

BCIT Events to Come

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.

If you would like your event in Update's calendar contact Ronaye Ireland by telephone at 8738, by PROFS RIRELAND or internal mail. Deadline is one week prior to publication.

This week's enviro-tip

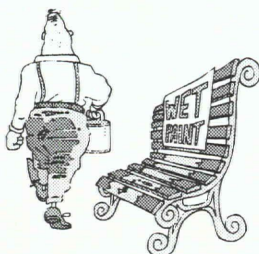
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Today's chuckle:

You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

— Sam Levenson



Shedding a little light

Janis Huston has always been a creative person, and when she couldn't find someone with a high level of expertise in lighting design for a project that she was working on, she went to BCIT to learn how to do it herself.

Huston and her associate Roberta Harper have both completed the course in colour and lighting in BCIT's Interior Design program. "At BCIT we learned how lighting affects colour, and it gave us a greater sensitivity to interior design," she says.

Huston has a background in construction. "My husband and I have been building houses for 10 years," she explains. "We would buy a lot, build a house, decorate it and live there for several years before selling it and moving on."

Today Huston designs lighting for other people's homes. She and Harper run Sand Dollar Interiors, a company founded by Huston three years ago. Since its



Roberta Harper (left) and Janis Huston climb the scaffold of success under a dome lit by their own design.

Bert Schendel photo

beginning, the company has completed more than 60 projects including residential, office, restaurant and landscape lighting.

Their most recent accomplishment was designing the lighting for the "Sonoma" in

the 1994 Street of Dreams competition. The house that they were involved with won three awards: Best of Show, Best Architectural and Best Interior Design.

Their latest client was so impressed with the Sand Dollar-

designed lighting she had seen in the 1992 Street of Dreams competition that she hired the company to design the lighting for her Point Grey home.

Huston sees lighting as complementary to architecture and interior design. "I want the lighting to complement the structure and design," she explains. One way she accomplishes this goal is by focusing on ceiling details. "I design ceiling details, because ceiling height affects the properties of light. And by lighting ceilings, you reduce glare and add a medium to reflect light."

Huston and Harper met through their husbands who are business colleagues. "I didn't know that lighting design existed before I met Janis a year and a half ago," explains Harper. "On her suggestion though, I went to a conference of the International Association of Lighting Designers in California, and once I saw what it was all about, I was hooked!" Harper then took some of the courses offered in the Interior Design program at BCIT.

Harper is not new to the residential marketplace—prior to joining Sand Dollar Interiors, she was in real estate. "I was ready for a career change, and lighting design allowed me to be more creative," she says.

Lighting design is a new field that is just beginning to be recognized. "Twenty years ago it existed only in New York City," says Huston. "But in the future I would like to see lighting design become recognized as a very specialized field."

"It's encouraging that the field is gaining recognition," adds Harper. "It's a matter of developing public awareness."

—from Sheila Rees

Education by design

Dixie Hudson, coordinator of the Interior Design Part-time Studies program, is proud of the accomplishments of the students in the program she started 15 years ago, along with Graham Lawrence, history of furniture instructor.

"We were approached by Continuing Education and started downtown before there was a campus there," says Hudson. "I can remember teaching my first class in basic design; we were in a janitor's closet in a church on Burrard Street!"

In the last 15 years, the program has expanded from one to seven basic design courses taught at the Downtown Education Centre and Burnaby campus.

"We make it very clear to the incoming students that they will not be registered interior designers once they have completed the program," explains Hudson. "However, many go on to work in interior design studios."

"The students who come to the program generally fall into



Interior design coordinator Dixie Hudson is still enthused after 15 years in the program.

Bert Schendel photo

three categories: people with a general interest in interior design who may be planning on building their own home, people who want a career change and people who are already in the industry and are looking for professional development," says Hudson.

Because the course teaches basic design, students end up working in many different fields. "We have graduates working in set design, window displays, lighting design, residential decoration and as manufacturer's reps with tile and fabric lines," she says.

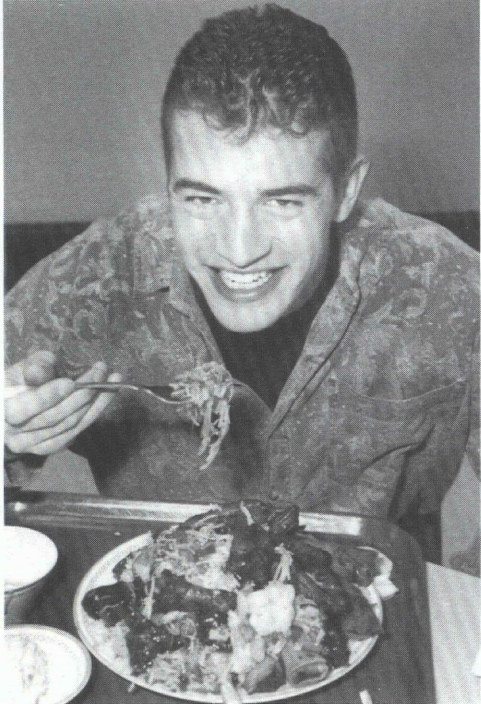
Rather than just completing the four-year program, the majority of students take the specific

courses that correspond to their needs and interests. As a result, there may be only 25 students graduating per year, but at least 400 students will have completed the basic design course in a given year.

Hudson sees the program as a stepping stone that can either lead students into a job or toward higher levels of education. "Kwantlen College in Surrey offers a three-year full-time program in interior design, and a lot of students take the BCIT course to develop the strong portfolio they need to get into programs like that," she says.

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United Way wraps up on Gilligan's Island



The wind-up buffet was a big success for hungry islanders and students alike.

Lowan Morrison, manager of Hagen's Travel on Kingsway, drew the grand prize winner's name. The trip for two with Canadian Holidays to Las Vegas went to Brigitte Peter-Cherneff, institute librarian.

Students, staff and faculty enjoyed a two-hour cruise in the Town Square cafeteria at the United Way wrap-up event on October 31. The Gilligan's Island theme was complete with a rubber dinghy, tropical plants and look-alike castaways.

Lowan Morrison, manager of Hagen's Travel on Kingsway, was there to draw for the big prize, a trip for two with Canadian Holidays to Las Vegas. Congratulations to

Brigitte Peter-Cherneff, institute librarian, who won this great prize and has until the end of August to try out her luck at the blackjack table.

Carol Glover, administrative assistant to the vice president of Finance and Administration, won 112 loonies in the 50/50 draw, with another \$112.00 going to the United Way.

Other prize winners include Rick Long, C.E. coordinator in

Computer Systems Technology, and Joyce Glover, secretary to assistant dean of Construction and Metal Industries. Both won hockey sticks. Gary Blidook, instructor in Steel Trades won a \$30 gift certificate for Boston Pizza, and Jackie Azar, alumni relations officer, won a \$30 gift certificate to Red Robin.

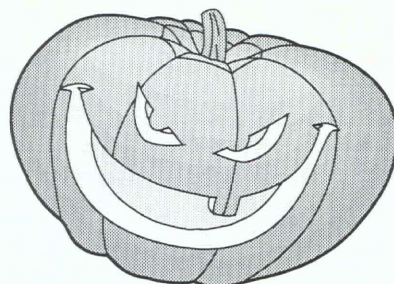
Total funds raised during this year's United Way campaign were \$29,728.04.

Castaways try out their version of the ill-fated S.S. Minnow.

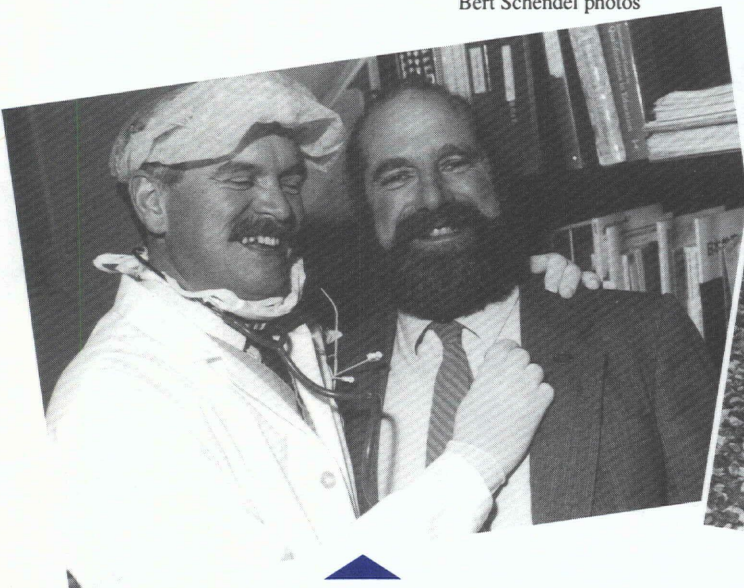


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BCIT staff dress the part



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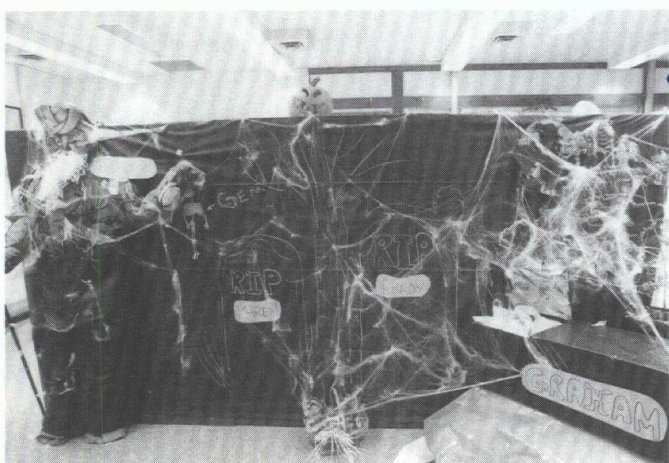


Val Karpinski (left) inspects Mike Cannell to see if associate deans really do have heart.



Staff in the registrar's office decided not to dress up for Halloween this year.

Mike Gdowski photos



The Finance department took a definite death theme in their office decorations.

But there's life in the Finance department after all.



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Top students recognized

October was an exciting month for 293 top students at BCIT. Scholarships and awards were presented by industry, faculty and alumni, recognizing outstanding efforts and contributions.

On October 19, 120 first-year students were honoured for their academic achievements at the Celebration of Success Luncheon and Entrance Awards Ceremony.

More than \$275,000 was awarded to first-year students as part of the Entrance Awards, to be followed by another \$100,000 in February. Awards consisted of Canada Scholarships, President's Entrance Awards, Alumni Entrance Awards and industry-sponsored Entrance Awards.

Peter Van der Gracht, president of Nexus Engineering, and keynote speaker for the occasion, addressed the importance of science and technology education.

Then, on October 26, the achievements of 173 top students were honoured at the October 1994 Scholarships and Awards Ceremonies. The high turn-out from industry meant that donors and recipients had a chance to

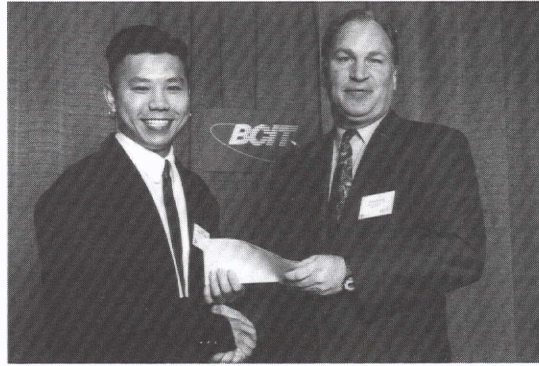
meet and learn more about each other.

The day began with the School of Business ceremony, followed by the Schools of Engineering Technology, Electrical and Electronic Technology and Academic Studies. The day ended with the School of Health Science ceremony.

There were three types of awards presented: scholarships to the students who received the highest averages in the first year of their technology; achievements to the students who received outstanding marks in specific first-year courses or who demonstrated a combination of high academic standing, leadership, service and/or all-round achievement; and finally school awards to outstanding students in the individual schools.

BCIT president John Watson spoke at the ceremonies, extending his congratulations not only to the winners, but to their support network of family, friends and instructors who helped make the students' achievements possible.

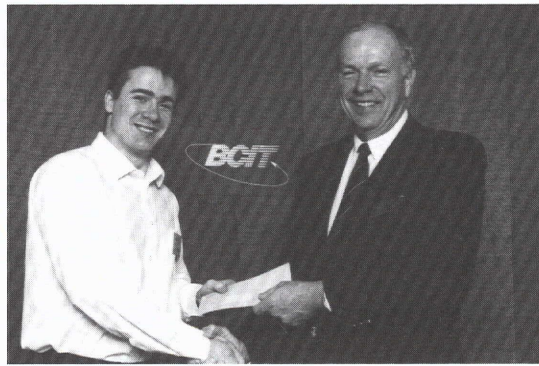
—from Sheila Rees



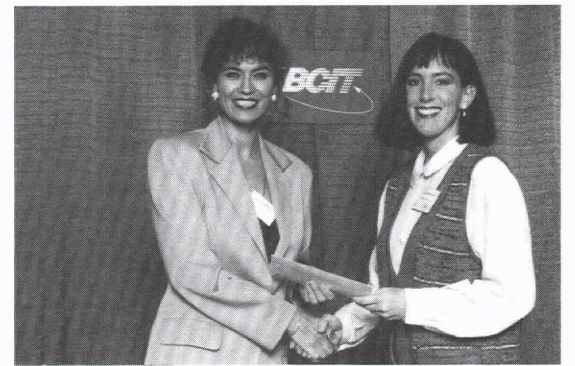
Peter Clark, president, Vancouver Executives Association, presents the V.E.A. Award to Tony Tse, School of Business.



Jan Wadsworth, office administrator, Student Services, presents the BCIT staff — High Tech, High Promise Capital Campaign Award to Marsha Kaye, Marketing Management School of Business.



Michael Harrison presents the Malcolm C.J. Wickson Memorial Award to Darryl Ewart, Management Systems, School of Business.



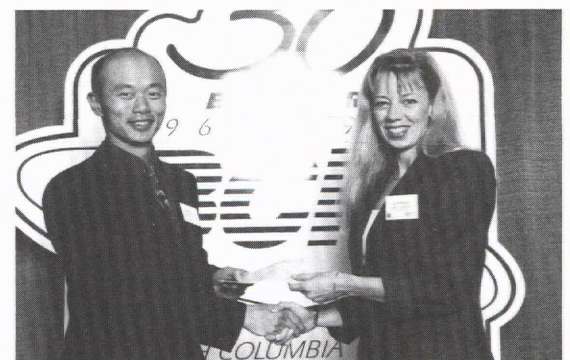
Colleen Brennan, director of BCIT Alumni Association, presents Alumni Association Award to Toni Mabey, Marketing Management, School of Business.



Murray Clark of The Hewlett-Packard (Canada) Ltd. presents the Norm Thompson Memorial Award to Derek Brown and Nancy March, School of Computing and Academic Studies.



Jennifer Orum, president BCIT Staff Society, presents BCIT Staff Society scholarship to Robert Laing, School of Electrical and Electronic Technology.



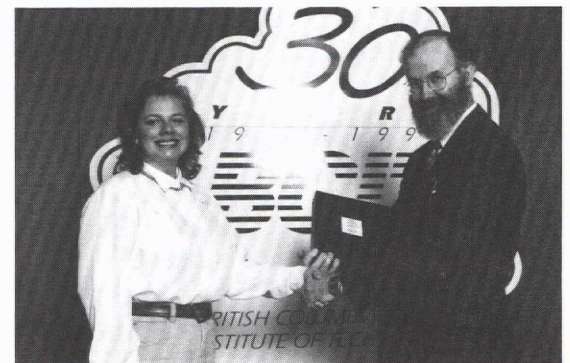
Valerie Nagel, Program Head Computer Systems Technology, presents the Malcolm C.J. Wickson Memorial Award to Christopher Lee, Computer Systems, School of Engineering.



Linda Barratt, Chief Instructor, Level 1 Nursing, presents Marika Makisiadis (left) and Teresa McQueen (centre) with the Angela Mazzuato Memorial Awards, School of Health Sciences.



Verna Magee Shepherd, Associate Dean, Diagnostic Technologies, presents Ellen Higgins with the Jack White Memorial Award, School of Health Sciences.



Michael Young, Program Head Electroneurophysiology, presents the B.C. Society of Electroneurophysiology Technologists Award to Andrea Carstairs, School of Health Sciences.

John Watson presents Henry Chiu with Entrance Award, School of Trades.



Kirsten Tisdale presents Richard Tesch with Canada Scholarship.



John Watson presents Rajbinder Gill with Entrance Award.



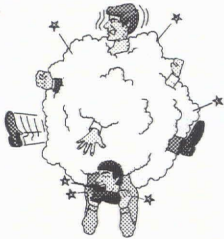
News briefs

Call for nominations

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) is calling for nominations for its national awards program. Individual and institutional achievements will be honoured in six categories: teaching excellence, leadership excellence, program excellence, student leadership excellence, internationalization excellence, and staff excellence. Nominations must be received by ACCC by December 2, 1994. For more details, contact Sharon Hatton at 8201.

Introduction to conflict resolution

This one-day workshop given by Deborah White of the Justice Institute will help you to explore the dynamics of conflict, recognize individual conflict styles, and practise essential skills for dealing effectively with conflict. The November 21 workshop will be held in Town Square A & B from 0830 to 1600.



Christmas fun packages

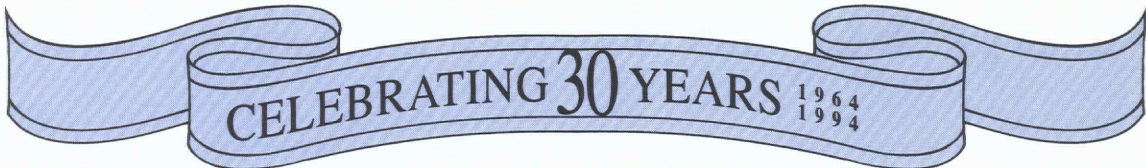
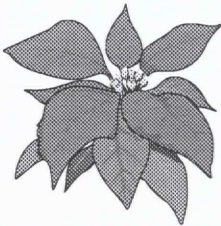
If you are looking for a fun activity for your Christmas party, consider a carol ship cruise.

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.

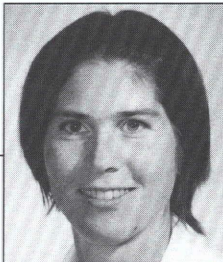
If the high seas don't appeal to you, Richard is also coordinating dinner packages for the Fish House in Stanley Park. Prices start at \$22.50 per person. Gift certificates are available at a 25 percent discount. Ask about the New Year's Eve extravaganza!

'Tis the season (soon)!

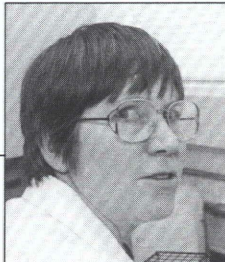
You can help BCIT scholarships and bursaries simply by decorating for Christmas. The annual Christmas poinsettia sale is on until December 2, so start thinking about what color and size you need to round out your holiday decor. Available in red, white, marble and pink, poinsettias in six-inch pots sell 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 proceeds go to scholarships and bursaries. Call Kelly at 8643.



Heather Pedlar



1966



1994

I started working at BCIT in the fall of 1966, two years after Medical Laboratory Technology started at BCIT. I love working here; I've been here 28 years and no year has ever been the same. We have a great group of people to work with, and our common goal is the students' success.

I came to BCIT from the Vancouver General Hospital. Back then, there were fewer staff than today, so I had preparation to do in most of our medical laboratory subjects (chemistry, hematology, immunohematology and microbiology). Over the years the program has changed and I have changed job descriptions several times, but I'm always in the back room preparing the reagents, specimens and equipment for the students' use, as well as doing inventory and ordering. Many people know me as the person with the cart who goes back and

forth, from stores to the fourth floor, with supplies and equipment.

I think that the biggest challenge for BCIT is keeping up with technological advances. We're trying to keep our old equipment alive and doing our best not to teach with antiques. It's a challenge to keep the equipment running when it is moved, stored, set up and used off and on — not the constant use found in industry.

There have been a variety of changes over the years; probably the biggest was with the introduction of the computer. There have been two major renovations to the lab area since I started and they both caused major upheavals. After the first renovation, I said I would leave before I would go through it again. But recent renovations for seismic upgrading took place and, sure enough, I'm still here!

I retired briefly in 1969 when my son Will was born, but they called me back 18 months later. So I came back to BCIT in January 1971, and I haven't left since. I was even working here on the morning my daughter Dawn was born. I left for the hospital during my morning coffee break, and she was born by one o'clock in the afternoon!

My husband George, who I married the same year that I started at BCIT, and I have 80 acres of land at our home in Glen Valley — that's my sanity. It used to take 40 minutes to get home, and now it can take anywhere up to three hours, but I love it, so the commute is worthwhile.

— Heather Pedlar is a member of the technical staff in Medical Laboratory Technology

Education by design

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Hudson combines running her own business, D. Hudson Design Inc., with 12 hours of teaching per week. All of the instructors in the program are registered interior designers who are active in the field, which helps maintain close links to industry standards.

Another way the program responds to industry needs is by offering a broad base of

instructors. "The instructors teach no more than two courses because design is so subjective, and we want to ensure that the students are exposed to as many different viewpoints as possible," explains Hudson.

With this close attention to keeping the instruction fresh and varied, it's no wonder that the program is highly recognized by industry. "We are in constant

contact with the Designers Resource Association, which involves suppliers who deal with every aspect of the trade. We know that we are responding to their needs because they call us up when they need someone."

The Interior Design program is expected to expand with the new Downtown Education Centre scheduled to open in 1996.

— from Sheila Rees

Voice mail hot tips

As you become familiar with the system, you can change your prompt level from standard to extended or rapid.

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Recreation and Athletics

Mount Washington



December 18-20

\$160 ski package includes group races, barbecue, three days of skiing, two nights hotel accommodation, one-hour lesson and transportation.

To register, call 432-8613.

Classified

For Sale: B.C. No. 1 Mountain fireweed honey. No preservatives and 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: Large three-piece sectional couch. Dark grey/black velvet, excellent condition, \$650. Queen-size bed (Simmons) mattress and box spring. One year old, \$300. Call Lisa at 8431.

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 at 8590.

Wanted: Anyone interested in carpooling between the Port Moody/Heritage Mountain area and BCIT. Call Terry at 431-3161.

