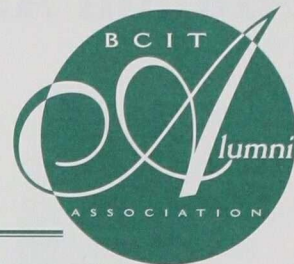


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No shortage of talent

Brenda Plowman, owner of SynapTuit Group and a BCIT Marketing Management (1988) grad, has been dipping into the BCIT talent pool for years. That's how the former president of the Langley Chamber of Commerce has recruited a staff comprised almost entirely of former BCIT students.

After holding down the fort of her busy business development firm on her own for a couple of years, she finally enlisted the help of her mother, Bonnie, as office manager, and last year added Diana Ross, a 1999 Marketing Communications grad. This formula worked until further growth led to hiring Amanda Silvers and Angela Harris, also 1999 Marketing Communications grads.

"I've drawn on the talent of BCIT students many times in the past, for various marketing projects, not to mention the two fabulous interns that

have come to work with me," says Brenda. We also use grads as contractors for overflow work. I have nothing but praise for the students and grads that I have worked with – they get the job done and they do it well."

The office thrives on being busy and on constantly having a plethora of different projects. They collectively credit BCIT with preparing them for their careers, mainly because of the program's focus on multi-tasking and teamwork.

Brenda feels lucky to have found her team and appreciates the fact that BCIT made it so easy for her. "I have picked up the phone to call Carroll



Clockwise from top left: Bonnie Plowman, Brenda Plowman, Diana Ross, Angie Harris, Amanda Silvers.

Nelson, program head of BCIT's Management Communications (Direct Response Marketing), many times in the past and she makes finding the right people easy."

On top of running her business, Brenda instructs the Strategic Communications course at BCIT's downtown campus. ■

Alumni Association joins BCIT corporate Web site

Read the Ambassador Newsletter from the comforts of your home at www.alumni.bcit.ca

We are pleased to announce the Alumni Association Web site is now linked to the BCIT Corporate site at www.alumni.bcit.ca. As an added feature you will now be able to read the Ambassador Newsletter from the comforts of your home.

The new BCIT Alumni Web site is easy to use. Follow these instructions and you will be on your way to contacting fellow alumni, updating your personal profile, and keeping up-to-date with alumni news, events and services.

The BCIT Alumni Web site is located www.alumni.bcit.ca. It is best viewed using Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or Netscape Navigator 4.7 or later. To get to the BCIT Alumni Web site, enter www.alumni.bcit.ca in your Web browser.

To reach the Alumni Directory you will need to click on the Directory button on the left side bar menu. This will take you to a Login page. Please read the disclaimer carefully before logging in to the Alumni Directory.

To log into the Alumni Directory, you will need to enter a specially assigned userID and password into the appropriate fields to enter the site. Your userID and Password can be found on the mailing label of your copy of the Alumni Ambassador. Your userID is your Alumni ID Number and your Password is your Last Name. Remember to type these in exactly as they are

displayed on the mailing label taking into regard spacing.

Once you've logged in to the Alumni Directory, you can search the directory or update your personal profile.

To search the Alumni Directory and locate fellow alumni, enter as much information as possible into the fields provided in the Search form. Once you have entered your search terms, click on the Search button. This will give you your best chance of locating the Alumni member that you are looking for.

Any alumni that match your search will be listed on the Search Results page, alphabetically by alumni name. You can click on any name listed to see details on that alumni member.

To edit or add information to your personal profile, click on the Edit Profile button on the left menu. From here you can update your profile. You can also choose to make your personal information such as phone number and address visible to other alumni members or to keep it private.

When you have finished entering your information click on the Submit button at the bottom of the page and the information you have provided will be immediately saved to the Alumni directory and reflected on the Web site.

Please note: Those alumni that were issued a userID starting with "A," your userID number has been changed. If you



require further information on how to use the BCIT Alumni Web site, please contact the BCIT Alumni office at 432-8847.



The Alumni Office is located at SW1-1024

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The mission of the BCIT Alumni Association is to build and maintain relationships between graduates and the BCIT community, and to support the Institute in fulfilling its mission

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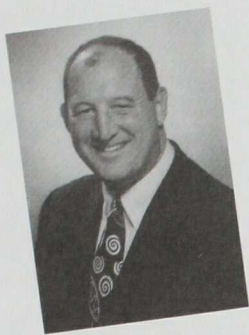
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Alumni Association president's message



BCIT Alumni Association president Scott Gray is an account representative with Wilson International Products Ltd.

I've enjoyed my involvement with BCIT as vice president of the Alumni Association for the past two years. As your newly-elected president, I look forward to continuing my participation

with even more enthusiasm, providing leadership to a new and dynamic board of directors.

We're fortunate to have an energetic group of alumni on the board representing different ages and backgrounds and a good mix of both new and familiar faces. We've introduced them to you on the facing page of this issue of the *Alumni Ambassador*. We all have one thing in common and that is a strong, ongoing connection to BCIT and a desire to build that connection between the Institute and all of its graduates.

There are more than 60,000 BCIT alumni worldwide and they are employed in all levels of our local, national and international communities, from business and industry to health sciences, trades, technology, government and more. That's why networking is one very important benefit of Alumni

Association membership. Your association board would like to create networking opportunities for new grads starting their careers, mid-career alumni advancing their careers, and for alumni employers looking for job-ready grads.

In the months ahead, the Alumni Association will be working with the Student Association and BCIT to explore ways to enhance networking for BCIT students and alumni through such activities as job finding and alumni mentoring initiatives. We welcome your ideas and participation. We'll also be working on projects that provide more services and discounts for our members. And we'll continue to plan events that help support student scholarships, bursaries and awards and the Alumni Endowment Fund.

On behalf of the board of directors, I'd like to congratulate our new grads on their achievements and welcome them to the BCIT Alumni Association. And I invite all of our alumni to stay connected with BCIT and get involved in association activities. It's very important to the success of the Institute and, on a personal level, we have a great time together.

Please find out more about Alumni Association programs, benefits and services at www.alumni.bcit.ca.

Scott W. Gray, Broadcast '88 President, BCIT Alumni Association

News in brief

Broadcast grad wins award

Robin Shantz, Broadcast Journalism grad (1998), has recently won a Broadcast Performer of Tomorrow award from the B.C. Association of Broadcasters. Robin, who works for The Eagle, in Courtney (owned by Island Radio in Nanaimo) is the third BCIT student to have won this prestigious award in the past four years. The other two winners have been Steve Lus and Susan Edgell. Congratulations, Robin!

New BCIT board chair named

Vancouver businesswoman and well-known show producer, Julia Blockberger, has been named as the new board chair at BCIT. First appointed to BCIT's board in 1998, Julia was most recently vice chair and head of several key board committees.

Broadcast reunion

On April 28, 2000, BCIT Broadcast Communications in partnership with the BCIT Alumni Association held its bi-annual reunion with 300 alumni attending. The reunion was sponsored in part by Michael A.E. Crowe, an alumni insurance consultant, and a very good time was had by all.

Broadcast Reunion, April 28, 2000



Civil Engineering grads compete to win

BCIT Civil Engineering grads attending Lakehead University have won a regional competition. The Lakehead team consists of six students, four of whom are BCIT Civil grads working towards their Civil Engineering degree. Their team's co-captain, Govinder Dhesi (1998), was the recipient of the Governors General's award and the Dean of Engineering's award, as well as several industry awards while at BCIT.

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BCIT High-Tech Professional Series Information Session

BCIT's High-Tech Professional Series includes two separate one-year programs combining business, interpersonal and technical training using a hands-on business simulation.

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ITP Program

The Information Technology Professional (ITP) Program leads to positions in "IT" focusing on network and database administration, where graduates go on to be future team leaders and project managers. The Program includes industry certifications such as the MCSE, CNA, Citrix, MCDBA and A+.

PWD Program

The Professional Web Developer (PWD) Program leads to positions in "IT" based on programming and e-commerce development. Team leader and project management positions in this sector of "IT" are also attainable. Programming languages include C++, Java, ASP, XML, DHTML, HTML, Visual Basic and others.

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For more information about either the ITP Program or PWD Program, please visit <http://itp.bcit.ca>

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Introducing the BCIT Alumni Association board of directors

Kazamir L. Falconbridge

Civil & Structural '96

Kazamir, past president of the Alumni Association, won the Fawly Towers contest two years in a row and was elected valedictorian for the School of Engineering. Since BCIT he has become an advanced open water scuba diver, logging more than 300 hours of bottom time. He is employed at SAR Transit Joint Venture as a QC Field Engineer, constructing the new Sky Train system.



Brian Brooke

Hospitality Administration '86

Brian's greatest achievement was being accepted to BCIT. His passion in life is travel and working for Canadian

Airlines for 27 years has enabled him to travel throughout the world. It will be hard to find Brian after retirement, as we won't know what part of the world he is visiting.



Lisa Hansen

Medical Laboratory '74

After graduation, Lisa worked as a registered medical laboratory technologist at Surrey Memorial Hospital and Royal Columbian hospital. In 1980, she moved into the field of Labour Relations with the Health Sciences Association. Lisa is currently a vice-chair and registrar of the B.C. Labour Relations Board, a position she has held since 1997.



Guy Steeves

Marketing Management '89

Guy's greatest achievement was to act on his decision to go back to BCIT and complete the Marketing Management program. Former president of the Alumni Association, he is now vice president, marketing at Thoughtshare.



Brenda Dumont

Hospitality Administration '73

Brenda says her greatest achievement at BCIT was passing Business Math and Statistics by one per cent. Or, passing successfully when her entire division had over 70 men, and just 10 women. Owning a successful business is her greatest professional achievement. She loves to canoe, and is passionate about gardening, travel, and her husband Bill's cooking.

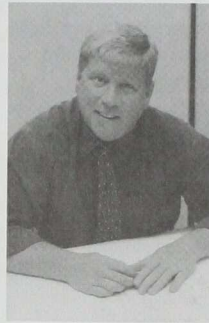


Bill MacPherson

Mechanical Systems '91/ Business Administration '88

For the past 12 years, Bill has been employed as a sales engineer for mechanical contracting companies in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning service/construction industry. He has also worked as a consultant doing association/club membership recruitment and retention.

Volunteer activities include: BCIT Alumni Association board of directors, Applied Science Technologists and Technicians Association of B.C. members services committee; chair, Foundation for Education and the Advancement of Technology Board of Directors; and North Shore Winter Club board of directors.



Gordon Farrell

Financial Management '66

Gordon has recently been appointed at BCIT from dean, School of Business to acting vice president, Education. After graduating from BCIT's financial management program, Gordon went on to earn his CMA and then his MBA. In 1982, Gordon's professional accounting body honoured him with a fellowship in the FCMA.



Shantal Cashman

Marketing Management '00

Shantal landed her current job as sponsorship coordinator at PavCo (B.C. Pavilion Corporation) as a direct result of her education at BCIT and her experience as sponsorship director for BCIT's Open House 2000. Actively involved in the business community, Shantal wants to remain involved with BCIT to support its growth and success.



Megan Simms-Beatty

Marketing Management '96

Megan is currently working as a sales and marketing representative for

Arrow Electronics. She has been a member of the Alumni Association editorial committee for two years and is delighted to become further involved with the association as a director.



Julie Koel

Marketing Management '00

During Julie's two years at BCIT, she learned job-ready marketing skills, coordinated efforts for BCIT's Open House 2000 and landed a great internship which led to her dream job at Blast Radius. She is delighted to be a board member for the BCIT Alumni Association and looks forward to delivering great things to our alumni.



Michelle Ward

Marketing Management '00

After completing an English degree at UBC, Michelle enrolled at BCIT to

learn job-ready skills that would allow her to launch an exciting career. Michelle learned many of her skills as the director of logistics for BCIT Open House 2000. She is now promotions coordinator for BC Hot House Foods.



Alison Dewhurst

Marketing Management '00

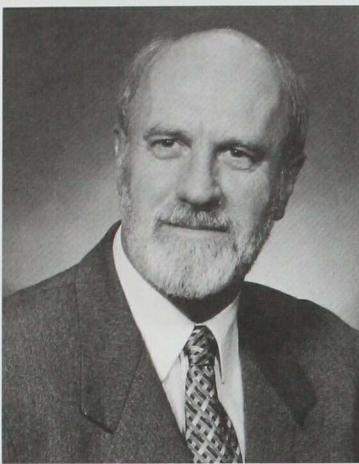
Alison has been a member of the BCIT community for 15 years. She has been BCIT's Education Council chair since 1998 and is also chair of the provincial Council of Education Council. Alison lives in Coquitlam, and is happily married with one dog and four cats. She enjoys many outdoor activities.



Interview

BCIT's new president

Dr. Tony Knowles, BCIT's new president, brings a wealth of experience that complements BCIT's mandate of providing industry-driven, polytechnical skills training to British Columbians. The *Alumni Ambassador* recently spoke with Dr. Knowles in his office at BCIT.



Dr. Tony Knowles

What attracted you to BCIT?

BCIT is a well-respected and highly-regarded institution right across Canada. The opportunity to provide leadership to an organization that has such a high national reputation was one not to be missed.

How is this role the culmination of your professional experience and aspirations?

In the past, I've had the opportunity to be president of a college and to take that college from being a government department to being board governed. Then I spent three years in the private sector working on approaches to training and learning more about the challenges faced in that arena. Now I've come back to the helm of an educational institution to bring these two experiences together for, I hope, the benefit of BCIT.

Will you comment on your private sector experience?

The private sector is very committed to training. The Investors Group, where I was involved, hired graduates of many different programs but recognized they had to build on that expertise for the particular training needs of the company. They have a strong commitment to ongoing training. Part of my role there was to create an internal institute for training of head office employees and sales people.

Did you see the payoff of this initiative?

Some of the payoff was immediate in terms of people taking away new skills they could put to use right away. There was also a long-term payoff in terms of increased productivity and increased retention of staff, particularly in the sales force, which tends to turn over quite quickly because of the nature of the business. Anything you can do to help employees be more successful tends to keep them longer. Most companies today, certainly the enlightened ones, recognize training as

a significant part of their operation. They see it as an opportunity, not just the cost of doing business.

What are your first impressions of BCIT?

Extremely positive. There is an optimism and enthusiasm on campus. People are very interested in and committed to furthering BCIT and doing what they can to maintain BCIT's leadership position in the province. Externally, I've found people to be highly complimentary towards our graduates. My impression is our graduates more than meet the requirements of their employers. Overall, I think people are looking at how they might participate more in moving BCIT forward.

What role does the Alumni Association and our alumni play in moving BCIT forward?

The Alumni Association has an extremely valuable role in assisting with the process of keeping individual alumni connected to BCIT. The Institute has a mandate to provide lifelong learning opportunities so that people can continue to grow throughout their careers. A vibrant Alumni Association can really help with this role.

BCIT alumni are also our lifelong customers and our ongoing connection to the employing community. We hope their student experience will translate into an enthusiasm for BCIT which they share in many different ways, such as:

- promoting BCIT educational opportunities to colleagues
- building a positive impression of BCIT in the outside community
- referring business opportunities to BCIT for applied research partnerships
- providing work or applied study experiences for current BCIT students
- sharing access to equipment and facilities that may become available as newer technology is introduced in their workplaces

The Alumni Association and individual alumni can also be of great service in providing funds for scholarships, bursaries and awards at BCIT. This helps to create greater access to education and to attract the best students.

What makes you enjoy being a CEO?

It's fun. Everyday is different. I get to meet and interact with a wide variety of very interesting people. I get involved in some fascinating discussions.

What gives you the most satisfaction?

Shaking hands with graduates at convocation. When you see them walk across that stage and you know they have really accomplished something that will move them forward in their lives, that is very satisfying. Whatever we do as an organization, it all comes together at convocation. ■

High achiever enjoys new horizons

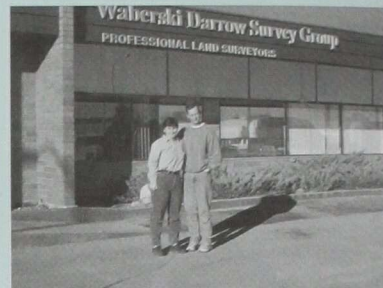
Dave Swaile graduated last June with the prestigious Governor General's Academic Medal for his 96.8 per cent grade average, making him BCIT's top student.

After "years of not opening a text book," working as a draftsman and driving a truck, he returned to school to the tough and technical geomatics program at BCIT. He was, he concedes, somewhat uneasy about coming back to the classroom, where he learned surveying and mapping in BCIT's geomatics program.

"I didn't want to drive a truck for the next 30 years," says Dave, 29. "I took the plunge and I was serious about my studies."

Several months before he graduated from BCIT, Dave was hired along with three of his classmates to work for Waberski Darrow Survey Group, a mid-sized company active in the oil and gas sector in Fort St. John. After receiving his award at BCIT's convocation ceremony, he was soon on a plane back to northern B.C. with his survey gear.

"I love it," he says of his new job as a survey technician. He works in the field, laying out well positions,



Gina Smith and Dave Swaile, Geomatics '00

pipelines and sites for construction. When winter arrives and the usually swampy ground freezes over, work gets very busy, he explains.

"BCIT prepared me well," says Dave, "but there are a few things I have to learn on the job. Like working outdoors when the temperature is 20 to 40 below zero."

Dave's partner and former classmate, Gina Smith, was also hired at Waberski Darrow. She works in the office as an AutoCAD technician along with BCIT grad Wendy Webster, handling the calculations and drafting side of geomatics. Alumnus Jason Steger works out in the field. ■

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Fish, Wildlife and Recreation

Alumni do the right thing

Kudos to these BCIT alumni of the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Program who have made significant contributions to the Watershed Pledge Program. Program coordinator Tom Saare (1998) has been able to apply his knowledge of environmental issues to this Watershed initiative, as well as the communication skills he developed while in the program. Project administrator Bob Gunn (1993) has been instrumental in initiating the project and garnering funding for the pledge program. Fisheries Management instructor Gary Rosberg (1974), and Wildlife Management instructor Danny Catt (1983), provided the technical expertise for program development. Kelly Pearce (1994), a consultant, designed and wrote the pledge booklet as well as other promotional materials. And Laurie Smith (1998), Technical Support, developed and manages the registration database.

Take the Watershed Pledge

Where water pollution is concerned, every home is waterfront property! The BCIT Watershed Pledge Program is here to help by providing the opportunity for citizens to protect their

local streams and lakes. That's the message, alumnus Tom Saare, program coordinator for the BCIT Watershed Pledge Program is conveying to residents of Burnaby and surrounding communities.

The Watershed Pledge Program (WPP) is an initiative to help improve water quality through public education, awareness and broad based community involvement. The rain water that flows off our streets and yards can

carry a nasty mix of heavy metals, oil, fertilizers, pesticides, yard waste, detergents and animal feces. Storm drains deliver these substances directly to our streams and lakes, making life tough for the fish and wildlife that live there. It also prevents local citizens from enjoying their waterways.

The problem of water pollution must be solved just as it is created: by the combined actions of all citizens who live and work in a watershed. If each of us "Takes the Pledge" to change a few daily habits, we can bring new life to local lakes and streams.



Tom Saare

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PLEDGE
PROGRAM

Broadcast Radio grad establishes award



Patricia Wasylynko

Patricia Wasylynko (1981) establishes a \$1000 annual first year achievement award in Broadcast and Media Communications (Radio Option) for students entering second year.

Patricia has worked in Salmon Arm at CKXR, The OCEAN FM in Victoria, and in Vancouver at KISS FM. She then headed for the bright lights of Toronto where she now lives and is an established freelance voice-over announcer and the prime female promo-voice for Discovery Channel.

Patricia says what she loved the most at BCIT was how quickly she gained hands on experience. While at BCIT, Patricia had the opportunity to meet some terrific people, which paid off when she arrived in Toronto and was looking to secure an agent, which can be very challenging in her profession.

Fortunately, one of the announcers on the roster at the agency, was a BCIT grad and she is sure this helped her

chances at getting in the agency. She says you never know whom you are sitting beside in class and may come across later in your career. "I owe my success to BCIT" says Patricia, "and I want to do something to help future students". Patricia wants the award recipients to have potential, try very hard to achieve success in their work here at BCIT, and be eager. These were attributes she brought to the program, and now she's in a position to help someone else.

If you are interested in establishing an award, please contact Susan Walters in the BCIT Foundation office at (604) 432-8868 or email Susan_Walters@bcit.ca

The Watershed Pledge Program has compiled a series of actions or "pledges" that can be adopted and practiced around your home, yard and neighbourhoods. These actions include everything from embracing environmentally friendly lawn and garden care to using less harmful products in the home. The WPP can

also provide participants with helpful contacts and information to support the pledges that they make.

To register or find out more information on the Watershed Pledge Program, check out our web site at www.watershed.bcit.ca or call Tom Saare, program coordinator at 432-8750. ■

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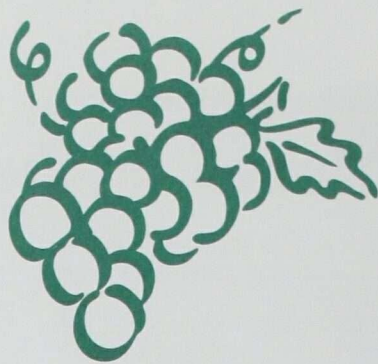
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In June 1999 Seaboard Life and North West Life merged to form a new organization, now operating as Industrial Alliance Pacific Life Insurance Company. IA Pacific Life is a member of the Industrial Alliance Group of Companies. Coverage available to Canadian residents only.

Grapevine



1998

Barden, Blaine

Financial Management - Finance
Since graduating from BCIT, Blaine transferred all his courses into the CGA program and is currently working towards his designation. He has found that the Financial Management Certificate in Finance has given him a good grounding and enabled him to progress further, both in his studies and career.

Brooks, Tammie

Computer Systems-Information Systems
Tammie is employed at eDispatch.com where she has been working since graduation. She is planning to be married in Kelowna to Michael Koehler, a high school teacher. Check out their engagement photos at homepages.msn.com/HobbyCt/tammieswedding.

Iverson, Janice

Marketing Management
Janice is a marketing analyst within Marketing and Sales, still working full time at BC Hydro. She is completing her Business Administration degree and will graduate in April 2001.

Jenkins, Aimee

Marketing Management-Technical Sales/Small Business Development
Aimee has travelled across North America doing new product installations, training sessions and tradeshow. She is now living in Calgary working for AT&T Canada.

Lee, Hegan Heekuen

Business Administration
Hegan moved to Toronto, after graduating, and set up a company called "KNL Canada Inc." Earlier this year, the company opened a retail business called "KNL Beauty Supply" selling hair care products. With 6000 square feet of retail space, this is one of the biggest of its kind in Toronto, says Hegan.

Paez, Emmanuel N.

Operations Management
Emmanuel has been busy taking care of two kids!

1997

Foster, Ilsa (Bailey)

Operations Management
Ilsa married one of her fellow grads, Brent Foster, on February 12, 2000. They honeymooned in Rarotonga, Cook Islands. Brent is operating his own sales and marketing company, and Ilsa works as a project coordinator in the engineering department for an advanced technology company. Since graduation, they have travelled within the U.S., Mexico and the Caribbean. Ilsa is working on her BBA degree, and Brent is pursuing further education in the sales and marketing area. They would like to say hello to all their fellow classmates and would especially like to thank Mark Stollery, another fellow grad, for acting as Master of Ceremonies at their wedding.

Watson, Cristina M.

General Nursing
Since graduating from BCIT, Cristina began working at Cranbrook Regional Hospital. She just bought a house and a dog, Anook.

1996

Bergsma, Eric

Environmental Health
Since graduation, Eric has made a few stops around the country before finding permanent employment in Inuvik, NWT. He has been in Inuvik for over two and a half years and doesn't plan to move.

Cote, Martin

Electrical-Computer Control
For the past six years, Martin has worked at BC Hydro, Cypress Solutions, and is now working in the OEM Engineering group at Sierra Wireless as a firmware designer. He is happily married to Michele. You can contact Martin at mcotel@planeteeer.com.

1995

Collins, Hugh

Broadcast - Television
On May 12, 1999, Hugh accepted a position with TNT Video in Wilmington Delaware. He is now engaged to Cindy McPherson and they plan to marry in 2001 in Dawson Creek, B.C.

Lummerding, Paul

Biotechnology

After graduating, Paul started working at B.C. Research Inc./Silvagen with three fellow classmates. In 1999, he moved back to his home province and became lab manager/head researcher at Prairie Plant Systems, a plant biotechnology lab. In 1996, Paul married Julie Chaykowski and on December 7, 1999, their first child, Carlene Faith, arrived.

Stocknow, Carlen

Electrical-Automation/Instrumentation
After graduation, Carlen started working with Valmet Automation as a technical specialist in Burnaby. He got married in September 1995 and has lived in Vancouver since February 1997.

1994

Quadros, Pamela-Jane

Marketing Management-Technical Sales/Professional Sales
Pamela has been promoted to agency development manager with Obie Media, one of North America's largest outdoor advertising companies. It sells advertising on transit, billboards, benches and shelters in markets like Vancouver, Dallas, Cleveland and St. Louis. She has been transferred to the Portland, Oregon office and headed south in July 2000 with her two cats Samosa and Savannah. If any fellow grads head through the "rose city" be sure to give her a call.

Sellers, Brett

Geomatics-Survey/Mapping

Brett graduated from University of Calgary in Geomatics Engineering in 1998. He moved to Houston, Texas after graduation to work for Fugro John E. Chance and Associates. Brett recently transferred to Fugro Seafloor Surveys International in Seattle, Washington and holds the position of senior surveyor.

1993

Adam, Frank

Computer Systems

Frank is working for Origin, a Dutch IT company owned by Philips and not to be confused with the game company with the same name. He started two and a half years ago in the Melbourne office after arriving in Australia a little low on cash. He was previously travelling through Fiji and New Zealand, buying a lot of beer and paying large sums of money for activities like throwing himself out of planes and off bridges. The drinking and activities may have been related to each other somehow. Surviving his adventures, he decided to settle in Melbourne, a city very much like Vancouver, except for the lack of Starbucks on every street corner. Now he's enjoying his life with shrimps on the barbie and a bottle of VB (no Fosters please).

Kocsis, Steven

Broadcast - Television

Steven is currently working as senior cameraman for clients such as TSN, Paramount, MGM, Fox, Disney and being dad to 8 month old Lukas.

1992

Gammer, Robert Lloyd

Broadcast - Radio

In October 1999, Bob joined BC Hydro's Community Relations department in Castlegar, and on

April 1, 2000 he was promoted to the permanent position of public affairs analyst in Hydro's Vernon office. His wife Shelly and their daughters Caitlin and Veronica are enjoying their new home in the Okanagan after nearly eight great years in Creston.

1991

Colpitts, Sherrie (Horne)

Administration Management Human Resources

After working at the Vancouver Head Office for 20 years, Sherrie has relocated to Alberta with Weyerhaeuser Company as the human resources manager for the Canadian Building Materials Division.

1990

Miscovitch, Colleen Hope

Marketing Management-Tourism Management

Crossing the Pacific in a 30-foot sailboat as I write: Brian and I hope to circumnavigate in about three or four years. I recently quit a seven-year job at B.C. Buildings for a more mobile existence.

Richardson, David A.

Operations Management

Hey, it's been 10 years since graduation. Reunion anyone? Richard can be contacted at da_richardson@mindspring.com.

1989

Lawson, Wendy A.

Marketing Management

Wendy bought a townhouse in Burnaby last year. She is employed at Transitions Career and Business Consultants, which facilitates a program that is free to all unemployed people in "career confusion." She is looking to touch base with 1989 grads regarding a 15 or 20 year reunion. You can contact Wendy at Wlawson@careermgmt.com.

1988

Carroll, LeeEllen A.

Broadcast Communications

It has been a busy summer, celebrating son Gabriel's first birthday. Living in Ottawa, LeeEllen is looking forward to an exciting year in federal politics - a new leader of the opposition and an upcoming election. LeeEllen looks forward to hearing from former classmates at lcarrroll@ctv.ca.

Upcoming reunions

Computer Technology, 1980

Louella Sequeira would like to hear from you at (604) 436-6920 or e-mail louella.sequeira@gvrd.bc.ca

20th Reunion - General Nursing class of May 1981

If you would like to help plan this event (June 2, 2001) and/or attend, please contact Alice Bell at (604) 985-4237 or e-mail healthtalks@home.com before the end of this year.

1991 Marketing Management (Full-time)

If you are interested in a reunion in the summer of 2001, please contact Sharon Davis at (604) 461-5966 or e-mail sharondavis@home.com.

1987 Bullock, Denise L.

Marketing Management-Advertising & Sales Promotion

Denise has expanded her home-based marketing consulting firm to welcome her two new partners Sophia, three and a half and Daniel, one and a half. Hey, Loyd R., "we're still going strong."

Velve, Bryan

Marketing Management

Bryan has been selling real estate for the past 13 years. He just remarried and is planning on having children soon. He would love to hear from more people from his graduation class. His e-mail address is bvelve@direct.ca.

Yip, Sophia (Pang)

Operations Management Technology

Sophia and Brian were in a five-year, long-distance relationship before getting married on July 25, 1999. They are happily married and live in Birmingham England.

1985 Coutinho, Richard Noel Chris

Computer Systems

Richard is currently a project leader, Applications Development, working for the Safeway Information Technology Division in Vancouver. Prior to that, he worked for Canadian Airlines in divisions info/systems.

1984 Brown, Deborah

Broadcast Communications

Deborah worked at a radio station in Quesnel, then switched to newspapers, eventually becoming assistant editor at the *Langley Times*. She married Dave Balderstone in 1988 and they have two children. She now runs a business from home in Saskatoon. You can e-mail Deborah at da-brown@home.com.

1983 Waithe, Thomas

Administration Management

Tom has enjoyed a successful career with Four Seasons Hotels, working in Seattle, Hawaii, Japan and Chicago. He is now putting all that BCIT time to good use as a General Manager of a luxury hotel outside of Seattle. He is married with two very small, noisy children. "BCIT served me well," he says. "But in the U.S., you need to tell them it is MIT with a B.C. in front of it!"

1982 Alabi, John E.

Mechanical Systems

John has recently completed the Bachelor of Engineering degree (honors) in Mechanical Engineering specializing in Building Services Engineering (HVAC systems). He will begin a masters degree program later this year at the University of Benin. He would love to hear from the Mechanical Technology graduates of 1982. He can be contacted at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Benin, PMB 1154, Benin-City, Edo State, Nigeria.

1981 Reed, Mark

Operations Management

Having just earned a BA (honours) in Political Science and a BA in Philosophy at UVic in 1999, Mark will begin his Sociology masters graduate studies in the fall.

1979 Sawatsky, Russell

Marketing Management

Russ is winding up his 10 years in Japan (off and on; he first went there in 1981). He returned to Chilliwack in June, at least temporarily, in order to begin the search for a new career.

1978 Topping, Beverly A. (Shaw)

In the past, Beverly was doing mainly lab technologist work in the mining, pulp and paper industries. Now she is an industrial technical writer.

1976 Clow, Gary William

Administrative Management

My wife Sandra and I are now living in Chilliwack with our children Christy, 12 and David, 14. We are missionaries with World Team. I am a Cuba Ministries coordinator; my job involves a bit of travel and a lot of time writing e-mails. You can find out all about us on our family home page at www.bc.sympatico.ca/Gary_Clow/homepage.htm.

1975 Willan, Ralph Dixon

Forest Resources

Ralph has been a long time away from B.C., "the headquarters of God's creation," but trusts that BCIT Forestry is still king of the woods. With experience working in the B.C. forests and the Baptists ministry, Ralph is now testing out the automotive industry. In spite of all his stints, he still wants to be a cowboy!

1967 Holst, Marten Felix

Marketing Management

Richard thinks back to BCIT with fond memories. For the past 32 years he has had a very successful real estate career and has travelled extensively. "Thanks BCIT!"



In memoriam: The Alumni Association remembers

Scott McCulloch, who graduated from Broadcast Communications in 1980, passed away September 27, 2000 while living in Tokyo. Those who were lucky enough to experience Scott's humour, charm and energy for all life has to offer are richer for it. His family, many friends and colleagues, will sadly miss him.

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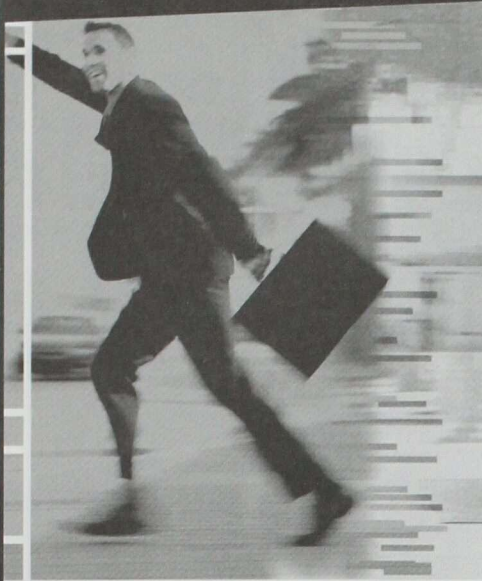
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