



A newsletter for the BCIT Community
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BCIT is known for a lot of things but did you know that in Nova Scotia we are considered experts in knowing how to write Christmas toy assembly instructions?

Communications instructor David Kipling was interviewed in December on CBC radio in Halifax about the dos and don'ts of writing technical instructions.

On December 10, CBC Halifax's afternoon show featured a frustrated parent attempting to assemble a Ken and Barbie doll house with all the trimmings. For expert advice they called us.

But why BCIT, Kipling wondered? Well it seemed that a Nova Scotia teacher had attended a conference in Quebec City where BCIT Communications instructor Kathy Vance had given a presentation on Teaching ESL Through Writing Technical Instructions. Somehow this got back to CBC producer Bob Doyle and the next thing we knew, the telephone was ringing and David was explaining some of the finer points of writing instructions.

Bigger, brighter Update to premier January 31



U pdate as you see it here will grow and change into a larger, newsier, tabloid-size weekly newspaper beginning January 31.

The new Update will incorporate news and articles from newsletters currently published by the schools.

The larger format will allow for a more creative design and layout, larger photos, longer stories, even letters to the editor or guest columns. Update will still feature many of the regular institute news but every three or four weeks a special edition will feature key issues and industry segments.

On January 31, for example, watch for a special edition devoted to the School of Electrical and Electronic Technology. In February we will feature BCIT's 30th anniversary. In March Part-time Studies and Open House will be featured in separate issues and in April, Health Sciences, Apprenticeship and Trades Training will be highlighted.

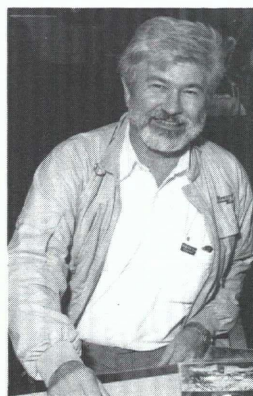
Although the responsibility for producing Update will remain within Information and Community Relations, the department will depend on

correspondents within various schools and departments to supply stories, photos and ideas for the special editions.

"We envision the new Update to be a stronger, more substantial publication that will showcase all that BCIT has to offer both internally and externally," said Neil Howard, executive director of Marketing and Development.

"What we are trying to achieve in one weekly publication is a vibrant newsletter for employees that will foster community spirit and provide information about the institute and its new directions and initiatives. For those outside the institute, the special editions will endeavour to raise BCIT's profile among employers, industry leaders, government officials, potential students and donors," he said.

In terms of distribution, regular issues of Update will be primarily distributed internally. The special editions will be distributed internally and externally to those with vested interests in the topic. For example, a special issue on health sciences would be sent to hospitals, clinics, professional associations, government, etc.



Out of Africa

Heavy Equipment instructor Len Arychuk is back in the fold at BCIT after working in Africa for over a year. He provided instructor training, curriculum development, and other duties for the National Institute of Transport in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

— Bert Schendel photo

BCIT sets course for the

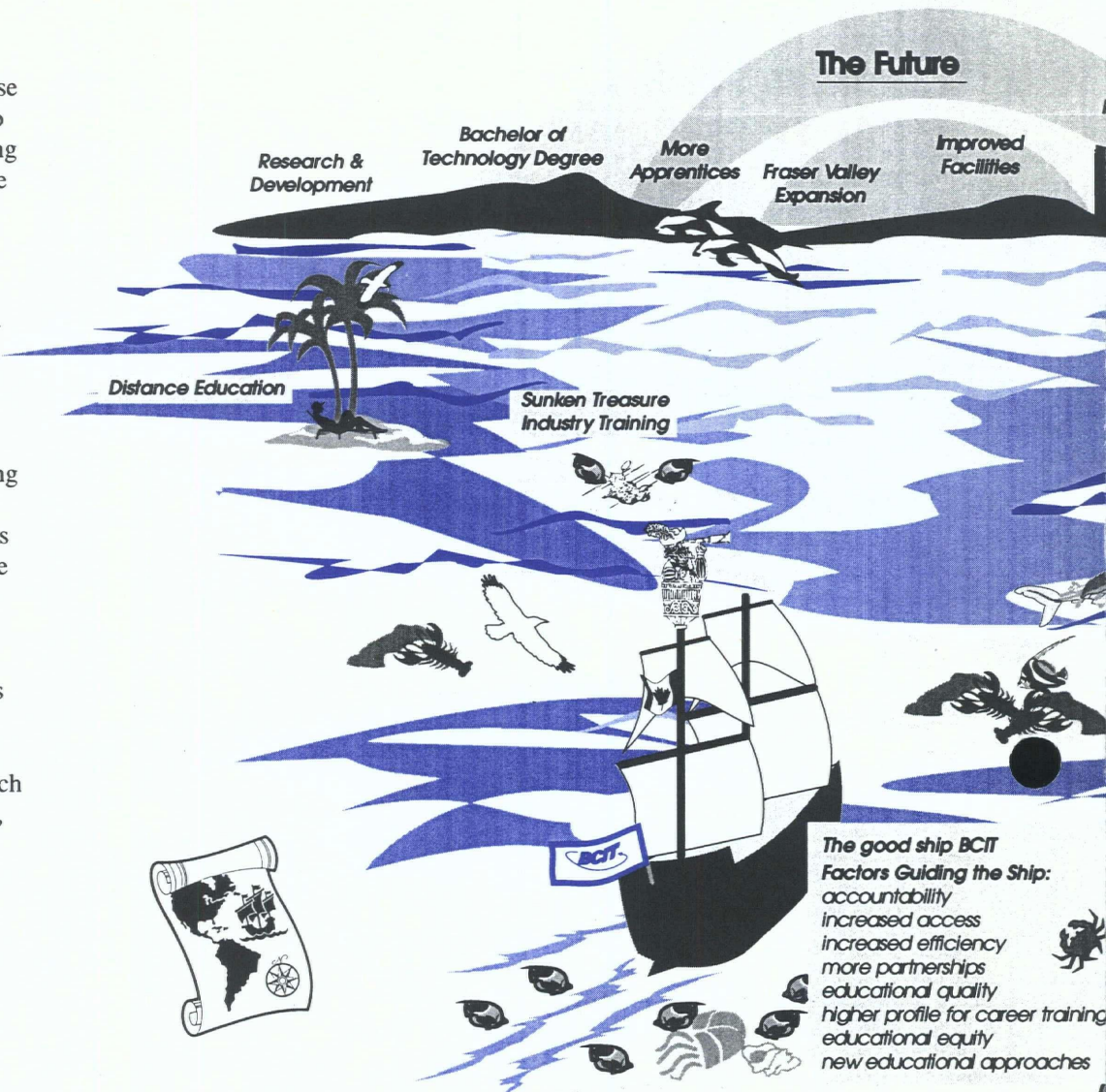
Ever wonder where BCIT is going?

It is not an easy question to answer with so many initiatives, trends, projects, issues swirling around these days. For many of us we are just too focused on teaching courses, running a department, or providing a service to take time to look up and see the big picture.

Last month BCIT President John Watson tried to do something about that by holding a series of open sessions for staff called "The Shape of Things To Come." During the sessions he discussed numerous important future goals, some guiding principles in achieving them and important social and political trends that affect whether we achieve those goals.

Staff heard about issues like:

- The need to increase the numbers of apprentices and skilled tradespeople.
- An expanded BCIT credential such as the Bachelor of Technology or, even further into the future, a Masters of Technology.
- Expansion in the Fraser Valley, improved facilities in downtown Vancouver, and a new Sea Island or Richmond facility.
- Reaching more students, more efficiently, through the latest educational technology.
- Increasing the numbers of full-time equivalent student positions.
- Continuing to upgrade facilities and equipment.
- Encouraging productive and healthy human relations.
- Expanding industry training.
- Initiating an institute-wide learning outcomes system.
- Making the best use of public facilities by improving the movement of students between high school and other post-secondary facilities.
- Expanding our applied research activities and creating a higher profile for the Technology Centre.



The good ship BCIT
Factors Guiding the Ship:
accountability
increased access
increased efficiency
more partnerships
educational quality
higher profile for career training
educational equity
new educational approaches

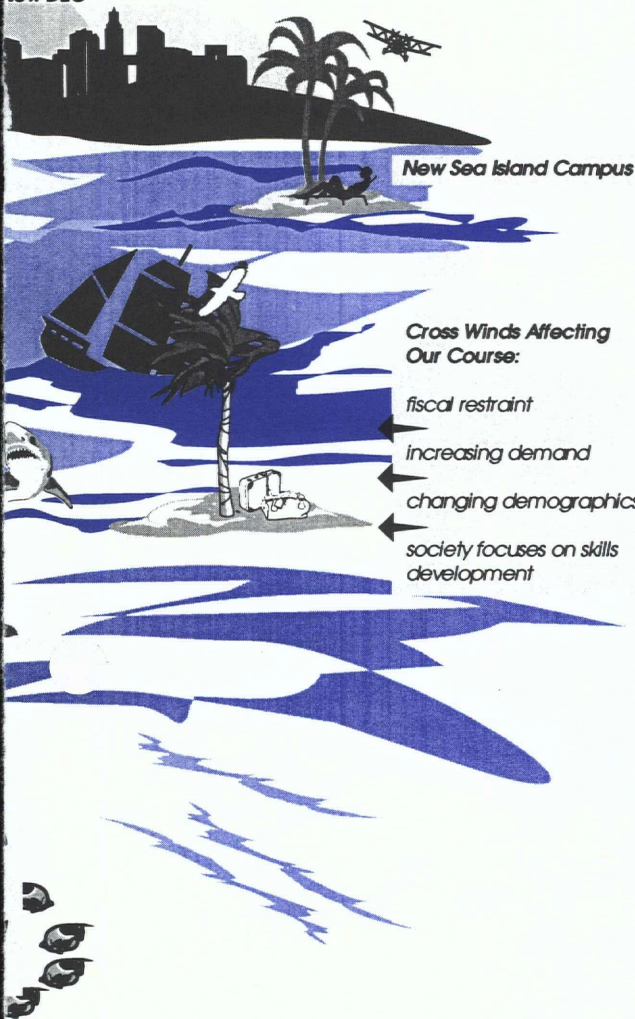


To achieve many of these goals, John Watson outlined a number of factors. He said BCIT is becoming increasingly accountable to the public. In the face of federal and provincial post-secondary education becoming more efficient, BCIT is committed to accessibility to our

John Watson meets with staff during one of his information sessions.

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Cross Winds Affecting Our Course:

- ← fiscal restraint
- ← increasing demand
- ← changing demographics
- ← society focuses on skills development

of these goals, John series of guiding BCIT, like all ies, must be antable to the of decreasing acial support of ucation, we must cient, increase r programs, create

new models and approaches for course delivery and management, develop partnerships of all kinds, be prepared for trends like educational equity and continue our present institutional re-organization.

Over 200 employees attended these sessions held at the Downtown Education Centre, Sea Island, Kaslo and Burnaby campuses.



A special reception recognizing employees with 10 and 15 years of service was held December 14. In the School of Engineering Technology (top photo) from left: Dave Chowdhury, Umit Olcay, Louise Routledge, Norm Shaw, Terry Malakoff, Eric Hiob, Kathy Vance, Ross Miller, and Ernie Higgins. (bottom photo) From the School of Trades Training (from left) John Archibald, Mike Cannell, Peter George, Brian Gillespie, and Al Westfall. —Bert Schendel photos

News Briefs

Takagaki, appointed dean of new school

Ken Takagaki is the dean of the newly created School of Computer Systems Technology and Academic Studies. The school officially becomes a reality on April 1 and will be located in the Connector Building, currently under construction.

Mayan culture, next lecture topic

Dr. Linda Schele of the University of Texas in Austin will speak on Mayan writing and art at the fifth Vancouver Science, Technology and Society Lectures February 2 at the Orpheum Theatre. Dr. Schele, author of *A Forest of Kings* and *The Blood of Kings*, said, "I will focus on the way the ancient Maya understood the world. I would like to compare their world view to modern science and politics in a way that will be thought-provoking, informative and fun." For the BCIT community, tickets for this and other lectures in the series are available for half price at the BCIT Bookstore.

Sheet metal program begins January 10

An innovative 22-week long sheet metal program to encourage more women to enter the trade starts January 10. Tuition is paid by Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. After extensive interviews, the 16-seat class is made up of eight men and eight women.



Eric Steidle, a term three Electronics Technology student, receives the second annual High Tech, High Promise Capital Campaign achievement award for \$200 from Director of Development Cathy Daminato at the October scholarship and awards ceremony. The award was established through the generosity of BCIT employees.

—Bert Schendel photo

BCIT Events to Come

Monday, January 10

- Technology Centre blood pressure monitor tests, NE25-309, 1800-2100
- Electronics Technology final exam week

Wednesday, January 12

- B.C. Chamber of Commerce education committee meeting, SE6 - 224, 1500-1700

Friday, January 14

- Technology Centre blood pressure monitor tests, NE25-309, 0930-1730

If you would like your event in Update's calendar contact Ronaye Ireland by telephone at 8738, by PROFS RIRELAND or internal mail. Deadline is one week prior to publication.



Gerry Moss and Michelle Traynor present Mike Sailes of Central Stores with a certificate for a Christmas turkey during the Board of Governor's and President's annual Christmas reception.

Classified

For Sale: Yamaha C3 grand piano, polished black with concert bench, mint condition with valid warranty, \$19,500 or best offer. Call Doug at 525-5423.

For Sale: Whistler/Blackcomb one bedroom condo, right on the Blackcomb slope, swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna, close to new golf course, concrete building. \$139,000 Call Joe at 433-9879.

For Sale: Clarion 6200CD in trunk six-pack CD changer and 3770RC in dash cassette AM/FM CD deck. Both a year and a half old. \$1,300 new will sell for \$450 or best offer. Call Brian at Kaslo 4523.

Wanted: a set of bunkbeds (boys) in good condition. Call Gary at 8956 or 983-8585.

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Mary-Ann Moysiuk, Lorato Mohutsiwa and Joanna Shephard attended Africa Day at the Rix Staff Club on December 8. It was a fundraiser for BCIT's World University Service of Canada committee.

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