Annual General Meetingand ELECTION of Officers

November 5, 1981 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

In the PVI Conference Room, 3650 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby, BC

Nominations accepted in advance and from the floor at the meeting. Nominees must be members in good standing of the Alumni Association of BCIT.

All association members are invited to attend and vote for the 1981/82 Board of Directors.

Positions open include: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Two Engineering reps, Two Health Reps, and Two Business Reps.

For more information please call Don Wright, President, c/o 434-5734 local 757.



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President announces AGM and Election

November 5 is the date of the second Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers for the Alumni Association of BCIT. According to President Don Wright, nominations for each of the ten Board positions—and two Educational Council seats will be accepted 'right up until the election for that position is held that night.'

Positions open are: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and two representatives from each of the Health, Engineering, and Business Divisions. Also open are two positions on the Educational Council, one for an Engineering Rep, and one for a Health Rep. Nominees for Board positions must be members in good standing of the BCIT Alumni Association.

'Some of the current Board

'Some of the current Board members are running again I understand, although I have chosen not to this time around,'

said Wright. 'I hope to remain active on some association committees, however.'

Both the President and the

Both the President and the Treasurer, Debbie Cull, will give reports at the meeting, afterwhich motions and/or proposed

changes to the constitution will be dealt with, if there are any. Elections will follow.

'I trust graduates will recognize the the need for a strong alumni association at BCIT, and become actively involved,' said

Wright.

At present, the association has about 1000 members, and hopes to increase that to 15,000 by 1986. To date there have been approximently 17,000 graduates.

Staff changes

A number of management appointments and resignations have taken place at BCIT over the past few months.

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The position of vice president, Institute Resources and Developments, formerly held by J. Dale Michaels, has been assumed by Ken MacKeracher, and Lois Spindler, who resigned as director of Personnel/Labor Relations in July, has been replaced by Jim Mercer and Eileen Stewart. Mercer becomes acting director of personnel and Stewart, acting director of labor felations.

Since July 1, the position of dean of business, vacated by Ernie lannacone, has been held by the newly appointed Dr. John Kyle. lannacone will now be

teaching in the Financial Management Department. Randy Vandermark becomes

Randy Vandermark becomes head of Marketing, Al Nichols head of Health Engineering Services and Grace Camden will be acting head of Medical Laboratory while Joan Blair is on leave. Lars Larsson joins BCIT to head up a new program in the Health Division called Occupational Health and Safety.

Craig Greenhill, also new to BCIT, becomes director of Institute Planning and Development while Nora Andrew assumes responsibility as director, Institute Budgets and Analysis. Ron Siddaway continues as acting director of Computer Resources.

Two long-term members of the BCIT Board of Governors were honored at last week's meeting

following their retirement.
Dr. Donald Rix, chairman, presented John Leech and Joe Whitehead with certificates honoring them for five years service with the Board. A Board bylaw forces retirement after five years.

John Leech, a BCIT graduate and one of the first students to win a double diploma, is now executive director of the Society of Engineering Technologists of B.C.

Joe Whitehead, publisher of the Journal of Commerce, was also honored for his service to the board.

"I regret that the bylaws prohibit further appointment," said Dr. Rix. 'Both have made tremendous contributions to the quality of the Board and they will be sadly missed.'

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The Board of Governors accepted the resignation of Sid

New BOG representative

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representative.
Four new members of the board attended the first meeting of the new academic year. They are: Keith Yorston, chairman of Q.M. Industries Limited, Prince George, appointed from the community at large; E.V. (Ted) Hird, executive vice-president of

A.E.L. Microtel Limited, Burnaby, representing the advisory group of the Engineering Division; Henry Bow, Senior vice-president (International) Bank of B.C., elected by the BCIT Alumni Association; Harold Shand, Administrative Management student elected by the students



Henry Bow is the new Board of Governors rep for the alumni of BCIT.

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Discovery Fair 81

BCIT will be among the 23 exhibitors at Discovery Fair/81 to be held at Robson Square Media Centre from October 23 to October 30 inclusive.

This year's theme is 'Application of Automation and Communication in British Communication in British Columbia'. The official opening will take place Friday, October 23 at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Patrick L.

Science and Communication.

Admission to the fair is free to the general public and the hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday

A list of names and locations f exhibitors is available from Dave Jones, Special Events Coordinator, Trailer 2V.

Station approved

Approval for a radio station licence for BCIT has been given formal approval by the federal government regulating body.

Broadcast department Lundy Sanderson said station, likely to be designated CFMR and available at 650 on the AM band, will be an excellent training facility for broadcast 'I expect we will be on the air by the end of the year,' said San-derson. 'Our format will-run to music, news, features, and campus sports coverage with tran-smission available to reception on AM radios on campus.

Sanderson will head the station committee while Terry Garner and Brian Antonson will be the operational managers.

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DEVELOPMENTS

Developments is published by the BCIT Public Relations Department.

The Educational Council announces a special meeting on Thursday, October 29, 1981, devoted to hearing submissions and debating the Draft of the **BCIT Response to the Task Force on Technological Training Recommen**dations to the Minister.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to make written or verbal presentations and to participate at this meeting.

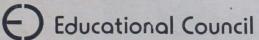
For more information, attend a question and answer period on Tuesday, October 20 in the BCIT Boardroom from 1430 to 1700 hours. Some members of Council and the administration will be present. Extra copies of the draft are availble in the reference sec-

Or call Patricia Maertz or Pat McSherry at local 676 or 865

Time of Special meeting: 1830 to 2130

Place: Staff Dining Room, Food

Training Centre Date: October 29, 1981



BCIT 'a unique institution'

Smith has made it official: The Technology Act (BCIT) remains

Since the passage of the College and Institute Act three years ago, BCIT has maintained that it is a unique institution that, because of its differences, should operate under its own act, which it has had since 1974.
In a report released this

summer Education Minister summer Education Minister
Smith Deals with the
organization of the postsecondary system based on
extensive studies and tours
made throughout the province since he became minister. The report reads:

provincial

the authority of the College and Institute Act, the British Columbia Institute of Technology operates under the Institute of Technology Act.
BCIT is a unique institution in
British Columbia, providing
much of the specialized much of the specialized technological training needed to support the province's growing industries. Given uniqueness, it is my intention to maintain a separate Institute of Technology Act.'

The minister says at the same time, that BCIT is part of the college and institute system and that its services will continue to be coordinated with those of the institutes

special committee studying the future role of BCIT will 'Advise me on the effectiveness of me on the effectiveness of existing relationships between BCIT and other colleges and institutes. The committee will also advise me on BCIT's proposal to extend some programs to the post-diploma and degree level. and degree level.

President Gordon Thom said he was delighted that the minister had taken the position outlined in the education report.

Both the administration boards past and present have advocated retention of the BCIT Act and I am most pleased the minister supports that view, Thom said.

\$9.8m needed to bring BCIT equipment up to date

If BCIT gets the \$9.8m it has requested from the Ministry for updating capital equipment, 'it will place BCIT at the forefront of technological institutions Canada,' says Dean Engineering Bob Mason

BCIT formed the Capital Update Committee in 1980 as the result of discussions with the Ministry on the need to replace and update laboratory teaching equipment that had become obsolete, outmoded or broken down. The Committee formally wrapped up its findings at the end of June this year and the study is now in the hands of Assistant Deputy Minister, Dr.

Grant Fisher.

The Ministry made a commitment in 1980 to support

BCIT in its submission to the Treasury Board for up to \$8m in debentured capital. Mason points out that the final figure of \$9.8m reflects the inflationary trend since 1979.

'Assuming an inflationary rate of 10 per cent, which is very conservative, the \$8m we originally asked for becomes \$9.7 in 1981. So in fact the original estimate made in 1979 and our latest estimate support each other.

'It is significant to note,' he added 'that each department at BCIT made their requests for equipment independently and no limits were put on how much could be asked for.'
The Committee's

recommends that the \$9.8m be

spent over a period of three years and allotments to divisions break down as follows.

> Engineering Division: \$4.7 Health Division: \$2.2 Business Division: \$1.3 Core Division: \$800,000 Interdivisions: \$800,000

Mason says he is encouraged by the fact that two Ministry studies (the Task Force on Technological Training in Engineering, Health Sciences and Related Fields and the to consiliration Technological Committee Extending Technological Training Beyond Two Years at BCIT) have both recommended that BCIT receive an infusion of capital to update its capital

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Research and Development at BCIT

by James Armstrong

General Motors and IBM spend more on research and development than Canada does as a nation. Countries like Finland and Greece spend as much or more than we do. But within the next ten years, the 'ery woods surrounding our campus will become the home of capital-intensive hightechnology R and D industry in the form of the Discovery Park now nearing completion.

The 85 acre site stretches om the old Cascades Theatre by Gilmore east to within 100 metres of Willingdon and BCIT. The first building to be finished, planned for January 1982, is wholly owned by the Discovery Foundation and will be a multitenant facility leased out to private research organizations.

The Discovery Foundation vas established by the provincial government to strengthen the economic base of B.C. by "encouraging scientific and technological research directed

identification. recovery, conservation and utilization of energy and non-renewable resources." To do that, sites are also planned at U. Vic., SFU, and UBC to further maximize the inter-twining of creative thought from the academic world, with that of private enterprise.

High technology operations rely on technical and scientific expertise to apply their skills to produce a knowledge-intensive product such as a sophisticated, custom component or engineering design, to name only two. R and D industries are traditionally clean ones environmentally and the Board of Trustees of Discovery Park have established several restrictions for prospective tenants to en-sure that. Leaseholders' oper ations must not involve products designed for the destruction of human life nor can they get into wholesale product manufac-

Harley Kelsey is the

Discovery Parks, Inc., and over-sees the promotion of the Park to interested R and D firms. He feels such a venture by the government is vital to both government is vital to both educational institutes and the economy; (without Discovery Parks) ... "students will be unem Discovery ployed like crazy...they'll all go down to the States for jobs. We must get downstream processing...it can have a tremendous effect on local economies." economies

The Vice-President of Educa-tion at BCIT, Mr. Drug Svetic, spoke of the benefits of being closely allied to high technology. "Let's say they had a first-rate researcher in micro-electronics across the way. That would be a definite plus and benefit to our faculty. To hear seminars, to be close so that it's easy to visit and see what's going on; industries that would be hiring our graduates could see that BCIT and Discovery Parks have come up with whatever this new thing is and those students who have graduated there have been exposed to it; they're close to it—
they understand what's going
on. Like people from M.I.T. or
Stanford, you're associated with a high-technology, a high quality kind of product. It spins off and adds to the quality and acceptance of BCIT as a unique and very meaningful technological institution to have a Discovery

Parks attached to it. Without it, we wouldn't have the same prestige in those circles."

Eventually, the park will be composed of three clusters of four buildings each. MacMillan Bloedel will be constructing one of their own on the site, to bring together all of their Park D. together all of their R and D people under one roof. MB's Research Manager, Mr. Tony French, feels things can only improve once they get their new building. "We're working actively with faculty and students right now...people on committees

plus our summer pulp and paper program." (With the new building)...being in such close proximity we expect to again improve on our depth of relationship with BCIT...right now we have at least thirty graduates working at our R and D centre at

working at our Hailu Deeline at Rupert and Broadway."

Although MB is locked into building at Discovery Parks, they will be delaying in the ground-breaking. Mr. French said, "We've just about finished the detailed annineering, then it will detailed engineering, then it will be put on hold. As Mr. Knudsen (Chairman of the Board at MB) recently related in his Wall Street Journal interview, we are putting many items on hold and saving money on capital invest-ments." When asked what priority the new R and D project had, Mr. French said, "The priority is not really relevant at the moment; it has a reasonably high priority but the economy of the forest industry is the biggest factor at this time

Knudsen expects the downthrough the '80's, so their Discovery Park site could easily lay fallow until late in this

Students benefitting the most from the Discovery Park will be those in Engineering, Micro-Electronics and Forestry but more than just technical expertise is needed to maximize the returns. Mr. Svetic said other operations have expressed the concern that, "you need a strong

business technology available if this thing (an R and D park) is going to work...because you need the technocrats...people to do the business components; the marketing and ad-ministration of this industry as it spins off. Just straight technology on its own isn't going to work.

Consequently, business students may be able to join in a project and supply ad-ministrative know-how to assist a product other BCIT students helped bring about.

source would name organizations considering oc-cupancy in the building pictured above but local biotechnological and micro-electronics operations are most likely to make up some of the future tenants. The actual firms leasing the space should be known by mid-November when arrange for special con siderations such as independent filtration or special energy supplies, to be built into their leased accommodations.



Network 'gone'

by D.J. Hauka

Knowledge Network leaves BCIT soon without much fanfare or regret. The network leaves for its new studio at UBC in a move that both parties view

in a move that both parties view with mixed feelings.

'There were attractions at BCIT,' said Dave Roach, Knowledge Network Operations Manager. 'There was easy access to broadcast facilities and the provincial media centre.'

But Bosch said in the end the

But Roach said in the end, the final decision was based on the ledger. UBC, Roach said, came up with a better offer. When the contract with BCIT runs out in October, Knowledge will pack its bags and leave three part-time students out of work. All that will be left is an originating point to

plug into the network.

Bill Robertson, the head of Distance Education, doesn't see the move as a loss. In fact, he says, it may work out in BCIT's

favor.

If they (Knowledge) had stayed here, they would have been taking up valuable space,' says Robertson, 'It may be to our advantage because we will still access without space limitations.

Robertson said BCIT still hasn't finally decided what its relationship with the Knowledge Network is. A committee headed by Brian Gillespie, Dean of Health, is currently trying to come to a decision on that topic.

BCIT's involvement with nowledge Network started in 1979, when the institute was contracted to provide facilities for the Anik B experiment. Anik B laid the foundations for Knowledge Network by proving distance education was a viable

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Nursing cuts

by Richard Konwick

BCIT's general nursing program is being chopped in half, despite concerns that British Columbia is not producing enough nurses to meet the demand.

As part of this year's budget, the operation uses or correct pursing program was

the general nursing program was assigned a low priority. That means funds will not be provided for any more than 34 students..half the past total.

Pat Cutshall, acting executive director of the Registered Nurses' Association of BC, says the province is not producing enough nurses now. 'BC used to produce one third of its own RNs but last year it was only 25 per cent,' she said.

Cutshall said when the nurses' association learned of the cutback in June they indicated to the government that they considered it a very serious

Cutshall said 'the BCIT decision is not going to help the

Dr. Don Rix, chairman of the BCIT Board of Care BCIT Board of Governors, defends BCIT's action. He says BCIT is following the course set by Victoria. 'BCIT is moving into

a more high tech role,' Rix said. Rix said the Board Governors was concerned about the possible reduction in nurses that would result if BCIT dropped the program and other schools did not pick up the

'There is no doubt that medicine is a cornerstone of humanity,' Rix said. He also said the Board of Governors did not approve the final cut until they had been assured by the Ministry of Education that other schools would increase their enrolment.

Douglas College will pick up the differences. They will start a new program in April of '82.' Rix

However, the nursing department at Douglas College has no information on any classes starting in April.

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Minister's fall forum results

Education Minister Brian Smith has announced a number of changes in the education system resulting from a province wide series of forums he conducted last fall.

In a report issued recently the minister says that to fill an urgent need expressed at the forums a mandate for the public school system will be prepared. It will set out the tasks of the schools and the roles of participants in the system ministry, school boards and educators and will serve as the basis for the revision of the School Act.

The report also says the minister favors a review of all teacher education programs with a view to including some special education training and some basic preparation in the arts where possible. He would like to see changes in the amount of time given to practical in-the-classroom training, and the establishment of some minimum requirements for continuing teacher certification and upgrading.

and upgrading.

To alleviate some of the difficulties faced by small, rural and northern schools, the report says, all new schools of 150 or more students will be eligible for a full-size gymnasium. Schools with enrolments of 75-125 students will become eligible for a small gymnasium, and schools with 50-75 students will be considered for a small gymnasium where long-range demographic stability is evident. All new schools with a student enrolment of 250 or more will be entitled to a multi-purpose room (for use as either a lunch room or an activity centre).

To further alleviate the problems in rural areas, steps will be taken to encourage teachers to go to small schools, and both the Knowledge Network of the West, which delivers educational TV to remote areas, and the ministry's correspondence education branch, will be asked to develop programs for use in such schools. The Knowledge Network and the Open Learning Institute are being asked to increase their co-operation with each other and with the school boards, colleges and institutes in the province.

In response to forum requests for adequate teaching space for special needs children, the new School Facilities Manual will ensure that it is available in every new school built to accommodate 100 pupils, and that physical access to new buildings will also be ensured. The ministry will encourage school districts to increase the pace of adaptations of old buildings to accomplish the same ends.

same ends.

The report also says the system of special education funding is being reviewed.

Also in the area of the learning disabled, regional educational support centres will be established where severly learning-disabled children can be diagnosed and have individual programs prepared for them. When the children are ready for regular classroom involvement the special program will be returned with them. The first two assessment centres will be in Chilliwack and Kamloops.

Parents must be involved in the decisions made about their children.' Smith says in the report. I propose to provide legal safeguards and encouragement for parental right to appeal local

assessment and placement decisions, possibly before a tribunal whose members would be independent of the people who made the original placement decision.'

In the area of curriculum, all students entering grade 11 in September, 1982, will be encouraged to take a writing course in addition to current English course requirements. The course will be a requirement for some students whose previous achievements show them to be weak in that area.

In addition, a practical course in consumer education will be a requirement for all students to take in either grade 9 or 10. This course will introduce students to the market place. It will deal with investments, financing of purchases, interest rates, personal budgeting and record keeping. It will cover a broad spectrum of consumer rights.

spectrum of consumer rights.

In the area of family life programs, the minister said in his report that although opinions differ on the subject, some very

good family life programs already exist in some districts and that these will be made available on request to other districts through a new provincial curriculum resource centre which is being established as a clearing house for a variety of locally-developed courses.

In addition, the ministry will prepare a model family life program, incorporating the best of the locally-developed courses, which will be available for optional use by school districts by September, 1982.

The report also says that the

The report also says that the number of courses required for graduation will remain at 12, but students will be encouraged to take at least 14.

On parent participation in the school system, the report says the minister 'will be moving in conjunction with school boards to establish parent consultative committees in every school in the province. I recognize that we cannot legislate effective parent involvement but I can think of no

other way to guarantee that administrators and teachers deal with the hopes and aspirations of the parents within their community.'

One of the subjects most

One of the subjects most frequently raised at the forums, the report says, is teacher dissatisfaction with their working conditions. The minister said he opposes strikes and lockouts as a means of determining working and learning conditions, but would

provide consultative mechanisms that will give teachers an input into such policies and practices.

Copies of the report have been mailed to all school districts and school prinicpals, and to persons who made presentations at the forums. Additional copies are available from the Information Services Branch, Ministry of Education, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

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While City College's locations and student numbers were growing, the curriculum was also growing. Majors were added to the Bachelor of Science in Administration degree; they now include: "Accounting, Management, Health Care and Nursing Administration, Legal Administration, and Business Administration. Also instituted was the (PLE) Prior Learning Experience programme, a system whereby students can earn credits for learning gained outside the classroom. Then the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Public Administration degree programmes were added to the curricula, and, new this fall, is the accelerated BSA/MBA programme, for those students with extensive experience in commerce who can maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. This programme will shorten the total time a student is required to remain in the programme. At certain sites, weekend classes were developed in addition to the normal night classes.

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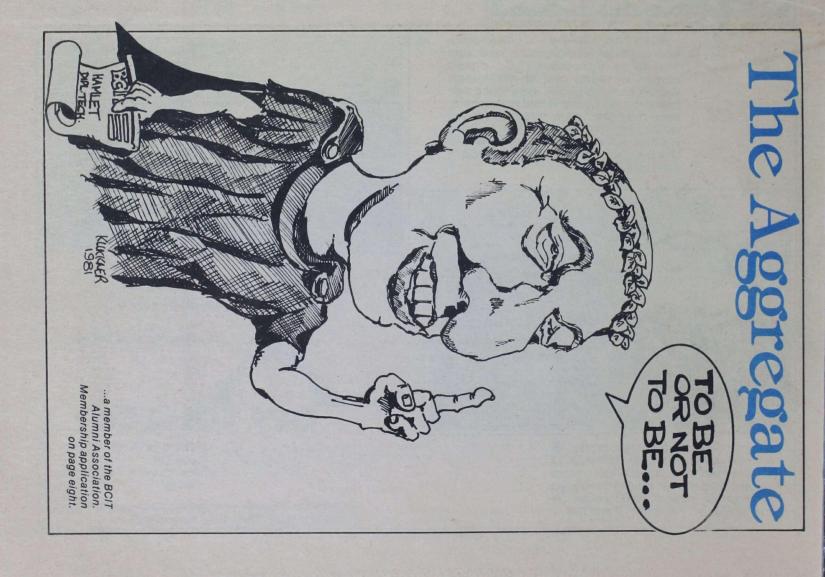
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