

DEVELOPMENTS



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BCIT summer jobs uncertain

Of 19 applications approved by the BCIT Youth Employment Committee (to create summer jobs for students), only seven project proposals will go to the Ministry of Labor for budget approval. All Staff Society positions have been cancelled.

The seven projects, if approved by the Ministry of Labor, will provide 13 students with summer employment on campus.

"With a student enrolment of 4,000, it is sad to see we're only able to find summer jobs for a few students," said Linda Krahn of the student financial services office. "I am terribly disappointed that BCIT cannot make use of all the funds offered."

The Ministry of Labor has tentatively offered BCIT a YEP budget of \$88,400, said Krahn. "The seven projects that survived will only utilize about 35 per cent of this money."

Krahn submitted the applications to Victoria about 10 days ago. "I hope to hear from them within the next two or three weeks," she said.

Twenty-five proposals had been sent in to financial services by the March 14 deadline.

"They came from all departments, really," Krahn said.

Those selected included forest resources, athletics, campus life, library, general nursing, psychiatric nursing, student association, campus food services, counselling, housing and public relations. Some departments received approval for more than one project.

The Ministry of Labor contributes \$4.15 to \$4.50 towards the hourly wages. The ministry also supplies funds for employer costs such as unemployment insurance
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Norm Spencer, second year radio student, on the bridge of the space freighter Vortex. Story page 3
(Photo by P. Freno-Link).

Athletes have their day

About 175 BCIT athletes received recognition for the past year's performance at the annual athletic awards ceremony March 28.

Special honors went to Shelley Bianco, a member of BCIT's women's basketball team. She received an award for her outstanding contribution to athletics at BCIT.

Bianco, a native of Salmon Arm, B.C., is studying nursing at the institute.

The men's award for the most outstanding contribution to athletics was shared by Regan Tretheway and Gregg Turkington, both of Vancouver.

Tretheway was a member of the badminton team and rugby squad, while Turkington performed for the BCIT Cougars basketball club and soccer team.

The Labatt Breweries scholarship was awarded to first year nursing student Bonnie Hawrys. Hawrys is a member of the badminton team. The scholarship is presented to the student athlete who achieves the highest academic average.

The most outstanding contribution by a team manager award was presented to student Brendi Prosser.

BCIT most valuable team player awards went to students David Lockerby and Dan Lee, of the badminton team; Lorraine Mosher, women's basketball; Turkington and Dave Hubbard, men's basketball; cross-country team members Riley Garner and Randy Schellenberg; Kevin Towers, curling; Wendy Prochnavy, grass hockey; Tretheway,
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Make it a date

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the fifteenth annual convocation ceremony on Friday, June 13 at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

About 1,645 students are expected to receive diplomas.

At the morning ceremony, which gets underway at 10 a.m., diplomas of technology will be presented to students in the Engineering Division. At the 2 p.m. ceremony, students from the Business and Health Divisions will be awarded diplomas.

Now you see it, now you don't

During its 15-year history, BCIT has been first in a number of endeavors. Now, once again, the institute may be in line for another claim to fame.

BCIT could be, if the charge goes unchallenged, the first post-secondary institution to have a classroom skip class.

In the past, students have been known to miss classes and sometimes instructors have failed to show up, but who can remember the last time a classroom didn't show up for class?

A couple of weeks ago, Dr. John Kyle, a faculty member in

the Administrative Management Technology, and his students arrived at the site of their classroom to discover the classroom was gone. In its place was a ten-inch deep hole.

No, the classroom has not been transferred to Spuzzum, B.C.

In fact, Physical Plant reports that the trailer was last seen making itself at home at the south-west corner of the intersection of Roper Avenue and Goard Way.

According to Richard Smyth, director of Physical Plant, "symptoms of missing

BCIT through satellite

Anik B satellite audiences around the province "turned on" to BCIT last week.

The one hour production, organized by the Counselling Centre and the Public Relations Department, was beamed to six colleges in the province and into Alberta.

The production was divided into two parts.

The first half of the show covered BCIT student services, program offerings and campus life. The second portion was a live question-and-answer period. Listeners were able to

call in to discuss application procedures, financial aid at BCIT, accommodation and course offerings.

BCIT's on-air people included John Hunt and Ken Budd of Counselling Centre, Linda Krahn of Student Financial Services, housing manager Val Karpinsky and Alan Williams of Continuing Education and Industry Services.

The script was prepared by Hunt and Publications Officer Penny Freno-Link.

Broadcast Communications students Murray Wooding and Greg Hall (1st year television) and Greg Link (Broadcast Journalism) handled the program camera work and editing.

LETTERS

Editor:

After reading the article on BCIT and Mexico (March 20, 1980) and its source—Reg Risdale's "Report on a visit to Mexico," I felt dismayed at the attitudes expressed about the Mexican Indians of Pasteje.

I particularly object to "local people also conditioned to the *manana* attitude, the antithesis of the disciplined, energetic work ethic needed in a modern industrial plant." This type of remark reinforces a generalized stereotyped image of Mexican Indians that is entirely false and without scientific support. This remark also presupposes the superiority of our notions of the work ethic.

If BCIT is now in the business of exporting technological excellence, let it not also export prejudice.

Paula Pick,
Head Cataloguer,
BCIT Library

B.C. plans Science Week

Universities, Science and Communications Minister Dr. Pat McGeer has appointed an action committee to direct a Science Week in B.C.

McGeer said he was impressed with the Robson Square display by universities, BCIT and the ministry and Discovery Park Foundation last October and felt it should become a time of province-wide recognition.

The action committee, which is holding its first planning session this month, is comprised of Dr. Robert Stewart, deputy minister of McGeer's ministry, Don Larsen, president of Discovery Park Incorporated and BCIT Public Relations Director Dick Melville.

Heavy display involvement

classrooms and unexplained water holes on campus are contagious and likely to spread."

Smyth's advice to students, staff and faculty is to beware of highly portable trailers.



Henry Arthur, English Department head (left) said good-bye to three of the BCIT team destined for China at the Vancouver airport on February 26. They are (left to right) Greg Layton, Eunice Stronach and Bill Oaksford. The fourth member of the team, Rider Cooley, left a few days earlier (photo by Pat Burns).

China experience rewarding

"I wouldn't exchange this experience for anything," writes department of English instructor Bill Oaksford.

Oaksford, along with three other BCIT English instructors, is on a six-month teaching assignment at the Second Institute of Foreign Languages in Peking. The group is teaching Chinese teachers of English.

The other three members of the team, Eunice Stronach, Greg Layton and Rider Cooley, share his enthusiasm in spite of the "long hours" and the "very cold" building where they are

teaching. "I suggest," writes Oaksford, "that the second team bring very warm shoes and a couple of sets of long underwear."

The team is living at the Friendship Hotel, a large facility built by the Russians.

Oaksford ends his letter in praise of the people. "They stand out most; they are kind, very humble and incredibly industrious. What a joy to work with."

Athletes

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Malcolm Smith and Rick Green, rugby; Tod Porter and Ed Arnicans, soccer; Anita Sunder, women's volleyball and Mark West, men's volleyball.

The annual ceremony is co-sponsored by the Student Association and the BCIT athletic department.

by BCIT "of an animated nature" is expected.

Summer jobs continued

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premiums, holiday pay and project expenses. The sponsoring departments pick up the tab for health and welfare benefits.

Jobs which receive YEP funding must provide a minimum of 40 days of full-time employment between June 1 and August 31, 1980.

Last year, roughly 40 students were employed on the campus through YEP projects. In 1978, 50 students worked on campus; in 1977, 58 students were employed.

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Spaced-out in 2133

Through hard work, determination and a whole lot of ingenuity, Mike Ross has done something he's always wanted to do—he's created a science fiction television production.

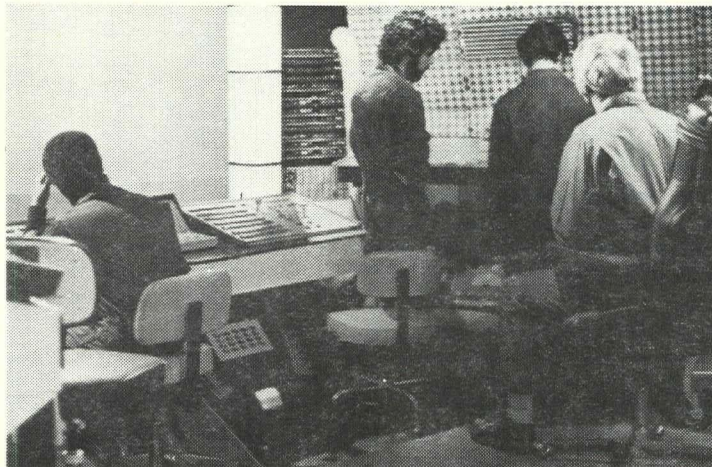
"I've been thinking about doing this for a long time," said Ross, second-year television.

"As a student, I could really explore all the possibilities and take advantage of the opportunity. I had complete artistic freedom. There is no censorship or restrictions, other than money and time."

The name of the production is "Vortex."

The story follows the journey of a space cargo ship and its crew, thrown off course into a "worm" hole. The crew, by making modifications to a unit they are supposed to be delivering to a space colony in the solar system, manages to return to earth. They travel back in time and arrive on earth in 1983 on the eve of World War III.

"It's not a clone of what is now seen on television or at the movies," said Ross. "It is not a Battlestar Gallactica; nor is it



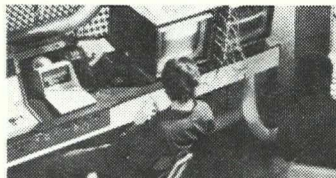
The crew of the Vortex, left to right: David Sealy, navigator; Phil Mallin, helmsman; Norm Spencer, second in command; Ron Knott, captain (seated).

Star Trek. I wanted to get away from the cliché. I tried to make the production utilitarian."

Ross produced and directed the space adventure, set in the year 2133, as an assignment for a television production course. Ross' production is based on speculation, rather than on fantasy. "It is science fiction based on projection," he said.

The script, which he wrote

during the summer of 1979, is well-researched. Ross said he used material that has been documented by people involved in the NASA space program in preparing the script.



Ross and co-producer Paul Patenaude, of second-year television, transformed old television monitors, video tape control units, egg cartons, television switchers and four oscilloscopes into the interior of the space freighter. "We also had a great deal of help from the broadcast engineers," Ross said. "That crew really did what they could for us."

The space freighter is manned by BCIT students and Ron Knott, an instructor in the English Department. Knott is the captain of the ship. The other crew members are Norm Spencer (second in command), David Sealy (navigator) and Phil Mallin (helmsman).

Classmates of Ross acted as the production crew.

Ross has spent six months in pre-production, on location and in the studio. Now he is working on the technical end of the project.

Although the job has been frustrating at times, Ross has enjoyed himself. "The creative aspect is really appealing to me and I really appreciated the artistic freedom I had."

By CINDY LOW

BCIT's Jim McGuire and John Powers are reluctant somebodies.

"The less advertisement we get, the better it is for us," says Powers. They are two of the campus' 13 commissionaires, whose jobs sometimes entail patrolling the grounds on foot. At other times, it means breaking into locked cars to retrieve keys for owners. The commissionaires can be easily spotted around campus in their dark uniforms and caps.

"We do everything—traffic, security, everything," says McGuire, who has worked at the BCIT campus for the past six years. "If someone's car has a dead battery, we put a jumper cable on it."

"But that's just a sidelight," interjects Powers, adding that traffic and security are the main duties. "We just do it to show what good-natured people we are."

Security is provided around the clock every day of the year by the Vancouver-based Commissionaires Corps of B.C. All

the commissionaires have military backgrounds, whether in the navy, army or air force. McGuire estimates that there are between 600 and 700 commissionaires in B.C.

"The other security outfits, like Uniguard, they aren't servicemen. Some of them might be, but not all of them. In the corps, every one of them comes from the military," explains McGuire.

McGuire's background, unlike that of Powers, is not exclusively a military one. "I was a barber by trade," said McGuire, "and I was a foreman in the oil fields."

Powers describes his past as "service, service, service. I joined the corps back east and then joined here. Each province has a corps, but they're all separate."

McGuire is asked to describe a typical day's work.

"You start in the morning and finish at night. That's a typical day," he replies, laughing. (Both McGuire and Powers are among the commissionaires who work the 6 a.m.

to 2 p.m. shift.) McGuire reiterates that traffic and safety take up a major part of the day's work.

"With the security end of it, we check for people and if we think they're outsiders, if we think they don't belong, we ask for identification. And if they're not supposed to be on campus, we ask them to leave," McGuire said.

The commissionaires also liaise with the RCMP. "If there's something here we can't handle, we call the RCMP," McGuire said.

BCIT safety and security administrator Neil Chadwick can capsule the commissionaires' duties: "They are responsible for the buildings and grounds, security, parking, traffic control, lost and found, and for providing information for visitors, and assisting the campus generally."

When is the job not enjoyable?

"When everything goes wrong," laments Powers, yanking off his rain-soaked clothing.

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COUNCIL NOTES

•Chairman Gordon Thom announced the election of two new members of council: Ron Einblau, chairman of the Continuing Education and Industry Services Advisory Committee, replaces Jack Carradice of the CEIS advisory group; Ron Knott, Department of English, replaces athletic manager Derek Swain as a member of the faculty at large.

•In response to recent Ministry of Education policy changes which bar admission to student visa applicants, the council recommended to the Board of Governors that the concerns of the institute regarding the change in policy be communicated to the Ministry of Education. Members of council discussed the effect changes in policy would have on B.C. students if reciprocal agreements with educational institutions in the U.S. were violated. Under such agreements, foreign student fees are waived for B.C. students attending some U.S. institutions.

•Council recommended approval of a detailed proposal for a post-diploma program in Diagnostic Ultra Sound; a one-year program for registered Medical Laboratory, Medical Radiography and Nuclear Medicine technicians.

•Council recommended that the institute proceed with

detailed investigations of the needs and justifications for the following new programs: post diploma in Energy Management; degree program in Accounting; degree program in Business Administration for Engineering and Health Division graduates; degree program in Broadcast Journalism; degree program in Hospitality and Tourism Administration and expansion in Administrative Management diploma program. Letters of intent to the ministry have been prepared.

Some members expressed serious concern about the recommendation to proceed to develop proposals for degree programs before the issue of BCIT becoming a degree-granting institution has been fully debated. However, it was argued that the policy, with regard to the development of degree programs, had been included in the draft Five Year Plan and had been approved by council.

•Council approved a motion presented by Quentin Lake, Civil and Structural. The motion: "that the council endorse no course or program that lies in the slightest outside of Five Year Plan policy without having debated, prepared and agreed upon recommendations for the necessary attendant policy change."

•At the request of the Committee to Review Educational Reports and Special Studies, council approved a motion which requests members of the BCIT community who are preparing reports, which may be subject to review by council, to provide a summary of their work. The motion states that the author(s) of such reports may be requested to present their report to the committee or the council in person. Reports should be forwarded to the secretary at least six weeks before the council meeting at which the committee will present its review.

•Council approved the establishment of a committee to review the interrelationship of BCIT to industry and to the post-secondary education system. The committee will

make recommendations to the Educational Council on the legislative and administrative relationships appropriate to BCIT, the institute's relationships to industry and its relationship to the post-secondary system.

•In preparation for making recommendations to the board on amendments to the by-law, council also approved the establishment of a committee to review the board by-law, relating to the Educational Council. This review is to be completed by December 31, 1980.

•Stu Gibbs (Counselling Centre) was elected to the Nomination Committee. He replaces John Scott of the Alumni Association, who has resigned from council.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

To honor outstanding students in various technologies, the BCIT Graduating Awards Breakfast and Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the SAC cafeteria.

Applications for Valedictorian 1980 are now being accepted. Applicants must be in the graduating class of 1980. Apply in writing to the Student Association president. Submit applications to secretary Janice Eden in the SA offices.

BCIT is in the midst of a province-wide recruitment campaign through advertisements in 18 daily newspapers, seven campus papers and 40 radio stations. The campaign has started three weeks earlier than the campaign mounted in 1979. With a "first come, first served" application policy it was felt the early campaign would allow technologies to review seat numbers in May and still allow time for any further recruitment effort.

THIS MONTH

Tuesday, April 15

- 11:30 a.m. Svetic's 2nd Rap Session in SAC.
- 12:00 p.m. Film Series 129. "Midnight Express." Admission \$1. Lecture Theatre 129.

Wednesday, April 16

- 7:30 p.m. Film Series 129. "Midnight Express."
- 8 p.m. BCIT Alumni Association annual general meeting and election. Student Activity Centre cafeteria.

Thursday, April 17

- Training and Development Centre (TDC) seminar, "How to Make Meetings Work." Vancouver City Centre Holiday Inn.
- 4 p.m. Board of Governors meeting. BCIT Boardroom.

Friday, April 18

TDC seminar continues. Campus Recreation Annual Awards Banquet. Cost, \$7.50 per person. Royal Towers Crystal Ballroom, New Westminster.

Monday, April 21

TDC seminar, "Dynamics of Effective Management." Four Seasons Hotel.

Tuesday, April 22

- 7:30 p.m. TDC seminar continues. Film Series 129. Mae West in "I'm No Angel" and W.C. Fields in "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break." Admission \$1. Lecture Theatre 129.

Wednesday, April 23

- 12:00 p.m. TDC seminar continues. Film Series 129. "I'm No Angel" and "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break."

Thursday, April 24

TDC seminar continues at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Monday, April 28

TDC seminar, "Evaluating and Selecting Business Mini/Micro Computers." Holiday Inn, Vancouver City Centre.

Tuesday, April 29

- 7:30 p.m. TDC seminar continues. Film series 129. "Animal House." Admission \$1. Lecture Theatre 129.



Wednesday, April 30

- 12:00 p.m. Film Series 129. "Animal House."
- 12:30 p.m. Free lecture, sponsored by the BCIT Staff Society Educational Development Committee. Dr. Bryan Hiebert of Simon Fraser University will speak on "Stress and Stress Management." Room 197/198.