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# UPDATE

**The mission of BCIT is to provide British Columbians with world-class, job-ready skills for career success.**



## Earth Apple gets physical

Earth Apple hopefuls in coming years should look to Physical Plant as their role model — Earth Apples recognize environmental action on the BCIT campus and this year one department shared all three awards.

Earth Day, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, is a day celebrated around the world to focus on the planet, sustainable activities and our personal involvement. BCIT celebrated

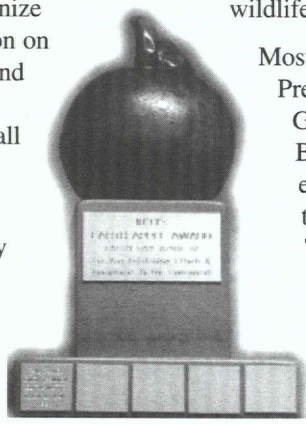
Earth Day on April 22 at the Guichon Creek gazebo. Bob George, son of Chief Dan George and BCIT's resident elder, opened the Earth Day ceremony with a speech and a song.

The kids from BCIT's Child Care Centre made their own hats and hung seed cookies for birds

in the trees. A small group of volunteers planted trees along Guichon Creek to improve wildlife habitat.

Most importantly, President Brian Gillespie presented BCIT's new top environment award, the Earth Apple. The award is jointly sponsored by BCIT and the Student Association as part of BCIT's *Greening Our Campus*, the program to fast-track improvements in environmental performance on campus.

The Earth Apple will be awarded every year on April 22 to recognize an individual, department or on-campus service provider for any waste reduction, energy/material efficiency initiatives or environmental friendliness that they have instituted.



Artists Sonja Parfitt and Greg Helton created the Earth Apple, made from clay and 1000-year old red cedar, especially for BCIT.



The children from BCIT's Child Care centre were commended for their continued support of Earth Day — they have participated in campus Earth Day celebrations for the past three years.



Everyone on the Environmental Honor Roll was awarded a certificate and a juicy apple.

### Award Winners

**Cindy Themmen**, Custodial Supervisor from Physical Plant, won for her outstanding involvement in the implementation of the café organic material compost/recycling and worm bin system, and for planning and coordinating the upgrade of the Burnaby campus landscape area, which included the planting of more than 900 new trees and shrubs.

**Phil Deluca**, Recycling Custodian, Physical Plant, won for his dedication to maintaining the organic compost worm bins.

**Gloria Mattie and the Switchboard staff**, Physical

Plant, won for switching to an electronic phone directory, saving several hundred thousand pieces of paper per year — a small forest.

### Environmental Honor Roll

The **Open House Committee** won for support of the Open House environment contest and for creating its own creative environmental activity for elementary students at Open House '98.

**Restauronics** won for switching from napkins made from white, virgin paper to unbleached, recycled-content napkins that are much better for the environment.

The **TNT main store** won for implementing the Green Dot system to identify environmentally-friendly products and for successfully operating battery and toner cartridge recycling programs.

**Sherry McCarnon and students in the Automated Business Equipment Technician program** won for participating in recycling business equipment parts to elementary schools in Burnaby.

**Joanne Imoo**, Print Services, won because she continues to work toward better treatment of our planet. Imoo is always encouraging others to reduce, reuse and recycle.

— from Greg Helton

## Budget no surprise but cuts still mean tight times

The post-secondary budget for 1998/99 will be \$1.26-billion, a 2.4 per cent increase from last year. This news is encouraging despite an economic slowdown and provincial revenues in decline.

The mid-April announcement came from Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology Andrew Petter, who noted that the funding "...is part of our government's commitment to education and to building a strong provincial economy."

Of the \$26-million increase, Petter announced that \$17.5-million will be used to create 2900 new student spaces for colleges and universities throughout the province. The government expects 500 new student spaces will be allocated

to information technology and biotechnology courses to increase the province's competitiveness in the high-technology sector.

Tuition and mandatory ancillary fees have been frozen.

### How will the budget affect BCIT?

There are few surprises in the 1998/99 operating budget for BCIT as the ministry's budget was, for the most part, in line with our expectations.

On the positive side, FTE funding has increased about 1.5 per cent to \$70.7-million in support of an additional 150 full-time enrolments.

However, while BCIT correctly anticipated a reduction in

funding for Apprenticeship Technical Training, which effective April 1, 1998, is now administered by the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission (ITAC), the six per cent cut was higher than expected.

*"BCIT has developed a number of related plans..."*  
~ Mal Stelck

The government has provided some additional funding to offset financial pressures stemming from the tuition freeze; BCIT's contribution is a modest \$59,000.

As expected, there are no allowances in the budget for inflation or salary increases, and the capital budget remains essentially unchanged. The challenge BCIT faces is to meet its needs for up-to-date equipment and facilities in support of learners and faculty.

In order to fund the implementation of the Provincial Learning Network, the government has created one funding envelope (the "New Learning Opportunities Envelope") from the three funding envelopes that existed last year, and has reduced the value of this envelope by more than \$154,000.

"Although there is significantly less money available this year with which to address the purposes of this envelope, BCIT

has developed a number of related plans," says VP Education Mal Stelck. "We will continue to revise curriculum, expand access to new learning opportunities in the home and at the workplace, use technology to introduce creative and innovative learning opportunities and continue to expand the partnerships with business, industry, labor and governments," he says.

President Brian Gillespie is encouraged by the government's commitment to support post-secondary education in B.C. and is confident that the Institute's budget projections undertaken in April '98 will hold up. Gillespie noted that BCIT's student base will have increased by seven per cent over the past two years.

# Frog Leg Soup enjoys second sweep at Quint

The annual Quintathlon marks a long tradition of blood, sweat and tears that mixes running, canoeing, cycling and swimming. But as this year's competitors show, the event once dominated by staff is quickly gaining appeal with students — of 17 teams competing only three were comprised of staff.

In fact, *Frog Leg Soup*, the all-student team victorious in '97 standings, returned again to maintain the title.

Team captain Andrea Stubbington comments, "Everybody was really pleased and had a great time in the race. I would say that maybe we were a bit more competitive than the other teams, but it's all in good fun." A bit more competitive? Reports conclude that team members have been following a strict training regime enforced by canoer Adam of Mechanical Technology.

"It was so fun," says Deesh Sidhu, team captain for the marketing students in *Quik*

*Silver*. "It was our first time in the race and our boat tipped over, but everybody was really excited and we'll definitely do it again."

Competition really heated up with the canoers: three teams of canoers ended up in the water.

David Harvey willingly accepted the blame for his canoe dump. "There is no question it was my fault...I was in the stern," he says. "I hung in there a little too long on the switch — I called for it, but I thought I could squeeze in one more stroke. I blew it, what can I say. We had two great turns, we were way out in front, and just 250 yards from the finish it happened."

"The organization of this event was fantastic," comments IRP's Pat Morris, who commends Paul Fortier for his annual efforts. Morris' team, *Splash N Dash for Cash*, came fourth overall in the standings.

"This is my fifth year of competition and it's not my last. Although I think we have a problem here with all these students: the staff keeps getting older but the students stay the same age," she laughs. "It's definitely becoming an issue. I think next year we're going to have to start doing some serious training."

Louise Routledge was impressed with her team's standing in ninth place. "We called ourselves *The Omega Project* because Omega is the last letter in the Greek alphabet," she says. "For a team who's average age was over 40, I think we did darn well."



Second-time winner Frog Leg Soup features students from Broadcast, Mechanical Technology, Telecommunications, Plastics and Surveying.



Long distance runner and GIS student Marcus Jonnejohn of The Leslie Cheswick Soul Explosion came fifth in his category. His team placed sixth overall.

Mud flies during the dirtiest leg of this race in the mountain biking category.



Frog Leg Soup's Kirsten of Geomatics proved her worth: this canoe crossed the finish second after Team Inertia.

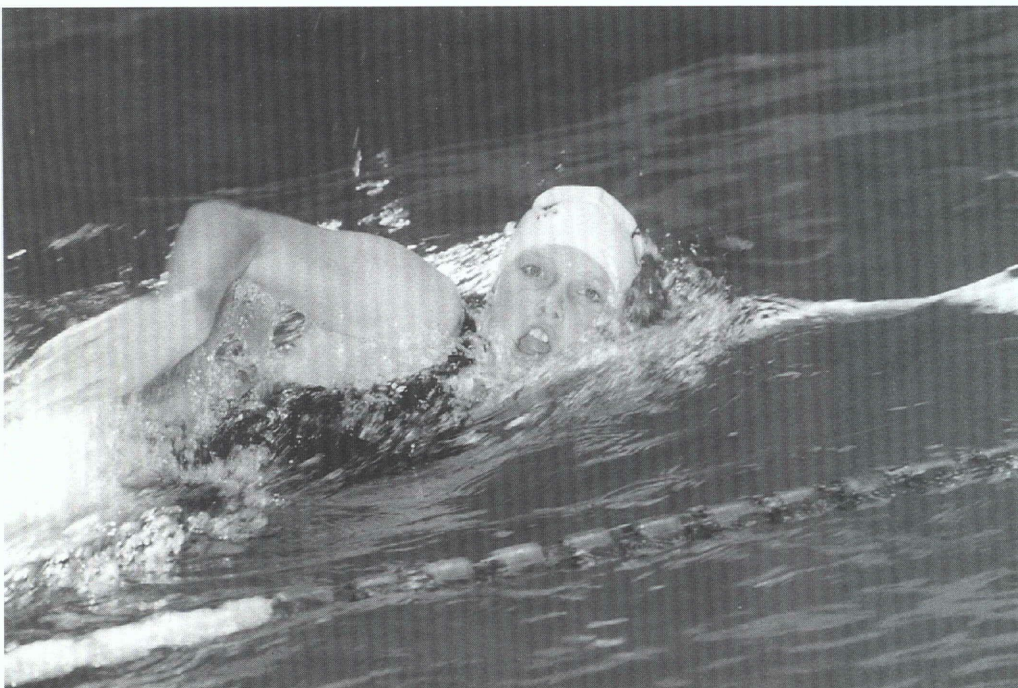


One of the Seven Deadly Sinners quenches a much deserved thirst.

Organizer Paul Fortier lives and breathes Quintathlon each spring and once again received many kudos for the event.



This swimmer fought hard to sink the competition.



Andre Bock and Leigh-Ann Zohakowki, both of Occupational Health and Safety, paddled D.M.'s Fiery Red Pants into fifth place.

# Louie remembered most for humble generosity

The gentleman whose many charitable contributions include BCIT's Dr. Tong Louie Living Laboratory passed away in Vancouver on April 28 at age 84.

Tong Louie lived his life wanting to be known as an ordinary, hardworking man. While his keen business savvy made him a phenomenal success, he equally applied his philosophy of hard work and dedication to service for the benefit of many community causes.

The president and CEO of London Drugs, Louie's last of many public endowments was graciously presented to BCIT in 1997 to establish the Dr. Tong Louie Living Laboratory at the BCIT Downtown campus. The lab, a joint venture between SFU and BCIT, promotes independent living for elderly and disabled individuals.

The contribution rounded out a list of endowments which includes the Geraldine & Tong Louie Human Performance Centre, Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre, the Tong Louie Reading Gallery at the Vancouver Public Library and the Tong Louie Heart Unit at St. Paul's Hospital.

As well, Louie held a plethora of philanthropic positions with charities like YMCA of Greater Vancouver, the Canadian Diabetes Association, the B.C. Heart Foundation, the Dr. Sun-Yat-Sen Gardens, the Lion's Timmy Telethon and the Salvation Army, to name just a few.

***"If people said no when things had to be done, where would any of us be?"***  
~ Tong Louie

Once, when questioned why he gave so much time, effort and money to community service, Louie replied with a humble but astute expression that was so characteristic: "They were things that had to be done. Somebody had to do them. If people said no when things had to be done, where would any of us be?"

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the community, he was awarded both the Order of British Columbia and the Order of Canada, as well as The Knight of the Golden Pencil, the Astra Award, the Golden Heard Award and the

Honorary Doctorate L.L.D. from the University of British Columbia.

As a child helping out with his father's business, Louie had his first lesson in business training at age seven, when he learned to fill out an invoice. The family grocery supply business soon included a general store in Vancouver's Chinatown.

During Louie's UBC education he met his bride Geraldine Seto and became a proud father to sons Brandt and Kurt and daughter Anndraya. Less than a year before the couple's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Mrs. Louie passed away. A building named in her honor stands today at the London Drugs headquarters.

After decades of steady growth, in 1955 the H.Y. Louie Company bought the B.C. franchise for IGA stores. Within a decade there were 47 IGA stores. In 1968, seven Dominion supermarkets were added to the H.Y. Louie Company when Dominion liquidated its assets. Louie then purchased a majority of company shares from his siblings and became managing director.



Tong Louie

In 1976, he purchased London Drugs, which at the time had eight stores in B.C. and two in Alberta. Today, London Drugs has grown to 47 stores and employs more than 6,000 people. As a successful businessperson, he believed strongly in taking responsibility and giving back to the community. One example is IGA's "Hometown Proud" campaign, which encouraged companies to support local community groups.

Louie always said there was no great secret to business success:

it is a matter of applying values of hard work and dedication.

But Tong Louie's greatest success was as a human being. Despite all the honors and respect he received, he remained down-to-earth, humorous and friendly. He treated his thousands of employees as members of one big family. The BCIT community joins together with the many groups who love and celebrate a life that was admirably well rounded and filled with extraordinary accomplishments.

*Happy Mother's Day,  
MOM!*



## A Mother

*A mother is the person in our life who loves us more than we love ourselves.*

*A mother is the person in our life who anticipates all our needs... pushing her own to the background so ours can be met.*

*A mother is the person in our life who has infinite patience with our shortcomings...she thinks we can do no wrong.*

*A mother is the person in our life who has a real interest in our success...*

*always hoping we do well, and yet afraid we will outgrow her.*

*A mother is the person in our life who is most likely to forgive us when we go wrong...and wonders why the world will not do the same.*

*A mother is the person in our life who makes a Home out of a house, no matter how modest...with her warmth, her love, her generosity, her patience, her very being.*

*A mother is the person in our life who offers us constant refuge from the storms of life... comforting us in illness, hurts and failures.*

*A mother is the person in our life who has unlimited faith in us... knowing that someday we will remember all she taught us about living when we were young.*

*A mother is the person in our life who measures her very existence by the value she has instilled in us...sharing secretly in our worthiness.*

*A mother is the person in our life we most often take for granted... the one we will miss after she has gone from this world.*

**Happy Mother's Day.**

— submitted by Abdul Said



## Long weekend cruise planned for Pirate's Cove

*BCIT's displacement Cruising Club is planning the annual May long weekend cruise around DeCourcy Island. Join the gang in Pirate's Cove, DeCourcy Island, Friday May 15 in the afternoon/evening (whenever your fair vessel arrives) for a relaxing weekend. For more information or to arrange transportation call Kurt Traugott at 8678 or Mike Thomas at 8240.*

## Tired of the Commute?

**Garden Apartments, Townhomes & Detached Homes for Sale**



## Greentree Village

Located directly behind the BCIT Burnaby campus on Wayburne Avenue

**Tim Zimich** tel: 433-2411  
Re/Max Central, Burnaby cell: 290-5592

# Calendar of Events



## FRIDAY, MAY 15 — Valedictorian deadline approaches

Applications and nominations are now being accepted for Valedictorian for the June '98 graduating classes.

Staff who wish to nominate a student should recommend those who have demonstrated involvement with BCIT and the community through volunteer work, peer support, the Student Association, Open House, recreation and athletics, Toastmasters, etc. Students should also have maintained 1<sup>st</sup> class or high 2<sup>nd</sup> class academic standing.

Submit a covering letter including why you think your nominee should be the valedictorian to Michelle Traynor in Special Events, NW1, by May 15.

## FRIDAY MAY 22, 29 — Plan your financial future

If you're between the ages of 30 and 50 and looking for some information on financial planning, a new workshop may answer some of your questions.

Friday, May 22, 1998  
1-4 p.m. at  
the Pacific Marine  
Training Campus



Mal Stelck joins the stern four, Anne McArthur, Helen Chandler, Crystal Sawyer, Kate Pelletier and coxswain Jodie Wilson before the Best Crew In Town digs in for a hard 20. The team is in training for a regatta May 23.

Friday, May 29, 1998  
9 a.m.-12 p.m. at  
the Burnaby campus

The workshop will cover the stages of your financial life, setting financial goals, using your money in the most effective efficient way, protecting yourself financially, sources of retirement income and how to best handle the unexpected.

Come to learn more about mortgages, RESPs, RRSPs, disability insurance, line of credit, wills, CPP, OAS/Senior's benefit, private pension plans, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, how to handle leaves of absence and how to achieve the lifestyle you want to lead in retirement.

If you're interested in attending, please contact Lise Maass in Human Resources at (604) 432-8333 or prof lmaass.

You may bring a spouse, but please be sure to register them (spouses will be charged \$20).

Note: registration is limited but additional sessions in alternate time slots will be offered if there is enough interest.

## SATURDAY, MAY 23 — Support the crew at BCIT regatta

BCIT has submitted the first ever Corporate Challenge crew with the Vancouver Rowing Club. Seven corporate teams will

compete in the regatta Saturday, May 23 from 9a.m.-11a.m.

The staff is invited to cheer on the Best Crew In Town from the VRC docks. The rowing club is located at the entrance to Stanley Park.

The crew, organized by Kate Pelletier, also includes Crystal Sawyer, Helen Chandler, Anne McArthur, Paul Fortier, Pat Matthieu, Mal Stelck and Penny Wells. The coxswain is Jodie Wilson. The nine have been training hard for weeks in preparation for the race.

## SUNDAY, MAY 31 — Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Walkathon

The Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter is having its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Walkathon on Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. The walking route is a scenic 10 km around Stanley Park's seawall.

A complimentary picnic lunch and free childcare are provided. The event is wheelchair accessible.

Participants are welcome to walk, run, cycle, wheel or blade around the route.

All that's required is that you collect donations for this worthy cause. Pledge sheets are available at the Student Association office. Let's all be a part of the BCIT team to show the community that BCIT cares about this worthwhile cause. Make your own department team and challenge other BCIT departments to see who can raise the most money!

If you are unable to participate in the walkathon but would like to support this cause, the SA office is also accepting donations. For more details on how to be a part of the BCIT team or to have a

pledge sheet sent to you, contact Mona Benjamintz at (604) 432-8516.

## JUNE 10-12 — Buildsafe Conference

On June 10-12, BCIT and the Worker's Compensation Board of B.C. present the BuildSafe conference, a health and safety conference and trade show for the construction industry.

The conference will help workers, employers and apprentices learn more about new WCB regulatory requirements that came into effect on April 15 and other changes that impact the construction industry.

BuildSafe will provide a forum for up to 5,000 delegates, 80 exhibitors and major sponsors from all construction sectors to exchange ideas on new technologies and safe work practices. Workplace health and safety awareness and product knowledge will be increased through seminars, workshops and exhibits.

For more information about the BuildSafe conference, fax your request to (604) 231-8662.

# Staff news

## Health Sciences EdCo Election

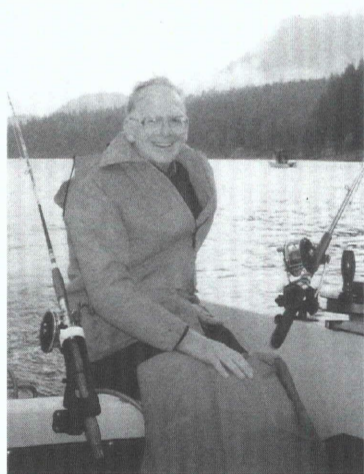
Tom Nowak, Health Sciences Education Council representative, resigned from EdCo effective April 20, 1998. An election to replace Tom concluded that Sylvia Raschke has been elected. Raschke began her two-year term on May 1.

## Nancy Kadonaga retiring

Nancy Kadonaga of Institutional Research and Planning is retiring this year. Nancy joined BCIT in 1970 in the Extension Division, and has also spent time in the CE department and the Registrar's Office.

Nancy is a very dedicated and loyal employee, providing high quality and reliable statistical student and course information to the BCIT community and government agencies. She will be greatly missed.

A retirement reception was held in Nancy's honor on Wednesday, April 22.



Jim Simpson

## Jim Simpson dies

It is with deep regret the Electrical Trades department reports the passing of former colleague and friend JW (Jim) Simpson.

Jim taught in the Electrical Trades department from 1970 until his retirement in 1993.

A gentleman of decency and integrity, Jim was liked and respected by all who knew him. Jim died on April 15, 1998. No memorial service will be held.

# CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

## Recent Crime: Auto theft

A white '95 Ford T-bird was stolen from parking lot H (near the ICBC lot) between 1215 and 1830 on Mon., April 27. If you know anything about this auto theft or any other crime, call 669-TIPS. Crime Stoppers can also be reached from anywhere across Canada by calling 1-800-222-TIPS.

## Warning to women jogging in local parks

VINA (Violence Is Never Acceptable) reported in the

News Leader April 29 that many women who use local parks, day and night, are unaware of the risks they face. In view of recent attacks women are advised to take the following precautions:

- carry whistles or other help-summoning devices
- walk with a partner
- avoid isolated areas of parks
- be alert and wear shoes you can run in comfortably
- do not wear headphones or other appliances that reduce hearing.



**The Commuter Challenge hits BCIT**  
June 3rd ... plan ahead to go GREEN!

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