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BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Homecoming—Saturday, April 27, 1974 . . . response has been excellent. Alumni are coming from the Interior and from out of the province to Homecoming '74. The Homecoming Committee is helping Alumni get in touch with old classmates; if we can help you—give us a call . . . Cocktail reception starts at 2 p.m. in the Student Activity Centre. Highlights are: free admission, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, good conversation, and a professional-sounding four-piece combo. The cocktail bar closes at 5:30 p.m. in preparation for the evening event . . . At 7:30 the Student Activity Centre doors open and Monte Carlo festivities begin. Gambling, dancing, food, booze, pros, friends and enemies—what more could you ask for? The band is "Heart", acclaimed to be one of the best groups in Vancouver. The gambling tables are real with one of the roulette wheels coming direct from the plush halls of Monte Carlo; and, enhancing the flavour of laying down bets, some of the dealers are professionals . . . After winning your fortune at the tables, it will be solid tender for the grand auction at the end of the evening. Calling for your bids will be Blake Joiner, a professional auctioneer and BCIT Alumnus, Business '67. Winnings will not be the only prerequisite for auction bidding; cash may also be used. There will be no cash winnings since the law prohibits such an activity. Admission for the Monte Carlo festivities is \$10 per couple, \$5 for singles.

Bring your friends . . . Homecoming '74 is not limited to you and your escort, so ask your friends to join you in the festivities.

Accommodations . . . Out of towners to Homecoming '74 can contact '69 Hotel-Motel Alumnus, Dal Richards, at the Century Plaza, 1015 Burrard, Vancouver (Phone 687-0575, area code 604), he has a room for you. Let him know it's for Homecoming '74. If enough alumni register at the hotel, transportation will be arranged.

Homecoming '74 theme . . . BCIT's first homecoming since the Institute opened in 1964 will center on a solid tribute to retiring Principal, Dean Goard, after seven years of service in that position. Still, his contribution to education goes outside the campus. Having served technical, vocational, post secondary and adult education in B.C. for over three decades, his humanitarian principles saw him volunteering his time in a number of community organizations, including the Native Indians Service and Children's Aid Society. It seemed fitting the Homecoming Committee pay homage to this man and direct the proceeds of Homecoming '74 to purchasing a piece of equipment or fixture for the Institute in his name from his former students and friends.

For Homecoming information and assistance . . . write to Homecoming '74, BCIT Alumni Association, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 3H2, or phone Homecoming Chairman, Grant Crittenden at 683-1161 during weekdays (residence—926-7245) or alumni members listed below.

Principal Search Committee . . . with the retirement of Mr. Dean Goard coming into effect at the end of June, a search committee has been struck with equal representation from staff, advisory council and committee members. The Alumni Association and the Student Association

have one member each on the Committee. The Alumni representative is Toto Miller, and he asks any alumnus wishing to give suggestions and guidance in formulating his decisions as a Committee member, to get in touch with him by writing the Alumni Association or phoning his number listed below.

Graduating in mid-March . . . were Patricia Keayes and Leslie Fox, who enrolled in a conservation program—Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Option. What makes this graduation unique is that as students, the two arranged courses from outside the set technology, including biological-health sciences, Chem and Met and BCIT extension division, to meet their 2100 credit hours which is the prerequisite demanded for the awarding of a Diploma of Technology. We congratulate both and welcome them into the Alumni Association, as we do the over 1,000 graduates who will be receiving their Diplomas in May.

Alumni membership list . . . it is necessary that we have your current address so we may direct alumni news and correspondence to you. In the Homecoming '74 invitation recently mailed, there was a questionnaire asking for this information. If you are unable to attend the event, please let us know and mail the questionnaire back to us.

Another retires . . . Laurie Irvine, who initiated the Broadcast Technology at BCIT and is one of the real Canadian broadcast pioneers, is retiring in June. There is no word yet as to who will replace him.

Alumni Archives . . . the Association is establishing a BCIT and alumni archives and is in need of your assistance. Any information about graduates or BCIT will be placed in the archives. If you wish to keep the original material, then please send us a duplicate copy, but be sure to note the publication's name and its date. Letters or unique items that you feel would be assets to the archives are also welcomed.

B.C. Hardware . . . the company that BCIT accounting students brought to success or bankruptcy while cursing the late nights, is fast becoming a national best seller. Of course, B.C. Hardware is the accounting practice kit that was authored by BCIT instructors, C.M. Briscall, P.J. Wooley and G.H. Farrell. Some 5,000 kits were sold last year and around 6,000 kits are the anticipated sale for this year in the halls of learning across Canada—making it a BCIT, Canadian content original, imposed hit.

S.E.T. . . . John Leech (Survey—Photogrammetry alumnus) has recently been appointed Registrar for the Society of Engineering Technologists, which presently boasts a membership of 1450, with an anticipated growth of 500 this year. S.E.T. recruits a majority of its membership from BCIT engineering alumni. For information on S.E.T. contact John by writing him at the Society's office (2210 West 12th, Vancouver, B.C.) or phoning 731-6322.

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