

New Alumni Executive Takes up Reins of Office

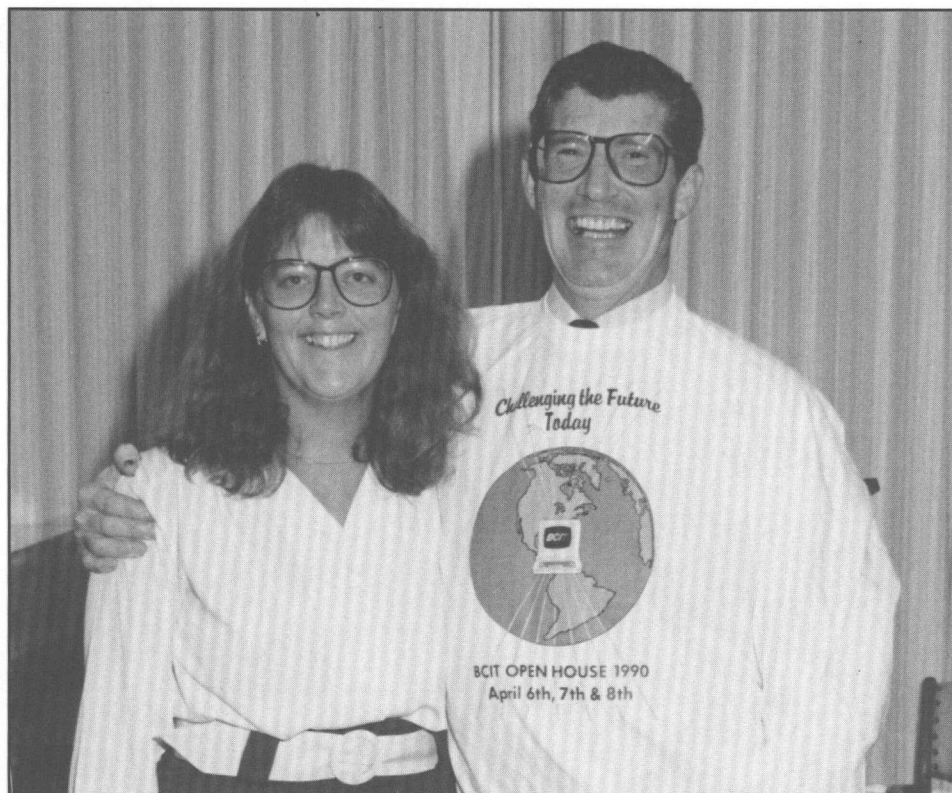
A new executive for the Alumni Association has taken office this fall, and great plans are being developed to bring the activities of the Alumni Association back up to full steam.

Appointed to executive positions are five BCIT grads whose commitment to the Institute goes back many years. New Alumni Association President Melanie Wheating graduated from the Administrative Management program in 1984 and is currently employed as Director of Development with the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. Melanie served as vice-president of the Alumni Association in 1986-87, and has been the Association's Health Representative and Business Representative. She has also been the Alumni Representative on the BCIT Development Council and was coordinator of Open House in 1984.

Helping Melanie this year as vice-president of the Association is Gerry Townsend, who graduated from the Business Administration program in 1980. He's the Government Agent for the Ministry of the Provincial Secretary/Government Services in New Westminster. Gerry has worked with the Alumni Association previously as the Certificate of Technology representative.

Secretary of the Association is Bill MacPherson, a 1988 Business Administration grad and a 1985 Mechanical Engineering Technology grad. He's been a Director-at-Large for the Alumni Association and was especially active with the BCIT Student Association, serving as vice-president, Administration, Finance, the Engineering Society Chairperson, a member of the Open House Planning Committee and the Student Services Committee of the Education Council. Bill is regional vice-president for the Bob Proctor Corporation.

Grant Crittenden has been appointed to serve as Treasurer on the Association executive this year. Grant graduated from



BCIT student Lori De Cou (l) is helped by Board Chairman Wynne Powell to spread the word about Open House April 6, 7 and 8 next year. De Cou is the student coordinator for Open House which is expected to draw thousands of alumni, prospective students and employers to the campus in the spring.

Open House Plans Promise Lots to See and Do

"Alumni coming back to BCIT during Open House next April will be absolutely amazed at some of the things that are going on here, especially the use of technology," said one of BCIT's biggest supporters, Board Chairman Wynne Powell. Open House, set for April 6, 7 and 8, is an inside look at BCIT offered once every two years.

Expected to draw thousands of people to the Burnaby campus, Open House will feature behind the scenes views of programs and activities that will demonstrate why BCIT grads are in demand in the workplace. "Demonstrations of the types of projects students are involved in, as well as re-training possibilities for people will be major parts of Open House," explained Powell. "Not only alumni, but potential students, employers and industry will see that BCIT is a resource that they can use in B.C."

Regular classes for most programs will

be cancelled on the first day of Open House, Friday, April 6. Many school groups from around the province have been invited to pay a visit to the campus on that day, although the public is welcome as well. Many alumni will be expected during the two days following.

Arranging the details of demonstrations and coordinating activities during Open House is the responsibility of a 14-member student committee headed by Lori De Cou, a second year Marketing student. "We want alumni to see what's available now that wasn't when they were students," De Cou said. "Open House will be a great shopping ground for ideas—not only ideas that they could use as employees and employers, but ideas that they can offer BCIT to keep the programs relevant to industry's needs."

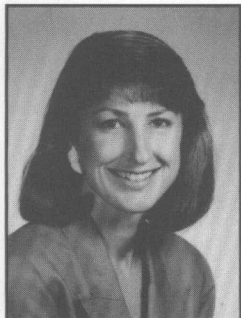
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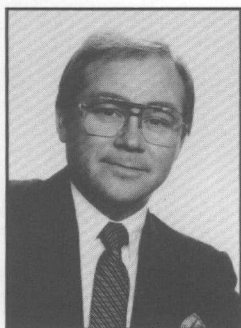
Marketing Management in 1972, and for the past seven years has been owner of Crash Crippleton's Model Emporium Inc. His previous BCIT involvement includes two terms as president of the Alumni Association, as well as



Wheating

terms as vice-president, treasurer, and a director. He's been a member of the BCIT Development Council, BCIT Education Council and Tower Group. Grant was also Vice-president External for the BCIT Student Association and recipient of the Principal's Award in 1972.

John Leech, a BCIT graduate well known to many in the BCIT community, will be working with the BCIT Alumni Association on a part-time basis as well. He has been seconded from the Applied Science



Leech

Technologists and Technicians of B.C. on a 20 per cent release basis to help direct the activities of the Alumni. John was President of the Alumni Association from 1986 to 1988, and is also a past member of the BCIT Board of Governors and numerous committees in the BCIT community.

One of the executive's first priorities will be the 15th annual Celebration of Achievement breakfast in late November. Eleven Alumni Association entrance awards will be presented to deserving first year students by Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training Stan Hagen and Burnaby MLA Elwood Veitch.

AGM Date Set

Mark your calendars now for the Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association. The date's been set for May 24, 1990, and all alumni are welcome to attend.

President's Message

As graduates, we have often watched BCIT with a certain curiosity and anxiety, the kind of anxiety that goes with watching something that you care about grow up.

If you were to visit BCIT again, I think that you would like what you would see. There is a new sense of purpose; there is a clear mandate now and the work has begun.

In June of this year a new president of BCIT was welcomed, Mr. John Watson. The task before Mr. Watson is not small, the last few years having been trying ones for the Institute. Our new president needs to take a tired BCIT and rejuvenate it, bring back its confidence in being the foremost advanced technological institution of this province.

I am impressed with Mr. Watson. He has a clear vision of the BCIT of the future. His vision is of an institution working hand in hand with industry to become more competitive and productive. He has already begun to develop programs to make this possible. BCIT will be a vital link to the growth of industry, and to entrepreneurial and technological ventures. The future of this institution looks great.

The Institute as you remember it is still here. The quality of the education remains first class, but the face has changed and there are exciting new programs. This is an outstanding school. Business and industry are waiting at the door for BCIT graduates and that is what is important, after all. That is why you and I wanted to be graduates of BCIT.

BCIT will host its twenty-fifth anniversary Open House this April. Please make time to stop by and visit. You will like what you see.

— *Melanie Wheating*
Alumni Association President

Campus Centre Planned To Be Hub of BCIT Grounds

Plans to change the location of the new Campus Centre building were approved in September so that the long-awaited building can become the centre of campus activities. "The Campus Centre building should be the centrepiece of the BCIT community," said President John Watson, who met with the Student Association, the Tower Group, architects of the Campus Masterplan and other interested groups.

The Campus Centre building will have a new central location when construction begins, just west of the Food Training Centre, replacing the parking lot presently on that site.

Fundraising for the Campus Centre building has been underway for some time, and more than \$300,000 in cash and pledges has been raised. Donations are still coming in from the phonathon held in May (see Summer 1989 issue of *Alumni News* for details), pushing total donations over \$9,000. Hi-Tech Industries has pledged \$10,000 toward the building. In part because of the support that the BCIT

community has shown for the building, presidential support for the project is stronger than ever. The Institute's administration included a request in its most recent budget submission to the provincial government to fund part of the construction of the Campus Centre building as part of the government's capital grant to BCIT.

Not only has the building undergone a change of location recently. It's also been altered to a quarter-circle shape instead of the originally planned long building, and designs also include a larger lecture theatre. The Campus Centre building will be a place for alumni, staff, students and the public to gather. It will accommodate four meeting rooms and an amphitheatre, display areas and much-needed quiet study space. Also planned for the building are a dining area for alumni and faculty use and a permanent home for Alumni Association offices, currently housed in Trailer 1-D.

The Student Association is hopeful that groundbreaking will take place before the end of the school year.

Shinerama Goes Over The Top

Every year for the past 20 years, students from BCIT have hit the streets of Vancouver, shining shoes to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. This year, facing a goal of \$20,000, BCIT students surpassed all previous efforts, bringing in a record-breaking \$22,000 on Sept. 20 for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. More than 600 BCIT students took part, including students from the School of Trades Training and all three technology schools.

Shinerama, the major fundraising event for the Foundation, is a Canada-wide activity involving more than 70 campuses across the country. In B.C., only BCIT and the University of Victoria participate.

Organization of BCIT's Shinerama was undertaken during the summer months and early September by Jo-anne Emery, the Student Association's vice-president of marketing and public relations. Jo-anne arranged for student teams, many in costume, to shine shoes for donations in malls, transit stations and heavy-traffic areas like Robson Square. Car shines (and washes) were set for Chevron stations, and even shop windows were washed along Water Street in Gastown. A media "shin-eoff" among rival radio stations, barbeque, dance, and even sale of commemorative T-shirts helped to boost the donations.

During the 20 years that BCIT students have been part of Shinerama, their efforts have raised more than \$230,000 for cystic fibrosis research.

Open House Plans

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"There could be up to 100 different displays in all program areas," she said, "and counsellors will be available throughout the three days." A VIP weekend at BCIT is being offered to Grade 11, 12 or post-secondary students in nine regions of the province, thanks to Open House corporate sponsors Air BC, Holiday Inn Metrotown and Shoppers Drug Mart. Other corporate sponsors who can offer prizes or donations are also being lined up as plans are finalized.

"This is a particularly special Open House for us next year," Board chairman Powell said. "It's the 25th anniversary of our first graduating class, the class of '64. There's a lot of us out here now that would benefit by coming back to BCIT—for a look at what the new grads are learning or for retraining possibilities for ourselves."

Details on Open House displays and activities as they develop will be announced in future editions of *Alumni News*.



Eager to receive the Alumni Association's cheque for \$1,000 to add to Shinerama's total for cystic fibrosis research are Dave Souder, left, president of the BCIT Student Association, and Jo-anne Emery, Student Association Vice-President for Public Relations and Marketing. The cheque, delivered by Gerry Townsend, BCIT Alumni Association Vice-President, and John Leech, right, BCIT Alumni Affairs consultant, helped to make this year's donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation a record breaking \$22,000.

BCIT's Top Grad Well-Prepared for R&D Job

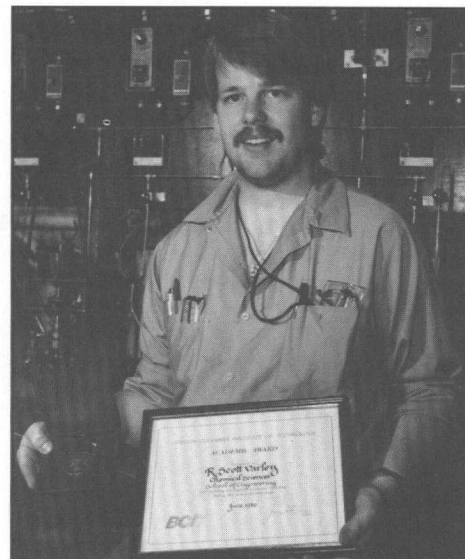
Scott Varley couldn't receive his awards at the June Convocation in person because he was already on the job at Cominco's plant in Trail, involved in research and development projects. Scott's academic average of 95.77 per cent during his second year of studies in chemical sciences technology had earned him the Governor-General's Award for the highest academic record at BCIT, and the Dean's Award for being the top technology student.

"I've always liked science, as long as I can remember," said the 23-year-old Williams Lake native. Although he tried two years of sciences at university, for Scott the honors program in chemical sciences technology at BCIT was more suitable for his interests. "There was too much theory and not enough practical emphasis at university," he explained, "and I was impressed by BCIT's high job placement percentage and the mix of theory with practice."

His position with Cominco in the research and development division is ideal for him, he said. "There's something different to do every day. Right now I'm working on electrolysis, solvent extraction and running a series of acid reduction tests."

Although the work keeps him busy, he

still finds time for hunting, fishing and hiking which attracted him to the Trail area when considering his job options. In January, he'll be busier still, as he completes his honors Bachelor of Science degree through the University of Waterloo's correspondence program.



Scott Varley, winner of the Governor-General's award, displays his prizes

GRAD GOSSIP

1989

COOKE, Cristi L. (Marketing) is marketing coordinator at Blooming Trading Ltd. She would like to see her classmates again and is already looking forward to a first year reunion.

1988

BEZUIDENHOUT, Lara (Marketing) is studying communications and publishing at SFU. She expects to complete her degree in 1990.

HERSCH, Joe (Administrative Management) is working as a realtor with Century 21 in Richmond. He is expecting a bright future in the business and attributes some of his success to the education he received from BCIT. Joe invites classmates to call him to say hi.

JAGGERNATH, Ruby M. (nee Peters) (Business Administration) is the communications coordinator for the Surrey Chamber of Commerce. She is aiming to expand her career horizons into the technical writing field. She lives in Vancouver with her three children, Carl, Lawrence and Charles.

SKRIVANOS, Jim J. (Marketing—Real Estate) is a representative for Bancorp Mortgage Limited in Vancouver.

STUBBERT, Dawn A. (General Nursing) is an R.N. at Prince Rupert Regional Hospital. She enjoys working in Prince Rupert and is involved in developing a diabetic daycare in the hospital. A big hello from Dawn to all her classmates and instructors.

TORP, Norman E. (Broadcast Communications - Television) is working as a video production specialist for the training and development division of the RCMP. He worked for 18 months at "The Eyes" Production Inc. and prior to that was hired by the RCMP for the summer of 1987 while attending BCIT. He is living in Burnaby.

WEBB, Debbie Rae (Marketing) is working as a claims adjuster for ICBC and says hello to all her fellow marketing classmates.

1987

VIRANI, Ayaz (Marketing - Real Estate) is the director of mortgage finance with Home Mortgage Canada Corporation. He and his wife Karima are living in Burnaby. He's a loyal reader of the *Alumni News* and reads each issue cover to cover.

1986

TOOTILL, Ian (Marketing) is a sales and marketing manager for Exan Consolidated

Transactions Inc. in Toronto. He spends his free time travelling in the Caribbean and frequently travels back to Vancouver.

WEEKS, Mark (Marketing) is the circulation director for Canada Wide Magazine and is living in Burnaby.

1985

JAHN, Reinhold (Financial Management) is a customer service representative supervisor with Ford Credit Canada Limited. He has been working with Ford since graduation. Reinhold would like to announce that he married Kathy this August.

1983

MIRHADY, Alex (Building) has been with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation working as an inspector since graduation. He and his wife Midee live in Prince George with their children Elizabeth, 3, and Michael, 1.

1982

BETUZZI, Christopher Charles (Forestry) has just started a new job as a forest technician 3 in silviculture and protection for the provincial Ministry of Forests at 100 Mile House. He spent the seven years since graduation in the Port McNeill Forest District. Christopher says hello to all his classmates and hopes there will be a reunion of his graduating year soon.

McFADDEN, David Walter (Operations Management) is an operations manager with Code Three Emergency Vehicles Inc. and is completing his third year of the CGA program. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Kelowna with their new son, Rory, born on June 13.

MAY, Timothy O. (Business Administration and 1980 Mechanical) is the vice-president, technical services at Progressive Solutions Inc. He and his wife, **Visnja (nee Pavlovic)**, Operations Management 1985, live in Richmond.

MERRICK, Richard "Andy" (Operations Management) is superintendent of the Sidney office for Canada Post. He originally worked in industrial engineering before moving to retail operations. He and his wife, Wendy, live in Brentwood Bay with their children, Tristan, 3, and Douglas, 2. He says a special hello from the red neck to corms, low-boy, skin and Julie.

TRAMPLEASURE, John Alan (Forestry) is the co-owner and president of Alpine Garden & Landscape Ltd. He and his two partners love being their own bosses and he reports that the business is going well. He and his wife, Debra, and their daughter

Justine live in Langley. They are expecting the arrival of their second child in December. He wishes to say hi to all his classmates.

1981

DOCHERTY, Douglas Steven (Civil and Structural) is a technician in the materials testing division of Warnick Hersey Professional Services Ltd. He was married in August, 1988, to Susan and they live in Vancouver.

KENNEDY, Don (Civil Engineering) recently obtained a master's degree in structural engineering from McMaster University. He is working as a design and construction engineer for Crippen Consultants. He was married to Susan Anderson this July and they are living in North Vancouver.

1980

CHU, Dennis (Environmental Health) is a public health inspector with the Edmonton Board of Health. He was transferred to Edmonton in January 1989 from the Barons-Eureka-Warne Health Unit.

COCHRAN, M. Denise (nee Schuh) (Medical Radiology) is a sonographer at Chilliwack General Hospital. After graduation she worked at Vancouver General Hospital for one year, then Chilliwack General Hospital for four years as an x-ray technician. She spent one year learning ultrasound on the job and has been registered and employed as a sonographer since 1985. Her husband, **Mike** (Building 1979), has started his own painting business in Chilliwack. They live with their daughter, Elise, 14 months, in Chilliwack.

MOSTAD, Frank (Chemical and Metallurgy, 1979 Mechanical) is an equipment inspector at loco for Imperial Oil. He has seven years training in karate and is a registered blackbelt in both Japan and Canada. In his spare time he offers classes in karate through BCIT's Recreation and Athletic Services office.

NISHIMURA, Wayne (Building) is working as a senior estimator for The Dominion Company in Vancouver. He was working in Toronto for the last two years and now lives with his wife, Celia, in a new home in Surrey.

ROETH, Alexis Stephanie (nee Holt) (Financial Management) is working in the accounting department of Empress Foods Ltd. She and her husband, Thomas, are living in Burnaby with their son, Derek, four months. She's hoping to buy a fishing resort in B.C.

1979

ANDERSSON, Louise (Medical Laboratory) is working as a medical technologist at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver and has just moved to the West End.

JUBA, Larry (Electrical) is vice-president, micro computer engineering for RMS Industrial Controls Inc. He's married to **Dana (nee Nielsen)** (Financial Management 1984) and their first child, Joshua Stephen, arrived July 10, 1989.

PATERSON, W. Ray (Building) is the director of planning, licensing and inspection services for the City of Merritt. He and his wife, **Pam (nee Morse)** (Hospitality and Tourism 1980) have just moved to the Nicola Valley.

PROCHNAU, Angela (Administrative Management) is juggling a busy schedule offering bookkeeping and administrative services to various local organizations and raising her two children, Felicity, 3, and Heather, 7 months. She worked for five years as a commercial loans officer at the Federal Business Development Bank. She lives in Tumbler Ridge with her husband, David, and their two daughters. She would like to say hi to her brother **Matthew** (Financial Management 1983) who let *Alumni News* know his whereabouts in the last issue.

1978

GRIESSEL, John Howard (Howie) (Fish and Wildlife, Forestry 1976) is working as a self-employed selective logger. After graduation, he worked for the B.C. Ministry of Forests in Campbell River until 1984 when he began to work on his own. He and his wife, Shari, live in Merville with their son, Kevin, 2 1/2, who occupies his father's time asking 18,000,000 questions.

1977

SUNDER, Leo J. (Agricultural Management) is the owner of Sunshine Greenhouses Ltd. He and his wife, Tina, live in Aldergrove with their six children—Maria, 9, Michael, 8, Cheryl, 7, Nicholas, 5, Stephanie, 3, and Matthew, 2. Leo would like to know where all his fellow classmates are.

1976

CLOW, Gary William (Administrative Management) is working as a missionary for Worldteam Canada. He says it may seem an odd profession for an administrative management grad but he uses most of the skills he learned at BCIT. He and his wife, Sandra Michele, live in Santiago, Dominican Republic with their two children, David, 3, and Christy, 1. Although he is living on a tropical island in the Caribbean, he misses the snow and skiing back home.



VENTURE PROGRAM

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IRONSIDE, Robert W. (Broadcast Communications) is the chairman and coordinator of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Vancouver Branch, Gift of Life campaign, recruiting new and existing blood donors.

1975

HOLMES, Stewart V. (Financial Management) is the corporate controller for Canadian Helicopters and was transferred to Newfoundland. Prior to his promotion and transfer he served on the advisory committee for BCIT's Financial Management program. He and his wife, **Penny (nee Sanderson)** (Biological Sciences—Food Processing 1975), and their three children, Geoffrey, 7, Stephen, 5, and David, 19 months, live in St. John's.

1974

DAVET, Barbara (nee Romeo) (Computer Systems) is the director of customer support for Graphic Response Systems Inc. She was married in September 1988 to Patrick in Jamaica and they now live in Burnaby. She enjoys reading the *Alumni News* and the grad gossip.

1973

COE, Vicki Lorraine (nee Copp) (Financial Management) is now busy raising her family. She has a one-year-old son, Dustin, and a new arrival expected in February 1990. She worked in the credit field for the

Bank of Montreal MasterCard and Rogers Cablevision prior to her new career. She and her husband, Glenn, live in Delta.

LEESE, Lorna (Forestry) is now qualified as a chiropractor and expects to pass her board exams this year and practise. She's living in Orlando, Florida.

WAHL, Bruce (Mining) is a shift supervisor for Amoco Petroleum. He and his wife, Lynda, are living in Drayton Valley, Alberta.

1970

HIEBERT, John B. (Building) is the president of Task Construction Management Inc. He spent the last year and a half working as the construction manager of the \$50 million restoration of the Empress Hotel in Victoria, and has now formed a new business. He and his wife, Karen, live in Coquitlam with their son, Matthew, 18.

JACOBSON, Larry (Administrative Management) is a senior partner with Macdonald Shymko & Co. Ltd. He's been elected president of the Pacific Chapter of the Canadian Association of Financial Planners and serves on the advisory committee of the BCIT financial management program. He and his wife, Margo, have two sons—Jeremy, 10, and Jeffrey, 3. He suggests that the 1970 administrative management graduates plan a reunion.

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Grad Gossip

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JARVIS, William Windsor (Mining) is on a disability pension after a serious accident while on vacation in 1984. He lives with his wife, Patricia, in Saskatoon and they have four children—Robert, 27, David, 26, Kevin, 24, and Cinnamon, 21.

1969

SUTHERLAND, John D. (Marketing) is the owner of the Mrs. Donahue's restaurant in Clearbrook. He is living in Surrey.

1966

MEDLICOTT, Derek (Business Management) is a sales consultant for L.J. Hooker and Bill Rose. He and his wife, Yna, live in Queensland, Australia, with their three children—Helena, 13, Shane, 10, and Gene, 3.

Class Reunions

The Food Processing and Food Production class of '69 celebrated a 20-year reunion in June. About 25 people—grads, spouses and instructors—shared dinner at a local restaurant and shared laughs at the photos taken ten years earlier at the first reunion of the class. Grads from as far away as Ottawa attended the event, and a barbeque is planned for next summer. Watch for details in future editions of *Alumni News*.

A get-together of the Building '69 class was also held this summer. Of the 46 grads in that class, 33 attended a wine and cheese reception on a Friday night in early June and letters were sent by another four who live and work outside the Lower Mainland. The 20-year reunion, which included a dinner and dance the following night as well, was the second get-together of classmates since graduation. Class president John Bower, who helped arrange the weekend's activities, said the reunion had both a social and business purpose to it. The Building '69 class has agreed to set up a fund to aid Building Technology students in the future.

Join the Party

Missing your old classmates?
Want to be part of BCIT's Open House?

Then organize a reunion of your class during Open House next April. We'll help you track those old friends down. Call Helen Hurley at the BCIT Alumni Office for details—432-8847.

BCIT's Flexibility Helps Inuvik Hospital

BCIT alumnus Jim Curtain hasn't been getting much sleep since he started his new position as Head Nurse at Inuvik Hospital several months ago, and it's not only because of the constant daylight.

Jim is the only trained operating room nurse in the 70-bed hospital and is constantly on call, even though the hospital has operating room technologists and over 30 regular nurses.

This situation will soon change for the better, however, thanks to Jim's work with the BCIT Operating Room Advisory committee. As a former member of that committee, Jim knew that nurses could be prepared for entry-level operating room work in a very short time through BCIT's post-diploma Advanced Nursing Program in OR. When he told the Director of Nursing at the Inuvik Hospital about the program, she arranged for two staff nurses to begin the program at once.

Both of the Inuvik nurses, Marilyn McCormick and Jan Ettie, already had post-diploma experience in intensive care nursing and obstetrics. Their operating room program consists of a combination of directed, independent study and a 10-week clinical experience. Although students usually come to the downtown BCIT campus to complete the program's tutorial lab component, in this case program coordinator Marnie Simon flew to Inuvik for a week in the late spring at the hospital's expense to conduct this part of the program.

"There is a critical demand for trained operating room nurses in many hospitals," Simon explained, "and BCIT is adapting to that urgency." Although the normal time needed to complete the entry-level operating room training is six months or more, BCIT has compressed the program to meet needs in Prince George, Kamloops and Nanaimo, as well as Inuvik.

In mid-September, both Marilyn McCormick and Jan Ettie came to the Lions Gate Hospital for the 10-week clinical component. They'll be finished their training by the end of November and will return to Inuvik well-prepared for entry-level operating room work.

They're excited about the prospect of expanding their qualifications without having to leave the north for more than a short period of time. A mother of three young children, Ettie is juggling childcare duties with her mother and her husband in order to complete the program.

"Flexibility is a key benefit of this program," said Simon, whose position at BCIT involves not only coordination of

the entry level operating room program, but an advanced level operating room specialty as well. "BCIT offers the only program in B.C. in which components can be modified to suit individual hospital requirements, such as a compressed time frame. For Inuvik Hospital, good training was needed in a hurry."

Simon added that much interest was shown in other BCIT Advanced Nursing Specialties by Inuvik nursing staff, and she expects more cooperative efforts between BCIT and Inuvik Hospital in the future.

Grads Honored With Alumni Awards

Every year outstanding graduates in all three schools of technology at BCIT are honored by the Alumni Association at Convocation. This year three excellent students were recognized for their scholastic achievement and presented with BCIT Alumni Association awards.

In the School of Engineering Technology, **Kenneth Laidlaw**, a graduate in Plastics Technology, was chosen.

Andrew Moore, a graduate of the Broadcast Communications program, was selected for the School of Business Technology. In the School of Health Sciences Technology, the recipient was **John Gulley**, a graduate of the Occupational Health and Safety program.

In the final year of their programs, students are nominated by the faculty members with whom they are studying. Final selection of winners for the Alumni Association award is made by the dean of each school.

The BCIT Alumni News is produced by the Marketing and Development Division. Submissions are welcome.

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Sherlock Holmes himself would be impressed with the methods of Stephanie King, left, and Susan Travassos who are tracking down missing BCIT grads.

Mission: (almost) Impossible

When Stephanie King and Susan Travassos took on the assignment last January, it seemed overwhelming, if not impossible. Of the 31,000 BCIT grads in existence, there were accurate records on little more than half of them. Their job was to track down where the rest were.

"Neither of us had done this sort of thing before," said Stephanie, "and we've refined our methods a lot over the months. But by far the best way of tracking down graduates is by asking their classmates."

Switchboard operators at BC Tel and BC Hydro as well as directory assistance operators in many parts of Canada recognize their voices now, and are particularly helpful as well. One night in October, for example, Stephanie had narrowed down a grad's location through relatives and classmates to "somewhere in Saskatchewan". She persuaded the directory assistance operator in that province to do a province-wide sweep of telephone listings and was eventually able to locate him. When she spoke with him, he had leads for about 20 other classmates.

"Some classes are more difficult to trace than others," Stephanie explained. "Forestry and electronics classmates, for example, seem to know where each other is because their work keeps them in touch. Others, like Hotel/Motel Management or Broadcast Communications, are spread out all over the world."

Since the two began their task in January, they've located more than 3,000 graduates, 41 per cent of which have had no contact with BCIT since they graduated. "Most are really delighted to be tracked down," Stephanie said, adding that very

few don't wish to have any contact with the Institute. "They've moved around, changed their names, and haven't remembered to let us know," she said. When Susan and Stephanie do reach them, many are keen to know the whereabouts of their old friends. "We're a form of 'Grad Gossip' (see pp. 4-6) over the phone!"

That's part of the joy of the job, according to Stephanie. "We get to put people together who haven't seen each other in 20 years." For the 1970 Medical Lab Technology class, for example, a reunion was difficult to organize because there were only 30 accurate records from a class of 102 persons. With a lot of help from the grads themselves, Stephanie now has accurate records on 96 grads, and a reunion is set for this January.

It's not only reunions that will benefit from this research. There have been no corporate statistics kept on alumni in the 25 years that BCIT has been graduating students. Job placement and the success of career choices can now be tabulated which could help to refine BCIT's counselling and programs, as well as enhance BCIT's reputation. Alumni Association activities could also be more tailored to the needs of alumni now that more accurate records are available.

The job's not over yet, though, as the two researchers are well aware. "We began in January with the earliest years, and we're actively researching up to 1973 now. Our graduates are in very mobile technologies and they generally move a lot, so getting and keeping accurate records is a big job." One grad whom Stephanie tracked down in the early spring obviously appreciated her work. She recently received a hand-written note from him giving her his new address in Cambridge, England, just as she had asked him to do.

1973 Business Grads are Missing

In this issue of *Alumni News* we're hoping to track down grads from the 1973 School of Business class with whom we've lost touch. If you know the whereabouts of any of these people, our Alumni Researcher would sure like to hear from you! Call 432-8823 or 432-8833, or write to the BCIT Alumni Association, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3H2.

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What's new in your life?

Do you have a new job? Are you moving? Have you been married recently? Do you have a new child?
Let us know that we may update our records and pass the word along to classmates.

Surname _____ Given Names _____

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Postal Code _____ Home Phone _____

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Year Graduated _____

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