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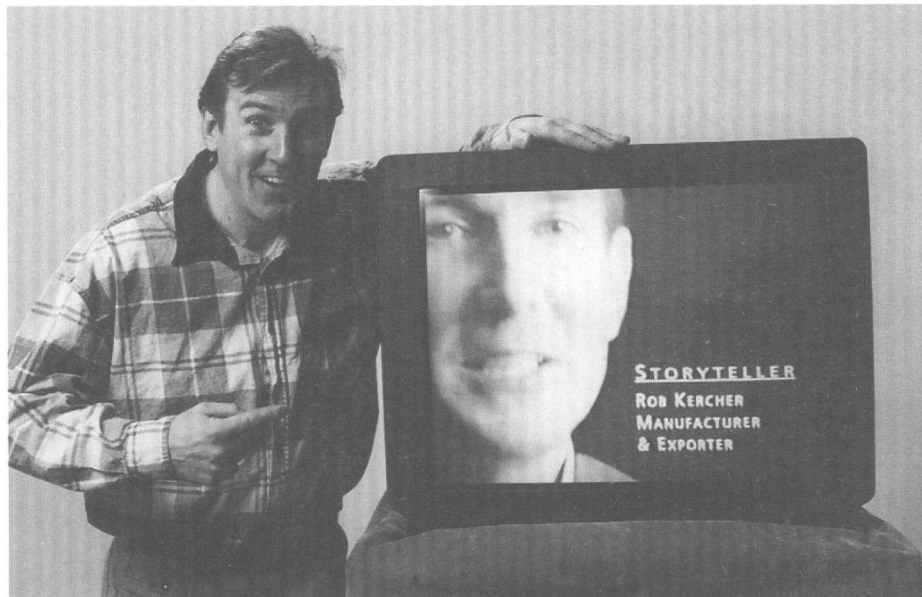
BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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A star is born at new small business centre

BCIT Computer Resources' Rob Kercher recently jumped into the spotlight, not on campus, but right across the country. Yes, if you've been wondering who the familiar face being beamed into your home in a recent Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce's (CIBC) television commercial is, it's BCIT's very own Rob Kercher.

You might also have noticed a familiar hand greeting Kercher at the door to the new Downtown campus. If you're really quick you'll notice it's the Entrepreneurial Centre's director, Peter Thomson.



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Venture program graduate Rob Kercher and his 5 seconds of fame. ▲

Kercher says this recent brush with fame is just one more avenue that's opened up to him since completing the Venture program. "Who knows," joked Thomson, "Rob came up to me after the filming and we laughed about him getting a manager — maybe it's yet another career opportunity for him"

Both men were downtown for the two days of filming needed to complete the 30 second commercial,

which is set in the new CIBC Small Business Centre at BCIT's Downtown campus.

In support of the new centre, CIBC has donated \$250,000, one of the bank's largest donations for small business and entrepreneurial training in Canada.

"We are extremely pleased to have an opportunity to build upon our long-standing relationship with BCIT," said Holger Kluge, president of CIBC's personal and commercial bank, at the recent opening of the centre.

Included in the new centre will be programs and services to promote entrepreneurship and stimulate

growth of British Columbia's small business sector — and its centrepiece will be BCIT's highly successful Venture program.

"The bank's support demonstrates recognition of the importance of early stage business in Canada's economy and future development. The CIBC Small Business Centre at BCIT's Downtown campus is an opportunity for the bank to 'invest' in small business training thereby improving the probability of success," says Thomson referring to the partnership.

At this time there are no other Western Canadian post-secondary institutions featured in the CIBC ads.

Message from the president

Since the last newsletter, we celebrated the grand opening of the new Downtown Campus. The opening was a great success, with many alumni returning to see BCIT's new campus. As in my last message, I encourage all alumni to visit the new campus to discover the many interesting opportunities available to you and your company, some of which we've listed on page 5.

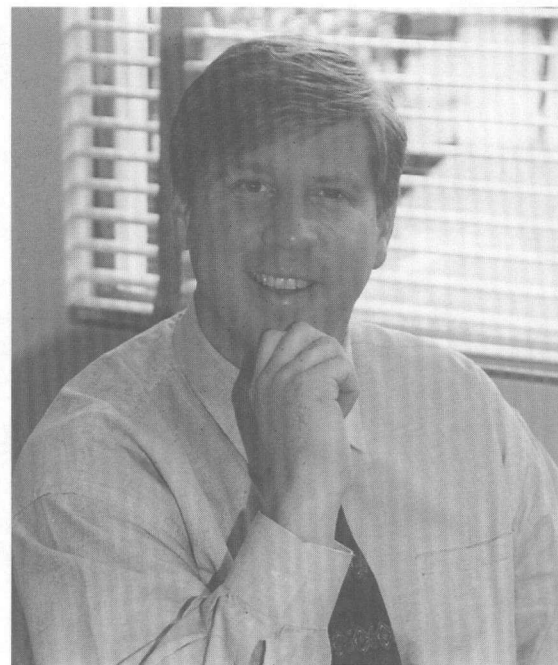
BCIT is experiencing great success with the new Bachelor of Technology Degree program. This program will be expanded and made more flexible for those wishing to pursue a degree. For example, some degrees are designed for delivery in a flexible part-time mode.

Recently, you received a request in the mail from the Alumni Association for a charitable donation towards

scholarships, bursaries, awards, or a particular area of interest to you. We thank you in advance for your generous gift. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I pledge to make your gift count for maximum value — especially as donations made to the endowment fund are doubled through government matching.

Finally, I encourage you to contact the Alumni Association to arrange a reunion with your BCIT classmates. The association can provide lists and coordination for your reunion.

*Regards,
Bill*



Bill MacPherson. ▲

Congratulations to our recent alumni

The faces of students crossing the stage to receive their hard-earned credential at the Feb. 20 Convocation were beaming. The ceremony, which included graduates of Bachelor of Technology degrees, advanced and post diplomas, technology and trades diplomas and Part-time Studies certificates, was a milestone in each student's life.

BCIT conferred two more Bachelor of Technology degrees in computer systems, marking the program's second degree graduation since it began accepting degree applications last spring.

Programs in attendance were Computer Systems, Diagnostic

Medical Sonography, Nursing, Electronic Engineering Technology, Automotive Service Technician, Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning, as well as a number of Part-time Studies certificate programs.

Keynote speaker Brian Lentle, head of Radiography, Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre, and professor, University of British Columbia, encouraged graduates to look towards their future.

"I believe graduation is like reaching the top of a pass: the gradient gets better but you have to keep on traveling and in the while a whole new view opens up into the next valley," said Lentle, who went on to

talk about "some of the scenes to be found in the valley."

Discussing the future of work, he mentioned that while the computer is reshaping our lives and the way we learn and communicate, the human spirit transcends machines and technology.

"Today's graduates range in their expertise over a number of disciplines, and society needs each one. However, if I have one thought for them all, it is that as much as their disciplines are important it is in our common humanity that they will find both fulfillment and security," he said.

BCIT welcomes new coat of arms

BCIT welcomed Robert Watt, Chief Herald of Canada, to Convocation on Feb. 20 for the formal presentation of new symbols for the institute: a coat of arms, flag and badge.

Explanation and symbolism

BCIT's Coat of Arms is intended for use on diplomas, honorary awards and other awards of distinction. The dominant colors are blue and white, taken directly from the official colors of the institute. These colors are also dominant in British Columbia's own Coat of Arms. Red, gold and green also appear in BCIT's Coat of Arms.

Arms (shield):

On the band across the top of the shield are a coin, a compass placed upon a cogwheel and a staff with a snake entwined around it. These objects highlight some of BCIT's program areas:

The **coin**, as the heraldic symbol for commerce and wealth, symbolizes business.

The **compass** and the cogwheel, as symbols for precision measurement, design, building and construction and trades of a variety of types, symbolize engineering and trades.

The **staff** with the snake, as the ancient Greek symbol for medicine, represents health.

The **vertical line** dividing the shield symbolizes BCIT's approach to learning; the interplay and fusion between theory and practice; the linkages between trades and technology and between the institute and the world beyond.

The **border** surrounding the shield includes four of the special Canadian heraldic symbols for computer chips.

These stylized computer chips symbolize the theme of technology and the four main campuses.

Crest (above the shield):

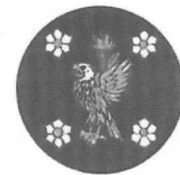
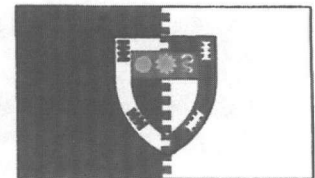
The **dogwood flowers** represent the provincial character and mandate of the institute. The **eagle** symbolizes the spirit of the students, faculty and all members of the Institute's community - searching for knowledge and understanding, being far-seeing in the search. The eagle is also a powerful emblem of the province and the riches of the natural environment. It is also an honored symbol of the First Nations Peoples and a reference to BCIT's main campus, as the eagle is found in the City of Burnaby's shield.

The **torch** is a traditional and contemporary symbol, representing the light of knowledge and striving for excellence.

Supporters and Comportment (below and on either side of the shield):

The **grass** at the base of the shield represents the lands of the campus and the water: Guichon Creek on the main Campus, the ocean and other water bodies on or near institute campuses. Together **grass and water** symbolize the strong environmental orientation of many BCIT programs.

The **cougar** symbolizes land-based programs, while its wings represent aviation technology and programs. This creature represents how the institute's programs interrelate, and the innovation and dynamism associated with its teaching and research approaches.



*The BCIT motto, **QUISQUE DOMINUS SUMMI**, located at the base of the shield translates as: To each their highest achievement.*

Join a few of your former classmates...

Recently you received a package from the Alumni Office. Inside there is an important message from the Alumni President asking for your support, particularly for BCIT student scholarships, bursaries, and awards.

Every year, BCIT gives nearly 1000 scholarships, bursaries, and awards to deserving students. For many of these students, this means the difference between covering their expenses, or having to struggle to stay in school.

But there are still many students who are turned away due to a lack of funds. Last year, there were over 400 deserving requests for help that could not be met.

Join us in our support for BCIT students by sending in your donation in the reply envelope provided with your package. For more information, please contact the Alumni office at (604) 432-8847.

1997 BCIT alumni association annual general meeting

You are invited to join us on Thursday, May 29 for our Annual General Meeting.

Highlights

Reception

Elections

Awards Presentation

Silent Auction

Please register by calling the Alumni office at (604) 432-8847.

Not your Average painting

A special thank you to BCIT's Board of Governors, who commissioned and donated "Bright Future" to BCIT's Downtown campus campaign.

The original five foot by five foot oil painting is proudly displayed in the main lobby of BCIT's newest campus. While quantities last, BCIT alumni may purchase artist signed and numbered limited edition prints (only 100 produced) and posters.

The image was created specifically for BCIT by internationally acclaimed Vancouver artist Joe Average. "Bright Future" can represent different things to different people, here are some interpretations we've heard: "Merging technology with knowledge and creative thought..." "Merging education and career," ... "It's BCIT's mission, to provide British Columbians with world-class, job-ready skills for career success." ... Love'en technology."

Signed and numbered limited edition prints are \$200. Posters are \$14.95 (price includes tax).

Bright Future painting adorns the Downtown campus entrance.



To order your limited edition print or poster, contact:
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Did you know?

- BCIT's Downtown campus enjoys the latest integrated cabling system. As Western Canada's first Smart building, it has a central computer to run a single mixed-media network that handles voice, data and video, as well as security and numerous building systems.
- Our main conference facility can accommodate up to 140 people seated at tables or 300 people standing — making it ideal for presentations, large workshops or receptions. Catering is also available onsite. *Contact Sharon Hagenbuck at (604) 412-7676 or fax (604) 687-2488.*
- Our classrooms and computer labs are available for rent during the day at reasonable rates. *Contact Sharon Hagenbuck at (604) 412-7676 or fax (604) 687-2488.*
- Our video conferencing facility allows you to introduce speakers from around the world without the expense and effort of bringing them to Vancouver. *Contact Ser Khee Lee at (604) 412-7620 or fax (604) 687-2488.*
- You can access a broad range of industry training services. *Contact Gary Morrison at (604) 451-6845 or Val Brooks at (604) 451-7148.*

For general information and assistance on these and the many more services available at the Downtown campus contact Anne Glover at (604) 412-7779, fax (604) 687-2488 or email aglover@bcit.bc.ca.

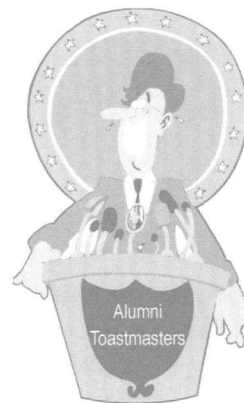
Overcome one of your worst fears

You look around but you're unable to focus. Your palms are sweaty and it's becoming more difficult to breath, let alone speak.

These are just a few of the nervous symptoms that you've probably experienced when preparing to speak publicly.

Now here's your chance to overcome this fear. Join the BCIT Alumni Toastmasters. And for those of you already comfortable with public

speaking, take this opportunity to master your communication skills. One of the most important assets in today's job market is the ability to communicate clearly and effectively. For more information, please contact the Alumni Office at (604) 432-8847.



MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the BCIT Alumni Association is to build and maintain relationships between graduates and the BCIT community, and to support the institute in fulfilling its mission.

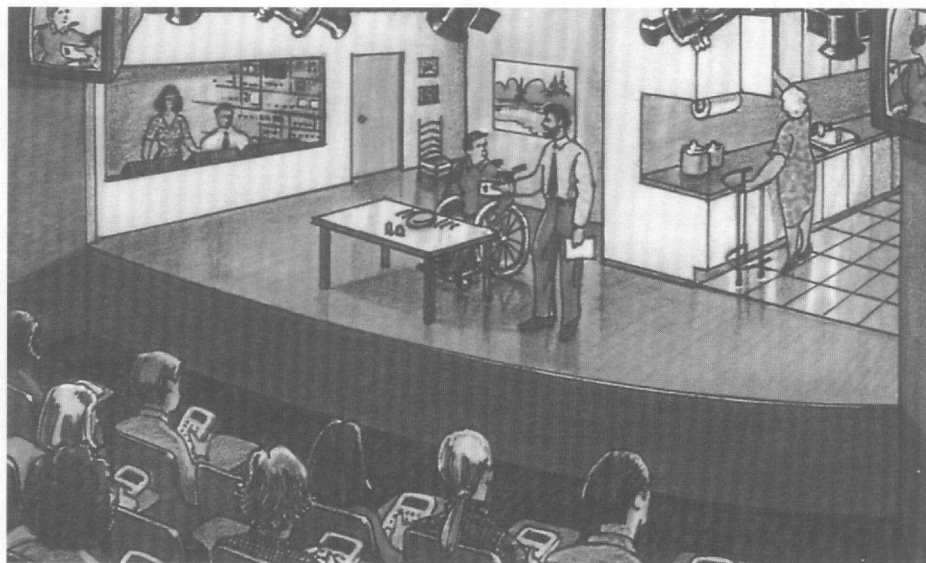
A unique development at BCIT

BCIT School of Health Sciences together with the Technology Centre and Simon Fraser University's Gerontology Research Centre, has recently developed the Living Laboratory, a unique research and testing facility located at the Downtown Campus.

The Living Lab will provide opportunities for research and testing of environments and products that promote independent living for the elderly and disabled. Many of today's environments cause amongst these groups a high rate of home accidents and dependency on others. Kitchens are too narrow for wheelchair access, cupboards are too high to safely reach. With age comes a desensitization to sounds resulting in smoke alarms going off unnoticed.

"Right now if you have a fairly minor disability, you can't live in a lot of homes," explains Nancy Paris-Seeley, director of health applied research and development at BCIT. "It's not that the person cannot mentally deal with their environment, it's just that their physical environment is not fitting to their situation."

The only one of its kind in Western Canada, the approximately 1,500 square foot facility resembles a large theater. At centre stage is a 1,000 square foot experimental living area, which can be easily adapted to simulate various environments, for example, a number of hospital rooms or a complete house. In the foreground is a viewing theater with a one-way mirror that allows researchers to unobtrusively observe experiments and provide immediate feedback. Backstage is the data acquisition room, housing computers that are fed information from both the living area and the viewing theater.



Architects rendering of Lab. ▲

"Say we wanted to design an optimal kitchen. We could wire up or just place markers on the individual and at the same time video tape them. So the information that comes in the data acquisition room is the visual but also data on the angles of the body's position. We can then see if that person is really struggling to reach up to the cupboard," explains Paris-Seeley.

Compared to other research facilities, a key benefit of the Living Laboratory is that it allows researchers to study the elderly and disabled performing everyday activities in a true-to-life setting.

"If someone is being tested, they should feel that they are in a room not in a lab," says Paris-Seeley. "If you don't have a full-scale simulation environment then you can only evaluate things on a smaller scale that don't involve real people, but then you have to make a lot of assumptions, and you might make the wrong assumption."

With the aging of the baby boomers, Mary Ann Clark Scott, researcher

with the Simon Fraser University Gerontology Research Centre, warns there will be an increasing demand for products and environments that meet the needs of the elderly and disabled.

Today, about 11 per cent of Canadians are aged 65 and over, approximately one third of whom are disabled. By 2031 this number is expected to rise to 25 per cent.

"We're sinking into a pit," says Clark Scott. "They are going to be there, they are going to be breaking down the doors, and they are going to be out there coping."

Along with their fundraising efforts, BCIT's Technology Centre is currently looking for people, particularly from the School of Health Sciences, to become involved in either research or educational initiatives involving the Living Laboratory. Please contact Nancy Paris-Seeley at local 8754 with any project ideas.

GRAD GOSSIP

1968

Eisenstein, Bernie (Hospitality) is well and alive in Atlanta, Georgia. Bernie is the proud owner of eight El Azteca Mexican restaurants. He is also a semi-professional clown and an active member of the Deputy Sheriffs department.

1970

Lewall, Rick (Administrative Management) and his wife Carlene live in sunny Tsawwassen. Rick owns and manages a sales agency and wholesaler of nursery garden products. They have enjoyed their last 18 years in BC as well as their "stints" in Manitoba and Alberta.

1971

Ackerman, Garry (Marketing Management) and Sandra live in White Rock. Garry has had a successful career in sales due to his BCIT diploma. He has now successfully challenged the Canadian Investment Advisor exam and is working in Vancouver as an investment advisor with Brink Hudson & LeFever Ltd.

Hall, Edward J. (Ted) (Civil & Structural) is regional manager with the Ministry of Employment & Investment, Energy & Minerals Division in Nanaimo. Ted and Marlene live in Lantzville.

Morrison, David (Building) After a mid-life career change, David is now manager, Corporate Accounting, for MK Wong & Associates Ltd. and Hongkong Bank Securities Inc. — both wholly owned subsidiaries of the Hongkong Bank of Canada.

Penner, Nancy Jane (Wedel) (Medical Laboratory) is a technologist with Omineca Medical Laboratories. She has enjoyed living in Terrace for the past 23 years. Nancy's husband Daryle is a plumbing and heating contractor. They have three children, 18, 16 and 12. She works part-time as a Med Lab technologist, mainly in the microbiology department.

1972

In memorium **Brian Laurie** (Financial Management) who died in February while on holidays in the Cook Islands. He will be sadly missed by his family, colleagues at Revenue Canada, and former classmates.

1976

Carlbeck, Brent (Instrumentation & Systems) married Cindy Poole in 1980. They and their two children Geoff and Ashley have lived in Burnaby/Coquitlam since graduation. Brent owns and operates Wescan Systems, an Instrumentation and Systems supplier.

LeClair, Ronald J. (Industrial Chemistry) has been with Chemex since September 1976. He has never married as he likes his freedom too much. Ronald has traveled extensively in Europe, South Pacific, South America, and enjoys photography and restoring his 1972 340 Duster. He says BCIT was a very challenging experience but worth every moment.

1977

Gartshore, Ian (Electronics) has moved back to BC from a seven-year stint in Ontario. Although he still enjoys electronics, Ian has started a business in quite another field — counseling. He's living in Nanaimo.

Heim, Steve (Broadcast) For the last 14 years Steve has owned a metal fabrication plant on Annacis Island. His company, Brenco Industries Ltd., employees 40 people. Steve says the company is prospering and growing, embracing many of the new technologies available today.

1978

Blaskovich, Randy (Environmental) is looking forward to the challenges that his new job offers. He is also excited about the possibilities of skiing and mountain biking with his four children.

1979

Kinch, Ronald (Marketing) and Joan live in Abbotsford. Ronald is a marketing representative with Whitelight Marketing Group Corp. Ron says "alumni are vital to the long term health of any school."

Sawatsky, Russell J. (Marketing) and his family live in Chilliwack. Since graduating from BCIT, Russell has gone on to earn a Bachelor of Theology, a BA in Religious Studies and a Master of Divinity. He spent eight of the last 15 years in Japan, most recently working for a Mennonite Church in Kobe. Russell met his wife Etsuko, a native of Japan in 1981-82 and married in 1984. They now have four children, three girls 9, 7 and 5 and a son 3. The family are back in Chilliwack and expect to stay in Canada until the summer of 1998. Russell is curious about the whereabouts of his classmates and wonders if any of them have any work that involves Japan. You can email Russell at resaw@uniserve.com.

1980

Brennart, Robert (Bob) (Electronics) has recently been awarded the position of director of computer operations at CKNW/CFMI Radio in Vancouver, part of a 17 year career in broadcasting which included CKLG/CFMX. Bob and **Lori** (Patenaude - Marketing '81) were married in 1983, and live in Surrey with their child and two dogs.

How to reach us

Changing your address?

Have some news to share with fellow grads?

You can write us at the BCIT Alumni Office

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Richter, Paul P. (Biological Sciences/Landscape Horticulture) and Colleen live in Vernon. Paul is a manager with Vernon Nursery, Pacific Regeneration Technologies.

1981

Robinson, Bruce Allan (Marketing - Real Estate) and his wife, Sharon, have lived in White Rock since their marriage in 1983. They have two children, Spencer 11, Brett 9, and would enjoy hearing from their classmates. They can be reached by email at brucerob@istar.ca

1983

Dewar, Brenda (General Nursing) lived for six years in Saudi Arabia with her husband Bruce. She worked at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre. Brenda completed her BSN at UBC in 1991. She and Bruce are now living in Tsawwassen and have two daughters, Diane 2-1/2 and Lauren 8 months.

Diakiw-Smith, Paula (Hospitality/Tourism) is senior sales manager at the Jasper Park Lodge, owned by Canadian Pacific Hotels. Paula, **Derek** (Hospitality '82) and their baby daughter Rachel Maureen live in Jasper. Paula wants more BCIT grads working with her - who needs a job and wants a wonderful resort life?

Kondo, Kevin (Marketing) and Karey live in Coquitlam. Kevin recently moved to Santel Communications in Richmond, where he's sales manager. They market business telephone systems, voice mail, data cabling, intercoms, access control and closed circuit TV systems. Call Kevin at (604) 273-9062 for more information.

Landolt, Sid (Administrative Management) was profiled in a fall issue of Business In Vancouver as one of four of BC's hottest companies. Sid is president of Milborne Real Estate Corp, founded in 1991, whose business is new home promotion and sales. Well done!!

Linfield, David (Forestry '83 & Forest Products '84) is currently working for Weyerhaeuser Canada, Grande Prairie Timberlands as harvest planner for Company Harvest Operations. David and his family, wife Roberta, daughter Jessi 9 and son Alex 6, live in Wembley, Alberta. David is interested in contacting Forestry and Forest Products alumni 82/84. He can be reached by email at linfield@agt.net.

1985

Colbeck, David S. (Operations Management) and Diane live in Nepean, Ontario. David's position is technical architect, employer is Revenue Colbeck. He can be reached by email at dcolbeck@nsx.com

Scharf, Guy (Forestry '85 & Fish Wildlife Recreation '86) is fisheries project leader with BioTerra Consulting in Williams Lake. He says hello to all fellow graduates. Guy moved to Williams Lake in July 1996 to begin a new job with a new company formed to take advantage of FRBC programs. BioTerra Consulting is a sibling of its larger partner Inland Timber. He's very glad to be there, more than five years in Alert Bay was long enough! To all fellow classmates, please stop by when in Billy's Puddle, the door's always open!!

1986

Friesen, Wes (Building) and Rietta live in Lindell Beach. Wes recently opened his own firm in Abbotsford, Points West Architecture.

Koevoets, Raymond (Administrative Management) and Darcy moved to Cloverdale in November 1996. They have two kids, Nico 4 and Sarah 18 months. Raymond is manager of Hollandia Catering Ltd.

Milne, Harry James (Electronics) and Cathie live in Surrey. Harry is a technician with Aquarius R.V.

1987

Chang, Charles (Financial Management) is now living in Surrey with his wife Audrey and two wonderful daughters, Stephanie, 6 and Rachel, 4. Since graduating from BCIT, Charles obtained his CMA designation and is currently employed as manager of accounting with Gray Beverage on Annacis Island in Delta. Charles would like to hear from classmates, he can be reached by email at charles_chang@bc.sympatico.ca

Chu, David (Operations Management) moved to Kowloon, Hong Kong about six years ago and has started a trading business, but in the process has lost contact with many of his beloved classmates in Transportation Set E and International Business. As this is the 10th year since graduation, he would like to hear about any celebration activities in planning. He can be reached by email at zerco@chevalier.net

Fortin, Todd Michael (Marketing/Real Estate) and his wife Andrea (nee Fletcher, B.Comm, UBC '81) live in North Vancouver. They and big sister Chanel Paris enthusiastically welcomed Tatiana Firenze born Sept 7 at 7 lbs. 6 oz. Todd is general manager of Alliance Security Corporation.

Knight, Brian James (Operations Management/Transportation) and Linda have moved to Port Coquitlam. Brian is assistant manager with Balfour Guthrie Forest Products, a division of Canadian Forest Products.

Kutak-Petrik, Deborah Diane (Medical Laboratory) and spouse Libor live in Kelowna. Deborah is a lab technologist at Kelowna General Hospital.

Lim, Michelle (McDonagh) (Marketing-Advanced Tech) and Ken live in Vancouver. Michelle has been working in the high tech field since her graduation and is now working part-time for Merisel Canada (computer distributor) in their VAR group. She also keeps busy with her son Brendan, 3. Michelle would love to hear from other members of her grad class.

Rupprecht, Dieter A. (Civil & Structural) and Donna (nee Joe) were married in May 1995 and live in Vancouver. Dieter started in mid-July as project coordinator with Coquitlam Concrete (1993) Ltd, prior to then he was employed for eight-and-a-half years at Terra Engineering as quality control technician.

1988

Heinze, Victoria J. (Everson) (Hospitality Administration) was married to John in 1988. They have three children, Karsten 5, Jarod 3 and Miranda 6 months. They live in Kingston, Ontario. Victoria is a client service officer working part-time at Canada Trust. She would love to hear from fellow grads, especially Set G and Set D.

Foster, Jeffrey A. (Biomedical Engineering) and Bettina were married in 1991 and have two sons, Vincent 4 and Joshua 1-1/2. They live in Tofield, Alberta.

Laidlaw, Janet (Broadcast/TV) lives in Nanaimo. She is with CHEK 6 Television as writer/producer. Janet can be reached by email at jlaidlaw@island.net

Lum, Florence (Marketing) and **Rene Chong** (Mechanical 1985) were married on Sept 7, 1996 and are enjoying the benefits of marriage!

Florence has been a sales representative with the Thomas Cook Group-Corporate Foreign Exchange and Rene a mechanical designer with the Gisborne Group. Florence and Rene invite any of their former classmates to give them a call at (604) 438-4381.

Matheson, Doug (Appliance Servicing) says that his program was excellent, he learnt a lot from great instructors and met many good fellow students. Unfortunately, health matters did not allow him to continue in a physically demanding field.

Mikalawskas, Dean (Marketing Management) says the oil patch beckoned, only this time it was 'go east young man, go east.' Dean is very excited about returning to the oil industry and living in Calgary. His employer, Safety Boss Canada, is renowned for capping the most oil wells in Kuwait. Dean would like to thank Glenna Urbshadt for the reunion, and hopes to see his classmates before another five years are up.

Monsen, Duane N. (Civil & Structural) is works superintendent for the town of Taylor, BC. Duane and Cindy have two children, Laura, 3 and Derek, 1.

Rogers, Rita (Nasr) (Tourism Marketing) and Adam live in Vancouver. Rita is event manager with Orca Bay Sports & Entertainment, General Motors Place.

1989

Dunnill, Robert (Computer Systems) lives in Surrey and is now working at Squirrel Systems Engineering Services Group as a programmer.

Gagnaux, Greg V. lives in Vancouver. He works with Immedia Presentations Inc. as a Windows software developer and is currently enrolled at BCIT in the Bachelor of Technology program in Computer Systems.

Houghton, Dan (Mechanical-Cad/Cam) is mechanical engineering technologist with Finlay Forest Industries and lives in MacKenzie, BC. Dan and Joanne (nee Houghton, UBC '88) send a special thanks to Mark Partington and family (Robotics '88) for taking care of their dog Sylvette while they sort things out in MacKenzie, she's their best friend and so are you! Thanks guys! (With apologies to Dan for missing his fax in time for the Fall '96 edition.)

Iwanciwski, Shawn W. (Chemical Sciences) is employed with Valmet Automation as field service process engineer, where he works with fellow 1989 Chem Sciences grads Dan Briner and Scott Fairless. Since graduation from BCIT, Shawn worked as a process technologist at Skeena Cellulose in Prince Rupert and Cariboo Pulp in Quesnel. He recently attended Lakehead University in Thunder Bay to complete his Chemical Engineering degree. He says hello to fellow classmates and members of the 1987/88 collegiate hockey team.

Klit, Sandra (Jarvis) and Dan live in Pitt Meadows. They had a baby boy, Sean Edward, born in September, a little brother to Lauren Michelle, 3. Sandra is a medical laboratory technologist with B.C. Biomedical Laboratories Ltd.

Morrison, Janet (Advanced Diploma Health) completed a Bachelor of Health Sciences at the Open University in 1991 and is currently doing graduate studies in Adult Education. She is also a part-time tutor with the Health Part-time Studies department at BCIT, and an occupational health advisor with BC Biomedical Laboratories. Janet and David Morrison (Class of '71) will soon be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in June. Congratulations!

Terwiel, Erik (Instrumentation & Automation) is owner & Electronic Technologist of Electronic Innovations. His business is repairing electronic equipment including computers, cellular phones, circuit board repair, modifications and consulting. Erik is located in Coquitlam.

Wu (Dai), Daphne (Information Systems) was married in 1987 to **Richard Yi Ren Wu**, a BCIT Data Communication graduate. They have a daughter and are expecting another child in May. Daphne is a software tester and Richard is working as an independent consultant.

1990

Cook, Thomas C. (Transportation Training) is still after seven years applying what he has learned at BCIT to other fields. One day he may work on boats again.

Leon, Christina (Chris) (Borghardt) (Marketing/Tourism) is operations manager at Addison Travel Marketing where she's been for three-and-a-half years. She and **Mike** (Marketing/Professional Sales '90) met in high school, went to BCIT and got married on August 1, 1992. They don't have any kids, but they have a cat named Tigger. Mike has worked with Comcheq for the past four years. Chris has seen a few classmates (Tourism '92) in the industry but where is everyone else. Feel free to contact her by email addison@atmshows.com

Wilson, Adrian Forrest (Civil & Structural) lives in North Vancouver. He is general manager of Sonic Drilling Ltd. located in Surrey.

1991

Borrett, Stewart (Civil & Structural) now lives in Suanluang, Bangkok. After backpacking through India, Nepal and Southeast Asia, he has settled into work as a project manager for IHL-JEM Construction in Thailand. Stewart would love to receive email updates from former classmates at pacvis@ibm.net.

Johal, Rempy (Occupational Health) is currently the safety officer at BC Biomedical Laboratories in Burnaby, BC. She is also serving as president, COSH Week Steering Committee.

Milan, Antonella (Ciampi) (General Nursing) was married last May to Lino, they live in Coquitlam. She's a staff nurse at Riverview Hospital. Antonella would like to reconnect with classmates from General Nursing 1991.

Warner, Brian "Scott" (Marketing/Real Estate) lives in Vancouver and is a realtor with Sussex Group, S.R.C. Realty Corp.

1992

Boldt, Bryan (Computer Systems/Data Communications) and his wife Linda have moved to Denver, Colorado. Bryan was employed in the Computer Resources department of BCIT for twelve years, leaving in June 1996. He implemented BCIT's inaugural WEB and FTP sites (and took on the roll of BCIT's first campus "webmaster"). When his wife's employer (McGraw-Hill) closed their Vancouver office, they took the opportunity to relocate to Denver where it's much drier and both the hockey and football are much better. Bryan is working for BDM Technologies, a subsidiary of BDM International, doing internet/intranet design and development work. Bryan says its very easy to become employed in Denver, there's a hot job market for developers and Oracle, people with C, C++, Perl, SQL and internet development skills. He has worked with university grads there and says that BCIT students do have an edge in design and programming skills. For more information about BDM opportunities, contact their Human Resources at chewett@bdmtech.com and Bryan can be reached at bboldt@bdmtech.com

Chin, Roland R. (Financial Management) is export coordinator with Pacific Western Brewing, the largest regional brewery in BC. His duties also include purchasing and sales reports. Roland lives in Vancouver.

Heel, Larry (Mechanical Design) is a project engineer with Western Pulp Ltd. Partnership, Port Alice operation.

1993

English, Jason (Surveying/Mapping) lives in Port Moody and works for the City of North Vancouver as a survey assistant 3. He's been back six months now after spending a year-and-a-half in Ireland with relatives. Getting used to the grind again, Jason wonders when the Survey grads are going to get their act together and get out for a "piss up"!

Fletcher, Christian (Venture Program) is self-employed as a consultant, he lives in Vancouver. Christian enjoyed the program, school and instructors and is a strong supporter of BCIT and the Venture Program.

Gordon, Dave (Renewable Resources) is Northern Operations manager of Triton Environmental Consulting. Triton's Northern Operations are based out of Terrace, and has 10 employees including three other BCIT Fish and Wildlife grads.

Grantham, Alison (Walker) (Marketing/Advertising) and **Ian** (Marketing/Sales '94) live in North Vancouver, and have their first baby, Mackenzie Vivian born September 27th at 8 lbs. 13 oz. Ian is in Sales with Altimed Pharmaceuticals and Alison is with Orca Bay Sports in Promotions.

Jensen, Tracey (Laidlaw) (Medical Laboratory) and husband Jim have been living in Kelowna since graduation. Tracey has been working as a lab technologist at Vernon Jubilee Hospital since August of '93. They have a daughter Amanda, born in June 1995.

Mephram-Egli, Cynthia J. (Human Resources) says that she "loves, loves, loves" her job with the Attorney General of BC. Cynthia still has time to be a sponsored runner for the Running Room, and is expecting her first child due in May 1997.

Nefedow, Carol (Broadcast/Television 1993) is working with BCTV. She just bought a condo and a car, and says she sure is glad she went to school. Carol hopes that everything is this "tickety boo" by the next reunion.

Parker, Leann (Foster) (Broadcast/Television) recently married in August 1995. She is working with the RCMP as a video producer/technician, producing training videos that are viewed by members across Canada.

Unger, Susan (Tuma) (Human Resources) and **Jack Unger** (Management Systems '93) live in Kelowna. They met at BCIT and married in May 1995. Susan is presently attending Okanagan University/College studying French. Jack is sales manager for Western Funeral Consultants Ltd. in Kelowna.

Yim, Alex (Financial Management) received the Certificate General Accountants designation in August 1996 and is currently running his own public practice firm in West Vancouver. Alex would like to thank all the Financial Management instructors for teaching him the valuable knowledge and skills to survive the most demanding CGA course.

1994

Farquhar, Thomson C. (Building) and Laura live in North Vancouver. Thomson is a planning technician with the City of North Vancouver and as a sideline is currently involved in rewriting and illustrating commentary on Part 9 of the National Building Code.

Gantzert, Mark (Broadcast/TV) and **Kimberley (Nielsen)** (Broadcast/Journalism) have relocated to Edmonton, Alberta.

Lambert, Chris (Operations Management) is now working with Almetco Building Products, which he enjoys very much. Recently, Chris and his wife, Jennifer, bought their first house in Port Coquitlam.

Lestage, Wade (Petroleum/Natural Gas) has recently moved to sunny California for a terrific job with Jensen as an account manager covering northern L.A. county, Kern county, and Ventura County. Wade says he's still single enjoying the California way of life!

In memorium **Perry Ulrich** (Broadcast/Radio) died at his home in Merritt in January. He was a very fine man, who was committed to his career and put his all into it. He maintained contact with us and was always very positive and upbeat.

Westen, Melinda (Operations Management) and Rick (Ott) bought a condo in Coquitlam in May. She is purchasing manager with ComNav Marine Ltd. and is working towards her Certified Professional Purchaser accreditation through the P.M.A.C. Melinda invites the OpMan grads of 1994 to give her a call at ComNav (604) 872-3000 so they can keep in touch and get caught up.

1995

Alberastine, Domingo (Welding "C" level) and Phoebe live in Richmond. Domingo is a welder with R.A.S. Industries. He is starting a home-based business as a mobile welder. Anyone interested in dealing with Domingo, please give him a call at (604) 448-0647.

Blouin, Chandra Dawn (Marketing Communications) and Scott (DeLair) live in Langley. Chandra and fellow graduate Nicole Wiltermuth recently started Eventco, planning and management of Community Events. Call them (604) 532-1795 to help organize your event.

Campbell, Warren (Financial Management) is assistant to a chartered life underwriter at PPI Financial Group. He is continuing his education towards becoming a chartered financial planner.

Carlson, David (Biomedical Engineering) and Carrie (Biomedical Engineering '95) have relocated to Comox. David is employed at St. Joseph's General Hospital as a biomedical engineering technologist/computer support.

Colacone, Angela (Broadcast Radio) works at Z95.3 radio station and is soon to be married in October 1997.

Corcoran, Adrian (Aircraft Maintenance) lives in Port McNeill. He is employed with Prism Helicopters, keeping busy with the maintenance of two Hughes 500 helicopters at Prism's Port McNeill base.

Davidson, Jeffrey M. (Computer Systems Technology - Microcomputer Systems Option) is getting married on May 24, 1997 to Amy Zaborac in Tucson, Arizona. Amy is attending

the University of Arizona, and the wedding is set for one week after her graduation. After the wedding, they plan to live in Langley. Jeffrey is working at Maddocks Systems with Ken Dorval, a fellow graduate. Any of Jeffrey's classmates or teachers can reach him at jeffdav@intergate.bc.ca.

Dhaliwal, Jagjeet (Electronic Engineering) began working for Reliance Electric Ltd. in September 1995 as a technical inside salesperson for industrial motor drives. He lives in Vancouver.

Douchet, Paule D. (Richardson) (Broadcast / Television) has just finished her five year anniversary with the Federal Government. She will be competing in the National Parachuting Championships in Edmonton, Alberta in August. Paule is hoping to have another medal to go with the Silver she won last fall. TSN will be there to cover the event. Good luck, Paule!

Henry, William (Electronics/Computer Control) and Allison live in Coquitlam. William is in design engineering with International Telepresence.

Parker, Liz (Broadcast/Radio) after a stint in radio as a producer, she is now the communications manager at the Vancouver Symphony. Liz says it's the perfect way to use both her UBC music degree and BCIT radio studies. She loves being able to see so many concerts and meet so many interesting musicians. She is as passionate about sushi, Star Trek and chocolate as ever and grateful to be working in something she has pursued all her life - communications through music. Cheers to all BCIT alumni and stay in touch!

Ramirez, Miguel Angel (Automotive Mechanic ELTT) lives in Burnaby and works at Tradewell Customs Displays in Warehouse Production.

Sra, Surender (Welding "C" level) lives in North Vancouver and works for American Industrial Corporation as a welder. Now that he has a new job, he thinks he has a better future than before and says BCIT made his life better. Surender thanks all his instructors in the Welding department.

1996

Agar, Janice M. (Food Technology) has a new address, new position, and became engaged at New Year's on a flight to Nova Scotia — 37,000 ft over Brandon, Manitoba. Her fiancé is Gerry Fenton and the wedding will probably be held in 1998.

Atkinson, Russell (Forestry/Renewable Resources) is a Timber Cruiser employed with Simons Reid Collins. Russell and Cindi live in Richmond and have a new baby girl, Corina, born September 19th.

Cameron, Colin (Wood Products Manufacturing) and **Carmen (Clifford)** (Medical Laboratory '92) were married in June 1996 and moved to Quesnel. Carmen worked at Metro McNair Clinical Lab until their move and Colin is now employed as shift foreman at Weldwood Quesnel Plywood.

Chin, Ming Chi (Computer Systems/ Microsystems) is employed with Motion Works Group International Ltd. as a software engineer. He says BCIT was a thoroughly worthwhile experience and thanks the school and the CST instructors that made his new career possible.

Graham, Louise (Marketing '94/Financial Accounting '96) is employed in accounting at Oceanfood Sales Ltd. and is now doing her CGA. Louise and Brennen (McLean) live in North Vancouver.

Heise, Ryan C. (Renewable Resources - Forestry) would like to stay in contact with his classmates. He plans to get more education and experience, and then start his own consulting business.

Lemke, Grant (Nursing) and Jeannie live in Smithers, where Grant is a R.N. at the Bulkley Valley District Hospital.

Lyons, Alexander (Broadcast/Radio) is the news and sports director at CFNL Radio 590 in Fort Nelson, BC.

Mah, Jimmy King-Mo (Operations Management) lives in Vancouver and is weekend supervisor with Imperial Parking Ltd.

Malakoe, Shaun (Environmental Health) has moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he's employed as a public health inspector II with Midwest Health District. Shaun would love to know the status of the lurkers he graduated with!

McConaghy, Ron (Mechanical Systems) lives in Vancouver. Ron is an estimator with Progressive Air Products.

Paterson, Robert John (Forestry) and Shellie (Johnston) were married on August 23 in Vancouver and moved to Victoria in September for Rob's new job with Arc Alpine Resources Consultants as a photo interpreter in training (Forestry).

Salvian, Chris (Cad/Cam) is currently attending the University of Victoria.

Saufferer, Michael (Operations Management) lives in Port Moody and works with Knelson Concentrators as an MRP implementation assistant.

Saunders, Jeremy (Electronics) has moved to Kelowna. He is in Technical Electronics working with Svedala Industries Canada Inc.

Yuen, Richard (Electronics/Process Automation) lives in Vancouver. Richard is account manager, Technical Sales with Allen-Bradley.

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