

BCIT UPDATE

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Appointments

ARCS Lab

The Technology Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Zdenek Vintr as the new manager of the Applied Research in Computing Systems (ARCS) Lab. ARCS Lab, as many of you know, conducts applied research projects for industry clients.

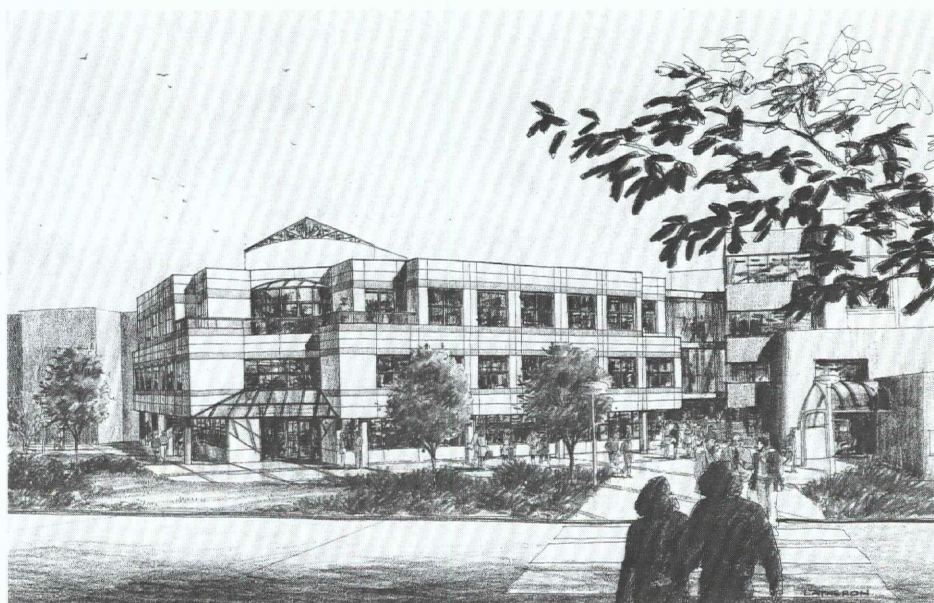
Zdenek Vintr comes to us with 25 years experience in the computer field. Most recently he has worked as a consultant for Corporate Systems Strategies Ltd., a management consulting company. Previously he was Director of Computing for the Alberta Research Council in Edmonton, and Director, Corporate Technology Planning for B.C. Systems Corporation in Victoria.

He graduated from Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia with a degree in Nuclear Physics, and held a teaching position in Experimental Nuclear Physics there before immigrating to Canada in 1965 to take a position at the Laboratory for Nuclear Physics at the University of Montreal.

Zdenek likes to be known as "Zee" or "Zed." He will be located in Room 102, Building NE 25 - local 8980.

Stephen Lee, who has been Acting Manager of the ARCS Lab for the past 11 months, will be returning to his private consulting practice. We are most grateful to Stephen for helping us set a new course for the ARCS Lab, and we look forward to continuing our association with him from time to time as new projects develop.

*From Norman Streat
Technology Centre*



Campus Renewal

Connector Building construction to begin early February

Construction of a \$3.4 million engineering technology building will begin this February as part of the on-going development of the campus master plan.

The recently released architectural designs show the building linking SW1 and SW3 in an innovative 45 degree rotation disrupting the typical rectangular block or the existing core grid. The result will be a clearly identifiable home for the School of Engineering Technology and its part-time studies program.

The three-story, 2100-square metre building will house about 136 faculty and support staff and will include seminar rooms, meeting rooms and an orientation lobby.

There are a number of features staff will enjoy. The building contains an interior courtyard providing light and air for interior offices. Each office has opening windows providing a non-sealed environment. The building will exceed the B.C. Building Code for disabled access.

B. James Wensley Architect Ltd. designed the building and the tender deadline to select the general contractor is January 28. Completion of the building is estimated by this November 30.

*From Terry Jorden
Media Relations*

Appointments Cont. Computer Systems

Dave Chowdhury, Dean of Engineering Technology is pleased to announce the appointment of Debbe Gervin as Acting Associate Dean, Computer Systems Technology for the period January to June 1993. Debbe Gervin will be backfilling Ken Takagaki, who has been appointed Acting Dean of the School.

Debbe is a faculty member in the Computer Systems Technology Program, where she has taught for the past six years; more recently she has been coordinator of the two-year diploma programs. She is an articulate spokesperson for initiatives to attract more women into technology programs and to introduce student mastery learning in the classroom.

Science Council of B.C.

Dr. Donald Wilson of BCIT's Plastics Technology has been appointed to the Manufacturing & Machinery committee of the Science Council of B.C., for an initial term expiring October 30, 1993.

It is Council's intention to support top quality research and technology development which will lead to economic benefits for the province. ... your wide experience will prove invaluable to this end.



Diapers

It's a baby boy! Born to Ingrid and Randy Friesen on Thursday January 14, 1993, at 7:30 am, is Christian Douglas. He weighed in at 9lb 6oz. Congratulations!



*Greetings from the
banana belt!*

Kyle Creek, BCIT Campus, January 8, 1993
Photo: AV Production

You are invited to attend ... "The world in sound and pictures"

A series of audiovisual presentations photographed and produced by Bert Schendel will be shown each Tuesday at NOON in room 323, Inglis Building, starting February 2.

The program material was collected by Bert over two years of continuous international travel. Subjects include Easter Island, The Incas, Galapagos Islands, South America, India, South Pacific, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Borneo, and Papua New Guinea.

Subjects include history, archaeology, anthropology, religion, and travel experiences.

The programs are informative and entertaining. Bring your lunch. We need at least 10 people to attend to make the showing worthwhile, so register now by calling 8377.

... and it's free.

PD Leave Application Deadline

Staff Society members wishing to start a Professional Development Leave pursuant to Article 10.06 (which now applies to all staff) on or after July, 1993. Please note that applications for such leave should be made by February 1, 1993.

Applications should be made to your School or Academic Studies Committee (for instructional staff) or to the Other Staff Super Committee (for non-instructional staff). In all cases, you should send a copy of your leave application to your manager.

Forms designed to help you comply with the collective agreement language and thus to make a comprehensive application are available in the Staff Society office.

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