

NEWSLETTER FOR THE BCIT COMMUNITY

The mission of BCIT is to provide **British Columbians** with world-class, job-ready skills for career success.

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### BCIT Events to Come

### **Tuesday, September 13**

Staff Fitness incentive program begins today and continues to December 9.

### Wednesday, September 14

Student Association Shinerama Barbecue #2, SAC, 1130-1530.

### Friday, September 16

Orientation dance at the Commodore Ballroom, 2000-2400.

### Monday, September 19

- Aerobics classes begin, morning, noon and afternoon, SAC.
- Beginning of Bike To BCIT Week.

#### **Tuesday, September 20**

Bike to BCIT Week.

### Wednesday, September 21

- Educational Council meeting, Administration Building boardroom, 1200-1415.
- Shinerama for Cystic Fibrosis, Technology classes cancelled, 0800-1630.
- 5th Annual Pacific Corridor **Enterprise** Council Symposium, IBM Technology Building, Rix Staff Club and the Town Square A and B, 0830-1800. Bike to BCIT Week.

### Thursday, September 22

- Intermediate line dancing begins today and continues every Thursday until December 8, 1800-2000.
- Tai Chi, Level I begins today and continues every Thursday until December 8 1240-1320. Bike to BCIT Week.

## **THEY'RE BACK!**

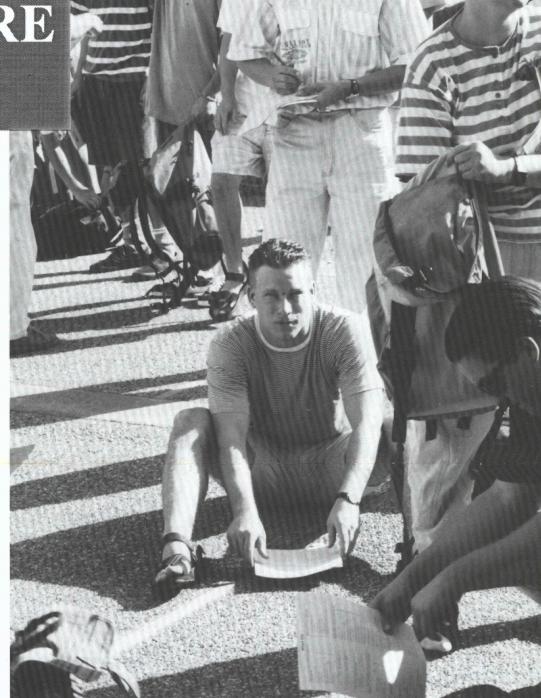
Orientation day '94 went off without a hitch this year with over 2,800 new students and 1,400 returning students flooding back for another school term.

"I was very happy with the way things turned out," said Eileen Fitzpatrick, the student orientation day coordinator. "The weather was great and I really enjoyed myself. It was the best summer job I have ever had."

The second year Marketing Management student worked all summer to coordinate the thousands of details involved in the day — the 260 second year students who volunteered as tour guides, the orientation day t-shirt featuring Mary from Mars artwork by Joe Average, the appearances by improv actors from Theatre Sports, pancake breakfasts, live radio remote broadcasts, and much more.

Jim Mitchell, the acting director of Student Services, said every year Orientation Day gets a little bit better. He said this year students received an improved and easier to read timetable. Also many faculty members are spending more time on program orientation and student success assistance.

For the second year in a row, all students received a compact and breezy newsletter called Bearings that answered many of the questions of incoming



Students line-up outside the SAC building during Orientation Day on September 6.

students. In the past students would be handed a bulky envelop crammed with paper, pamphletes, booklets.

customer-first, service-based,

friendly and efficient registration and orientation program," said Mitchell. "But there is always room for improvement."

Mitchell also thanked the dozens of staff from throughout the

Institute who helped out at information booths and at various points along the route, handing out information and

— from Terry Jorden

keeping the line-ups short.

"Now, I think we run a very

### Friday, September 23

Bike to BCIT Week.

THIS WEEK'S ENVIRO-TIP Carpool - reduce smog, acid rain, and stabilize green house gases!



Voluntary student picture ID being tried by the SA.



A group tours the SW1 building.



Marketing and Development's Susan Walters and Personel's David Harvey help out in the SAC.



Ray Walton, the dean of the School of Trades Training, talks to students.

### **Today's Chuckle**

The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get to the office. Robert Frost.

### **BCIT** plans strong presence in Burnaby showcase

Over 30 organizations utilizing the latest technology are participating in a major Burnaby Science and Technology Showcase October 15-16 in the Eaton Centre at Metrotown.

BCIT's aviation programs will be on display along with other Burnaby-based high tech

organizations like MPR Teltech, Electronic Arts, BC Tel Advanced Communications, BC Transit, BC Hydro, and Simon Fraser University.

Besides being held in conjunction with Science and Technology week, the showcase will also strive to remind the

general public of the infinite ways technology plays a role in our lives.

The showcase will also show how Burnaby has become the region's Silicone Valley attracting numerous small and large technology enterprises.

Some highlights include SFU Physics Department's Do-It-Yourself-Hologram, Vancouver International Airport's computerized tour of the new terminal, a computerized PowerSmart game, and BCIT's Bell 206 helicopter display.

### From Alaska to Baja, PACE comes to BCIT

Over 100 participants from Canada, the United States and Mexico — from Alaska to Baja — will be attending the 5th annual Pacific Corridor Enterprise Council (PACE) Symposium on North American trade at BCIT September 21.

Hosted by the School of Business and the Vancouver Board of Trade and World Trade Centre, the one-day conference will feature Michael Gallagher, the US Consul General to

#### British Columbia, George Gaffney, the Royal Bank of Canada senior vice president and chairman of the Vancouver Board of Trade, four Mexican private sector leaders from Baja, and various Canadian economic leaders with a continental perspective.

Other subjects include an electronic survey of Pacific corridor companies, Mexican border business opportunities, case studies of US and Canadian companies successfully crossing borders, professional services required under the North American Free Trade Agreement and much more.

During the conference PACE delegates will use the new advanced management technology lab to develop five year goals for its new organizational mandate. The lab features the latest electronic meeting software that assists groups in exploring ideas,



The Vancouver Board of Trade's George Gaffney will be featured

collecting information, brainstorming, and much more.

Registration is \$300 US for non-PACE members and \$250 for PACE members. Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch at the Rix Staff Club, coffee breaks, closing reception, a table top marketplace, symposium materials and a name badge.

To register contact Julie Bearce in Seattle at (206) 626-5474 or toll free at 1-800-800-PACE.

assistance from retirees and soon

to be retirees. If you are

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interested please contact me.

### Letters to the Editor

I would like to respond to the article "BCIT Pensioners Club proposed" (Update, September 6).

As a result of a fairly long service record with BC Rail and BCIT, I receive two monthly pensions payments from the BC Rail Ltd. Pension Fund and the Public Service Superannuation Fund, both administered by the provincial Superannuation Commission. I am a member of the BC Rail Pioneers Association whose membership is open to retired BC Rail employees and their spouses. The annual dues are \$5 a year or \$50 for a lifetime.

There is no BCIT retired employees association yet.

As a member of the BC Rail Pioneers Association, I regularly receive newsletters indicating events of interest and just as important financial statements and information relative to investments; the latter totalling \$341,415,000 consisting of securities bonds, equity funds, income producing real estate and mortages and non-Canadian investments, representing over 700 listed financial instruments. I know where and how much each is. I know exactly how BC Rail contributions (employer and employee) are invested. I know the four representatives of the employer and employees who together with the Superannuation Commissioner make investment and other

decisions on behalf of the stakeholders.

I know little, if anything, about where BCIT joint contributions lie.

There are other benefits and activities that BC Rail retirees enjoy, for example their annual general meeting dinner and dance will be held in Williams Lake with free rail transportation provided.

In July I wrote to all BCVS/PVI/ BCIT retirees asking for their opinion on the formation of such an association. The response was not as high as I expected but some of those who did respond said they were unaware of free BCIT courses, regular issues of Update, and the use of BCIT facilities. I would like to establish a temporary executive, draw up bylaws, set up various committees, secure space and other services on campus, all before the end of the year. But I need help and I am asking for

### **Our New Mandate**

The BCIT Board of Governors and recently the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour have approved the new BCIT Mandate.

BCIT will be a province-wide, innovative organization, specializing in advanced technology training and focusing on those initiatives that increase the level of economic activity, entrepreneurial activity and employment in the province. BCIT will:

- prepare dynamic, highly skilled members of the workforce by delivering full and part-time courses of study including:
- certificate, diploma and degree studies in technologies and trades;
- contracted industry training and upgrading courses.

• conduct technology transfer activities by providing opportunities for innovation, industrial assistance and contracted applied research.

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### **News Briefs**

### Recycling transfer now complete

The incorporation of recycling operations to Physical Plant from the Student Association is now complete. A recycling program began at BCIT in 1989 and over the years the Student Association refined the operation so that activities were simple and understandable for the community and those processing the recycled material. Gil Moore, manager of support services within Physical Plant, says this has allowed for a very smooth transition of recycling activities from the SA to the Custodial Services Department, supervised by Cindy Themmen. The Student Association remains involved in the environmental area by providing educational activities and promotional information. These are now handled by

Anna-Lisa Jones, coordinator of support programs for the SA.

### Prizes for perspiration

Back by popular demand, the BCIT Staff Fitness Incentive Program begins September 13 and runs until December 9. The program rewards you with t-shirts, sweatshirts, gift certificates and other prizes after you participate in a variety of sport, fitness and recreational activities on or off campus. Registration is only \$10 at the SAC Recreation office. For more information contact Gloria Katnick at 8287.

### Walter, former wicket-keep?

Property Management magazine and revealed that he was once the wicket-keep for Nova Scotia's provincial cricket team. Walter also said the key to successfully managing BCIT's facilities is long-term planning. "The key is to be proactive. For example, we know that BCIT will expand its industrial training, so we have to plan for space and equipment well in advance. I'm always thinking several years down the road," he said.

### Computer Resources training offered

Training sessions in Windows 3.1, Word 6.0, Excel 5.0, Access 2.0, Powerpoint 4.0 and Navigating BCIT's Local Area Networks is Powerpoint which costs \$200 including course materials. A complete schedule is available at Computer Resources in SE12. Call Steve Houghton at 8818 for more information or to register.

### BCIT banner raised in Walk for Aids

As in the past, BCIT is participating in the annual Aids Walk, this year held on Sunday, September 25. For those wanting to walk under the BCIT banner, meet at 1030 in Ceperley Park.



Walter Watkins, the director of Physical Plant, was featured in the June issue of Canadian being offered by Computer Resources. All courses cost \$50 except Access which costs \$100 including course materials and



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### **Find the Pioneer**

The BCIT Pioneers are looking for help in contacting the pioneers listed here. The group is planning a reunion on October 14.

A pioneer is anyone on staff, in any capacity, on the occasion of the June 15, 1966 graduation ceremonies and who was involved in the delivery of the BCIT two-year diploma programs. If you are on this list or can lead us to any of the missing pioneers, please call either Dave Johnson at 432-8330 or Gordon Harris at 435-1908.

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# National boilermaker apprenticeship competition held here over the summer

The first annual Canadian Boilermaker Graduate Apprenticeship Contest was held at BCIT during the summer.

Five contestants represented the Maritimes, Ontario, Manitoba/ Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C.

The judges were from the union, industry and various training institutions. "We're used to being judged," said Harold Lillies, of Red River Community College in Winnipeg. "So it's kind of nice to be the ones doing the judging."

The competitors had two hours to complete the test, which involved four work stations where they were tested in such areas as welding, refinery tube expansion, boiler tube expansion, rigging and hand signals.

Many of the tasks were complicated, exacting ones, so fitting the entire circuit into two hours was a challenge. Tube expansion, for instance, requires the contestant to select the right equipment, make a metal tube expand to form a friction fit in a hole, with exactly one-half inch protruding on the inside and a one-eighth inch flare, then remove the tube without doing any damage.

"They're very well trained," said Joe Maloney, Building and Construction Trades Department AFL-CIO. "They're using their skills in a very competitive nature. It will be hard to choose a winner."

The competitors' skills are testimony to the training they have had. "They're all talented, and you can see that every province provides excellent training," said Dwight Harris, a judge representing the Boilermakers Union.

-from Ruth Raymond





Recent apprenticeship graduates from around Canada competed in the first annual national competition held at BCIT over the summer.

Mike Gdowski photos

Parking services transferred to Impark

Impark has recently taken on the responsibility of managing parking at BCIT. The purpose of the restructuring was to implement a parking system which is both cost-effective and fair.

"We are trying to ensure that all students, staff and visitors will have a place to park," says Gord McLean, director of Safety and Security. "We are also trying to maximize potential revenue from our parking lots after hours."

For the most part, McLean said, there are very few changes that will affect staff.

Key points worth highlighting are:

#### In Staff lots:

• Staff are still assigned to specific lots and are issued

a temporary parking assignment.

#### In Student Lots:

- Students continue to purchase parking permits from the cashiers as in the past.
- Carpooling permits are available through the Student Association.
- Students not wishing to purchase a permit may use the pay parking system as described on the Impark signs in any student lot.
- Pay parking is available to anyone in student lots at any time.
- A student permit is valid in any staff lot and any visitor lot after 1700 hours Monday to Eriday and all day on

that if a third violation occurs, and the second violation has not been paid, the vehicle could be towed.

For the third violation, where the

# GALA BCIT starts school year with new name

Following a name contest in

AIDSWalk '94: help organize

decals through the parking office as a payroll deduction. Staff decals are also valid in any staff lot and any visitor lot after 1700 Monday to Friday, all day on weekends and holidays, with no time limit in the visitors parking lots.

- Pay parking is available to anyone in staff lots after 1700 Monday to Friday, and all day on weekends and holidays.
- Student decals are also valid in staff lots after 1700 Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and holidays.
- If staff can not find a space in their assigned lot Monday to Friday before 1700, call the Parking Office for

to Friday and all day on weekends and holidays, with no time limit in the visitors lot.

### In Visitor Lots:

• There is now a two-hour limit in visitor lots prior to 1700. In the past people could park all day. After 1700 Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and holidays, the two-hour limit does not apply.

#### **Enforcement:**

For the first violation, a warning ticket will be issued.

For the second violation, you will be given a ticket fining you \$15. A tow warning will also be issued at this time advising you second violation has not been paid, the vehicle will be towed and ticketed.

"We have always paid for our parking at BCIT, and we want to make sure that this is applied evenly."



June, GALA BCIT (Gays and Lesbians at BCIT) has a new name — Take Pride.

The Take Pride name was adopted to more clearly reflect the group's positive outlook, its active involvement in gay and lesbian social and political issues and its diverse membership.

This year's activities include:

- Video nights: see the latest comedy, drama and documentary gay and lesbian films out on video.
- Pub Night: come to the Villa pub and meet members of the gay and lesbian associations from SFU, UBC, VCC and Douglas College.

team BCIT and solicit pledges for this year's walk for AIDS September 25. Last year the BCIT team raised \$3,000.

- Discussions: from diversity in the workplace, to harrassment and discrimination, to peer counselling.
- Pride Day '95: Offer your creative ideas to BCIT's first ever parade float in Vancouver's gay pride day parade next summer.

Watch for information on future meetings and events in Update's BCIT Events To Come column.

For more information contact Gordon Handford at 6922, Mark Miller at 8964 or Anna-Lisa Jones at 8549.

### **Staff News**

Many new employees have joined BCIT this fall. Some are brand new and some have been with us in other capacities. Welcome all.

#### New Technology faculty

David Horspool is a new faculty member in Management Systems. Bruce Claggett is a new faculty member in Broadcast Communications. Financial Management gains Clifton Philpott and Lori Homewood and Brian Giffen join Marketing Management. Michael Marriott is a new faculty member in Computer Systems. Michael worked for BCIT in the 1980s as manager Technical Support. Most recently he was director of Information systems at the WCB. Other new faces in Computer Systems include Tung Ngai, who comes to us from the B.C. Systems Corporation, John Blackwell, on leave from Douglas College where he is the program head of the Computer Information Systems program, and Stephen Adolph who comes to us from Creo Products. Former systems analyst in Computer Resources and BCIT graduate Craig Larman is back with us, this time teaching in Computer Systems along with newcomers **Timothy Dudra and Naila** Harji. Kevin Soulsbury is a new faculty member in Chemistry and Communication has three new faces, Linda Pashka, Jane Pavelich, and Keith Costelloe. Jim Waterman, Anthony Webb and Michael Chen have joined Mathematics and Patrick Bruskiewich, John Betts and Edward Levinson have joined Physics. Giselle Collins is a new computer operator in Computer Resources and John Yu has joined Petroleum. Peter Levar, Julia Hein and Steven

Moskalyk and Anita Molaro are new instructors in Building Technology. Civil and Structural gains Corinne Dalgas and William Stewart. Jonathan Chiu is a new faculty member in Basic Health Sciences and **Roger MacDonald, Dyan Siegl** and Gwen Hartley are new faculty in nursing. Heidi Wolter-Mullen is new in Health Part-time Studies and Judith Hall is a new technical staff person in Co-op Education. Rick Hives is new in Counselling and Elaine Reid joins the technical staff in Financial Aid and Awards.

#### New Support Staff

Joanne Bartlett is a new stockroom attendant in Electrical/Electronic Technology. Linda Woo is an accounts payable clerk in Financial Services and Wendy Milligan is the receptionist in Personnel/Employee Relations. Ellen Keating joins the switchboard staff for Physical Plant and Laurie Mitchell is a new safety and security officer. Tammy Webster is a new clerk in Health Part-time Studies.

#### New Vocational Instructors

Harold Peters and Dorothy Rogers are new instructors in Power Engineering.

If we have missed you, let us know and we will include you in the next issue.

#### Staff comings and goings

Moira Barnetson will be the acting director of Health Part-

time Studies from August 1 to December 31. Moira is filling in for **Kathleen Bach** who is on professional development leave.

This one from the it's a small world category... **Rodney Lynn**, a former math instructor and program head going back to the early 1970s, was spotted in the United Arab Emirates this summer. Rodney dropped in to say hello to BCIT graduates Jan Borge and Peter Welk who were visiting the UAE to attend an open house at the Colleges of Higher Learning in Abu Dhabi in May.

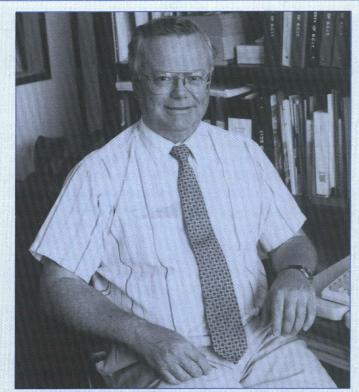
Anne Glover is back on the job at the Downtown Education Centre after suffering a heart attack back in May.

**Beatrice Saturley** has resigned as director of Institutional Research and Planning.

### New contacts in the Bookstore

Kal Sekhon is the new Bookstore circulation assistant working with Fanny Chan, course book buyer. Kal's duties include text book accounts payable and processing of all retail course manuals. All text adoption issues should be directed to Fanny Chan.

Lorna Stokkeland has joined the Bookstore from Print Services. Lorna's position as inventory clerk is basically unchanged. She concentrated on Entry Level Trades Training materials which are now sold through the Bookstore.



Jim Anderson: Solving students' problems in accessing financial assistance. Terry Jorden photo

### **STAFF PROFILE**

### Jim Anderson:

### Senior advisor, Financial Aid and Awards

Fact: Did you know that about 35 percent of full-time students require financial aid?

And did you know that our Financial Aid and Awards office disburses about \$14 million every year?

Jim Anderson is one of five advisors in Financial Aid and Awards who help students through the application process. He might arrange for an emergency loan. If a student can not pay for tuition fees, he might arrange a deferred repayment plan. If a student is denied financial assistance, Jim may act as an advocate for the student in the appeal.

Most students who come to him have a problem to be solved. Since joining BCIT in 1986, Jim's job has fallen into four parts.

• He meets with students to assist them in applying for financial assistance.

• He administers the hiring and placement of about 200 workstudy students annually.

• He maintains MINEW, a computer system that manages over 9,000 student financial and awards records.

• He fills in for coordinator Jennifer Orum when she is away.

When not at BCIT, Jim, wife Jocelyne and sons Ian, 10, Tyler, 13, and Chris, 18, enjoy camping and cross-country skiing.



### Planning brings the future into the present

A significant number of staff and faculty have worked at BCIT for a large portion of its 30 years. For these members of the campus community, the Institute has become more than an employer by providing a legacy of memories and friendships. Now BCIT is offering a practical annuities, securities and real estate.

Over the next few issues, Update will examine the importance of preparing a will, as well as some of the ways you can reap immediate benefits by planning a gift to BCIT.

Planning our work days,

forever. There are, however, a number of good reasons why it shouldn't be postponed. The most compelling reason for preparing for the inevitable is that our loved ones will be spared the considerable stress of deciding how to handle the loose ends we have left behind.

Teams are forming now.

Bert Schendel photo

### Quack your way to fame

It's time to give serious thought to assembling your team for that wacky, quacky event — the Quack-a-thon. Taking place on Wednesday, September 28 at 1130, the event is a fundraiser for the United Way campaign.

Teams of three to seven quack-athletes will compete for fame, notoriety and awesome prizes. As in past years, there is a prize for the best costume, so start brainstorming now with your team members. Costumes should reflect what organizers are calling "duck-related fashion consciousness." Call Paul Fortier at 8282 or Gail Mitchell at 8730 to register your team. success, while offering tax benefits to staff at the same time.

The Institute's planned giving program offers a number of ways to contribute to future generations at BCIT. These include memorial giving, a bequest in a will, a gift of life insurance, charitable gift weekends and vacations is commonplace, but planning our future often omits the most important planning of all planning for death.

Many are reluctant because this kind of planning means admitting that we won't live This is the first article in a series on planned giving. The articles may serve as a gentle reminder that, although we may feel uncomfortable thinking about death, we do have the option of taking responsibility to plan for it now.

YES, I would like more information about BCIT's Planned Giving Program in the following areas:

Wording for my Will	Real Estate	Charitable Remainder Trust
Memorial Giving	Life Insurance/Annuity	Bursaries & Scholarships
Securities	Gift Plus Annuity	Gift-in-Kind
Name	Departr	ment
Home Address	Province	e Postal Code
City		
Telephone (Home)	Telephone (Work)	
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