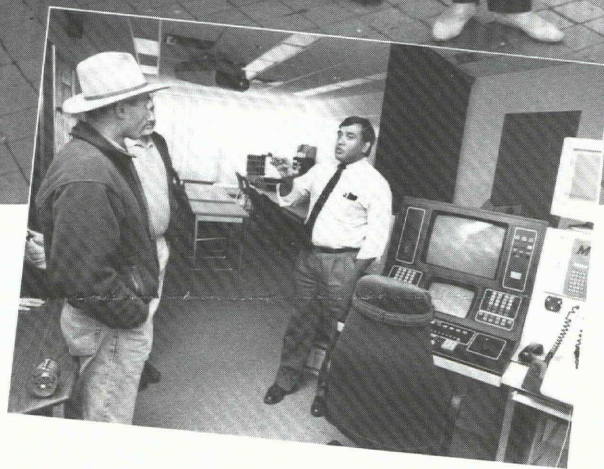
Since many people are not able to find the right context for PMTI's operations, the tour began with a video about the programs and facilities. Programs leading to Coast Guard certification as a deck officer or marine engineer constitute the majority of activities. There are additional programs leading to a diploma in shipping and marine operations, and some specialized courses in particular aspects of the marine world, such as oil tanker operations.

Following the video, the visitors were shown several areas at PMTI. The first was the training tank, pier and lifeboats for the marine emergency duty courses. The newly installed engine room simulator was the next stop. This million dollar simulator provides a variety of training opportunities using two engine types, low speed as found on ocean-going vessels, and the medium speed type found on ferries.

Next on the tour were the electronic navigation simulators,



BCIT visitors learn more about PMTI.



Bert Schendel photos

where blind pilotage activities can be engaged. These simulators are the latest generation of modular systems for radar navigation, navigation instruments training and ship handling.

The tours ended in the faculty lounge of PMTI, with a million-dollar view of the Port of Vancouver. Opportunities for future visits are being planned, and we on the North Shore hope

that many more of our BCIT colleagues will be able to see our facilities in the near future.

—from Dr. Stuart Donn,
principal, PMTI

Be part of the 4.5 percent solution

Only 4.5 percent of the Canadian population are registered blood donors, but you can help increase that figure by visiting the blood donor clinic on Tuesday, November 8 and Wednesday, November 9 in Town Square A & B from 1000 to 1530.

How long does it take?

The whole process takes only about 40 to 60 minutes, while

actual donation time takes only four to 10 minutes.

What's in it for me?

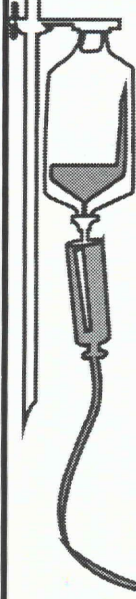
Aside from the satisfaction of a good deed, you'll get free juice and cookies!

Who can donate blood?

Anyone who is in good health and between the ages of 17 and 66.

Is there any preparation?

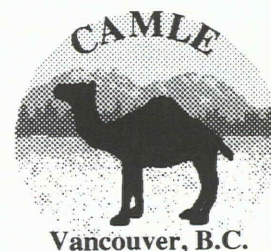
Make sure you eat a substantial meal within four hours of donating blood. Bring identification with you. Bring a friend so they can donate too.



Medical Laboratory educators meet at BCIT

This past June, the Canadian Association of Medical Laboratory Educators (CAMLE) met here at BCIT. The conference was held in the IBM building and was chaired by BCIT Med Lab instructor, Kathleen McCord.

Fifty-nine delegates attended, with cross-country representation from B.C. to Newfoundland. Speakers, including BCIT's Colleen Varcoe, dealt with issues such as critical thinking, the brain and memory, effective teaching strategies and various issues on diversity. A mini multimedia show was held during a Rix Club luncheon. The group was dynamic and communicative, many ideas and thoughts about the present and future medical laboratory technologist were discussed.



Evaluation forms and casual conversation confirmed that expectations had been met, the conference was fun and a great success. The camel mascot has been passed to delegates from Ottawa for CAMLE '95 in Ontario.

A big thank you to all, especially Med Lab staff; Verna Magee-Shepard, associate dean; Larry from AV; Tom and Rhanda from the Rix Club; Forsters and Ramone from Timetabling. Everyone helped make this an event BCIT can be proud it hosted.

—from Kathleen McCord.

An introduction to the timetable working group

The timetable working group (TWG) represents different areas of BCIT working together to make a difference. Its members include instructors, program heads and staff. Here is what they have to say about their role in improving the timetabling process:

Gerry Moss

TWG sponsor vice president, Student Services and Educational Support



"The objective of timetabling is to provide a workable link between students, classrooms and instructors. The Timetabling department on this campus has continually worked very hard with staff to provide those linkages, so that the best educational opportunities are provided. The timetable working group, with several faculty, Timetabling and Computer Resources personnel, is making great strides in moving to the next generation of timetabling service for students and faculty. Combined with the efforts of the Timetabling department, this group plans to have some significant advances to offer by the end of the year."

Valerie Nagel

TWG member diploma coordinator, instructor Computer Systems Technology School of Computing and Academic Studies



"Scheduling has historically provided timetables for sets of students within diploma programs, but with more advanced programs being introduced at BCIT, we are faced with the challenge of also providing scheduling service to students who do not fall into the traditional set (lock-step) system. As the profile of a BCIT student changes, so must the systems that we use to support their needs."

Vic Martens

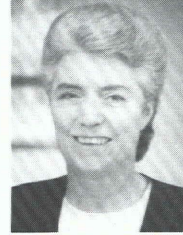
TWG member program head, Food Technology Biological Science School of Engineering Technology



"Producing a timetable that meets the educational needs of both students and instructors is an important function at BCIT. The individuals who make up the group are looking at specific ways to improve this complex task and they have a vested interest in making it work. It has been enlightening to work with faculty from each of four BCIT schools, as well as representatives from Timetabling and Computer Resources — it's a lot of hard work but it's enjoyable."

Jean Romanisson

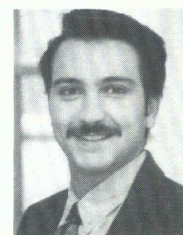
TWG member timetabler, Timetabling



"My primary role as a member of the timetable working group is to ensure that all participants in the timetabling process have an opportunity to input their ideas to the TWG. The participating groups are students, administrators, faculty and support services. Their valued comments will be reviewed and considered by the TWG in moving toward an improved scheduling process for BCIT."

Wayne Fraser

TWG facilitator research officer, Institutional Research and Planning



"There are two exciting dimensions to the timetable working group. The first is the reason for its creation: to find a process that enables quality scheduling to occur, to be accepted by all stakeholders and to be adaptable in a changing environment. The second, equally important dimension is that the TWG represents another step toward bringing the decision-making processes closer to the BCIT community."

Chris Clark

TWG member instructor, Administrative Management School of Business



"My involvement with the TWG originated with my belief that a good timetable is in itself a major input into the educational process. I also believe that scheduling is a complex process not well understood across the institute. I hope that the TWG can educate stakeholders, contribute to the development of more efficient processes and lead to better educational outcomes."



Vancouver Sun editor-in-chief speaks at BCIT-hosted breakfast

Ian Haysom, editor-in-chief of *The Vancouver Sun*, spoke at the most recent instalment of the BCIT president's breakfast series on October 26 at the Four Seasons Hotel.



Ian Haysom, editor-in-chief of *The Vancouver Sun*

Bert Schendel photo

Haysom, introduced by BCIT president John Watson, examined the question of whether or not the media is manipulated. While observing that some special interest groups go to extreme lengths to get their message out, he said that government and large corporations are responsible for most attempts at manipulating the media.

"Politicians use the media as doormats," he said. "Election campaigns are now more of a TV program—they're rehearsed and rehearsed."

This means that, despite the media's efforts to offer fair and balanced reportage, the public often sees slick, prepared presentations. "Candidates are groomed for TV," said Haysom. "Even Preston Manning plays his role with the panache of an actor."

While Haysom names government as the largest media manipulator, he adds that

corporations run a close second. "Every large organization has a PR [public relations] department whose *raison d'etre* is media manipulation," he explained.

"I'm not criticizing PR departments, but media has to be careful to sort through all this media flackery—to separate the wheat from the chaff."

Haysom said that Pacific Press takes a critical approach to every story, asking questions such as "Who gains or loses by running this story? Who gets hurt by this story? What does it do for [the newspaper's] credibility?"

Being vigilant about this kind of objectivity is important to Canadian media, but total objectivity is a lofty goal. "We can never be absolutely objective, but can strive to be full, fair and accurate, and try to give the reader the best possible understanding of the

stories," Haysom said.

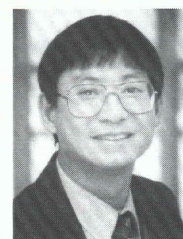
Responding to a question about the state of journalism graduates, posed by BCIT's marketing and development executive director Neil Howard, Haysom stressed the importance of journalism apprenticeship programs. He added that journalism graduates need to be exposed to hands-on training to develop the objectivity and good news judgement that they require to do their jobs properly. "My concern is amateurish investigation," he said.

Haysom used an aviation analogy, saying that a flight school graduate shouldn't be in charge of a 747 upon graduating. "They might crash and burn," he said. "But a newspaper can do that to a person's life in a second. I never lose sight of that."

—from Ruth Raymond

Peter Wong

TWG member analyst, Information Systems Support Services ISSS/Computer Resources



"Timetabling may initially seem to be a fairly simplistic process. I am quickly learning that it is a complex one involving many parties throughout BCIT. One of my greatest concerns is that everyone who is involved in the process has access to all of the necessary resources to produce the best possible timetable for our students."

Diane Belyk

TWG member instructor, Nursing School of Health Sciences



"I was asked to participate on this committee due to my passionate interest in timetabling, particularly in the area of equitable use of all teaching resources, faculty and rooms. As our students' learning needs change, we need to maximize these resources. An effective scheduling process is crucial to this end."

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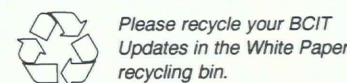
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More dogs than ever before

*United Way fundraiser
huge success*

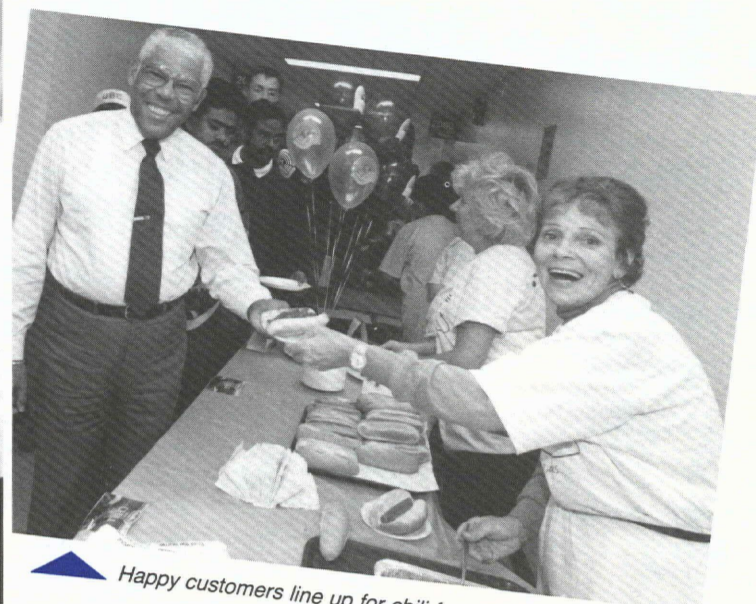


Fran Ashdown getting ready for the Chili Dog sale in the Word Processing Centre.



Monica McCormick (left), Susanna Kwong and Fran Ashdown cooking the dogs.

Mike Gdowski photos



Happy customers line up for chili from Barbara Hughes.

BCIT's fifth annual chili dog sale for the United Way broke all records this year. 76 dozen — that's 912 dogs — were sold for a grand total of \$1176. Sales have increased by \$947 since the first dog event in 1990, which raised \$229.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make this event a huge success.



...and the line keeps on moving.

Watch for news of the wrap-up event and final figures for the United Way campaign in the next issue of Update.



Satisfied customers!



The hard working crew from Word Processing. Front: Donna Montgomery, Patrica Jordn. Back (left - right): Bernice Tong., Beatrice Cheek, Karen Gibson, Barbara Hughes, Margo Chambers, Monica McCormick, Susanna Kwong, Carol Reid, Fran Ashdown.

News briefs

Magic Bus rolls into BCIT

The latest in visual processing technology will be on view in a mobile demonstration facility known as the Magic Bus. The display will include video-on-demand, 3D graphics, a low-cost desktop system that includes a digital color camera, productivity tools for software development, and intuitive user interface with digital media tools such as teleconferencing.

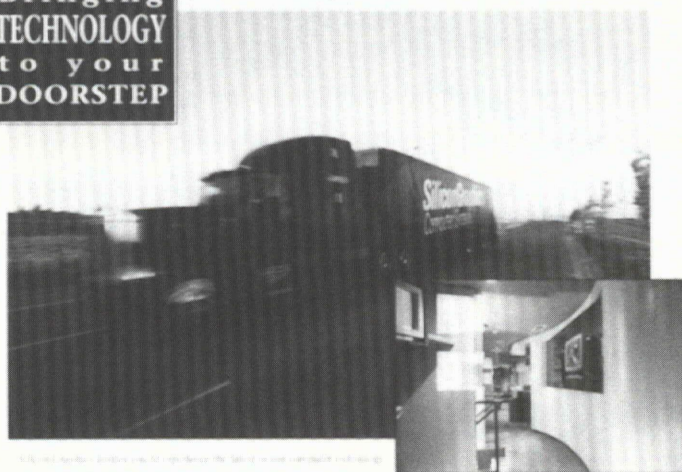
You'll find the Magic Bus at BCIT's White Avenue entrance, across from SW2 on Wednesday, November 9, from 0900 to 1600.

Tour schedule:

0900 to 1600 BCIT staff and guests from Open Learning Agency and Green Group of Companies.

1000 to 1200 high school students from Burnaby South, Moscrop and Terry Fox secondary schools

**Bringing
TECHNOLOGY
to your
DOORSTEP**



1100 to 1400 (three-hour break) BCIT faculty and students.

1345 to 1500 high school students from Burnaby South, Moscrop and Terry Fox secondary schools.

1500 to 1600 BCIT, OLA and Green Group of Companies.

Introduction to conflict resolution

This one-day workshop given by Deborah White of the Justice Institute will help you explore the dynamics of conflict, recognize individual conflict styles, and practise essential skills for dealing effectively with conflict. This November 21

workshop will be held in Town Square A & B from 0830 to 1600.

Anyone for carpooling?

Lorna Ziegler, of Purchasing, is looking for anyone interested in carpooling to BCIT from Abbotsford or surrounding areas (Aldergrove, Langley). Please contact her at 8357.

Christmas cruises

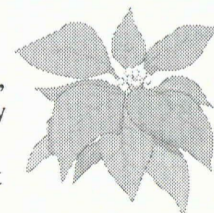
If you are looking for a fun activity for your Christmas party, consider a carol ship cruise. Richard Fowler, senior buyer in Purchasing (8466) is putting cruise packages together, and can offer you and your department fun, food and a four-hour cruise for around \$40 per person. Menus include turkey dinners, prime rib or all-you-can-eat pasta. These cruises fill up quickly, so call Richard soon.

If the high seas don't appeal to you, Richard is also coordinating

dinner packages for the Fish House in Stanley Park. Prices start at \$22.50 per person. Gift certificates are available at a 25 percent discount. Ask about the New Year's Eve extravaganza!

Deck the halls

Christmas is fast approaching, and you only have a month to get in on the annual Christmas poinsettia sale. All proceeds go to scholarships and bursaries. Available in red, white, marble and pink, poinsettias in six-inch pots sell for \$8.50. Or, put in your order for a gorgeous Christmas basket. The baskets feature a red poinsettia surrounded by tropicals, all for \$15.95. Prices include all taxes, and orders may be placed by calling Kelly at 8643.





Derek Walmsley

Mike Gdowski photo

STAFF PROFILE

Setting the stage

Derek Walmsley, audiovisual technician, works behind the scenes on staging for special events around campus and servicing equipment in the classrooms. "Recently I worked on the Quack-a-thon and the Celebration of Success luncheon, setting up and ensuring that the music and microphones were ready for use," says Walmsley.

Walmsley started at PVI in Maple Ridge 12 years ago. "Before I came to the Burnaby campus I was running a one-man show with photography, video and upkeep for the equipment," explains Walmsley. "Now I go out to nearly all of the campuses to service equipment and

perform staging, although we do encourage the smaller campuses to send their equipment in if they have a problem."

Walmsley is recognizable on campus in his new blue AV jacket with the BCIT AV logo on the back and his name embroidered across the sleeve. He also is invited into the classroom several times a year by instructors who ask him to explain to students what the Audiovisual department can offer them, and how to put together a slide tape show.

Walmsley enjoys helping members of the BCIT community determine their

requirements for microphones and other audiovisual equipment for conferences or special events. His ultimate goal is to increase the staging side of his work, perhaps with some professional development at off-campus staging companies.

When not at work, Walmsley enjoys spending time with his family. Both he and his wife Chris are active in their children's Scouting and Guiding activities. Walmsley got involved as a Beaver leader with his son's colony three years ago, and Chris is a Girl Guide leader with their daughter's troop.

—from Sheila Rees

Voice mail hot tips

Ways to make voice mail work for you:

- Check for voice messages regularly
- Answer your telephone when you are at your desk
- Use the voice mail system to send and respond to messages from others within BCIT Burnaby and Kaslo campuses
- Learn how to transfer callers into someone else's mail box

Recreation and Athletics

Air BCIT



Here's the perfect event for would-be aviators. On Tuesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 10, from 1130 to 1330, the gymnasium will be transformed into a mini-airport. Contestants will build paper airplanes and fly their way to fun and prizes. Airplane paper is available at 25 cents per sheet. Two \$25 prizes will be awarded

on each day — one for the farthest, and one for closest to the target.

To register for any of these programs call 432-8613.

New incentive for fitness program

Congratulations to everyone who is participating in the staff fitness incentive program. We have had a lot of new participants this semester, and we are looking forward to even more next term. If you have any ideas on how the

program can be improved or expanded, please let us know.

For those of you who are aiming for the maximum 55 points, we have added a new incentive prize — an attractive tracksuit. To be awarded one of these tracksuits, you must pay an additional fee of \$15. These cotton-lined suits have water resistant outer shells, and can be seen at the Recreation office in the SAC. If you have any questions or are interested in a tracksuit as your incentive prize, please contact Gloria at 8287.

Staff news

Kudos

Congratulations to Randy Friesen from Student Services for submitting the winning entry in the BCIT Staff Fitness Logo contest. Look for his logo on T-shirts and sweatshirts. Our thanks to everyone who submitted an entry in the contest.

It's a boy!

Financial Aid assistant Lisa Ho, from the Financial Aid and Awards office, together with her spouse Albert, proudly announce the birth of their 7 lb. 14 oz. son on Monday, October 17.



Classified

For Sale: B.C. No. 1 Mountain Fireweed Honey. Unpasteurized. Thirty-pound pails for \$40. Supply limited. Contact Carol at 8865.

For Sale: Piano, Cable-Nelson, apartment-size, in excellent condition, \$1500. Three-piece wall unit, 6'X6'. Holds TV, stereo and much more. Perfect for living or family room, \$350. Westinghouse fridge, 17/18 cubic feet, \$200 o.b.o. Contact Clare at 451-1336.

For Sale: 1988 Toyota 4-Runner, mech sound, great shape, very clean, \$13,500. Call Russ at 731-6405 or Joan at 6952.

For Sale: Classic glass and chrome dining table (40x60) complete with two brown velvet captain chairs and four side chairs in brown velvet, \$975 or best offer. Call Joyce at 8267.

For Sale: Admiral electric stove, olive green, top and bottom

ovens, \$150, very good condition. Call Joyce at 8267.

For Sale: 1990 Ford Tempo, 4-dr, 5-spd, red with grey interior, original owner, 94,000 kms, looks and runs great. First \$5,000 takes it. Call Gordon at 8876.

Wanted: Two-bedroom accommodation for three adults every third weekend during the ski season at Whistler. Christmas and spring break can be discussed. Call Bob at 263-7600 or 8300.

Wanted: Two-bedroom condo for two nights in Whistler, any time between December 17 and 31. Please contact Neil 8590.

Shared accommodation: Person to share a furnished two-bedroom suite in Vancouver's Fairview district. Prefer non-smoker in mid-20s to mid-30s. \$375 plus expenses. Includes parking. Contact Helen 8730.

1994 Annual Staff Retirement Dinner

Tuesday, November 22, 1994

18:30 - 22:00
Town Square A & B

The following employees have or will be retiring by December 31, 1994.

Peter Abel	Computer Systems	1965-1994
Basil Acorn	Millwright	1980-1994
*Elizabeth (Betty) Bach	Personnel	1981-1994
*Rita Bakan	Basic Health Sciences	1973-1994
*Alan Barnard	Power Engineering	1969-1994
Cam Barnetson	Chemistry	1964-1994
Don Campbell	Petroleum	1967-1994
Kay Easingwood	Marketing & Development	1990-1994
*Bruce Ellsworth	Marketing Management	1980-1994
Mari-Ann Hurliman	Library	1965-1994
Rae Higuchi	School of Trades Training	1982-1994
Ronald Knott	Communication	1969-1994
John Lloyd	Operations Management	1964-1994
John McInnes	Building	1977-1994
*James McLean	Civil & Structural	1980-1994
*Rudolph Nobauer	Industrial Instrumentation	1969-1994
Doreen Olson	Registrar's Office	1981-1994
Allan Pasichnyk	Welding	1979-1994
Frank Senior	Computer Systems	1967-1994
Muriel Shaw	Student Services	1976-1994
Eugene Shkurhan	Basic Health Sciences	1968-1994
Sylvia Sinclair	Medical laboratory	1964-1994
*Roger Smith	Medical Radiography	1967-1994
*Gary Smook	Chemical Sciences	1974-1994
Gene Tang	Chemistry	1965-1994
*Ray Young	Audio Visual Production	1975-1994

Staff who would like to attend the dinner can purchase tickets through the Special Events office for \$25.00 each.

*Attendance confirmed.