



A Newsletter for the BCIT Community

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Some letters of appreciation from the many United Way agencies we support.

Thank you for being a supporter of the Vancouver Crisis Centre through the United Way Designated Donor Program. Thanks to your support and many others the Crisis Centre was able to continue its services to the community -- a 24 hour Distress Line, presentations in the schools re: crisis intervention and suicide prevention.

Your donation really does make a difference.

*Arthur C. Dick
Vancouver Crisis Centre*

Would you please thank all your employees who donated or pledged to the S.P.C.A. through the United Way Campaign.

The support of our community is vital to our work and we are grateful to each and everyone of your who helps us meet the considerable demands upon us.

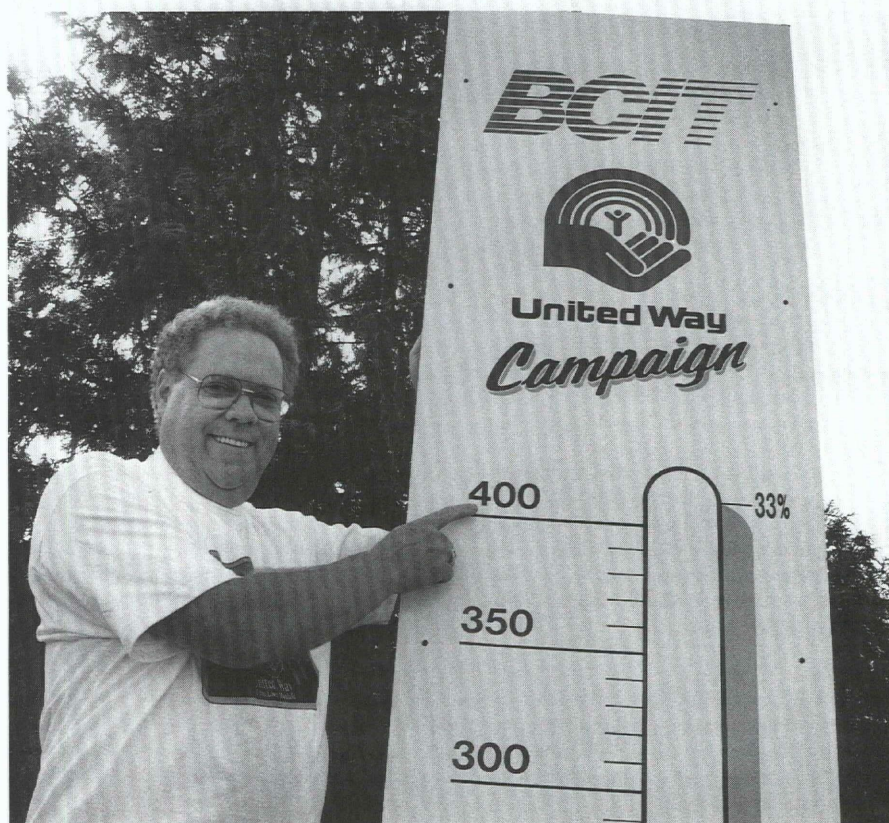
*Michael Weeks
B.C. Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals*

Many thanks to you and your colleagues at BCIT for your kind donation of \$100 through the United Way. It is very much appreciated and helps us to provide important workshops on self-help.

*Janette Hunter
Downtown Eastside
Women's Centre*



Making it Count. This year's United Way Campaign



Ron Evans, Chair, United Way Campaign 92, reaches for the top.

To all BCIT staff:

Last year BCIT cared enough to raise over \$45,000 for the United Way. The year before we raised over \$30,000. This year we want to do even better but not just by raising more money, we want to increase our participation rate.

One out of three people in the Lower Mainland receives assistance from a United Way funded agency every year. Yet only about one in seven at BCIT participated in the pledge campaign last year.

I know we can do better. You don't have to look very far to see the positive work the United Way does through its over 90 agencies. I personally know of many people at BCIT who have experienced serious health or family crises. It is during times like these that we realize that government doesn't pay for

everything, that many people simply fall through the holes in our strained social services net.

This year's campaign is called **Making it Count**. I believe it is about making a personal commitment to help others. It doesn't matter how much time or money you give, as long as you give. And you never know, the next person needing help maybe someone you know or it may be you.

I am confident that BCIT will rise to this challenge. So get involved with BCIT's United Way Campaign this fall. You will have fun and feel good at the same time. Let's make sure that BCIT is really Making it Count.

*Ron Evans
Chair, Campaign 92*

Board Profile

John Ricketts



John Ricketts was appointed to the BCIT Board of Governors in May 1992.

Mr. Ricketts received his technical education in England at the City and Guilds London Institute in Telecommunications. He has 27 years experience in the telecommunications industry and is a telecommunications systems planner with B.C. Tel.

A resident of Prince George, Mr. Ricketts plays an active role in the community and has been involved in coaching youth soccer and community theatre. He is an executive Board member of the Northern Association of Injured and Disabled Workers and is a founding member of the Allied Rivers Commission.

As a member of the Telecommunications Workers Union, Mr. Ricketts has acted as a grievance counsellor and is a delegate to the joint company/union Prince George and District Health and Safety Committee. He has also participated in the TWU's Automation and Political Action Committee. In 1991 he was the NDP candidate in the riding of Prince George-Omineca.

Next week: Joan Harrison



Gordon Wilson

McDougall, Wilson, visit BCIT on last leg of referendum campaign

"Democracy is not an easy system. It is not a system in which you can give over to somebody responsibility for government, because if you give it away then you head into a dictatorship," said Barbara McDougall, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, during a visit to BCIT October 22.

"Democracy requires constant vigilance on the part of political leaders and all participants," she said in a speech covering the North American Free Trade Agreement and Pacific Rim Trade interwoven with comments on the October 26 national referendum.

She said the Charlottetown Accord would strengthen and renew the bonds that brought Canada together in 1967. Some of those bonds include a strong commitment to social justice, economic progress, respect for our national and international obligations, and the will to resolve differences peacefully.

Ms. McDougall was invited to BCIT by students in the International Trade program in the School of Business.

The next day, Gordon Wilson, leader of the official opposition and Liberal MLA for Powell River-Sunshine Coast, spoke to over 100 students in the gym on his reasons for voting against the Charlottetown Accord.

He rejected Yes side comments that a rejection of the Accord would bring about calamitous effects on

the country.

"What does this package seek to do?" he asked. "What this package tried to do is to devolve power into the provinces and it does so in my judgement in a disproportionate manner because it provides an entrenchment of powers into Ontario and Quebec in perpetuity that creates inequalities between those two provinces and the rest of Canada."

*From Terry Jorden
Media Relations*



Barbara McDougall

Programming for student success

Entrance to BCIT is just the beginning for students. Once they're on campus adjusting to school and completing their program seems, at times, like an impossible challenge.

This challenge to make it to graduation has been the topic of considerable research over the last decade. Research data shows that students who learn the skills essential to their success (study skills, awareness of campus resources, etc.) not only graduate but improve their academic performance.

BCIT has developed a generic student success course with enough flexibility to be useful to a wide range of programs and students. Course content focuses on two areas 1) skills such as notetaking, exam preparation, memory, communication, stress and time management; 2) awareness of campus resources and the BCIT culture such as the library, medical services, counselling, student association, recreation facilities and clubs.

Linda Alexander is the new Coordinator of Student Success Courses. she will be here until June collecting information on current courses and managing the development and implementation of new courses. She will coordinate feedback on the effect of these courses on student success and develop an in-house instructor training program, as well as being the resource person for programs interested in this method of helping students.

She says student success courses often teach more than just the basics of being a student. Many studies report that these courses help students to be more open minded, think critically and creatively and improve their interpersonal communications - exactly what future employers are looking for.

If you would like to discuss ideas for your program, contact Linda at local 8405. She will be conducting a "brown bag" session: "Classroom Strategies to Enhance Learning Skills" on November 25th from 11:30 - 13:00. Contact 8406 to register.



Linda Alexander, coordinator, student success courses

If you missed the International wine tasting....

Fun Friday Reverse Draw
November 27
In support of
Rotary House Group Home
Last ticket drawn wins \$2500
Maximum 250 tickets sold
(guaranteed 1 in 10 wins a prize)
Lochdale Community Hall
Happy Hour 6 pm
Buffet dinner 7 pm
Tickets \$100 with dinner
\$75 without
SW1 2115 or call 8218.

E.L.I.T.E. '93

There is still time to submit your workshop proposals for BCIT's Education Conference, ELITE '93. The deadline is November 27, proposals should be sent to Carol Dion's attention. If you didn't receive a copy of the information piece distributed in the October 5 UPDATE and would like one, please contact:

SPECIAL EVENTS AT 432-8865.

Rudy Spence featured in new book on Burnaby's ethnic communities

Academic Studies Communications instructor Rudy Spence has been featured prominently in a new book examining the history of Burnaby's ethnic communities.

Although one of over 60 to be interviewed for "A Tapestry of Cultures," edited by Clelie Rich, Rudy was one of only three to speak at a book launch October 14 at the Executive Inn.

The Jamaican-born Spence came to Canada in 1958 as a student at Montreal's Sir George Williams (now Concordia) University. He told the over 100 guests at the book launch that although there was no official policy or legislation preferring white immigrants over others, it existed.

"We all knew that the policy was there and that it was effective. I was one of the lucky ones, finally securing a job and gaining my permanent visa," he said.

"The chapter of the book in which I appear deals with the contribution of the Caribbean peoples to the Canadian mosaic. Two of us were interviewed and I think we both were able to talk about what we were able to contribute in music, lifestyle and intercultural relations," he said.

"Basically the objective of the book was to show that Canada is better off with us being here and conversely that we are better off by being here. So we think it is a reciprocal benefit."

After moving to Burnaby in 1971, Rudy joined BCIT. Over the years he has been active in the community and he remains Jamaican.

"I am Canadian, but I am also proud of my personal, ethnic heritage. And when there is a problem there, like one of the frequent hurricanes, I will help in any way I can from here."

Terry Jorden
Media Relations



BCIT honors long service employees

The following employees will have reached their 10, 15, 20 and 25 year service plateau by December 31, 1992. If your name isn't on this list and should be or if it is spelled incorrectly, please contact Special Events at local 8398.

10 YEARS

Janice Baldry
David Bowles
Margo Chambers
Patricia Collinge
Doris Dean
John Debest
Frank Dispirito
Rick Dohl
Kelly Durkin
Arnold Emes
James Endert
Robyn Harcott
Michael Horcoff
Trudie Hurtubise
Poul Jackobsen
Rae Kerr-Higuchi
Bernard Koelzer
Rosalie Loverock
Florence Makowski
Ronald Marler
Gloria Mattie
Kenneth McEwen
Alan Miles
Sharl Monsma
Grace Mulholland
Jennifer Nachlas
Marilyn Parliament
Glynis Pernicelle
Lloyd Rapchuk
Robert Riches
Wayne Stevens
Terry Subtelny
Sheila Thompson
Chi Wong
Susan Woo
Marvin Woolley
Charles Young

15 YEARS

Richard Ainsworth
Brian Antonson
Elizabeth Bayley
Linda Becerra
Diane Belyk
David Chan
Barbara Copping
Brian Curtis
John Emes
Patricia Fingarson
Allan Froese
Colleen Goose
Stephany Grasset
Raymond Hooker
Anne Houseman
Elinor Hudon
James Jewer
Gary Kehoe
Joe Kiwtor
Jeanne Kurz
Lynne Larsson
Greg Layton
David Lick
Richard Lund
Merilee MacKinnon
Maria Macoun
Anna Maharajh
Joyce McEwan
John McInnes
James McLarnon
Allen Miller
Cindy Miraftab
David Mullard
Allan Payne
Linda Preston
Nino Romanin
Ian Ross

20 YEARS

Sheryl Schultz
Earl Scott
Euclid Seeram
Eileen Stephens
Gordon Storey
Bernice Tong
Toivo Voksepp
Terence Winder
Peter Yanciw
Lorna Ziegler
Heinz Zutter

25 YEARS

James Armstrong
Elmer Beck
Errol Borsky
Sam Bullied
Irene Csaki
John Fairley
Peter Fill
Elaine Fraser
Robert Graham
Robert Kean
Adrian Lopez
Greg Marshall
Neil McLagan
Helen Moore
R.K. Simpson
Arthur Smith
Rudyard Spence
Jose Stockdale
John Tompkin
Mary Whitehead
Peter Wilson
Harmon Yackness

25 YEARS

Nizam Abdurahman
Norman Alexander
Antony Barren
Donald Campbell
Andrew Chu
Terence Coghlan
David Conder
Clayton Copping
Frank Daniels
Conrad Dickhoff
Donald Grant
Peter Hobbins
Leonard Johnson
Kenneth Kajiwaru
John Kemp
David Kenyon
Alfred Lee
John Leibel
Richard Long
Dave Martin
Thomas Nowak
R.W. Reisen
Peter Sawrenko
Frank Senior
Roger Smith
John Soutter
Janet Wadsworth
Peter Walker
Sonia Williams



The Audiovisual department was busy over the summer working on a series of training videos for fish plant workers. Producers Ken Gill (left) and Ian Cameron worked with two mime artists to get the message across. Shooting took place in August at various waterfront canning and fish processing operations.

1 out of 3 people in the
Lower Mainland were helped
by the United Way last year.
The way to help the most.



United Way
of the Lower Mainland

Oops!

Apologies to Muriel Louie whose name was spelled incorrectly in the October 19 Update.

CLASSIFIED

For Rent: Enjoy New Year's in Banff! Beautiful 2 BR, 2 bath, 2-storey condo available December 26 to January 2. Indoor pool, saunas, hot tubs, games. Mountains, skiing, wildlife. Owner Tel. 432-8218 or 434-7184.

For Sale: Liebermann upright piano, Mahogany. Excellent condition, less than 10 years old. \$2,100. It's in Vancouver! Call Michelle Philippe, 879-1233 or local 8574.

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