

# update

A newsletter for the BCIT community.

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## coming up

### Talking Circle

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1200-1330  
 "Relationships with People" — A talking circle with Bob George. All members of the BCIT community are most welcome to this unique lunchtime session. The subject will be determined by the audience's interest.

The last session was a great success, so register your participation early!

Please confirm your attendance with Celeste at 432-8474 (email: cspinks) or Brenda at 451-6901 (email: bireland).

### Crime and Science Seminar

Saturday, Nov. 28, 0930-1630  
 Justice Institute of B.C.  
 715 McBride Street,  
 New Westminster

Have you ever wondered what lurks in the minds of dangerous criminals? This year's Crime and Science Seminar on Forensic Profiling sheds light on the mental maps and behaviours of violent offenders, and on the techniques used to track down serial criminals. Those considering a career in Forensic Technology will especially benefit from attending.

Please call 432-8761 for registration information or visit our Web site [www.bcit.bc.ca/~tc/html/crimescience98.html](http://www.bcit.bc.ca/~tc/html/crimescience98.html)

## kudos

### National Fisheries Award

Mark Angelo, head of BCIT's Fish, Wildlife and Recreation department, is being awarded the 1998 National Fisheries Award on Nov. 18 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.  
 (See story on page 2.)

## Hallowe'en spirits haunt the Finance department

An interview with three witches in finance shows that when it comes to freakish decorating, there's strength in numbers.

As you enter the first floor of the JW Inglis building, tortured screams echo down the corridor. Troubled faces linger outside the door of the Finance department, unsure of whether to enter or flee. A black curtain swishes you in, and suddenly, you are surrounded by ghoulish, deathly white faces in a sea of darkness. Fog blows around your ankles, and dry leaves are everywhere. Jack o'lanterns with wicked faces greet you, taunt you. At what used to be the front counter for finance, a fiendish-looking witch is attending to her hapless victims, her long black fingernails clicking against the paperwork. Freddy Krueger bustles in the background, his fingers fresh with blood from his last

nightmare. Chamber music wafts through the dark lobby, and wails of agony continue relentlessly.

This was the scene in the Finance department on Oct. 30. Every year, for the past five years, the Finance department has put on a show for the BCIT community, and this year, they outdid themselves. An interview cost me my soul and a few gizzards, but the witches were happy to comply — or about as happy as witches get.

"It started off small," said Hagatha, the Witch (aka Carla Reid from Accounts Payable), tucking her straggly black hair behind her ears. "It slowly escalated. Every year we add something more. Morticia (aka Miriam Quarin from Payroll) and I put it together every year.



The BCIT Finance department was visited by some scar-r-r-y spirits on Halloween.



Broom Hilda (aka Doris Westrand) poses with a jack o'lantern.

Everyone does their part. Most of it comes together the night before. We still talk about having a coffin."

Someone says, "You should get someone in carpentry to do it." It was probably Claire Voyant, the Glamour Witch (aka Claire Long, from Finance). Her long, sweeping black lashes and rhinestone-studded eyelids look like they weigh at least 3 pounds. She blinks her eyes in her ghastly green face, the lashes swooping up and down like wings on a bat. Speaking of bats, she has one on her shoulder of her black cloak.

Broom Hilda (aka Doris Westrand in Finance) loves dressing up for the occasion. Her black dress is lined with

tiny gold stars. Broom Hilda smiles with her purple shadowed eyes. "It's an excuse to be a kid for a day," then adds, "My daughter thinks I'm weird."

The three witches do indeed look like the three Wyrd Sisters from Shakespeare's MacBeth. Their spooky looks get a lot of attention, as does the entire

department. A lot of BCIT folk come down to check it out every year, and grab their stash of candy. "It brings people out, and

makes them laugh. That's why we do it," Hagatha says.

My interview over, I got myself out of there before Freddy Krueger decided he wanted lunch.

— by Laurie Strode

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## High school students tour BCIT for Festival of Science and Technology Week

BCIT hosted 64 grade 7 to 12 students from throughout B.C. for BCIT's Festival of Science and Technology Week celebration on Friday, Oct. 23 in conjunction with the Science Council of B.C.'s Science Fair contest. The students spent the morning touring some of BCIT's science program areas: collecting bacteria cultures in Food Technology, testing for air quality and community noise in Environmental Health, testing exhaust emissions in Chemical Sciences, programming robots in Robotics and checking out the restoration of Guichon Creek

with Fish and Wildlife. Their visit concluded with a barbecue and information session with Program Advising.

The students were asked what they learned about BCIT and some of the comments were:

- It's a good school! — You have to work hard to succeed.
- Students learn to be productive for when they leave BCIT.
- It's well equipped and advanced, very up to date.
- BCIT has a different approach to education which I enjoyed.
- The teachers love their work.

- It has a Bachelor of Technology degree and I enjoyed the hands-on stuff.
- It has an excellent worldly application.
- The importance of washing your hands and the major amounts of bacteria on everything.

— from Michelle Traynor



A high school student learns that even after washing your hands, there's still plenty of bacteria left on your skin.

## campus news

### BCIT Retirees' Association meeting held

The BCIT Retirees' Association held their Fourth Annual Meeting on Sept. 30, 1998 in the Rix Club on the Burnaby campus. Sixty members renewed friendships and enjoyed a light lunch prior to electing a new Executive Council. Neil Howard, VP External Affairs, representing BCIT Administration, provided an update of recent activities and new perspectives for BCIT.

### The BCITRA Executive Council for the next year is as follows:

Alan Barnard  
Past President

Ted Howard  
President

Bob Diggon  
Vice-President

Gil Cooper  
Treasurer

Karl Boerner  
Secretary

Margot Allingham, Nancy Kadanaga, Amar Kshatriya, Ed Warkentin  
Directors

Clarence Diebold  
COSCO representative

— from Ted Howard, President, BCITRA

## take note

### Association of Canadian Community Colleges Awards

Nomination deadline: Dec. 7

The deadline for submitting nominations for the annual ACCC awards is fast approaching. Each year the ACCC, through its awards program, rewards outstanding contributions to institutional life in the following areas:

- Staff Excellence
- Program Excellence
- Student Leadership Excellence
- Teaching Excellence
- Leadership Excellence

**Because only one nomination per category may be made, you are being urged to submit all nominations, in advance of Dec. 7, to the following individuals.**

For more detailed information, or to forward nominations, contact:

- Stephen Biebolt
- Phyllis Johnson
- Jim Mitchell
- Gerry Moss
- Jennifer Orum

There is one nomination per category, so orchestrating a coordinated approach will be vital for these awards.

## A River Runs Through Him

BCIT's head of Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program to receive National Fisheries Award

Mark Angelo has always been passionate about rivers. And on Nov. 18, in Ottawa, this passion will yield a special honour: the 1998 National Fisheries Award. The award will be presented by the Governor General, Romeo LeBlanc.

This award is in recognition of Angelo's great contribution to river conservation and his efforts to advance recreational fisheries over the past 25 years. He has worked tirelessly as a volunteer, not only in B.C., but also across Canada and in other countries. He is the founder of B.C. Rivers Day, the chair of the B.C. Heritage Rivers Program, and a member of the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board. He has written hundreds of articles on the values of our waterways and was the inaugural recipient of the National River Conservation Award in 1995 as Canada's outstanding river conservationist of the decade.

The head of BCIT's Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program's love affair with

waterways goes back to his boyhood, when it distressed him to notice that the Los Angeles River (in his then-home state of California) was encased in concrete, flowing in the dark. Later, on a family trip to the Glen Canyon dam

(near the Utah-Arizona border), he witnessed the swallowing up of one of the world's most beautiful canyons, by Lake Powell. At age 12, he first visited the Fraser Canyon, here in British Columbia, and was instantly enamoured. Years later, he would make B.C. his home. He still claims that B.C. is home to some of the greatest rivers in the world, and he has paddled many of them. He attended the University of



Mark Angelo is currently working to dismantle the Theodosia Dam, near Powell River. The river, once swift-running with several fish species, is down to a slow trickle.

Montana, near the famous Blackfoot River (featured in the film, "A River Runs Through It").

Angelo has been a longtime advocate of local, community-based river stewardship and has inspired much of the growth that has occurred in this regard, both in Burnaby, and elsewhere in B.C.

When asked about the National Fisheries award, Mark

Angelo is quick to share the credit. "I'm honoured to receive it, but I recognize that there are a lot of people across the country doing incredible work. Certainly, the success we've had has been due to the really good people I've worked with, both at BCIT and elsewhere. I feel lucky to work at something I love, and the staff and students at BCIT have made it a pleasure."

## German prosthetic and orthotic manufacturer visits BCIT, leads workshop

On Oct. 19, Ipos, a German manufacturer of prosthetic and orthotic equipment, brought in three of their representatives, Wieland

Kaphingst and Stephanie Selck (from the Niagara Falls office), and Otto Schultz (from the German head office in Luneburg). The company



Wieland Kaphingst explains how a knee brace is properly fitted.

was at BCIT to demonstrate a number of techniques, including how to cast stumps of amputees, demonstrate the knee brace, and demonstrate software used to design prosthetic sockets. The Health Sciences department believes in bringing students and those working in their field together like this. Silvia Raschke, assistant instructor, noted, "We often do this. It exposes the students to the cutting edge work that is going on, as well as helping them get to know potential employers and manufacturers."

In addition to ten students attending, the workshop also attracted nine industry professionals from around B.C.

Wieland Kaphingst, a mechanical engineer and

certified prosthetist and orthotist, recognizes the importance of educational issues in Prosthetics and Orthotics. He also used to be the head of the national school in Germany, the Bundesfachschule für Orthopaedie Technik. Kaphingst and his team led the students through the latest in software. At the end of the workshop, each student received an Ipodad I (the software demonstrated) on CD-ROM.

Another workshop is being planned for the end of June, examining the Diabetic Foot, a condition affecting the foot and lower leg in diabetics. Call the Prosthetics and Orthotics department at local 5359 for more information.

## It's the biggest information session ever – again

BCIT's multi-program information session earlier this year was so successful that another one is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Organizers from BCIT's marketing and student services departments hope to top the success of the first session, which saw a turnout of about 600 potential students.

"We really owe that success to the team effort," says David Bernard, BCIT's director of

marketing and public affairs.

"Everyone from management, faculty and staff pulled together to support an important marketing effort," he says.

**"It's important that everyone participate so we can make the most of this great opportunity."**

"That kind of ongoing support will really make this event a continuing success."

Feedback from faculty, staff and visitors has led to improvements for the upcoming session.

"We really learned a lot last time and found out how effective this kind of event can be" says student services director Jim Mitchell.

"Get an early start on recruitment for 1999," he urges.

"We realize intakes happen all year, but it's important that everyone participate so we can make the absolute most of this great opportunity."

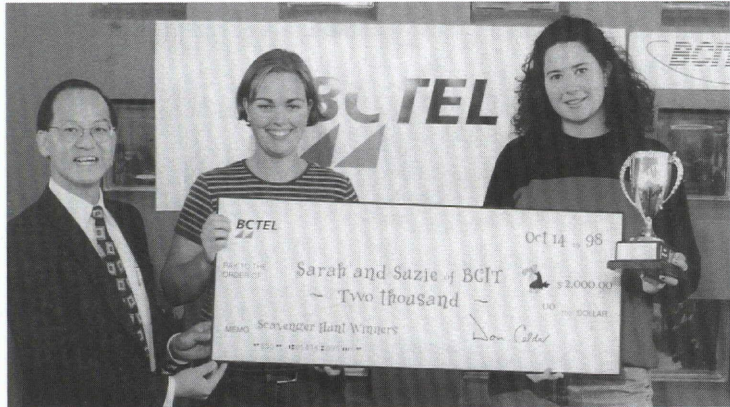
To participate in the Biggest Information Session Ever, faculty should call their area's operations manager as soon as possible.

— from Stephen Barrington

## Scavenger Hunt has winners finding their tuition paid for

Sarah Garriock and Suzie Fox, both marketing students, have their semester's tuition all taken care of. All thanks to a Speedo

bathing suit, a Puka shell, a half decent Elvis Presley impersonation and other strange items.



Sarah Garriock (centre) and Suzie Fox collect their prize from BC TEL's James Ng.

It was all part of BC TEL's first ever scavenger hunt challenge for post-secondary students. Currently, only BCIT and UBC are participating, but there may be other schools next year. This is how it works: For five days straight, BC TEL would post a list of scavenger hunt items at midnight. Students would then have until 4:00 p.m. the next day to deliver the goods.

"It was harder than it sounds," said Garriock, 22, who also led the team that won the Odyssey of the Mind world championship earlier this year.

The BCIT team of two ended up tying with a UBC student for the prize. They settled on a draw, and the BCIT team ended up winning the whole prize of \$2000, split between the two students.

Some other items they had to locate in 16 hours: a peacock feather, a photo taken with a street performer, a picture of Origami, a black jelly bean, a photo with a BC TEL representative, and various challenges, such as passing an egg back and forth, without breaking it, and without using their hands. There were 40 items in total.

## PMTC receives funding for collaborative projects with the Canadian Diving Group

The Workers' Compensation Board has recently recognized the joint venture partnership between the Pacific Marine Training Campus and the Canadian Diving Group, by awarding them a grant. The grant, totaling \$68,000, was part of the WCB's annual "Finding Solutions" grants and awards.

The WCB "Finding Solutions" award program

funds a variety of projects annually that have a focus on worker/workplace safety. Two applications for funding were submitted in April by PMTC director of operations, Geoff Greenwell. The awarded funds will be used for two collaborative projects with the Canadian Diving Group, in 1999. The first is the shooting of an educational video series,

"Dive Accident Management," utilizing the expertise of the audio/visual department at the Burnaby campus. The video series will showcase the PMTC as the premier diver training institute in Canada with all live action footage shot on and around the premises.

The second project will entail an extensive research project testing the first ever diving

computer produced for commercial divers. This project establishes PMTC as a recognized research centre with students on diving courses having access to the latest technological advances in the commercial diving industry.

For information on all diving programs currently offered, call registration at 985-0622.

— from Geoff Greenwell

## Campus Crime

### Anti Theft Devices

ICBC has produced a booklet, "Buying Better Anti-theft Devices" to help you choose an anti-theft system. Consider these points:

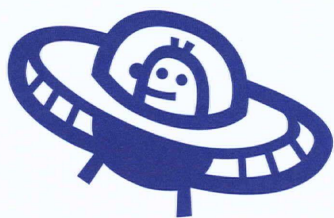
- How long will it take a thief to defeat the system?
- How easy and convenient is the system to use?
- Can it be seen from outside the vehicle (for added deterrence)?
- How much does it cost, relative to the cost of your vehicle and your risk? (Risk may be dependent on where you park your vehicle and other factors.)



- Does the anti-theft device offer its own deductible insurance?

If you know anything about crimes committed on campus or elsewhere, call 669-TIPS. Check out our Campus Crime Stoppers Web site at <http://www.bcit.bc.ca/~sa/cs/>

## We're on the look out!



Update is constantly on the look out for the latest and greatest happenings on campus. BCIT is a large community, and it is difficult to keep on top of everything. If something interesting or unusual is happening in your department, let us know.



Call Isabel in Community Relations at 432-8656, e-mail [ikolic@bcit.bc.ca](mailto:ikolic@bcit.bc.ca), or fax at 436-5762.

## Drum roll please...

The winners in the 1998 United Way campaign.

### Linda Hale: Golf Nut package

Two Green Fees for Hazelmere  
Two Green Fees for Tsawwassen Golf & Country  
Two for one Green Fees at Semiahmoo Golf Course  
One Golf shirt and 3 golf balls

### Susan Woo: Adventure Package

First Aid Lessons  
First Aid Kit  
Hyack River Rafting (for one)  
Intro Lesson to The Edge Climbing Centre (for two)  
Leatherman

### Peter Trant: Sea to Sky package

Grouse Mountain Skyride tickets (for two)  
Vancouver Harbour Tour (for two)  
Pacific Flying tour (One hour tour for three people)

### Jean Virginillo: Tourist in Town package

Arts Club Theatre (for two)  
Grouse Mountain Skyride Tickets (for two)  
Pacific Space Centre (for two)

### Colleen Fostvelt: BCIT Package

Lunch with the President  
One year free parking  
\$50.00 Gift Certificate from Campus Travel

### Kevin Hoy: Romantic Dining Package

Bouquet of chocolate roses  
Boat dinner cruise  
Singing Telegram  
Ballet BC

### Suraj Sewak: Flying U Guest Ranch for Two

Caroline Montgomery: Whistler Get-Away  
Two nights stay at Chateau Whistler Resort  
Fogota fine dining certificate  
Two-one hour therapeutic massages  
Two ski goggles  
Snowmobile tour

## take note

### Professional

#### Development Workshops

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. To register, please call Karen at 432-8927, [profsdevelop](mailto:profsdevelop@bcit.bc.ca), or e-mail [develop@bcit.bc.ca](mailto:develop@bcit.bc.ca).

### Library Research

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1200-1330 SE14-301 (Library)

How can librarians and instructors work together to make research a positive experience for students? Want some help in setting up a good, "researchable" assignment? Tony will also discuss what kind of help students can expect from librarians and how students can access some of the on-line resources available to them.

Facilitator: Tony O'Kelly, BCIT Librarian  
BCIT staff only. No charge.

### Course Challenge Strategy

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1200-1330 Town Square B

Course challenges are now a part of Prior Learning Assessment. What does that mean to you and your students? This workshop will address the following questions:

- What are the new "rules"?
- How does a challenge exam differ from an in-class exam?
- How much should the student pay?
- Do you get paid for developing/marking the exam?

Facilitator: BCIT PLA Coordinator  
Bring other questions with you to this information session.  
BCIT staff only. No charge.

### Teaching On-line:

Lessons from BCIT Pioneers

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1200-1400 SE12-101 (Centre for Distance Education)

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. Lunch is provided.

Facilitator: Michelle Kearns, CMC Coordinator  
Panel: Diane Belyk, Dale McIntosh, Robert Trowhill  
BCIT staff only. No charge.

## campus news

### Scholarships and Awards Ceremonies

More than 600 proud BCIT students, with faculty members, and beaming parents in tow, assembled at Willingdon Church on Oct. 28 for two Scholarships and Awards Ceremonies. The ceremony was emceed by Brian Antonson, Associate Dean of Broadcast Communications. The awards varied from program awards to entrance awards, achievement awards, and scholarships, and numbered 360 in total. BCIT gratefully acknowledges the generosity of all our donors who make these awards possible.

## Letters

### Giving credit where it's due

"With regard to the article on page 2 of the Oct. 6 issue of the BCIT Update, I am reluctant to take credit for the actions of The Simons Foundation. While I have supported BCIT personally and through the company [Simons International Corp.], The Simons Foundation is a separate entity established by my wife, Dr. Jennifer Allen Simons. Although funded in part by contributions from the company, the actions taken by The Foundation are a result of Jennifer's initiatives.

The article has not caused any problems, but I would certainly feel more comfortable if the matter was clarified and the credit was given where rightfully due."

T.A. Simons,  
Simons International Corp.

### Retired instructor thanks BCIT

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues and friends on campus for a terrific "Send off" into retirement. Needless to say, your gift (a few days of R&R at Harrison Hotsprings) was well appreciated by me and my wife. It was my privilege and pleasure to work for nearly 21 years with so many talented people, doing something we all enjoyed very much: passing our skills and knowledge to our students.

Seeing the same students, years later, doing well and accepting their responsibilities in life, and knowing that we played a part in their success, got to be the ultimate in job satisfaction from my point of view.

Thanks again for all your help and encouragement over the years.

Good bye and God bless."

Nino Romanin, Instructor  
Steel Trades - Ironwork

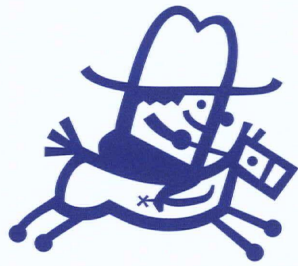
## classy finds

**For sale** — Irresistible puppies! Malamute-husky cross pups. One of these sweeties is anxious to become a part of your family. Only \$350. Call Michael at 430-9509 (w) or 941-4280 (h).

**For sale** — Beautiful white Maltese puppies, one male and one female. Will sell together or separately. \$450 each. Call 945-6141.

**For rent** — Extreme Accommodations at Big White Ski Resort. 4 BR chalet sleeps 10. Spectacular view. Hot tub, pool table, fireplace. Ski-in, ski-out to high speed quad chair. For rates and information, call (250) 491-2254

# United Way **ROUND UP** rounds up!



Howdy Partners,

Thank you, thank you, to the "Best School in the West", plus to the many generous sponsors who donated some spectacular prizes to make our campaign such a huge success. As of Oct. 30, our United Way has tallied up \$82,000, and there are still more donations coming in.

While we have not quite reached our target, this money certainly is greatly appreciated by the United Way and the 105 agencies it helps support.

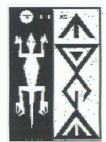
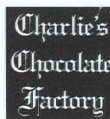
So, on behalf of United Way, its agencies, and BCIT's United Way Committee, thanks to all of you for your generous support.

And a special thanks to the supporters shown below. BCIT encourages its community to patronize these companies and organizations which made this campaign such a success.

Thank you!



Campus Travel



Whistler Village Physiotherapy & Massage  
Registered Massage Therapists  
Registered Physiotherapists

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## The 1998 United Way campaign wrapped up with a hoe-down



Get in line for a hoe down at the Rix!



Stu Gibbs (Trades) and Laurie Mitchell (Safety and Security) croon some cowboy tunes.

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