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## BCIT students go to new heights for cancer patients

In June, BCIT Nursing students Christina Mavinic and Leanne Leduc, as part of a Summits of Hope team, climbed Mt. Elbrus to raise money for the oncology ward at BC Children's Hospital. With an elevation of 18,510 feet, Russia's Mt. Elbrus is the highest mountain in Europe.

The climb tested both women to their limits. Christina, who had never before stepped foot above 15,000 feet, suffered brain swelling during her quest for the summit. She was treated by the team's doctor and was able to complete the climb to the top.

Like many people, the fourth-year students have been touched by cancer, losing relatives and friends to the disease. Leanne's brother-in-law, George, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in September 2000,



Christina Mavinic (l) and Leanne Leduc (r) wave the BCIT flag of hope and send out prayers for all those suffering from cancer.



Triumphant at the top of Mt. Elbrus, Europe's highest peak.

just two months after marrying her sister. George underwent brain surgery, radiation therapy and later suffered a stroke due to complications.

Personal experience also moved Christina to help fight cancer. In fact, she was inspired into nursing by a young girl who battled leukemia for many years. That girl is now running a support group for kids and teenagers with leukemia.

"I believe that research into a cure for cancer is the answer to overcoming this disease, so participating in Summits of Hope is one way in which I can be part of the solution," Christina said.

Following a Buddhist tradition, climbers carry brightly coloured flags with them as they make their way toward the summit. The flags contain personal

messages of hope. "It is believed that every time the wind blows, the hopes and dreams of each flag are lifted from the material, and carried up into the heavens above the highest places on earth," said Leanne.

A BCIT flag, signed by sponsors from the BCIT community, was among the flags carried by the nursing students to the summit of Mt. Elbrus.

Altogether, the team raised about \$80,000.

Safely home in Canada, Christina and Leanne shared their experiences during a presentation to the BCIT community.

The high-climbing students plan to reach the summit of Africa's Mt. Kilimanjaro next year.

Summits of Hope is a non-profit organization established in 1999 to raise funds for BC Children's Hospital. Of the seven summits the organization aims to climb, four have already been completed. For more information, or to sponsor a climber, visit [www.summitsofhope.com](http://www.summitsofhope.com).



Christina Mavinic speaks to a group of BCIT staff and students about the climb.

The mission of the BCIT Alumni Association is to build and maintain relationships between graduates and the BCIT community, and to support the Institute in fulfilling its mission.

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# BCIT Green Roof Research Facility grows at Great Northern Way Campus

September 20, 2004 marked the official launch of a unique research facility at BCIT's Great Northern Way Campus. The BCIT Green Roof Research Facility (GRRF) is dedicated to research on storm water source control and thermal performance of green roofs.

"Green roofs" refer to specialized roofing systems that support vegetation growth on rooftops. Green roof technology offers many benefits to urban areas, including reducing storm water runoff, lowering a building's cooling/heating energy demand and extending the roof membrane's service life. When widely adopted, green roofs can reduce impact on the regional watershed, mitigate urban heat island effects, and improve air and water quality of the local community.

The BCIT research centre will provide a research facility for the local green roof industry, conduct applied research in collaboration with other universities and organizations, provide practical training opportunities, develop a regional network to monitor the performance of green roofs, and improve public awareness of the technology through education and demonstration.



Green roofs like this one, at BCIT's Green Roof Research Facility, reduce storm water runoff and decrease a building's heating and cooling demands.

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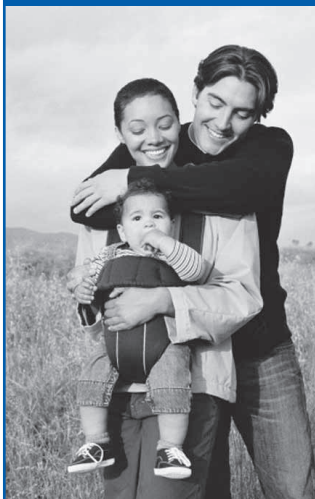
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## President's message

We had a glorious summer – I hope you were able to take advantage of it!

As we celebrate our Association's 25th Anniversary and head toward a new year, we welcome three new board members – Ed Shawchuk, Ken Yip and Julie Koel – profiled on page 11. They each bring strong qualifications to the Board and we're very pleased to have them join us in serving you.

Our second annual Distinguished Alumni Awards event was, from my vantage point as Master of Ceremonies looking out at over 400 people, a banner success! Everyone in attendance was in high spirits and enjoying the opportunity to visit with friends and colleagues. The profiles of our award winners can be found on page 9 and I'm sure you'll agree that BCIT can be justly proud of these alumni and faculty members. The Alumni Association hosted a past-presidents' table at the event, which had a great turnout, and hearing their stories was very entertaining. In fact, on pages 10 and 11, several several of them have shared their unique perspectives and fond memories of their BCIT experiences. It's worth checking out!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Clearsight Wealth Management, our newest affinity partner. We are pleased to add a program that will deliver exceptional service in the area of investment and retirement planning to the Association's host of benefits and services. Please read about the program on page 12.

Well, there's so much in this issue, I don't want to keep you from it ... Enjoy!

*Shantal Cashman*

Shantal Cashman,  
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PRESIDENT  
BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The BCIT Alumni Association's Board of Directors at the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards event.  
Top row, from left: Ken Yip, Alison Dewhurst, Gordon Farrell, Michelle Ward, Julie Koel, Shantal Cashman.  
Bottom row, from left: Sarj Dhaliwal, Bill MacPherson, Kazamir Falconbridge, Tim Joynt, Emil Bosnjak, Ed Shawchuk.

# Alumni support BCIT students

Alumni like you have done a great job in supporting BCIT students. This year the British Columbia Institute of Technology is celebrating its 40th Anniversary and the BCIT Alumni Association is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. This occasion is an opportunity to recognize alumni commitment and *double* the power of your support.

BCIT has pledged to match, dollar for dollar, contributions to the BCIT Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund up to a total of \$40,000.

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The Alumni Association Endowment Fund helps BCIT students where it is needed the most, in programs across the campus. Scholarships and awards give students recognition for their accomplishments and motivate them to succeed. Bursaries help students with the costs of living, specialized technical books and tuition.

## Setting the pace for the 25th Anniversary Alumni Campaign

President of the Alumni Association Shantal Cashman, Marketing Management '00, and Alumni Campaign Chair Gordon Farrell, Financial Management '66, are encouraging committed supporters to “set the pace” for this year's campaign through personal gifts at the \$500 level.

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# Leadership is a commitment to the success of all



Arthur Tymos

Arthur Tymos is at his best when able to maximize his leadership and team-building skills. These skills, combined with his BCIT education, have led to his success as president of Creation Technologies Inc., one of the world's top 100 electronic manufacturing providers.

In 1980, Arthur graduated with a BCIT honours diploma in Financial Management. "My BCIT education provided me with an overview of all aspects of business and enabled me to quickly become productive in the business world," he said.

Over the following years, Arthur gained experience in an extensive range of leadership roles within marketing, finance, general management and

information technology at BC Tel and Telus. From 1995 – 1998, with a CGA professional designation and further education in telecommunications and business under his belt, Arthur led his team towards a victorious turn-around of the ailing BC Tel Communications Systems business unit. One year

later, few were surprised by his appointment as Telus' vice-president and chief information officer.

Arthur believes that with a strong strategy and a clearly communicated vision, a leader can encourage his or her colleagues to achieve their highest potential. His passion is driven by helping and watching others succeed.

Also at the heart of Arthur's leadership approach is his dedication to community service, which partly drew him to the chief operating officer post at Creation Technologies Inc. in 2001.

Established in 1991, Creation has consistently bettered industry averages and continues to expand at a rapid rate. The company's unique culture derives its purpose from enriching other peoples' lives; its vision includes a strong commitment to community service.

Arthur encourages all Creation team members to be active and to lead in their communities. He is currently a director of the Sunrise Youth Services Society and actively serves in other volunteer roles.

Like all true professionals, Arthur continues to develop his leadership skills by meeting with mentors and experimenting with leadership techniques. And with Creation at a very exciting period in its growth, Arthur has plenty of opportunities to apply his strengths.

## Kudos!

Congratulations to the following individuals and organizations for their recent honours and appointments:

**Dr. Tony Knowles**, BCIT President, is the recipient of the 2004 College President/Chancellor's Award for outstanding leadership in support of staff, program and organizational development activities. He was honoured in October by the US-based National Council for Staff, Program & Organizational Development (NCSPOD) at their annual conference in Kansas City.

For the third year in a row, a student member of the **BCIT Marketing Association** won first place in a sales competition held by the American Marketing Association during its annual collegiate conference in New Orleans. This year, BCIT students swept the top four spots in the sales competition. First place went BCITMA president **Ryan P. Malcolm**, second place to **Jonathan Pickersgill**, third to **Rachel Gonzales** and **Larissa Beardmore** took fourth. The BCITMA team also won second place in the exhibit competition and was once again voted the outstanding chapter for the Western Region. BCIT was the only Canadian school of 107 institutions represented at the national conference.

**David Bran**, DiplT '03, Marketing Management and BTech '04, former president of the BCITMA and last year's Alumni Association Outstanding Student Leadership award recipient, was named to the provincial government's Advisory Council for Advanced Education.

**Mark Angelo**, the head of BCIT's Fish, Wildlife, Recreation program, has been selected as one of the inaugural recipients of the United Nations International Year of Fresh Water Science, Education and Conservation Awards. Angelo is the sole recipient in the stewardship category, adding to the long list of honours and awards he has received over the years for his river conservation work, among them the Order of Canada.

Blitz Direct Vancouver's account executive, **Chris Goward-Burns**, DiplT '02, Marketing Management, Direct Response Marketing, has been named "One to Watch" by *Marketing Magazine* in its 2004 survey of achievements by marketing professionals under 30 in Canada. An article on Goward-Burns appeared in the September 6 edition of Marketing Magazine.

The Certified Management Accountants of British Columbia (CMABC) conferred lifetime membership to **Gordon Farrell**, DiplT '66, Financial Management, on October 16, 2004.

**Peter Fenrich**, DiplT '85, Computer Systems, won the Association for Media and Technology in Education in Canada (AMTEC) national award for creating a computer-based training simulation program that teaches theoretical and lab components of the grade 12 reaction kinetics curriculum. Fenrich is a project leader and instructional new media designer in BCIT's Technology Centre. In 2002, Fenrich earned an AMTEC award for developing a computer-based training program for health-care professionals.

A faculty member in BCIT's School of Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Processes, and head of the Critical Infrastructure Protection research team in BCIT's Technology Centre, **Eric Byres** received the Donald P. Eckman Education Award for his outstanding educational and training contributions to the fields of industrial data communications, network security and fieldbus technology by the Instrumentation, Systems and Automation Society in Houston, Texas.

### NEW BCIT APPOINTMENTS:

**Duncan Webb**, appointed Manager of Occupational Health and Safety.

**Rod Goy** takes the role of Associate Dean for the Industrial Construction programs.

**Dr. Allen Billy**, appointed Associate Dean for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologies, BCIT School of Health Sciences.

**Mark Adams**, DiplT '97, Management Systems, appointed Manager, BCIT Bookstore.

## The Coach's Corner

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Pat Slatten

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Mark your calendars now for BCIT's annual Careers Fair on March 21st, 2005 in the Great Hall. Plan to visit participating employers' displays and speak with recruiters.

If you're established on your career journey, consider connecting with a current student through e-mail networking. Remember when you appreciated opportunities to get advice and insight from people already in the workforce? Contact me at [worksearchcoach@bcit.ca](mailto:worksearchcoach@bcit.ca) to connect with a student who's eager to learn from your experiences. You know the value of your BCIT education.



## Alumni-Student Mingler

The BCIT Student Association and the BCIT Alumni Association are hosting our annual "Meet the Alumni" mingler at the Burnaby campus on Tuesday, February 8th, 2005, from 5:30–7:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your career path stories with current students and to offer them meaningful advice to help them succeed in the "real world". If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact the Alumni Relations Office by calling 604-432-8847 or by e-mail at [alumni@bcit.ca](mailto:alumni@bcit.ca) for more information.

# Award-winning international film editor



Peter Hintz

Known for his commitment to quality, attention to detail and feel for music, Peter Hintz has charted an outstanding career for himself in German documentary film production. So much so that it would be hard to believe he understood only basic German when he first started.

After graduating from BCIT in 1989 in Broadcast – Television (with honours), Peter worked for a year in Vancouver as a freelance production assistant. He then chanced on an opportunity to do an internship for a German production company producing training films for the Deutsche Bank.

Undeterred by the language barrier, Peter took a crash course in German. Thanks to his BCIT training, it wasn't long before Peter was able to turn the German internship into a paid position as a camera assistant for corporate film productions.

By 1994, Peter had moved on to full-time editing as well as working as a technical director on several live productions.

“Working with 15 to 20 different personalities in often-chaotic situations under constant time

pressure, one is forced to learn to set priorities in seconds, to focus on the immediate task, and to work as a team,” he said of the experience.

Two years later, music station ONYX TV drew out Peter's musical abilities and took him on as senior operator, producing artist features and on-air promotional material. Peter was also involved in working with trainees to help integrate them into the production process.

“Working with trainees, as anyone in the education business will tell you, is as rewarding as it is challenging,” Peter said. “One is constantly faced with the question: ‘Why *do* I do it that way?’”

In 2002, Peter reached a milestone in his career. Hired by AZMedia in Cologne, a major centre for German private and public television production, he edited part two of the award-winning documentary Kanzler, Krisen, Koalitionen (Chancellors, Crises, Coalitions). He's still with AZMedia today and now heads the company's internship program.

Although he says he could use a break, Peter is still going full steam. He recently produced a special on American history that aired just ahead of the US elections in November.

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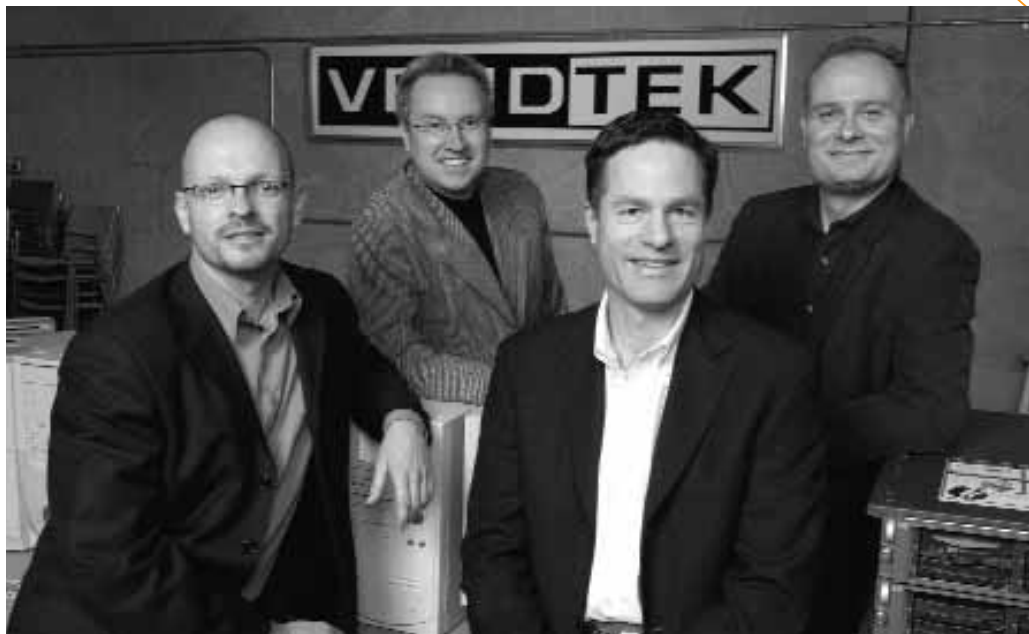


# Four men, confidence and a company

What at first was just a fledgling enterprise is now a fast-growing international success story. VendTek Systems Inc. is the brainchild of four fearless and committed BCIT grads.

Paul Brock, Grant Shellborn, Doug Buchanan and Peter Read were part of the first Robotics and Automatics class at BCIT in 1984. This demanding program started with 36 hand-picked students. Three years later, only eight graduated.

Not only did the four friends successfully graduate, but they also formed a business in the final semester of their class.



From left: BCIT grads Paul Brock, Grant Shellborn, Doug Buchanan, and Peter Read make up Vendtek.

Robotics and Automation Development Corp. didn't take off at first as an industrial automation company. However, a year after graduating, the partners hit pay dirt when they developed a small electronic vending machine for dispensing lottery tickets.

In 1988, the partners created VendTek Industries Inc. to market the product. They enjoyed considerable success in the early years, with BC Lotteries being one of their most significant customers.

"Our BCIT experience prepared us well for the applied technologies we used in the early years of our business," said Paul Brock, president and CEO of VendTek Systems. "I think it also contributed to giving us the confidence we needed to do what we did."

On a roll in 1999, VendTek went public on what is now the TSX-Venture Exchange and entered into a new phase in their company's existence. Since then, it has discontinued its vending machine manufacturing and has migrated into an international software company that creates electronic distribution software for prepaid telecommunications and other similar products.

Surging ahead in Asia, Canada and United States, VendTek is continuing to expand its Now Prepay subsidiary business in Canada and is developing new international licenses for its e-Fresh software.

It's a success story that demonstrates just what a committed partnership can achieve using a little perseverance and resourcefulness.

## What do laser vision and sports radio have in common? Michael Johnson

At an early age, Michael Johnson was taught to follow his own path. This philosophy has been the passport to two flourishing careers; as the new owner of London Place Eye Centre and as host of a popular weekend radio talk show.

A graduate from the 1992 Broadcast Journalism program, Michael is convinced that his BCIT education has a lot to do with his success. Because it focused on real life situations such as meeting deadlines, making decisions and getting the job done well under pressure, BCIT more effectively

prepared him in two years than did his previous four years of university education.

Shortly after graduating, Michael was hired and consistently promoted at London Place Eye Centre and at local radio stations. The two careers merged in 2002 when he promoted London Place during an on-air segment with Team 1040 sports radio. The popularity of the segment led to the creation of his own three-hour open line radio talk show program on Saturday afternoons, called NHL Gameday.

"It's very exciting," said Michael of his part-time career. "It keeps me busy staying on top of all the sports stories. It also keeps my skills up should I ever want to get back into the [broadcast] industry."

In 2004, Michael bought London Place and now runs the operation full time, focusing special attention to marketing, patient education and public relations.

Under his skillful expertise, London Place Eye Centre continues to thrive across British Columbia as Michael attracts new customers by delivering thorough presentations on laser vision correction procedures. Two new locations were recently opened in Prince George and Kamloops.

Michael's international reputation also takes him around the world delivering lectures on laser vision correction. Judging by the success of this young grad to date, he's going to stay in top form.



Michael Johnson

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# 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards

The second annual Distinguished Alumni Awards event, held September 30, 2004 at The Pan Pacific Vancouver, was a great success. Four alumni and two faculty members were celebrated by BCIT and the BCIT Alumni Association for their outstanding accomplishments.

More than 400 guests attended, including Consul Generals, government officials, senior members of BC's business community, alumni, donors, and faculty and staff of BCIT. In honour of the Alumni Association's 25th Anniversary this year, ten past-presidents of the Association were in attendance. Some had not been in touch with BCIT for several years.

The evening kicked off with a surprise performance by Vancouver's hottest improv comedy troupe, the Vancouver TheatreSports League.

Award recipients were celebrated in style. Guests enjoyed a very special evening capped by video presentations of each award recipient. These videos can be viewed on the Alumni Association's website at [www.alumni.bcit.ca/awards.shtml](http://www.alumni.bcit.ca/awards.shtml).

The award winners, profiled opposite, weren't the only ones who took prizes home. At the end of the evening, three lucky guests were winners in the prize raffle, featuring trips aboard the most spectacular train trip in the world – the Rocky Mountaineer, and a travel voucher provided by the Alumni Association's affinity partner, Panorama Travel Consultants. More than \$2500 was raised in the raffle, supporting next year's Alumni Association Outstanding Student Leadership award.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards event is part of a comprehensive Alumni Profile Campaign. Watch for alumni profiles to appear in local media, skytrain stations and trains, and in Famous Players movie theatres in the coming months. The Profile Campaign is designed to highlight, through alumni testimonials, the quality of a BCIT education.



From left: Award recipients Euclid Seeram, David Huesken, Robert O'Neill, Morgan Sturdy, and Carol Borghesi, BCIT president Dr. Tony Knowles, BCIT Alumni Association president Shantal Cashman, and award recipient Pouyan (Leon) Farasati.

The deadline for the 2005 awards nominations is Friday, April 29, 2005.  
Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 604-432-8847 for more information.



BCIT president Dr. Tony Knowles (far right) with Consul Generals, International students and staff.



The Vancouver TheatreSports League entertaining the crowd.



Guests enjoying a video profile of an award recipient.



Laurie Clarke, Executive Director, BCIT Foundation and Alumni Association recognizes sponsors during the pre-event reception.



# Award Recipients

These six individuals, who not only typify BCIT alumni and faculty, but have also excelled in their careers and community endeavours, were recipients of the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards. Whether they got their start at BCIT and went on to further education, came to BCIT a little later in life to change directions, or came to BCIT to share their knowledge and industry experience with students, they all share a dedication to, and fondness for, BCIT.

## BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

**Euclid Seeram,**  
*BSc '75 (Carleton),  
MSc '90, Instructional  
Computing (SFU), FCAMRT*

Euclid Seeram, program head, Medical Imaging degree program, has been a BCIT teaching faculty member for over 25 years. He has published 15 textbooks and 30 papers in radiologic sciences, and is the editor-in-chief of *The Canadian Journal of Medical Radiation Technology*. A pioneer of medical imaging distance education, Euclid developed the first medical imaging degree and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) distance education programs in Canada.



## BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

**David Huesken,**  
*Automotive Service Technician '77 (BCIT Apprenticeship),  
Instructors Diploma '83 (UBC), Adult Education Diploma '01  
(VCC), BED '02 (U of A), MEd '04 (Albright School of Education,  
City University)*

David Huesken, an instructor in BCIT's automotive department since 1980, is recognized for his extraordinary dedication to instructional excellence. David takes a leadership role in all he does, whether mentoring students, rewriting the BC Apprenticeship curriculum for Automotive Service Technicians, or championing the CARS Accreditation of the Automotive Service Technician Program. David also served as project manager, BCIT International, in a project to propose, develop and administer the establishment of a post-secondary skills training system in Uganda.



## BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Pouyan ("Leon") Farasati,**  
*Diploma of Technology (Hons) '04, Business Administration  
(BCIT), BASc '02, Computer Engineering (University  
of Waterloo)*

Leon Farasati is a graduate of the Business Administration post-diploma program. He served as Class Representative and a councillor for the BCIT Student Association, and is credited with initiating a first-time program display for Open House 2004. Leon created Busaone.com, a website that quickly proved to be a popular communications vehicle for students in the program. He recently accepted a position as applications engineer at NVIDIA Corporation in Santa Clara, California.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO A TRADE OR INDUSTRY

**Carol Borghesi,** *Diploma  
of Technology, Marketing  
Management (Hons) '81,  
International Marketing  
(BCIT)*

Carol Borghesi is honoured for her outstanding contributions to the call centre industry. Currently director, Customer Contact Centre at British Telecom (BT), Carol joined BT in 1997, heading the newly developed outbound call centre operation. Carol's honours include BT Leadership Awards (2001 & 2003), Canada's Top 40 Under 40 (1997), Marketing Executive of the Year (1996), and Who's Who of Canadian Women (1995).



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO A TRADE OR INDUSTRY

**Morgan Sturdy,** *BBA '83 (SFU), Diploma of Technology,  
Marketing Management '73 (BCIT)*

Morgan Sturdy – entrepreneur, executive, and leading member of BC's technology community – currently serves as a director of a number of successful technology companies, including CREO Inc, Voice Mobility International, Ignition Point, Idelix Software, ResponseTek and TIR Systems. He is also a director of Discovery Parks Inc. He is a recipient of the Bill Thompson Industry Leadership Award, recently became chair of Science World (Telusphere), and also serves as director of the YMCA of Greater Vancouver.



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL INNOVATION

**Robert O'Neill,** *Diploma  
of Technology '72,  
Hospitality Administration  
(BCIT)*

Robert O'Neill, chairman of O'Neill Hotels & Resorts, Whistler Lodging Company and E-Stays.com, co-founded the Coast Hotel Chain in 1972. In 1996, he launched O'Neill Hotels & Resorts and in 1999, the company was recognized as Canada's 21st largest hospitality company. Rob is co-owner of O'Neill Hotels & Resorts Ltd. and the Whistler Lodging Company, Whistler BC's largest strata hotel manager. Rob also manages the Westin Resort & Spa in Whistler, and The Westin Grand Hotel in Vancouver.



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# BCIT Alumni Association celebrates 25 years

2004 commemorates BCIT’s 40th anniversary and the BCIT Alumni Association’s 25th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the Alumni Ambassador asked some past-presidents to share their stories.



The Summer 1986 edition of Alumni News reported record AGM attendance following a merger with Pacific Vocational Institute.



OBCIT’s fusion with Pacific Marine Training Institute and the announcement of funding for a new downtown campus made for exciting news in Fall 1994.



## Ian Robertson, President 1979 – 80

“It was an interesting and exciting time,” says Ian Robertson of the Alumni Association’s first year. “I was very enthusiastic about the education I’d received at BCIT and wanted to hang onto that,” Ian says. “I saw that an Alumni Association would be a great way to stay in touch with the Institute.”

Ian recalls meeting with Gordon Thom, BCIT’s principal, about the need for an Alumni Association. “I was pleasantly surprised at the reception – the Administration was very supportive of us,” he says, “and I remember thinking, ‘we should continue to pursue this’. It was a turning point, because until then, it had just been a lot of work, and we sometimes doubted it would go anywhere. I had no idea that what we were starting would lead to where we are now.”

The first year focused on putting together the infrastructure to create the Association. Much of the early work involved gathering names and creating contact sheets. “It was really very grassroots,” says Ian. “We weren’t sophisticated at all.”

“Because so many of the core group came from Marketing, we thought we had to come up with a catch phrase. We came up with ‘Because We Were There.’ We even had buttons printed! Our early business understanding wasn’t great, but obviously the enthusiasm was there.”

Ian is currently Director of Business Development for Sara Lee Coffee and Tea. He has also been an instructor in BCIT’s School of Business foreight years.

## Debbie Mitchell, President 1984 – 85

“I’m so impressed with how far the Alumni Association has come,” Debbie Mitchell says. “When I was president, the Alumni Association was just a fledgling little organization.”

At the time, the Association was involved in helping organize and facilitate Institute events such as Open House. Alumni volunteers would urge fellow alumni to come back for Open House, often combining it with another event for fundraising purposes.

“We worked very hard, but without any funding except what we raised ourselves or was donated by alumni, it was very difficult to get ahead,” says Debbie. In 1984, the Association organized an “all years’ reunion” featuring a dinner dance and “health, beauty and fashion show” called “Looking Good and Feeling Great: A Career Fashion Seminar and Maintenance Program for Men and Women.”

Debbie still works in the field in which she graduated – Medical Laboratory Technology – at Lion’s Gate Hospital. Her son started at BCIT this year in the Marketing program – Entrepreneurial option. Her husband Jim, whom she met at the Institute, is BCIT’s Director of Student Services.

## John Leech, President 1985 – 88

During his time as Alumni President, John Leech saw a great boost in the level of alumni activity. “BCIT grads generally are very positive about the education they received, and feel a great affinity for the Institute,” says John.

The Alumni Association drew on that connection to engage alumni in the affairs of the Institute, but also looked at how the Association and the Institute could add value for alumni. Hence, the late 80’s saw the origination of value-added services and products such as the Alumni OneCard and group life insurance.

There was also a significant effort towards building an awareness of the Association on campus. Linkages with the Administration and the Student

This Fall 1997 edition of the Alumni Ambassador reflects the Association’s push for increased visibility and recognition.

# Alumni Association Milestones

<b>1979</b> The BCIT Alumni Association incorporates as a Society.	<b>1982</b> Volunteers produce the first Alumni newsletter, called <i>BCIT Alumni News</i> .	<b>1985</b> Alumni are approached for the first general fundraising appeal, raising funds for the student aid endowment fund.	<b>1986</b> BCIT and Pacific Vocational Institute merge. “Willingdon Club” is created to help fund Alumni Association activities.	<b>1988</b> The Alumni Association's Tower Group committee backs the BCIT Campus Centre project through fundraising and awareness campaigns.	<b>1989</b> Alumni Association Endowment Fund established to support student scholarships and bursaries.
<b>1998</b> The Alumni Association secures ongoing operational funding from BCIT administration.	<b>1999</b> The Alumni Association launches its first website.	<b>2001</b> BCIT becomes formally recognized as a polytechnic institution.	<b>2002</b> The Alumni Association is rebranded. The <i>Alumni Ambassador</i> receives its current look.	<b>2003</b> The inaugural BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards gala event is held at the Pan Pacific Vancouver. A new Diploma of Trades Training is introduced at BCIT, allowing, for the first time, apprentices who train at BCIT to earn a credential and therefore become members of the Alumni Association upon graduation.	



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**Julie Koel**  
*Marketing Management '00*  
*Marketing Manager, Telus*

Julie served on the Alumni Association Board from 2000 – 2002, during which time she co-chaired the Marketing and Communications Committee. Julie had stepped down from the Board to focus on her marriage to husband, Laurens, and the birth of their daughter, Jamie, but has now rejoined the Board. Julie is a marketing manager at Telus.



**Ed Shawchuk CGA**  
*Financial Management '97*  
*BTech '02 (Accounting)*  
*Manager, Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP*

Ed serves on the BCIT School of Business Financial Management Advisory Committee. He has a background in the construction industry and came to BCIT in the late 90s to earn his diploma in advanced accounting. He went on to earn one of the first Bachelor of Technology degrees offered at BCIT. Ed is a manager with PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP and is currently working on his Masters of Science in (US) Taxation through Golden Gate University.



**Ken Yip**  
*Biomedical Engineering '74*  
*Director, Biomedical Engineering Vancouver Coastal Health*

Ken was recently profiled by the Alumni Association in our Alumni Profile Campaign. He is the director of biomedical engineering at the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. Ken heads a large team of technicians, engineers and specialists at VGH, most of whom are BCIT alumni. Ken also holds a BAsc '72 (UBC) and his P.Eng '81.

Association were enhanced. The Alumni Association also played a role in liaising with employers and helped develop services on campus through committees such as the Tower Group.

Today, John is Executive Director of the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC, a 9000-member professional association, with thousands of BCIT grads among that total.

Guy Steeves,  
President 1993 – 96

“My time as Alumni President was very rewarding, just like all of my BCIT experiences,” says Guy Steeves. “It was great giving back to the Institute that is largely responsible for where I am today.”

Guy spent his time as President undertaking a variety of projects, among them, the first fundraising/profile raising project since 1988, the introduction of the Ambassador Club, and the promotion of Alumni Internet access.

Guy also enjoyed speaking at BCIT functions and at Grizzlies Games. More routine tasks involved phoning alumni to raise funds for scholarships and bursaries.

“I had the opportunity to meet a lot of great people while helping to move the Association forward in its goals,” says Guy.

Guy currently teaches Electronic Marketing at BCIT and works in sales and marketing for a Customer Relationship Management consulting firm in North Vancouver.

Kazamir Falconbridge,  
President 1998 – 2000

Kazamir Falconbridge has witnessed tremendous change during his involvement with the BCIT Alumni Association.

Recalling the 1996 annual retreat in then-president Bill MacPherson’s backyard, he says, “there was a lot of discussion about how no one knew what Association really did, so we decided to change our logo and build a website. That was a turning point for the Association.”



Alumni Association past-presidents at the 2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards event. Top row, from left: Robert Fawcett, president 1981-82, Scott Gray, president 2000-03, Guy Steeves, president 1993-96, Kazamir Falconbridge, president 1998-2000, Robert Simons, president 1988-89, and Gerry Townsend, president 1990-91. Bottom row, from left: Debbie Mitchell, president 1984-85, Melanie McKenzie (Wheating, nee Mahlman), president 1989-90, Bob Wells, president 1991-93, and Bill MacPherson, president 1996-98.

Absent: Ian Robertson, president 1979-80, Anne Marie Webb, acting president 1980-81, Michael Deane, president 1982-83, Grant Crittenden, president 1983-84, and John Leech, president 1985-88.

Indeed, the late-90s focused on awareness and identity building. Cover stories from the *Alumni Ambassador* ran headlines such as, “A fresh face for alumni: Ambassador gets new masthead, logo” and, “Do you know who we are?”

The efforts, which Kazamir describes as “building a bridge toward BCIT’s Administration” paid off with ongoing funding granted in 1998. “I like to say that we were building a bridge using 2x4s held together with bubble gum,” he laughs. “We’d gone as far as we could with what we had, then the Administration started building a bridge towards us made of concrete and steel. They met us in the middle, then started rebuilding our side. Now we’re a really solid organization.”

Today, Kazamir works at Intertek Testing, which performs product safety, performance and benchmark testing (for information, see [www.intertek-etlsemko.com](http://www.intertek-etlsemko.com)). He’s currently helping to initiate a Past-President’s Advisory Council that he hopes will provide a bridge between students and the workplace.

1993

The *Alumni News* becomes the *Alumni Ambassador*.

1994

BCIT begins planning for a new downtown campus. The Pacific Marine Training Institute joins BCIT and becomes the BCIT Marine Campus.

1995

Legislation gives BCIT degree-granting status.

1996

BCIT introduces the Bachelor of Technology. The Alumni Association introduces the Alumni Ambassador Club (forerunner to the Alumni OneCard and now myBCIT alumni card).

1997

The Alumni Association gets its own logo.

2004

BCIT celebrates its 100,000<sup>th</sup> graduate. The Alumni Association Endowment Fund reaches \$300,000. The Alumni Association marks its 25th Anniversary.

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## 2003

**BURR, GEORGE** – *Civil & Structural Engineering Technology*  
George says “hello” to all his part-time study buddies. He finally finished the certificate program.

**LAITY, BIANCA** – *Automotive Mechanics ELTT*  
Bianca moved to Prince George three months ago in order to become the first female technician for Dodge. She loves her job.

## 2002

**GABLE, SHEREE** – *Marketing Management – Tourism Management*  
Sheree is looking to make her career change to marketing. She volunteers with the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition ([www.vacc.bc.ca](http://www.vacc.bc.ca)) as their Marketing Coordinator.

**GREENBERG, ZACHARIAH** – *Broadcast & Media Communications – Television*  
After graduation Zachariah worked as a Switcher at CBC Vancouver. In the summer of 2002 he was awarded a one-year contract as the Technical Director for Dome Productions.

**POLLOCK, CHRISTOPHER** – *Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio*  
Just waiting for his next step... Christopher feels he'll soon be behind the mic in the NHL!

## 2000

**CHAN, TSO (WILLIAM)** – *Aircraft Maintenance Engineering – Cat M*  
Since 2001 Tso has been self employed in the Janitorial Franchise Business. Send him an e-mail at [william28802002@yahoo.ca](mailto:william28802002@yahoo.ca).

**SETO, JOHN** – *Electronics – Telecommunications*  
John thanks the Telecommunications Technology Program for preparing him for working at RIM.

**STANLEY, ROBERT** – *Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio*  
As part of BCIT's Coop program, Robert moved to Castlegar where he spent three successful years learning the industry, and preparing for his next move to Kamloops to join NL Broadcasting.

## 1999

**GARRIOCK, SARAH** – *Marketing Management – Technical Sales/Professional Sales*  
Sarah's career has taken her throughout the US, Canada and London, England. Currently, she is Account Manager for Silicon Chalk ([www.silicon-chalk.com](http://www.silicon-chalk.com)).

**HETHERINGTON, ERIC** – *Operations Management*  
Eric works at the Fraser Pacific Lumber Company as the Transportation Coordinator. This December he will be getting married in the Caribbean.

## 1997

**BOGELUND, MICHAEL** – *Robotics and Automation*  
Michael has been working for Creo for over six years where he started as a Firmware Engineer. He recently took on the role of team leader. His greatest joys come from his marriage in 1999 and the arrival of his daughter in January 2004.

**DO, RAQUEL (CHENG)** – *Administrative Management – Human Resources*  
Raquel has started her own business, InspirAsian Creations ([www.inspirasiancreations.com](http://www.inspirasiancreations.com)) specializing in wedding announcements and accessories. Raquel recently welcomed her first child, Kayla Chantel, on January 30, 2004.

**LIDDER, KARM** – *Marketing Management – Technical Sales/Professional Sales*  
Karm works at Freedom 55 Financial as a financial security advisor. He'd love to know what his former set mates are up to these days.

**SUTTON, DARREN** – *Nuclear Medicine*  
Darren married Maggie (General Nursing 1997) in September 1998. They both work at Cranbrook Regional Hospital and have two children – Beth (Sept 2001) and Tommy (Jan 2004).

## 1996

**MUDFORD, NANCY** – *Marketing Management*  
In September 2003 Nancy opened her own business, Le Petit Spa. Take a virtual tour at [www.lepetitspa.ca](http://www.lepetitspa.ca)!

## 1995

**DUNCAN, TARA (WEBB)** – *Marketing Management – Technical Sales*  
Rob and Tara Duncan welcomed their daughter Emily on January 4, 2004. They live in Calgary where Rob works for General Mills and Tara is on maternity leave from Revlon.

## 1994

**FLECK, OLIVER**  
Oliver is currently living in Ottawa, where he works for the Department of Foreign Affairs as a diplomatic officer. He recently returned from a posting in Geneva, Switzerland.

**GEMMELL, KEVIN** – *Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio*  
Life is great in the flatlands of Saskatchewan. Kevin is Sales Manager at CJVR FM and CK 750 Radio in Melfort. Alison stays home with daughters Danielle and Melissa.

**MCGARVEY, CAM** – *Marketing Management – Technical Sales/Professional Sales*  
The McGarvey family has moved to Kelowna. Everyone has adjusted well and are very happy with their move. Cam is working for KONE Elevator.

**TINABURRI, VITO** – *Financial Management – Taxation*  
Vito Tinaburri has made a profession of religious vows with the Order of Friars Preachers, also known as the Dominicans. Vito will be continuing his studies at the Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology in Ottawa.

## 1993

**BISHOP, RYAN** – *Welding*  
Ryan continues to work on and develop a totally different power assembly to ultimately produce electric power without conventional fuels.

## 1992

**BRAATEN, JOHN** – *Transportation Logistics Management*  
John has worked in the magazine industry for the past 10 years, joining The Newsgroup two years ago. He recently became National Account Manager to 7-Eleven and was named Sales Person of the Year for BC for 2003. He can be reach at [bucket\\_bc@yahoo.ca](mailto:bucket_bc@yahoo.ca).

## 1991

**GORDON, DEBBIE (HEWAT)** – *Marketing Management – Tourism Management*  
Debbie married Mike Gordon in 1998. They moved from Langley to Summerland earlier this year where she is the Club Manager for the Summerland Yacht Club.

## 1990

**BEVAN, DAVID** – *Broadcast & Media Communications*  
David owns and operates Sounds Great Music Services and is married to Cheryl, who plans to retire in a year. David says he will continue to work forever.

# Reunions



Back (from left) – Anna-Mya Nibbelink, Bill “Gaucho” Shaw, Gerard Nibbelink, Doug “O” Ozeroff, Brett “Buck” Turvey, Puddy Goodlet, Dick Moffat, Paul “Goose” M'Keown, Cindy “The Do” Hepting, Peter Young, Delanne “Dee” Reid-Young  
Front (from left) – Patricia McLaughlin, Pat “Little Hymie” Wiseman, Neale “Blackjack” Taverner, Ange “PA” Frymire, Pam “Shu” Schewe, Chris Sotvedt

The Broadcast Communications Radio Class of '89 celebrated their 15-year reunion on September 25. Many laughs could be heard as memories, stories, bad 80's music, and a few old CFML features and spots were heard again. Many former classmates showed up from around the province, with one even visiting from Scotland, and a great time was had by all. They are planning on having an annual dinner, with a larger get-together every five years. They hope to track down all former classmates, so if you were a member of the '87 – '89 crew, they'd love to hear from you – no matter how far into the course you went. Drop Brett “Buckwheat” Turvey a line at [bturvey@my.bcit.ca](mailto:bturvey@my.bcit.ca) or call 604-941-5048.

# VDC hosts Alumni Networking Event

Students and graduates of the Venture and BEST programs came together June 8 at the Downtown Campus for the 2004 Venture Development Centre (VDC) Alumni Networking Event.

The room buzzed with action throughout the evening, as 150 entrepreneurs made new business contacts, mingled with former classmates and VDC staff, and exchanged ideas with other small business owners.

Industry-specific tables provided space for attendees' business cards and promotional materials, and several grads generously donated prizes for the business card draw, including Rosemary Bartram of Era Design Jewellery and Corrie Clark of Oh Baby! A Store for Children.

“It makes all of us on the VDC staff so proud to see our Venturepreneurs get together and share the experiences they have had,” said Peter Thomson, director of the VDC. “They truly motivate each other in dealing with the challenges of launching and operating their new business ventures!”

For more information about programs offered at the Venture Development Centre contact Jennifer Egan at 604-451-6989 or visit [www.bcit.ca/venture](http://www.bcit.ca/venture).



Graduates of the BEST program, (l – r) Kathine Leung, Beto Flores, and Alan Dee attended the alumni networking event.



**BREITKREUZ, DAVID** – *Natural Gas & Petroleum*

David sold his soul to the US. He moved to Mobile, Alabama with Shell in late 2001, as the inspection supervisor for a refinery there. David would like to hear from you at [d.breitkreuz@shell.com](mailto:d.breitkreuz@shell.com).

**1988**

**CARROLL, LEEELLEN** – *Broadcast & Media Communications*

LeeEllen is enjoying maternity leave with baby Muiredach, as well as being at home with Gabriel, 4 and Regan, 2. She’s sure she knows about every family activity in the Nation's Capital.

**1986**

**BIEHL, KEN** – *Broadcast & Media Communications*

Ken is currently mixing the TV series Andromeda. Recently he worked on The Chris Isaak Show and Romeo for Nickleodeon as a Freelance Mixer, Editor, Foley Recordist and a Project Mixer.

**1984**

**KRENZ, MICHAEL** – *Electronic Engineering Technology*

Michael has been with the Spectrum and Telecommunication Program of Industry Canada for most of his career. In September 2003 he moved back to the Lower Mainland.

**1983**

**RABBITT, STEVEN** – *Marketing Management*

Steven moved to Sydney, Australia in 1987. He is married, has two girls and is working for GE. If anyone is passing through Sydney please drop him a line at [steve.rabbitt@ge.com](mailto:steve.rabbitt@ge.com).

**1982**

**NORTH, MARC** – *Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio*

Live long — buy art.

**1981**

**ROBINSON, BRUCE** – *Marketing Management*

Bruce and Sharon Robinson (nee Peever) celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary this spring. Bruce is a National Sales and Marketing Manager and Sharon just graduated from SFU with a BA.

**1979**

**DOROGHY, DAVE** – *Broadcast & Media Communications*

After seven years with Orca Bay, Dave moved to Memphis as the Vice President of the Grizzlies. After returning he took a one-year contract with the Vancouver 2010 Olympic bid. He is now living in London, England and working as a Director of the London 2012 Olympic bid.

**LEHN, DONALD** – *Broadcast & Media Communications*

25 years since grad and he won't grow up!

**1978**

**BILLINGS, RAYMOND** – *Forest Resources*

**BILLINGS, SUE (POWELL)** – *Forest Resources*

Ray and Sue Billings graduated from the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program. They married in 1980, and live in Cobble Hill with 13-year-old daughter Alexandra. They both work for the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC in Victoria and can be reached at 250-743-4401 or [rbillings@shaw.ca](mailto:rbillings@shaw.ca) or [sbillings@shaw.ca](mailto:sbillings@shaw.ca).

**KING, KATHLEEN (MACKIE AND CHUTE)** – *Biological Sciences*

Kathleen is Chief Financial Officer of Everywhere Cell Phone Games, a Burnaby-based developer of games and other cell phone applications. She can be contacted at [katie@everywheregames.com](mailto:katie@everywheregames.com).

**1975**

**HALFNIGHTS, JULIE (TYSON)** – *Operations Management*

After many years of raising a family, Julie went to work full time in Parks, Recreation and Culture in 2001. Recently she moved from Policy Development to Facilities Management for the Ladner area.

**1973**

**ELLIOTT, JAMES** – *Computer Systems*

Shortly after graduating from BCIT, Jim joined IBM and reached his 31st anniversary there this June. He currently resides in Toronto but spends much of his time on the road speaking to customers and at conferences around Canada, the Caribbean and the US.

**1972**

**MACDONALD, GLENN** – *Broadcast & Media Communications*

After a long career in Broadcast, Glenn is now a trial lawyer practicing Estate Litigation and Criminal Law.

**SCHINZ, JUDIE HALL**

– *Computer Systems*

Judie and Paul have just spent a year building their retirement house in Penticton. Children Wendy and Katie are married and each have a new baby. Judie has been working for Canada Revenue Agency – Client Services for the past 14 years.

**1970**

**WILLIAMS, ALEXANDER**

– *Business Administration*

Alex is retired and is playing contently with his camera and computer.

**1969**

**KRESS, TERRENCE**

– *Chemical Sciences*

Terrence spent 23 years working in the mining industry. In 1992 he went to work for the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) as Manager of Environmental Health. He has been married to the same wonderful lady (Judy) for almost 32 years.

**1967**

**GRANEY, BRUCE**

– *Mining*

After 32 years in the Mining Industry, Bruce joined the NWT/Nunavut WCB as a Safety Officer. He worked at a mining operation in the NWT for five years, commuting weekly from Edmonton and then in Yellowknife before joining the Board in 1999.

IN MEMORIAM

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REMEMBERS

ROBERT “BOB” STEELE DIGGON

Known as a people person and a wonderful communicator, Bob Diggon has left behind a legacy by which to remember him. Bob passed away this summer.

In 1978, after his term as a senior Shell executive, Bob began his BCIT career in the School of Business teaching human resources and management.

“Bob was a fine teacher,” recalled Chris Jaques, associate dean, Business Administration. “Not only did he talk, but he really listened to people.”

Upon retiring in 1993, Bob became an active member of various committees and played a key role in developing and revising the BCIT Retirees’ Association (RA) Constitution for the first couple of years.

“As an office mate, Bob was great,” said Chris Clark, Business Administration. “He really cared about BCIT and was always available for help and advice when he retired.”

Undeterred by his illness, Bob served as president of the BCIT RA council from 2000 to 2002 – a testament to his commitment to the council.

In Bob’s memory, the BCIT RA provided a memorial award at the November Scholarships and Awards ceremony to Maria Sichitiu (Nursing).

DAVID MASON

David Mason passed away suddenly in May of this year. A dedicated and well-respected founding BCIT Geomatics faculty member, David joined BCIT on its inception in 1964, as head of the Survey department.

An endowment, the David Rhys Mason Memorial Endowment Fund, has been established by his family, friends and colleagues.

David’s endowment honours his belief in the importance of education. This annual award is a reflection of David’s commitment to BCIT, his students, and his profession. The achievement award is given to first year students in the Geomatics Technology program who have demonstrated leadership, service, and high academic standards.

Please call the BCIT Foundation at 604-432-8868 for more information on contributing.

Calling recent graduates

If you graduated within the last five years we'd like to hear from you! You should receive a short survey in the mail or by e-mail which will ask you about your communications in the workplace and about your BCIT training in communication skills. Look for the Communication Department survey next Spring. Please let us have your opinions – you can help shape the future of communications training at BCIT.

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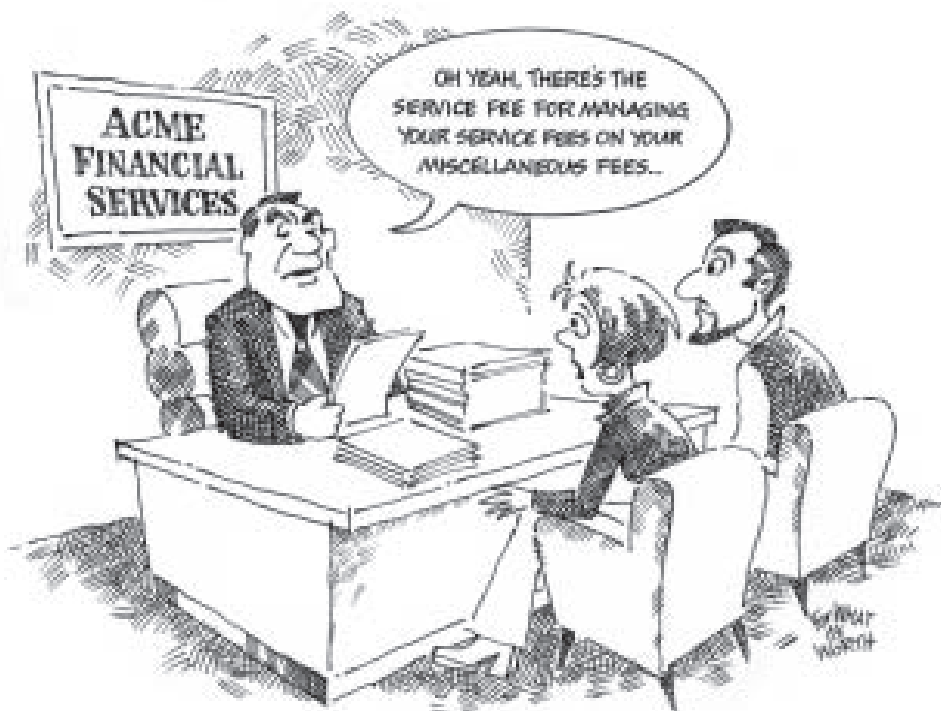
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