

BCIT UPDATE

YOUR CAMPUS BULLETIN

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COMMUNICATION A PRIORITY FOR INCOMING PRESIDENT

John Watson, who joins BCIT as president on June 12, is no stranger to BCIT. As assistant deputy minister of Universities, Colleges and Institutes, he regularly met with Roy Murray last year to keep abreast of the Institute's needs and plans and during those visits also became acquainted with other members of the administration and board.

Now poised for some important decision making as head of an institution with an ambitious and challenging new mandate, Watson is taking a close look at priorities. Communications, one area he is particularly keen to improve upon, will see him circulating both with staff inside the Institute and with business, alumni and potential students in the community.

"Our long term interests are best served if we know what is expected of us and people know what we can do. I like face to face contact so I hope people will stop me, introduce themselves and tell me what is on their minds," he says.

"Marketing", says Watson, "is an important part of the communications thrust and I have been talking to the V.P.'s about enrolment and issues that have a marketing component. BCIT is a singular institution and needs to keep its name in front of the various publics for their benefit and ours."

Watson has a reputation for calmness and consistency, important qualities for an individual at the helm of the BCIT flagship. His demeanor is quiet, unassuming and friendly — the sort of man you could chat to about anything. This, matched with his determination to meet staff on their own ground, in BCIT shops, offices and cafeterias, augurs well for a person whose position is often perceived as too far removed from the real world of students and staff.

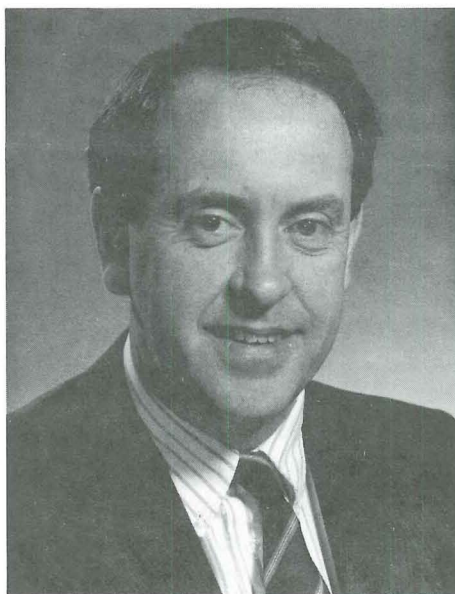
John Watson, born on D Day, 45 years ago in London, England, comes from Anglo/Irish parentage. His father who emigrated to Canada as a boy but returned in 1936 to study at Queens University in Northern Ireland, worked with the team of engineers instrumental in developing radar.

An avid jogger (between five to eight miles a day three to four times a week all his life) Mr. Watson also enjoys reading (currently *The Last*

Lion, a biography of Winston Churchill by William Manchester), bridge and skiing. He used to play hockey and golf but finds he rarely has the time now.

One of his concerns since being appointed president has been to find a place to live. Not particularly fussy about the location, he has considered various areas and would be happy with a house or condominium. Separated, he has two children — a son, 21, who is taking time off from university to work as a dee jay in Taipei, and a daughter, 20, who is studying for her B.A.

Asked if he had a message for BCIT staff, Watson responded: "I think BCIT has a bright future, but we need to work together and prepare to meet that future. It won't just happen."



New president, John Watson, joins BCIT June 12.

INSTRUCTORS WIN ANNUAL WELDING CONTEST

Welding instructors Eric Waterfield and Eric Sukkel, representing the Welding Institute of Canada, have won the annual Stump the Experts contest in Seattle. Nick de Raadt of Canron was the third team member.

The contest took place in Seattle on March 3 between teams from the American Welding Society and the Welding Institute of Canada. Each team is made up of three participants representing all sectors of the metal joining industries, including fabricating shops, shipyards (naval yard in Bremerton) and the Boeing Aircraft Corporation. Team members are welders, welding supervisors, metallurgists, welding engineers and welding instructors. The trophy goes to

the team that displays the most knowledge about welding by answering a series of skill testing questions.



Left to right: Nick De Raadt, Eric Waterfield and Eric Sukkel.

STAFF NEWS

Sincere apologies to new dean of Engineering **Dave Chowdhury** for accidentally omitting one of his qualifications from the last *Update*. In 1961 he obtained a D.I.C. Post Graduate Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering from the Imperial College of Science and Technology at the University of London, England.

Linda Wiles has left her job as forms analyst in Computer Resources to take up a new position as a systems analyst in Court Services in the Attorney General's office. Linda had worked in Computer Resources for almost five years, starting out as a forms analyst then becoming systems analyst in the MIS group.

Nancy Noble, program assistant in Health Part-time Studies, had a boy — Luke Kinya Noble-Smith — on May 5.



Forest Resource instructor, Andy Ellingsen, was elected President of the BCIT Staff Society by acclamation in early May. The rest of the executive was elected as follows: Vice President: Elinor Hudon, Directors-at-Large: Frank Gruen, Ralph Hargreaves, Frank Knor, Jennifer Orum, Michael Young.

HEALTH INFORMATION STAFF SAY GOODBYE TO BCIT

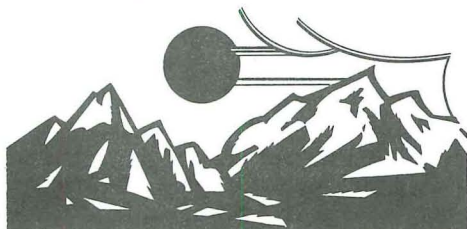
The Health Information Technology is transferring to Douglas College this summer.

The move creates mixed feelings for its staff who have a lot of people to say goodbye to after 16 years, but who have also been given the opportunity to completely revise the curriculum before it is transferred. Elaine Gibson, who was granted release time to plan the move, says the new curriculum includes two courses in Research Applications that will be computer based. "This has happened because IBM is giving us a state-of-the-art computer lab as part of a joint project we are doing with them," she explains.

The Health Information Technology program, which has a healthy registration for September intake in both its Health Record Technician and Health Record Administrator options, is due to move mid-August. Instructors Elaine, Betty Nelson and Laurie Kenward have the following farewell message for their colleagues:

"We have had very strong support from all the faculty involved in teaching the program. They have met our curriculum needs admirably over the years, always been cooperative to work with and we will miss them a lot."

A farewell reception for the staff of Health Information Technology will be held on May 31 at 3:30 p.m. in the FTC Dining Room.



ALUMNI PLEDGE NEARLY \$6,000 TO CAMPUS CENTRE IN FIRST WEEK OF PHONATHON

The Campus Centre inched almost \$6,000 closer to being built, thanks to the dogged persistence of BCIT staff, students and alumni during the phona-thon campaign last week. Fuelled by donated pizza, the three teams raised the amount in pledges from 1966 to 1969 alumni during the first week of Phonathon. Campus Centre coordinator, Maeve O'Byrne, was confident last Wednesday that the goal of \$10,000 would be met. Along with Maeve and Lorne Hildebrand, business manager of the Student Association, other participants included: John Watson, Brian Gillespie, Paula Pick, Robert Simons, Martin Hendy, Mark Angelo, Chuck Spong, Sharon Hatton, Janice Eden, Betty McCallum, Phyllis Johnson, Gail Mitchell, Mario Mazziotti, Michelle Becket, Anna Lisa-Jones, Gerry Weeks, Sam DiGiando, Marv Woolley. Apologies to anyone inadvertently left out.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL FACULTY AND STAFF

This year's graduating awards ceremonies and Convocation ceremonies will take place on the following dates:

Graduating Awards Ceremonies:

School of Business, June 13, 1989
School of Engineering Technologies, June 14, 1989

School of Health Sciences, June 14, 1989

Convocation June 15, 1989

School of Business (a.m. ceremony)

- Broadcast Communications
 - Hospitality Administration
 - Marketing & Tourism Management
- School of Business (p.m. ceremony)
- Administrative Systems
 - Financial Management

Convocation: June 16, 1989

School of Engineering

(a.m. ceremony)

School of Health Sciences

(p.m. ceremony)

Keynote speakers are as follows:

School of Business a.m. ceremony,
Marie Taylor, chairman, BCIT President's Club

School of Business p.m. ceremony,
Darcy Rezac, Managing Director,
Vancouver Board of Trade

School of Engineering, Jack Smith,
President, Westar Group Inc.

School of Health Sciences, Ron
Mulchey, President, St. Paul's
Hospital.



CLEAN AIR POLICY REINFORCED

The President's Office has issued the following statement regarding BCIT's Smoking Policy:

It has been brought to our attention that a number of employees are ignoring the Institute's Clean Air Policy, which went into effect on January 28, 1987.

We ask that every staff member take responsibility for ensuring that only those areas designated as smoking areas be used for that activity. Offices, corridors, washrooms, etc. are NO SMOKING AREAS. Please be considerate of your colleagues by adhering to the Clean Air Policy.

CLEAN AIR POLICY

It is the policy of the British Columbia Institute of Technology that a smoke-free environment be provided for employees, students and visitors. Smoking is, therefore, restricted to specially designated areas throughout the Institute.

Designated Smoking Areas

J.W. Inglis Building:

1. Lower Floor - north lobby at entrance way
2. Level 2 - cafeteria (smoking section provided)
3. Level 3 - staff lounge (Rm 312) and north end of open area above cafeteria

Electrical Training Centre:

1. Cafeteria — a smoking section is provided

Administration Building:

1. Staff room

Food Training Centre:

1. Cafeteria — a smoking section is provided

Student Activity Centre:

1. Growlies — a smoking section is provided

Library:

1. Room 308 (northwest end)
(Library staff only)

2N Building:

1. Campus Cafe — a smoking section is provided.

1A Building:

1. Staff lounge on 2nd floor
2. South balcony lounge — 2nd floor.

SEA ISLAND OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 1989
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Find out more about BCIT's Sea Island Campus.

We offer the most comprehensive training in Western Canada.

For more information call Bill Foyle, associate dean, 278-4831.

OVERSEAS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

International Education has received recruitment notices for the following positions:

- Organizational Development Expert (1) (ACCC)
Ministry of Health, Indonesia
- Training Needs Assessment Experts (2) (ACCC)
Ministry of Health, Indonesia
- Civil Engineer, Water Supply, Mozambique (CUSO)
- President, Mount Royal College, Calgary

For more information please contact Donna Hooker at local 8842 or see the bulletin board in trailer 2G beside the Bookstore.

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