

# BCIT UPDATE

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## INSTITUTE SAYS GOODBYE TO PETER JONES

Peter Jones left BCIT in August to take on the position of president at Fraser Valley College.

As V.P. Student Services and Educational Support, Jones developed a reputation at BCIT for his rapport with students, his support for international education and his initiative in introducing innovative new concepts to BCIT.

Institute librarian, Paula Pick, has been appointed interim V.P. until a successor to Jones is found.

## ROYAL VISIT CONFIRMED

The Protocol Office in Victoria has confirmed that HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh will visit BCIT on October 15. The Prince, who will be in Vancouver during the Commonwealth Conference, will tour the Robotics and Prosthetics laboratories and view demonstrations of the IBM interactive videodisc and ARCS Lab projects.

### Farewell Reception For

#### PETER JONES

Staff and students are invited to drop in any time between 3 and 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

#### BCIT Boardroom

Anyone wishing to contribute to a gift and sign the card should drop by the President's Office before Friday.

## BCIT PUTS OUT WELCOME MAT FOR NEW STUDENTS

A student orientation committee chaired by Student Services director Val Karpinsky and comprised of Student Association reps and BCIT staff members is urging everyone to get behind their efforts to make the week of TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 the best welcome to campus ever given to incoming new students. A smile and helpful attitude will go a long way toward ensuring students feel welcome during these important first days at BCIT.



President's Report to Campus  
By Roy V. Murray

As the summer draws to a close and the campus begins to hum with new activity and life, I would like to bring you all up to date on some of the major activities that have been going on over the past few months.

As you are all now aware, the premier has appointed a commissioner, Mr. David Park, to analyze the direction we need to take in order to become the leader in high technology education. Mr. Park is due to submit his report on October 19.

In what has now become a campus tradition, our graduating students were given a memorable send off in June thanks to the hard work of many staff members.

Over succeeding weeks we entertained several VIP's and international guests on campus, saw the start of construction on the R2000 building (Ed. note - see UPDATE, July 14) and witnessed the campus undergo something of a major facelift. Several new staff members joined us, including my executive assistant, Shirley Chan, and Clayton McKinley, who will be assuming responsibility as executive director of Finance.

Some other developments that have taken place over the summer include the conclusion of the process to fill associate dean positions, the departure of V.P. Student Services and Educational Support, Peter Jones, to Fraser Valley College, the transfer of aviation programs into the new Sea Island hangar and the initiation of a reorganization plan for the senior administrative secretarial staff and Community Relations Department. I would also like to welcome new Board members Jake Abrahams, Rick Frey, Cameron McKenzie, Basil Peters, Wynn Powell, Bernadet Ratsoy. My hearty congratulations, by the way, to all the Food Training students and staff who brought home 15 medals from the prestigious World Culinary Arts Festival in July. I understand John Bateman had more than a little to do with the success and goodwill generated by that venture.

The Price Waterhouse Report recommending that we be exempted from formula funding has been accepted by the Ministry with the result that this year's operating budget puts us in a progressive, rather than regressive, mode.

### Renovations and Repairs

You may have noticed that over the summer months a great deal of work has been going on to upgrade our facilities. Interior and exterior painting and maintenance contracts have been let and renovations started in many areas. The \$3.7m debenture capital we have received to undertake this work is the result of capital project priorities developed with the Ministry and is the largest amount for renovations received by BCIT for several years.

### Replacement of Capital Equipment

I am pleased to report that, thanks to \$947,000 funding from the Fund for Excellence in Education, coupled with an equipment replacement grant of \$757,894, we have been able to commence a much needed program of capital equipment replacement.

### Program Initiatives

Allocations from the Excellence Fund will also enable us to take new program initiatives that further emphasize the uniqueness and value of BCIT on a province-wide basis.

Due to a shortage of trained nurses in the province, over \$238,000 will go to expand the General Nursing enrolment over the next two years and to support post-basic critical care nursing programs.

\$65,000 will be used to acquire the internationally acclaimed CAD/CAM technology developed by the Medical Engineering Unit at UBC for the manufacture of prosthetics devices. This will put BCIT on the map as a national and international training centre for both practitioners and researchers in prosthetics.

\$155,000 is also being made available from the Excellence Fund for a joint venture with Airborne Data Systems Ltd. to produce a computerized aircraft maintenance program and computer managed system that will assist us in evaluating the training received by aircraft maintenance students.

BCIT will also join with other colleges and institutes to propose priority curriculum development projects that will share the \$600,000 allocated from the Fund for Excellence to upgrade local curricula and modernize apprenticeship courses. \$300,000 will also be distributed to projects that develop a regional coordinating role for a college or institute in respect to special educa-

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tion services and programs for adults.

### Strategic Planning

I am also pleased to note that we are making good progress with the corporate objectives identified earlier this year as necessary in fulfilling our Mission Statement.

Our Number One Marketing Objective — to develop and implement an overall proactive marketing strategy to achieve the mission of the organization by September, 1987 — is on target thanks to the hard work of Marketing Committee members representing all sectors on campus.

The wheels are now in motion to provide a fully integrated comprehensive management information system (MIS) by December 1988. (Ed. note — see UPDATE, July 27.) I am particularly pleased to see this critical objective being addressed because an organization of this complexity cannot function effectively without the availability of timely, accurate, relevant information on a campus wide basis.

Climate, one of the factors identified as necessary to make annual measured progress towards an open and trusting work environment, is being addressed in part this fall by the introduction of employee short- and long-term service awards and a campus suggestion box to receive ideas and suggestions on innovative ways of improving the Institute.

Under Innovative Objectives, we have come a long way toward our objective of achieving a comprehensive government relations strategy aimed at establishing open and trusting communication between BCIT and relevant departments of governments. I have personally met with the Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training on several occasions and he has visited the campus many times.

I have kept the Ministry briefed on BCIT affairs and on June 6 the Premier paid a short visit to campus. He showed a great interest in our activities and made many constructive suggestions and comments.

### Computer Fund

We are currently finalizing plans for an incentive scheme that will enable more BCIT faculty members to purchase computer hardware. Details of the scheme will be unveiled this month.

Innovation is really the key to all we are trying to achieve at BCIT. It is reflected in every aspect of campus life whether it be educational, administrative, or in the quality of our daily working lives. Change and progress are impossible unless we take innovative approaches. This is why people like Bev Alder and others embarked upon and achieved a campus smoking policy, why forward looking graduates like Troy Nagy and Peter Crowder are trying to generate support and funds for a campus centre. I am also aware of many others in every field of endeavor at BCIT working hard to make this institute the best it can be.

Your ideas and suggestions are valued. I welcome you to participate in the ongoing process of developing our great institution.

## PRESIDENT'S REMINDERS

This Fall:

1987 United Way Campaign

Smoking Policy — Campus Awareness Campaign

Campus Centre Treasure Hunt — Fun and prizes to build a campus centre

September 8 — Registration Day

September 11 — Farewell Reception for Peter Jones

## PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

September — NRC in Ottawa

October — National Forum on Post-Secondary Education  
Alberta

## ASSOCIATE DEANS GO INTO RETREAT

The newly appointed associate deans are on an orientation retreat with President Murray, the deans, V.P.'s, union reps and some directors and other administrators. The three day retreat from September 2 to 4 is taking place on Bowen Island.

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