

BCIT UPDATE

YOUR CAMPUS BULLETIN

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A CONVERSATION WITH JOHN WATSON

January 28, 1991

Ed. John, 1991 has come in like a lion with major events affecting us on an economic and global level. What can we expect at BCIT over the coming year considering the spectre of provincial wage restraint and rumoured cutbacks to our annual budget?

JW. My hope is that we can continue with a stable funding base from which to work and can convince government to give us enough funding to expand our FTE's. If we are to fulfil the terms of our mandate and keep industry supplied with a well qualified, up-to-date workforce, we should be growing as an institution and this isn't the case, even in proportion to population growth.

We don't know when the 1991/92 budget will come down, or how much it will be, but in an attempt to cushion us against that uncertainty we brought in first voluntary and now mandatory expenditure controls. The rationale

for this is simple. The expected saving is only one per cent of our annual budget but even that cushions us against the possibility of the government's inflation adjustment being less than we need for our inflation increases. It also gives us a little more time to deal with the consequences of such an action by government and may help reduce any adverse effect on jobs and programs. So, instead of letting the possible loss of revenue hit us all at one time we are spreading the pain of tighter budgets over a longer period to cushion us from the impact.

The main push for the next while is the strategic planning process which very much has to be a reflection of the views of campus people on what BCIT should be doing and where we should be going. Gerry Moss and Brian Gillespie are preparing a synthesis of inputs they have received to date. Drafts of their findings will circulate soon. Our three year plan is due in Victoria by the end of February.

The strategic plan is very much a living document which will be updated annually to reflect all of our ideas and

hopes for the Institute in the challenging years ahead.

As part of our strategic planning process we are close to starting another round of consultations with the campus community, this time on the topic of degrees. Ann McArthur (Physics), chairperson of the Educational Council, is preparing a discussion paper called 'Technological Degrees at BCIT' to give people an opportunity to make their views known on this controversial subject.

Other important projects for the Institute include fundraising, renovations and the Aerospace Project. The Aerospace Project, if successful, will see BCIT's Sea Island campus become Canada's major training facility for aviation personnel, but the plan is dependent on us finding a corporate partner in the venture.

I am delighted that a contract settlement has been reached with our BCGEU Instructional Unit and would like to thank all those involved for their patience and commitment to the process over the past several months.

BUILDING 1A OFFICE LINK

Renovations Update

by John Wong

Renovations are estimated for completion by February 28, 1991. The following activities are currently underway:

- Code upgrade for earthquake, fire and emergency requirements based on current regulations
- New windows throughout
- New roof
- New floors (carpet in all offices, tiles in hallways and duplicating room)
- New horizontal blinds in all offices
- New ceilings throughout.

John Wong is project coordinator, Facilities Development

BCIT IS EXPANDING

by Walter Watkins

Since the completion of the Campus Master Plan for BCIT in late 1989, the Institute has been planning for new development on the Burnaby campus. This planning has focused on the centre of the campus, which is seen to be the crossroads and heart of the campus. Beginning in the spring of 1991 construction will occur in the

vicinity of Goard Way, Lister Avenue and Roper Avenue, around the old Food Training Centre. Five projects are being initiated which will transform this part of the campus into a focal point for the institute community.

The projects to be undertaken include:

1. An addition to the Automotive Building on Goard Way to accommodate a new automotive program.
2. A new Campus Square at the inter-

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UPDATE DEADLINE

If you have any stories or tips for the next issue of *Update*, please phone or PROFS Trisha Mason by February 14.

**A VIEW OF THE NEW CAMPUS
SQUARE FROM GOARD WAY
SHOWING THE NEW STUDENT
CENTRE AND CLOCK TOWER**



BCIT Is Expanding, cont.

section of Goard Way and Lister Avenue adjacent to the 1A Building.

3. A new Campus Centre complex fronting onto the new Campus Square. This Campus Centre complex includes a new Student Centre, a Food Pavilion and a Technology Block.

Automotive Building Addition

The new addition to the Automotive Building will be a one-storey concrete structure of approximately 460 square metres. This wing will include a diagnostic area with adjacent office and reception area; a new lecture area and a new and revamped tool shop. The expansion will create a larger open floor teaching area within the existing building.

The building will be fronted by a glass facade and incorporate a new exterior canopy which is a part of an overall canopy system planned for the campus.

The Campus Square

The new Campus Square is located at a major crossroads of the campus. It will be the terminus of an upgraded formal entry off Willingdon Avenue. Goard Way will be transformed into a major boulevard street leading to the Campus Square. Incorporated into this new boulevard will be an information kiosk of benefit to visitors and users of the campus.

The Square will be constructed using brick pavers and will be surrounded by the new painted steel canopy system. The centre of the Square will be marked with a major clock tower which will act as a major focal point, visible from many parts of the campus. Construction of this new Square will commence in March.

Campus Centre Complex

The Campus Centre complex is a new facility that will be a major amenity for all campus users. The total facility will also become a major attraction for off-campus groups. The opportunity exists for this facility to become a conferencing complex of use both to the Institute and the larger community.

The complex is comprised of three components:

Student Centre

The student Centre wing of the complex will include a range of student services and amenities. Many of the services currently housed in the S.A.C. building at the south end of the campus will be relocated to this new central location. The facility will house new Student Association offices, an expanded student pub and eating facilities, new retail outlets including an expanded TNT store as well as a new bookstore.

A new feature in this building will be a series of student facilities including a business opportunities centre, student conference rooms and a copy/publishing centre. The building will also house an Alumni Association facility.

The focus of the building is a major Great Hall, a large enclosed gathering place for the whole of the campus

community. This Great Hall, somewhat like an enclosed town square, will be able to accommodate a variety of activities including large gatherings such as graduation ceremonies, dances, trade shows and more informal day-to-day activities such as lounging, eating lunch or even pick-up basketball.

Food Pavilion

Overlooking the Great Hall on the east side will be the refurbished Food Pavilion. This will be the major campus cafeteria for the Institute. Incorporated within this Pavilion, will be a new faculty and V.I.P. lounge of benefit to all BCIT staff. This faculty lounge fronts onto a major outdoor landscaped courtyard. The courtyard will accommodate seating and dining during good weather.

Construction of the faculty lounge commences March, 1991.

Technology Block

The faculty lounge also fronts onto a smaller atrium which connects the Food Pavilion to the new Technology Block wing of the Campus Centre

complex. This 4,500 square metre, three-storey building will include new lab space, new classrooms and about ninety new faculty offices.

The main level of the facility adjacent to the atrium will be a new 300 seat lecture theatre as well as an audiovisual presentation room.

The building has been designed with a major light well running through the middle of the building to allow daylight into all levels of the building. Staff offices are located on the top floor and all offices will have natural light and ventilation.

Construction of this new \$8 million facility is anticipated to commence April, 1991.

A number of other initiatives are currently underway on the campus including a major new signage program that is being developed for the 1A Building and its surrounding area. This new signage program will become the prototype for the campus, to be used in new buildings and future renovations to existing buildings.

Walter Watkins is director of BCIT's Physical Plant



MARIO'S ANGELS!

Registrar Mario Mazziotti is thrilled with his new group of senior staff members. From left to right, Karen Porteous, graduation eligibility officer, Stacy Robertson, senior student records assistant, Lois Nightingale, supervisor Admissions and Registration and Jeri Fostvelt, associate registrar. All started their jobs within the past few months and, according to Mario, are fired with enthusiasm and new ideas.

STAFF NEWS

Peter Thomson is the new manager, Industrial Assistance in the Technology Centre. Peter was formerly vice president of Corporate and Industry Relations with B.C. Discovery Foundation and prior to that was vice president of Marketing for the Foundation. He can be contacted at Local 8373.

Ernie Iannacone is now responsible for managing industrial conferences for the Technology Centre. He will be located on the main floor of the ATTC building and can be reached at Local 8761.

Peter Genge, manager of Facilities Development and **Gordon Frandsen**, project coordinator, Facilities Development left the Institute effective February 1. Peter has taken on a job at the Vancouver School Board and Gordon is off to Chile.

Daniel Catt, former BCIT Wildlife Management instructor and 1983 Fish, Wildlife, Recreation graduate, has been awarded the Rotary Foundation Graduate Scholarship to study at the College of African Wildlife Management in Tanzania. Catt will be taking the ten month post graduate diploma program in wildlife management.

CONVOCATION DRAWS ADMIRING COMMENTS

28 BCIT Industrial Education Teacher Education graduates from the past four years received certificates at January convocation this year. It was obviously a very important occasion for them judging by the positive comments. One graduate, Gary Stultz, even wrote a letter to special events coordinator Carol Dion and her staff complimenting them on their efforts.

"... Not only were the staff efficient and courteous, they also created a friendly atmosphere that helped alleviate any anxiety I was feeling. The graduation was an important day for me and I appreciated the efforts put forth by the support staff."

The 28 Industrial Ed. graduates joined students from the Electronics Technology, General and Specialty Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Administrative Systems programs. All received certificates or diplomas and many also received graduating awards. For Part-Time Studies student Janet Harmon, who received her Mechanical Intermediate Certificate, the occasion was made extra special when she was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal by Board of Governors' member Brian Sung.

Guest speakers at the ceremonies were: Dr. Karl Brackhaus, president and C.E.O. of Dynapro Systems Inc., Dr. Nancy Sheehan, dean, Faculty of Education, UBC and Mr. James Flett, president, Vancouver General Hospital.

Turnout by BCIT faculty and personnel from colleges participating in our Nursing Remote Access program was high this year, suggesting that the BCIT convocation is getting a reputation as a classy affair.

June convocation is scheduled for June 12, 13 and 14. If you are aware of any upcoming graduates whose achievements and or lives at BCIT might make interesting stories for BCIT publications, please contact Trisha Mason at Local 8738.

ANGELO TO SPEAK AT FUND RAISING DINNER

Fish, Wildlife and Recreation instructor Mark Angelo will speak on Provincial River Strategy and the Stikine River at the Raintree Restaurant on April 7. His appearance will be one in a series of **'GOURMET DINNERS TO BENEFIT ENDANGERED SPACES'**. The other two dinners are at the Alma Street Cafe on February 3 (topic: Endangered Spaces and Biodiversity) and the Cafe Django on March 3 (topic: South Chilcotin/Chilco Lake Park and Wilderness Proposals).

Money raised from the dinners will go to the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C.'s executive committees on Rivers and Shorelines and Resource

SKI BCIT!

Fun in the Snow for All BCIT Staff, Students, Alumni and their Families

**Saturday, February 16
at Grouse Mountain**

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| Ski Only | \$14 |
| Ski and Half Hour Lesson | 28 |
| Ski, Lesson and Rental | 34 |
| Rental only | 14 |

Register at the BCIT Recreation and Athletics Office (by Feb. 12 if you want lessons).



President John Watson and accomplice Neil Howard of Marketing and Development are taken away in handcuffs after being arrested by Student Association president Duff Gardner on January 16.

The scam was all part of a festival of activities dreamed up by the S.A. to raise funds for the Student Assistance Fund.

Total bail money raised from campus arrests was in the region of \$250. This, together with other activities, put the total at over \$1,000.

Management. Mark is chairperson of the Rivers and Shorelines committee and is one of B.C.'s most outspoken individuals on the need to protect and properly manage B.C.'s wild and scenic rivers. Price to attend all three dinners is \$115 (income tax receipt for \$90.00). To attend one dinner costs \$40 (income tax receipt for \$30.00).

For reservations call O.R.C. at 737-3058 or the designated restaurant.

BCIT BREAKFAST SERIES GROWING IN POPULARITY

Business and industry really love our Development Breakfasts and are starting to turn out in record numbers for the 7:30 a.m. date at the Four Seasons Hotel.

BCIT's Development Office presents the breakfasts once every six weeks to network with key contacts in business and industry and give them an opportunity to network among themselves.

The formula seems to work. On February 1 a record breaking crowd of close to 80 people paid \$15 each to hear Mr. Michael J. O'Connor,

SAIL AWAY WITH TREVOR

Would you like to sail and swim in the warm, clear waters of the British Virgin Islands next summer? Trevor Glave (Electronics Technology) and his wife have chartered a 35 foot (10.7m) sailboat for two weeks in July and have two berths available for compatible ship mates. No prior sailing experience necessary! Major costs: \$500 per person for the boat plus \$760 airfare. For more details call Trevor at Local 8219.

president and C.E.O. Of B.C. Transit speak on Transportation in the Nineties: Are Chaos and Congestion Unavoidable?

The next Breakfast on March 14 will feature Art Willms, executive vice president of Westcoast Energy Inc.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

- \$1.2 million of the \$10 million campaign already raised!

- Exciting new logo approved for use with all campaign literature.

- First campaign committee formed. David Laundry, vice president Public Affairs, Vancouver Stock Exchange, Michael Wade vice president Office Assistance and Syd Lewis, Public Affairs manager Western Region IBM Canada Ltd. make up the new Public Affairs Committee responsible for marketing the campaign.

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REMEMBER WHMIS?

Asks Neal Chadwick

"Remember WHMIS?" WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Material Information System) is Federal Legislation designed to inform us of hazardous products used in the workplace. All BCIT employees and students are required to know the major elements of WHMIS and in particular the location of material safety data sheets (MSDS) covering hazardous products in their work/study area and to be familiar with all sections of the MSDS, e.g., protective gear to be worn when handling a hazardous product, specific dangerous properties of that product, etc. The WHMIS program at BCIT is being coordinated by Tina Tett. If you have any enquiries or require assistance with WHMIS in your area, please call Tina at local 8797 or drop into the WHMIS Centre, 2N-135 and see first hand how WHMIS is being implemented at BCIT.

Adequately informed workers can be identified by the ability to answer four questions.

1. What are the hazards of the controlled product?

The answer must reflect the possible adverse effects of the products in question. This demonstrates an understanding of generic hazard information (education).

2. How are you protected from those hazards?

The answer must demonstrate a worker understanding of safe work procedures in the use, storage, handling or disposal of the product, operation of a ventilation system for control of air contaminants where it is part of a work procedure, and the proper use of personal protective equipment. The answer must reflect adequate workplace control of the hazard by engineering or administrative means.

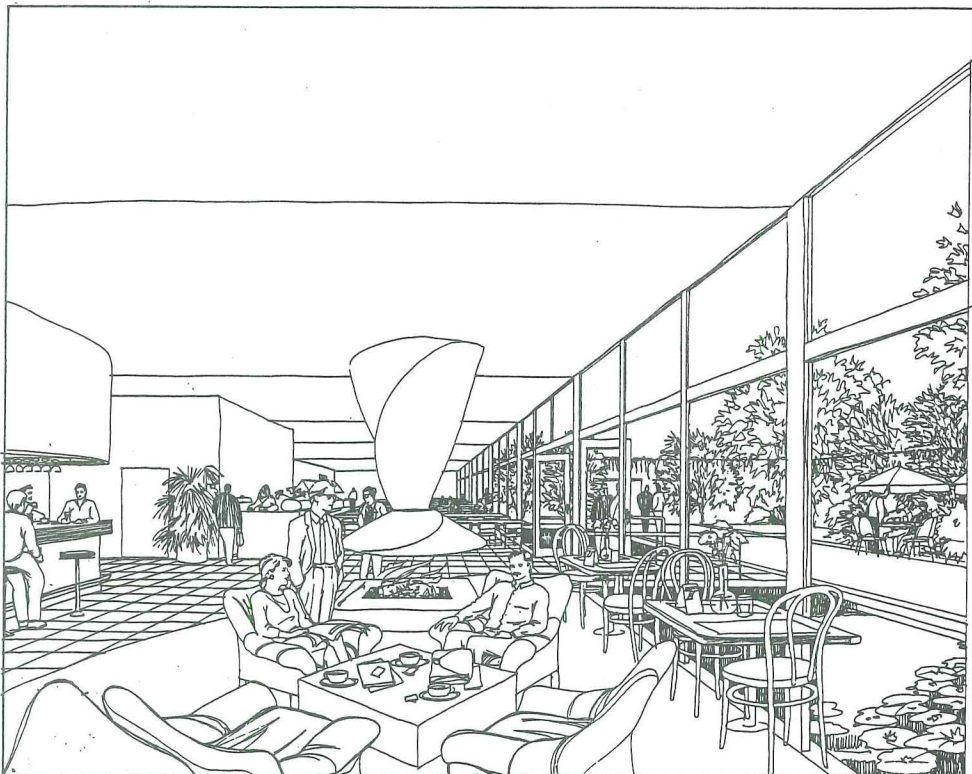
3. What do you do in case of an emergency?

The answer must show the worker's understanding of procedures to follow in the event of spill, release, fire or poisoning involving the controlled product, and include the use of personal protective equipment where applicable.

4. Where can you get further hazard information?

This question focuses on the worker's ability to access the significant information provided on labels and data sheets. Workers must know about the supplier label, workplace label and other means of identification applicable to the use of the product and must know the means of being able to obtain information significant to his/her health and safety from the MSDS.

Neal Chadwick is manager of Safety and Security



PROPOSED BCIT FACULTY LOUNGE, OVERLOOKING POND AND LANDSCAPED COURTYARD

**Construction to
commence March, 1991**