

May 4, 1987



Premier Vander Zalm opens new aviation facilities in Richmond

BCIT WAS BLESSED WITH THE BUOYANT PRESENCE OF PREMIER BILL VANDER ZALM, THE NOVELTY OF HYSTAR AND THE HOTTEST APRIL TEMPERATURES EVER RECORDED FOR THE OPENING OF ITS NEW AVIATION FACILITIES IN RICHMOND LAST MONDAY.

"Everything went like clockwork," said special events co-ordinator, CAROL DION who organized the event.

An exciting highlight of the ceremony was the flight of Hystar, a helium filled

airship, over the heads of the 600 guests. After coming to rest above the platform, an electronically manipulated voice (rumoured to be that of V.P. Student Services and Education Support, not Max Headroom) then invited the premier, the president and Board of Governors member, KENNETH HARDING to unveil the bronze dedication plaque.

PREMIER VANDER ZALM praised BCIT instructors for making the aviation programs a success and for helping to create training and job opportunities for B.C.'s young people.

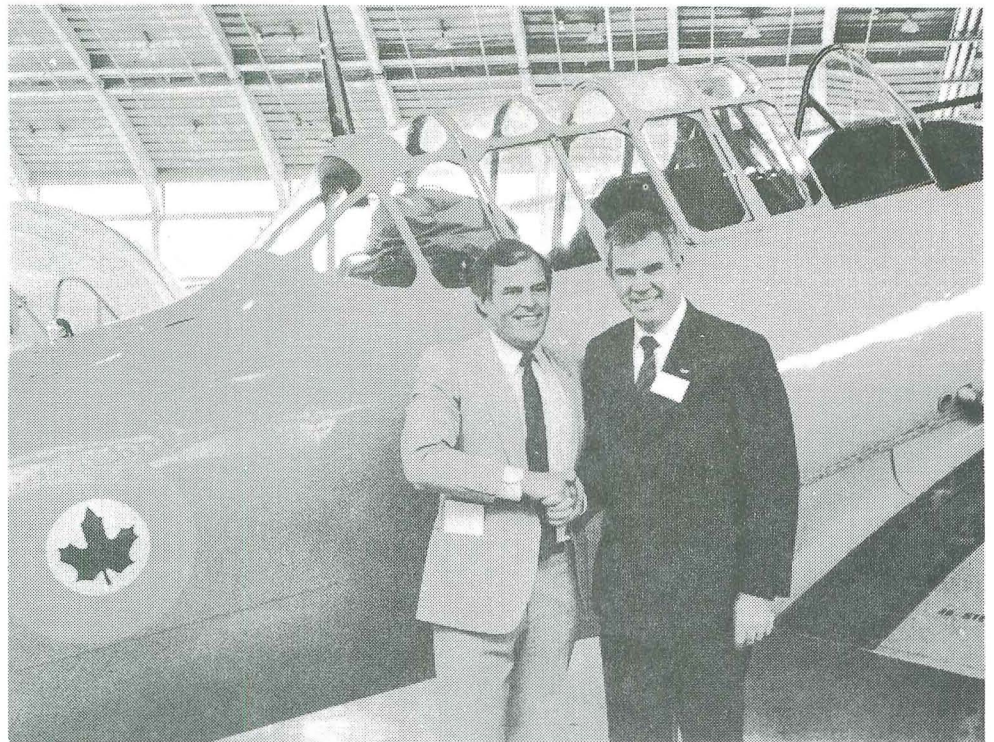
Brief speeches were also

made by GIL BLAIR, mayor of Richmond, JACK COOK, Corporate V.P., Pacific Western Airlines Holding Corporation, PRESIDENT MURRAY and KENNETH HARDING.

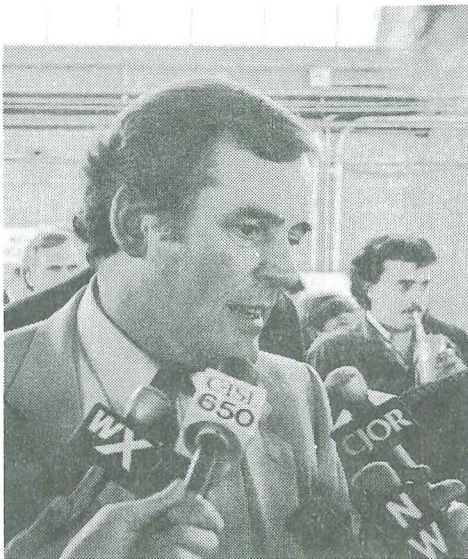
The new facility will allow BCIT to expand its current intake of students from 152 to 266 by September, 1988. Occupancy of the hangar and surrounding buildings will be phased in over a four year period, starting in June.

The hangar's history began in 1958 when it was opened by Canadian Pacific Airlines to house two Bristol Britannia propjet airliners.

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Premier Vander Zalm with President Murray, students, staff and the press at aviation hangar opening on April 27



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL GAME FEATURED DURING RICK HANSEN WEEK AT BCIT

A basketball game between Vancouver's champion wheelchair basketball team, The Cablecars and a BCIT team of students and staff will be the highlight of RICK HANSEN WEEK on campus from May 4-8.

Come and cheer on the BCIT staff team as they attempt to play basketball from wheelchairs.

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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ADMISSION: \$2 (FREE TO CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER)

All proceeds from the game to the Man in Motion Tour.

Representatives from the Man in Motion Tour will be selling memorabilia during the game and from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 6.

BCIT students will be selling Man in Motion official buttons on campus for a \$1 or more donation during the week.

RICK HANSEN Week is co-sponsored by BCIT and the Student Association.