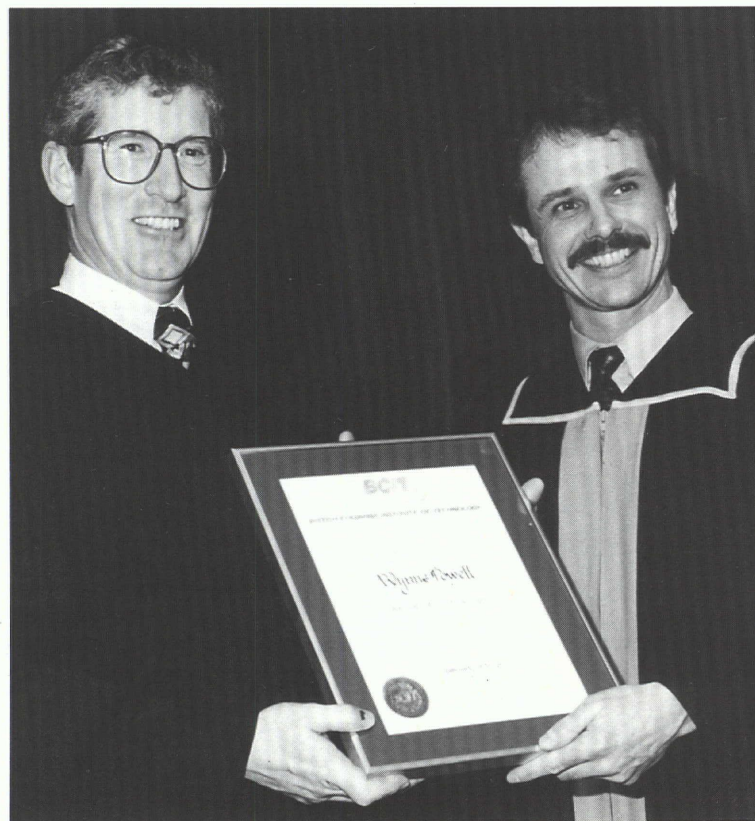


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UPDATE

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



Peter Norris presents BCIT graduate and former chair of the board of governors, Wynne Powell, with an honorary doctor of technology.

The level of excitement was high, as 183 students crossed the stage at the January 25 Convocation and received their diplomas and certificates, validating their hard work and perseverance.

They walked off the stage as BCIT graduates, with bright smiles provoked by the cheers and exploding flash bulbs of family and friends.

In addition to a number of awards presented by donors and faculty, board of governors member Peter Norris had the pleasure of making two very special presentations, the doctor of technology, honoris causa, on Wynne Powell and on Dr. Wah Jun Tze.

The tributes committee, in its recommendations, cited Mr.

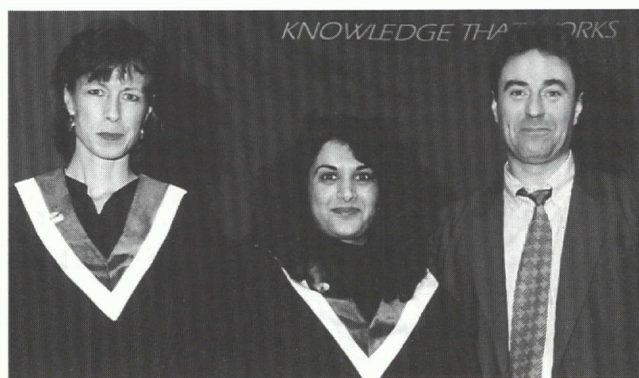
Powell for his outstanding contributions to BCIT:

"Through his tireless efforts as an alumnus, dean's council

member, lecturer, board member and for the past six years as chair of the board of governors, Wynne has helped raise the profile of BCIT as one of the finest and most respected post-secondary institutions in Canada. Wynne personifies the kind of graduate BCIT strives for: an individual who has excelled as a senior executive with London Drugs in the global competitive market place and yet, has found



Gerry Moss and Peter Norris presents Dr. Tze with an honorary doctor of technology, recognizing his deep concern for the welfare of young people of all nations.



Among the awards presented at Convocation was the Lesley M.R. Wiebe Humanitarian Award, a graduating achievement awarded to term three nursing students. This award was set up in 1986 by husband Derek, family and friends as a memorial to Lesley Wiebe, a dedicated nurse who passed away in 1985. (L-R) Recipients Donna Brown and Baljeet Bains with Derek Wiebe.

time to devote considerable energy to supporting BCIT."

Powell was visibly moved to receive the honor from his alma

himself to establishing Vancouver as a world-class centre for child care and related social and scientific issues. He

restructuring that will take place in the next century, he cheerfully told the students that by virtue of their education and training, "each one of you has reason to be optimistic about the future."

Striving for highest achievement

mater. Addressing the graduating class, he recalled his own experiences living up to the motto on his old BCIT annual: to each his highest attainment. "I will strive to repay BCIT's investment in me as a graduate and will cherish the honor and wear it with pride," he said.

Tze was recognized by Norris "as a pediatrician, professor and respected authority on child health, who has dedicated

has created opportunities, locally and internationally, for BCIT to pursue its goal as a world-renowned centre for expertise in management in health technology."

Tze commended BCIT on gaining a reputation of excellence in such a short period of time and remarked on the many changes to the world since BCIT first opened its doors to students. While he mentioned some of the

Electronic Engineering Technology graduate Rob Messing gave the valedictory address, sharing experiences and thoughts with fellow graduates. "An education is not just knowledge, it is the ability to put that knowledge to work in an effective manner, as part of a team. This is what BCIT has shown us how to do...So as you leave here today, armed with your education and diploma, always remember the hard work you put in here. We have accomplished what others have found too demanding, we are the 1996 graduates of BCIT."

On site training at BC Gas

The Trades Discovery for Women initiative aims to encourage women to consider a career in trades.

In order for this, and other BCIT initiatives to succeed, staff and faculty work closely with industry to ensure job-preparedness. When Anne St. Eloi, coordinator, Women in Trades/Special Initiatives, approached Larry Nygard, manager, shops, BC Gas Inc., to consider job shadowing opportunities for her students, she was seeking eventual outcomes that would benefit both the institute and the industry.

Nygard, not only agreed to participate in the job shadow program, he decided to place five

women in his shops for the three-week period.

"Providing job shadowing opportunities for women not only allows them to find out where their interests lie, it also gives them insight into the shop atmosphere and increases their confidence when they work side by side with the men and realize they can do the job," says Nygard.

Programs such as Trades Discovery for Women compliment the diversification program currently being implemented at BC Gas. "By giving women and minorities exposure to the workplace we not only help BC Gas, but other companies who share the same

type of mandate. This inevitably brings something to the field," he adds.

Equally supportive of the program is Rick Dowling, assistant business manager, Local 213 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Dowling has been involved in the diversification program since the beginning and describes it as a joint union and company policy with innovative strategies, programs and goals. He is quick to point out though that there are no preconceived quotas to be filled with the diversification program, and the idea is still to hire the most suitable candidate for the job.

"The women we have brought in so far have been picked based

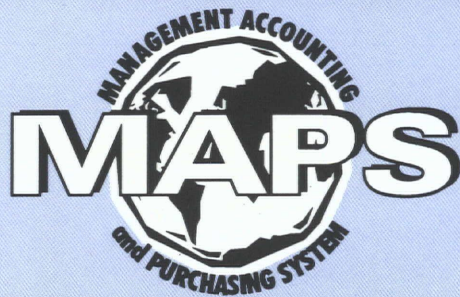


On site at BC Gas: Standing (L-R) Larry Nygard, Irene Bates, Anne St. Eloi, Courtenay Johnson, Ina Gebers and Rick Dowling. Seated (L-R) Pat Pears and Denise McFee.

on the requirements of the job and are not tokens, but productive workers. As a result they have received admiration from their peers," says Dowling.

St. Eloi is grateful for the support of both the companies involved in job shadowing opportunities and the union. The results are in: all 17 of the women, have signed up to pursue trades training.

New MAPS system will mean changes



The startup phase for the new MAPS system is quickly approaching. Planning for several key activities is currently underway.

Training

Banner training will be offered in several different types of training sessions. Operations managers will be required to attend a two hour training session (MAPS 1) in how to use selected parts of the Banner system and the new reporting tool system. These sessions will be offered in a variety of time frames during April, May, June and September. If there is enough interest a July or August session will be offered.

The above session will be mandatory for Operating Managers but will be open for anyone who has any responsibility for managing departmental or project budgets.

We will also be offering training sessions for staff who require information in the following areas;

- monitoring projects or budgets on a multi-year basis (MAPS 2).

- knowing the status of a purchase requisition, purchase order, travel claim or purchase payment (MAPS 3).

The MAPS1 training or the Banner Student training are prerequisites for the MAPS2 and MAPS3 training sessions.

We will start offering these sessions in April and will continue to do so on a regular basis. Contact Dina Bedard in Human Resources to sign up for a session.

Good-bye Cost Centre...Hello Organization codes

After April 1 Banner will not accept the old codes from the old chart of account information. Financial Services is providing cross reference reports that show you the old-to-new and new-to-old relationship between cost centres, organization codes, and fund codes. If you have not received a report and

need a copy, please contact Brenda O'Brien at 8716.

Please make sure you are familiar with your new codes before March 15. You will need your new codes if you are submitting a purchase requisition for goods or services that will be received in the new fiscal year.

As of April 1 the copier systems will be converted to the new codes. You will not be able to use the copier if you don't have your new codes. As of April 1 you will need to use the new codes when filling out an auxiliary or overtime time sheet. As you can see from the previous examples the new codes will quickly affect your day to day operations.

Forms Design Changes

As a result of the changes in our financial chart of accounts many of the forms that capture financial data need to be changed. Commonly used forms such as purchase requisition, personnel requisitions (green sheets), time sheets, and cross charge

forms are currently being redesigned so that they can accommodate the new FOAP coding that Banner requires. Many forms that we currently use have a free form area for entering accounting information. Many of these forms will

continue to be used with the new system.

It is recommended that the preprinted description be changed the next time you order forms. For more advise on this topic please call Gary Lake at 8986.

MIS/Opex System

The MIS/Opex system on the IBM mainframe will also be discontinued at the end of this fiscal year. For 1996/97 information use the MAPS/Banner system and a Windows based reporting system to view your financial reports.

The CARS (Capital Asset Request System) will also be discontinued at the end of this summer.

Staff Contributions

Putting in a new financial system requires the efforts of a considerable number of BCIT staff. Many of these staff, especially those in Financial Services and Materials Management are contributing to the development of the new system while keeping up with the day to day workload of their current functions. It would not be possible to put in a system of this size without a lot of teamwork by all the staff involved. Contributions also come from Computer Resources, advisory groups and the MAPS Steering committee.

Key players in the MAPS project include Mary Tiberghien in Purchasing,

Yvonne Rooswinkel, Carla Reid, Brenda O'Brien and Andrea Chan from Financial Services, and Margo Slater and Waylim Lee from Computer Resources.

Many of these people will play an ongoing role in the development of the MAPS system. Although the system will be going into production on April 1 there will be a lot of fine tuning of the system over the next year. For example, we expect a lot of reports will be developed during the first year to assist staff and managers with their information needs.

— from Gary Lake

Emergency phones on campus



Safety and Security, working in conjunction with Physical Plant Support Services and B.C. Tel, have added 12 emergency phones through the B.C. Tel payphone system. You do not need a quarter to make a call.

There is a sign at each of these phones that reads: "Campus Security Direct Phone Line — Lift handset and push red button." A call on one of these phones will put the caller in contact with the Safety and Security office 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are now 56 phones on campus that can be used for emergencies or assistance. This includes 18 outdoor emergency phones, 26 in-house service phones located in the hallways of all major buildings and 12

B.C. Tel pay phones with red emergency buttons.

Safety and Security urges everyone to get to know the locations of these phones, particularly along the routes you normally travel:

- SE12 Campus Cafe (outside)
- SE2 Cafeteria
- SE1 second floor, north end
- SE1 near washrooms
- SW11 Maquinna office
- NE30 Brown Bag
- NE8 Lunchroom
- SE10 Broadcast lobby
- NE1 second floor, south entrance
- NE1 first floor, north-west entrance
- SE6 first floor, near elevator
- SW1 near room 1585

— from Safety and Security

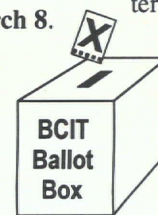
Election time at BCIT

The terms of office for current student members on the board of governors and the Education Council will expire soon.

Nominations to fill the following positions were accepted from Feb. 7 to Feb. 16 and elections will be held Feb. 26 to March 8.

The positions are:

- Board of Governors — two student seats, each with a term of one year.
- Education Council — four student seats, each with a term of one year.



Kick-off to Crimestoppers

On Feb. 26, Crimestoppers comes to BCIT. Operating in conjunction with Vancouver Crimestoppers, the BCIT chapter hopes to create awareness for both personal safety and safeguarding against crime.

1. Anyone witnessing a crime is reminded to call 911 immediately.
2. Follow-up calls to Campus Crimestoppers with tips relating to what you have seen, may help solve the crime.

3. Rewards for crimes leading to arrests will be handled through the Vancouver Crimestoppers.

Watch for the kick-off on campus, with six video monitors playing reenactments of crimes on campus, including theft and vandalism. Sites include SE6, SW1 breezeway, SW1 near Security, NE1. Residence and the Grand Hall. Viewing times are 1130-1330 and 1730 to 2030.

President's seminar series

The first instalment in the president's seminar series will take place on Feb. 22 from 1230 to 1330 in SE6 233. The series will provide faculty with the opportunity to showcase initiatives and projects to fellow staff members and all staff are encouraged to come out and see what's happening around the BCIT community.

The first will be presented by David Chiu, instructor, Biomedical Engineering Technology, School of Health Sciences. The project he will be presenting is an Internet-based tutoring system and discussion forum.

The purpose of this project is to put in place a computer hardware and software system to allow

BCIT students and instructors course tutoring and group discussion purposes via the Internet. The basic system is now in place and it is under pilot testing with one public class in Health Sciences (Ethics in Health Sciences, ADHS 5130).

The computer systems software in use is First Class groupware by SoftArc, a Canadian company. It can be used by both PC and Macintosh computer users. The user interface is a graphical user interface (GUI). Orientation of the software is done on-line. This project has been a joint effort on the part of Biomedical Engineering Technology, School of Health Sciences and Health Part-time Studies.

EDCO Update

At its Jan. 24 meeting the Education Council conducted the following items of business:

The Council approved a motion to strike a task group to review and advise Council on initiatives to establish employability skills in BCIT programs.

The Labour Force Development Board's report Training for What? was referred to the Educational Planning and Policy Committee for review and consideration of its impact and opportunities for BCIT.

The Council decided to hold a special evening meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8 to consider and approve its by-laws, after which they will be submitted for the Minister's approval. The meeting will be open to the BCIT community and will commence at 1830 in the board room of NW1.

The Registrar reported on the implications of the legislation governing the election procedures and terms of office for the Board of Governors and Education Council. After discussion, EDCO passed a motion asking the chair to discuss the issues with the Council of Education Council

Chairs of B.C (COEDCO BC) with a view to working collectively for a more realistic process.

Bill Howorth reported on the work of the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Policy Development Committee. The Committee expects to have a draft policy ready to bring to EDCO's next meeting in February. The Committee welcomes input from the BCIT community. Comments may be sent to Bill Howorth on profs bhoworth or by telephone at 5288.

Education Council minutes and other EDCO information items are now accessible on profs on the Campus Bulletin Board (PF11). Copies of the minutes are also kept on reserve at the circulation desk in the library and at PMTC and Sea Island campuses.

The next regular meeting of the Education Council will be Feb 21 from 1200 to 1430 in the boardroom of NW1. EDCO meetings are open to all members of the BCIT community.

Should any person have concerns or suggestions regarding EDCO, please prof EDCO or call Bob Merriam, chair at 7045.



PAWWS

(Personal and Workplace Wellness and Safety)

So you decided to "butt out"

If your New Year's resolution was to quit smoking, then according to the American Cancer Society, you can expect your body to go through the following changes:

Within 20 minutes of last cigarette

- blood pressure may drop to a normal level
- pulse rate drops to a normal rate
- skin temperature of hands and feet increases to normal

Eight hours after last cigarette

- carbon monoxide level in blood drops and oxygen level in blood increase

Twenty-four hours after last cigarette

- chance of heart attack may be reduced

Forty-eight hours after last cigarette

- nerve endings may start to regrow
- ability to smell and taste is enhanced

Seventy-two hours after last cigarette

- bronchial tubes relax, if undamaged, breathing will be easier
- lung capacity increases

Two weeks to three months after last cigarette

- circulation improves and walking becomes easier
- lung function may increase by up to 20 per cent

One month to nine months after last cigarette

- coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue and shortness of

breath may decrease markedly over a number of weeks

- potential for cilia to regrow in lungs, increasing ability to handle mucus, clean lungs and reduce infection

Five years after last cigarette

- lung cancer death rate for average smoker (one pack a day) decreases from 137 per 100,000 to 72 per 100,000.

These time periods are to be taken as a general measure only and will vary from individual to individual and are dependent upon length of habit and amount smoked.

—from Jan Poersch

Thinking about retirement — retirement planning session coming in April

Date: Tuesday, April 16

Time: 0830-1630

Location: Town Square D

This full day seminar will include:

- An overview of the retirement process including entitlements, timelines and general information on the Public Service, College and Municipal Pension Plans, Old Age Security and the Canada Pension Plan.
- A workshop on lifestyle issues in retirement and the psychological aspects of aging. You will learn how to evaluate your lifestyle needs; identify experiences you may want to have during your retirement years, develop a goal-based retirement plan; expand your sources of leisure retirement information.
- Financial planning information on the four major



concerns for retirees; how will I preserve my purchasing power throughout my retirement years; will income taxes leave me enough to enjoy life; how can I reduce investment risk; how can I provide for my spouse after my death without cutting into my after-retirement income.

- Our own experiences — a panel discussion with four BCIT retirees. By incorporating their "lessons

learned" into your retirement planning, we are confident that retirement will be a positive experience and one to which you can look forward. Advance registration is required. Please contact Dina Bedard at 6889 or on profs at dbedard.

Please note that it is your responsibility to make any "time off" arrangements necessary to attend this seminar.

Cost of employee benefits to increase

BCIT has just been notified of a 16 per cent increase in premiums for long term disability coverage to become effective with the March billing. If you are covered by the Staff Society collective agreement, you will see an increase to your premiums starting with the March 1 paycheque. BCIT pays the premium for all other employee groups. The increase is

due to high claims experience over the past few years.

Premiums for extended health benefits also went up Dec. 1, 1995. "Single" coverage increased from \$16.65 to \$17.45 per month and "family" coverage increased from \$37.75 to \$40.15 per month. Extended health benefits premiums are fully paid by BCIT for all employee groups.

Telecommunication growing at BCIT

How many phones do you have in your home? One, two, three?

At BCIT we have:

- 1508 phones, not including extensions.
- 108 private business lines for fax and modems.
- 14 4-wire data circuits.
- 9 1-800 numbers.

This is the equivalent to 1639 homes, we could have our own subdivision.

Do you subscribe to the telephone feature "call answer" at home?

At BCIT we have 1792 voice mail boxes in use.

How far do you live from BCIT?

At BCIT we have approximately 10000 metres of telecommunication main distribution cable.

This is equivalent to 32,808 feet; 10 km; or 6.2 miles.

Telecommunication continues to grow at BCIT.

—from Gloria Mattie



Computer Resources is pleased to announce some new services for the BCIT community:

New Dial-in Service at BCIT

This service allows staff to access PROFS, Banner and the Internet from their home PCs. The software (PPP, Telnet and FTP) and documentation is available in the reception area of Computer Resources. To obtain a copy of this material, bring a blank, formatted 1.44Mb diskette to CR, and our receptionist will help you to copy the necessary files.

New Services from Computer Resources

To ensure that this service is delivered without additional resources, clients are expected to do their own installation and troubleshooting.

CR Web Page - This web page will contain a permanent source for: frequently asked questions of CR (FAQs); on-line documentation; and a variety of shareware software for downloading; etc.

On-line news bulletin - CR has added an on-line news bulletin to our CR Web Page called

News.Bytes@CR. This is in response to the many requests for information that we receive about computing and technology changes on campus. This on-line newsletter will keep you informed about changes such as new information systems and technological updates coming to the BCIT campus.

We hope you enjoy these new services and look forward to your feedback, suggestions and general comments.

—from Michele Becket, Computer Resources

BCIT Events to Come

Thursday, Feb. 22

■ BCIT Sunrise Club Toastmasters International presents motivational speaker Ralph Kison in the Student Council Chambers in the Campus Centre at 0700.

■ President's Seminar Series 1st session SE6 Room 233 1230-1330

Wednesday, Feb. 28

■ Pre-retirement planning seminar for employees covered by the Public Service Pension Plan, who are over the age of 50. Applications available through Human Resources.

Thursday, Feb. 29

■ Teaching, Learning and English as an Additional Language workshop. From 1500 to 1600 in NE 21 Room 112B. To register call Muriel at 8927.

Tuesday, March 19

■ 1730-2030

Thursday, March 2

■ 1730-2030

Saturday, March 23

■ 0900-1600

Saturday, March 30

■ 0900-1600

Sunday, March 31

■ 0900-1600

■ Instructional Skills Workshop. Energize your teaching skills with practical tips about the characteristics about adult learners, motivational strategies and designing effective lesson plans. Full attendance is required for all five sessions. To register call Muriel at 8927.

Tuesday, March 26

■ Lunch and Learn session, SW 3 Room 1710 from 1200-1300. Everything you wanted to know about life insurance...but didn't because you were afraid to ask. Don Clements, representative from our life insurance carrier, The Prudential.

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

■ Open House 96

PROFILE

Industry training makes good business sense

Professionally dressed in a suit with every hair in place, it's difficult to imagine Val Brooks making her way across India and Nepal on the back of a motorcycle - much less leading the expedition.

But that's exactly what the new major accounts manager for Industry Training Services did, after the group's leader dropped out at the last minute, leaving 17 travellers without a coordinator for a three week journey.

"The person who was to lead the group just didn't show up so I had to take the lead role for the expedition," she explains.

"There were so many details - food, accommodation, parts for the motorcycles, getting things through customs... I don't think I got more than two hours of sleep a night for the whole trip!"

The organizational and creative skills she drew on for that experience - along with 18 years experience in marketing, administration and education - will be definite assets as she

helps BCIT build its profile as a leading business and industry trainer.

"The industry training staff in the individual schools have been doing a fabulous job seeking out customers, assessing their needs and providing training," Brooks says. "My job is to help bring in new clients, leaving staff in the schools free to focus more on the actual training development, delivery and customer service."

To accomplish this, Brooks plans to develop a series of strategic partnerships with organizations, to meet as many of their needs as possible and ensure they're accessing the appropriate BCIT resources. An Industry Services marketing group has also been formed, to work on increasing opportunities, reducing duplication of effort and generally helping the industry training staff to work more effectively and efficiently.

The group includes representatives from each School, the Development Office, Marketing and Corporate Relations, Information and

Community Relations, BCIT International, the Technology Centre and LRU.

"We're identifying new organizations that can be targeted when marketing industry training, and looking at existing customers who might benefit from additional training - perhaps in another area of expertise," she says.

As one of the three focal points in BCIT's strategic direction, Industry Training Services has become and will continue to be an integral part of the Institute and its identity. According to Brooks, placing an emphasis on industry training just makes good business sense.



Val Brooks

"Industry Training allows BCIT to generate revenue and build its image in the business community," Brooks explains. "I'm excited to be part of the proactive team working to maximize those possibilities."

Classy Finds

Lost: Ladies watch, Bulova Caravelle, stainless steel. Sentimental value. Lost near Lot 19 or NW1 building. Call Mary at 8410, reward.

For sale: Four Marshall steel belted snow tires. Like new, 86Q 18570SA 14 \$150. Call Al at 736-2332

For sale: 1984 Volvo GLE sdn, silver, sunroof, a/c. Fully loaded, excellent condition, new brakes, exhaust, battery, Yokohama winter tires. \$4800 obo. Call Joe at 433-9879.

For sale: Bushell all-purpose compact telescope, 340 x 60 astronomical, 21" length, Complete with tripod, three lens rotary turret system, moon filter and 3x barlow lens accessory dial. \$125 obo. Call Susan at 432-8868.

For sale: Dining room table and four chairs. Table is white, chairs are white with very cute blue and white flowered cushions. Price negotiable, must sell by Feb. 29. Call Crystal at 524-5597 or 8738.

For sale: Nordic Track skier, basic model. \$300 obo. Call Linda at 985-0622 ext 330, or profs mts13913.

For sale: Single Futon (mattress and frame). Folds into chaise lounge, chair and twin bed. Paid \$270 asking \$90 o.b.o. Call Leslie at 986-7909 or profs ltodd.

For sale: One round brilliant diamond. Weight: .60cts; Grade: VVSI Color: F. Appraisal value \$6500 will sell at \$4500. No problem reappraisal. Phone 434-4814 and leave message.

For sale: 1985 Olds '98. Great body and interior, power everything. Your chance to acquire an oldie but a goodie. Asking \$ 2250. Call Donna at 8515.

For sale: Ski equipment: ladies Nordica rear entry boots, size 23.5; Rossignol 175 skies with bindings and ski poles. New equipment \$250 for all Call 434-4814.



Wanted: Musicians to form a band. Bass/drums/vocals need others to have fun and make music and the occasional gig. Call Mike at 8699 or 599-9424.

For sale: Roll top desk, stained dark, six drawers, good condition, 15 years, \$150 obo; 2-14" radial snow tires on rims, good condition, three years old, \$60 obo; "Get fit" manual low impact stir climber with hydraulic cylinder, excellent condition, \$100 obo; "Alpine tracker" cross country ski machine, rarely used, cost \$400 asking \$200 obo; Antique 3/4 brass bed \$250 obo. Call Diane at 8254.

Wanted: Carpoolers (riders) from Abbotsford and Aldergrove to Burnaby starting March 1. Call Lorna 8357.

Looking for your support

Physical Plant's Joseph Little is collecting donations towards a trust fund for Jordy Marcia, a four-year old Surrey boy who has been waiting for a heart transplant in an Ontario hospital for more than three weeks. Little, who is very close to Jordy's parents, says that any small donation would be appreciated. Little can be contacted at 8705. Jordy Marcia's story was published in the Province on Jan. 31.

1996 - Year of the Census

1996 is a Census Year for Canadians. Our national census takes place only once every five years, making the 1996 Census the last one this century. On Tuesday, May 14th, 1996, you'll have the opportunity to participate in Canada's next national Census of Population.

The responses on your census questionnaire are grouped with responses from other census questionnaires and provide detailed information about the economic, social and demographic conditions and

trends in Canada. This information is used to plan important public services, such as transportation, health and social services, day care, housing, fire and police protection, and employment and training programs.

The results of the 1996 Census will help guide Canada into the 21st century. Help make Canada's next census a success. Count yourself in on Census Day, Tuesday, May 14th, 1996.

—from Statistics Canada

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