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A newsletter for the BCIT community.

The mission of BCIT is to provide British Columbians with world-class, job-ready skills for career success.

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coming up

Board of Governors' and President's Annual Christmas Reception

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1430-1800
Town Square Cafeteria
Contact Michelle Traynor at 8398 for more information.

10 and 15 Year Staff Service and Recognition Ceremony

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1330,
Town Square A and B
Contact Michelle Traynor at 8398 for more information.

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SPIRIT OF GIVING**

HELP BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE BY CONTRIBUTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD, HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS OR NEW BABY ITEMS. YOU MAY DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE FINANCE OFFICE OR AT THE CHRISTMAS RECEPTION.

Thank you for your generosity!

Incorrect phone number

An ALL PROFS was sent during the week of Nov. 16 regarding Off-Campus Accommodations Listings service with an incorrect phone number. The correct phone number for this service is 412-7481.

classy finds

For sale – Brand new "Horses in the Country" 4-panel oil painted Chinese screen. Can be hung on wall, or stand on floor. \$300 obo. Call Andrea at 432-8682.

For rent – Banff for New Year's Eve. 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 level condo. Fireplace, hot tubs, indoor pool. Dec. 27 - Jan. 3. 25 per cent off. E-mail MichaelHarrison@juno.com.

For sale – 93 Chevrolet Silverado. 3/4 ton, 4x4, light blue with canopy. Air cond, power windows, \$15,500. Call after 5:00 pm 465-4474.

The bigger, the better

Biggest Information Session sets a new record in huge attendance

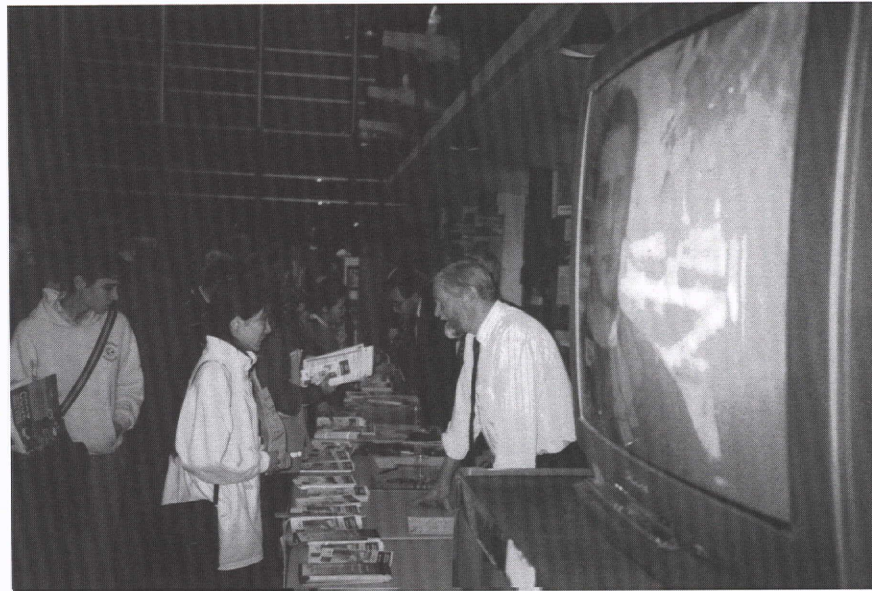
BCIT's second ever "Biggest Information Session" was held Nov. 18 at the Burnaby campus. The event was an enormous success with more than 900 people in attendance. The session included a general overview in the BC TEL Theatre and a "trade-show" of our full-time, part-time and degree programs.

To accommodate the 900 plus attendees, three half-hour general overview sessions were held in the theatre. The first two sessions had the theatre packed to capacity with people learning about BCIT, viewing our new corporate video and hearing

from three recent and successful BCIT graduates.

The success of the session was a result of the efforts of many individuals and departments across campus. Special thanks to the following:

- All Faculty and Staff who helped organize the event and participated in the "trade-show"
- Marketing and Public Affairs department



The Biggest Information Session – ever – drew more than 900 would-be BCIT students.

- Audio Visual department
- Materials Handling
- Registrar's Office
- Program Advising
- Student Services
- Physical Plant
- Marriott Corporation
- Safety & Security
- RSL Classic Catering

It takes a lot of commitment and effort to put on this type of session. Based on the number of attendees, it's clear that this type of Information Session is valuable and needed for prospective students to learn more about BCIT's programs and services.

Mark your calendars for the next "BIG Information Session". It's scheduled for May 1999 and it's sure to be another success!

— from Kumal Gill

Hurricane Mitch now affecting Burnaby

Hurricane Mitch, which has been declared the Atlantic basin's fourth strongest hurricane ever, has been affecting hearts closer to home. The BCIT Automotive department has just volunteered its services to assist in the Hurricane Mitch relief effort in Honduras. Kevin Gibb of

"Builders without Borders" contacted Rob MacGregor, chief instructor for the department, in early November with a proposal to repair a truck that Gibb's organization wished to donate to the people of Honduras. The 1987 Ford F250 with four wheel drive is the perfect vehicle for Honduras,

where few, if any, roads or transportation infrastructure remain.

Builders without Borders is a community charity association working with Mercy Core International, World Neighbours, and the University of Zamorano's Foundation Maria. It is the latter that the truck will

be donated to. The University's Foundation will use the truck to transport building supplies, food, drugs, doctors, and anything else that will fit in the back of the truck.

The hook in all this is that Gibb once lived in Honduras and is married to a Honduran woman. What makes the

story all the more poignant is that Gibb's family still lives in this ravaged little country. The tricky part will be transporting the truck to Honduras. BCIT will repair the truck and Gibb will drive it to Miami, Florida, where it will be crated and shipped to the capital city, Tegucigalpa.

After contacting MacGregor, it was determined that some transmission work was needed on the truck, as well as a full mechanical inspection to ensure the truck's roadworthiness. The Automotive department will begin with Norman Cloutier's fourth year apprentice class repairing the transmission, followed by inspection and further work by the entire department. Finally, it will be sent to Auto Collision, where Ken Herrewynen and his department will put finishing touches on the body and paint.

MacGregor and Herrewynen will present the truck on behalf of the BCIT community, with well wishes from all.

Vaya con dios, Kevin Gibb.

— from Rob MacGregor



Rob MacGregor (centre) with students Mark Vandenburg (left) and Dale Thomas.



Spread the holiday cheer – tell a story

Last week, Update asked BCIT staff and faculty to tell us how you celebrate the holiday season. Send us stories (anywhere from 25-150 words) on your cultural traditions. They will be

featured in the next Update, and your name will be entered in a draw to win a BCIT T-shirt. Fax your stories by noon Dec. 7, with your name, department, and local to: 436-5762, or e-mail to ikolic@bcit.bc.ca

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Professional Development Workshops

To register for these workshops or for more information, please call Karen at 432-8927, profs develop, or e-mail develop@bcit.bc.ca, or fax 431-7267

Teaching On-Line: Lessons from BCIT Pioneers

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1998
1200-1400, SE12 101
(Centre for Distance Education)
Ever wondered what it's really like to teach on-line? This session provides an opportunity to view on-line courses and the educational strategies used for on-line learning. You will have an opportunity to listen to BCIT faculty who have taught across the Internet and to question them on their experiences. This session is a must for anyone thinking of implementing on-line learning.

Facilitator: Michelle Kearns,
CMC Coordinator
Panel: t.b.a.
BCIT: No charge
Lunch provided

Problem-based Learning

Wednesday, Jan. 20,
1200-1400, Town Square D
Problem-based Learning (PBL) is one of the leading curriculum formats. Do faculty teaching in PBL formats have more fun? How does PBL rejuvenate faculty? How does the role of the faculty member change in the PBL format? Why are many post-secondary curriculum's shifting to PBL? What are the similarities and differences between PBL and other curriculum formats? What are the key benefits to students, faculty and administration from PBL? What are the best situations for PBL?

If you want to learn the answers to these questions, then plan to attend this workshop. You will create and test drive your own PBL session, perform in the role of tutor, and discuss the key issues in PBL with your colleagues. Upon completion of the workshop, you can expect to be able to:

- discuss the similarities and differences between PBL, case study format, and context-based learning
- discuss the stages of the problem-solving process
- experiment with the role of the tutor in PBL
- design a PBL session
- incorporate PBL into existing teaching formats
- discuss the scope of PBL internationally
- discuss the strengths and weaknesses of PBL

Facilitator: Kareen McCaughan,
Instructional Development Consultant,
Learning Resources Unit

BCIT: no charge. Non-BCIT: \$10.00
Workshops are funded through the Instructional Development Fund established in 1989 through an agreement between BCIT and its Faculty and Staff Association. Any BCIT staff member may attend.

Staff Service & Recognition: 10 & 15 year milestones in 1998

The Annual Staff Service and Recognition ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15 in recognition of BCIT employees who have reached 10 and 15 years of service in 1998.

The following employees have reached either 10 or 15 years of service at BCIT in 1998. If you should be on this list or if you know of someone who should

15 Years

Thomas Abbuhl	Civil/Structural
Bryan Boldt	Computer Resources
Shirley Butler	Mechanical Industries Training
Gary Clifford	Plumbing
Karen Edmonds	Word Processing
Sharon Hatton	Presidents Office
Eric Hiob	Mathematics
Ernest Kenward	Electronic Engineering Technology
Terry Malakoff	Chemical Sciences
Glen Miller	Learning Resources
Ross Miller	Geographic Information Systems
Donna Montgomery	Word Processing
William Murray	Print Services
Umit Olcay	Physics
Mary Routledge	Mathematics
Norman Shaw	Renewable Resources Tech
Tina Taylor	Campus Food Services
Cindy Themmen	Admin. Unit, Physical Plant
Kurt Traugott	Carpentry
Kathleen Vance	Communication

be, please contact the Special Events office at (604) 432-8398 as soon as possible.

Employees who have reached 20, 25, 30 and 35 year milestones and were unable to attend the Staff Service Dinner on Oct. 1 have also been invited to the ceremony to receive their pins and certificates.

10 Years

Brian Anderson	Computer Systems Technology
Anne Andrew	Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Mariana Aussem	Student Services
Louise Barnett	Computer Resources
Brandon Bell	Arcs Lab
Hilary Bicho	Chemistry
Earl Brownell	Machinist
Lynn Byer	Purchasing
Carl Catt	Benchwork/Joinery
Roger Christian	Custodial Services
Shirley Coomber	Education Resource Centre
Laura Davie	Operations Management
Denise Deleebeeck	Biological Sciences
Filippo Deluca	Custodial Services
Rita Ditomaso	Purchasing
Yvonne Eamor	Broadcast Communications
Frederick Edmunds	Mining
Kim Ewacha	Circulation
Paulette Farrell	Nursing
Bonnie Fulton	Safety & Security
Mary Gillespie	Advanced Services
Lynda Gravel	Medical Nursing
Robert Guest	Computer Resources
Linda Hale	Communication
Paul Hicks	Maintenance
Amanda Hill	Student Placement Office
Ronaye Ireland	Community Relations
Cheryl Isaak	Advanced Nursing
Todd Jelstad	Electronic Engineering Technology
Richard Kolebaba	Training Consultants
Waylim Lee	Computer Resources
Lyn Lidberg	Purchasing
Joseph Liddle	Maintenance
Darryl Mack	CAD/CAM
Laurie-Ann McGee	Engineering, PT Studies
Jim McNeill	Health PT Studies
Terry Milligan	Material Management
George Orr	Broadcast Communications
Lawrence Parisotto	Nuclear Medicine
Vince Piva	Automotive
Richard Plett	Automotive
Janis Poersch	Medical Services
Silvia Raschke	Health Engin, Prosth & Ortho
Ver Read	Electronic Engineering Technology
Harold Rink	Power Engineering
Cheryl Segaric	Nursing
Rosemary Small	Financial Services
Richard Smith	Machinist
Mike Smolnicki	Computer Resources
Chester Thnick	Electrical
Gordon Thiessen	Robotics
Robin Vossenaar	Automotive
Joan Walker	Nursing
Walter Watkins	Physical Plant
Peter Wong	Computer Resources
Elaine Woo	Chemical Sciences
Randall Woods	Physics
Sandra Zanatta	Program Advising

CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

Reducing theft of personal property

Tips for Reducing Theft of Personal Property

- Keep a list of credit cards and ID numbers to help identify and recover your property in the event of a theft, and to make it easier to file insurance claims.
- Always keep your wallet close to your body. If you have a shoulder bag, keep an arm around it – don't let straps dangle from your hands.
- Secure all windows and doors to your office or residence.
- Report suspicious activities and criminal acts to Campus Security and the police.

Thefts reported around campus:

Nov. 14 - at 1700, a staff member's purse was stolen while waiting for a bus on Canada Way.
Nov. 16 - between 0915-1015, a wallet containing credit cards, a driver's license, and a small amount of cash was stolen from a desk drawer in an unlocked office.

Call Crime Stoppers at **669-TIPS** if you know anything about these crimes. Callers never have to reveal their identity. The Supreme Court of Canada ruled on Feb. 6, 1997 that police are not required to reveal in court any information supplied by callers.

Season's Greetings

BRIAN GILLESPIE, PRESIDENT & THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
cordially invite you to attend the
ANNUAL BCIT ALL STAFF CHRISTMAS RECEPTION
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1998
2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

IN THE
TOWN SQUARE CAFE

No-Host BAR

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