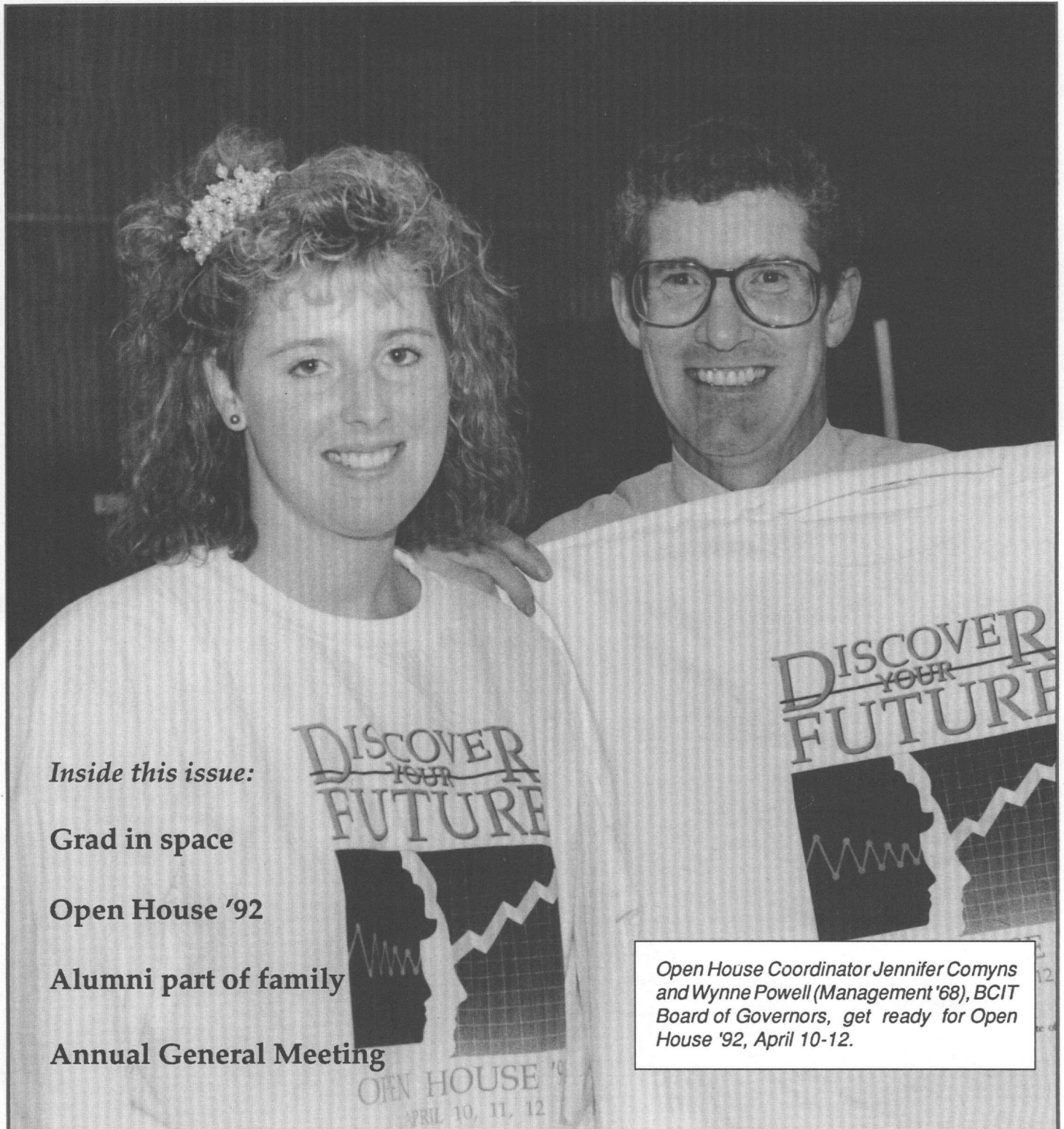


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President's Message

from Bob Wells

Remember when you went to BCIT? Every two years the Institute held an Open House. Because it was held every two years it wasn't just your typical Open House. BCIT's Open House was special.

This April 10 - 12 I am encouraging all of you to come back to school to see what's been happening since you've been away. There's a new \$6 million Technology Block rising from the ground. There's the Rix Club, a shiny new staff club with lounge and restaurant to which all alumni are members. In the centre of the campus is a beautiful brick courtyard which will soon feature a brand new student campus centre.

This year's Open House will feature a career fair, a regional science fair, children's workshops, logger sports, Science World Roadshow, planetarium displays and numerous student displays and projects. Bring your friends, children, spouses and don't forget to drop by the alumni booth.

And while I have your attention, don't forget to attend the annual general meeting May 28, 1992 at the Rix Club. As well, please consider nominating someone for the annual Alumni Association Achievement Awards. You can nominate someone by filling out the form printed below.

Of course the Association is always looking for alumni who want to help in fund raising, Open House, newsletter production, writers, advertising sales. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out the form on the back page of this newsletter.

Survey graduate helps out in space shuttle experiments

by Terry Jorden

While millions of Canadians were watching astronaut Roberta Bondar bounce around the inside of the space shuttle, another group was keeping its eyes on an important experiment.

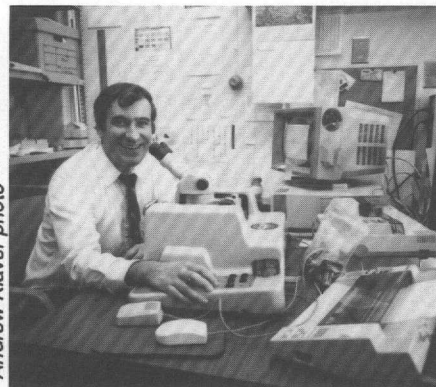
One of these was BCIT graduate Roy Gagnon. Roy a Surveying Photogrammetry grad from 1981, was one of five scientists conducting tests to examine the back pain experienced by astronauts.

Roy was part of the team from University Hospital, Shaughnessy Site, investigating the cause of back pain in astronauts during NASA's First International Microgravity Laboratory mission launched aboard the space shuttle Discovery on January 22.

The project attempted to pinpoint the cause of discomfort experienced by more than two thirds of NASA's astronauts, whose height can increase up to seven cm. in microgravity. Stereo photographs and careful height and pain recordings are expected to gather precise knowledge of changes in spinal dimension and shape.

Roy returned from Houston in mid-February and is currently examining the photographs taken during the eight-day flight.

As a payload support engineer, he uses a stereo plotter to view photographs taken simultaneously from different angles to obtain three-dimensional images of



Andrew Klaver photo

Roy Gagnon

astronauts' backs. Analysis of these images, along with other data, may pinpoint the cause of back pain.

"This is a unique opportunity to find out how the spine functions in the absence of gravity," said Peter Wing, the head of orthopedics at University Hospital. "Observing what happens to the spine in space may provide us with valuable information for diagnosis and treatment applications here on earth."

Roy and teammates have spent six years preparing for their experiments and will follow up with another study called Spinal Changes in Microgravity scheduled for launch in April, 1994.

There are already several applications from the research, such as new techniques to measure effectiveness of testing and treatment in osteoporosis patients and new approaches to research design.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The achievement award recognizes a BCIT graduate who is distinguished in his/her field/technology or has made a substantial contribution to the well-being of the community. The recipient will have demonstrated outstanding performance in one or more of the following areas: Technical Achievement, Business Achievement, Career Development, Community Affairs, Service in Government.

I nominate _____

Program _____ Year of Graduation _____

Address _____

Phone (res) _____ (bus) _____

Place of Employment _____

My Name _____ Phone(res) _____ (bus) _____

Landscape Horticulture Diploma Program Holds Farewell Reception

You are invited to a farewell reception on Saturday, May 23 at 7:30 pm in the Rix Club, BCIT Burnaby Campus. This reception marks the end of the Landscape Horticulture Diploma Program at BCIT. Come join your fellow graduates and celebrate our history.

For more information contact
Susan Murray at 432-8785.

Alumni Association News

The popcorn's on us at Open House '92

If you were at BCIT in 1986, 1988 or 1990, you know that something special happens at BCIT in the spring.

Once again the BCIT Student Open House Committee is inviting you to attend Open House '92, April 10-11-12 at the Burnaby Campus.

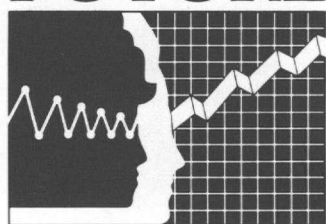
Join us for three exciting days of activities starting Friday (Students' Day Only) from 9 am to 6 pm, and from 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and 10 am to 4 pm Sunday (Everybody Welcome).

Open House will feature student displays, career fair, regional science fair, logger sports. Clowns, jugglers, musicians, imagination market and Science World Roadshow will provide additional entertainment and atmosphere to this exciting event.

Your BCIT Alumni Association, of course, is involved with Open House. Drop by our booth in the Town Square Cafe and catch up on grad gossip, relish the past and contemplate the future.

If your company is interested in participating in the career fair or if you would like further information contact Jennifer Comyns, the Open House Coordinator at 432-8272.

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Sixteen students receive alumni awards

In its continuing support of BCIT students, the Alumni Association awarded close to \$20 thousand last fall.

"Even though it made the selection process challenging, but delightful, it was great to see such a large number of high calibre people coming to BCIT," said Ken Pearce, chairman of the Entrance Awards Committee.



Recipients of the Entrance Awards were honoured at the annual Celebration for Success Breakfast on October 25th 1991. Over 140 people attended the event to see the presentation of awards to the 10 students.

Evan Stregger, Alumni board director and Bob Wells, Alumni president presented

Alumni Awards to six high achievers in the School of Engineering Technology, School of Business and School of Health Sciences at the Scholarships and Awards Ceremonies on October 29th.

Congratulations to the 91/92 award winners!

ENTRANCE AWARDS

Brian J. Beckett, Electronics
Tami Fincaryk, Nuclear Medicine
James Hemenway, Mechanical Engineering
Mark L. Lynds, Computer Systems
Lori Marie Nelson, Architectural Drafting
Louise Normand, Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Jessica Radcliffe, Auto Collision
Gerald A. Thompson, Avionics
Holly Zhang, Diagnostic Medical Sonography
David Zhu, Electronics

ALUMNI AWARDS

David Best, Computer Systems
Henry Chu, Financial Management
Richard J. Gagne, Marketing
Marion Grove, Surveying
Carolyn L. Jones, Nuclear Medicine
Virginia Reed, General Nursing

Alumni Association Annual General Meeting set for May 28, 1992

The annual general meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28 at the Burnaby Campus' new Rix Club. The Board of Directors is excited to see the AGM coming back to BCIT. This will be a good opportunity to see the new club which features a restaurant and lounge.

During the AGM there will be reports from the executive and the election of new members. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please forward information to the Alumni office or call 432-8847. Nominations close April 15.

The evening begins at 6 pm with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by the Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony at 7 pm, and a guest speaker at 7:30. The formal meeting begins at 8 pm.

The Rix Club is in the same building as the Town Square Cafeteria (Food Training Centre for you old timers). Parking is free and signs will show you where to park.

BCIT Developments

Swingin' barn dance planned for May 30th

by Cathy Daminato

Jo-Ann Johnston (Fin Man '78) and members of the BCIT Family Campaign Committee invite all alumni to swing back to BCIT for the "world's biggest barn dance" (well,

almost!) on Saturday, May 30, 1992.

Wear your cowboy hats and country best and stomp your feet to the contagious beat of live country music. Between do-si-dos and Texas Line dancing, feast on a fabulous outdoor barbecue with all the trimmings. To cool down, enjoy a romantic horse and buggy ride around campus. Come join the fun! Call 432-8643 to reserve your tickets.

The barn dance is the first campus wide

event being planned by the Family Campaign steering committee. Comprised of BCIT faculty, staff and alumni, the committee promises "something for everyone" as they raise funds toward the \$10 million High Tech, High Promise Capital Campaign goal.

In November, 1992 the committee is planning a huge catalogued auction. More details on this major fundraising initiative will follow in the next issue of your Alumni News.



"We all have to be risk takers at some point if we want to change our lives."

When former high school drop-out Ken Pearce joined the Venture Program at the British Columbia Institute of Technology, it was to gain the skills he would need to be his own boss – forever.

It was the first in a series of decisions that have paid off for Ken. Now he owns Hillcraft Recreations Ltd., a growing steel fabricating plant in south Burnaby, and he's looking forward to his first \$1 million in annual sales.

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Grad Gossip

1966

CAMPBELL, Donald A. (Broadcast) lives in Calgary and is President and owner of Donald A. Campbell & Associates Inc. providing management and human resources consultants and training to all areas of business.

LANE, Robert G. (Administrative Management) and Gail (nee BURNS Medical Radiology '67) own Cunningham Distributors in Vernon and would like to hear from their fellow classmates.

1967

CARLYLE, David (Marketing) has been promoted to Branch Manager of Finning Ltd. in Quesnel. Congratulations!

GRANEY, Bruce A. (Mining) worked in Canamax Kremzar Mine near Wawa, Ontario until its closure in 1990 and is now working as a Training Coordinator at the Lupin Mine in N.W.T.

1970

WARD, Mark Raymond (Hotel/Motel) is the Owner/Manager of Heritage Office Furnishings in Victoria and is wondering, "Fellow classmates, where are you?"

1971

KLASSEN, Dan (Building) is the "Head Honcho" (his words) of Dan's Design & Drafting Ltd. in Courtenay and comments that he is "too busy" and there's "not enough ski time".

1973

BROWN, Paul G. (Mining) is a carpenter at the Greater Victoria School Board #61. (Thanks Paul, we enjoy all comments and will continue to work hard bringing you the News.)

KMYTA, Dave (Financial Management) was recently appointed Regional Director of Finance for B.C. and Yukon Territories with Veterans Affairs Canada. Dave is responsible for a staff of 25.

MITCHELL, Barbara J. (Broadcast) is a senior consultant with Mitchell and Associates and appreciates the Alumni News. (We sure like to hear comments like that, Barbara.)

THOMPSON, Gregg (Operations Management) was with Alcan for 3 years, Syncrude for 3 years, went into private consulting for 3 years and is currently Senior Director, Human Resources with Petro Canada. He is also currently completing a Master of Science degree in Organization Development at Pepperdine University in Los Angeles.

1976

ANDERSON, Maida (Computer Systems) worked as a programmer for 5 years then went back to school for a Bachelor of Theology and Master of Divinity. In January 1992 Maida moved to Spain to continue her missionary work with the Christian & Missionary Alliance.

IRONSIDE, Robert W. (Broadcast) Rob writes, "Like many a broadcaster, on the move again! From B.C. Hydro Security Services to Canadian Red Cross Society, Vancouver as a marketing assistant."

KING, Brian Terrance (Marketing) is the marketing representative, B.C. Interior for Eveready Division, Ralston Purina Canada Inc. He loves living in Kelowna and he and wife Shelly are expecting their first child in July.

1977

HAYNES, Ken (Survey) worked as a Road Superintendent for the Ministry of Forests since graduating. Effective January '92, he became Area Road Manager for the Ministry of Highways.

KONKIN, Linda Eve (nee JENKINS, Marketing) is working with husband David (Natural Gas Petroleum '79) starting up a new oil field service office in Sana, the capital of Yemen.

LESAGE, Brian (Hotel/Motel) is sales representative for Western Protein Company, Hampton House, and comments, "finally moving south after 12 years in Prince George. Looking forward to being on the lower mainland without being too close to the big city."

1978

NEDOKUS, Edward (Forestry) is an R.O. Silviculture with the Ministry of Forests in Merritt.

1980

HEIMLICH-HALL, Sandra Joan (Broadcast) is working as a reporter/producer/back-up anchor for CFJC-TV7 News in Kamloops. Sandra gave birth to her first child September 1st and says "hello to all Broadcast grads and my old roommates from Salish House." And adds, "Nancy Wickham, WHERE are you???"

MACNEILL, Richard Ross (Computer Systems) graduated from the CMA program last year. In the summer he moved to Ottawa to begin a three-year term on loan from B.C. Tel to Telecom Canada. He enjoys reading the News and wants us to keep up the good work. (We are sure going to try. But we can't do it without your input, so thank you too.)

1982

ALABI, John Eshigberemeh (Mechanical) is working as a Technologist II at the University of

Benin in Nigeria. He enjoys reading the Alumni News and would like to hear from classmates.

BOUDEWYN, Paul (Forestry) graduated from UBC in 1987 with a degree in Forestry and is now working as a lab technician for the Canadian Forestry Service in Victoria.

CHRISTENSEN, Anna (Computer Systems) is a systems analyst for ISM-B.C. (Thanks for your comments Anna, we couldn't do it without you.)

1983

GERMAIN, Jessica Anne (Hotel/Motel) is a tours reservation agent with BCAA.

SATHER, Dan (Operations Management) married Michelle (nee BERNARDIN General Nursing '82) and they have two children.

1985

HOLMES, Thomas Norman (Marketing) recently completed his C.A. designation, is happily married with two children and says "Hi!! to Marketing Grads of '85".

MIHURA, Tanya (nee GOLISH Medical Radiography) is an x-ray technologist at the Nicola Valley General Hospital. Tanya was married in June '91. Congratulations!

TONOLLI, Michael S. (Business Administration) is the Controller at Acme Fire and Safety. (Michael we've corrected the duplication. Thanks for your comments. We enjoy hearing those ones — keep them coming in!)

1986

ALSPAUGH, Robert (Forestry) owns a forestry consulting business, Northline Consulting, as well as working as a Logging Supervisor for Jubilee Contracting. Married Karen (nee DENNISTON Nursing '88). Karen is a Float RN at Prince George Regional Hospital.

DONKER, Teresa H. (nee KREHEL Hospitality Administration) has a home business and two young daughters.

JEMSON, James (Operations Management) sends "Greetings from the sunny South Pacific!" James and his family have been living in New Zealand for the past few years. He's now working for an appliance manufacturer with a variety of responsibilities. James wonders, "where my class of '86 have ended up?????" (Come on class of '86—we don't mind being inundated by news!!!)

WHITE, Lisa (nee MONTGOMERY Health Information) is Director, Health Records at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Comox. Married to Dan (Medical Radiography).

1987

BEHNKE, Barry Wayne (Architectural Drafting)

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Grad Gossip

is working in Ontario and writes, "I enjoyed living in B.C. very much and still hope to find full-time employment in the Vancouver area".

CHOW, Dora (nee LEE Financial Management) is a secretary at B.C. Tel. She married John (Financial Management) and they have one child.

COMER, Richard (Marketing) is Customer Service & Design Representative for B.C. Hydro on the Island. "It's great to be kept informed!" says Richard. (So everyone, keep those cards and letters coming in.)

MASTROPIERI, Aldo M. (Mechanical) After graduating from BCIT he went to Lakehead University in Thunder Bay where he received a B.Eng in Mechanical Engineering. He is a Design Engineer of Fluid Power Systems for Industrial Equipment Co. Ltd.

1988
SCULLARD, Rand Donald (Computer Systems) reports, "I've moved to Manhattan, have a new job, and am getting married in September '92 in New York! Need I say more?" (No!!!)

THERRIEN, Michael & SUE, Janet (Marketing Management) Michael chose to continue his education at the University of Western Ontario, graduating in 1991 with a B.A. (Sociology) (Thanks Dean M.). Upon graduation, Janet joined Benndorf Verster as Marketing Assistant and went on to Chevron Canada Limited. Janet is Executive Marketing Assistant at an aerospace firm in St. Bruno, while Michael is the Sales Department for his father's computer sales and support company. "We wish all the best to our ex-classmates from BCIT." P.S. Michael and Janet are very proud to announce their engagement as of December 24, 1991. Wedding date TBA. (All the best.)

1989
BORVS, Donna (Computer Systems) working as a full-time programmer/analyst developing administration and mission critical (on-line) applications in FOXPRO (xbase dialect). Also working as a part-time instructor of Adult Continuing Education at University College of the Fraser Valley & BCIT (Intro and Adv. Computer Courses).

CHANG, Steven (Financial Management) is an

accounting clerk at Dominion Blueprint and Reprographics. Fellow grads are invited to drop by or call.

DAHNS, Robert Victor (Electronics) is Technical Service Representative at Canadian Marconi Company.

1990
HNATIUK, Steven P.W. (Business Administration) "Did some 'soul searching' in Thailand, Indonesia, Nepal and now I'm back to explore the real jungle, downtown." Steven is a management consultant with Andersen Consulting a division of Arthur Andersen & Co.

MCGILLIVRAY, Scott F. (Electronics) is field engineer with Telecommunications Terminal Systems and states, "the telephone business is booming. No recession here."

1991
SOO, Jo (nee LI Administrative Management) is Office Manager/Partner of PAX Construction and reports her three partners are also BCIT grads.

WILSON, Donald B. (Marketing/Electronics) remarks "BCIT certificate has been an excellent addition to my credentials (including RRCC/WPG Diploma in Electronics)". He is a marketing technologist at BC Hydro.

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Professional Development

How to influence people...

by Michael Harrison

Did you know that you are the number one influencer of BCIT students? It's true! BCIT graduates are cited by students as the people who most strongly influence their decision to come to BCIT.

Here's your chance to put that power of persuasion to good use.

This fall the School of Business will have over 100 seats available for direct entry into the second year of its programs. The majority of students who enter the School have already graduated from, or spent up to three years at, university or college. This fall we will have openings for more.

So if you know someone who is a university or college graduate - or who has completed at least the equivalent of BCIT's first-year Business courses - please ask them to call the Dean, School of Business 432-8581 or fax 436-0810.

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For more information, contact the SET, Tel: 432-8459 or Fax: 432-9572.

* School of Engineering Technology



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Some of the programs provided by Business Client Studies that are most in demand include Quality Control in Manufacturing, Manufacturing Excellence, Computer Proficiency, and Supervision and Leadership Skills.

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Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

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Employer _____ Position _____

Technology _____ Year Graduated _____

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