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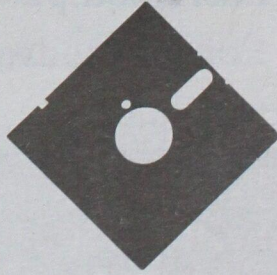
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A BCIT Year in Review

Summer 1988

BCIT is the focus of a series of provincial government announcements, starting with the news that about three-quarters of the \$4 million that had been cut from BCIT's 88/89 budget was to be restored.

Hot on the heels of that hard-won budgetary reprieve, Stan Hagen, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, announces that BCIT would, effective with the 89/90 fiscal year, operate as a Centre for Advanced Technology Training. Speculation mounted that the BCIT name was being dropped in the process, but a government clarification of the announcement a few days later cleared up the confusion. The BCIT name was here to stay.

BCIT was restructured over the summer and many programs were targeted for removal to other colleges, including Horticulture, Health Records, Hospitality, Upholstery and Appliance Repair, and Construction Trades. At the same time, four programs offered at Vancouver Community College were marked for transfer to BCIT, including Computer Systems, Security Alarm Installer, Power Engineering, and Electricity and Industrial Electronics.

One week later BCIT's new mandate was finally announced: "The British Columbia Institute of Technology will be an innovative and flexible advanced technology enterprise which will focus on those initiatives that increase the level of entrepreneurial activity within the province".

September

The hallways are awash in colour. A new scheme to help

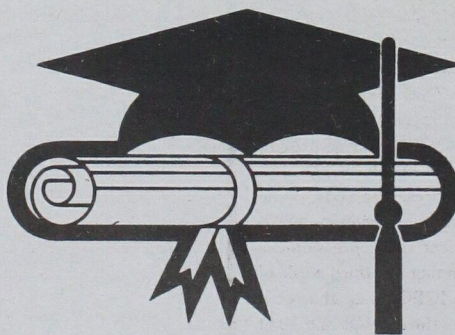
everyone find their way through BCIT's corridors of higher learning is being implemented. The idea is that each wing of each building features its own colour, corresponding to guide maps posted at building entrances. The guide maps, by the way, are nowhere yet to be seen.

BCIT President Roy Murray, a week after denying in the institute newsletter he had any plans to leave, announces his resignation, effective March 1, 1989. He actually stays on board until the end of March, 1989. Ironically, despite the huge advance warning, a new president is not appointed until April 20, although he doesn't take office until mid-June. Murray won't say where he is headed, except that it is an "opportunity in Ontario". It turns out he's off to head Confederation College in Thunder Bay.

Students however, are less concerned about Roy Murray than they are about a sudden huge increase in parking fees. The year before, on-campus parking for technology students cost \$35 a year. In line for parking permits, students found themselves facing a \$90 charge. In an editorial, the Link points out that "holding student parking spaces up for ransom is a poor way for BCIT to raise money". The costly parking permits result in a dramatic jump in car break-ins, where the only item taken is the permit.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) are in the news, and yes, BCIT has some in storage. 36 barrels of old fluorescent light ballasts are stashed at the BCIT warehouse on campus. The ballasts each have a small capacitor inside them which contain "trace" amounts of PCB's.

Students raise over \$14,000



BCIT Convocation 1989

The 1989 BCIT graduating class goes through convocation in four separate ceremonies June 15 and 16.

The School of Business is split in two, with Broadcast Communications, Hospitality Administration, and Marketing & Tourism Management graduates taking the Thursday morning ceremony, and Administrative Management Systems, Financial Management, and Operations Management going through in the afternoon.

The entire School of Engineering Technology convocation ceremony takes place Friday morning, and the School of Health Science convocation ceremony is Friday afternoon.

The morning ceremonies start at 9 a.m., the afternoon ceremonies start at 1:30 p.m. All four ceremonies take place in the BCIT Student Activity Centre gymnasium. A reception follows each ceremony at the Food Training Centre.

during Shinerama '89 in aid of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The money goes to aid research to find a cure and to help those affected by the disease.

September is a busy month. After more than a year of delays and excuses, Plastics technology students have had enough. To express their frustration at being in the second year of the new program without any lab equipment in place, they occupy Roy Murray's office, demanding that promised labs and equipment be installed by October 1. Murray isn't around and no administrator would promises to do anything more than set up meetings. The protesters vow to return a week later with the first year class.

October

The Student Association celebrates its twentieth anniversary as a duly registered society, and announces that the Campus Centre has been designated its 20th anniversary project. Despite a lack of commitment from the government, which is targeted for a one million dollar contribution to the project, the S.A. promises a spring "sod turning" ceremony. S.A.

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Two new deans

In May BCIT appointed two new deans, one each for the Business and Engineering schools.

Michael Harrison joins BCIT as the new Dean of the School of Business. Most recently he was president of MCI Management Consultants International in Toronto. Harrison has also held positions as executive director, Canadian Bankers Association, vice president computers/communications, Southam Inc., marketing officer, Denison Mines and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). He was on loan to the Treasury Board, implementing Royal Commission recommendations governing personnel management in the public service of Canada.

Dave Chowdhury, acting in the position since August, 1988, was appointed Dean of the School of Engineering Technology, effective May 10.

Chowdhury comes out of the Marketing Management program, where he had worked as an instructor since September, 1985. He holds a Ph.D. in Management Science/Management Information Systems from SFU, an MBA from SFU, an M.A. in Computer Science from the University of Toronto, a DIC Post Graduate Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering from the Imperial College of Science and Technology at the University of London, England, and a B.Sc. Hons in Mathematics from the University of Calcutta, India.

Before joining BCIT in 1979 Chowdhury gained extensive industry experience with B.C. Tel, IBM and as an independent consultant.

Much more of A BCIT Year in Review

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executive members express the hope that construction would also start in the spring of 1989.

35 first and second year Plastics students re-occupy Roy Murray's office as promised, but this time, although Murray is again nowhere in sight, the students are satisfied with the promise that the long awaited lab is to be completed by November 15.

A federal election is just a month away and Patrick M. makes his debut as a contributor to the Link with an editorial entitled "Let's give Ed a chance".

After 15 years on campus, the BCIT branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is pulling out. A spokesperson for the CIBC says the branch has been struggling for years and is "not economically feasible". An instant teller machine will be all that's left after December 9.

The Student Association establishes BCIT's first student food bank and asks students to contribute non-perishable food items for those in need.

Not only were goblins and ghosts out and about on Halloween night, but someone stole several computer systems stored overnight in a classroom. The systems were part of a group purchase, and were being stored for pickup the next day by students.

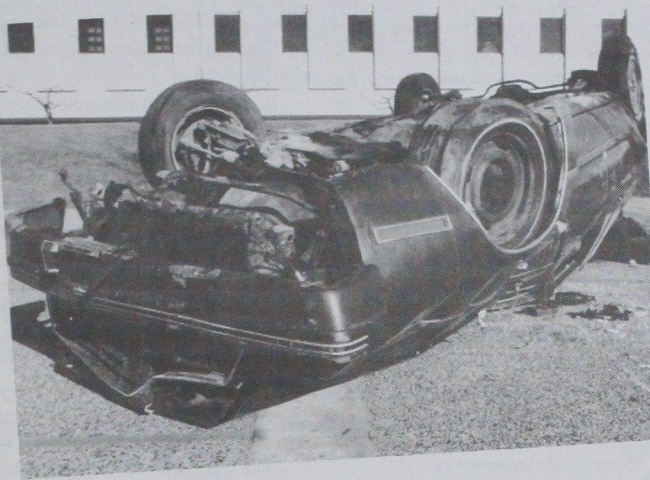
Barry Jones, NDP advanced education and job training critic, discussing the Social Credit approach to education, accused the government of making too many "parking lot decisions". "That's when the decisions are made between the parking lot and the meeting," says Jones at a lecture sponsored by the Staff Society.

November

The federal election takes place this month. Despite a complete lack of political activity on what is often viewed as a very conservative campus, The Link runs editorials that, while not always overwhelmingly endorsing the NDP, take many shots at the Progressive Conservatives. The only letter to the Link critical of the editorials is from a Liberal.

The Student Association announces that it is optimistic the Campus Centre will receive lottery money through the new Growth & Opportunities (GO) fund established by the provincial government. The S.A. wants up to \$1 million to help with the five to six million dollar project. The S.A. is also looking for one major private donor, of as much as \$1 million, to name the centre after.

The total amount pledged and raised during the annual BCIT United Way campaign is expected to reach close to \$17,000 this year.



is sitting out in front of the SAC. On the fourth night the car is trashed and rolled over.

January 1989

The S.A. rejects GO funding for the Campus Centre of only \$250,000. S.A. President Guy Steeves is confident more will be offered. "I thought accepting a smaller amount would be a compromise," Steeves tells the Link.

Don Wright, publisher of the Link and manager of the S.A. Publishing Office, is appointed manager of Access Computers and the S.A. Word Processing Centre, all to be operated out of the Access Computer store in the Library Lobby.

Plastics technology students are still upset, the lab isn't finished and they've only one term left in the program. They refuse to pay their fourth term fees until the lab is completed or a compromise is worked out.

The Student Association decides not to join the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) without putting it to a student referendum. Council members said the S.A. didn't need the CFS lobby effort and expressed concern that the organization "doesn't have the right image...".

February

The Student Association announces it will sponsor an Alcohol Awareness Week on campus. Members of the executive organize participation by a variety of groups, including the RCMP, ICBC, BCAA, Medical Services, MADD, and others. Unfortunately, everybody but ICBC was under the impression the event was running the third week of the month. ICBC was the only participant to show up at the right time, with a banged up car ostensibly the result of a drinking and driving accident, although no signs actually say why the dented car

up to date on the Campus Centre. He tells them the S.A. is looking for \$400,000 from the government through the GO program, and is close to having a major donor to name the building after. Steeves tells the Board that the Campus centre will "keep the value of the diploma going in the right direction".

March

S.A. President Guy Steeves and Tower Group Chair Peter Crowder continue to be confident sod will be turned for the Campus Centre this Spring.

Taps and A&W run into a bit of trouble when a representative of the Liquor Control Board is surprised and displeased that a fast food service is located so close to a bar. It is suggested that the bar and the restaurant cannot be open at the same time. But when the LCB refuses to issue a written complaint over the matter, it is business as usual for the Great Root Bear and Norton the Moose.

S.A. Engineering Chairperson Sasha Nikodijevic steps down from his position when it is learned he has "dropped or withdrawn from two or more courses", contrary to S.A. bylaws for students holding office.

The BCIT hockey team takes provincial honours for the first time in BCIT hockey history.

Horticulture students campaign to save the rainforests of Central America by encouraging students to donate to the World Wildlife Fund.

Staff Society members vote 89%

in favour of strike action to back wage demands. A one day walk-out by Staff Society members in computer resources prompts BCIT to complain to the Industrial Relations Council. In the meantime, the Staff Society, which had been boycotting the IRC, ask it to come in and supervise a new vote, which goes 88% in favour of strike action.

The Student Association issues a statement urging students not to cross any picket lines set up by the Staff Society.

Student Association elections are underway, but only nine students are running for eight positions. The only position attracting two candidates is that of Recreation Chairperson.

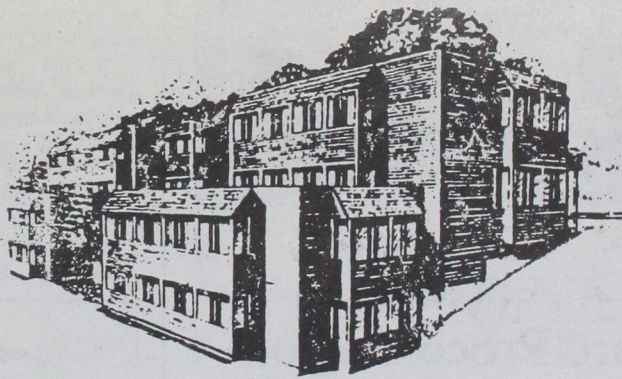
The provincial government announces that BCIT is getting a \$13.75 million package to replace and upgrade equipment, establish a technology transfer centre, and fund new programs.

The funds will apply over two fiscal years: 89/90 and 90/91.

April

For the first time in BCIT history, technology instructors and technical staff walk off the job and set up picket lines around most of the BCIT campus. The strike lasts two weeks, but not before a great deal of animosity develops between students who support the instructors and join them on the picket line and those who cross the lines. On the final day of the strike, a convoy of

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Most of the employers who recruit on campus will request that you complete the standard application form supplied by the Canada Employment Centre on campus. Here are some points to consider before filling one in.

1. If possible, take the application home to complete on your own time and in your own surroundings.

2. Read this form over carefully before attempting to complete it. This will help you to avoid entering information in the wrong section.

3. Under the work experience section of the application, do not put 'student'. Begin with your most recent job and continue to list them

in reverse order.

4. Most forms request narrative comments on your extra-curricular activities, the type of work you desire and any additional information relevant to the field of work for which you are applying. Remember to keep it simple and to the point. Now is not the time to write your autobiography.

5. Review your application form carefully. Grammar, sentence structure and spelling must be perfect. No exceptions can be made to this rule.

6. Remember to sign and date the application. This is the most frequent omission noted by employers.

Now that you have completed the application form, make a copy of it. This will help you save time when you complete other application forms.

Get your application in on time! Most job vacancies will have an application deadline. If your application is late you will not be considered for an interview.

The Interview

An interview for employment does not have to mean 'panic city'.

You've made it through the paper screening so you have passed the first hurdle. The employer now sees you as a potential employee. All you have to do is convince the employer that hiring you would be in their best interest.

Here are a few tips:

1. Research the company prior to your interview.

2. Be on time.

3. Dress neatly and appropriately.

4. Act confidently and be at ease.

5. Be honest, friendly and courteous.

6. Be a good listener. Don't interrupt the interviewer.

7. If you don't understand the question, ask to have it repeated. Think before you answer.

8. Maintain eye contact with the interviewer.

9. Do not say anything negative about yourself or past employers.

10. Answer questions clearly and concisely.

11. Watch your grammar. Avoid slang and poor word usage.

12. Feel free to display a sense of humour!

13. Remember that it is normal to be nervous.

14. Body language says a lot about you. Maintain good posture and if you are nervous, fold your hands in your lap.

There are many books and pamphlets available to assist you. They are available at the Canada Employment Centre, Employment Action Centre, the TNT Emporium and at the BCIT Library.

If you have an interview scheduled and you feel you need some extra help, drop by the on-campus CEC.

Employment Tips

When you send in a job application, you want to attach

something that says 'Here's my resume'. That's the purpose of a covering letter. A covering letter explains what position you're applying for and how your qualifications meet the job requirements.

It should say where you found out about the job. Also list some personal qualities. Don't be modest but be factual.

Include a phone number and address where you can be reached. It works the same as an introduction, so you want it to have impact. And remember that spelling and neatness counts.

You always have to apply yourself in looking for a job - even when filling out a job application.

The job application may be the first impression an employer has of you. How you fill it out can make or break your chance for an interview.

A tidy application is a neat idea. Print or write clearly. Be sure there are no spelling mistakes. Bring along a sample application you're already filled out - you won't have to worry about remembering numbers, dates and addresses that way.

The interview went great. The employer was impressed with your experience. Your resume stood out from the crowd. You're both Oiler fans, but you have competition. A follow-up letter may seal the job. It keeps you in the employer's mind and shows that you really want to work for that company.

In your letter, thank the employer for the time spent with you. Say you're interested in the job and why. Also include any new information that may add to your chances.

Dressing is important for a salad and a job interview. Good taste makes the difference. Dressing correctly tells the interviewer you're serious about the job.

The clothes you wear depend on

the position for which you're applying. For example, if you're being interviewed for a physical labour job, wear the clothes the suit the position.

The rule to remember is: keep it neat and clean. Grooming is important, too. If in doubt, be conservative.

'Be prepared' should be your job interview motto. A job interview is a test, and like any test, your chances of passing are greater if you study. Find out as much as possible about the company or organization before your interview. What is the company's business? What services does the organization provide? How does the employer go about doing what it does?

The interviewer will be impressed by the effort and knowledge you show. It means you are interested in the job and the company. Sorry, no crib notes.

Look to the CEC for job search help

Link Staff Report

Technology graduates who are still looking for work should register with the Canada Employment Centre on Campus.

The centre, which assists annual recruitment drives by employers through the school year, maintains a list of employment vacancies on job boards located in room 1A 222.

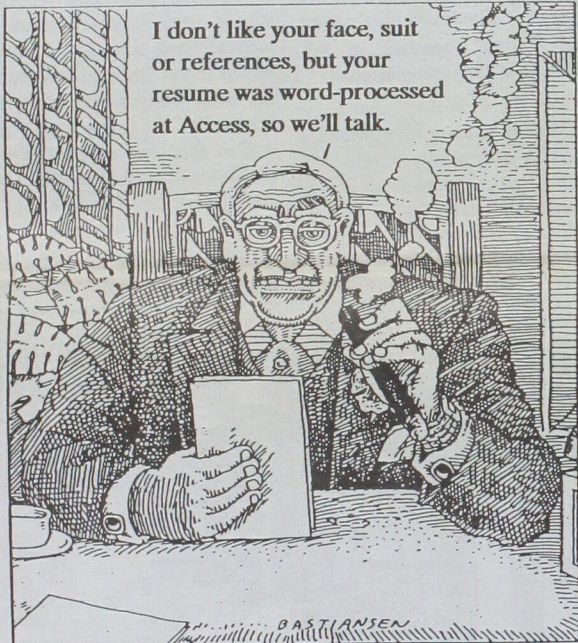
While the job information centre provides up-to-date job information, CEC staff recommend graduates register with the centre for wider exposure to potential employers. They say employers frequently make appointments with CEC staff to view resumes of graduates on file. In these instances, employers are usually not interested in posting or advertising vacancies - they are looking at expedient methods of hiring, and this service addresses that need. Once they have selected the resumes they are interested in, CEC staff provide them with photocopies, retaining the originals on file.

Many times employers will telephone to post a job order and simultaneously request that the centre send them copies of resumes on file. In these cases, graduates who are already registered will have the advantage of immediate application.

Resumes are retained for a period of two calendar years past graduation, after which graduates are eligible to register with the Professional & Technical Office downtown.

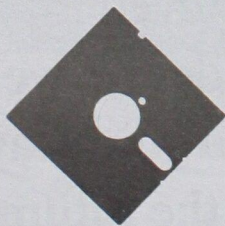
According to CEC staff, BCIT technology departments and the BCIT-CEC have traditionally enjoyed an excellent reputation with employers. This year they say they are experiencing unparalleled increases in the number of vacancies in all technology areas.

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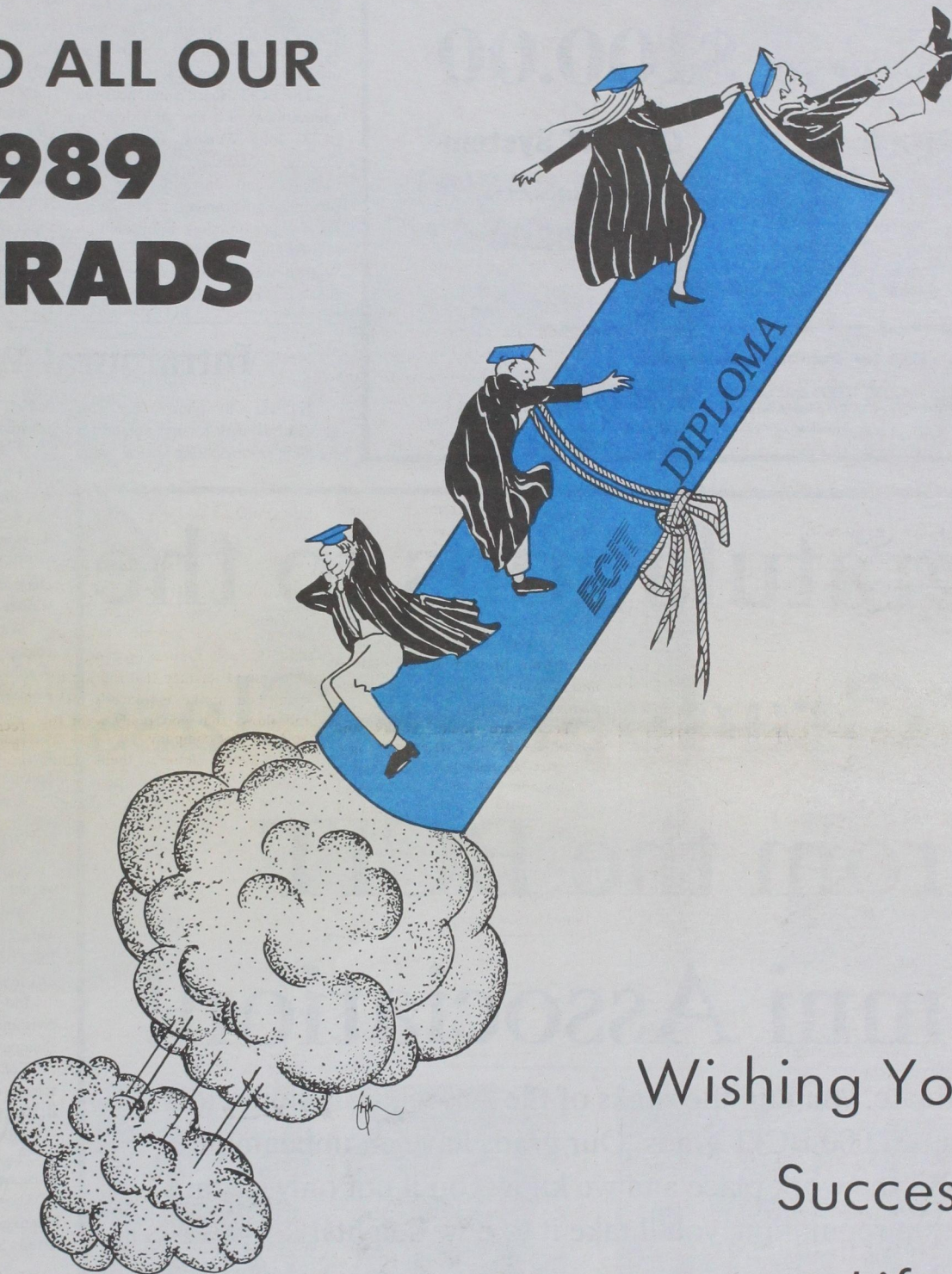


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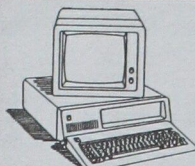
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about 125 cars break through the picket line in a mass crossing organized by S.A. executive members Guy Steeves and Wendy Lawson. At a rally on campus, students vote to travel en masse to Victoria the next day to protest the strike, but at 4 a.m. the next morning (a Friday), the Staff Society and BCIT reach a tentative agreement, and the institute is back to normal on Monday. The final agreement is for 20 per cent in wage increase over 38 months.

The BCIT Board announces the appointment of a new president for BCIT. John Watson, an Assistant Deputy Minister, Universities, Colleges and Institutes for the provincial government, is to take up his new position July 1. In addition to working for the government Watson was once Vice President, Finance and Administration at

Okanagan College.

To make up for the two weeks of school lost during the strike, final exam week is eliminated and classes are extended to May 31.

May

Even though the strike dramatically raised the profile of the Staff Society, only one person, the current vice president, is willing to run for the top position. As it is, only ten members are running for the remaining six positions.

After several years of deficit budgets, the Student Association is projecting that it's 89/90 fiscal year will generate a \$56,306 surplus and, subject to BCIT approval, the S.A. hopes to turn Taps Pub into a lease operation, under the direction of current S.A. food and beverage manager Dave Miles.

Intramural Winners

It was a good year for intramurals, with a large number of students participating in a wide

variety of team sports. The final standings were as follows:

Fall term

Flag Football: Yogi Bears - divisional winner and league champion; Seahawks - divisional winner

Indoor Soccer: Ahli - league champion; Rat Patrol - divisional winner

Wallyball: Leapers - league champion; Extruders, Bushwackers, Wallbangers, Guess Who - divisional winners

Volleyball: Nads - league champion; Beach Team, Jungle Rats, Club Med, Environmental Spikers - divisional winners

Trades Challenge: Shot-Gunners - Champion

Winter term

Ice Hockey: Staff - league winner

Wallyball: Jinx - divisional winner and league champion; Extruders, Thermo Setters - divisional winners

Indoor Soccer: Health Kicks - divisional winners and league champion

Volleyball: Finesse - Divisional winner and league champion; C&S II, Killer Bees, Beauty & the Beasts - divisional winners

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Sto-Pitch Softball Tournament: Flamingo - Saturday winner; Hoof Arted - Sunday winner

Congratulations to the 1989 Graduating Class from the BCIT Alumni Association!

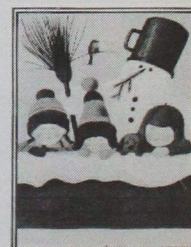
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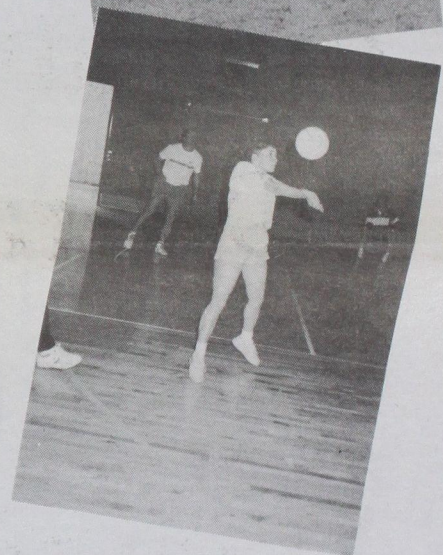
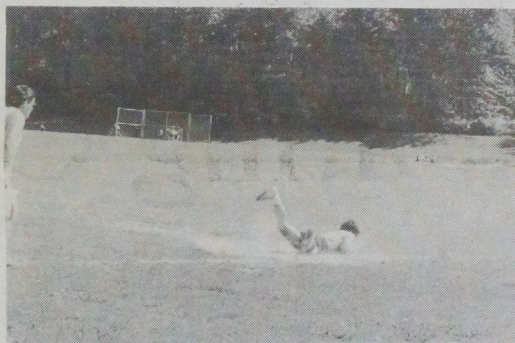
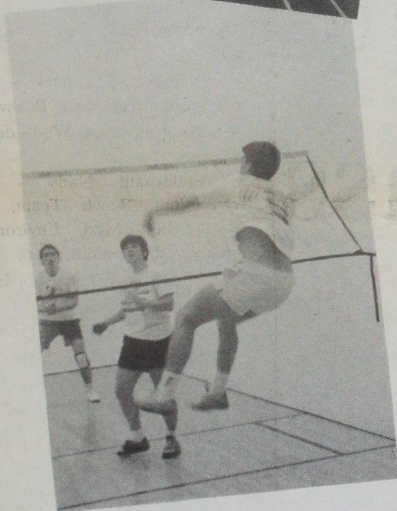
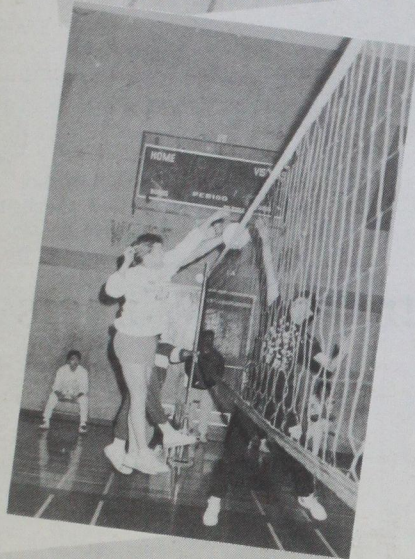
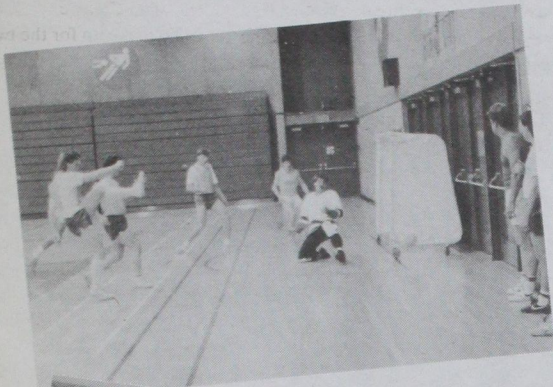
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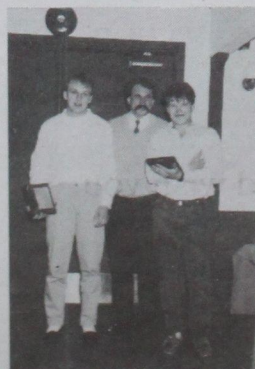
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A Recreation and Athletics Photo Album



MVP Award Winners

1. Womens soccer - Linda Bossom, Alan Ross (coach)
2. Womens soccer - Marie Marshall, Alan Ross (coach)
3. Badminton - Terry Gelinos, Dawn McGuire (coach); Co-winner Cindy Wotherspoon not in attendance
4. Basketball - Mel Rudden (assistant coach), Randy Stevens, Gerry Brajcich, Warren Meneghello (assistant coach)
5. Rugby - Tim Marshall, (unknown), Stan Klassen (coach), Ken Foot
6. Men's Soccer - Gord Ackerman, Carmine Morelli (coach)
7. Ice Hockey - Paul Tucker, Walter Olson (manager), Kyle Marbo, Dave Stelzer (coach), Ed Baye (assistant coach)
8. Volleyball - Jim Mitchell (Director, Recreation & Athletic Services), Kathryn Wykes





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