

NEW HIGH TECH FUTURE BECKONS BCIT

Commissioner's report due this month

After two months of intense scrutiny and consultation Mr. David Park of Western Management Consultants will submit his report on BCIT to Advanced Education Minister, Stanley Hagen October 19.

The report represents a major crossroads for the Institute and whatever direction the Ministry and BCIT Board of Governors ultimately decide to take, one thing is certain — BCIT is in for some changes. As Hagen explained to BCIT staff at a special meeting on September 10, the program audit undertaken by Park is really the second stage of an evolution started by the merger of BCIT and PVI in 1985.

The announcement that a commissioner (Park) supported by a three man secretariat (Drug Svetic representing BCIT, Bob Elton of Price Waterhouse representing the Minister and Greg Koyl representing the Premier's Office) would review all BCIT's programs was made on August 11 by the Minister, who set out the following rationale:

"The goal of the merger was to create a flagship, an institution that would assume a fundamental role in the province's economic strategy, provide pedagogical leadership to the system and stand as an international beacon for excellence in technology training and education. The government accepts the fact that the creation of such an entity is not inexpensive, particularly in relation to capital asset acquisition. It would appear that the Institute's need for increased resources might be accomplished if steps were taken to clearly differentiate the Institute from the colleges."

The terms of reference given to David Park by the Minister were:

1. To assess the relevance of every program or program grouping offered within the current program profile

2. To indicate possible deletions from the profile or enrollment reductions that would change the current focus of BCIT to one more in line with an expanded vision of the economic future of the province

3. To attempt to define for the Institute a place within the educational spectrum that would clearly differentiate its role from that of colleges and universities

4. To assess and recommend on the desirability of giving BCIT degree granting status

In carrying out his terms of reference Park

consulted at every level within the organization as well as with business and industry representatives and personnel from other post secondary institutions in Canada. Reference material was also prepared for him on institutions in England by BCIT staff.

At a meeting with all BCIT staff on Thursday, September 10, Minister Hagen said his government hoped to announce the new focus for BCIT before Christmas. He declined to say whether or not the Park report would be made public. ●

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David Park, the man charged with setting the future course for BCIT, makes a point before Educational Council. Secretariat members Greg Koyl (left) and V.P. Education, Drug Svetic look on

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HAGEN MEETS STAFF

The BCIT gymnasium was filled to capacity September 10 when Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, Stanley Hagen, came to explain his Ministry's reasons for initiating the program audit by David Park.

"We want to build the best possible educational system we can. Health and social well being is tied to our ability to adapt to technology, which is changing at a rapid rate and impacting on fields it didn't impact on before," he said.

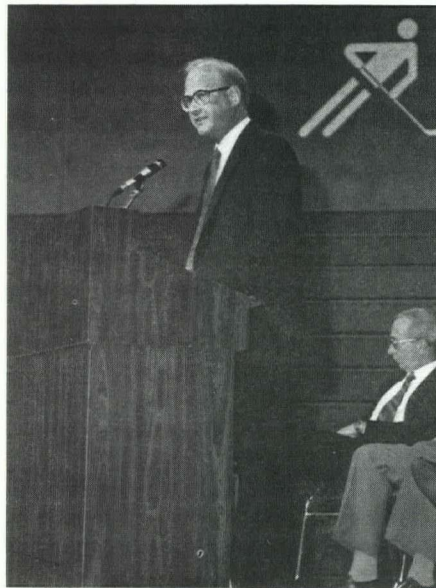
Pointing out that B.C. is behind in developing science and technology because of the lack of qualified people he said the process of reviewing BCIT's programs was very positive and very necessary.

"Our goal is identical to that of the Institute," he said. "We want BCIT to be a first class training institution — the best in Canada."

Hagen admitted that the program review could result in a "meaner, leaner" BCIT if it was determined that some programs should not be offered at BCIT.

Following his introduction Hagen proceeded to answer questions over a one and a half hour period on a variety of concerns. Staff asked about the impact on employees of program reductions or deletions; losing rapport with industry; the need for promoting BCIT high tech programs in high schools; the prospect of BCIT sharing funding with colleges offering similar programs; the need for training support staff to be high technology oriented and the potential loss of a program's reputation by having it transferred to another college.

Hagen admitted that some questions were difficult to answer until he had the Park report



Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, Stanley Hagen, addresses BCIT staff, September 10

but assured staff that the needs of staff and students would be high on his list of priorities. He said if BCIT was to play a leadership role, duplication of programs at other colleges would not be likely and therefore funding would not be shared.

BCGEU faculty representative Terry Fletcher suggested that trades and technology programs should be expanded rather than reduced and expressed concern that the rapport built up with industry over the years would be adversely affected by program cuts.

John Leech, president of the BCIT Alumni Association, executive director of ASTTBC and a former BCIT grad, commented that he had changed from being rather skeptical about the program audit to feeling "upbeat". He felt that the process was very open and that the concerns of BCIT were being taken seriously. He said the study was necessary because the lack of a clear focus was affecting our relationship with business and industry and that a rationalization of program allocation within the province was necessary. "It is important that BCIT be given a clear direction for the next foreseeable period and be allowed to get on with the job," he said.

Peter Crowder, a Broadcast graduate and owner of the very successful Crowder satellite communications company, said the timing of the program audit during a time of change all round was very good and expressed the hope that business, industry and the government could come out collectively in support of the new role for BCIT. ●



Faculty member Terry Fletcher addresses a question to the Minister

BCIT TAKES LEADING ROLE IN ENQUIRY

President Roy Murray made it plain at the outset of the Commissioner's enquiry that BCIT would not play a passive role in the study but would take the lead in ensuring full participation. He wasted no time in initiating a comprehensive working paper providing data supportive to the idea of BCIT becoming the leader in high technology education and making recommendations for action:

"The purpose of this paper is to review how BCIT might further develop present and potential high technology programs to support the objectives of both the economic development and the science and technology policies of B.C.

Developing our high technology programs will improve:

- Technology transfer for industry in B.C.
- The quantity and quality of the highly trained workforce so vital to both the high technology and traditional industries
- Applied research and product development
- Opportunities for entrepreneurship"

The Paper, titled Economic Development Through High Technology, was developed with input from faculty, Educational Council, and the Board of Governors. It emphatically states and goes on to provide supporting information that certain BCIT business and trades programs play an integral part in supporting both the development of high tech industries and traditional B.C. industries.

"British Columbia's high tech thrust will only be translated into improved economic performance if entrepreneurial and management skills are transferred to those responsible for technological innovation. Many high tech companies have not survived once government funding has been exhausted because their principals have lacked the marketing, financial and general management skills to exist and grow in a highly competitive society."

"The application in the trades of technological advances such as computer numeric control (CNC) and programmable logic controllers (PLC) is vital to productivity improvements in our manufacturing and resource industries. Many trade areas not only support the new technologies but themselves lead some of the new innovations." ●

BCIT STUDENTS RATE HIGH AMONG THE EXPERTS AT CULINARY ARTS FESTIVAL



BCIT students and instructors brought home 15 medals from the World Culinary Arts Festival, held at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre July 9-12. Their culinary masterpieces, prepared at BCIT late each day of the festival, shared table space with 750 of the most expert chefs around the world.

One of the directors of the Festival was none other than director of Food, Hospitality and Tourism John Bateman himself. Bateman's superhuman efforts and helpful attitude toward bringing off the complex festival were appreciated by many.

The festival was broken down into five competition categories: National Teams, Regional Teams, Individual Teams, Student Teams and Student Individuals. BCIT successfully participated in four of them.

BCIT instructors teaming up for the cold competition won a total of five medals: *Ulrich Falter* (silver and bronze), *Ernst Wallgram*

(bronze), *Ian Smith* (silver and honourable mention), *Keiju Yanagawa* (honourable mention) and *Roland Pohl* (bronze).

Individual instructors competing in the cold competition were *Rick Irwin* (gold), *Ron Christian* (bronze), *Bert Gibson* (honourable mention), *Harold Bonkowski* (silver and bronze), *Peter Weiser* (bronze), *Graham Pepper* (honourable mention) and *James Hutton* (two bronze).

Students competing in the individual cold competition were *Cassandra Chorny* (gold), *Andrew Wong* (bronze), *Keith Staughton* (honourable mention), *John Ward-Cox* (honourable mention), *Lana Scott* (honourable mention) and *Marcus Milde* (bronze). *Tracy Berntzen*, *Mirka Thibeault*, *Shawn Kelly*, *Renata Sarkowzi* and team manager *Robert McLaren* placed third overall in the student team hot competition and won a bronze medal. ●

NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

There have been some resignations and new appointments to the BCIT Board of Governors.

The six new members to join the Board last spring were:

Jake Abrahams, Realtor, Clearbrook Realty
Rick Frey, President, Campbell River Local United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union
Cameron McKenzie, BASC, P.Eng., retired
Basil Peters, C.E.O., Nexus Engineering Corp.
Bernadet Ratsoy, V.P. Nursing, St. Paul's Hospital
Wynne Powell, General Manager, London Drugs Ltd.

Board members resigning this year were:

Ed Sirney, President, Sirney & Son Stone Masonry Ltd.
J. Macpherson, retired, former V.P. Placer Development Corp.
Ed Kisling, management consultant
Carole Taylor, Vancouver City alderwoman. ●



New BCIT Board member Wynne Powell (left) receives achievement award from John Leech at Alumni A.G.M. in May

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

BCIT is now an affiliate member of the Community Colleges for International Development Inc. (CCID). A small number of CCID bulletins are now available. Anyone who wishes to have a copy should contact Donna Hooker in the International Education office, local 8842. ●

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER

A reception to thank companies and agencies involved in BCIT's highly successful three year old Co-op Education program was held in the Boardroom on June 15.

From 1984 to August this year 416 Electrical/Electronics students have completed Co-op work terms with small and large size companies in B.C., Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and two in Switzerland. Upon graduation, most students end up becoming hired by their sponsor Co-op company.

Certificates recognizing the consistent support given to BCIT by Co-op employers were awarded to:

Mr. C. Oye, Alpha Technologies Limited
Mr. S. Bousquet, Canadian Standards Association
Mr. E.K. Deering, Glenayre Electronics
Mr. David Mullins, IBM Canada Limited
Dr. J.B. Peters, Nexus Engineering Corporation
Mrs. Anne Kates and Mr. Bob Kates, Prince George Lock and Key
Mr. D.W. Carle, Spilsbury Communications Ltd.
Mr. Peter Ryan, Fisheries and Oceans
Dr. D.P. Gurd, TRIUMF
Mr. R.M. Angus and Mrs. Noreen Angus, Trionics Technology Ltd.
Mr. J.A. Reid, WESCO-Westinghouse Sales and Distribution Co.
Mr. D.G. McKenzie, Westcoast Transmission Co. Ltd.
Mr. D. Chan, Farwest Systems Corp.
Mr. S.G.M. Moore, United Industrial Products

Other guests attending the Reception were **F. Gottardi**, Instrumentation Advisory Committee chairman, **Bill Tracey**, E & E Advisory Committee chairman, **Ed Warkentin** and **Reg Ridsdale**, former BCIT E & E department heads, **Mr. G. Stevens** and **Mr. C. Shanz**, Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island Apprenticeship and Employment Training Programs, Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training; **Ms. L. Shalagan** and **Ken Lutz**, Severely Employment Disadvantaged Program; **Ms. Judy Johal**, Canada Employment Centre, BCIT campus.

Martin Hendy, director of Co-op Education, Government/Industry Liaison at BCIT, was pleased with the turnout and said the Reception gave Co-op employers and supporters an opportunity to meet with President Murray, the four V.P.'s and members of the Co-op Program and E & E department. The reception will be

held annually with a different group honoured each year. ●

The Commercial Transport Division of the Heavy Duty Department has received, via the Automotive Department, a brand new 1987, F-350, 4-door crew cab pick up truck. The roof and upper portion of the cab were damaged in transit, but with a little of the improvisation and ingenuity for which the Heavy Duty Department is famous, the unit will become a valuable training aid for the Commercial Transport Division.

Acquisition of the vehicle, which undamaged is worth about \$23,000, came about as a result of efforts by Automotive instructor Terry Fletcher and Mr. Wyman Pattee, regional service manager of the Ford Motor Co. of Canada.

Contributions of this type underline industry's commitment to BCIT and also demonstrate co-operation between BCIT departments. ●



Automotive instructors pose beside three of the gleaming 1987 luxury cars recently loaned to BCIT by local automobile dealerships

Another tremendous response to BCIT's need for state of the art training aids, was made recently by five local automotive dealerships.

\$200,000 worth of luxury vehicles were loaned to BCIT's Automotive Department for testing and demonstration purposes by:

Kensington Ford (1987 Thunderbird Turbo Coupe)

Wolfe Chev-Olds (1987 Corvette convertible)

Jim Pattison Cadillac (1987 Buick Park Avenue)

Carter Pontiac-Buick (1987 Buick Electra)

American Motors Corp. (1986 Renault Alliance)

Equipped with ABS, electronic displays, computer-controlled A/C, Cruise, ride control, automatic lights and fuel injection, these cars enabled the Automotive Department to teach the intricacies of the latest and most complex computer-controlled automotive support systems to students in its two day Electrical and Electronics Technician Pilot Program.

BCIT thanks the enterprising men and women among the supporting auto dealerships who recognized the unique nature of this advanced training program and the potential

benefits to themselves and the automotive trade in general. ●

R-2000 BUILDING ATTRACTS CONFERENCE DELEGATES FROM 32 NATIONS

On Friday, September 25 BCIT and the Canadian Home Builders' Association of B.C. officially opened their new Housing Industry Training Centre at BCIT.

The Centre, designed to demonstrate the advantages of Canadian wood frame construction and techniques and technologies developed for the R-2000 Super Energy Efficient Home Program, was a main feature of the fourth International Housing and Home Warranty Conference held in Vancouver September 27 to October 1. Delegates from 32 nations toured the two storey building, which was custom designed for the conference, to examine the display of Canadian housing techniques and technology.

The Centre is now open for two months of public viewing, seminars and demonstrations before settling down to regular use by CHBA and BCIT for training purposes. The Centre's main floor contains a large seminar room and other classrooms for regular BCIT construction courses, R-2000 Builder courses, seminars, and CHBA Builder Certification courses. The Centre will also be available to the housing industry to conduct seminars and demonstrations.

The \$400,000 Housing Industry Education and Training Centre is the first one of its kind in Canada and was made possible entirely through donations from the residential construction industry. It is located behind BCIT's Administration Building, left off Goward Way. ●

BCIT's new Skills Development Seminar Centre, offering training in business technical skills, has scheduled the following seminars this fall:

New Products New Profits:

November 27 and 28, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee \$295.00

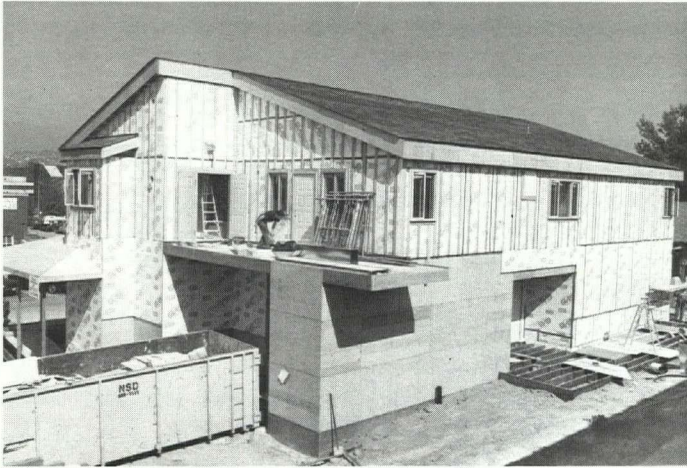
A Personnel Seminar series on: Employment Law, November 16 and 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee \$395.00

Professional Interviewing and Selection, November 19 and 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee \$395.00

Professional Recruitment Practices, November 23 and 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee \$395.00

The fee for all three daytime seminars is \$795.00. Evening session (November 16-21 and November 23 and 24 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.) \$795.00.

The next edition of Connection will carry more details about the Skills Development Seminar Centre. In the meantime call program head, Douglas Smith or Vivienne at 432-8645 for information. ●



Contractors put the finishing touches to CHBA/BCIT building before it opened to visitors in September



CAMPUS CENTRE FUNDRAISING BEGINS

Campus Centre co-ordinator Maeve O'Byrne has what some people would call a challenging job. Others would call it daunting or even frightening. It involves the vibrant 29 year old fund raising specialist in plans to raise \$4.2m by the end of 1988 and keep the Campus centre project on everyone's minds during that time.

"We have been gearing up over the past few months for our big fund raising push in the fall," explained O'Byrne. During this time alumni records have been brought up to date in preparation for a promotional campaign to attract about 334 grads to join the newly formed Tower Group club. At the first of what is hoped will become a regular breakfast series, alumni gave "incredible feedback and support" to the campus Centre concept, contributing about \$3000 in pledges. Members of the Tower Group pay \$500 per year for five years.

High profile chairman of the Tower Group committee is 1968 Broadcast graduate Peter Crowder whose company Crowder Communications provided satellite dishes for EXPO and sells worldwide. Now retired at the age of 39 he is excited to be taking on a new challenge for the alma mater which provided his springboard.

While the Tower Group is aimed at BCIT alumni, the exclusive 100 member **President's Club** chaired by Marie Taylor, chairperson of the B.C. Utilities Commission is aimed at anyone who has had involvement with BCIT. Members pay \$1000 over a period of three years for a lifetime membership.

As these ambitious campaigns begin, students and staff will also start to become aware of the Campus Centre project through an awareness building "adventure" called the **Campus Centre Treasure Hunt**. ●

BCIT INNOVATORS

— **TONY START, DRAFTING DESIGN TECHNOLOGY**

Drafting instructor Tony Start's video promoting the Drafting program is getting a good response from high school students.

Start, who has taken the video to New Westminster High School, Gladstone Secondary, Burnaby Central and Burnaby South since it was made in May, says the students are pleasantly surprised by the upbeat amusing nature of the video.

"We tried using computer comedy to get the message across," says Start who wrote the script and enlisted staff and students as actors.

In the 12 minute video a student is shown routinely calling up information on a computer in the Student Services area. After touching a few buttons he realizes that the computer is

voice activated and actually talking to him. The student is then taken right into the drafting area by friendly computer "Al" to get a close-up look at the Drafting program being taught and demonstrated.

Start's idea for the video came from a similar project he did while completing the UBC Instructor's Diploma program a few years ago. "The usual brochures promoting the program weren't getting results so video, which is a far more versatile medium, seemed a good idea to try" he explained.

As well as the high schools personally visited by Start, the video has also been shown in Coquitlam, North Vancouver, Richmond and Burnaby by career counsellors. BCIT's Counselling department has two copies and Start has copies he is willing to loan to any BCIT faculty interested in trying video promotion for their programs.

Ian Lade and Ken Gill of Audio Visual Production assisted Start in the production of the video. ●

— **PETER FILL, MILLWRIGHT AND METAL FABRICATION**

Millwright and Metal Fabrication chief instructor, Peter Fill, has designed a 40 hour computerized coupling alignment program which he takes to industry and teaches students. He claims his system is easier to use than others and, to his knowledge, is the first of its kind in B.C.

"You basically punch all the data into the computer and it does the rest," he explains. The program, which took Fill about a year and a half to complete and made its debut last April, teaches basic alignment to complex alignment procedures. ●

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE PROVIDES LINK TO THE WORLD OF INFORMATION

For those of us who may think that the BCIT Library collection is limited to the walls which enclose it, here is a reminder from the Library that with today's modern telecommunications systems and expert librarians like Marian Kuipers,

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SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

SHIRLEY CHAN

**Executive Assistant to
President Murray**

Location on campus:

President's Office, Administration Building

Length of time at BCIT:

Started July 6, 1987

Sphere of Responsibility:

Primarily to provide support and coordination to President Murray and senior management. Also acts as a link between senior management and the campus. Board of Governors' secretary, Community Relations and Research and Planning departments report to her

Skills:

Strong background in research and analysis, policy development and planning

Current Projects:

Coordinating assistance to provincial commission looking at BCIT programs
1986/87 Annual Report
Reorganization of staff in the Administration Building

Major Objectives:

Facilitate smooth communication between the President's Office, the V.P.'s and the rest of the Institute
Personally meet with as many people as possible in order to become familiar with issues and concerns

Life Before BCIT:

B.A. SFU, 1970

M.A. Environmental Studies, (Planning), York University, 1978

Most recently employed as assistant director, SFU Development Office and as a private consultant in research and planning.



After Hours:

Her two children, Heming, 3 and Emma Louise, 17 months, have first claim on her time but she also retains an active involvement in cultural and community activities. Currently a director of VanCity and English secretary to the Chinese Cultural Centre.

Comments:

Although employed as former Vancouver mayor, Mike Harcourt's executive assistant from 1981 to 1986, says she does not toe any particular party line. "I have political sensitivities and think I am sensitive to people's feelings. I have an interest in community issues and community services but I am not a hard line doctrinaire ideologue. I was hired by Harcourt largely because of my knowledge of different levels of government, my planning background, etc." Chan's personal friendship with Harcourt dates back to the late 1960's when, as students, they successfully led the fight to save Chinatown's residential district from demolition. ●

PH.D. THESIS REVEALS LITTLE CHANGE IN NURSING TRENDS

Nursing instructor Mary Whitehead, who received her Ph.D. in Nursing Education in June, found out during the three years it took to develop her thesis that nursing training trends haven't changed in Canada.

Mary's dissertation, *Differences in Motivation of Diploma Registered Nurses Towards Continuing Education*, explored the learning orientation of diploma registered nurses towards continuing education, in particular their feelings about obtaining a B.A. in Nursing.

Despite a recommendation by the Canadian Nurses Association that a B.A. be the minimum level at which to practice nursing by the year 2000, there is no mechanism yet in place to facilitate such a plan. Of the 1000 diploma R.N.'s surveyed in B.C. over half expressed no interest in furthering their education. Reasons ranged from lack of finances to lack of access to a learning institution.

Mary Whitehead, who holds a B.S.N. from UBC and an M.A. in Nursing Education from SFU, received her doctorate at Walden University, a doctoral institution in Minneapolis which gears its programs to working people. "It took me two and a third years, but only a six week residency in Minneapolis," she explained. "The rest was completed by distance education.

Mary joined BCIT in 1973 after 14 years as a working nurse in Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario and B.C. ●

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information can be accessed from just about anywhere.

How can the Library claim it has the world of information at its "fingertips"? Modern technology is part of the answer. There are computers and computer services that can be dialled into via a P.C. and modem which not only tell what has been written or produced but also allow for messages to be sent requesting the loan of books or photocopying of articles, etc., containing the desired information.

The expert in locating and requesting these

materials is Marian Kuipers. Among other things she is responsible for what is known as the Library's Interlibrary Loan Services. Once faculty and students have identified the items needed, either independently or with a Librarian's help, Marian begins her "sleuthing". Marian verifies, locates and requests the material from other libraries using B.C. Tel's Envoy 100 messaging system via Datapac, a telephone data switching network.

Other journal articles and documents, such as ERIC and NTIS reports, are now ordered directly on-line through systems such as the

DIALOG Information Retrieval Service.

Depending on availability the turnaround time can be two weeks and longer. Our library is charged about \$10 minimum for each request. As soon as material arrives the requestor is notified.

Despite occasional delays your information horizons can be greatly widened by modern technology. Many of you have met and will meet Marian to take advantage of her "sleuthing" abilities and the Library's Interlibrary Loan Services to bring the world of information to your "fingertips". ●

REPORT FROM THE BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

by Nicki Magnolo,
Executive Director

AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting on May 29 wrapped up a spectacular year for the Alumni Association. The evening started off with a Welcome Reception. During the reception members had an opportunity to browse through the Trade Show exhibits where Alumni owned/operated businesses and services related to alumni interests were featured.

The Silent Auction attracted a lot of bidders. Items on display ranged from record albums and tote bags to silk screened mirrors and luxury accommodation at the Hotel Vancouver.

Before the business meeting Alumni Association president John Leech made the awards presentations. Eight individuals were recognized, each having made a significant contribution to the association or an outstanding achievement in their careers since graduating from BCIT.

Reports were delivered by John Leech, Treasurer, Fred Gaier and Nominations Chairperson, Pam Kennedy. It was clearly a year of growth with well run operations and numerous successes. Highlights from the Report by the President are available at the Alumni office.

Guest speaker, George Madden, President and General Manager of CJOR (Broadcast Communications 1974), provided the finishing touch to the business meeting. He spoke eloquently and humourously about what went on behind the scenes at Expo '86. As Vice-President, Corporate Communications and Marketing for Expo he had a wealth of material to draw on.

After the meeting the winning bids for the Silent Auction were announced. Over \$400 was raised by the auction and all proceeds were donated to the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour. It was an excellent ending to the 1987 Annual General Meeting.

Alumni Award

This year's winner of the Association's top award is indeed a special person. Phil Henderson has been Business Manager of the BCIT Student Association for the past 16 years. Year after year he has taken on a new student executive and guided them in fulfilling their duties. He respected their ideas, delighted in

their energy and enthusiasm, supported their concerns and issues and encouraged them to do their best in serving the students of BCIT. Phil has been and continues to be a friend and loyal supporter of BCIT, the alumni and especially the students. He retired this summer and many of us can't imagine the start of a new school year without Phil on campus. A retirement party is being planned for the fall.) For more information contact the Alumni office.)



Phil Henderson, left, receives award from Alumni Association president John Leech

Honourary Membership

Faye Cooper, who played an important role in the development of the former PVI Alumni Association, has been given an Honourary membership in the BCIT Alumni Association. Faye, who served on the PVI Board of Governors in 1980, is director of Public Relations for St. Paul's Hospital and serves on the hospital board.

Service Award

Guy Foyle served for five years on the BCIT Alumni Association Board of Directors as well as chairing and serving on the numerous committees. He is a graduate of Instrumentation in 1979 and the son of Bill Foyle, Director of BCIT's Sea Island Campus.

Alumni Achievement Awards

Henry Bow graduated from Business Administration in 1966 and has developed a highly successful career in banking since then. He was recently appointed the Director of Elite Insurance Management Ltd. Henry has served on the BCIT Board of Governors.

Wynne Powell graduated with Honours from Business Administration in 1968 and now has 24 years of outstanding success in sales, marketing, administration and management. He is the General Manager of London Drugs Ltd. and has just been appointed to the BCIT Board of Governors.

Certificates of Appreciation

Gary Lake was recognized for serving on the BCIT Alumni Association Board of Directors and for his contribution to the 20 year Anniversary activities. He graduated from Computer Systems in 1972 and is now the co-ordinator of Financial Services at BCIT.

Lynda Watson, Publications Production Coordinator for BCIT's Print Services Department received recognition for her assistance in the

production of the Alumni News and other alumni publications.

Melanie Wheating, who served as Vice-President of the BCIT Alumni Association Board of Directors, has also served as director, chaired and served on several committees and was largely responsible for coordinating alumni fund raising activities. She formerly worked for BCIT as Systems Coordinator and is a 1984 Administrative Management graduate. Melanie recently took on a new job as Director of Development for the Lion's Gate Hospital Society.

Nursing Reunion

A very successful 20 year reunion of graduates from BCIT Nursing programs was held on June 13. Since 1967 there have been approximately 1500 graduates in General Nursing and 825 in Psychiatric Nursing.

Highlights of the reunion were:

- Presentation of Alumni Achievement

Awards to:

Wanda Gordon (Class of '69), Associate Director of Nursing, M.S.A. Hospital at Abbotsford
Pat Gilchrist (Class of '74), Regional Manager, Alcohol and Drug Commission
Morrie Steele (Class of '70), faculty member, Psychiatric Nursing Program, Douglas College
Ross Steward (Class of '73), Director, Psychiatric Nursing, Douglas College

- Speech by Bernadet Ratsoy, V.P. Nursing at St. Paul's Hospital, member of the Board of B.C. Transplant Society, Past President, RNABC, Past Chairman, Diploma Advisory Committee, Current Chairman, Advanced Studies Committee and recently appointed member of BCIT Board of Governors

- Presentation of Nisga'a Valley Health Board logos to Brian Gillespie and Margaret Neylan in recognition of their contribution to the Northern Native Indian Professional Nursing Program. Presentation made by Reg Percival, Education Coordinator, Nisga'a Valley Health Board

- Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to health care agencies in recognition of their contribution to the clinical training of BCIT students.

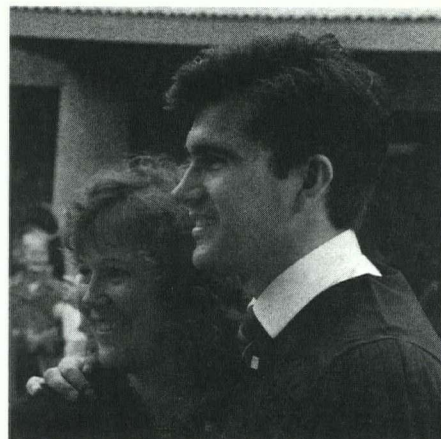
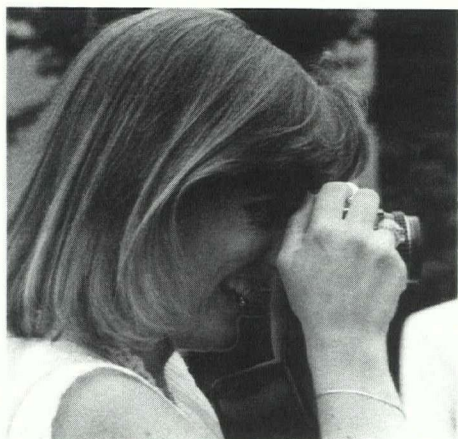
- Presence of Stan Richards, first Director of the Health Division.

- Information sessions on: international nursing (The Barbados Project); gerontology; opportunities for nursing research; the healer within; computers in health science education; Nisga'a Valley Health Board: Diagnostic and Treatment Centre in the Naas Valley.

Support for the reunion was provided by the Balfour Company, Mosby Publishing Company, Saunders Publishing Company, BCIT and the BCIT Alumni Association.

Another reunion is planned to mark 25 years of Nursing at BCIT. Questionnaires have been sent out to enable the organizers to receive feedback and ideas. ●

SCENES FROM CONVOCATION '87



Graduation ceremonies were also held at the Sea Island campus in June. Seen here addressing the Class of '87 is guest speaker Charlie Doyle, plant superintendent for Canadian Aircraft Products. Director of the Sea Island campus, Bill Foyle, is seated far right.

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