

# BCIT UPDATE

YOUR CAMPUS BULLETIN

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Q.** The Link recently reported Student Association president Jamie Letwin as saying BCIT is facing cutbacks as high as \$5m or \$10m. If this figure is accurate, what measures does the Institute intend to take to cope with such a reduction?

**A.** At this point we are not sure what our operating grant will be after formula funding, but there are indications from the Minister that the net result will be reduced funding. There have been rumours that the reduction could be in the \$5m to \$10m range. I don't think the Institute could absorb a reduction of as much as \$10m and stay the way it is. Whatever the final number, I want to make sure the Institute is fully prepared by having an accurate picture of internal costs and potential reductions. The workload study being carried out by Ian McNeil and Dave Hume is part of building that picture. I have also asked the Educational Council to look at some of the other cost factors affecting the academic side.

**Q.** Revenue producing departments have always been important to BCIT, but in the face of impending budget cutbacks they obviously become even more important. In the past International Education has been a major revenue producer for BCIT with, I believe, over \$300,000 in surplus revenues contributed to BCIT's operating fund during 1986/87. You mentioned in a previous President's Corner that we might be getting someone from CIDA to help us increase our revenue generating potential in this area. Can you please give an update on this?

**A.** The International Education Office has a good record of generating revenue and I am hopeful this can be built on in the future. Developing international education contracts and contracts in other areas like the Development Assistance Centre are tremendously important. We have to make sure though that the grants we receive for these projects are maximized as far as the number of opportunities they present.

An International Education Office that is breaking even or even being subsidized a little bit is a good investment because of the tremendous professional development opportunities it offers. Whenever our faculty gains experience overseas the resulting growth process can only enhance the quality of education at BCIT.

Dick Goldman of CIDA will be coming to BCIT after he has completed a major assignment for that organization. We worked out an arrangement with him whereby he will take a management leave from CIDA to come here as executive director of International Education for two to three years. By allowing him to finish his assignment and retain his position at CIDA we have created a climate of cooperation and goodwill that will be beneficial to us in our dealings with that organization.

**Q.** If the Institute is facing cutbacks to programs, etc., why is so much emphasis being placed on raising funds for a Campus Centre?

**A.** Our major fundraising efforts are for the Development Assistance Centre which has several purposes. It is intended to provide equipment to the Institute, to create opportunities for our staff with industry and to raise funds that will allow us to support innovative technology, applied research or product enhancement. The Campus Centre fundraising campaign is primarily driven by the student and alumni body and the funds raised are specifically intended for that project. The major funds for BCIT will come from industry and will relate more to the type of assistance projects outlined above.

**Q.** Why did you decide to waive all fees for staff aerobic fitness classes?

**A.** I think it is in the best interests of the employer to encourage employees to be fit. It seemed counter productive to offer fitness classes on campus but charge for the privilege. Depending on what employee group you belong to the amount charged also varied, so in the interests of fairness and universal availability I decided to waive the fees.

**Q.** What is your reaction to critical letters sent anonymously on campus?

**A.** That they create negativity and frustration. If a person has a legitimate complaint or criticism then they should also have the courtesy to allow the person or department being criticized the opportunity to respond. I have no problem, by the way, with people writing critical letters to me. It gives me a chance to address or correct a situation. Anonymous letters, however, serve no purpose, because I will not take the time to read them.

## OPEN HOUSE '88

**Guide Book:** Several technology programs, trade programs and other areas on campus have not submitted



descriptions of their displays for inclusion in the Open House guidebook. The guidebook will be distributed to all Open House visitors free of charge and is the best guarantee of attracting the public's attention to individual displays. Submissions should be made as soon as possible to Don Wright in the S.A.C.

**Awards:** On Friday, April 8, starting at 10 a.m., all Open House technologies and trades displays will be critically reviewed by a panel of Institute judges. The following prizes will be awarded for displays incorporating the best elements of presentation, effort, innovation and originality:

- Four first prizes (plaque and ribbon)
  - Four second prizes (ribbon)
  - Four third prizes (ribbon)
  - One top prize for the best overall winner (\$250, a trophy and ribbon).
- The Industrial Education Teacher Education Program is also eligible for this prize.

Judging, which will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8, will be carried out by the following BCIT staff members: Jerry Lloyd, Terry Fletcher, Barry Makinson, Jeri Fostvelt, Len McNeely, Mark Angelo, Eric Mackay, Cathy Schweers.

**Passport Stamps:** Open House co-ordinator Lori Plamondon would also like to remind all those involved in mounting program displays that she needs to see your stamp. This year all visitors will be issued with a passport book that can be stamped in each display area then entered in a Passport Draw.

**Posters:** Beautiful Open House posters, designed by Ray Young of Audio-visual Production, are now available in Community and Media Relations. If you could help publicize the event by displaying a poster or two in a community hall, club, shop, school or other public area, please call Lori Plamondon or drop by Community and Media Relations.

**Open House Co-ordinator**  
**Lori Plamondon, 432-8536**

## STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff to BCIT:

**Todd Jelstad**, assistant instructor (temporary appointment until June 10, 1988), Electronics Technology, **Mary Gillespie**, instructor, General Nursing, **Marlene Isaac**, program assistant, Health Part Time Studies.



## STAFF PROFILE

### GARY MILLER Steamfitting Instructor

Open House is driven by the energy, optimism and enthusiasm of many people, among them people like Gary Miller, who has become a dynamic rallying point for the participating trades programs.

Wiry and athletic, Miller is filled with a restless kind of energy that finds its outlet in student endeavors like Open House and athletics. For the past 12 years he has coached the BCIT Cougars rugby team.

Rugby is almost a passion with Miller, who has played for the Burnaby Rugby Club for 20 years, coached rugby at many Burnaby high schools and played a major role in fundraising for the nearly \$1m Centre Valley facility at the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex.

For his efforts on behalf of BCIT students he was awarded the Student Association President's Award for outstanding contribution to the BCIT student body last year and BCIT's award for outstanding contribution to recreation and athletic services by a staff member in 1986. He was the first trades instructor ever to receive the award.

Another outlet for Miller's restless energy is running. He runs two to six miles three times a week and has taken part in the Vancouver Sun Fun Run, the Vancouver Fun Run and the Cypress Express charity run for leukemia. In June he will join other BCIT runners in the Labatt's Annual Run for crippled children.

Miller, born in Windsor, Ontario in 1948, came to Vancouver at age 20. As a steamfitter (a dominant trade in Ontario) he had worked on a nuclear reactor, an oil refinery and other heavy industrial sites. Before joining PVI in 1979 he ran his own mechanical contracting company, was maintenance coordinator for Wendy's and an industrial troubleshooter for Macmillan Bloedel's White Pine Division on Marine Drive. He enjoys the variety in his work ("there is always something different") and recommends steamfitting as a trade that offers steady work and good pay. "There aren't enough qualified people in the province right now, so it's a good trade to have," he says. A steamfitter/pipefitter installs, alters, maintains and repairs piping systems which convey low and high pressure steam, hot water, air, fuel gases, fuel and finely divided solids.

As a member of the Open House '88 committee Miller is an energetic and resourceful representative for the trades. Displays, many of them hands-on, are developing well, he says, and some will be rather unusual. Basic Skills Training, for instance, plans to show visitors how to use small fire extinguishers by putting out real fires.

## STAFF PLAY TO PACKED HOUSE

The third annual Staff Talent Show held February 26 was, once again, a huge success. Introduced by John Cleese (a.k.a. Tony Kelly), a total of six acts entertained a packed ETC lobby of faculty and staff. The program included:

**ACT I "The World According to Park"**  
Mark Angelo, president, Staff Society  
Jean Scribner, program head, Communication Department

**ACT II "Scottish Songs"**  
Graham Anderson, instructor, Chemistry

**ACT III "Fawly Wooms"**  
Tony Kelly, branch co-ordinator, Sea Island Library

Trisha Mason, editor/writer, Community & Media Relations

Terry Winder, program head, Marketing  
Kelly Mansell, assistant to director, Community & Media Relations

**ACT IV "Beyond the Fringe Sermon"**  
Martin Hendy, director, Industry Liaison

**ACT V "Black Bart"**  
Gary Kehoe, instructor, Survey Technology

**ACT VI "A Fine Dude and the Bookettes"**  
Chikako Fong, circulation clerk, Library  
Darlene Holland, circulation clerk, Library

Sherry Van Beest, circulation clerk, Library

Ana Ferrinho, health librarian  
Maryanna Nowak, circulation clerk, Library

Tony Kelly, branch co-ordinator, Sea Island Library

Derek Walmsley and Frank Daniels did a great job of rigging up lights and microphones. They also took a video of the entire event, and a copy is available at a cost of \$12.99 from Derek Walmsley at 5867.

The next Staff Talent Show will be held in the fall.

## CALLING EDMONDS GRADS

Edmonds grads take note. Edmonds Elementary Junior Secondary will hold a 94-year reunion on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14.

The gala event will feature tours, displays, dances, bar and beer garden, bands, buffet, light snacks and a package of memorabilia. Tickets, \$20 per person, must be purchased before the event and can be obtained by calling 521-3751.

## BOOKSTORE TO CLOSE FOR INVENTORY

The BCIT Bookstore will be closed on March 30 and 31 for fiscal year end inventory count. No telephone or PROFS enquiries will be answered on these dates.

## INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

### Three Week Technical Workshop in the People's Republic of China

Faculty are needed this summer for a three week technical workshop in the People's Republic of China. The workshop will start July 22 and cover the following topics:

**Heat Treatment, Laser Machining, Micro-Computer Applications, Automatic Control Technology and Equipment, Advanced Applications of Robots, CAD/CAM Application and Electrical Engineering or Electronics Engineering, Artificial Intelligence and Computer Vision, Integrated Circuit Manufacturing Technology.**

The People's Republic will provide air fare, room and board and incidental expenses, but no salary.

For further information call Donna Hooker at local 8842.

### One Year Sabbatical in the Seychelles

The Seychelles government is looking for a senior educational planner to carry out policy-oriented research and assistance in national educational planning. Accommodation and return transportation will be provided by the Seychelles Government.

Interested persons should contact Mr. Jim Fox, Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE), Suite 1400, 85 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6A4.

### CBIE Executive Director, Ottawa

The Canadian Bureau for International Education seeks an Executive Director to plan, organize and implement the work of the Bureau. With the assistance of a thirty person staff, the incumbent will ensure that effective communications are maintained with member organizations and government bodies, both nationally and internationally.

This leadership role will appeal to bilingual, well educated and accomplished managers with several years of senior administrative experience in either a Canadian university or college, or to association related executives with an education related agency. Candidates will have a demonstrated commitment to international education as well as a thorough knowledge of post-secondary education.

Interested parties should forward their curriculum vitae to Louise Sidky, Peat Marwick Consulting Group, 1155 Dorchester Boulevard West, Montreal, H3B 2J9.

*Note:* BCIT's International Education Office has a copy of CBIE's three year plan.

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