

BCIT Events to Come

Monday, October 24

- Suzanne Drouin speaks on health programs at the Higher Colleges of Technology in the United Arab Emirates, 1230-1330, Town Square C.

Tuesday, October 25

- BCIT Toastmasters club meets every Tuesday, 0700-0815, Telephone Exchange Building.

Wednesday, October 26

- Pacific Press' Ian Haysom speaks during BCIT breakfast speaker series, Four Seasons Hotel, 0700-0830.
- Scholarship and Awards Ceremonies, Town Square Cafeteria.
- School of Business 0830-1030.
- Schools of Engineering Technology, Electrical and Electronic Technology and Computing and Academic Studies, 1230-1430.
- School of Health Sciences, 1530-1700.

Thursday, October 27

- Chili Dog Day 1100-1330 Building SW3 Rm 2080. Chili dogs \$1.75, plain dogs \$1.25. Proceeds to United Way.

Monday, October 31

- United Way wrap-up event on a Gilligan's Island theme, in the Town Square cafeteria from 1130 to 1330. Reasonably priced buffet, prize draws and a prize for best castaway look-alike.

If you would like your event in Update's calendar contact Ronaye Ireland by telephone at 8738, by PROFS RIRELAND or internal mail. Deadline is one week prior to publication.

This week's enviro-tip
Lights out! Conserve energy by turning off lights in unoccupied rooms.

For more information on this week's environmental topic, call 8288 (option 3).

Today's chuckle:

Worms didn't come off the ark in pairs. They came in apples.



Mario Andretti on the track, with son Michael following in his footsteps.

Vince Piva photo

Automotive instructor on the fast track

Vince Piva, automotive instructor and BCIT graduate, had the rare opportunity to interview race car driver Mario Andretti at the Molson Indy last month.

Piva has been an automotive instructor for the past five years and is currently teaching in the Toyota Technical Education program. "I love the automotive industry and the races. It's in my blood and I hope that my enthusiasm rubs off on my students," he says.

Piva got involved in journalism a couple of years ago with some prize-winning photographs. His photographs have since been published in various automotive magazines, including *On Track*. Piva regularly attends the Molson Indy as a press photographer, and describes the experience as, "scary on the track, but what a thrill!"

This year Piva did more than just take pictures; he managed to get 45 minutes of Mario Andretti's precious time. "When Mario came out of his trailer I greeted him in Italian and that immediately broke the ice. He made the time to speak with me and I ended up conducting the

interview in both Italian and English."

Piva's article on Andretti was published two weeks ago in the Italian newspaper, *L'Eco D'Italia*, and should be hitting the pages of Toronto-based *Corriere Canadese* shortly.

This year marks Andretti's last season of racing and he is passing the steering wheel over to his son. "My next project is to interview his son Michael, but I have to do a lot of homework before then," explains Piva. "I planned the interview with Mario a year in advance, but I didn't know that I was going to get a chance to speak with him until the night before. Persistence really does pay off."

For Piva, interviewing Andretti was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, an experience that he is only too happy to share with his students. "It is very hard to put your feet back on the ground, but life goes on, business goes on and I really care about my students. They were absolutely thrilled to hear about the encounter and to see the photos."

—from Sheila Rees

The green column

News from BCIT's environmental awareness committee

Welcome back to the fall term. We are pleased to announce this year's members of the EAC—your green team.

Phyllis Johnson,
Administrative
Support (8529)

Johane Imoo, Ancillary
Services (5214)

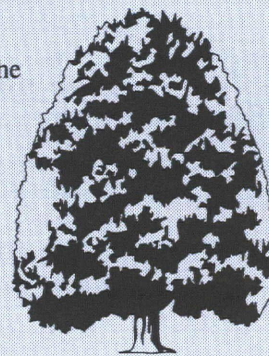
Rick McCallum, School of
Business (6754)

Robin Macqueen, School of
Computing & Academic
Support (8502)

Ron Bushell, School of
Electrical & Electronic
Technology (8728)

Denise Nordin, School of
Engineering Technology
(8948)

Andrea Labe, School of
Health Sciences (8682)



Terry Milligan,
Material
Management (8713)

Cindy Themmen,
Physical Plant
(8519)

Anna-Lisa Jones,
Student Association
(8549)

Richard MacIntosh, School of
Trades Training (5004)

TBA, Student Executive

The committee meets once a month. If you have any ideas or concerns about BCIT and its environmental citizenship please contact any of the above committee members.

Did you know that by dialing 8288 (option 3), the Enviro-Line, you can receive further information about the weekly environmental topic?

A day in the life of a United Way pledge card

It started down in Payroll, where a pledge card was attached to your pay stub. The card travelled to your in-basket, where it nestled among notices, printed profs notes, and lists of the ten most important things to do today.

After the pay stub was stuffed into your purse or jacket pocket at the end of the day, the pledge card spent the night in your in-basket.

The next morning, in a marathon of in-basket tidying, the little pledge card caught your attention, and you started thinking about United Way. So, you decided to fill it out. It was, after all, worth a chance at some of the prize draws, and you've always wanted a trip for two to Las Vegas anyway.

At last, your in-basket was empty, and the pledge card was sealed in its envelope and deposited in the outgoing mail, on its way back to Finance.

Once in Finance, it's handled by Suraj Sewak, who enters the information in her database. After the United Way campaign she will tally the pledges and fill out designation forms for the people who want their gift designated to benefit a specific organization.

Next, a report is made for Payroll, for people who choose to give through payroll deductions. Those deductions will magically appear on T4 slips

in February. Then a final report is submitted, along with any cheques, to the United Way. The pledge forms are then filed and kept in Finance.

Total funds raised at time of printing are \$23,112. The most recent draw winner is Paul Barran, program head, Biotechnology. He is now the proud owner of a new Canucks jersey.



You too could have money in your future for as little as a \$20.00 donation, or even better, one day's pay! Any donation over \$20.00 is income tax deductible. Let's show the community that we at BCIT care.

Some questions and answers about donating

Q "I don't want my gift to go to certain charities on the United Way list. Even if I designate my favourite charity, doesn't my donation boost the total raised, and therefore the percentage that each one will receive?"

A Actually, when you designate your gift to go to a specific charity, that money is put in a separate pool. It has no effect on the total from which allocations are calculated

for the broader list of agencies and services.

Q "Money is tight for everyone. I can't donate money to every charity that asks for help."

A That's true, but you might consider having a small gift taken regularly as a payroll deduction. Because United way is an umbrella organization, money that's raised here stays here.

So it's a way to contribute and spread your gift across the community. Even if it's a little, it still helps a lot.

Most people who choose the payroll deduction option find that it's a painless way to give. It also helps avoid the feeling of guilt when you have to say no to solicitations, as you are already giving on a regular basis.

Q "My spouse gives, so why should I?"

A There are attractive tax deductions to consider. The combined federal and B.C. tax credit benefit is 25.9 percent for the first \$200 donated to the United Way, and 44.2 percent for all donations above that amount. And if you both contribute, one spouse can claim both receipts.

United Way activities to come:

Looney Draw

Take every chance you can to tape a looney to a looney draw entry form. The more you deposit, the more chances you'll have at winning half of the total amount received. The draw will take place at the wrap-up event, October 31.

Chili Dog Sale, October 27

"More dogs than ever before," is the motto of this year's Chili Dog Sale. Come join us in SW3 Rm 2080 from 1045 to 1330. For \$1.25, you can get a plain dog; \$1.75 will buy a chili dog.

T-shirt sales

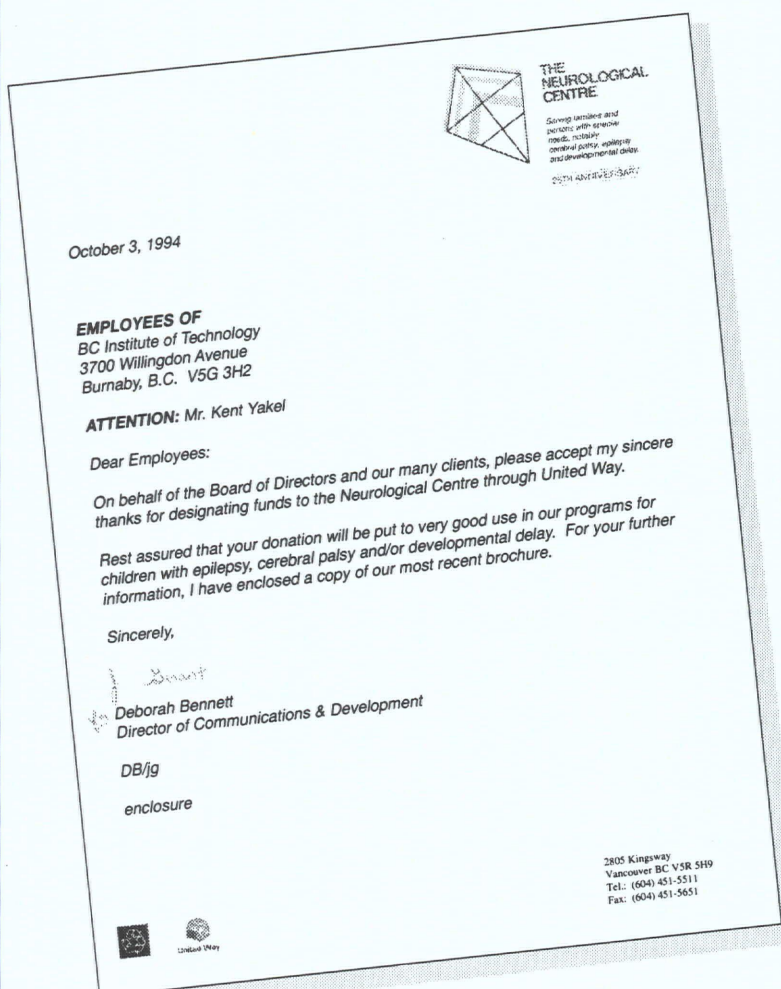
For the fashion conscious, this year's United Way T-shirt is a must-have, and at \$10 each, you can dress up your whole family. Get yours from one of the following people:

Lisa Pedersen in Student Services (8433); Mary in the Admin Building (8410);

Brigitte in the Library (8360); Joan in Finance (8392); Sandy in the School of Trades (8377); John Edwards at Sea Island (278-4831); Cathie at Kaslo (439-4100); Vicki in SE6 Business Department (8611); Shirley in Purchasing (8397); and Rory at Part-time Registration (8722).

Wrap-up Cruise, October 31

Could the professor actually have made batteries out of coconuts? Did Ginger really pack evening gowns for a three-hour tour? Come join the fun as the Town Square cafeteria is temporarily transformed into Gilligan's Island. Prizes will be awarded for the best GI attire (GI as in Gilligan's Island, not army duds). Staff, faculty and students are invited to the Town Square cafeteria from 1130 to 1330, for fun, a reasonably priced buffet, and great prize draws.



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Instructor publishes fourth book

Not only does Euclid Seeram teach courses in both the Diploma and Advanced Diploma Medical Radiography Technology programs, but he also writes the text books. Euclid Seeram has had four text books published since 1982 that are used in courses offered across the country through Distance Education.

"I love to write and I love to teach, the two really do go hand in hand. Writing technical material has really helped me in the classroom."

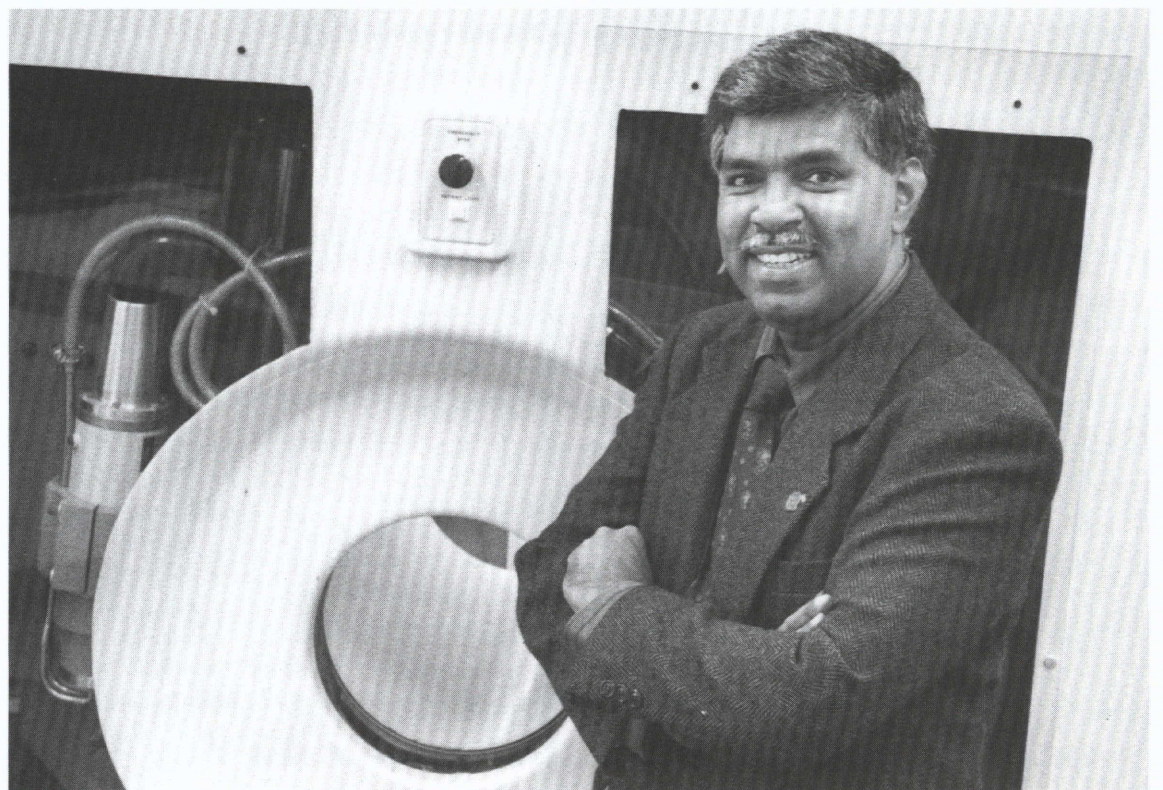
In addition to teaching and writing, Seeram is part of the team working to develop a Bachelor of Technology in Medical Imaging at BCIT. Seeram's schedule allows very little spare time: "I write at home every night and I love it. Writing is one of the best forms of

professional development and that is why I do it."

Seeram expanded his most recent book, *Computed Tomography Physical Principles Clinical Applications and Quality Control*, by inviting contributors from hospitals in the Lower Mainland and the U.S. to write chapters. He has already made headway into his next book on radiation protection for technologists, which should be completed shortly.

When Seeram has time to relax, he enjoys spending time with his wife Patricia and their 19-year-old son David. An avid listener to classical guitar music, Seeram says his next project will be learning to play the instrument. He has, however, no immediate plans to write a textbook on the subject.

—from Sheila Rees



Euclid Seeram, Advanced Diploma Medical Radiography Technology program instructor

Bert Schendel photo

Staff News

Celebrating

This month's recipients of the Student Association president's award for service and dedication to students are Lynda Turner, secretary to associate dean, Aviation, Sea Island campus and Jim Parry, instructor, Computer Systems Technology. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mary Kay Purkis from Broadcast Journalism, who emerged from the Thanksgiving weekend as Mary Kay Thurston, after exchanging vows with fiancé Mike in Sorrento.

Recuperating

Television instructor Rob Nason is recovering nicely from emergency gall bladder surgery. He is expected to return to BCIT in six to eight weeks, during which Gary Johnson has stepped into Nason's role.

Outgoing

A farewell event for Jeri Fostvelt will be held on October 28 in the Rix Staff Club at 1530. Staff can

sign a card for her and make a donation towards a gift by coming by the Community Relations department in the Administration building. See Mary Murray.

Congratulations

BCIT accounting clerk Cindy Kailly, AAT, has earned a Senior Management Certificate, and last month was awarded an Associate Accounting Technologist Diploma (AAT) from the Certified Management Accountants Society of British Columbia.

The AAT is recognized by employers as a gauge for measuring education and experience for intermediate accounting positions, and is the only para-professional designation offered in Canada.

Kailly sees the AAT designation as a stepping stone towards achieving her ultimate goal—becoming a Certified Management Accountant (CMA).

Freedom of information and protection of privacy: Policy and procedures

Effective October 1994, BCIT is under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The principles underlying the legislation serve to make public organizations more accountable to the public and to protect personal privacy.

The policy defines what records are subject to the Act and governs on granting or denying

access to information. It lists the limited or specific circumstances under which the institution may withhold information, and outlines mandatory or discretionary exceptions.

For full details concerning the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the reviewing policy, contact Phyllis Johnson (8529).

Annual staff service recognition

The following employees have reached 20- 25- or 30-year milestones and will be recognized at a staff service recognition dinner, to be held on Wednesday, November 16, from 1800 to 2200 in Town Square A and B.

30 YEARS

Cam Barnetson	Chemistry
William Chandler	Drafting
Trevor Glave	Electrical & Electronic Technology
Wayne Irvine	Chemical Sciences
David Johnson	Mechanical
Sylvia Sinclair	Medical Laboratory
Ron Sterne	Education
Peter Walker	Central Stores
Peter Woolley	Financial Management

25 YEARS

Margot Allingham	Reference — Library
Lauraine Baillie	Revenue Accounting
Alan Barnard	Power Engineering
Karl-Heinz Boerner	Remedial Instruction — Trades
Allan Brooks	Campus Food Services
Joseph Casimir	Electrical & Electronic Technology
Richard Dolan	Financial Management
Andy Ellingsen	Mathematics
Ernie Hancock	Electrical & Electronic Technology
George Jacob	Marketing Management
Donald Jarvos	Surveying and Mapping Technology
Ron Knott	Communication
Ann McMillen	Medical Radiography
John Millette	Operations Management
Keiko Negoro	Nursing
Rudolph Nobauer	Industrial Instrumentation
Marilyn Pickering	Chemistry
Jannie Scriabin	School of Health Sciences
Endre Toth	Mathematics
William Tupper	Surveying & Mapping Technology
Randy Vandermark	Marketing
Frank Williams	Management Systems
Kent Yakel	Academic Studies Division

20 YEARS

Mark Angelo	Renewable Resources
Moir Barnetson	Health P/T Studies
Wendy Basford	Medical Laboratory
Stephen Berry	Engineering P/T Studies
Jeanette Boldt	Physical Plant
Erwin Bublitz	Benchwork/Joinery
Donald Campbell	Renewable Resources
Thomas Chisholm	Renewable Resources
Margaret Chodat	Financial Services
Gary Cullen	Drafting
Cornelius Deurzen	Physics
Ron Evans	Mechanical Industries Training
Lynn Field	Nursing
Brock Hilliard	Drafting
Frank Knor	Reference — Library
Beverly Lawes	Nursing
Christina Lloyd	Program Advising
Pat Maertz	President's Office
Ted Marchant	Machinist
Tim Mephram	Chemistry
Kenneth Mitchell	Broadcast Communications
Jim Mitchell	Recreation & Athletics
Judith Moroso	Acquisitions
Douglas Moroso	Cataloguing
Glen Murray	Operations Management
John Schoonover	Electrical & Electronic Technology
James Simpson	Renewable Resources
Peter Tiberghien	Central Stores
Malcolm Turner	Computer Systems Technology
Ron Venne	Marketing Management
Eric Waterfield	Welding
Wayne Withers	Physics

If you should be included on this list, please clarify your years of service with Personnel then contact Michelle in the Special Events office at 8398.



Professional development opportunities

Instructional Skills Workshops (ISWs)

Enhance your teaching skills by using practical information such as characteristics of adult learners, motivational strategies, and effective lesson-plan design. The workshops will give you an opportunity to practise mini-lessons in a safe environment. Call the Learning Resource Unit (8927) to register for the following workshops:

Part-time

November 14, 16 1730-2030
(Monday and Wednesday)

November 19, 26 December 3
0900-1600 (three Saturdays)

Full-time

December 5 to 9 0900-1600
(Monday to Friday)

Instructor Diploma Program

The provincial Instructor Diploma Program consists of six 80-hour courses and a final assignment. Vancouver Community College offers the entire program. Call VCC at 443-8424/8 for the following dates:

ID101: Instructional and Curriculum Design

October 31-November 30
1730-2030 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Seminar for new faculty

This seminar is offered to new and continuing faculty by the Learning Resources Unit. At the seminar, you will learn about other support services offered by the LRU, discuss some of your successful teaching strategies,

and enjoy lunch and door prizes. Call LRU (8927) to register for the following date:

Wednesday, November 2 1200-1400

Location: Town Square A

Introduction to conflict resolution

To deal effectively with conflict in the workplace, we need to understand how conflict works in group situations and on each of us personally. This one-day workshop given by Deborah White of the Justice Institute will help you to explore the dynamics of conflict, recognize individual conflict styles, and practise essential skills for dealing effectively with conflict. Call LRU (8927) by November 3 to register for the following date:

Monday, November 21 0830-1600
Location: Town Square A and B.

Student insurance coverage

Over the last few years, the Ministry, Workers' Compensation Board and the B.C. Colleges and Institutes have been reviewing insurance coverage for full-time students.

As of September 1, 1994, the following coverage applies to full-time students:

■ WCB coverage is only for apprentices while attending an apprenticeship program.

■ WCB coverage is extended to all students while participating in the practicum component of all programs. A practicum is defined as an integral component of a program which is required for program completion and certification. It is an unpaid and supervised work experience which takes place at the host employer's premises or place of business.

■ BCIT has arranged an accident insurance plan to cover all registered students (excluding apprenticeship and general interest students) who are actively attending classes or participating in BCIT-approved courses of activity.

The plan provides \$15,000 for accidental death and dismemberment. Additional benefits are available under this plan, which are outlined in a brochure available in the

Mailroom, Medical Services, and Safety & Security offices.

This plan is not intended to replace the B.C. Medical Services Plan which students are encouraged to have in place for their own protection.

For further information or clarification, please contact Terry Milligan at 432-8713.

New Co-op Education office open house

The Electronics Technology Co-op program and the Renewable Resources Technology program invite you to have a look at their new location in SW1 Rm. 2040 on Thursday, November 3. Cookies and coffee will be available, and you can see how the programs are sharing their office and resources in true cooperative spirit. The new cooperative office arrangement means that students will have access from 0830 to 1630, year-round. This is a definite improvement, says Judith Hall, Cooperative Education officer. "Now the students feel that they're being looked after. They feel like they have a Co-op Ed home."

Voice Mail tips

Remember that personal greetings and extended absence greetings must be kept current at all times.

When transferring a caller into a voice mail box:

• On multi-line phone, press transfer key.

On single line phone, press switch hook quickly. You'll hear three little beeps.

- Dial 6777
- Press the * button twice.
- Listen to Marsha say, "Please dial the number of the person you are calling."

- Enter mail box number that you wish to direct caller into.
- On multi-line phone, press transfer key prior to hearing personal greeting.
- Hang up.

—from Gloria Mattie.

Classified

For Sale: 1990 Ford Tempo, 4-dr., 5-spd, red with grey interior, original owner, 94,000 kms, looks and runs great. First \$5,000 takes it. Call Gordon at 8876.

Wanted: Two-bedroom accommodation for three adults every third weekend during the ski season at Whistler. Christmas and

spring break can be discussed. Call Bob at 263-7600 or 8300.

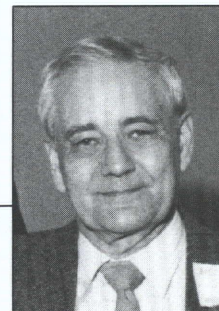
Shared accommodation: Person to share a furnished two-bedroom suite in Vancouver's Fairview district. Prefer non-smoker in mid-20s to mid-30s. \$375 plus expenses. Includes parking. Contact Helen 8730.



Ron Bushell



1965



1994

From slide rules to high tech

There has been continual growth in electrical training since I came to BCIT in 1965. In the beginning I was a temporary, non-permanent employee because no one was sure that trades training was going to take off.

We started with only three classes in the electrical department and that was all that we had room for. Today there are 31 classes under electrical and the success of trades training is a foregone conclusion. The usefulness of the program and what it was designed for has changed both structurally and in content, mainly because of digital electronics, computers, electronic relays and automated control systems.

Thinking back to how crucial the slide ruler was to the

curriculum 20 years ago really makes you realize the technological advances. I remember when calculators arrived in the late 60s, and people were paying four to five hundred dollars for a model that would retail for about \$12.50 today! And then there was a time when students started bringing in mechanically-operated adding machines with the big levers, but we had to put an end to that because no one could concentrate with all the noise.

I guess one significant change is the students who are coming to BCIT now. The trades are opening up to a much more diversified group of people. Some students are coming in with a university degree or a two-year technology program already under their belts. At the same time though, we are seeing the responsibilities of the trade

jobs becoming more and more sophisticated, ultimately demanding more extensive training.

We want to see our pre-employment grads get work and meet the expectations of industry, and that is why a close relationship with industry is crucial to the program. The apprentice today has to look at continual upgrading and that means that the program has to satisfy the direction in which industry is going.

For me, the satisfaction comes from hearing about a grad's success. It is a great feeling to visit a site and bump into an old student, only to find out that they are the project manager.

—Ron Bushell is the chief instructor and the coordinator of the Part-time Studies Electrical Apprentice program

Recreation and Athletics

Pumpkin carving contest



Friday, October 28

Carvers should meet, in teams of no more than three, in the racquetball courts lobby from 1130 to 1400. First, second and third prizes will be offered for the most original and outrageous pumpkins. Registration is \$8, and open to all faculty, staff and students.

Mt. Washington



December 18-20

This \$160 ski package includes group races, barbecue, three days of skiing, two nights hotel accommodation, one hour lesson and transportation.

To register for any of these programs call 432-8613.