



A Newsletter for the BCIT Community
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Convocation 92: the highlights

Convocation ceremonies are a mix of pomp and circumstance, tears and joy, long speeches and sore backs, beginnings and endings. And this year's BCIT convocation ceremonies were no exception.

Thousands of friends and family members witnessed just over 1,200 students receive their certificates and diplomas during four separate ceremonies June 17-19.

Some of the highlights included the standing ovation offered to Peter Legge, the president of Canada Wide Magazines who gave a keynote address to the School of Business using the story of David and Goliath and the five stones.

Then there was the acceptance speech of Louise Routledge, a mathematics instructor, who was the recipient of the School of Engineering Technology's Distinguished Achievement Award.

Many remember the BCIT Top Ten List by Sean Fitzsimmons in his valedictory speech to the School of Business along with other speeches from Broadcast Communication's Tracie Clark, Power Engineering's Jason Little, Occupational Health and Safety's Chris Knox and Civil and Structural's Graham Watson.

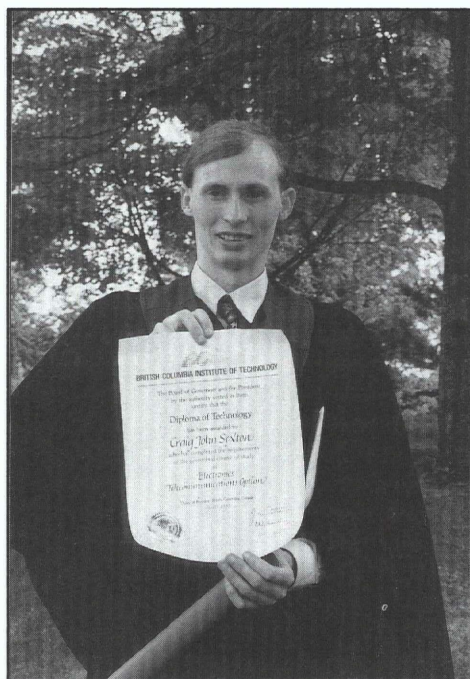
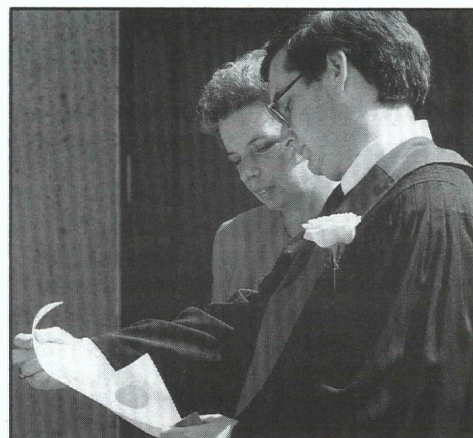
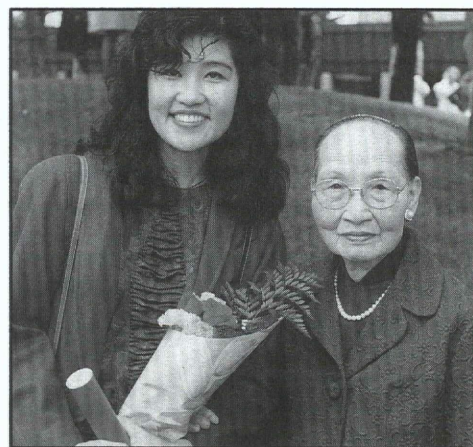
Best dressed award goes to Phil Goulet, an Electronics Technology grad who wore his RCMP uniform to receive his diploma. Phil is heading back to his job in Montreal where he hopes to work in surveillance.

The most emotional moment was when parents of Building Technology's Rudy Stadig accepted the diploma on behalf of their son who had died tragically just prior to convocation.

George Bedwell's singing of "O Canada" was great as usual but we wonder how so many people can sing along so quietly.

And who can forget vision impaired Angus MacKinnon, the winner of the Board of Governor's Citizenship award, and his steady climb to the podium to receive his award.

Terry Jorden
Media Relations



The heavy equipment group keeps Sea Island moving



From left: Charles Torrey, Bill Raymond, Jasveer Ghuman and Darren Shmels.

Aviation has received a donation of a 1950 Clark Truckster (mule) from CP Air. This unit was badly needed by Sea Island who had to use "student power" to move many of their planes. This was the answer if only it was running. The Heavy Equipment Group was asked if they could help. Students in Commercial Transport took on the project under the watchful eye of their instructor Keith Whitter.

The unit was checked over by four of Keith's students: John Meyer, Dana Traff, Manpreet Grewal and Tim Richards. They found the propane system missing, the engine compression very low, no brakes, missing lights and the electrical system in extremely bad shape.

These students did about 75% of all the repairs to the unit including changing the electrical system from 6V to 12V. The biggest problem they had was the unit was powered by a 6 cylinder Chrysler Ace flathead engine with a broken camshaft. Several of our suppliers looked but could not find a replacement cam and we finally obtained one from a antique car dealer for \$75.

The class had changed by now and three new students had to finish the job. They are Jasveer Ghuman, Bill Raymond and Darren Shmels, and after checking it out, they presented the keys to Charles Torrey of Aircraft Maintenance.

Power Engineering receives ASTTBC technician accreditation



From left: Peter Vatcher and Fred Williamson.

Peter Vatcher, representing the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of British Columbia, presents a certificate of accreditation to Fred Williamson, chairman of the Power Engineering Program Advisory Committee June 3. An accreditation team visited BCIT in May of 1991 to assess the application. The team suggested that the program could receive the higher technologist accreditation if the program objectives and curriculum were revised as suggested.

Congratulations to the Nursing program

The Registered Nurses Association of B.C. recently reviewed our nursing program and it passed with flying colors.

The Education Approval Committee of the RNABC gave its seal of approval to the program for the next five years.

"On behalf of the Association I wish to thank the faculty and staff at BCIT for their cooperation and assistance during the review, especially since this was the first review of your program under the revised process," said RNABC executive director Pat Cutshall in a letter to John Watson.

"The report to the Educational Approval Committee, the site visit to your campus, and the attendance of program faculty at the committee meeting all contributed to a successful review," she said.

*From Terry Jorden
Media Relations*

BCIT initiates Dean's honor roll

Fifty-five first and second-year students from around the province attending BCIT were named to the Dean's Honor Roll during convocation on June 19.

The Dean's Honor Roll is a prestigious award for those students who attained a term grade point average of 90% or higher or had a first-class standing with the highest grade point average in their program.

This is the first year BCIT has honored its top students in this way. Only students in the School of Engineering Technology were eligible for the honor roll this year.

In future all BCIT students will be eligible for recognition of high academic achievement following each term.

*From Terry Jorden
Media Relations*



Registrar's office recognition for service 10, 15 and 25 years service awards. (from left) Jeri Fastvelt, George Brown, Grethe Holmsten, Carole Gabbs, Anna Dosen, Doreen Olson, Carole Bailey, Mario Mazziotti, Carrie MacGregor, Michelle Philippe, Dawna MacKay, Jean Romanisson, Carol Urquhart, Kim Seward, Robyn Marsh, Elmer Beck, Gerry Moss.

Telephone tips ... from the Customer Service Committee

A caller begins to measure the quality of an organization before they hear a voice by the number of rings it takes to get an answer. The next impression comes with the voice that they hear.

Here are some guidelines for answering the phone:

1. Four answering courtesies

- Greet the caller
- State the name of the organization or department
- Introduce yourself
- Offer your help

Example:

Good morning, Accounting, Kelly speaking. (May I help you?)

2. Be enthusiastic when you answer. Help make the calling party feel welcome.

A tired voice lacking in enthusiasm is **unappealing and boring!**

3. Remember to smile as you pick up the receiver. Tape the word "smile" on your receiver.

4. Never eat or drink while talking. If your mouth is full when the telephone rings, wait a few seconds before answering.

5. When you place a caller on hold to answer another line, ask the caller for permission and wait for an answer.

From the Customer Awareness Committee



BCIT/BCGEU support staff bargaining team participated in a signing ceremony for the revised collective agreement on May 28, 1992. Copies of the new collective agreement should be available for distribution within the next month or so. (from left) Joe Whitman, Michelle Philippe, Janice Baldry, Rick Schaeffer, John Shields, Susan Ney, Gil Moore, John Watson, Bob McKenzie, Kathleen Bach, Duke Dukowski and Hanne Logan.

Royal Sealink Promotion

Royal Sealink Express, the downtown Vancouver to downtown Victoria alternative to B.C. ferries, has a promotion underway. If you buy one adult return (or one way) ticket you can take a friend or family member free. The value of this promotion is \$48 (return ticket) or \$28 (one way ticket).

That's the good news. The bad news is that the promotion is only valid until July 5, 1992.

BCIT has been allotted a number of these promotional coupons, so if you're thinking of visiting Victoria in the next 2-3 weeks and want to save some money, you can pick up a coupon from Judy Lien (8423).



Hanne Logan

New OLA/BCIT B.Tech degree in Technology Management

The academic council of Open University approved this degree proposal on June 11. It now goes to their board for ratification; this is normally a formality.

The package is BCIT (or equivalent) 2-year diploma in Engineering Technology, plus BCIT advanced diploma in Technology Management, plus 15 units of lower level english, humanities and social science subjects. The degree is a B.Tech.

This degree option will be open to all grads from engineering technology diploma programs in the country that are recognized or accredited professionally. They will have to complete the ADP component at BCIT.

Congratulations go to Sandy McGechaen and Lu Curran for a great job of preparing this proposal and shepherding it through the OLA approval process. We have 40 students already taking courses in the ADP program.



These students developed an Evolutionary Newspaper Layout program for The Real Estate Weekly. The program is an expert system which helps produce an optimal ad layout for the newspaper in an attractive and efficient way. (from right) Kevin Lee, Meghan Hope and Sean Kim smile for the camera. Paula Lippert was also on the team but not in the picture. Awards to dozens of student projects were handed out June 3.



School of Engineering Technology student Lai Truong demonstrates his octopus trap to Technology Centre's Norman Street during the student project awards presentations June 3. The plastic octopus trap is more resistant to cracking and damage than conventional wooden traps.

BCIT Slogans

Many thanks to all of you who submitted over 200 suggestions for our BCIT Theme "contest". The Marketing Sub-Committee had a difficult time short-listing the submissions but the following eight emerged as favourites. The short-list will now be researched among students and, hopefully, a winner will emerge.

- 1.BCIT:Where employers look first
- 2.BCIT:Our graduates work
- 3.BCIT:Training for the real world
- 4.BCIT:First choice. First class.
- 5.BCIT:Knowledge that works
- 6.BCIT:Credentials for success
- 7.BCIT:For the career of your life
- 8.BCIT:For job-ready graduates

Honourable Mentions:

BCIT: It works

BCIT: Practically, the best

BCIT: Building careers, serving industry

We tried to be fair in matching these themes with your submissions. In some instances your ideas stimulated others and if they are included in the above list, then we have awarded you a prize. If we have overlooked one of your submissions or if you feel your idea merits a second-look, please contact Judy Lien (8423).

Short-list Winners:

Graham Anderson, Henry Arthur, George Brown, Ron Budd, Gary Clifton, Karen Cope, Lynn Field, Dave Helgesen, Craig Larmen, Andrea Labe, Donna MacDuff, Denise Nordin, Val Plavan, Bruce Sandy, Bill Sheriff, Rosemary Small, Randy Vandermark

Honourable Mentions:

John Ansell, Graham Beckett, Janice Eden, George Eisler, Randy Friesen, Richard Hallett, Glenn Hardie, Michael Harrison, David Kipling

Winners should contact Judy Lien (8423) to pick up their prize.

Congratulations to all the prize winners!

Apology

Some people were offended at the quote we used from the tabloid Sun newspaper in our contest announcement profs note. We apologize to those of you who found this quote inappropriate.

*From Neil Howard
Marketing & Development*

120 tee-off in annual faculty tourney

The skies were blue and the breeze must have been blowing in Tomi Eeckhout's favor as he posted a highly respectable 60 to easily win the annual BCIT Golf Tournament June 5 at Richmond's Mylora Executive Golf Course.

Brian Curtis, who along with Mark Angelo organized the tournament, came second overall clipping at Eeckhout's heels with a 61.

Elaine Fraser won the women's low gross with a 79 while Dave Beausoleil and Fran Norstrand took the men's and women's low net with 56 and 62 respectively.

Camille Abel came second among the women's low gross with an 80.

Shirley Condor and Keith Hartley won the women's and men's closest to the pin honors while Robyn Harcott recorded the women's longest drive.

The men's longest drive went unclaimed because the longest drive was right off the fairway.

*From Terry Jorden
Media Relations*



One of the 30 teams in the annual golf tournament, (from left) Debbie Saxby, Dave Lewis, Guy Johnson and Pavlos Paleologue.

Congratulations to June 12th's Drive for 500 bonus draw winners!

Our \$250 winner is Michael Jervis, Associate Dean, Electronics Technology. Bill Tupper, Survey and Mapping, won the \$500 prize, and our \$1000 winner(s) are Robin Piercey, Anne Dosen and Trudy Handel all in Broadcast Communications.

Congratulations to you all. Our next draw will be September 4 for \$500. The final draw will be September 18 when the grand prize draw of \$2000 will complete the lottery. Stay tuned for information on next year's lottery.

Have a great summer!

*From Jim Mitchell
Family Campaign Chair*

*We wish you all
a great summer!*

From the Update team

*Ronaye Ieland Mary Bason
Mary Murray Terry Jorden*

*We'll be back on September 17 with
our next issue of Update.
The deadline for articles is September 9.
See you then!*





1993 Retirement Planning Seminars

The Superannuation Commission will be hosting pre-retirement planning seminars in Vancouver on May 11, 12, June 12, 13 and November 25, 26, 1993. These seminars are open to contributors to any of our pension plans (College, Municipal and Public Service) aged 53 or over. The sessions will include an individual pension estimate and will prepare the individual for all areas of retirement.

Individuals under the age of 53 have the opportunity to attend a one-day Financial Planning Seminar, hosted by the Superannuation Commission, on January 14, 15, May 13, 14 and November 23, 24, 1993. These are designed to give individuals information on their pension plans as well as other financial avenues to prepare for their futures.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Colleen Goose (8596) or Marilyn Duggan (8896) in Personnel/Employee Relations to obtain an application form. There is no charge for either seminar. Note that the seminars fill up quickly.

Hedy Pevecz

We are sad to report that Hedy Pevecz passed away June 20 at Lions' Gate Hospital. Hedy was a much admired member of the Business School faculty.

We are planning to create a memorial award in Hedy's name. Please contact the Dean's office for more information.

From Michael Harrison
School of Business

Welcome aboard

International Education is pleased to welcome its newest team member Linda Howard. Linda has extensive background in the secretarial, administrative and personnel fields, and has been an auxiliary at BCIT in a variety of departments since mid-1991. Providing support to the International Education project staff, Linda joins a team of professionals dedicated to acquiring and implementing projects for BCIT around the world.

From Marianne Gottfried
International Education

Library overdue notices for staff

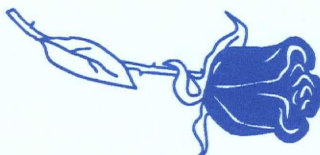
We have revised the overdue notices for faculty and staff. Now if you wish to renew overdue library materials, simply circle the item(s) on the notice and return it to the library circulation department. You no longer have to bring back overdue materials to the library for renewal. We hope this change would allow us to provide better service for you.

From Paula Pick
Library

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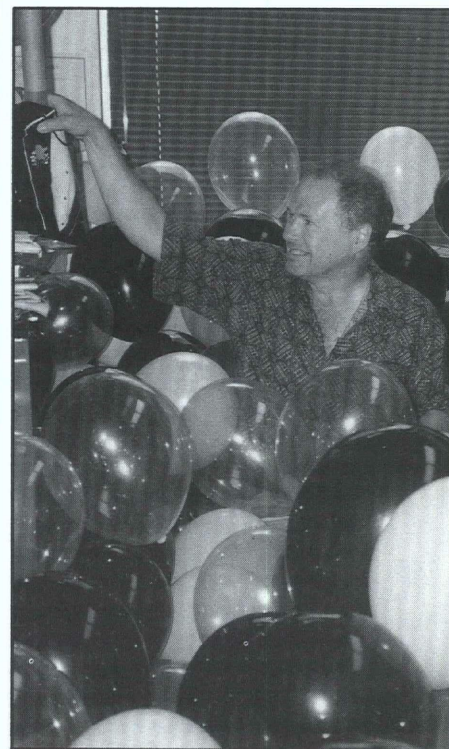
Wanted: A cabin to rent for two or three weeks in September. Anywhere around the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, or Sunshine Coast and region. Nothing fancy. Terry local 8798 or 526-5584.

For Sale: a freezer, 18 cubic feet, \$75; colonial lamps, 2, one table \$35, and one floor w/table, \$50; headboard, gold velvet, \$20; computer table, corner unit, \$60; solid oak w/pedestal base dining room table, \$500; matching chairs, 5 w/1 captain chair replicas, \$75/ea; entertainment centre, w/glass door & drawers, \$65. Call Lynne Gameau 8656.



Bob Roy's big 50

On June 1, 1992, Rob Roy celebrated (!) his 50th birthday. Colleagues and friends redecorated his office for the day! Lang may yrum reek!



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