

## Convocation this week

BCIT's new year Convocation for graduates of the General Nursing and Electrical programs will take place at 4 p.m. on January 9.

Keynote speaker for the nurses will be Dr. Thelma Sharp Cook, Chairman, Board of Directors, B.C. Health Association.

Keynote speaker for the Electrical grads will be Dr. Basil Peters of Nexus Engineering, who is himself a graduate of the Electrical program.

The ceremony will take place at the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver.

## MURRAY VISITS ASIA THIS MONTH

President Murray will be strengthening BCIT's ties in Taipei, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Lota Kinabalu, Singapore, Bangkok and Beijing this month. He leaves January 12 and returns to Vancouver on February 8.

## Personnel relocates to new offices

The PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS SERVICES DEPARTMENT moved just before Christmas and is now located in the newly renovated ground floor of the J.W. Inglis Building, Room 101.

## New deputy minister appointed

The new deputy minister to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training is Isabel Kelly. Mrs. Kelly, formerly deputy minister of Women's Programs with the Ministry of Labour, replaces John Dewey in the new Ministry. She was recently a guest of BCIT at the Sea Island graduation ceremonies where she presented the Top Student Award in aircraft maintenance.



## Library improves DOBIS

THE LIBRARY INSTALLED A NEW VERSION OF DOBIS OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK. MOST OF THE CHANGES WILL BE INVISIBLE TO THE USER, BUT IN THE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE YOU WILL NOTICE:

- an improved display of bibliographic information;
- immediate location information;
- loan status of the item.

## Promo brochures and folders now available

Smart new BCIT presentation folders and brochures have arrived from the printers and are available from Community Relations in the south west corner of the Administration Building.

The folders are printed on coated silver stock, with blue lettering and an embossed logo in the lower right hand corner. The brochures, also in silver, feature four colour pictures of various campus activities.

Brochures are free, but folders are being cross charged in quantities of 100 at 50¢ each.

Orders may be placed with MARY BACON, local 8656.

**The President Discusses  
Proposed Educational  
Structure . . . see January  
issue of Connection, due  
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## Bioengineering instructor joins BCIT

An instructor for BCIT's new Bioengineering Program has arrived on campus and is busy preparing for the Winter/Spring term.

TESH AKALEHIWOT holds a B.Sc. in Chemistry and Biology, an M.Sc. in Microbiology and a Ph.D in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry. He has worked for the Alberta Heritage for Medical Research at the University of Waterloo and was a consultant to the AC Biotechnology Co. before coming to BCIT. A truly international traveler, Tesh obtained his bachelors degree from Ethiopia, his masters degree from Norway and his Ph.D in Canada. He came to Canada from his native Ethiopia in 1970.

Bioengineering students who have been taking a common first term with the other two sets in Biological Sciences, will start their studies in bioengineering over the next three terms.



## Chinese poster confounds

NYET NOISINSKI; ACHTUNG, SPEIKEN VERBOTEN; SILENCIO; FERMEZ LA BOUCHE -- these were the types of signs displayed in the hallways of the 1A building recently.

These signs, erected by an anonymous forestry instructor (who came in second during this year's tomato growing contest), proved to be very effective while his students wrote their exams.

Apparently an amusing anecdote occurred while the signs were on display. A distinguished looking visitor to the campus - a Chinese gentleman - stopped at one of the signs and shook his head. The forestry instructor is still wondering just what it was he said on the Chinese poster.



You weren't really going to eat all those cookies were you?

## SANTA VISITS BOARD OF GOVERNORS RECEPTION



A surprise visit from the old man himself made the annual Board of Governors reception on December 17 a truly festive occasion. The bearded gentleman, who handed out candy, hugged the women and shook hands with the men, is rumoured to have close ties with former Food Training Centre employee Keith Thomas. The usual fine array of tempting delicacies was provided for staff by Tony Spatzl and his staff.

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SANTA AND FRIEND

