

## Marketing alumni reunion raises funds for student awards



To commemorate 10 years at BCIT and the success of her students throughout the years, Marketing program head Glenna Urbshadt organized an alumni night for Sales and Small Business grads on March 30th, 1996. Proceeds from the event totalled close to \$2,000 and will be directed towards student awards over the next few years.

Urbshadt was able to track down 650 of her 750 former students and was thrilled with a turnout of close to 350 people. "Organizing the event took close to 3000 phone calls," she said with a laugh, "and I don't plan on doing it again too soon, maybe it's something we could do on a five-year basis."

An enthusiastic response after the event including thank you notes and networking opportunities pleased Urbshadt to no end. "It was great to hear what



everyone is up to and it was also a chance to remind alumni that BCIT is still here and job postings have been coming in."

As part of the response, Urbshadt analyzed what her former students are doing. The results show a very high retention rate in their area of study.

— from Sheila Rees

## For Business Entrepreneurs ...

As we all know, self employment is on the increase and many people are finding they have become contractors rather than employees. The exclusive Venture program at BCIT translates good business ideas into reality. The three month program, which starts in March and September each year, focuses on business planning and startup. Entrepreneurs with workable business concepts develop plans, explore their markets, acquire management skills and make contacts. This summer BCIT surveyed 138 of the program's 176 graduates and found 68% were established in business and another 18% were about to launch their business.

For more information on the Venture program, contact the Entrepreneurial Centre to set up an appointment at 432-8767.



# BCIT News

## President's Message — *from Bill MacPherson (Mech. Systems '91/Bus. Admin '88)*

On November 26th, BCIT will open the new Downtown Campus building at 555 Seymour Street at Dunsmuir. I would encourage all BCIT alumni to take this opportunity to re-establish your connection with BCIT and come see the new campus. There will be information available through BCIT regarding open houses for you to tour the new facility, please call (604)687-4666 for more details. While you are taking this

opportunity to come back to BCIT, I would also encourage you to partner with BCIT for yourself or your company in "life long learning". BCIT would be very happy to talk to you about training programs for you on an individual basis, or standard and customs programs for your company. The Downtown Campus can become a very useful tool for you for training facilities, meeting rooms and technical services.



## High tech grads meet high tech flyer



Sea Island's Class 141 graduated on Thursday, August 8th at the Tradex Pavilion at Abbotsford Airport. This was the preparation day for the Abbotsford Airshow and many performers/exhibitors were flying in that day.

With permission from the U.S. Military for photographs, here is the graduating class in front of the Stealth fighter: Lawrence Balisbis, Corrinna Cummings, Stuart Eaton, Chad Gibson, Jeremy Green, Robert Handfield, Carl Pohlmann, Troy Ralph, Robert Schaller, Taggar Gurpreet, Christian Tau and Bond Teung.

The graduation ceremony was also attended by Ron Price (Keynote speaker - CEO Airshow Canada), Gerry Moss (BCIT Vice President Student Services, representing the BCIT Board of Governors), family and friends of the students, and faculty and staff of BCIT's Aviation program.

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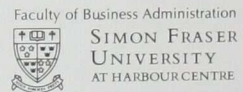
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# BCIT News

## Entrance Award winners for 1996/97

The BCIT Alumni Association is proud to announce the Alumni Entrance Award winners for 1996/97

### Technology students:

Laura Accili (Broadcast Communications) from Kelowna  
Kevin Andrew Bleic (Industrial Education Teacher Education) from Victoria

Kendrick J. Brown (Geographic Information Systems) from Victoria  
Christine Cho (Building Technology) from Burnaby

Lorne M. Henderson (Mechanical Engineering) from Ashcroft, BC  
Robert John LaBelle (Nursing) from Surrey

Robert Miller (Occupational Health & Safety) from New Westminster  
Erin Amber Rodgers (Medical Radiography) from Richmond  
Charmaine Smeeth (Diagnostic Medical Sonography) from Burnaby  
Dale Duncan Sweet (Medical Radiography) from Vancouver

### Trades students:

Benjamin Chan (Electricity & Industrial Electronics) from Cranbrook  
Annette Lacroix (Joinery) from North Vancouver

Brett Niven (Auto Collision Repair & Refinishing) from Houston, BC  
Lina C. Spittle (Mechanical Drafting) from Vancouver

Paul A. Tomei (Millwright) from Burnaby  
Derek R. Willmott (Aircraft Maintenance) from Vancouver

Congratulations to all!

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## Thirty years of Broadcast grads attend reunion

Grads from the first thirty years of Broadcast Communications programs descended on the Broadcast Centre on April 26th, 1996 for the department's annual reunion. John Ansell, program head of Radio, organized the event and estimates close to 450 grads showed up to swap stories, handshakes and hugs and to recall their two years at BCIT.

The event is scheduled for the last Friday in April each year. This year, the walls of the Broadcast Centre were covered with photos taken over the past three decades, as well as the usual "Where are they now" class lists. Close to 2500 students have commenced training over the years, with about 2000 of those completing the course. It can be a real challenge to track grads after they leave BCIT because not everyone "calls home" to say where they are, but the department knows where about 1200 grads are today, most still involved in the broadcast industry or a closely related occupation.

— from Brian Antonson

## Alumni draw gives students a break

Book receipts meant big bucks in an Alumni Association sponsored draw. First and second year students entered their textbook receipts from the BCIT Bookstore in a draw to have the amount of their purchase reimbursed. Four draws in September produced the following lucky winners: Rick Kolenosky, Tai Trinh, Adam Redfern and Eesmyal Santos-Brault. Total amount reimbursed was \$715.61. Congratulations!

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# Thank You Grads!

## Thank you, BCIT Graduates

Thanks to your generous support, our second annual alumni fundraising campaign was a great success. Gifts received and pledged to date total \$19,000. Our sincere thanks to all of you who chose to help enhance the learning environment at BCIT and provide urgently needed scholarships, bursaries and awards for students.

Your donations were directed to the following categories: \$3,642 to programs selected by you, \$1,810 to the endowment fund (matched by the provincial government to total \$3,600) \$515 to the Downtown Education Centre library, and \$5,207 to area of greatest need (matched by the provincial government to total \$10,400).

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## BCIT confers first bachelor's degree

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Defries, who works in project management at BC Hydro and is part-owner of Able Security and Alarm Systems, has been working towards the degree for four and a half years through part-time studies. He began his commitment to lifelong learning in 1972 graduating from BCIT with a diploma in Electrical Engineering. Before embarking on a degree in Computer Systems, Mr. Defries took an additional 13 core courses to meet the pre-requisites. He is contemplating his next step "I am thinking about doing a business degree next."

"Today's ceremony has moved BCIT into another era—an era of providing a practical degree option in post-secondary education. Now we can open even more doors to career and job opportunities," said Gillespie after the ceremony.

## ASTTBC News

The first Limited License in Professional Engineering from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) was presented in April 1996 to John Beggs, AScT, employed by BC Hydro. Implemented by APEGBC in September 1995, Limited Licensure in engineering or geosciences gives formal authorization and public recognition to qualified practitioners in natural and applied sciences who possess expertise within a narrow field that falls within the

practice of those professions as defined under the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.

This is an historic event for Applied Science Technologists and will certainly expand the career opportunities for BCIT and college graduates", according to ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech (BCIT grad 1970/71). A former member of the BCIT Board of Governors and a Past President of the BCIT Alumni Association, John Leech noted that this recognition is one of many that ASTTBC has achieved since acquiring its own professional statute in 1985. For information and membership application in ASTTBC contact them at 10767 - 148 Street, Surrey, BC V3R 0S4.

### Armand Paris, BAsC., MAsC., P.Eng. BCIT Mathematics Instructor 1964 - 1982

When BCIT Math instructor, Armand Paris, died suddenly in 1982, an endowment fund to annually provide BCIT's top Math student in first year Food Technology with scholarships was established by family, friends and colleagues. Since that time, 14 students have received scholarships totalling \$3,950.

While the fund was significant 14 years ago, declining interest rates are reducing the amount of interest earned each year for disbursement, while costs for students continue to increase.

To ensure Armand's memory continues to be honored in a significant and meaningful way, we are asking alumni to join BCIT President Brian Gillespie, faculty members and former staff members to make a donation to his fund.

Contributions over \$25 will receive a receipt for income tax purposes and all donations will be matched dollar for dollar by the provincial government. Please forward your cheque (payable to the "BCIT Armand Paris Memorial Fund") to Susan Walters, BCIT Development Office, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5G 3H2 or call (604)432-8868 for more information.

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# Grad Gossip

1966

In memoriam, **Alexander Chu** (Medical Radiography) has recently passed away. His friends and family have established a memorial bursary in Alexander's name. If anyone wishes to contribute to the endowment fund, contact the BCIT Development Office, Jennifer Higgins-Ingham at 432-8803 or Susan Walters at 432-8868.

1968

**Armstrong, K. Stewart** (Business Administration) and Claudia live in Williamsville, New York. Stewart is Executive Vice President and Regional President, Central Region for the Marine Midland Bank, based out of Syracuse, New York. Upon graduation from BCIT, Stewart joined the Bank of Montreal, then in 1982 left to join the newly formed Hongkong Bank of Canada, appointed in 1988 as Vice President and Chief Auditor. In 1994 he joined the Marine Midland Bank. He obtained his CMA designation in 1977, and coupled with the business fundamentals obtained at BCIT, says it has provided a solid foundation for his banking career. Stewart comments, "Many things influence one's life and career, particularly over 28 years, but I still feel the single most important event was my decision to further my education and enroll in BCIT in 1966."

1970

**Beck, William (Bill) Arthur** (Electrical/Electronics) lives in Vancouver and is a Power Supply Technician with Triumf. His main project is fixing up an old 400cc motorcycle with an electric motor to run off batteries, the drive-train and home-built solid-state controller are mostly finished. Other projects: single-to-3 phase converter, in-flow stream engine.

**Carrievau, Alan E.** (Lumber & Plywood) and Linda live in West Vancouver, they celebrate their 25th anniversary this year with a trip to Asia. Their son Corey also went to BCIT (Financial Management) and is an accountant for Future Shop in Burnaby. Daughter Chelsea will be married this year and youngest daughter Charysse is looking forward to attending West Van's new Caulfield School this fall. Alan is with Canfor Pulp & Paper Marketing, was the Pulp Mill superintendent for 15 years and now promoted to Canfor's head office as regional marketing manager for Asia-Pacific (includes China, Taiwan, Korea, Malaysia, India, Vietnam and Australia).

1971

**Lacourciere, Arthur** (Forestry) is a Forester with Weldwood of Canada Ltd. Arthur, his wife Susan and two daughters Erin, 10 and Ginny, 12 are in Florida on a work exchange program with their parent company, Champion International. They've been there almost a year and will soon go home to Williams Lake, BC, where they've lived since the '70s.

**Garry, Donald M.** (Electrical/Electronics) is still working for BC Tel after 25 years, as Provincial Manager of Major Projects and Resources, still married to **Bettina (Buckley)** (Public Health '72) after 24 years and has three children, Kristy, Paul and Barbra. They live in Kelowna - God's country by the lake and close to Big White... can't get any better! Bettina works as a Community Care Facility Licensing Officer in Kelowna.

1972

**Colman, Jeanne (Kroeker)** (Computer Systems) has moved to Toronto. She is Director of Marketing with TMC Consultants.

1973

**Grunert, Howie Lloyd** (Electrical Power) is Maintenance Manager with the Pulp & Paper Research Institute of Canada. Howie became a certified electrician in 1975, worked as a maintenance electrician 23 years, became a steam engineer two years ago. He lived in Alberta for 10 years, has been in Richmond for 10 years.

In memoriam **Roger Siebert** (Forestry) passed away earlier this year. Steve Waghorn wrote to say that his fellow classmate, Roger, worked for the Ministry of Forests in Horsely.

**Summers, David Robert** (Forestry) and wife Heather, married 5 years ago, have a son, David Jr. They've traveled the world sightseeing and hunting, visiting Spain, Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland, Cuba, Mongolia, China, Baker Lake and Norman Wells, NWT and Alaska with Russia on the agenda. They live in Woss Lake where

David has been promoted to General Superintendent of Company Operations with Canfor.

**Waghorn, Steve** (Forestry) and his wife **Jill (McQuinn)** (Biological Sciences '74) have been married since 1975 and have two teenagers, Nathan and Marissa. Jill pursued her interest in art and now operates her own business designing and making ceramic jewelry as well as other ceramic art creations. After Steve graduated, he did a brief stint in the NWT, then back to the coast where he worked for the BC Forest Service in Powell River. He has been with the Ministry of Forests since then where his current position is Land Information officer, managing the GIS/Inventory/Mapping activities of the Sunshine Coast Forest District.

1974

**Azak, Collier H.** (Forestry) is currently working for his tribal council — Nisga'a Tribal Council. They have been quite busy working toward completing their Treaty. Collier's concentration in his work with the Treaty process is in the natural resources area, and not strictly forestry.

**McGougan, M. Cathy** (Marketing) lives in Nanaimo. She graduated from SFU's Executive MBA program in August '95 and is an instructor for New Enterprise Management Program & Business Management Diploma Program at Malaspina University College.

1975

**Arens, Loré (Dronzek)** (Medical Radiography) is an x-ray Technician with Valley X-Ray Services where she's been since 1981. The family lives in Mt. Lehman and includes two children Danielle and Matthew. They moved to larger acreage to be part-time farmers, raise free range chickens and eggs, beef cattle and have an orchard.

**Vanderheilm, Ronald** (Electrical/Electronics) and Lena live in South Surrey. Ronald is with Sierra Wireless.

1976

**Bissenden, George** (Instrumentation/Systems) and Karen have been married since 1984, recently moved from Burnaby to Salmon Arm to begin the good life — telecommuting. George is employed with Durand-Rauté as an Embedded Systems Engineer. He keeps busy traveling, remodeling, playing at the lake and enjoying his two kids, Risa, 5-1/2, Aidan, 3-1/2 and wife Karen.

**Kilback, Andrew (Drew)** (Forest Products) is Environment and Control Supervisor with MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. Drew and Shona live in Powell River and recently bought a new house due to four ever-growing kids.

**Loynes, Michael** (Hotel/Motel) is President of M. Loynes & Associates, tax and investment advisors. In addition, Mike and his wife Linda own and operate Lazy Acres Llamas. With eight years in the llama business, Lazy Acres specializes in "breeding genetic excellence" for the show ring, breeding stock and fiber production. Interested parties are always welcome at the White Rock farm.

1977

**DeKleyn, Ron** (Marketing Management) and Patty live in Calgary. Ron is Key Account Manager with Good Humour - Breyers.

1978

**Forwood, Robin** (Forest Resources), received a second diploma in International Business in 1988. In 1991 he moved to Taiwan as Production Controller for a UK firm. Married a Taiwanese lady in 1993, left his job and started his own trading company. Children are Daniel Eric, born 1994, Amber Chamaigne, born 1996. Robin is now working hard, traveling all over Asia and the world and making lots of dollars. If he had done this 10 years ago, he might have retired by now. Robin is looking for fellow BCITers to correspond with, contact him Robin Forwood, 6F-2, No.36 Long An Road, Hsichin Chen, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan 221, R.O.C., tel 886-2-643-2178, fax 886-2-643-2135 and e-mail pillar@pristine.com.tw

**Lee, Gar** (Civil & Structural) lives in Vancouver. He's interested in any grad reunions, can be reached at home via email garlee@pacificmeta.com.

**Mullins, Stephen N.** (Marketing) lives in West Vancouver. Since

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graduating from BCIT, Stephen has worked in the NWT as a commercial helicopter pilot, sold Beech aircraft in BC and Alberta, marketed helicopters avionics and maintenance services, managed computer retail stores, worked as a branch manager for a large Canadian electronics distributor and then in June of 1990 incorporated a computer sales and consulting company called Astar Technology Inc., he is president and owner. Stephen has expressed an interest in being a guest lecturer to Business or Aviation courses.

**Ritchie, Dawn Joy** (Marketing Management) lives in Victoria and is self-employed as a consultant.

1980

**Bugden, George H.** (Computer Systems) and Nadine (Hopkins) live in Surrey and have two daughters, ages 2 and 5. George works for a subsidiary of IBM.

1981

**Docherty, Douglas S.** (Civil & Structural) lives in Aldergrove with his family, wife Susan, two girls, third baby was due in August. Susan is a secondary school teacher with the Langley School District. Douglas is with Warnock-Hersey as Supervisor - Fenestration & Materials Testing.

**Johnson, Bruce** (Civil & Structural) and **Kathy (Hertel)** (Business Admin. '81) live in Sidney, BC, were married three months after graduation from BCIT. They now have two daughters, Alia, 12 and Kayli, 9. Bruce started with Read Jones Christoffersen, Consulting Engineers after graduation, working in the Vancouver office and he now manages the Victoria office. He challenged the UBC exams to become a Professional Engineer and completed that in 1988. Kathy works part-time for her parents' company, Hertel Meats, doing their Accounts Receivable.

1982

**Cuthbert, Bob** (Forestry) is an Engineering Specialist with the Ministry of Forests. His wife Leah is a Selkirk College Forestry Grad of '82. They have lived in Prince Rupert since 1994 with their three children. Leah also works for the Ministry of Forests in the "L.I.M." section.

**Earnshaw, John Jamieson** (Administrative Management) has lived in England for eight years. His mother wrote to say that John married Diane last year in Grahams, has one child Genevieve and another expected in October.



# Grad Gossip

**Gould, K. W. (Ken)** (Operations Management) has moved back to Coquitlam from Toronto. He was with War Amps of Canada as Customer Service Representative and was a volunteer with the Horizon Interfaith Council, Unity Church of Truth, and the Welcome Baby Program of Etobicoke as a board member. Ken has earned certificates in microcomputer programming with the University of Toronto and George Brown College as well as taking Microeconomics and Business Law with the Open Learning Agency.

**McDonald, L. Scott** (Administrative Management) is a real estate agent with Re/Max 2000 Realty. He and Robyn live in Surrey.

**Prothero, Amanda J.** (Marketing '82/Medical Office Assistant '85) lives in Qualicum Beach. She is working at Burnaby Hospital as Admitting Clerk/Bed Control. Amanda says "it was great to 'run' into Brenda Nicell (20C2-1982) recently. Amanda would enjoy hearing from any fellow classmates from 20H1 and 20C2 Marketing '80-'82. Call the Alumni office 432-8847 to get in touch with Amanda.

**1983**  
**Dutton, Peter Richard** (Hotel Restaurant Administration) is Director of Sales and Marketing with Bridges Restaurant. Peter lives in Vancouver.

**Grypstra, Irving** (Operations Management) and Brenda live in Terrace. They have two children, Mitchell 3, and Cassandra 6 months. Irving is with Repap British Columbia as Pulp Fibre Supply Manager. He would like to hear from other OpMan grads passing through Terrace.

**Linfield, David** (Forestry '83 and Forest Products '84) lives in Wembley, Alberta with his family, wife Roberta and daughter Jessi 9, and son Alex 6. David is currently working for Weyerhaeuser Canada, Grande Prairie Timberlands as Harvest Planner for Company Harvest Operations. David is interested in hearing from Forestry and Forest Products grads from 1982 to 1984. Contact him via email linfield@agt.net or Box 501, Wembley, AB T0H 3S0.

**1984**  
**Evans, Scott** (Hospitality/Tourism) and Sharon live in Coquitlam. Scott is District Manager for Little Caesar's and says "remember if you want pizza, think Pizza Pizza". He says it's great to be back on the mainland.

**Rohde, Joern** (Hospitality/Hotel-Motel) and Jacqueline were married last summer and purchased an eight room bed and breakfast in Whistler. They welcome all BCIT grads to visit them at Cedar Springs Lodge, phone 604 938-8007.

**1985**  
**Cruikshank, Randy R.** (Forest Resources) lives in Surrey, works for B.C. Transit. Randy and his wife Melody welcomed twin girls last May 24, Breanne Megan and Dona Eleanor. Brother Ryan, 3 thinks they are great.

**Roy, Patricia Marie** (General Nursing '85/Psych Nursing '81) lives in Burnaby and is a Staff Nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster. Patricia graduated with distinction from Okanagan University Hospital/College with a Bachelor degree of Science in Nursing (BSN).

**Sangster, Margot Anne** (Administrative Management) recently returned from a year in Thailand where she was studying/working in a meditation centre. Prior to this, she was working with atrisk youth in B.C. and the Philippines. She is returning to Thailand shortly and sends best wishes to all.

**1986**  
**Barnes, Laura Linea** (Marketing) lives in Vancouver and is a Customer Service representative for Brooks-Corning Company.

**Becker, Carol** (Administrative Management) lives in Vancouver and became an owner/partner of Rare Indigo Destination Marketing Inc. in July.

**Bowering, Glynis K. (Germann)** (Medical Radiography) is an x-ray Technologist with Royal Columbian Hospital. Glynis and **David** (Aircraft Maintenance '86) have been married for 10 years and have

a 3 year old son and 1-1/2 year old twin daughters. They live in Richmond.

**Gould, Colin C.** (Aircraft Mechanics) is with Canadian Regional Airlines as Lead Hand. Colin and Mary-Ellen live in Calgary, have a daughter Emma, 2.

**Joseph, Judy** (Broadcast Journalism) lives in Victoria. She is with the University of Victoria Athletic & Recreational Services Department in Public Relations.

**Braun, Vern** (Broadcast/TV) and Kate (Reynolds) were married last year and live in Calgary. Vern is Producer with White Iron Productions. "12C5's" from '86 - where you at? You can email Vern at braunv@cia.com.

**1987**  
**Brown, Yvonne Louise (Siemens)** (Broadcast Journalism) and Allen live in North Vancouver. Yvonne is Advertising and Publications Manager with the Vancouver Opera.

**Chalmers, Sandra (Auld)** (Hospitality/Tourism) and **Dean** (Mechanical '88) live in Vancouver, they were married in October 1995. Sandra works in the snowboard industry and Dean is currently working at Creo Products in Burnaby and will be finishing his engineering degree in Waterloo this fall.

**Wolverton, Linda (Gough)** and **Brent** (Financial Management '87) are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Jonathan Newton, a brother for Hanna Jane, 2. They've relocated to West Van, Linda's a full-time mom and Brent is very busy in the stock brokerage business.

**1988**  
**Cairns, Brenda L.** (Hospitality Administration) now lives in Calgary. She enjoys working with CP Hotels in a few different properties as Executive Housekeeper at the Palliser and is a part-time instructor with the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology teaching Supervision, Housekeeping and Human Resources Management. Best of career success to all 1988 graduates.

**Cassidy, Dwayne** (Operations Management) and his wife Lynn still live in Castlegar, they have three children Sara 5, Taryn 3 and Brett 1. Dwayne recently left his Project Tech position with the Ministry of Highways to work with the H.A. Simons Company in Trail B.C. He enjoys the private sector...a lot less bureaucracy. You can contact Dwayne by email at home dwayne@net.kootenay.net.

**Miller, Jeffrey G.** (Computer Systems) is happily employed with Information Systems Management - BC (ISM-BC) in Customer Support Center. Jeffrey and Fiona live in Surrey, have a daughter and son.

**Teves, Tony** (Telecommunications) is with BC Tel as a Field Service Technician. Tony moved to a new home in Port Moody last April and were expecting their first child at the end of June.

**Volmert, Wendy (Iverson)** (General Nursing) has relocated from San Francisco to Parker, Colorado. She is an RN at Stanford University Hospital. Wendy says she's had lots of changes, started her own business, moved to a new state and she and John have a baby boy. She still misses Vancouver.

**1989**  
**Anton, Howard Stanley** (Wood Products Technology) is Planemill Manager with Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd. Howard and Gayle live in Grand Cache, Alberta and have two children Jacob 3 and Kristin 1. Howard worked for Tolko Industries and Northwood prior to moving to Alberta two years ago.

**Dobrovolsky, Daniel Robert** (Marketing Management) and Marianna live in Surrey. Daniel is a Realtor with ReMax 2000 Realty.

**Gindis, Vadim (Jim)** (Aircraft Structures) and **Debra** (Medical Laboratory '81) live in Richmond, have a new addition to their family. Erik James was born on May 14th, weighed in a 7lb. 14 oz. and arrived just in time to be counted on Census Day. Jim is President of International Currency Exchange.

**Klit, Sandra L. (Jarvis)** (Medical Laboratory) and Dan live in Pitt Meadows. Sandra is a Medical Laboratory Technologist with B.C. Biomedical Laboratories Ltd. Dan and Sandra had a baby boy, Sean Edward born September 17th, a little brother for Lauren Michelle, 3.

**Lee, Peter** (International Trade) is Sales & Marketing Manager with Jenport International Distributors Ltd. He would like to hear from his graduating class. Peter is always networking and would like to hear from anyone who is currently trading globally or seeking to trade on a global scale. His business number is 464-9888.

**McCullough, Susan Helen** (Health Information Technology) lives in Vernon. She is self-employed, started her own business as a health record consultant to third-party users and research assistant.

**Melenchuk, Dalton** (Environmental Health Services) lives in Regina. He worked as a Public Health Inspector and Provincial Plumbing Inspector in rural Saskatchewan. He was the only PH/PI in recent Canadian history to successfully conclude a court case which saved the health of a family due to illegal plumbing. Work exhaustion brought on by downsizing forced Dalton to resign from his PH career and he now operates his own business commercializing his international patents. Disabled people and seniors will benefit from his ergonomic invention. Now on the executive council of an inventors association, he is lobbying to change the Canadian Patent Act which now puts Canadian technology at a global disadvantage. Dalton continues to solve public health problems. He cherishes the memories of the cooperative spirit working with the Microbiology, Physics and Chemistry departments during his BCIT Technical Research project. Dalton says "BCIT's applied science and technological (with humanitarian) approach to education, continues to influence his future plans and therefore others in our world."

**Read, Ian M.** (Biomedical Engineering) and Leade have moved from Victoria to Richmond. Ian is with Hughes Aircraft of Canada as Product Support Engineer. He graduated from Electrical Engineering at U.Vic in April '96.

**Steede, Sean Donaghy** (Forestry) is employed with Balfour Guthrie Forest Products, a division of Canadian Forest Products, as Export Coordinator. He received his B.A. (Geography) in 1992 from SFU. Says his excellent training from BCIT prepared him for all challenges faced so far...e.g. university was slack!! Sean and Jacqueline Kelly (Hudge) were married in 1992, their first child, Ashley, was born in 1993 and they bought their first house (in North Vancouver) in 1996. Grads from Forestry '89 can contact Sean via email at ssteede@bc.sympatico.ca.

**1990**  
In memoriam **Stephen Farrer** (Computer Systems) who died in January 1996. Theresa Farrer called to tell us Stephen coached boys' basketball and died of a sudden heart attack at age 36 while playing in a basketball game. He leaves behind three children 13, 12 and 9.

**Hooper, Debra (Porteous)** (Marketing/Advertising) and Sean married in 1994 and she moved to Kamloops from Salmon Arm. Debra is now on maternity leave after the arrival of Cole Richard, born June 24th. A part-time marketing job led to training as a licensed sales assistant - a career she really enjoys. She's a stockbroker's assistant with Nesbitt Burns.

**Petelycky, Andrew** (Financial Management) is an Accounting Supervisor with Bema Gold Corporation. Andrew and Ashley live in Delta.

**Poulton, Geoff** (Broadcast/Radio). After graduation Geoff went to Mountain FM (a Rogers Broadcasting property in Squamish/Whistler) where he started as "the guy who does everything" and worked his way up the ladder, became Operations Manager and program Director in 1992. Geoff lives in Squamish with his wife Amber and Cassidy Olivia, born June 26 at Lions Gate Hospital - 8 lbs. 14 oz. Cassidy arrived at 1:44 am. Geoff wonders why it is that all babies seem to be born in the wee hours. Everyone is happy and healthy, although mom and dad are pretty tired these days.

**1991**  
**Bains, Hardeep S.** (Financial Management) and Kuldeep had their



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first child in March 1996, they live in Squamish. Hardeep is a Supervisor with Khalsa Credit Union and taking Continuing Education courses through the CUIC systems.

**Foster, Robert Alexander** (Business Administration) lives in Richmond. He is Director at Nordic Technologies Inc., opened in October 1995, his own computer services company. They deal with computer upgrades, full systems, Internet, HTML pages. If you ever need anything, give them a call at (604)808-8019.

**Laird, Scott G.** (Broadcast/Radio) is a Copywriter with The Marketing Den, they do all the advertising, brochure, posters, etc. for the Surrey Memorial/Royal Columbian Hospital Home Lottery. Scott does all the writing for this project, as well as other lotteries across Canada. He is also approaching Disney for voicing in animated features. Scott and Jodi (Fuller) were married July 1st and live in Saskatoon.

**Livingston, Mark D.** (Marketing/Advanced Tech Sales) is Account Manager, Commercial Banking with the Toronto Dominion Bank in Whitehorse, Yukon. Mark wrote to Glenn Urbshadt in response to an invitation to the Marketing reunion in March 1996 and although he couldn't attend, he would like to be in touch with classmates and BCIT. To contact Mark, call the Alumni office at 432-8847 for his address.

**Morrison, Danielle L. (Mossman)** (Financial Management) lives in Surrey. She is an accountant with EWOS Canada Ltd. and completed her CGA in 1995.

**Tapp, Peter** (Civil & Structural) and Traci live in North Vancouver. Peter is a Civil Technologist with Kerr Wood Leidal Associates in North Vancouver.

**1992**  
**Dias, Tony** (Financial Management) is with Vancouver, Coast & Mountains Tourist Region as Accountant/Office Administrator. He is in charge of accounting functions and has been there for three years.

**Engstrom, Anders** (Biomedical Engineering) has moved to Sweden. Classmates can email Anders at anders.engstrom@mailbox.swipnet.se.

In memoriam **Bernard John Fehr** (Aircraft Mechanics) who died in a motorcycle accident May 31, 1995 leaving a wife, Joanne and two boys, 12 and 14. The family were living in Kelowna and Bernie was working at Western Star. Joanne and her sons have since moved to Winkler, Manitoba.

**Lukens, Shari** (Broadcast/Radio) is Agriculture Director with Midwest Television in Lloydminster, Alberta. She lives in Hardisty and enjoys the clean prairie air. Shari is doing TV reporting, anchoring and weather, plus some radio. Her co-workers envy her BCIT training - she says she's really glad she had the opportunity.

**Ranger, Karen Kathryn (Ells)** (Medical Laboratory) is at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria as a Med. Lab. Tech. I, (casual). Karen is married to Lee Ranger. She says life is awesome if you work for yourself - self employment and multi-level marketing are the wave of the future. "Get excited - they are!"

**Wilson, Darryn** (Wood Products Manufacturing) is with Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd. as Finishing Superintendent where he started in February 1995 at the Cranbrook Sawmill. He and Stacey had their first child last February 29th, Brayden Wilson, 8 lbs. 10 oz. They live in Cranbrook.

**1993**  
**Chia, Peter** (Robotics & Automation) lives in Vancouver and is a Quality Engineer with Hughes Aircraft of Canada. He went on to Engineering through the bridging program at the University of Victoria, says the program was easy compared to BCIT!

**Clark, Brenda (Ulanicki)** (Nursing) is married to Michael, they have a beautiful girl, Melyssa, 1 and are expecting in September. They lived in Dawson Creek till last December and moved to St. Albert, Alberta. Brenda worked casual in Dawson Creek at a care home on Medical, Surgical, Peds., and Pre-admission clinic.

**Dhillon, Preetpal Singh** (Financial Management) lives in Vancouver, is employed with BC Tel as Sales Supervisor. Preetpal has also completed the Advanced Specialty Certificate in Admin. Studies (1994) and Bachelor of Admin. Studies (1995) at BCIT in conjunction with OLA.

**Margetson, Gwendolyn** (Building Technology) lives in Vancouver and works freelance as a set designer in the film industry.

**Metcalfe, Cathy A.** (Health Sciences) lives in Delta and is self-employed as a Clinical Research Coordinator.

**O'Keeffe, Paula** (Computer Systems) is a Programmer/Analyst with Medical Services Association (MSA), she's been there for a year and prior, worked in Toronto for Transact Data Services. Paul and Larry live in Vancouver.

**Watson, Shonna (McKerracher)** (General Nursing) and **Dale Watson** (Mechanical Engineering Design '94) were married in August 1995, they live in Burnaby. Dale works for an engineering firm in North Vancouver and Shonna is an RN at Burnaby Hospital.

**1994**  
**Ashton, Scott** (Building/Architecture) lives in North Vancouver and is in Technical Support and Sales with Regent Home Systems, Inc.

**Bell, Gina** (Operations Management) and **Mark McBryan** recently purchased a condo in Langley and plan on getting married in 1998. Gina is in Systems Support/New Account Systems Coordinator with DSL Distribution (Canada) Ltd. and plans on returning to BCIT for continuing education.

**Cavanaugh, Anthony (Tony)** (Broadcast Communications) is a Public Relations Assistant with the Vancouver Real Estate Board.

**Currie, Laura (Canavese)** (Management Systems) is a Purchasing Assistant with Norsat International. Laura and Charles had a baby boy last February. Laura would like to say hello to everyone in her set and program.

**da Costa, Ann-Marie** (Financial Management) lives in Coquitlam and is a Staff Accountant Level 2 with KPMG.

**Flynn, Michael James** (Wood Products) lives in Prince George. He is Shift Foreman with Canfor, Isle Pierre Division, in Prince George. Michael graduated from UNBC in May 1996 with a Commerce degree.

**Ganzeveld, Marian R.** (Marketing Communications) and Andrew live in New Zealand. Marian is an Interviewer with C.M. Research Associates.

**Hislop, Richard (Rick)** (Electronic/Control) lives in New Westminster. He is with Speedpro Systems Inc. as Head Technical Analyst/Trainer.

**Houle, Tiffany Eve** (Broadcast) lives in Prince George. She is Music Director on midday air shift at CJCI Radio in Prince George and says she loves the work and loves the people.

**Howe, Alan** (Medical Imaging) and Lolita live in Victoria. Alan is an x-ray technician with G.V.H.S.

**Laarz, Dale** (Operations Management) and Sandra recently moved into a new townhome in Surrey. Dale is Service Coordinator/MIS rep with Creo Products Inc. in planning material distribution requirements for Creo service in North America, currently working on database implementation project to integrate world wide operations.

**Lui, Joyce** (Management Systems) lives in Burnaby and is a secretary with Concord Pacific Developments Corp.

**Mack, Gerhard H.** (Civil & Structural) and his wife Ellenore live in Chilliwack. Gerhard is self-employed as GM CivTech Services, doing design and consulting in Innovative On Site Waste Water Management.

**Steidle, Eric** (Electronics Engineering) is Technical Project Manager with Sprint Canada and is moving from Surrey to Toronto.

**Wanders, Karen (Beifuss)** (Marketing Management) and Robin live in Port Coquitlam., they were married September 1995 and recently moved into their new townhome. Karen has been with Orca Bay/Winning Spirit since summer of 1995.

**1995**  
**Coates, John** (Building Technology) and Tara live in Surrey. John is a Plan Checking Assistant I with the City of Vancouver.

**Horton, Debra (Kaminski)** (Medical Laboratory) won CSLT Graduate of the Year award for 1995. Debra and Dexter moved to a new house in Mission in November of 1995. Evan James came into the world screaming on January 11, 1996 at 7 lbs. 6 oz.

**Knox, Carolyn E.** (Biomedical Engineering) lives in Comox. She works at North Island College as Safer Campuses Programmer.

**Lapsley, Heather** (Management Systems) lives in Richmond. She's with Transamerica Life, call her (271-8303) for a free quote on life insurance, RRSP's, annuities, RRIF's, SPA's. They have #1 term rates.

**Rabin, Jill** (Broadcast Communications) lives in Vancouver. Jill is Operations Assistant and Production Coordinator with Shooters Production Services in Burnaby.

**Radzimiowski, Zbigniew** (Civil & Structural) and Marzena live in Vancouver. Their second child, Judy was born May 17, 1996, a sister for Gregory, already in Grade 2. Zbigniew is Bridge Area Manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

**Sahota, Nav** (General Nursing) lives in Abbotsford. Nav is a Registered Nurse at Surrey Memorial Hospital.

**Shuen, Kim D.** (Building Technology) and Tasha were married July 27th and moved to Maple Ridge in October. Kim is a Log Home Designer with Hart and Son Industries.

**Tony, Karen** (Computer Systems) and Calvin live in Burnaby. After graduating, she left her job with a Johnson & Johnson company to open her own business - Karen Tony Associates. Karen is kept very busy with computer software training and a management contract with International SPFX, a Vancouver-based company providing special effects to the TV and movie industry (credits include Jumanji, Johnny Mnemonic, Sliders, the Sentinel). Her target market includes small and medium entrepreneurial companies, tries to provide a one-stop solution to business's information system needs. Her motto is "If you're successful, I'm successful".

**1996**  
In memoriam **James McBride** (Forestry) died from injuries sustained in a car accident on the July long weekend. His parents live in Pitt Meadows.

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