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A fresh face for alumni

Ambassador gets new masthead, logo

The BCIT Alumni Association is pleased to unveil a fresh new face for the *Alumni Ambassador* and an opportunity to show off our vision for the future.

It's an exciting time at the Institute, in industry and as a BCIT alumnus.

Times are changing and we're not willing to get left behind; here's a summary of what's new with your alumni association.

New Logo

To establish a stronger identity within the internal BCIT community and in industry, we created an identity that, while linked to the Institute, represents the Alumni Association as a unique part of the BCIT community. We're more than 52,000 members strong and grow each year at Convocation.



New Look for the *Ambassador*

We hope you'll find the new layout of the *Alumni Ambassador* more user-friendly and the articles both entertaining and informative.

We've recently established an editorial committee, chaired by 1996 Civil and Structural graduate Kazamir L. Falconbridge, to ensure the stories meet your interests. We still have a few openings on the committee for writers and contributors — if you'd like to participate on the editorial board contact the Alumni office at (604) 432-8847.

New Board Member

The Alumni Association welcomes Jamie Letwin to the Board. Jamie is a 1988 graduate of the Marketing program. Currently he is a Partner of Bullseye Communications Group Inc. in New Westminster.

"I wanted to get involved with the BCIT Alumni Association because BCIT provided me with such an outstanding education in marketing. I am always amazed at how many other BCIT graduates I meet in the business world. In order to maintain these high educational standards in the future, I feel that more funds will have to be raised through fundraising initiatives. I wanted to help with these initiatives," says Letwin.

New Officer

There's a new face in the Alumni Office working hard to support BCIT alumni — in July, Jennifer Ingham replaced retired Jacqueline Azar as the Alumni Relations Officer. Jennifer has worked at BCIT for five years, the last four years in the Development Office.

Jennifer knows what it means to be a graduate from BCIT: as a part-time student and BCIT staff member, her husband James graduated from the Operations Management program and now works for Hughes International Airspace Management Systems.

As a member of the Institute's fundraising efforts, Jennifer raised dollars for student awards and other projects. She was a key player in the

implementation of BCIT's Planned Giving program and played a role in the Cold Beverage Sponsorship Agreement for BCIT.

"The BCIT grads I've spoken with say their BCIT education was instrumental in gaining and achieving career opportunities. I see my role as fostering relationships — "friendraising" between grads and the Institute based on the positive reputation they share in industry," she says.

Jennifer Ingham



New Programs

The Alumni Association Board will be launching a service program with major benefits to alumni in long distance and Internet services. For more information about this BC TEL and alumni partnership, call toll free 1-800-661-1566 and mention the BCIT alumni deal. Stay tuned — we will forward details in the new year. Presently, we offer programs with Seaboard Life Insurance, Mohawk Oil and BCIT. If you'd like details on these programs call (604) 432-8847 or visit www.bcit/services/~alumni.

We want to hear from you!

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President's Message

I hope you enjoy the new look and feel to your alumni magazine. The improvements will continue with your feedback in our efforts to meet our readers' requests.

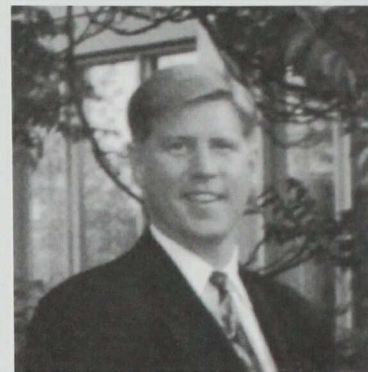
Behind the *Ambassador* is our new Alumni Relations Officer Jennifer Ingham. She brings with her a great deal of experience in alumni relations. We invite you to call Jennifer for information about your Alumni Association or how to become involved as a volunteer.

I am also very happy to introduce you to a new board member, Jamie Letwin, Marketing 1988 graduate. Jamie is a great asset to the board.

Your board is focusing on new initiatives to provide more services for

alumni, our members. We are fortunate we can partner with BCIT and the Student Association, which allows us to offer our members group discounts on products and services.

The next *Ambassador* will arrive in the Spring of 1998, and will feature the theme "All in the Family". We are celebrating and profiling the many families which have had several family members go to BCIT. I, too, can relate to this theme directly as mine is one of these families. Without an in-depth study, I can think of ten members of my direct family who have attended BCIT. The role-call includes my Dad, two brothers, many uncles and cousins. If you're one of these families, call us!



Alumni Association President Bill MacPherson

Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bill MacPherson, Dipl.T. '88 & '91

And the winners are...



Carol Borghesi receives her Alumni Association Achievement Award for her contributions to the BCIT community.

The Alumni Association has a long tradition of honoring Alumni and individuals.

Carol Borghesi was awarded the Alumni Association Achievement Award. The recipient of this award must be a BCIT graduate who demonstrates outstanding performance in one or more areas of technical, business achievement, career development, community affairs or service in government.

A 1981 International Marketing graduate, Borghesi has been listed in the *Financial Post's* "Top 40 under 40 Canadian Superachievers". Borghesi's firsts include being the first female sales manager in

BC TEL's company history, the first woman under age 36 to be appointed to a director-level position, the first woman to be given responsibility for a business unit at BC TEL and the first female to be named Marketing Executive of the Year in the 50-year history of the Sales and Marketing Executives of Vancouver.

Borghesi was VP and General Manager for BC TEL Mobility and is now working for British Telecom in London, England. Borghesi has been a strong supporter of BCIT — in 1996 she was the first speaker of the BCIT-AMA Women in Motion Speaker series and has been a mentor for many students. Borghesi shared her BCIT experience in a liftnote to raise funds in this year's Annual Alumni Campaign.

Dr. Donald Rix received the Alumni Association Award for his substantial contribution to the well-being of the community. Through perseverance and dedication he has worked to ensure BCIT will stand out as a learning institute.

Dr. Rix has demonstrated a longterm commitment to BCIT through his participation in various committees including the BCIT Development Council, Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee, BCIT Board of

Governors and as co-chair of BCIT's President's Club.

The Rix family is well-known for their tremendous generosity in providing endowment funds for various student awards, the establishment of the Rix Club and donations of equipment to the campus. They recently made a generous and unique "planned gift" to BCIT which will continue to enhance endowment funds for student awards and to assist in the creation of the Dr. Tong Louie Living Laboratory located at the Downtown Campus.

Clayton McKinley, Vice President of Finance and Administration, and Marshall Heinekey, Coordinator of Special Projects, were also presented with Alumni Association Awards. McKinley and Heinekey received accolades for their integral roles in making the dream of a BCIT Downtown campus a reality. As members of the project steering committee, they successfully managed the project: on schedule, on budget and with private funding; they have ensured a prominent place for BCIT in the heart of Vancouver as an outstanding learning institute for the 21st century.

— from Jennifer Ingham

Grad finds himself in another institute

William H. T. Norris, Business Management, Administration graduate, 1968

Coming from a family of four, Bill Norris started at BCIT in 1965. In his first year, Bill found that the programs require more than full-time dedication and scarce time for socializing. A dedicated self-starter, Bill returned in 1966 to begin a very positive post-secondary experience.

Bill says the combination of practical and academic work at BCIT teaches people to be dedicated in the face of a challenge.

"BCIT grads are doers: they can take a vision and make it happen," he says.

After graduation, Bill joined the Sears' management trainee program and began working his way up the middle management ladder. During the program Bill realized the value of his training at BCIT and the importance of finding and cultivating career and life mentors.

In 1983, Bill and his wife, Carolyn, started a family, and now have two beautiful children. Three years later he received a promotion at Sears to a national-level assignment and the family moved to Toronto. In 1990 they returned to the west and Bill accepted his current position as Personnel Director at Trinity Western University.

Over the past eight years, Bill has overseen a growth of 150 staff members.

"BCIT training prepared me well for the challenge of the steep learning curve of a career change," he says.

Bill is also busy outside of his career: he raced sports cars from 1968 to 1983, winning four national championships as a team member and a B.C. 'Spring Series' Sedan Championship in 1975.

He has helped to establish a church in Langley and remains very involved in Christian activities. Bill has a passion for reading and spent his

Saturday mornings for two years reading books onto tape for the blind at the Crane Resource Centre. He enjoys reading, walking, and spending time in family activities.

— from Kazamir L. Falconbridge



1968 Business Management, Administration graduate Bill Norris at Trinity Western University.

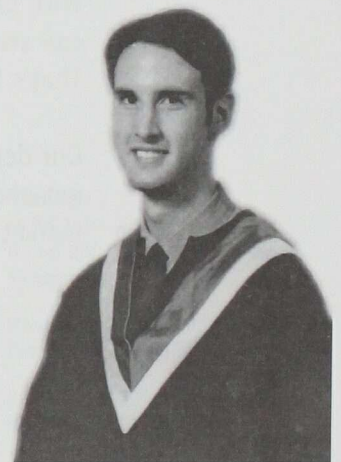
Marketing grad heading down a Royal Road

After completing his Marketing Communications diploma at BCIT in 1997, Deacon Devlin continues his training in the Entrepreneurial Management Bachelor of Commerce at Royal Roads University.

"My most memorable experiences at BCIT were receiving the ABCOM Scholarship and the great friends I met along the way," he says. Devlin was the successful candidate to receive a special internship scholarship which allowed him to work for several companies during a nine-week period.

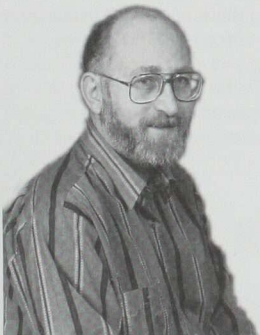
When he walked across the stage in June 1997, Devlin probably thought he wouldn't be back to the campus in the near future. Weeks later, though, he was hired on a summer contract by BCIT's Marketing and Public Affairs office to strengthen BCIT's relationship with high school students.

Before moving to Royal Roads, Deacon gained notoriety when he wrote a letter to the Burnaby Now editor. See page nine.



1997 Marketing Communications graduate Deacon Devlin has begun a new path at Royal Roads University.

Stargazing instructor sparks www site



Instructor and alumnus Michael Barrett has long ties to the institute --- he graduated in 1967 with BCIT's second graduating class.

Michael J. Barrett, Biomedical Engineering instructor, 1967 Electronics graduate

What were you doing prior to becoming a student at BCIT?
Yikes! That was a long time ago. I was studying physics at UBC and

supporting myself through school by working as a landscaper, cook and commercial fisherman.

Why did you choose to do your studies here?

A senior astronomer told me that getting a technical diploma in electronics would guarantee jobs in the field while studying astrophysics. BCIT had just opened and seemed to offer an equivalent program to Ryerson without the move to Ontario. The jobs were so good that my astronomy career got sidetracked for 14 years.

What did you do upon graduation? When did you graduate?

Northern Electric Co. (Now NORTEL) in Montreal hired me as a systems application engineer. We worked on the first digital switching systems for telephones. My special area included the military telephone network that

served the "RED TELEPHONE" connecting Washington and Moscow.

What's it like to teach at BCIT?

Very busy. BCIT students work very hard for long hours --- it is a chore to keep ahead of them and to keep their interests up.

What are you doing with the Web site?

I've had an interest in building Web sites for some time. Frustrated by BCIT's lack of Web presence, we launched the Biomedical Web site with information about courses, faculty e-mail addresses and a forum for graduates to maintain their contacts. We have evolved into a Biomedical Department Web site of news, opinion and contact information for students, colleagues and graduates. We feature a job listing page and hope to have a new page up shortly listing all our graduates from year one to the present.

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What does it look like?

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The Model

- Diploma of Technology
- Two years relevant work experience
- Advanced technical specialties including practicum (39 credits)
- Management studies (9 credits)
- Liberal education studies (12 credits)

The Bachelor of Technology degree is more aptly described as a degree completion program; it builds on the diploma, which constitutes the first two years of the degree. It is offered on a part-time basis and, in some cases, by distance education to accommodate those constrained by work schedules or geographic location. The mandatory two-year work experience prior to advanced studies both reinforces the practical focus of the degree and enhances the

student's educational experience of degree level studies. The curriculum includes three distinct categories:

- ◆ Advanced technical specialty courses promote currency in a given area; the industry-based practicum involves students in applied research in a real world situation.
- ◆ Management studies enhance employability skills and promotional opportunities.
- ◆ Liberal studies increase competence in dealing with increasingly complex social and ethical issues.

Is it a University Degree?

The Bachelor of Technology is of equal merit but different from a university degree. It retains academic rigor, but stresses practical applications of knowledge. BCIT's Bachelor of Technology degree now provides an alternate path to degree-level studies. The degree differs from a university degree in the following ways:

- ◆ The Bachelor of Technology is designed as a career advancement opportunity rather than a job-entry credential.
- ◆ The curriculum reflects industry input and is driven by workplace needs rather than by academic bias.

- ◆ Compared to a university degree, the Bachelor of Technology appears "upside down". University studies traditionally begin with a wide range of subjects specializing progressively each year. The Bachelor of Technology degree model requires a narrower specialist focus in the first two years to ensure technical competence at the diploma level and a broadening of knowledge through inclusion of management and liberal studies in the later years.

How do I know it's a "real" degree?

All new degrees in British Columbia, whether from a university, a university college or provincial institute, are validated by the same provincial committee to ensure consistency of standards. Prior to this, BCIT degrees undergo a rigorous internal Quality Assurance process where they are scrutinized by educators, internal and external to BCIT, and by industry representatives. BCIT's Bachelor of Technology degrees must satisfy two overarching criteria: they must be educationally sound, and they must meet the needs of industry.

What degrees is BCIT offering?

BCIT only offers degrees in areas where there is a demonstrated

market need. Degrees currently offered are:

- Computer Systems
- Environmental Engineering Technology
- Accounting
- Medical Imaging
- Environmental Health
- Specialty Nursing

It is anticipated that the following degrees, currently under development, will be offered as indicated, subject to Ministry approval:

- Manufacturing – intended implementation January 1998
- Management – intended implementation September 1998
- Construction Management – intended implementation September 1998
- Geomatics – intended implementation September 1998
- Electrical/Electronics – intended implementation September 1998

How to Apply?

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— from Ann McArthur, BCIT

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Grap

1967

Graney, Bruce (Mining Technology) Bruce is Underground Safety, Training and Loss Control Officer for Royal Oak Mines Inc. in Yellowknife, N.W.T. Bruce trains and coaches the giant mine rescue team, which has been very successful this year. His son is at home and his daughter heading to Vancouver. Bruce says it's hard to believe it has been 30 years since he graduated from BCIT, and he still has his old Mining Technology jacket. Bruce enjoys looking through the *Ambassador* although he doesn't see much information about his eight classmates. When Bruce visits Vancouver he drives past BCIT and marvels at the changes.

1968

Thomas, Marwyn (Civil & Structural) After 27 years in municipal engineering (from government to consultants to developers; from Vancouver to Prince George to Campbell River), downsizing created the opportunity to make a HUGE career change. Marwyn is a representative with the Investors Group. Marwyn's children, Craig, 24, is at UBC in third year Architecture. Stacey, 21, is also at UBC in fourth year Pre-Vet Medicine. All Civil & Structural '68 grads give me a call — love to have a beverage and share stories.

1969

Mitchell, Glenn (Building) Glenn lives in Comox, B.C. with his wife of 28 years. Glenn established a custom design and construction company. His two boys are now in university, the worst expenses are behind them and he has given up the hammer and crew for a good CAD program. Glenn works mainly on residential and leasehold improvements. He also purchased a 23-acre lot and is developing a rural subdivision. Glenn says he hopes to continue doing what he is doing until he drops. Glenn hopes to hear from alumni.

Rimmer, Dennis (Broadcast Communications) Dennis is employed with KARI radio in Blaine, Washington. Dennis won three more regional sportscasting awards last spring. He won third place in the Small Market Washington State Associated Press Contest. He also won first and second in the fifth State Pacific Northwest (US) Regional Contest from the Society of Professional Journalists in sports reports for stations (all markets) with three or fewer sports staffers in the regions of Washington/Oregon/Alaska/Idaho & Montana.

Sutherland (Krutow) Sandra A. (Marketing) In April of 1997 Sandra left Eaton's after 26 years to join Beautiful British Columbia as their retail store manager at Grouse Mountain. She manages three gift shops located on the mountain.

1970

Kersey, David Alan (AI) (Civil & Structural) David is a project management professional (PMI-1994) for the City of Coquitlam. He has completed his Master Course Conductor - Certified Level 3 Coach in curling and is working on level 4. David's son Aaron, 21 years (living with David) is a deckhand with Harken Towing transporting logs on the Fraser River.

Jarvis, William (Bill) Windsor (Mining Technology) William with wife, Patricia, resides in Saskatchewan. Their son Kevin graduated from University of Saskatchewan in geophysics and is working on his Ph.D. in Geology at UBC. If any fellow grads are traveling east through Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, drop in and say hello.

1971

Dunlop, Jim (Electrical) Jim is self-employed in the Gulf Islands and has been there for eight years in semi-retirement (since age 39). Jim built his own log home with wife, Sandy. In the summer, he uses his 1942 Harley Davidson Tricycle for service calls in his own appliance repair business. Jim says life doesn't get any better than this!

1974

Hamar, Jackie (Ratcliffe) (Radiography) Jackie worked for almost three years in Radiography and then went into business for herself 20 years ago. Jackie spent 13 years in the pub business and seven years in the Resort business at Northwood Lodge & Resort Timothy Lake.

McGougan, M. Cathy (Minamimaye) (Marketing) Cathy is coordinator and an instructor for the New Enterprise Management program at Malaspina University College. Cathy is busy developing an on-line version of one of her courses.

1976

Shaw, Kenneth (Broadcast) Ken and his wife, Yvette, had a wonderful son last year, Benjamin. They just moved from Mento Park to Scotts Valley, a few miles from Santa Cruz on beautiful Monterey Bay. Ken is using his years of experience in broadcasting, marketing and high-end computer graphics to start an independent company.

Yip, Lyla M. (Medical Laboratory Technology) Lyla has received a degree of Medical Laboratory Science, a Masters degree in Health Planning and Administration and now a Doctorate in Traditional Chinese Medicine (acupuncture, herbal medicine, etc.) at UBC. Lyla just returned from China and is now starting a practice in Burnaby at Metrotown acupuncture and Herbalogy Clinic.

1977

Colclough, W.R. (Bob) & Natalie, (Cielanga) - class of 1989. (Civil & Structural) Bob has been elected as President to serve on the 1997/98 council of the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia. Congratulations!

1978

Golightly, Jack (Electrical & Electronics - Telecommunications) Jack is enjoying the challenges of running his own business - Pacific Edge Network Services, (604) 502-0220. Jack, his wife, Louise, and his three children, Lynn, Tyler, and Kyle live in Surrey. Jack would like to hear from fellow grads at e-mail address jgoligh@ibm.net.

1980

Bohme, Dennis M. & Dawne (Mining Technology) & (Medical Laboratory Technology - class of 1981) Dennis recently accepted a transfer with Inco Limited to their American subsidiary based in Anchorage, Alaska and continues to work as an exploration geologist.

Louie, Richard (Electronic Engineering Technology) Richard moved to Calgary in 1992 and spent 12 years at IBM Canada in hardware service, software support and marketing. In 1993 he formed an IS consulting company specializing in consulting services to IBM midrange system users. He also practices as a realtor on a part-time basis. Richard met his wife, Judith, in Taiwan in 1990 and was married in 1992. They have one daughter Lauren, 2 1/2 years, and one son Jordan, 16 months old.

1983

Asser, Matthew (Financial Management) Matthew is working in Toronto as Senior Manager, Group Sales for Working Ventures Canadian Fund. Matthew and wife, Mary, were married in 1988 and the family includes four year old son Jared and daughter, Katherine, born, December 1996. Matthew also recently finished his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Environmental Science from Trent University in Ontario.

Manderville, Brian (Broadcast Journalism)

Brian recently wrote a book entitled "The Vancouver Sports Trivia Book" which has now reached Regional Best seller status. The book was featured on Sports Page, Sportstalk and several local newspapers. The book answered 500 questions about Vancouver Sports teams ranging from the Canucks and Grizzlies to the 86ers and the Voodoo. Congratulations Brian!

Caldarone, Wendy (Matthewson) (General Nursing)

Since 1983 Wendy worked in a variety of hospitals and long-term care facilities. Wendy returned to BCIT and graduated in 1988 as a Registered Nurse. She worked at Surrey Memorial Hospital on a surgical short stay unit. She also works casual status at Eagle Ridge Hospital. Wendy married Nick Caldaron in 1985 and settled in Coquitlam on an acreage. Wendy would like to know if anyone is interested in a reunion for the RPN class of 1983 or the RN class of 1988? Contact the Alumni Association, (604) 432-8847 if you are interested.

Cameron, Derrick G. (Operations Management) & (Financial Management 1984) Derrick left the position of Manager of Financial Systems for the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, where he had worked for five years. Derrick is now the Senior Consultant, Applications for Oracle Corporation Canada. Derrick & wife Shirley have two boys, Thomas, 5 1/2 and Eric, 2 1/2. If you're in Victoria give them a call.

1984

Blaskovich, Ann & Randy (Medical Laboratory) & (Environmental Health) Randy started his job with Cominco in January of this year. Ann, Randy and family are enjoying their new home in Rossland.

Chang, Jeff (Marketing Management - Real Estate) For the past nine years, Jeff has resided in Alberta. He is currently working for Warner Lambert Canada (Schild division) as Area Business Manager for the Prairies. Jeff recently got engaged.

Franco, Lawrence & Ann (Business Administration) After graduation Lawrence was employed by Dunn & Bradstreet. He acquired several promotions and is currently employed as Group Director, Information Resources. Lawrence and Ann have two lovely daughters and are living in Oakville, Ontario.

McNeil, Ron (Building) Ron & Maureen have moved into their new home (designed by Ron of course) and have a new office for clients to visit. A diary of the house construction is on-line at www.islandnet.com/~dzyrn.

1985

De Wolde, C. Esther (Dykshoorn) (Financial Management) In 1986 Esther married John De Wolde. Esther has a two-year old daughter, Courtney and resides in Sumas Prairie near Abbotsford. Esther obtained her CGA designation and was Controller for the Panagopoulos Pizza franchise for the past nine years. Last fall Esther accepted the position of CEO for a Panagopoulos' affiliate, Phantom Screens Mfg. (Int'l) Ltd. Never a dull day goes by!

1986

Goldstone, Denise (Sheridan) (Marketing Management) Denise and husband Greg are still living in Castlegar. They welcomed their second son, Alistair Edward on April 2, 1997 — a brother for Tristan Gregory, born on May 14, 1995. Denise would enjoy hearing from some classmates via e-mail: dgoldsto@mlc.awinc.com.

1987

Bullock, Greg, & Denise (Neilson) (Marketing Management - Technical Sales) Greg and Denise are the proud new parents to "Sophia Heather" born September 2, 1996. Living in Nanaimo, where Greg sells real estate and works for Quaker Oats and Denise has a home-based marketing consultant company. Past grads: "the door's always open."

Dunn, Carol (Siebert) (Marketing Management) For the last six years Carol has been working at Lifescan Canada Ltd. as Product Manager. Previously she spent two years with Leclair Hamilton Event Marketing. Carol is living in Mallairdville with her husband and cat, A.J. She recently became a Miata owner and loves every minute of it! "Cheers to 10 years" to all 1997 Marketing grads!

Hodson, David B. (Marketing Management) David and Christine were (finally) able to buy a home last October. They love Edmonton and David is enjoying a very successful career with London Life after previously being self-employed since graduation.

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Plamondon, Barry & Sandra (Rausch) Barry and Sandra met at BCIT and were married in 1993. They are expecting child number three in August, 1997. Old classmates please contact us at (604) 467-1462.

1988

Caldarone, Wendy (Matthewson) (General Nursing) See class of 1983.

Pringle, Gina (Landiorio) (Marketing Management) Gina was married on March 1, 1997 to Geordie. After six years of advertising with B.C. Lottery, Gina moved into sales last year as Territory Manager. She finds sales, like advertising, is very rewarding.

Sovernigo, Carla (Marketing Management - Real Estate) Carla is not married. She purchased her first home early last year. She worked for Aris Realty Corporation then took eight months to travel abroad and finally settled down to work in real estate. Carla can't believe it's been seven years and she still visits the Burnaby campus, taking building trade courses.

Weel, Therese (Computer Systems Technology) Therese is employed with the Federal Government as an analyst. Therese thought it would be nice to have a 10-year reunion for CST class of '88, then remembered that she was the social coordinator! Tequila where are you? Write to me at my old address!

Williams, Dan D. (Broadcast Communications - Television) Dan is happily married to Kathy and has two children, Dylan and Asia. Classmates can e-mail him at dwiliam@CFRNTVCA in Edmonton. He'd love to hear from fellow classmates.

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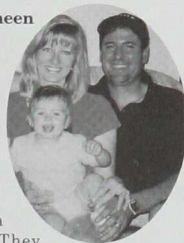
Ee, Christopher Kean Ling (Computer Systems Technology - Engineering) Chris is now a lecturer of 3D Computer Graphics and Animation at Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore. Friends from CST can contact me via e-mail: christee@singnet.com.sg or eeec@ng.ac.sg.

Grant, Donna (Marketing Management - Sales) Donna is working as a freelance writer and would love to hear from fellow grads!

Hewitt, Cindy Anne (Marketing Management) Cindy is living in Winfield, B.C., has a two year old, Connor. She would like to touch base with alumni from the class of '89. She is still looking for "that great marketing/sales position".

Pasin, Scott & Daneen (Chernyk) (Civil & Structural Engineering) & (Medical Radiography).

Scott & Daneen met while Daneen was waitressing in Taps, which is how Scott says "he put Daneen through school". They have been married more than six years and have a 15-month old boy named Luke.



Schwuchow, Martin (Chemical Science) After graduation Martin worked for Bacon Donaldson as a Technician and then moved to Northern Alberta to work for Peace River Pulp. Presently he is working for Levelton Engineering as a Manager of Emission Monitoring. Martin married Cheri in 1995 and is living in Cloverdale, B.C. Martin says hello to fellow classmates.

1990

Hutton, Fred (Broadcast Communications) Fred is the News Anchor on NTV in St. Johns, Newfoundland. Baby number two, Claire, has joined older brother Matthew, now two years old. Fred would like to hear from old friends at NTVNews@NTV.com

Parker, Grant Stuart (Surveying & Mapping) Grant worked in Kamloops for five years with Urban Systems. Two years ago he moved to Mackenzie as an Engineer Technologist with the District of Mackenzie; his wife Treena is a teacher.

Shea, Joseph (Biomedical Engineering) is still employed with the Canadian Armed Forces and was recently transferred to Halifax, Nova Scotia. You can contact Joe by e-mail: j.g.shea@ns.sympatico.ca.

1991

Clayton, Kevin Wayne (Marketing Management - Sales & Advertising) Kevin is a Sales Manager for Apex Communications Inc. and is married to Deborah with two boys, Chase, three, and Kyle, one.

1992

Culi, Ray (Building, Architecture) In March 1995 Ray went on to receive a Bachelor of Architecture at the University of Oregon and is now in his third year with Luey Architects, specializing in educational facilities in the state of Oregon.

Littlejohn, Warren & Paula (Willbond) Paula and Warren have moved to a ten-acre farm and hope to build a house in the future. Warren is working in Jordan River as a Forestry Engineer. Paula is working as an instructor at Camosun College's Continuing Care Program and works casual as a public health nurse and staff nurse.

Nickoli, Peter (Radiography) Peter was married to Lisa Shaun Phillips on May 17, 1997. 1950's cars and turquoise were the main wedding themes with 200 guests. A fantastic time was had by all and then the honeymooners camped along the Oregon coast.

1993

Douglas, Steve & Andrea (Kurkowsky) Steve and Andrea have been together for four years since they graduated together and now they share the same last name. On May 10, 1997 Andrea Kurkowsky and Steve Douglas tied the knot.

Graham, Elizabeth Anne (Building Technology) Elizabeth was recruited by PCL Construction prior to moving to Calgary in the fall of 1995. Elizabeth is a Project Manager for PCL Construction in Calgary.

Opti (Meyer), Pauline (Marketing)

Pauline was in direct marketing for three years with a specialized software company. A brief stint at stuffing newspapers proved to be an "eye-opener." She is now living in Sydney, Australia and focusing on marketing hubby's leadlight windows to architects.

Oswald, Alexander L. (Power Engineering - 4th Class)

Alexander married Collette Ferron on April 26, 1997. Alexander works for Novam Development and for the past three years he has been a Building Manager, managing four commercial buildings.

Rush, James F. (IETE) James and his wife celebrated the birth of their daughter on May 6, Gillian Alexandra Molly, 8 lbs., 2 oz., 22 inches.

Sara, Saraj S. (Electronics - Computer Control)

Saraj is currently self-employed, performing freelance technical services throughout the Lower Mainland. He specializes in audio/video electronic troubleshooting and repairs.

Schultz, Julie Jacqueline (Marketing Management - Small Business)

Julie spent nine months completing market research and preparing for the opening of her new "Country Home Accessory and Gift Shop" located in downtown Prince George. The past 10 months have been very fulfilling and successful!

Wakelyn, Dan (Power Engineering Technical)

Dan was engaged to Christine on Christmas Eve 1996. They have since purchased a home in May of this year and were married in September.

1994

Pickell, Kristine (Industrial Instrumentation Service Technician)

Kristine has been living in Calgary for one year and now works for Nexttron Corporation as a Customer Service Representative/Buyer. Winters in Calgary are a little cold, but the summers are nice and warm.

1995

Brett, Oliver (Mechanical Design) Oliver has worked at Janox Fluid Power Ltd. since graduation. He is an Engineering Technologist designing hydraulic systems and components, project management, field installations, supervising component assembly and fabrications. He just finished the hydraulic design of the vehicle and passenger loading ramp lifting system on the Duke Point ferry terminal in Nanaimo and works with another 1993 BCIT Mechanical Design graduate.

Duncan, (Webb) Tara & Robert

(Marketing Management) Robert & Tara were married on May 24, 1997 in Duncan, BC. They now reside in Regina where Rob is a Sales Representative for General Mills and Tara works in Group Marketing for Crown Life Insurance.

Miranda, Ragulus R. (Mechanical Systems Technology)

Regulus is a Residential Heating Designer for Western Supplies. Regulus says "the diploma he received at BCIT is his passport to jobs in Mechanical Systems Industries."

Pang, Shun-man Patrick (Financial Management) Shun-man Patrick has recently moved and married Florence.

Sandhurst, Sean (Marketing Professional Sales)

Sean is living in Calgary and working for World Wide Customs Brokers Ltd. as a Sales Consultant.

Shuen, Kim (Building Technology)

Kim has accepted a new position as Engineering Technologist with Morrison Hershfield Engineering Consultant Firm. Kim and his wife, Tasha have a new baby boy, Riley, born June 23, 1997.

Spicer, Michele (Broadcast - Radio)

After two years working in radio and TV in the Okanagan and Terrace, B.C., Michele moved back to Vancouver with her fiancé and is working for a promotions and marketing company on Granville Island. Hello to all of my former classmates!

1996

Gandhi, Roshan J (Computer Systems Technology - Decision Systems)

Roshan is working at CKNW/CFMI Radio. His experience at BCIT prepared him for real world situations and helped launched his career. He says, "Hats off to BCIT and the people who made it possible! You can reach Roshan at rgandi@wic.ca."

Gibson, (Kristiansen) Sonya (Nuclear Medicine)

Sonya is living very happily in Victoria working at Greater Victoria Hospital. Sonya married Joe Gibson in July, 1997.

Kanigan, Jason (Operations Management)

Jason received his ASTB Certificate and earned a Bachelor degree in Business Administration through BCIT and Open Learning Agency. Jason accepted the position of Business Development Manager for International Energy Systems (1983) Ltd. in May.

Manzo Jr., Alberto (Automotive Service Technician Program)

Alberto is currently working for Carter Honda in Vancouver

Mollica-Lazzaro, Gabriella

(Electroneurophysiology) Gabriella moved to Toronto and is working for Toronto Hospital for Sick Children as an Electroneuro-physiology Technologist. Gabriella also recently passed the Canadian (CBRET) and American (CBRET) registration (Board) Exams. Now she bears the letters R.E.T., R.E.E.G.T., Dipl.T.

1997

Buchanan, Matthew (Geographical Information Systems)

Matthew has moved to Cranbrook and accepted a position at Crestbrook Forest Industries as a GIS Analyst.

Simard, Shane (Renewable Resources - Forestry)

Shane has moved to Terrace, B.C. and accepted a permanent position as Engineering Crewman with West Fraser Mills, Skeena Sawmills Division.

Thank you for staying in touch. We've run out of space, but look for your update in the spring '98 edition.



Do you know where your fellow graduates are?

Grads by Region

Canada	50,548
Netherlands	2
Spain	2
Switzerland	5
Austria	1
Britain	23
Denmark	1
Sweden	1
Germany	10
Mexico	3
Malaysia	20
Australia	37
Indonesia	5
New Zealand	15
Thailand	1
Japan	5
Korea	1
India	2
Hong Kong	22
Israel	1
USA	225
France	3
West Indies	28
Saudi Arabia	8
South America	14
Philippines	2
Ireland	2
Nepal	1
Singapore	2
Brunei	1
Africa	36
Unknown	3,489
Total	54,515

In Memory

Hoegler, Ryan (Electricity & Industrial Electronics 1995) of Delta passed away suddenly on December 14, 1996 at age 20. An endowment fund in his memory has been established by his parents to provide financial assistance to full-time students enrolled in the Electricity & Industrial Electronics program.

Richardson, Dia Paule (Doucet) (Broadcast Television 1993, Business Administration 1995), of Surrey, passed away suddenly in July 1997. Our sincere sympathy to Dia's family, John Kyle, former Dean, School of Business, and his wife Wendy.

Lost grads

Did you know where your fellow colleagues are? We have lost touch and would like to find them to say hello. Let us know if you find one and you will receive a small prize. Call (604) 432-8847.

Shirley N. Turtle, 1966,
Medical Laboratory
Diane M. Ellis, 1967,
Medical Radiography

Brian Laurie

Brian Heddon Maxwell Laurie was born in Glasgow, Scotland on October 25, 1942 and died on February 16, 1997 while vacationing with his wife Karin in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Brian was a 1972 graduate from the School of Business, Financial Management. In memory of Brian, Karin has established the Brian H. M. Laurie Memorial Endowment to provide bursaries for full-time students enrolled in the Financial Management program.

Friends or classmates can contribute to the endowment fund. All donations (payable to the Brian H.M. Laurie Memorial Endowment) should be forwarded to Susan Walters, BCIT Development Office, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3H2. Contributions of \$25 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.



Greig A. Birchfield, 1968,
Forest Resources
Glenda J. McKinnon, 1969,
Biological Sciences
Monika H. Wozniak, 1970,
General Nursing
John D. Hames, 1971,
Forest Resources
Margaret E. Shea, 1971,
Nuclear Medicine
Desmond I. Campbell, 1972,
Hospitality Administration
Ronald A. Washburn, 1973,
Operations Management

Kristin C. Ogmundson, 1973,
Biomedical Engineering
Brad D. Nichol, 1974,
Nuclear Medicine
Sharon D. Smith, 1975,
Medical Radiography
Eva M. Bokor, 1976,
Psychiatric Nursing
David Ullathorne, 1977,
Financial Management
Thomas C. Young, 1978,
Chemical Sciences
Duncan Robertson, 1979,
Broadcast Communication



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Open House '98 seeks Alumni support for April event

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Open House promotes BCIT's unique vision and its unparalleled diversity of projects, programs and people.

Excellence in education affords BCIT alumni an unequalled opportunity to be counted amongst the province's most accomplished leaders in areas of engineering, computing, health sciences, electronics, business and trade.

Alumni will be there!

Reflect a moment on your first days at BCIT, armed with sheer determination and a confident focus on success. You arrived a novice in these hallowed halls, ready to be groomed and molded into a highly regarded, sought-after professional.

Now it's your time to return to BCIT and see what is happening on campus. Bring the kids! Your association will be on hand for a trip down memory lane.

The Pioneers Club will also be there. Pioneers include staff and faculty from 1966. They will be displaying memorabilia from years gone by. If you have any photos or memorabilia to share they would like to include them. Call Hugh Challans at (604) 222-3436.

Open House is a student-organized event, so if you would like to help, donate or sponsor Open House (calling all past Open House volunteers) they'd love to hear from you. Call (604) 451-6855.

Join the winner's circle! Celebrate and promote the unique vision of BCIT. We look forward to seeing you there!

Letter to another editor

Reprinted from the Burnaby Now, Sept. 3, 1997 Editor,

As a BCIT graduate I feel compelled to respond to an ad Capilano College placed in your newspaper Aug. 10. It solicited full-time enrolment by comparing tuition fees, average class sizes and instructors. Unfortunately, the ad contained some untruths I would like to address.

In comparing tuition, the ad gives a tuition figure of \$2,480 for BCIT and \$1,832 for Capilano College. What it fails to point out is that the BCIT figure quoted is for a full-year program of 15 courses. The Capilano College figure quoted is for a full-year program of 10 courses. So for just \$400 more at BCIT you would get five extra courses!

Comparing average class sizes, the Capilano ad gives a figure of 50 at BCIT and 36 at Capilano. Since all my classes were never larger than

25 students, I called BCIT to find the average class size at BCIT is 23 students per class. That's 13 students less than Capilano College's class size.

Finally, the ad questions whether BCIT has instructors with business experience. All of my instructors certainly did! In fact, one of the main reasons I chose BCIT as my educational institute was to be able to learn from instructors with real-world, job-ready skills.

As a marketing graduate, I understand the value of competitive advertising as a marketing tool - but when making comparisons the correct information is essential. This whole experience leads me to ask: If a Capilano College advertisement is portraying false and misleading information, then what of the content in the courses they offer?

— D.J. Devlin, BCIT Marketing Management '97

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Calendar of Events

November 1997

- 21 Administrative Management
1972 Reunion

December 1997

- 1 Time to register for Part-time
Studies courses! Pick up the
Winter Part-time Studies flyer
and call (604) 434-1610.
24-31 Christmas break

January 1998

- 1 New Years - Holiday
12 Part-time Courses begin
19 Alumni Board Meeting

February, 1998

- 19 Winter Convocation
23 Alumni Board Meeting

March, 1998

- 2-31 Alumni Bursaries Disbursed
9-13 Spring Break: full-time BCIT
programs

April 1998

- 3-4 Open House '98
3-5 Reunion Weekend



Community Events

The University Women's Club of Vancouver invites all women with two years or more of post secondary education to find out what is going on behind those stately gates of Hycroft! The Club's objectives are to stimulate intellectual activity, to facilitate fellowship among post secondary graduates, to promote sound educational values and an intelligent interest in public affairs and to provide scholarships and bursaries.

Activities consist of committees devoted to current issues of concern, interest groups, art, tai chi, books, choir, bridge, gourmet, crafts, creative writing, French, Spanish, investments networking, fitness and music appreciation. The club is

dedicated to the maintenance and restoration of Hycroft, an Edwardian mansion.

Plan to attend the 25th Annual "Christmas at Hycroft", a Vancouver family tradition. The house is decorated for Christmas by outstanding designers. You can shop the world in charitable boutiques, stock up on Christmas treats in the Coach House Kitchen, bring the children to their special place and have lunch or supper in the festival dining area.

For information on the club's affordable membership or to attend an event, call (604) 731-4661. We are conveniently located at 1489 McRae Avenue.

Do your knees go weak?

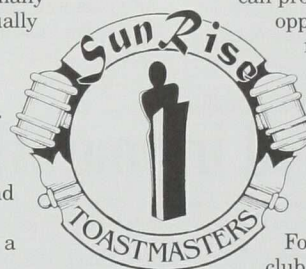
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For information about the club contact Jeremy Tiffin, (604) 583-5542 or e-mail jeremy_tiffin@bc.sympatico.ca.



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