

BCIT UPDATE

YOUR CAMPUS BULLETIN

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BCIT!

April 1 marked BCIT's 2nd birthday — two years since the new institute was officially inaugurated. Former education minister Jack Heinrich announced the merger between the Pacific Vocational Institute and the British Columbia Institute of Technology on May 31st, 1985.

S.S. & E.S. CELEBRATES A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

In honour of BCIT's birthday, staff in Student Services and Educational Support, an area born out of the merger reorganization, are celebrating some of their achievements over the past year. Other departments on campus wishing to share their accomplishments during 1987/88 should submit a list to the editor, Administration Building.

Success Stories from Student Services and Educational Support: The Best of 1987/88

- BCIT's First Co-op Education program in the trades, in horticulture — is a huge success, resulting in improved relationships with horticulture industry and associations
- BCIT develops the Aids Policy, the first in place in college/institute system, and initiates Aids educational programs
- Library and Computer Resources install Acquisitions module of DOBIS, providing BCIT with complete inventory of institute learning materials (a first in the province), and providing on-line inquiry of status of orders
- Student Association initiates joint venture with insurance firm
- Students surveyed at Downtown Education Centre give overwhelming endorsement to BCIT presence downtown
- Library improves cooperation with VCC by conducting several workshops for VCC library staff and students in Library Technician program
- Financial Aid processes more part time student loans than any other post-secondary institution in Canada
- Fitness classes made available free of charge to all staff

BCIT's School of Business announces the establishment of THE BCIT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

This award will be bestowed annually on full or part time instructors at BCIT who have demonstrated superior abilities in teaching in the School of Business. The recipients will be nominated by students, colleagues and other admirers who believe recognition is due for the high calibre of teaching offered by the individual.

The award will be conferred in June each year.

Nominations are being accepted now.

Please submit your nominee's name, along with a letter describing your reasons for suggesting he or she be the recipient of the very first School of Business Excellence in Teaching Award.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: April 15, 1988.

SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:

THE BCIT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
JUDGING COMMITTEE
c/o Lynne Larsson
Office of the Dean (#1A 125)
School of Business
B.C. Institute of Technology
3700 Willingdon Avenue
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3H2 Phone 432-5598

All nominations must bear the name, address and phone number of the nominator(s).

■ Improved services provided to Sea Island campus: outreach programs in counselling and financial aid, and Library services

■ Development of 'Registats' to allow electronic access to statistical reports

■ Breakfast series sponsored by BCIT to promote technology transfer and to cultivate corporate friendships

■ Last mortgage payment completed on racquet courts complex

■ Current-awareness service offered by Library: to date 130 faculty and staff are subscribers

■ Gifts in Kind received in 1987 and to date: \$456,045

■ Student Services handles 250,000 enquiries (telephone, in person)

■ New and successful recreation program for trades implemented

■ Completion of merge activities: Registration completes integration of trades

and technology procedures, forms, and job duties; Library integrates collections, services and staff

■ Strategic Planning process continued: development of departmental objectives; focus on students and evaluation of services

■ Development of a secondary school course equivalence guide that is accessible electronically

■ Hosted World Wrestling Championships, resulting in good PR for BCIT

■ New Marketing Plan developed with institute-wide support and commitment

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IMMINENT

The next meeting of the BCIT Board of Governors will take place on Thursday, April 14. Everyone is welcome to attend the open session at 5 p.m. in the boardroom.

STAFF NEWS

Art Jorden, who took early retirement from the Automotive Department on January 15, wishes his colleagues well and requests that all Institute mail to him be discontinued.

THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED FROM UNITED WAY AGENCIES

BCIT has received the following thank-you letters from United Way agencies which received funds specifically allocated to them by BCIT staff:

Richmond Family Place: I am writing on behalf of Richmond Family Place to thank you for your direct contribution to our centre through the United Way. Donations such as yours enable us to provide much needed programs to parents and their children in our expanding community. Lineke Rodgers, Executive Director

Boys' and Girls' Clubs: We have been informed by the United Way that employees of your firm designated a contribution to our agency. Please be assured that the funds passed our way have been directed as per your request. On behalf of the young people who will directly benefit from your assistance, I extend a very sincere thank you for thinking of Boys' and Girls' Clubs at United Way campaign time. As well, since our agency is not appraised of the specific individuals making a donation, it would be appreciated if you would pass on our thanks to those involved. Richard Ryan, Executive Director

Aids Vancouver: We have just received a cheque from the United Way of the Lower Mainland for donations made to AIDS Vancouver through the Donor Option Program. Please convey our sincere thanks to your employees for supporting our work through the United Way. Brian Peel, Executive Director

BENEFITS BROCHURES CIRCULATED TO STAFF

All Staff Society members and management staff should by now have received brochures from Personnel outlining medical, dental, LTD, extended health and life insurance coverage. If you have not received yours please pick one up at the Personnel office in the Inglis building.

Personnel manager, Michael Stepler, says that BCGEU members will be receiving their brochures at a later date.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR SELECTED

Ernie Iannacone, executive director of the BCIT Development Assistance

Centre (DAC) has announced that Owen Edwards of Mechanical will replace Steve Duda of Operations Management as Industrial Technology Advisor (ITA) to the National Research Council. Funding for his one-year leave of absence is provided by the NRC (50%), BCIT (40%) and the DAC (10%).

An ITA provides personal and "on site" service to Canadian companies with limited technical resources and assists firms in acquiring or expanding the technological base necessary to ensure their competitiveness and profitability.

Specifically, Edwards will be assisting industries to identify, access and use current and new technologies, assist companies to solve technology-based problems and generally promote awareness of and access to the NRC/Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP).

As well as funding for ITA positions, the National Research Council has also provided the DAC with funds for faculty and/or departments to assist small and medium size companies to solve short term engineering, technological and scientific problems, improve production operations, and expand or enhance their effective technology base through the use of specialized external laboratory staff and facilities. Steve and Owen will be calling upon the expertise of BCIT faculty and technical staff to assist in solving such industrial problems. Faculty are encouraged to drop into the Development Assistance Centre, room 1A - 220 and give a brief overview of their areas of expertise. When assistance is required, the appropriate individual will be contacted.

Should you wish further information about the DAC or NRC please drop into the DAC office, room 1A - 220 or phone 432-8373.

LIBRARY COMPLETES WORD PROCESSING CONVERSION

Librarian Frank Knor, with the assistance of Joe Casimir and staff from Electronics, has just completed a project that involves converting word processing files from Apple II+ or IIe format to a format that can be read and used by most IBM microcomputers and word processing programs. Library staff initiated the project to convert a large number of their own diskettes, but the system is so simple and quick, they would like to make it available to all staff.

"Anyone who has created important files on Apple with programs such as Magic Window or Appleworks can now write the data to diskettes that can be read by IBM microcomputers," says Knor. "The conversion process is simple and only takes 15 minutes."

The conversion process is accomplished using a program and circuit card called the Apple Turnover card which allow IBM PC's to read and write five 1/4" diskettes in Apple Dos 3.3 format.

Second year Computer Systems student David Wu, hired by the Library as a work/study student, has prepared a user manual and tested the system.

If you are interested in using the system, please give Frank Knor a call at 8508.

COPYING SERVICE NOW PART OF S.A. ENTERPRISES

Sure Copy Centre is the latest company to form a business partnership with the BCIT Student Association.

Formerly Sam's Copy Centre, Sure is the eleventh in a chain of copy centres which stretch as far as the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary.

"The Student Association was losing money annually on copying," says S.A. business manager Lorne Hildebrand. "We needed different and better equipment, but had no money for it. Students were not only paying for every copy they made, but were also subsidizing a loss operation through their annual fees."

The Association now earns the lease revenue plus an override and the students have access to proper equipment and better service. "We don't have a controlling interest in the company," says Hildebrand, "but it does add to our investment portfolio."

Open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday until 4:30 p.m., Sure features high speed and colour copying, full printing services and mailbox rentals. Complimentary services include report binding, stapling, folding and inserting.

Other services available at the Student Activity Centre include Duke's Gourmet Cookies and Scholastic Insurance Services. The privately owned Duke's employs four part-time students and serves everything from a variety of espresso coffees and chocolate covered espresso beans to muffins, juice and seven kinds of gourmet cookies. Duke's is open Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Scholastic Insurance Services manager John Ng Shun is now able to visit staff and faculty in their offices for autoplan renewals or any other insurance needs. The insurance agency is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. John can be reached at 432-8413.

JOHN CLEESE VIDEO ON VIEW IN LIBRARY

The Library's Video Feature of the Month is **Telephone Behaviour: The Power and the Perils**, featuring John Cleese of Monty Python and Fawlty Towers fame.

Find out the do's and don'ts of good telephone behaviour and get a good laugh at the same time. Screenings are daily at 9 a.m. in room 114 of the Library.