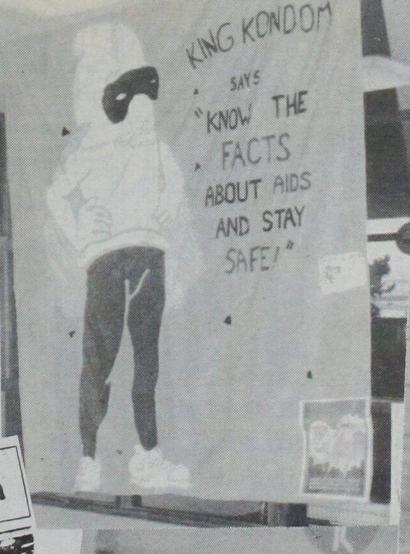
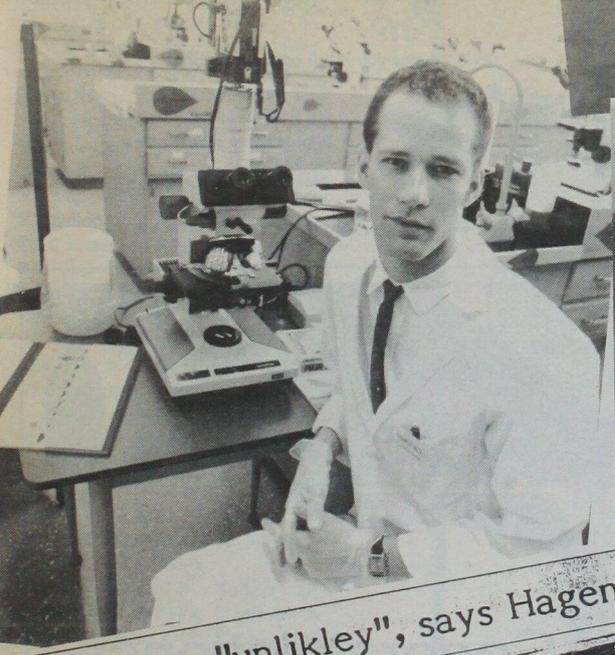
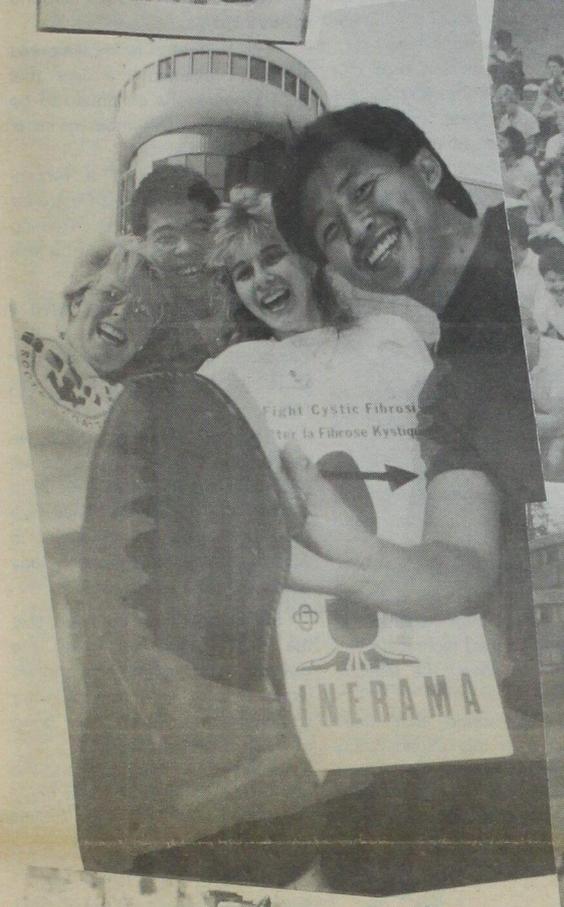


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Status quo "unlikley", says Hagen

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 BCIT is currently undergoing an internal program audit that may mean ending BCIT courses that do not meet the standards set by the British Columbia Training Board. Hagen says that the audit will be completed by the end of the year. Hagen says that the audit will be completed by the end of the year. Hagen says that the audit will be completed by the end of the year.

A wide cross-section of students and staff showed up to hear Stan Hagen explain the purpose of the program audit of BCIT.



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New Mandate for BCIT Announced by Government

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The provincial government has
 laid out a new mandate for the B.C.



Hagen: takes the credit

Institute of Technology.

Effective fiscal year 1989/90,
 the Institute will become the Centre
 for Advanced Technology Training

in the province.

Stan Hagen, the Minister of
 Advanced Education and Job
 Training, said Dr. Jack Newberry,
 Director of Programs Division in his
 Ministry, will head a team to direct
 and work with BCIT's admini-
 stration during the transition.

The Minister said in order for
 BCIT to lay the framework for the
 1989/90 budget year, and to get
 ready to operate as a Centre for
 Advanced Technology Training,
 the government was prepared to
 restore \$2.6 million in funding to
 the BCIT budget.

BCIT will also receive an
 additional two per cent funding -
 less \$726,000 identified by BCIT in
 administrative savings - for this
 fiscal year.

Hagen said the restoration of
 funding means BCIT's budget for
 1988/89 will be \$52,833,000.

The decision to create a Centre
 for Advanced Technology Training
 is one the government has been
 considering for some time.

"Our government has long
 recognized the need for a facility
 that can serve as a flagship in
 providing advanced technical train-
 ing in the province," the Minister
 said.

"We had hoped that BCIT
 would serve in this capacity, but
 over the years, we saw the institute
 move towards a kind of operation
 that was very similar to those which
 exist in our college system."

Hagen said the government
 proposed in the fall of 1987 that
 BCIT take steps to re-vamp its
 operations to emphasize advanced
 technology.

However, BCIT did not respond
 to this initiative.

"The budget cuts implemented
 at BCIT reflected the fact that
 BCIT's operations continued to be
 very much like a number of other
 colleges in the system."

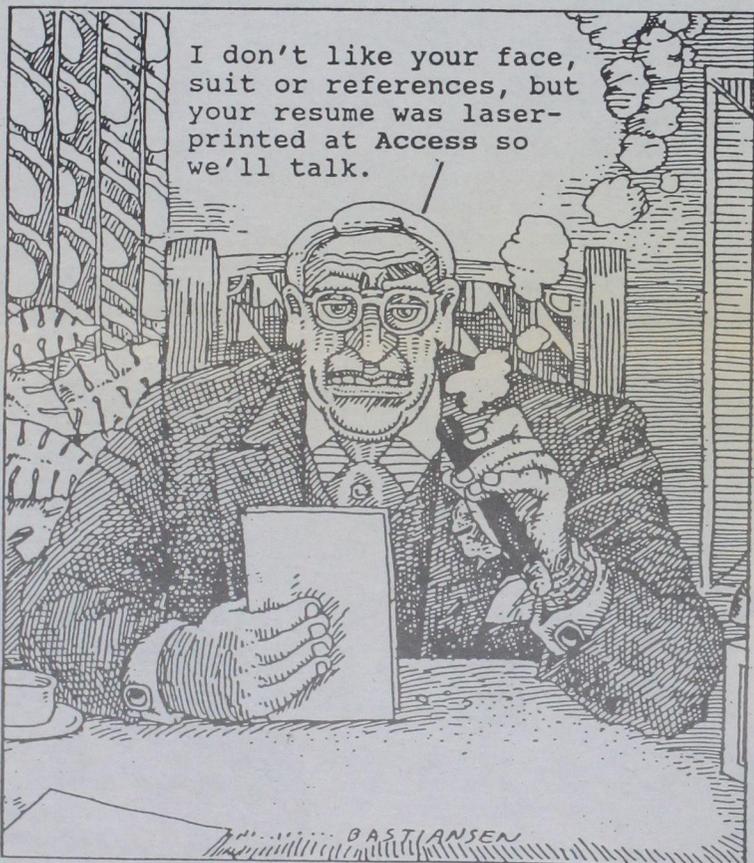
Hagen noted that a recom-
 mendation to establish a Centre for
 Advanced Technology Training
 was made last December in a task
 force report on BCIT.

"While the report suggested a
 locale other than BCIT, I and
 officials in my Ministry believe that
 BCIT is best-equipped to fill this
 role."

"Through a team approach, we
 can ensure that the new centre will
 fulfill its mandate - and become a
 centre of excellence that will
 produce well-trained graduates in
 a whole range of high-technology
 occupations," said Hagen.

Hagen said he is confident that
 the BCIT board will meet the
 government's requirements and will
 work closely with the Ministry
 implementation team to bring
 about its changed mandate.

"I expect Dr. Newberry and the
 administration at BCIT to sit down
 immediately to get this project
 underway," the Minister said.



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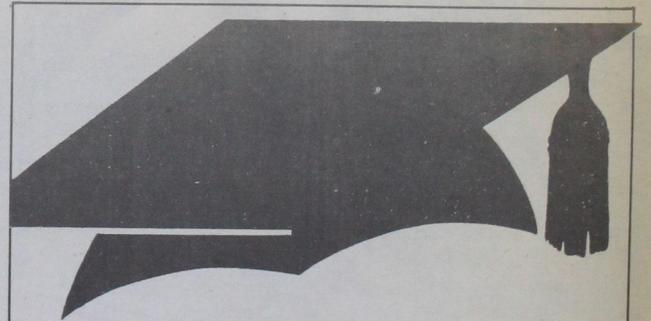
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The Year In Review

What a year! A Royal visit, a record Shinerama, Open House '88, Safer Sex Week, and then the roller-coaster ride BCIT went through to maintain funding and begin work on a new mandate.

It was a busy year for the BCIT community, and for students in particular. On top of the 30 or so hours they spent in the classroom every week, students participated in a wide variety of clubs and intramural sports, while others helped the Institute field a strong contingent of intercollegiate teams.

What follows is a quick tour of some of the highlights of the 1987-88 school year. A look at what students were up to, what the Institute faced, and how the BCIT community welcomed Royalty and the general public when times were good, and asked for help from its friends when things looked bad.

September

Registration goes smoothly for new students this year. BCIT staff, with use of the big BCIT gym, are able to process new students and get them through orientation tours so that line-ups are kept to a minimum.

Shinerama is traditionally the major September event for BCIT students. Every year hundreds of students hit the streets of the Lower Mainland, shining shoes for donations in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This year is no exception, in fact students raise over \$14,000 shining shoes, with an additional \$4000 coming in through various other fund-raising activities such as the annual Shinerama Dance.

In September, the BCIT community gets its first hint that changes might be coming. Stan Hagen, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, visits BCIT to explain the purpose of the Park Commission. Over 1000 staff and students gather in the BCIT gymnasium to hear Hagen say the government wanted BCIT to be "the best in Canada . . . that may mean a leaner, meaner institution."

Hagen says the program audit will provide a focus for BCIT by recommending program mix, enrolment and mandate.

"In all honesty I must say that the status quo is highly unlikely," Hagen told the crowd.

Most students and staff welcome the review, believing it will be a positive process for BCIT giving the Institute the credit it deserves.

Meanwhile, several BCIT students and instructors compete in the World Culinary Art Show at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Vancouver. They bring home a variety of medals and honorable mentions.

Intramural league registrations hits an all time high, with some 1200 students participating on a total of 83 intramural teams.

Taps Pub in the SAC unveils its new mascot, a very large moose head mounted behind the bar. A panel of judges choses the name Norton following a campus contest to 'name the moose'.

October

Pepsi becomes the first corporate organization to put its

located front and centre on campus, adjacent to building 1A. It will house new S.A. offices, services and business operations.

Conference, and dropped by BCIT for a mini-tour of the institution. He shakes hands with dignitaries,

or suspected to have have AIDS or be infected with HIV (AIDS virus). The policy also makes clear BCIT will not insist on mandatory blood testing for the AIDS anti-body.

This month marks a special time for the Student Association, which paid off the \$550,000 mortgage on the racquetcourts complex a year earlier than required. The mortgage covered over one-half of the construction costs of the building, with the rest coming from the student building fund.

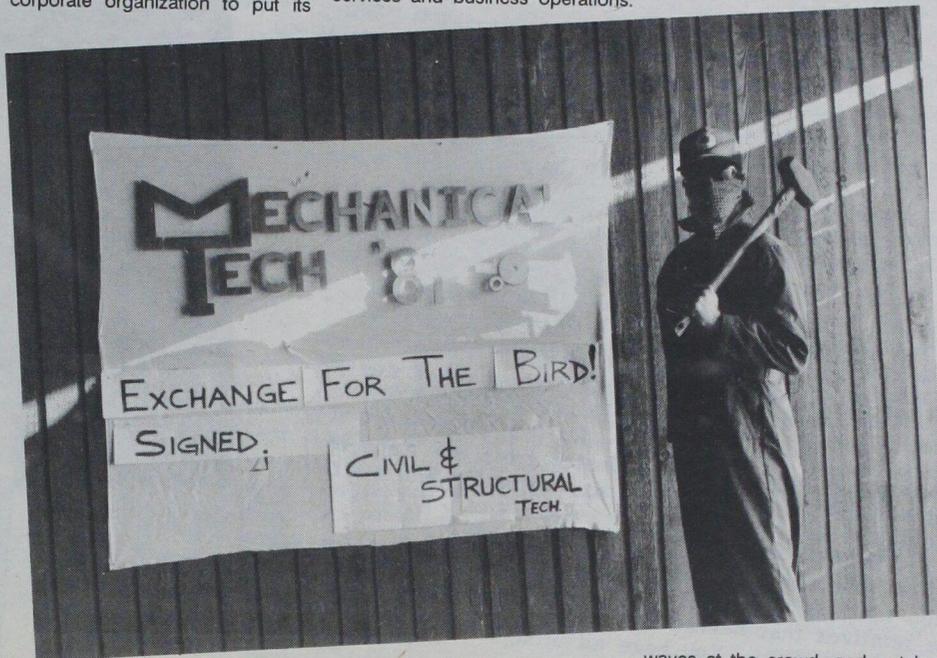
November

The Student Association announces that it was operating in the red, with an operating debt of \$227,000, although this figure is lower than had been expected. The S.A. said it is not worried about the debt because it expected a \$300,000 profit this year.

A contest called the Campus Centre Treasure Hunt is underway, with students and staff seeking answers to a series of clues in hopes of winning a trip for two to San Francisco.

A massive backlog has developed in the Audio/Visual department due to lack of staff. Staff want two or three more workers; the institute wants to

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support behind the proposed Campus Centre. The company makes what fundraisers term a major donation' to the campaign as a 'friend of the Student Association'.

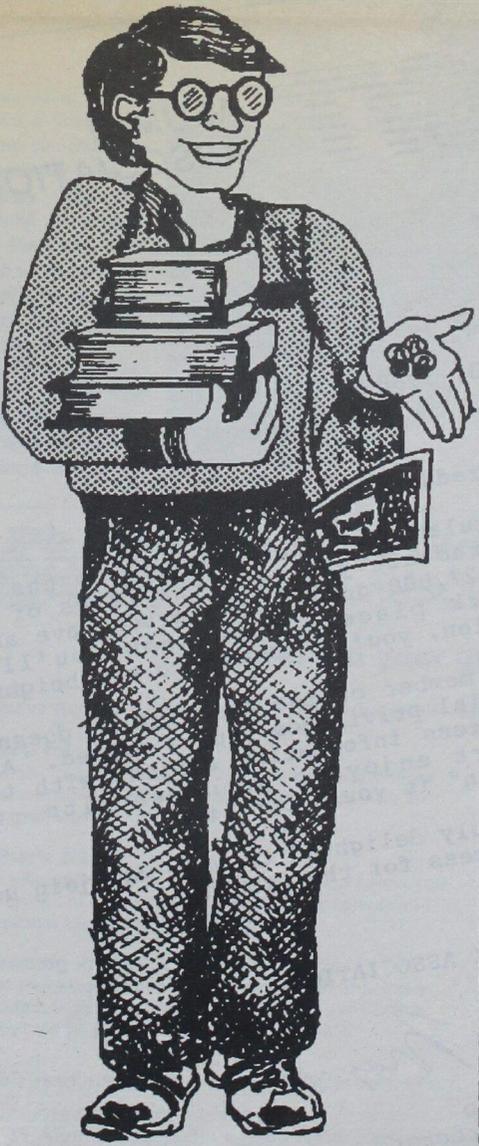
The Campus Centre, a \$5.4 million student building, will be

A small lounge on the first floor will be known as the 'Pepsi Lounge' in recognition of their contribution.

A large crowd of students, staff and members of the general public are on hand to greet Prince Philip, when he visits BCIT. He was in the area to attend the Commonwealth

waves at the crowd, and watches some video and computer demonstrations, tours a few labs, and visits a machine shop on the north campus.

BCIT adopts an AIDS policy for the campus community, stating that there shall be no discrimination against any person at BCIT known,



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Office of the President

June 1988

Dear 1988 Graduates of BCIT

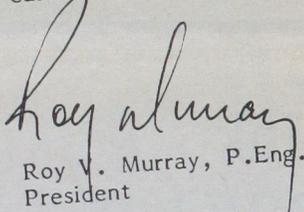
For any educational institution, graduation is the high point of the year.

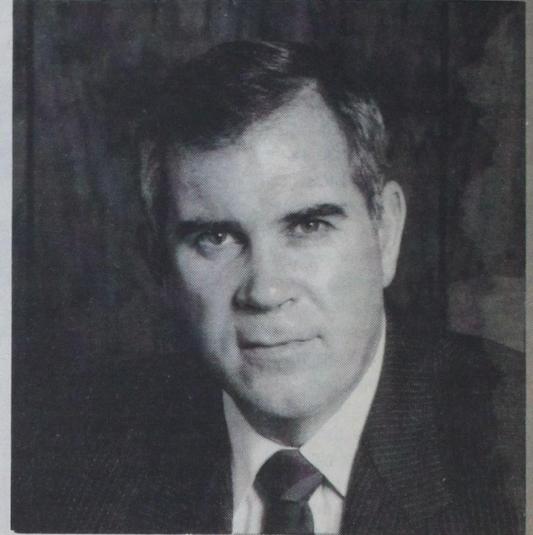
I feel an enormous sense of pride as our graduates cross the stage to receive their diploma. I know that faculty, administration and staff share the same feeling.

I congratulate you on your success. I congratulate you for the hard work and dedication that you brought to your studies. I also wish to acknowledge those relatives that have made personal sacrifices so that you might continue your studies. You have all brought something special to BCIT.

As you go from the classroom to the workplace, retain contact with BCIT by becoming an active member of your alumni.

We wish you continued success as you begin the next phase of your career.


Roy V. Murray, P.Eng.
President



Roy Murray



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June 3, 1988

Dear Graduate:

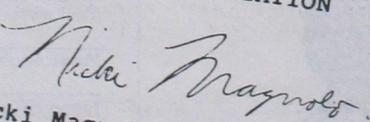
Congratulations! And, welcome to the BCIT Alumni Association. As a graduate you join the ranks of the Association, home to BCIT's 27,000 grads. Our grads have an unbeatable reputation in the work place and we know you'll not only sustain that reputation, you'll take it to new heights.

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We are truly delighted to have you join us as alumni and wish you every success for the future.

Sincerely,

BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Nicki Magnolo
Executive Director
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The Year In Review Continued

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contract out the work. About 250 pieces of equipment sit in idle disrepair while the solution is hammered out. Eventually one additional worker is hired and some equipment goes out for repair.

Eleven students receive entrance awards from the Alumni Association student endowment fund. The awards are worth \$605 each.

In a special ceremony, Student Association President Jamie Letwin torches the racquetcourts mortgage.

The Campus Centre fundraisers announce an August 1988 target of \$750,000 through a variety of campaigns. BCIT President Roy Murray says that if target is reached, he will make sure the Campus Centre 'takes place'.

Board of Governors chairperson Malcolm Wickson resigns from the BCIT board for health reasons.

December

Almost 40% of students attending technology programs at BCIT have applied for loans, and over \$5 million has been distributed so far this school year.

Siemens Electric Limited donates a \$250,000 computer tomography (CT) scanner to BCIT. It's not quite state of the art, but students will be able to learn CT techniques hands-on on-campus.

January

The Park Report (program audit) is out, and BCIT is not too happy with the recommendations. The report acknowledges BCIT's reputation in the province, but shoots down BCIT's interest in degree granting and advanced technology.

The report also identifies 66 programs or subprograms which could be transferred from BCIT or eliminated, and lists over \$3 million in cuts that could be made to BCIT's budget. Stan Hagen says he agrees with most of the report, including the recommendation that a centre for advanced technology training should not be located at BCIT.

Hagen announces that BCIT will return to formula funding, a funding system whereby operating grants are based on the number of students in each program, regardless of the location or success of the program.

The Student Association releases the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1987. They show a net loss of \$148,542, more than double the previous year's loss of \$70,302.

CFML, the campus radio

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station based in the Broadcast Centre, turns six. The station can be picked up on cable over much of the Lower Mainland.

Three new Student Association-lease operations open in the SAC building, one is brand new, an insurance agency, and two are privatized versions of existing operations, the SAC cafeteria and the printing office.

February

The Vancouver media pounces on BCIT when it learns that the S.A. games room features a video game deemed sexist by a variety of groups across Canada. The game is removed.

BCIT staff raise almost \$16,000 for the United Way in special events and payroll deductions, an increase of \$873 over last year.



Safer Sex Week at BCIT features films, displays and free condoms.

March

Word on campus is that BCIT is about to be hit with a five to ten million dollar budget cut. Students and staff immediately begin organizing meetings with the government and map out protest strategies. BCIT President Roy Murray says the cut will more likely be in the order of two to three million dollars, which he said BCIT would be able to cope with.

Tuition goes up 4.5 per cent, effective September 1, 1988. The increase means full-time technology fees hit an all-time high of \$1420 a year, up from \$1360 for the

87-88 school year.

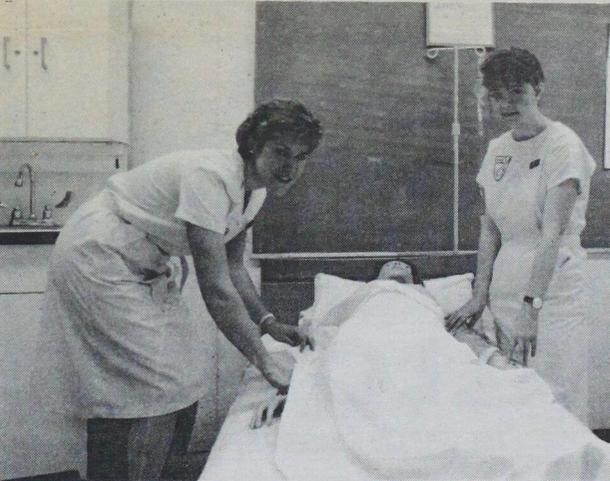
15 students throw their hats into the ring and vie for eight student executive positions. Three hopefuls want the president's job.



A survey of BCIT Staff Society members (faculty and technical staff) indicates that over 90 per cent of those responding were 'generally pleased' with the organization. 72.8 per cent say their wages are 'slightly to far' behind industry levels and want an increase of between four and ten per cent.

April

The government announces a five per cent budget cut for BCIT, amounting to over \$2.6 million, but adding up to closer to \$4 million when severance costs are taken into account. The Staff Society believes as many as 100 layoffs might be necessary.



BCIT President Roy Murray says he doesn't know why the government wants to cut BCIT, "there's a better return on investment from an institution like ours... so why not back winners? I guess we don't back winners."

The Student Association election attracts just under 1700 voters, down slightly from last year, but results are very definite, with most winning candidates clearly winning their positions.

Thefts on campus amount to \$30,000 a year, with the Broadcast Centre losing over \$5000 worth of equipment so far this year.

Despite a general gloom around campus over cuts, Open House draws thousands of people to campus over three days. Staff and students hand out flyers titled 'Will this be BCIT's last Open House?' which asks visitors to write to their MLA's about cuts to BCIT.

Throughout April, representatives of the Staff Society and the Student Association meet with various MLA's, Stan Hagen and the Premier in an effort to stop the cuts to BCIT. Meanwhile, the BCIT administration comes up with a list of possible cuts, taking a slice out of administration and computer costs. No program cuts are recommended.

In a meeting with student representatives, Premier Bill Vander Zalm promises to visit BCIT while a

review of the budget is underway. 67 layoff notices are ready for distribution if last minute discussions with the government are not successful.

Malcolm Wickson, former Chairman of the BCIT Board of Governors, passes away after a lengthy illness.

May

BCIT hosts a press conference where proposed budget cuts are announced and a plea is made to the government to reverse the cuts. \$3.5 million in cuts are identified in the areas of administration, computer resources, and academic and student services. The government is given until Friday, May 13 to come up with more money for BCIT.

With no word from Victoria by the 13th, a rally against the cuts is planned for the 17th.

One-half hour before the rally begins, Victoria announces that the cuts have been reversed, except for some administration savings, and a new mandate has been set for BCIT.

By the 1989-90 school year, BCIT is to be re-established as the Centre for Advanced Technology Training, although the BCIT name is to be kept. Staff and students attending the rally are read the Ministry press release and are generally relieved that the battle is over, although many resent how the government treated BCIT this year.

Staff Society President Mark Angelo receives a standing ovation from the crowd, in recognition of his tireless effort on behalf of students and staff in opposing the cuts.

June

1349 diploma students graduate at Convocation. 622 are from the School of Business, 471 from the School of Engineering Technologies and Trades and 256 from the School of Health Sciences.



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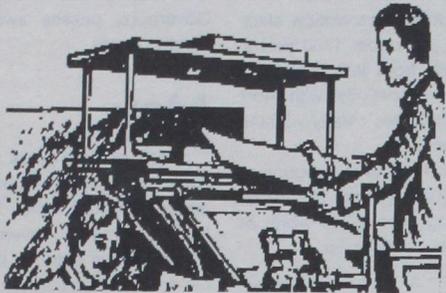
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The \$5.4 million Campus Centre is well on its way to becoming a reality. The Campus Centre, which will be located front and centre on campus (adjacent to the north end of the 1A building), will house the Student Association and many of its business operations, as well as the Alumni Association and various other campus facilities and services.

Money to build the new centre will come from the student building fund, loans, and from two groups of donors currently being solicited for donations through the President's Club and the Tower Group.

The President's Club is chaired by former BCIT Board of Governors member Marie Taylor. Participants in the President's Club are asked to pledge \$1000 per year for a minimum of three years. The target for this group is 50 members for a total contribution to the Campus centre of \$150,000.

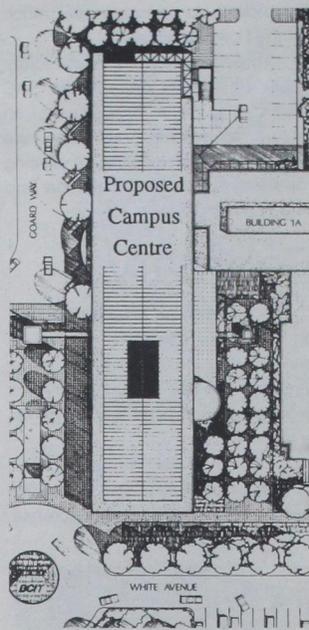
The Tower Group is primarily targeted at BCIT alumni. Chairperson of this group is Peter Crowder (Broadcast '68) and Vice-

chairperson is Melanie Wheating (Admin Man '84). Membership in

Group target is \$350,000 (234 members).

Major corporations are also being asked to contribute to the Campus Centre. Pepsi is the first such company to make a substantial donation to the fund.

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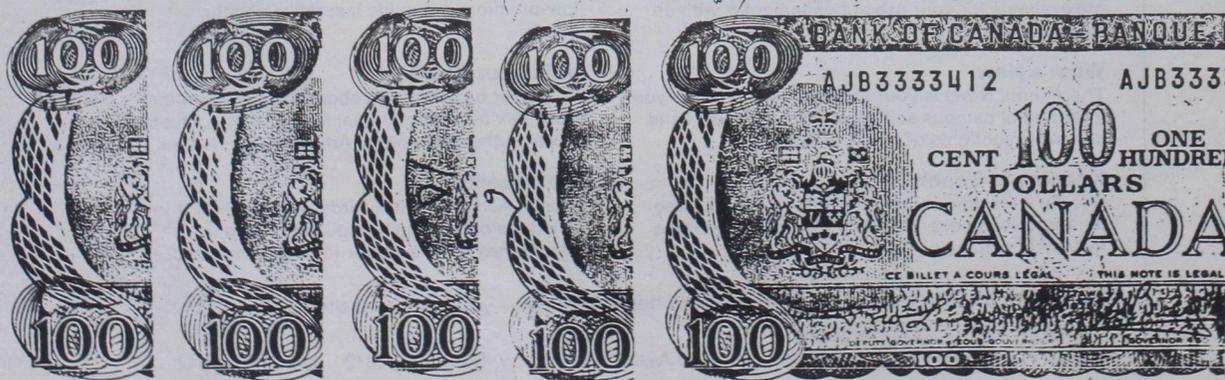
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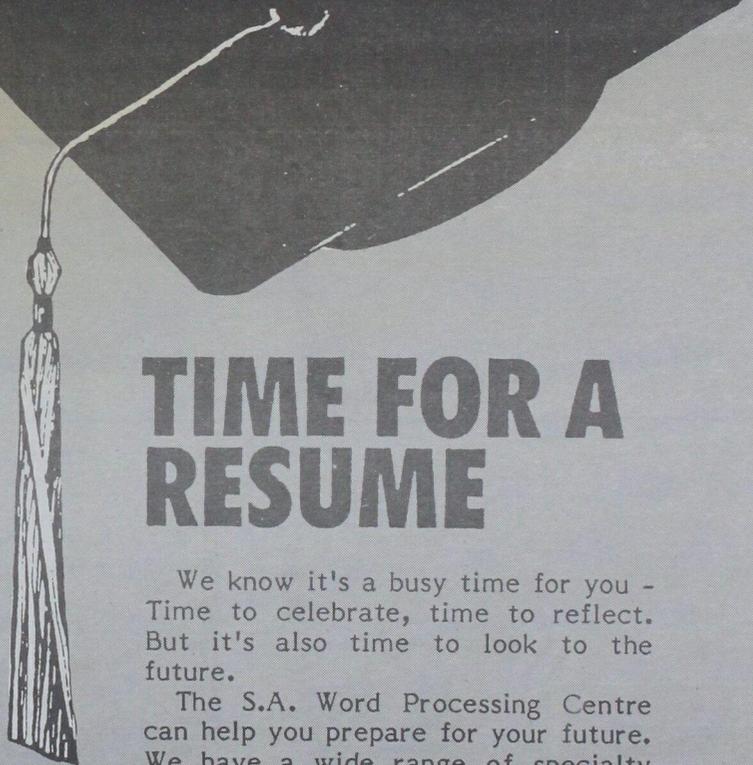
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