

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the February 23 meeting of the BCIT Board of Governors

- Reporting on his recent trip to Asia, President Murray said he had established contact with Ministry departments and promoted contact between our institution and others in Asia. One result of that is that the University of Guangzhou will visit BCIT in April to explore possible joint activities.

- The Price Waterhouse report on BCIT costs as compared to other Canadian institutes will be presented to the Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training and President Murray on March 11.

- Representatives from the Student Association gave a detailed presentation on the proposed Campus Centre. The Board approved their request for permission to go ahead with their fund raising plans.

- The new BCIT hangar, purchased from Pacific Western Airlines, will officially open on April 27 with Premier Bill Vander Zalm in attendance. Renovations to the building are currently underway.

- Duncan Macpherson reported that the BCIT budget will be presented to the Board at their April meeting.

- Four BCIT promotional tapes were previewed. The videotapes, prepared by Terry Garner for the Knowledge Network, are titled: Expo Radio, Machine Shop, Aviation/Avionics and Pacemaker.



Troy Nagy uses a scale model to explain what the new BCIT Campus Centre will look like upon completion in 1988.

### HIGHLIGHTS, continued..

- Two more appointments to the board of the Development Assistance Centre were announced; Ron Venne of BCIT's Marketing Program and Dr. Terry Howard, president of the B.C. Research Council.

What causes secretaries the most stress?

According to a survey done by Panasonic Industrial Company/Professional Secretaries International, interruptions were the number one problem. Following closely behind were the lack of advancement opportunities, the lack of input into decisions and a lack of communication from the secretary's immediate supervisor.

Source: *The Wall Street Journal*.

## BCGEU contract ratified

A new BCGEU support staff collective agreement was ratified by the Board of Governors on February 23. The agreement, which will now go to Compensation Stabilization Commissioner, Ed Peck, for final approval, covers the period 1985 to September, 1988.

The agreement was voted on by 332 BCGEU members on February 19 and 20. The results were 219 in favour, 113 against.

An integral part of the agreement is the new job classification scale which came about as the result of a Joint Job Evaluation Committee project mounted by the Institute and union to seek parity for employees of the two former institutions.

## President meets staff

President Roy Murray has been doing a lot of communicating with staff recently.

So far he has met with all five schools to discuss the proposed educational structure. These meetings wind up this week and Roy Murray hopes to propose the new organization by April 4.

The first in the series of Network Circle meetings started last Wednesday when President Murray met with the management group to share information on activities and events related to BCIT. This information was later shared with employees within each manager's group.

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Special needs counsellor, Jean Spence, represented BCIT at the official dedication of Terry Fox Senior Secondary School in Coquitlam on February 11.

The words of Terry Fox, "I just wish people would realize that anything is possible if you try..dreams are made if people try," were inspiration for the moving ceremony.



# DECISION made on Inglis Library collection

After two open forums, held to hear the views of Inglis Library users and others on the proposed relocation of the Inglis collection to the Main Library, Peter Jones says he has reached a compromise decision.

The decision, he says, should alleviate the fears of instructors and students and better serve the needs of the Institute as a whole.

Although the decision is to move the Inglis collection into the main collection, Jones is taking great pains to ensure that the anticipated inconvenience this will cause trades students will not occur.

Jones says the decision is not an economic one. The same amount of money will be spent on Library resources, but with an added emphasis on providing the best possible service. As a result of the decision, additional funds will be provided to purchase material for trades and apprenticeship students.

The Institute Librarian has been asked to prepare a plan whereby the above decision will be implemented during the next several months.

During the two open forums, staff and some students expressed great concern over the closure of Inglis, citing that the size, perceived complexity and extra walking distance would deter students from using it. While dis-

agreeing with the length of time needed to walk to the Main Library, Jones was concerned with the other view that students found the facilities large and intimidating.

"I was very concerned to hear about how the trades students felt about approaching the Main Library, and the plan I have come up with should go a long way toward counteracting that," he said.

The Inglis Library will now become a convenient access point - an important first step for students in making contact with the Main Library. Library staff will be available to take orders for books, to help students locate books in the Main Library through DOBIS and generally refer students to the right person or place to contact once in the Library. "This should save the students a lot of time in zeroing in on the material they need," Jones explains.

Jones says the decision to move the Inglis Library collection has been made in the best interests of the Institute as a whole. "Fundamentally I don't think we should have separate collections for the trades and technologies. With these two areas becoming so inter-related, the line between them is becoming increasingly blurred. If we are really

going to be true to our mandate as an institute of trades and technology, we need to expose the trades to technologies and vice versa. You can't do that separately unless you duplicate both collections, and that would be costly in the extreme."

Jones is also unconvinced by the argument that Inglis Library should stay open because of the high volume of users. He cites a survey of the number of people using the library during 1985-86 that shows a high percentage of users were TRAC (now ELTT) students. These students will now have access to their own materials through resource centres being set up close to the shop floors.

Moving the Inglis collection to form part of the larger Institute collection is only part of a wider question which faces the administration - that of duplication. Many trades and technology programs have traditionally had their own small collections of reference texts, but no firm policy has ever been formalized. The Library User Committee is currently looking at drafting a policy on what is an appropriate collection for the Main Library and what is appropriate for departmental collections.