

THE LINK

1991 Convocation

BCIT'S STUDENT NEWSMAGAZINE

I Can't Believe It's Over...

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Two long years.

Seven hundred and thirty days. Two thousand and twenty-eight hours in the classroom and an equal or greater number of hours of homework. And finally, it's over...

And while a lot of students share 2nd year Marketing Grad Chad Kelly's view that they'll remember their friends and little else after they've graduated, more likely than not absence will make their hearts grow fonder as the years pass.

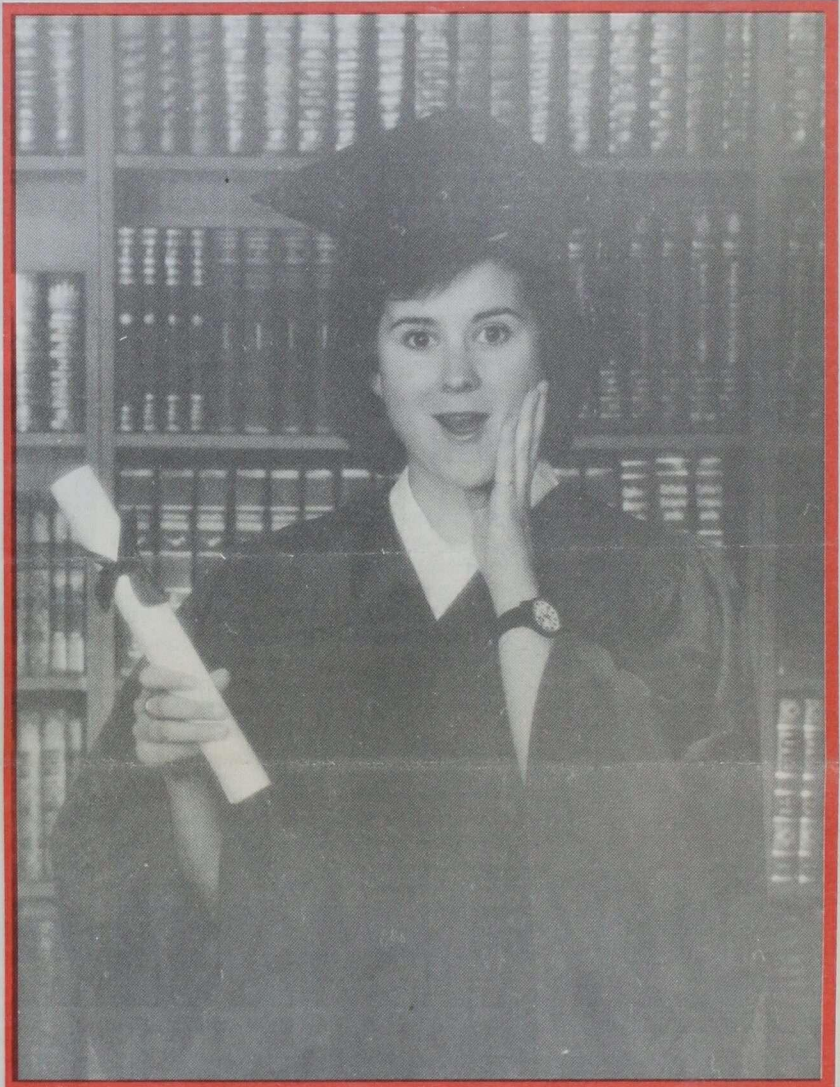
Not only will grads be thankful for the excellent preparation they have received as they embark upon new careers, but they will probably also remember Shinerama, Jail n' Bail, Access Awareness Day, and the Escape the Institute Dance.

Remember the partial closure of Building 1A because it was "below the safety standards necessary to withstand a minor earthquake?" And remember sitting in the breezeway beneath the building the year before?

And how could one forget the Serious Fun of Shinerama—the Shinerama/Orientation Beer Garden in Taps with live music from Emily Stop, the special midnight showing of *The Shining* at Lougheed Mall, the pancake breakfast with Bob and Stirling from CFMI, and the Shinerama dance at the Commodore? And of course raising over \$32,000 by shining shoes, washing cars, shampooing engines, and balancing wheels—all for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Shinerama's success was due, in no small part, to Alison Shackell, winner of this year's President's Award, who planned and coordinated the event.

In another event for charity, BCIT's soccer squad defeated Capilano College 1-nil to win the first annual President's Cup. Over \$1000 was raised for the United Way.

1990 saw BCIT turn green as the Institute and the Student Association initiated a (Continued on page 3...)



Karla Winter, Marketing Graduate

BCIT CONVOCATION CEREMONIES June 11-14

Tuesday, June 11

School of Trades Training Convocation, 11:00 am

Keynote Speaker: Ken Anderson, Director, Physical Plant, Royal Columbian Hospital

Wednesday, June 12

School of Business Convocation, 9:00 am

Keynote Speaker: Clark G. Quintin, IBM, VP, Western Canada

School of Business Convocation, 1:30 pm
Keynote Speaker: Derril Thomas Warren, O.C.

Thursday, June 13

School of Engineering Technology Convocation, 1:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Norm Francis, President, Boardwalk Ventures Inc.

Friday, June 14

School of Health Sciences Convocation, 1:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Robert J. Smith, President and CEO, Lion's Gate Hospital

11-14 June 1991

CONGRATULATIONS TO 1991 GRADS!

The big day has finally arrived.

All those difficult assignments and late-night studies are now behind you. Ahead is a new challenge, the challenge of a new career and a new role in society.

When I see the quality of the graduates coming out of BCIT, I am very optimistic about the future. I know we are in good hands!

BCIT graduates have an excellent work ethic and great skills. They become productive, effective members of an employer's team right from the start.

Graduation provides me with the opportunity to pass on a few words of advice. My advice to you:

- make the necessary commitment to succeed.
- be flexible.
- be a good listener.
- don't wait for others to volunteer—get involved!
- grow with each opportunity.
- recognize that learning is a lifelong experience.

Graduation is but one of many crossroads in your life. As you move forward, be sure not just to take but to give to society. Help make our community a better place to live. Be involved with your profession, your community, and BCIT through its very active Alumni Association.

Let me take this opportunity to extend my warmest wishes and congratulations. May you have much success and good health in the future.

Sincerely,
John Watson



1991 CONVOCATION AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Alison Shackell
*Marketing Management Technology
School of Business*

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Glen Hodgkinson
*Aircraft Maintenance Engineering
School of Trades Training*

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S BRONZE MEDAL

Elizabeth Stokes
*Computer Systems Technology
(Information Systems Option)
School of Engineering Technology*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S SILVER MEDAL

William Bennett
*Power Engineering
School of Trades Training*

DEAN'S AWARDS

Jean-Guy Carle
*Electrical & Industrial Electronics Program
School of Trades Training*

Gordon Fordeczka

*Financial Management Technology
(Advanced Accounting Option)
School of Business*

Elizabeth Stokes

*Computer Systems Technology
(Information Systems Option)
School of Engineering Technology*

Wendy Smith

*graduate of Post Diploma Diagnostic Sonography Program
School of Health Sciences*

S.A. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Students:

Well, it's here—time to go out and conquer the world!

Congratulations to all graduating students in Engineering, Health, Business, and Trades.

We all leave BCIT a confident, motivated bunch ready to take on the challenges that await us.

The 1990's will be a time of rapid change. We will be the catalysts to this change. As a fine and trendy young man said to a fine and trendy young woman at Joe Fortes Seafood Bar recently, "the world is our oyster."

To all students going into their graduating year, I encourage you to get involved in student life at BCIT. Your 1991/92 Student Council is ready to represent you with fresh energy and a new set of ideas. They need your enthusiasm.

Cheers!

Duff Gardner
Past-President, Student Association.



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campus-wide recycling program under the direction of Gavin Davidson, a former BCIT student. Gavin has since gone on to fight environmental crime wherever it can be found, but has been ably replaced by Brian Souter. Karin Shard, a graduating Marketing student, was instrumental in developing the program, and was also the first winner of the Papermate of the Month Recycling Award. Karla Winters, a 2nd year Marketing Grad and S.A. Business Chairperson, was the S.A.'s environmental coordinator and was responsible for such initiatives as carpooling and an "environmentally-friendly" purchasing policy for the S.A.

1990 was also the year of Child Care at BCIT. A cooperative venture between BCIT and the Student Association, BCIT's Child Care Centre opened in October thanks in part to a very generous donation from the provincial government. Not only is it an exciting new venture for both students, staff, and particularly their children, but it is a model facility specifically designed for the needs of children.

And to bring out a little of the child in all of us, Recreation and Athletics sponsored a pumpkin carving contest with fourteen teams competing. Certainly one would not want to take "A Walk in the Park"

international advertising on AIDS.

The New Year began with a party as WinterFest '91 heated up—all proceeds (\$10,000!) going to the BCIT S.A. Student Assistance Fund. There was the Chicken Chunk Pig Out Contest ("just one more..."), the Dunk Tank where we soaked out favorite(?) instructors, the Beer Garden at Taps, Jail n' Bail, and the WinterFest Wind-up at the Commodore. What a great concept—have a great time while supporting a valuable cause.

The Campus got a little greener with the approach of Spring and Environment Week, which included a forum on "Technological Advancement and Environmental Conservation—Are they Compatible?" Susan Spence summed up the focus of Environment Week perfectly:

This week, why not ride your bike, walk, or take the bus. If we all left our cars at home, we could also leave the gas mask, the gun, the psychiatrist, the health store, the fitness centre, the dry cleaner's, and the smog. You're on your own with your stepmother...

And speaking of being on your own—did you live in Rez? Will you ever forget those eleven other people? Will you ever speak to them again?

More critical than "Who drank my milk" were the questions posed at the "Ethics in the Workplace" Symposium, sponsored by the Canadian Association of Equipment Distributors and BCIT, which investigated the types of ethical dilemmas confronting both consumers and business.

And one mustn't forget the Link's new look, Jack Smugler, and the surprise appearance of Jack's younger brother, Duff, at the BCIT Board of Governor's meeting where he reminisced about many of the student's achievements over the past 25 years and spoke on the direction of the Student Association into the 90's. This was followed by a delightful video produced by the S.A., *One Day in the Life of a Student Executive*. The students wrapped up their presentation with a rousing rendition of *Education is Fun* by the BC It's—Nigel Yonge, Alison Shackell, and Hon Lui.

Perhaps even more controversial than tuition fee increases and budget cuts was the participation of a Pro Team in the Taps Tourney. In a close encounter of a drunken kind, Marketing's worst, the "D"TOX'ers



lost to the Shooters in the finals, 5-3. Andres Mendoza said his team—the "D"TOX'ers—didn't have a chance. "The Shooters are a pro ball team that goes around searching for tournaments. They don't have jobs, and that's how they make their money." This was denied by one of

the Shooters, a fellow who looked a lot like Pete Rose. "We don't even know each other. In fact, half of our team is made up of hitchhikers."



with Jodie Reichmuth and Pam Winterburn, whose winning entry was stabbed with a knife. Pumpkin seeds and innards were then effectively utilized to complete the effect.

And who could forget all the problems associated with parking—towings, break-ins, thefts... But now that we are heading out into the "real" world, will our experiences downtown be any better?

1990 also saw the promotion of safe sex on campus by the 2nd year advertising students in Set K, including a ride around campus by King Condom. This was followed by a presentation on the comparative analysis of Canadian versus

