

BCIT UPDATE

YOUR CAMPUS BULLETIN

EMPLOYER/FACULTY AND TECH STAFF JOINT COMPUTER PURCHASE PLAN

The Institute wishes to make available to individual full-time faculty and full-time tech staff the opportunity to become skilled in the use of computers. A sum of \$100,000 has been set aside from the 1987/88 budget year to assist full-time faculty and tech staff achieve this objective.

1. The Institute will pay 50% (up to a maximum of \$1000) of the basic cost of a computer package. This plan does not include software.

2. Because of the difficulty of providing maintenance and other support, the Institute must restrict the number of different types of computers available for purchase under this plan. Preference will be given to IBM or IBM compatible computers. You may submit a request for any type of equipment. However, Materials Management and Computer Resources with assistance from Education Council will shortlist from the requests received only three to five models for which a bulk purchase will be made. Those who have requested other types will be given the opportunity to change their selection or withdraw their request. Prices will vary depending on the package purchased and special discount negotiated by Materials Management.

3. The computer package will be the property of the Institute for a period of three years and will be inventoried by Computer Resources. After that period of time, ownership of the computer will transfer to the employee. While it is understood that the employee now owns the computer, the purchase was made for use at the place of work and therefore will remain at the Institute. The Institute will be responsible for maintenance and security while on campus.

4. The computer package will be permanently assigned to the faculty or tech staff member. The computer is expected to remain at the Institute during the school year. Computers being taken off-campus for the summer months must be signed out at Computer Resources. This requirement is necessary to monitor the whereabouts of Institute assets. It is not intended to be a restrictive mechanism.

5. A payroll deduction plan will be made available to employees who wish to take advantage of this plan. The term of the payments will extend over a one year period and the amount will depend on the price of the package purchased for that employee.

6. Staff Society members cannot use Professional Development funds for their portion of the acquisition costs of the computer.

7. Should the employee leave the Institute prior to the end of a three year period subsequent to the purchase, the employee may opt to buy/sell out the computer package at a prorated cost (33% per year) from/to the Institute.

8. Applications to access the funding must be forwarded to the Director of Computer Resources by October 30, 1987. If the demand is in excess of the funds available, a lottery will be held. If there are funds remaining, the Plan will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis to all Institute full-time employees.

9. This Joint Computer Purchase Plan will be effective immediately through to March 31, 1988 or until the fund is depleted. Faculty members or tech staff who, with their own funds, have purchased since April 1, 1987 a computer for use at the Institute, may be considered for this Plan. Each case will be reviewed on its own merit, but application must be made before October 30, 1987.

10. Questions regarding the Plan should be directed to Morven Wilson, Director Computer Resources at local 8624. An application form is available through Computer Resources.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING SET

The next meeting of the BCIT Board of Governors will take place on November 2 at 5 p.m. and not October 26 as previously reported.

OVERSEAS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The following position is currently available through the International Education Office on campus:

Director, Colombo Plan Staff College
for Technician Education

Location: Colombo, The Philippines
Duration: Permanent

Qualifications: Higher degree or equivalent professional qualifications. Extensive experience in education.

Salary: \$41,687 - \$48,354 US (tax free) and includes a child education allowance and medical allowance.

For further information on this, or other overseas opportunities please contact Donna Hooker at local 8842.

BCIT RECEIVES MORE AUTOMOBILE DONATIONS

Ford of Canada is donating a 1987 mid-sized car and G.M. of Canada is donating seven water damaged 1987 cars to BCIT's Automotive program.

A BCIT reciprocal gesture to another automobile company took place at the end of September when the American Motors division of Chrysler used our auto shop space for one of their training courses.

CANADA SAVINGS BONDS DEADLINE COMING UP

Staff are reminded that application forms for Canada Savings Bonds 1987/88 series should be sent to the Payroll Department no later than October 23, 1987. Application forms can be picked up from the Finance Department, first floor, Inglis Building.

STAFF NEWS

Leaves: Kerry Jothan of Government/Industry Liaison, from October 19, 1987 to March, 1988, to work on a project for the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training. Project will involve Jothan in formulating "innovative and effective" labour policy for the province.

Resigned: Carol Berg of Computer Resources to take up a new position as Resource Centre Analyst for the Vancouver Stock Exchange. Berg worked in Computer Resources for 13 years, first in Data Entry, then in the User Help Centre.

Married: Phillipa Stevens of Word Processing to Ricardo Trasolini on September 26 . . . **Colleen Fostvelt** of Personnel to Brian Goose on September 19.

SOLID GOLD BOOKS AVAILABLE

Solid Gold books, offering discounts on entertainment, travel, accommodation, restaurant meals, etc., are now on sale at the Recreation and Athletics Department for \$38. The books are being sold to raise funds for Intercollegiate Athletics.

TREASURE HUNT CONTEST

An awareness building adventure in support of the Campus Centre project. Contest open to all BCIT students, staff and alumni.

Watch this space for the first clue!

GENERAL INTEREST VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

Career Strategies 1 (vc1284) 60 min

Top corporate leaders reveal secrets of their success. Features author R.J. Waterman, and top executives from Citicorp to Burger King.

Career Strategies 2 (vc1273)

Headhunters, executives, and other experts share inside knowledge of changing jobs and leveraging careers. Features hiring consultant Kurt Einstein, headhunter Putney Westerfield, and many others.

Freshstart: 21 Days to Stop Smoking (vc1487)

This is a day-by-day approach to breaking the smoking habit based on the proven "Freshstart" programme of the American Cancer Society.

Persuasive Speaking (vc1274)

Shows how to prepare business presentations and speeches; assess your audience and its expectations; eliminate nervous speech habits; use effective eye contact; and overcome fear.

To book any of the above videos, contact the library film booking section at local 8367.

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