

## Locker fire causes little damage

Muddy black footprints led out of the basement locker room of PVI's Food Training Centre last Friday morning.

Inside the room black mud had puddled on the floor in front of a student's charred locker.

"There was more smoke than anything else, from the paper and clothes smouldering inside

the student's locker," said Neal Chadwick, traffic and security manager.

Damage was confined to one locker and its contents.

Smoke was spotted about 9:15 a.m., forcing evacuation of the cafeteria upstairs.

About a dozen students, some still clutching their coffee

cups, were standing outside when the Burnaby fire department arrived a few minutes later.

It took firemen about half an hour to put the fire out and clear the building of smoke.

However, even before they had fully cleaned up, cafeteria staff and customers were back

to business as usual.

"We don't know yet what caused the fire," said Chadwick, "but both our office and the fire department are taking a look at it."

The student whose locker was destroyed was away on a field trip Friday morning.



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*Burnaby fireman puts on oxygen equipment before starting downstairs to douse fire last Friday in Food Training Centre. Firemen said the smoke was so thick they could barely find the fire.*

## Staff centre needs Staff Society nod

The Staff Social Club will soon ask Staff Society members to support a plebiscite to provide a new staff centre at BCIT.

The plebiscite suggests that the club's original proposal of a separate building for the staff centre be modified to simply an expansion of the existing staff dining room.

It will also ask members to contribute \$1.95 per pay-cheque towards the approximate cost of the project, \$250,000.

This would be a special levy on top of dues, and if passed, would become a future condition of employment.

The club proposes to discuss the topic at length during the Staff Society's general meeting May 6.

They also plan to discuss other relevant issues such as the establishment of a policy-making "staff centre board", the tax status of the levy and future leasing possibilities for the centre.

The plebiscite has been tentatively scheduled for the week of May 11 to May 15.

"The Staff Social Club feels that such a plebiscite is the only means by which the staff centre will be built," said Staff Social Club members.

The club members are: Mark Angelo, Brian Leslie, Barry McKinney and Dave Jones, all Staff Society members; Wayne

Hepple, excluded staff; Miriam Quarin, Colleen Fostvelt, Gerry Fostvelt, Diane Gieser and Diane Nelson, BCGEU members.

"But it will only be passed if 60 per cent of those voting support it," they added.

"If this does not occur, the staff centre concept will be 'laid to rest'."

They want to emphasize that the Staff Social Club is an independent organization and is approaching staff society members first only because they constitute the largest group on campus.

If Staff Society members vote in favor of the plan, then the club will go to others on campus, such as the excluded employees and BCGEU members.

However, even if the plan does not meet with approval from these other groups, funding for the centre will go ahead, according to club members.

"If the Staff Society supports us, we'll have the necessary backing right there," said Mark Angelo.

"Other staff members on campus, if their organizations don't support the centre, will have to pay a type of users' fee," he added.

In a memo to Staff Society

## Voting today on div. reps

Today is the last day of voting to decide the divisional representatives to the Educational Council.

In the Engineering division, Tom Neilson and Kresho Frankich have both been nominated for the two-year position.

There are also two candidates in the new Institute Resources and Development division, Bill Marshall and Norma Hawkes.

Four divisions have selected their representatives by acclamation: Health, Ray

Fournier; Business, Tony Juzkow; Library Services, Robert Young; and two for Continuing Education and Industry Services, Allan Williams and George Balfour.

The Educational Council has not received any nominations for a representative from Core.

Nominations will remain open for this division until someone is declared elected.

Nominations for faculty/technical staff-at-large can be sent to the Educational Council office until 4 p.m. Tues., April 14.

# BOG staff rep says post rewarding

By Pat Markley

One thing the staff representative to the Board of Governors must keep in mind is that he or she is there to represent the staff on campus and not any other group, said Russ Curtis, financial management instructor and current board member.

"That may sound narrow, but no one else is going to do it," said Curtis. "It's too easy sometimes to get involved in the larger issue and lose sight of your responsibilities."

"I've made a point of keeping in touch with staff and the Staff Society."

"And that's one thing I'd like to see the next representative continue to do."

Curtis has been the staff representative to the Board of Governors for the last two years.

"I'd run again if I could," he said, "but I'm going to Britain to work for the next year."

Curtis will be the academic-in-residence at Further Education Staff College in Bristol.

An election for the next staff representative to the board will be held on April 27.

Being a good board member

takes a lot of time, said Curtis.

"I spend about eight hours a week on just reading," he explained. "If we have meetings, that goes up to about 15 hours a week on board business."

Curtis said part of his work is to act as an ombudsman for staff members.

"There are a lot of unsolicited questions, requests for information and help that have to be seen to," he said.

"Serving on the board is a very time-consuming, mentally-demanding job."

However, it is one that Curtis has enjoyed.

"It's one thing, probably the only thing that I regret about going to Britain," he said with a smile.

The staff representative is a full voting and participating member of the Board of Governors, Curtis said.

"He or she is also traditionally appointed to the tech ed sub-committee," he added.

"The only advice I can give to anyone thinking of running for staff rep is that their spouse had better be ready for some long evenings and weekends alone," said Curtis with a laugh.

All faculty on the salary scale,

step one and above, are eligible to nominate, be nominated and vote for the staff representative to the board.

Anyone, on or off campus, may be nominated.

Nominations should be posted with the secretary of the Board of Governors in the sealed nominations box before 4 p.m., April 16.

An all-candidates meeting will be held Wed., April 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the staff lounge.

Voting will take place Monday, April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Staff Society office (1A-269).

Additional information about the board is available from the Board Secretary, Pat Maertz, local 676.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

An open session of the Board of Governors will be held today April 9 at 1 p.m. in the BCIT Board room.

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Tennis anyone? The Campus Recreation Department is organizing tennis lessons for beginners. Instruction will include the rules of play, forehand and backhand strokes, introduction to the serve, and much more. Classes will be held Saturdays at two times: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 12 noon to 2 p.m. They will begin April 25 and continue until May 9. Register in the Campus Life trailer, local 782. Enrolment is limited to 16 people. Cost: \$15.

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The Campus Recreation people invite you to shake off those dreary winter blahs in a one-day special massage and beauty workshop Saturday, April 25. The morning session will focus on massage techniques for hands, feet, neck and shoulders and face. The afternoon session will concentrate on skin care, including a mini-facial, some natural skin care products you can make with ingredients from your kitchen, manicure and pedicure. So treat yourself to a luxurious day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registered therapist **Ms. Barrie-Lynn MacKay** will be conducting the workshop. Register at the Campus Life trailer, local 782. Enrolment is limited. Cost: \$5.

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The next meeting of the Educational Council will be held

Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in a location to-be-announced.

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Tickets for the BCIT Alumni Association's first annual dinner and dance (and Phil Henderson roast) April 25 are available from the TNT Shops and the Alumni office in the SAC building. Cost: Alumni members, \$25; non-Alumni members, \$30. The reception will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. For further information please call 433-2248 - leave messages evenings or weekends.

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The Campus Recreation Department will be sponsoring an intermediate class in wend-do (women's self defence) Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26. The course is designed for all those who have taken the introductory course or have had similar training. The class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Register in the Campus Life trailer before Friday, April 17. Cost: \$15.

## DEVELOPMENTS

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## Bring whole family to First annual picnic

Bring your entire family and all your friends to the first annual BCIT All-Staff Picnic Sunday May 3 at Barnet Marine Park.

The \$3 per person charge (\$2 for children 12 and under) will include all the beef dip sandwiches and cole slaw you can eat plus lots of organized events, from a three-legged race to an egg tossing contest.

Please bring your own beverage and cups.

If you would like to attend, please cut off the slip below and return it to Mark Angelo in the Forestry Department.

Picnic will go ahead rain or shine!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Of these, no. of children: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque made payable to  
BCIT Staff Club.

Return to M. Angelo, Forestry

# Architects to be chosen at today's meet

By Pat Markley

The program for on-campus construction and renovations has reached the final stage of selection of the architects, said Richard Smyth, physical plant director.

The matter will be presented to the Board of Governors at an open meeting at 1 p.m. today in the BCIT Board room.

A short-list of possible architects was presented to the board's finance committee last Wednesday.

Smyth said there were 29 applicants for proposed \$8.5 million construction and renovation work.

"They were interviewed here and at their offices," said Smyth. "We want to find an architect who will work with the users of the new and renovated areas."

Smyth added that word of approval for the \$1.45 million addition to the Broadcast Centre was also received last week.

"We're just waiting for the approval to be sent in writing from Victoria," he said.

The Ministry of Education approved funds for construction of the new facilities and renovation of the existing 1962, 1967 and 1976 buildings in 1979.

Programming for the new development began in November of that year and was completed just last month.

"Our projected construction schedule shows that work should begin as early as this summer," explained Smyth.

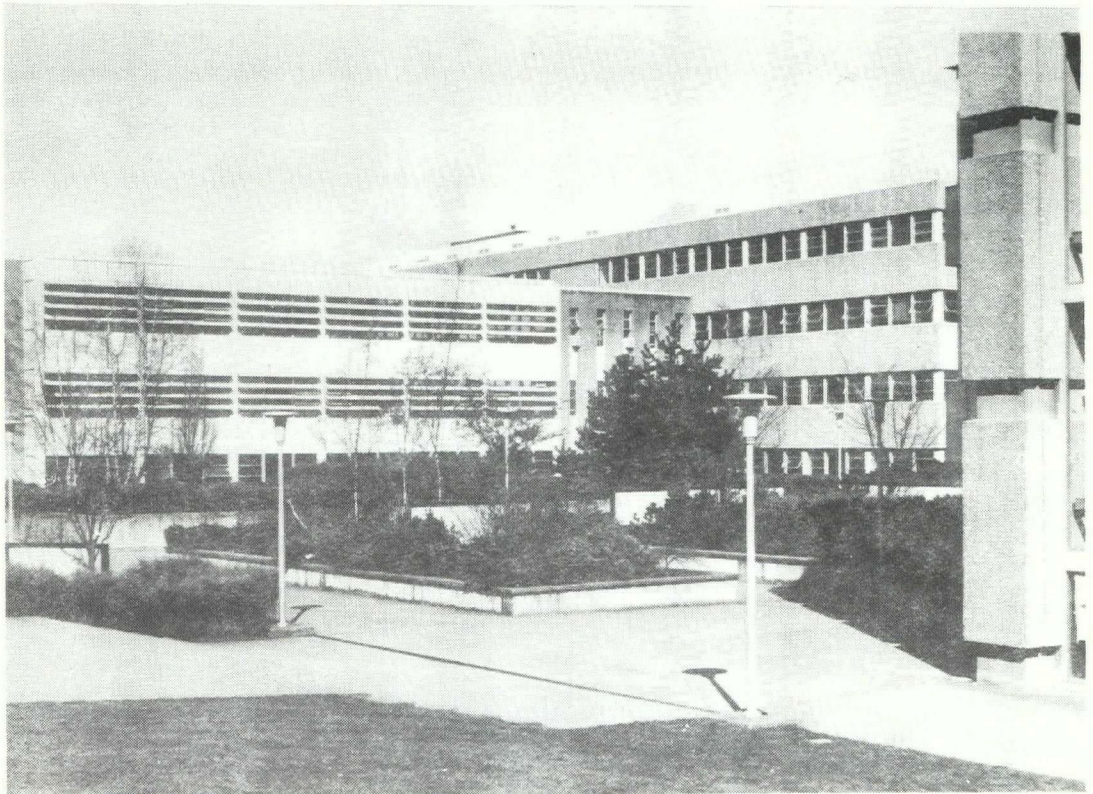
The first area to be affected by the renovations will be the computer terminal classrooms.

Renovations to the counselling area in building 2-N, the board/council room area in building 1-A and the start of construction on the new broadcast facilities are all scheduled to begin in October.

"There will be groups that will have to be relocated," said Smyth. "We are planning on constructing some pre-fab accommodations on the plaza by buildings 2-N."

"But you'll notice most of the work is planned for the summer months."

"We're trying to arrange for the renovations to be done during slack periods so that the



Proposed site of new wing to connect 1962 building with 1967. Addition will be three to four stories high and contain much-needed office and classroom space.

PAT MARKLEY PHOTO

operations of these areas will be as little affected as possible."

Smyth said they are also awaiting word on the funding of two other related projects: the transfer of the UBC teacher training building to BCIT; and

approval of a new bulk storage warehouse to be constructed on-campus.

Currently, BCIT is renting more than 6,000 sq. ft. of storage space for equipment and furniture off-campus.

"And that's jam-packed with goods," added Smyth.

"It's no secret that BCIT has a space shortage," said Smyth. "The renovations will help us make more efficient use of the space we do have."

## Top sports awards presented

Top BCIT sports awards were presented to Bonnie Hawrys and Doug Jesson at a sports banquet last Friday in New Westminster.

Hawrys is a member of both the badminton and field hockey teams, and won the award for the Most Outstanding Contribution to Sports by a Female.

The male counterpart of this award was won by Jesson, who in his three years at BCIT has played both rugby and volleyball and has served as sports representative to the Student Council.

The Most Outstanding Manager/Trainer was Steve Fabro.

The winner of the Labatt Scholarship for academic achievement was Rolfe Timm of the rugby team.

All nine BCIT Cougar teams concluded their competitive seasons at a banquet. Athletic Director Derek Swain praised them all for their consistently tough performances in the Totem Conference.

Once again this year, BCIT finished second to Vancouver Community College in the aggregate conference standings.

Awards were also presented to the most valuable player on each team: Donna Tardif, badminton; Sue Trautman, women's basketball; Brent Kokaska, men's basketball; Rod Klopp, curling; Maria Lee, grass hockey; Willie Loudon and Scott Walley, rugby; Ed Arnicans, soccer; Anita Sunder, women's volleyball; and Mark West, men's basketball.

## Johnston resigns

Gil Johnston, director of institutional planning at BCIT, resigned last Tuesday, effective immediately.

Johnston first came to BCIT in 1977 as executive-assistant to the principal.

He became director of the

newly-created Department of Institutional Planning in Nov. 1978.

A native of Nelson, B.C. Johnston has several degrees in planning and administration from UBC, Western Washington University and Harvard.

# Roast to celebrate Henderson's ten years

By Pat Markley

Phil Henderson sits in his office in the Student Association Centre (SAC) wondering what will be said about him at the first annual Alumni Association reunion and dinner on April 25.

Henderson, business manager for the student association, is to be roasted that night in celebration of his ten years at BCIT.

Maybe someone will tease him about the time eight years ago when he actually advised students to set up a picket line around the Food Training Centre to protest a proposed hike in food prices by the administration.

Or perhaps someone will mention the beginnings of the second This n' That shop in the north foyer.

After months of delays and red tape, Henderson smuggled in PVI glazier students to construct the glass walls of the store.

"They're still there, too," he added.

"Sometimes you just have to take matters into your own hands to get anything done," he explained with a laugh.

Henderson has been getting things done one way or another ever since he graduated from UBC's School of Commerce in 1952.

He first spent several years with Canada Dry Ltd. and then Peter's Ice Cream.

Then he started work for the Department of Northern Affairs as a finance officer.

"I worked out of Churchill, Manitoba," he explained. "I spent three years flying between six or seven Eskimo settlements, just at the time when the natives were being moved into permanent settlements."

Henderson thinks the move was made too quickly.

"They built nice wooden houses for them with wood-burning stoves."

"But no one explained what they were for, so the Eskimos built fires in the middle of the floor."

"Next thing you knew they'd burned the house down."



DAVE JONES PHOTO

*Student Association Business Manager Phil Henderson*

Another problem arose when Eskimo children were removed from the settlements to go to school in the towns, he explained.

"After staying in town, the kids didn't want to go back to their parents," he said.

"Then the parents got upset and thought the government was kidnapping their children."

In 1971, Henderson with his wife Vivian, and their five children moved back to B.C.

"We wanted to come back to

this province," Henderson explained. "And my wife's health was not all that good at that time."

Henderson was hired that year as business manager for the new Student Association Centre at BCIT.

"When I came here the school was quite small," he said. "The Student Association was just moving into its new offices in the SAC."

"I've seen it built up quite a bit since then."

## Staff centre continued

members sent last month, the club said, "If such a plebiscite were to pass, all members would be asked to pay simply because loan institutions prefer that approach to voluntary payment."

"In addition, voluntary payment, aside from requiring a much greater financial commitment per person, wouldn't work in our case because our proposal must encompass the only existing staff dining room."

"On the other hand, if such a plebiscite were to pass, it would require only a small contribution (if deductible, about one dollar per paycheque after taxes) and would provide us with a first class dining and lounge area

that would be utilized (for breaks, meals, relaxing, after-work get togethers, etc.) by the vast majority of staff."

The facility will also be open to all school employees as well as guests and prospective employers of students.

Club members said BCIT staff use the same lounge and dining facilities today as used when BCIT opened more than 15 years ago.

However, the number of staff using the facilities has increased about five times.

"We feel that if we create a real meeting area for all staff it will bring all the different groups on campus together and create a far better political atmosphere," said Angelo.

"We now have a cash flow of over a million dollars a year and a full-time staff of 17 people."

Henderson said he enjoys working with young people.

In his spare time, Henderson is a director of the St. Leonard's Society and a past president of the Burnaby Lions Club.

His work with the Student Association has given him plenty of opportunity to help young people at BCIT.

"The association has to depend a lot on me," Henderson explained. "We have a new executive every year because BCIT programs only last two years."

"Most of the executive I've known, I've remained friends with," he said, with a smile. "I go to a lot of weddings and christenings."

Henderson said he prides himself that the student executive at BCIT are not a radical bunch.

"They've always got along well with the powers that be," he said.

"In fact, being in the main business students, some of them have needed a kick to get more radical," he said laughingly.

Students don't realize how much power they really have to exert said Henderson.

"Also, the administration here has always tried hard to get along with the students," he said.

"But if there were any problems, the students could always go to the Board of Governors, or if necessary, to the education minister in Victoria," he explained.

Henderson said he's enjoyed working here at BCIT.

His own daughter, Jacquie Jones, is a graduate of the Marketing program, 1972, and president of the Alumni Association.

However, Henderson is still wondering about the roast.

"It's going to be interesting to find out what people think of me," he said with a grin.

*Developments* welcomes notices, tips on developments and people that might interest others and ideas for photos.

Copy deadline: Monday noon at the latest.