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# BCIT Events to Come

### Tuesday, September 6

- Trades Training Programs Orientation, SW5, 0835-1630.
- Technology Programs Registration and Orientation, various locations, 0900-1630.

### Wednesday, September 7

- Student Association Shinerama Barbecue #1, SAC, 1130-1530.
- Applied Environmental Engineering Technology information session, SW1-1205, 1830-2000.

### Thursday, September 8

■ Used book buy back, Bookstore, 0830-1530.

### Friday, September 9

■ Used book buy back, Bookstore, 0830-1530.

### Saturday, September 10

■ Used book buy back, Bookstore, 0800-1200.

#### Wednesday, September 14

■ Student Association Shinerama Barbecue #2, SAC, 1130-1530.

### Friday, September 16

■ Orientation dance at the Commodore Ballroom, 2000-2400.

### Monday, September 19

- Aerobics classes begin, mornings, noon and afternoon, SAC.
- Beginning of Bike To BCIT Week.

### Tuesday, September 20

■ Bike to BCIT Week.

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.

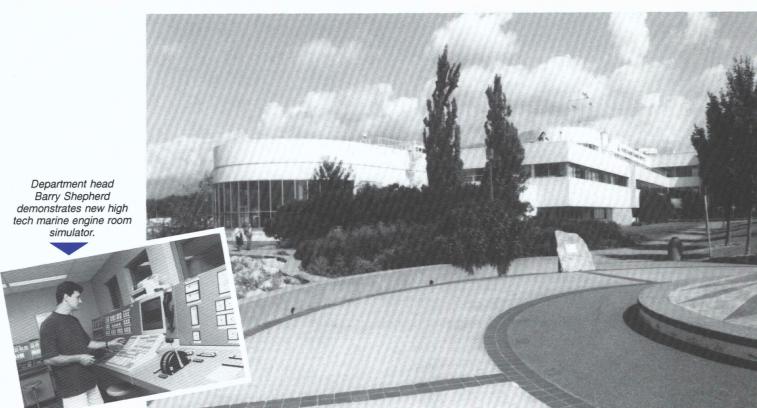
### This Week's Enviro-Tip

Install low flow shower heads!

### Today's Chuckle

I used to have a Police record. Now I have the CD.





The modern facility is located near the Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver.

Terry Jorden photos

#### WELCOME PMT

# Marine training facility to join BCIT

Walk into the Pacific Marine Training Institute in North Vancouver and the first thing you notice is that the building doesn't have floors — it has decks. And the windows, well, they look more like portholes.

PMTI's beautifully starched white building points its bow into the Vancouver harbour.

This July PMTI's course was altered significantly when Skills, Training and Labour Minister Dan Miller announced that the marine training centre would be transferred to BCIT this Fall.

The minister made the announcement after an independent review of the institute by consultant Keith Saddlemyer. The report indicated that from a financial perspective, the marine transport and fishing industries would be better served if PMTI's programs, staff, and facilities were transferred to BCIT.

While staff from both institutes work out the numerous details for the transfer, Principal Stuart Donn is already looking ahead to the many advantages the transfer will give the industry.

"There will probably be some questions about the level of services to be provided but I think after BCIT has the chance to show the industry the enriched opportunity marine training will have at BCIT, industry will be very supportive," he said.

Principal Donn sees at least five major advantages to the transfer.

- The wide range of technological expertise found throughout BCIT will augment the specific skills of current PMTI instructors.
- With access to the Learning Resources Unit, curriculum will be renewed and instructors can gain access to new teaching techniques and resources. The development of distance education materials is also a future possibility.
- Increased access to applied research opportunities.
- Access to expanded library and other student services.
- Increased International Education opportunities.

"Increased use of technology is occurring in all industries and it is also true in the marine industry," he said. "So to have access to other sources of technological expertise within BCIT is going to be a positive benefit for industry and for our students."

Training for the marine industry goes back to 1919 with the Vancouver School Board. In 1938 the provincial government established the Vancouver Navigation School but by 1949 it was transferred to the Vancouver Vocational Institute where along with marine engineering, it remained until 1975. By 1978, however, the Marine Training Centre was renamed PMTI and designated as a provincial institute.

Today with about 200 FTEs a year, a \$2.8 million annual operating budget, and some

4,000 individual students a year, PMTI offers programs in navigation, marine engineering, safety and seamanship and shipping and marine operations.

Donn noted that the marine industry faces a number of challenges. Many operators are hoping to make use of continued technological advances to foster growth and enhance competitiveness. He said that marine related training can help.

"Consider some of the technological changes in the industry, electronic chart display, global positioning systems, increased use of engine monitoring systems — PMTI is keeping up but by joining BCIT marine training will have a better chance at being at the leading edge," he said.

The architecturally modern facility, designed specifically to house marine training, includes classrooms, various laboratories, machine shops, a student lounge and cafeteria, library, administration offices, an indoor training tank and a 35-metre pier.

One of the newest facilities is the Marine Engine Room Simulator funded by the Canadian Coast Guard. The simulator models two plant types, a pair of 6m453 engines driving a ferry and a Sulzer 6RLB66 propelling an 80,000-ton tanker. An official opening is planned in the coming months

For both PMTI and BCIT, the transition holds exciting promise.

— from Terry Jorden

### To all students and staff:

I hope everyone had a good summer.

Like last year, this past summer has been another busy period for construction and renovation projects. It is good to see the Student Association Campus Centre finally rising from the ground. Planning has also continued throughout the summer on our new Downtown Education Centre.

This summer we were also very happy to hear that the Pacific Marine Training Institute would be transferring to BCIT officially this fall. I would like to welcome PMTI staff and students to BCIT. We value the reputation PMTI enjoys in the marine transport and fishing industries. It is perfectly consistent with our tradition of graduating people who are highly skilled and job-ready.

Whether you are returning to campus after a summer break or have been here throughout the summer -- dodging dump trucks and movie sets -- I wish you well in this new school term.

-John Watson

# Student Association Campus Centre leads list of campus improvements over the long hot summer

This summer, the Burnaby campus was again the site of much noise, dust, trucks and drilling.

While the foundation was being poured for the Student Association Campus Centre, numerous other smaller projects were occurring around the campus.

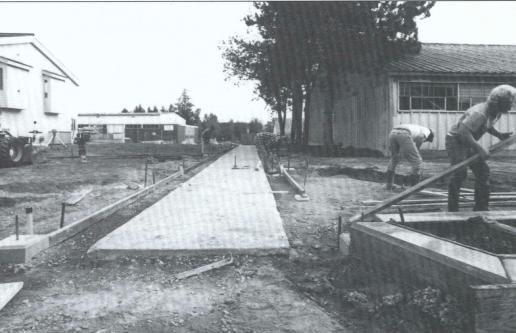
John Wong, Physical Plant's project administrator, said the past summer featured considerably less activity than the summer of 1993.

Here are a few highlights among the current capital projects:

- A north/south covered walkway is under construction from Smith Street near the Inglis Building to Goard Way near the campus square. A better marked pathway from the square to the south campus is under way.
- A 28-stall parking lot is being built just south of the

Administration
Building. This will
provide parking for
the Student
Association Campus
Centre.

- Portions of buildings SW9, SE12, SE8 and SE10 enjoyed new interior painting and floors.
- Various workrooms and administrative areas in the library were renovated.
- Other office renovations occurred in Material Management, Computer Resources and for nursing faculty in the School of Health Sciences.
- New roofs were completed at SE8, the Inglis Building, and SW9.
- Timetabling will be moving to a location adjacent to



Looking north, the north/south covered walkway between Smith Street and Goard Way leading to the campus square is currently under construction.

Mike Gdowski photo

Student Records which will also experience some office renovations.

- The Technology Centre administrative offices will move to the third floor of the ATTC in NE25.
- Moving to the location formally held by the Technology Centre will be Employment Placement Services and the office of the First Nations Advisor.
- Work continues on the Student Association Campus

Centre towards the scheduled completion date of June 30, 1995 with tenant move-in occurring in July and August with an official opening in September.

### **Letters to the Editor**

### Clear writing

How about a pat on the back in print for my night school student Marilyn Coleman? She is enroled in a diploma program and helped write ICBC's Clear Writing Guide. She says that ICBC feels that if their

employees write shorter, easierto-read letters and memos that they will save money. They can save money because employees only have to write a letter once and because customers can understand more easily, therefore freeing employees from complaint and explanatory phone calls. Makes sense to me.

— Sue Fahey Communications Department

#### Back to work

During my recent illness I received many cards, flowers and

well wishes from BCIT staff and students. I would like to extend a "hearty" thank you for lifting my spirits and taking the time to think of me! It is good to be back to work... really!

— Anne Glover Downtown Education Centre

### Classified

Wanted: men's full set of RH golf clubs. Call Mike at 8962.

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## Fifth Annual Quack-a-thon set for September 28

Every year, a group of determined duck-o-philes gather to take part in one of the strangest and most beloved BCIT traditions — the Quack-a-thon.

This race is part of our commitment to raise funds for the United Way campaign. In past years, participants had their sponsors pay according to how well the quack-athlete placed in the race.

This year, however, organizers are making it easier. Just get your sponsors to decide how much they want to give, collect it in advance, and hand it in at the race. This way, there'll be no

calculations or collections after participants are too pooped to quack.

The event is on Wednesday, September 28 at 1130. Those intending to join in are encouraged to start getting up at the quack of dawn to begin training.

Call Paul Fortier at 8282 or Gail Mitchell at 8730 to register your team.



On your mark, get set.... as we speak, teams are flexing their wings.

# Send us your best duck phrases

As we count down to the annual United Way Quack-a-thon, many of us have ducks on our mind. Here are a few duck puns we've heard lately. Send us your duck phrases on PROFS at TJORDEN or RRAYMOND or by internal mail to SE4.

Soda quackers
Duck, duck, duck of
Earl
Duck of Cards
Have we been introducked?
Waddle you do?

Duck tape
Quackademics
To hoist on one's own canard
If it walks like a canard...
Earthquacks
I'm having a quack attack







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# Tom Selleck watchers enjoy Hollywood for a day!



Big trucks and trailers filled the parking lot.



After Anna Dosen had the courage to ask actor Tom Selleck for his picture, the rest of the gang joined in. (From left, Mariana Aussem, Janice Pontes, Dena Larson, Anna Dosen, Lisa Pederson, Tom Selleck, Mahnaz Shahrokh, Loreen Crawford, Carole Bailey, Nancy Sayre, Helen Cartmill and Rita Torresan. Selleck was on campus August 10 for one day of shooting for the film Broken Trust. The Administration Building's boardroom was used as a courtroom scene. With all the extras, equipment, and Selleck watchers gawking in the hallway outside the boardroom, Administration Building staff say it was hard to get anything done.



Marketing and Development's Ann Lacey, Jennifer Higgins, Paula Carlile, Susan Walters and Susan Van Dyke show off their loot — a variety of autographed pictures, sweatshirts and hats.



Another big decision from the guys in the folding chairs.



Rolling in the big cameras.

Photos by Bert Schendel and Stu Gibbs

### News Briefs

# President featured in VIP cookbook

BCTV's Pamela Martin, the Vancouver Canuck's GM Pat Quinn and BCIT President John Watson are just a few of the many people featured in the *B.C. All-Celebrity Cookbook*. Produced by the Burnaby Chamber of Commerce, the book was first released last Christmas. You can now order this book for the below wholesale price of \$10 by calling the chamber at 421-0084.

### 432-8288 - new SA Enviro-line

The Student Association has established a voice mail

Environmental Information line called Enviro-line. With information changing weekly, the phone line will keep the campus community up-to-date on key environmental topics. Every week Update will feature a simple one-line environmental action tip. By calling 432-8288 during that week you can hear additional information on that subject.

# Workplace safety policy updated

The Occupational Safety and Health Policy has been updated. The policy outlines the responsibilities of management, supervisors, instructors, students and employees to ensure a safe and healthy campus for all. Copies of the new policy have been forwarded to all departments. It is also available on the Management Information System and through Safety and Security.

# Telephone for the deaf installed

As a service to the deaf and hard of hearing, BCIT has installed a special telephone in the Safety and Security office which is located in the breezeway of SW1. This phone will be accessible 24 hours per day, seven days a week. To gain access to this phone, just ask at the Safety and Security counter.

# Chess tournament here in January

The Junior Educational Chess Tournament for students in grades one through 12 will be held at BCIT's Burnaby campus on January 28. Sponsored by BCIT and the Student Association, the tournament will take place all day in the Town Square conference rooms. For more information call Stephen Miller at 432-8602.

# UNICEF seeks volunteers

The British Columbia chapter of UNICEF is looking for a recruitment coordinator,

a volunteer training/events coordinator and communications committee members. The recruitment coordinator would need to volunteer between five and 10 hours per month. The training events coordinator requires five to six hours per event plus attendance at a monthly meeting. The communications committee members time commitment is flexible with most work occurring between September and December and between March and May. For more information contact Paula Tylor

### Time to register for a full range of recreational activities

Beginning this month, Recreation and Athletics is offering a full slate of programs.

### Aerobics



September 19 - December 8 Mornings: 0705-0750 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Noon hours: 1140-1210 Monday, Thursday, and Friday Afternoons: 1640-1725 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Free for staff

### **Line Dancing**



Beginners Wednesdays, October 6 to November 23 1800-2000, \$27 for eight sessions \$33 for non-BCIT Drop-in fee is \$5 Intermediate Thursdays, September 22 to December 8 1800-2000, \$44 for 16 sessions \$50 for non BCIT Drop-in fee is \$5

### Tai Chi



Level I Thursdays, September 22 to December 8 1240-1320, \$18 for 12 sessions (\$25 for non-BCIT)

### **Bike to BCIT Week**



September 19-23 Register for \$7, ride your bike to BCIT, and you will receive a Bike To BCIT t-shirt

### Introduction to Archery

Mondays, September 26 to October 24 1630-1530, \$12 (\$15 for non-BCIT)

# Personalized Weight Training

Prior to your first visit to the weight room, register for a private, one-on-one training consultation. Sessions are two hours long and based upon instructor assessment, will cover an introduction to free weights, universal equipment, safety, determining initial lifting weights and lifting for special purposes. \$30.

To register for any of these programs call 432-8613.

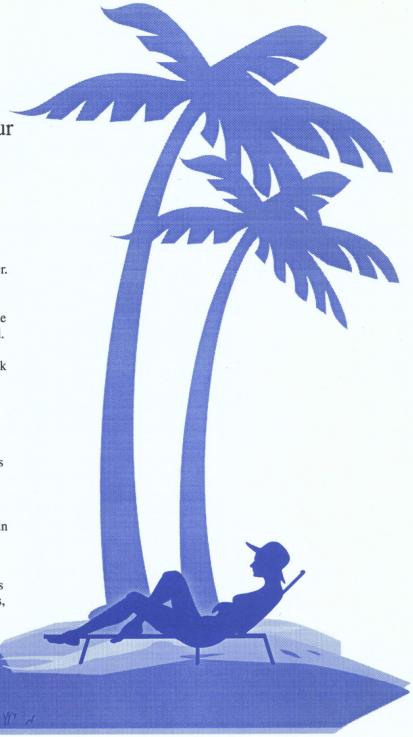
# What I did on my summer vacation

Like last year, Update wants to know how you recharged your batteries this past summer. Here's a few samples:

The most intriguing summer vacation award goes to Electroneurophysiology's Michael Young. He says he broke his right wrist, helped make a Barbara Streisand movie about epilepsy, partied in St. Johns Newfoundland, and was interviewed on the CBC. Registrar Mario Mazziotti, LRU's Elaine Gibson and the Machine Shop's Ted Marchant all taught English at Charles University, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics in Prague. Food Technology's Anne McCannel and Biotechnology's Jack Nichols just got back from Bangkok, Thailand working on an International Education project at King Mongkut's Institute of Technology. Associate Dean Tom Neilson competed in a model boat race in Washington and came third. Associate Dean Trevor Williams spent part of his summer in China on BCIT business. The Bookstore's Michael Stewart drove to Halifax and back and has discovered that the prairies are not as flat and boring as people say. The Registrar's office's

Sandie Mooney got thrown off "Old Smokey" when she and other BCIT gals were at a dude ranch in June. Development's Susan Walters rode a pig on Mayne Island just before going in a red hot tub. And keeping to the theme of riding animals, Purchasing's Rita Ditomaso rode a camel against her will while travelling in Turkey with Mechanical Technology instructor Alan Graham. Institutional Research and Planning's Nancy Kadonaga spent time in Las Vegas. Associate Dean, Administrative and Operations Management, Lorna Shapiro and a daughter hiked the Westcoast Trail, a total of 71 kilometres. Operations Management's Walter Wardrop gave a few seminars on TQM and ISO 9000 in Ecuador. Stephanie Wilson, the program head in the Occupational Health Nursing Program, completed her Masters of Science degree at Portland University. Information and Community Relation's Ronaye Ireland is currently visiting relatives in Holland and England. Update's Terry Jorden and two other guys completed the second annual Deliverance For Yuppies Tour, a four-day canoe paddle near Powell River. Audio Visual's Bob Pollard and daughter kayaked the Broken Group of Islands off the west coast of Vancouver Island. He says the trip took a month - two weeks to plan, one week to do it, and one week to recover. The Word Processing Centre's Carol Reid took a cruise to Alaska. Plastic Technology's Don Wilson visited the campuses of Queens University and McGill University. Nephrology Nursing's Colleen Varcoe completed her masters degree in May.

Did you do something cool this summer? Let us know by Profs, (TJORDEN), by internal mail, or voice mail.





### More than just a place to work





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Besides a visit here in high school, my first real experience of BCIT was around 1970 when a boyfriend of mine invited me to see his band play at a dance in the SAC.

His name was Warren Cann and a few years later I was engaged to him and living in England, working as a secretary for various major record labels. Warren was the drummer for the band Ultravox. I spent much time with him back stage and in other work related functions where I met a lot of celebrities.

I returned to Canada in 1978 for a holiday to visit the family, and decided to seek employment opportunities here. I ended up working for BCVS which shortly after became PVI, for the Electrical Trades Training area with Mr. Rutherford and later for Mr. Rudy Nobauer. Located in the Pit-Par building on Winston Street near Dairyland.

Compared to my life in the music business, life at BCVS was about as different as you could get. As the only woman office personnel in the building, I did everything, all the typing for the department, no computers or high tech aids at that time. I registered students, transcribed their marks, worked a cash register for taking fees and selling books, photocopied

instructors' material for class and answered a million questions.

After that I worked for John Bateman with the Food Training Centre, Mario Mazziotti in the Registrar's Office and after the PVI/BCIT merger with Molly Heeres and Lauraine Bailie in Financial Services.

In 1987 I moved to Student Records and have been there ever since. In this position I have the opportunity to know students on a more personal level. The unique aspect of this job is processing all the students transcript requests for the past 30 years of BCIT's operation.

I have met so many good friends, even my boyfriend Tom, through his uncle Herb Schweigert, an Electrical Trades instructor who retired recently. I have really enjoyed my 16 years here. It has not only been a place to work but also a part of my social life.

Carole Bailey is a records assistant in Student Records.

## BCIT Pensioners Club proposed

A former dean of the School of Business is urging the formation of a club to represent any former staff member or surviving spouse receiving a BCIT pension.

In July Ernie Iannacone, who worked at BCIT for 25 years, sent a letter to retirees seeking support for the formation of the club.

He believes an association of this nature could act as both a lobby group representing the interests of its members and as a social organization.

"I believe that we can have a strong voice in obtaining just and fair benefits and at the same time engage in activities that are interesting, worthwhile and fun," he said in his letter to retirees.

Iannacone, who also worked for BCRail for 15 years, says he regularly receives general information and comprehensive information on how BCRail pension funds are invested. In contrast, he says, very little information is provided by the B.C. Public Service Superannuation Fund, the fund that most BCVS, PVI or BCIT retirees receive benefits from.

He and others were instrumental in securing dental coverage for pensioners (expected in January 1995) as well as free access to Rix Staff Club, the library and recreation facilities.

Iannacone would like Update to feature the activities of various retirees -- where they are and what they are doing.

BCIT President John Watson endorses the formation of the club. A small budget has also been set aside to assist the organization.

Iannacone is seeking comments and support from pensioners and those nearing retirement. He can be reached at 298-2069, by fax at 434-6243, or by mail c/o BCIT.

