

# BCIT UPDATE

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## STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AUDIT TASK FORCE

Staff and students showed a keen desire to express their concerns and hopes about the program audit to Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training Stanley Hagen when he came on campus September 10.

Admitting that the process of creating a new program profile could mean a, "leaner, meaner institution," Hagen said that the process was very positive and very necessary if BCIT was to assume a leading role in developing high technology in the province.

In answer to questions about the possible effects on staff and students, Hagen said that if changes were going to be made, the first consideration would go to students and staff. "It is a real consideration and I am sure Mr. Park is very sensitive to it," he said. He was emphatic that programs would not suddenly be cut, leaving students stranded.

In answer to a question from Jonathan Young of Operations Management as to when the government would come out with the new focus for BCIT, he said: "Those people in the system know I don't drag things out. I couldn't promise one month, but I would be safe in saying before Christmas."

One student expressed concern that programs transferred to other colleges would lose their reputation with employers. This concern was also voiced by Automotive instructor Terry Fletcher who urged the Minister to remember that ties with industry had been built up over many years: "Let's sustain the majority of programs that are working very well with industry, instead of chopping them," he said.

Other staff members stating concerns were Stephany Grasset of General Nursing who pointed out that BCIT was the best training institution in the province for training nurses but had too few spaces to meet the demand. Hagen said he was working on the problem with the Ministry of Health.

Jim Caldwell of Spatial Information Systems was concerned that a study he had done recommending how to advance high technology had not been taken into consideration during the program audit. He was assured by the Minister that his document would certainly be taken into consideration now he had heard of it. "I guess if there was a reason for me coming today that statement is the best I have heard," he said. "I believe in working in the trenches. I appreciate you raising the point and would ask you to please get a copy of your report to Mr. Park because I am

sure he will be very interested in it."

Gary Kehoe of Survey, concerned at the lack of interest shown by high school students in BCIT's engineering programs, said, "for a government that has obviously set its priority on high technology and science, this is disturbing." "If we want to raise interest we have to show these students there are a lot of worthwhile careers they are not considering." Hagen admitted that better ways had to be found of reaching high school students and said he was working hard on developing a communications system with the secondary schools and their counsellors.

Answering a question from Don Guthrie of Renewable Resources as to whether the Minister had a science and technology policy for the province, Hagen replied, "A science and technology policy for the province is being put together by the Premier's Council on Science and Technology which reports to me. It should be ready about the same time as Commissioner Park's report and, as President Murray sits on the Council, they are well aware of the program audit at BCIT and its relevance."

Commissioner Park's report on BCIT is due October 19.

## STAFF WELCOME TO STUDENTS PAYS OFF

Val Karpinsky, director of Student Services and chairperson of the Student Orientation Committee, wishes to thank staff and faculty for their part in extending a warm welcome to all the new students arriving on campus earlier this month. Many students commented that they felt very welcome due to the friendly and helpful BCIT staff and faculty.

## MEDIA SERVICES NOW OFFERED IN NEW LOCATION

Josephine Bohemier of Audio Visual Services has moved her media services operation from trailer 1B on the south campus to room 158 in the J.W. Inglis Building (opposite the Print Shop).

As well as providing equipment circulation to the north campus Josephine is also in charge of the camera copy stand, clipper art catalogues, lettering machines, viewing room and audio/video tape dubbing. Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the number to call for information is local 5867.

## RON STERNE MOVES TO BUILDING 1A

Ron Sterne, dean of the School of Engineering Technologies and Trades, has moved from the Administration Building to room 309 in building 1A. His local is 8653.

Loraleigh Smith, administrative assistant to the dean, can be contacted at local 8404 and assistant secretary Marie Fehr at local 8775.

## NO MORE APPLIANCES PLEASE

Instructors in the Appliance Repair program received a deluge of enquiries to their recent request for appliances needing repair. They thank BCIT staff for their support but regret that no further orders can be taken at present.

## STAFF NEWS

**Retired:** Doug Short on September 30 after 19 years, from Broadcast Communications.

**Resigned:** Frank Bordignon, Physical Plant's foreman of General Trades, to work for Inland Natural Gas as building and fleet administrator. Frank was a 1979 Building Technology graduate.

**Leaves:** Ernst Wilmink, Co-op Education co-ordinator, for a one year study leave at UBC. His position is being filled by Valerie Perkio, former Co-op Ed. co-ordinator at Georgian College in Barrie, Ontario... Linda Wiles, forms analyst with Computer Resources, for a medical leave of absence from September 23 to November 6. Kippy Laflamme will replace Linda during that period. She can be reached on Linda's PROFS i.d. or at local 8454.

**New Appointments:** Gerry Weeks to acting Institute Librarian while Paula Pick continues in her appointment as acting vice president, Student Services and Educational Support... Terry Garner to radio instructor, after hanging up his hat as promotions director in the Community Relations Department.

**Achievements:** Forms analyst Linda Wiles, who is president of the Business Forms Management Association, Vancouver Chapter, was recently named Member of the Year for Canada.

**Marriages:** John Lancaster, Building instructor, to architect Pat McMahon.

**Apology:** To Charles Saunders, who retired after 20 years service to the Institute this summer, not ten, as reported in the September 8 issue of UPDATE.



## OVERSEAS JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The following overseas positions are currently available through the International Education office on campus:

### Classroom Evaluation Specialist

Institution: SEAMEO  
Location: Penang/Malaysia  
Duration: 12 months  
Qualifications: Ph.D. in science and math  
B.A./B.Sc. M.Sc. in math and science  
English  
Salary: Comparable to Canada

### Project Director

Institution: ACCC  
Location: Based in Canada with extensive overseas travel  
Qualifications: A graduate degree  
Fluency in one of Canada's official languages with a working knowledge of the other; good oral and written communication skills; well established record of performance as an administrator and manager; experience in Third World development and sensitivity to South-East Asian cultures; a broad understanding and knowledge of post secondary education in Canada  
Salary: Commensurate with that paid by universities and colleges

For further information on these or other overseas opportunities please contact Donna Hooker at local 8842 in the International Education Office.

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