



UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE BCIT COMMUNITY

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John Cashore, Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks (left) receives a demonstration on how CFCs are removed from automobile air conditioning systems from Automotive Program Head, Rob MacGregor. The provincial government held a press conference here February 23 to announce new regulations concerning the handling of CFCs which damage the ozone layer.

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DATES AND TIMES

Graduating Awards Ceremonies

Wednesday, June 16

Executive Inn,
Lougheed Highway,
Burnaby

09:00 School of Business

12:30 School of Engineering
Technology

15:30 School of Health Sciences &
School of Electrical and
Electronic Technology

Convocation Ceremonies

Thursday, June 17

Willington Church Conference Centre,
Burnaby

09:30 School of Business

15:30 School of Engineering Technology

Friday, June 18,

Willington Church Conference Centre,
Burnaby

10:00 School of Electrical and
Electronic Technology &
School of Health Sciences

JUNE Graduating Awards and Convocation

English Language Proficiency and Communication Skills Project

This project was not named with its resulting acronym—ELP & CS—in mind. However, its title does accurately reflect, its purpose: to recommend initiatives to enhance the English language proficiency and communication skills of students graduating from two-year diploma programs at BCIT. The ELP & CS Project has taken its direction from three earlier Institute reports:

- *Report of Educational Council's Subcommittee on English Language Proficiency* (June 1991), chaired by Rudy Spence, Communication Department
- *Institute Learning Outcomes: A Discussion Paper* (March 1992) written by Brian Gillespie, VP Education, and Bob Freeman, Director, LRU
- *English Language Proficiency Issues and Policy for Diploma Programs* sent by Brian Gillespie to Educational Council March 1992.

"What level of language proficiency do students need to successfully complete courses at BCIT?"

The ELP & CS Steering Committee met for the first time in late November 1992. Chaired by Kent Yakel, Associate Dean, Academic Studies, the Committee is composed of representatives from educational and administrative areas

across the Institute. It will likely not surprise anyone to learn that this Committee, as its first task, *is talking about* language proficiency and communication skills: defining terms; exploring issues; communicating how these are experienced in different areas of the Institute and evaluating the impact of various approaches.

The Steering Committee has decided that more information would be very helpful in making sound recommendations:

- How well do the existing English/Communication entrance requirements function as predictors of student success at BCIT?
- What level of language proficiency do students need to successfully complete courses at BCIT?
- What level of performance is seen as necessary and/or desirable by employers who hire BCIT students?

To this end, several initiatives have been undertaken. Beatrice Saturley, Keith Inkster (IR&P) and Dave Helgesen, Communication Program Head, are examining the available data from ISIS.

Financial Management is piloting Communication 011, a two-hour a week course set up to run in conjunction with Accounting 2, taught by Roger Cradock, First Year Program Head. In this experimental course, Communication Instructors, Kathy Vance and Dale Fitzpatrick, are helping students acquire the level of language and communication skills needed to master the content of the accounting course.

In addition, several members of the Communication Department, with assistance from Dixie Stockmayer (LRU), are drafting communication learning outcomes and language proficiency levels, to present to employers' focus groups for feedback. A special thanks to the approximately 40 instructors and students across the Institute who are participating in a provincial survey to assess the needs of ESL students in the post-secondary educational system. If you would like to get more information or share your views on any of these or related topics, the members of the ELP & CS Steering Committee are: Kent Yakel (Chair), Karen Cope, Debbe Gervin, Brian Gillespie, Dave Helgesen, Keith Inkster, Val Karpinsky, Rod MacNeill, Derek McLauchlan, Beatrice Saturley, Dixie Stockmayer, Jack Tompkin, and Glenna Urbshadt. Linda Hale reports to the Committee, and Pamela Curtis is Committee Secretary.

EDCO

Marketing students hit the bricks



Twenty BCIT Marketing Management Technology students will hit the bricks March 23 - 25 as part of an annual sales blitz of Lower Mainland travel agencies. As part of the students' work experience, the group will visit numerous travel agencies on behalf of Discover the World Marketing. Anne Davidson, (front centre) manager for the company's B.C., Yukon and NWT region, has worked with BCIT students for several years now.

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BCIT . . .



a heritage campus?

Our downtown address may be changing to 640 West Hastings Street; a heritage building. This location is the former headquarters for CIBC and every indicator is that it is about to become our first permanent downtown campus. The planning timetable would see BCIT opening its new campus in late 1995. This new centre will contain about 90,000 square feet. Initial planning is to secure tenants for areas that will not be needed initially for educational programming. The rental revenue is needed to assist in paying for the new campus.

The focus for our new campus is to demonstrate a strengthening of our training partnerships; professional association linkages; applied research and development; a home for portions of full-time programs, including advanced diplomas and degrees, as well as Part-time Studies. Limited conference facilities are likely for seminars, meetings, receptions, and workshops that are a part of meeting our educational mandate. Your ideas for utilization of this new campus are welcomed! A high priority is being placed on those ideas that meet our educational mandate and provide new sources of revenue to BCIT. Please contact Gordon Farrell with your suggestions.

E.L.I.T.E. '93

Enhancing Learning in a Technological Environment

Educating for the Future

The British Columbia Institute of Technology is holding its first educational conference on March 18 and 19, 1993, at the Executive Inn in Burnaby. The conference theme **Educating for the Future** will showcase instructional innovations both at BCIT and in the community at large.

Registrants will have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of programs and activities. A summary of the program follows.

March 18 19:30

An evening kick-off session will feature Don Doucette as guest speaker. Dr. Doucette is a well-known educator, author and lecturer from California. He will be speaking on the future of community colleges in North America.

A wine and cheese reception will follow.

March 19 09:00 - 10:30

The morning session will start with a panel discussion featuring the following speakers:

- Linda Cranston** -
President & CEO, Richmond Hospital
- Tazeem Nathoo** -
V.P., Van City Credit Union
- Helmut Eppich** -
Chairman & CEO, Ebco Industries
- Tony Tennessey** -
Realty Investment Manager
- John MacDonald** -
Chairman
MacDonald Dettwiler & Assoc.
- Tom Simons** -
President, H.A. Simons

A Q&A session with the audience will follow.

10:45 - 11:45

Following the panel discussion will be the first group of workshops. Sample topics include:

Scenario Based Training for the Unexpected

Educational Technology and Multi-Media

Making Connections: Critical Thinking and Teaching Leadership

13:30 - 14:30

Following lunch the second group of workshops will feature such topics as:

Humor in the Classroom, Video Conferencing, Peer Coaching, Learning Cooperatively with Teams and Quality.

Some workshops will also be repeated from the morning session.

15:00 - 16:00

The final group of workshops will feature:

Using Learning Contracts to Promote Achievement

Transforming Teaching and Learning Using Information Technology

... in addition to repeating topics from the morning and early afternoon.

These workshops involve lecturers not only from BCIT but other institutions in B.C.

During the day on March 19 registrants will also have an opportunity to visit a number of exhibits demonstrating laser disks, presentation software, interactive video and more.

The registration fee is:

	Before March 1	After March 1
BCIT Employees:	\$50.00	\$60.00
Others:	\$75.00	\$85.00

Copies of the registration package may be obtained from Gail Mitchell, Assistant to the Vice President Education. Call Gail at 432-8730 or Fax: 434-6243.

This is a wonderful opportunity for faculty and staff to mingle and participate in an exchange of ideas on educational issues. Register before the March 1 deadline.

Kyle Creek Project



Like a duck on a lake—placid above the water and paddling like heck below—the Kyle Creek project involved more than meets the eye. For most of the campus community, the project involved dredging out the creek near the SAC building. But for Physical Plant and Project Manager, Keith Walker, the project involved widening a walkway into a combination walkway/bikeway connecting up to a Burnaby-wide trail system. Lighting was increased and the area was landscaped. Underground, a better parking lot drainage system

was created to prevent run-off into the creek. In the area between the SAC and the tennis courts, better lighting was installed, drainage pipes laid and the whole area was landscaped. A brick sidewalk and attractive railings were placed near the pond and on two bridges crossing the creek. And even at the south end of the campus where the creek enters the campus, the outfall was cleaned out and improved. And, as everyone hoped, ducks still call the creek home.

Terry Jorden, Media Relations

BCIT Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department busy at GIS'93

The GIS department had a hectic week February 15 - 18 at GIS'93—the annual Geographic Information Symposium held in Vancouver.

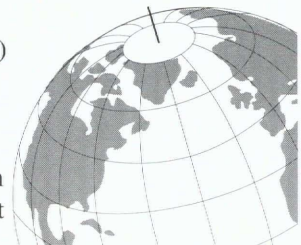
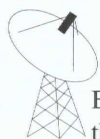
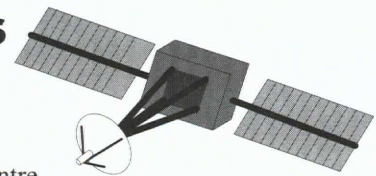
Jonathan Candy presented a paper, the results of a BCIT GIS project, which investigated using GIS to promote high technology in B.C. The project work was funded by the Science Council of B.C. and the NRCC; project management was

provided by the BCIT Technology Centre.

Sheila Churchill held a poster session showing GIS industry-sponsored student projects.

Ross Miller and Norman Shaw (Forestry) both chaired conference sessions.

GIS students assisted at all conference sessions, workshops and staffed the BCIT booth. There was a great deal of interest in BCIT GIS part-time and full-time courses at the BCIT booth.



VOICE MAIL: out with the old and in with the new

BC Tel's Octel voice mail system is installed and hundreds of BCIT employees are already using the system.

Gloria Mattie, the systems administrator, estimates that about 300 people at the Burnaby and Kaslo campuses have taken user training sessions and more are trained every day.

"Things have been going very well so far," she said. "In Engineering Technology Part-time Studies, for example, pretty well everyone is trained. Same with the Technology Centre. Both are doing very well."

Planning for the installation of the voice processing system began over a year ago when the Institute successfully received a special capital debenture for the purchase of the equipment.

Since then a 13 member steering committee has worked to guide the project towards the final April 30 implementation date. To help the BCIT community learn about Octel's many features, 24 special Communications Leaders were selected from staff to do the training. They received comprehensive, two-day, "train the trainer" workshops.

Leaders are currently running 1 1/2 hour sessions for users. Immediately following the session, users return to their desks to find their mail boxes activated.

"It's important that people check their messages and don't forget to change your greeting from time-to-time, especially when you're leaving campus for a while," says Gloria.



Andrea Labé	School of Health Sciences
Shameen Hameer	School of Engineering Technology
Lynne Garneau	School Engineering Technology
Dale Kearnon	School of Electrical and Electronic Technology
Lorri Ekeli	School of Trades Training
Rod MacNeill	School of Trades Training
Jennifer Dueck	School of Business
Joyce McEwan	Learning Resources
Johane Imoo	Ancillary Services
Molly Heeres	Financial Services
Sharon Holmes	Technology Centre
Shirley Freistadt	Materials Management
Colleen Redenbach	Personnel
Daniele McEwen	Physical Plant
Mardi Corea	Administration
Paula Carlile	Marketing and Development
Michele Becket	Computer Resources
Linda Becerra	Student Services
Elaine Moore	Library
Marilyn McNeil	Housing
Gloria Katnick	Athletics
Lois Nightingale	Registrar's Office
Phyllis Johnson	Administration
Karen Cope	Registrar's Office

Gloria Mattie holds a telephone in one hand and an answering machine in the other to illustrate how the voice mail system will eliminate the need for individual answering machines.

Here is a complete list of your Communication Leaders.

YOU COULD WIN ...



a pair of tickets to see

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Listen to BCIT's CFML for details!

Draw date is April 1, '93

**CFML 104.5 Rogers Cable FM
CFML 90.5 Shaw Cable FM**



Have you found our video-tape?

A few months ago we sent a video-tape to AV Services for repair. The good news is, the tape was fixed. The bad news is, it was returned to General Nursing by mistake. From there it was apparently sent to Kaslo Campus and then the trail grows cold!

The title of the video is:

Ventilation Systems Testing

from Industrial Ventilation.

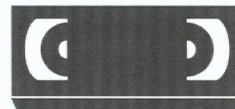
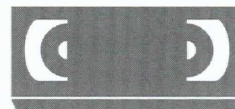
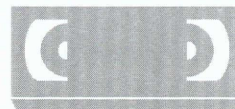
It was produced by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. We're not sure if the cassette or the case are

properly labelled. This tape is no longer produced, so we are anxious to locate it.

If you have a video-tape by this title, or if you have an unidentified video which may contain this information, please contact me. Thank you.

**Lorraine Woolsey,
Program Head,
Environmental Health
Local 8807**

Thanks, Lorraine



The Family Campaign

To Elaine Gibson, Instructional Design/Development Consultant, Curriculum and Faculty Development, (whew!) a big congratulation! Elaine is the winner of the Drive for 500 draw for Feb. 19, '93. Have a wonderful time on your trip Elaine. The next draw is March 5, '93 for \$500. Remember in one month on March 19, '93—we will be drawing for three prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250.

Good Luck! Kelly

Workshops . . .

The Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development is hosting a one-day workshop on Co-operative Learning on Tuesday, March 23, '93. The introductory session is designed for people who have not had any training or experience in this area. BCIT has been invited to send up to five delegates to the workshop. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dixie Stockmayer, Director, Learning Resources Unit, at local 8312 no later than Friday, March 12. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



COMING ATTRACTION . . .

Health fair—cover your skin “appropriately”

Medical services is hosting their annual spring health fair in the J.W. Inglis Cafe on Wednesday, March 24, 1993 from 1000-1300 hours.

Iseco Safety Equipment will be demonstrating their safety shoes and introducing their new “Skidbusters” for hospital and food service workers. There will be free samples of sun screen and hand cream. Tina Tett, BCIT’s Industrial Hygienist, will have safety

demonstrations and there will be information and displays on different personal protective equipment. Do you know if you are using the correct gloves or eye protection? The Ministry of Health and Planned Parenthood will also be there and we’ll have lots of free condoms. We will also have lots of free posters if your work area needs redecorating. See you at the fair.

Jan Poersch R.N., Medical Services



Classifieds

Help!!

Looking for witness(es) to an accident that occurred on Willingdon Avenue (just past Grange) on Tuesday evening, February 16 at 9:45 pm. A burgundy Hyundai Pony sideswiped a blue Toyota Tercel heading south bound. Please call Cindy at local 8640.

I need a ride to Richmond!

Leaving BCIT after 2:30 pm, arriving Minoru and Granville area before 3:30 pm, April 26 to May 21. Will share gas. Call Sherry McCarnan, local 5021 or 299-0908.

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