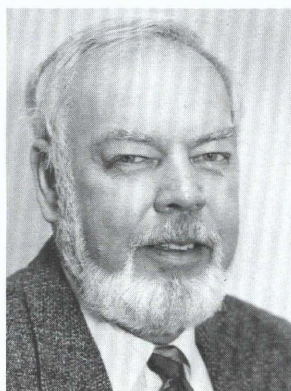




A newsletter for the BCIT Community
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Board Profile



Earl Foxcroft was appointed as a member of the BCIT Board of Governors in May, 1992.

Mr. Foxcroft has over forty years experience in the Forest Industry. He has taken a keen interest in establishing effective education and training programs for young people and has served as a member of a number of committees to develop apprenticeship programs for the Forest Industry. He has served as a School Trustee and is currently a member of the Provincial Apprenticeship Training Board.

In 1969 Mr. Foxcroft became a full-time officer of the International Woodworkers of America. He has been a Council member of the B.C. Federation of Labour and a member of a number of committees relating to the Forest Industry. When he retired in 1992 he was President of IWA-C Local 1-85, Port Alberni.

Mr. Foxcroft now lives in Hefley Creek, B.C.

Hard work pays off...

Seven members of our support staff were awarded management certificates at January Convocation.

In order to earn these management certificates, the recipients completed a minimum of 15 credits (approximately 540 contact hours).

Update congratulates our colleagues on their superb achievement which they accomplished in addition to working full-time and caring for their families.

Cindy Kailly and Brenda O'Brien — Financial Management, Professional Accounting Option

Karen Porteous, Cathy Schweers and Janice Pontes — Management Systems.

Margo Slater — Senior Certificate in Computer Systems

Susan Ames (not in photo) — Senior Certificate in Marketing Management.



(Back row, from left) Cindy Kailly, Karen Porteous, Cathy Schweers, Janice Pontes (Front row, from left) Margo Slater, Brenda O'Brien.



Forestry Mural

SET's Terry Suen stands in front of the latest mural to grace the walls near the Renewable Resources on the second floor of SW1. BCIT has commissioned Whistler artist Isobel MacLaurin to paint a series of works. There are now three murals.

Photo: Media Relations

CAMPUS RENEWAL

Inside the Tech Block

A long-term project to rejuvenate campus facilities is continuing with the near completion of the Technology Block.

Update snuck in the back door the other day to get a preview of what it looks like inside.

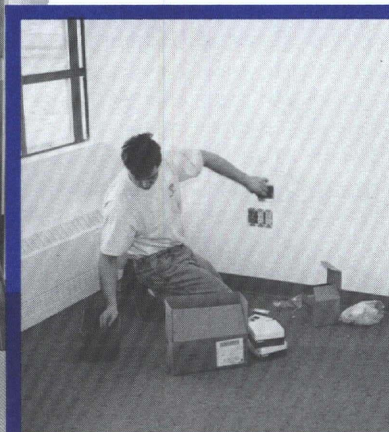
Workers are laying tile, painting, installing bathroom fixtures, connecting electrical outlets and generally putting the finishing touches on the \$8 million building.

This is all part of a plan to eliminate portables from the campus and meet the needs of the '90s.

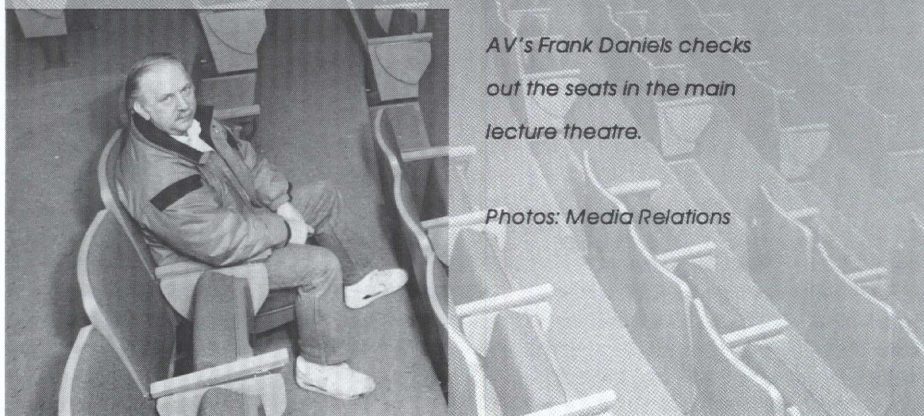
*Terry Jordan
Media Relations*



Painters add the final touches to the top floor hallways outside faculty offices.



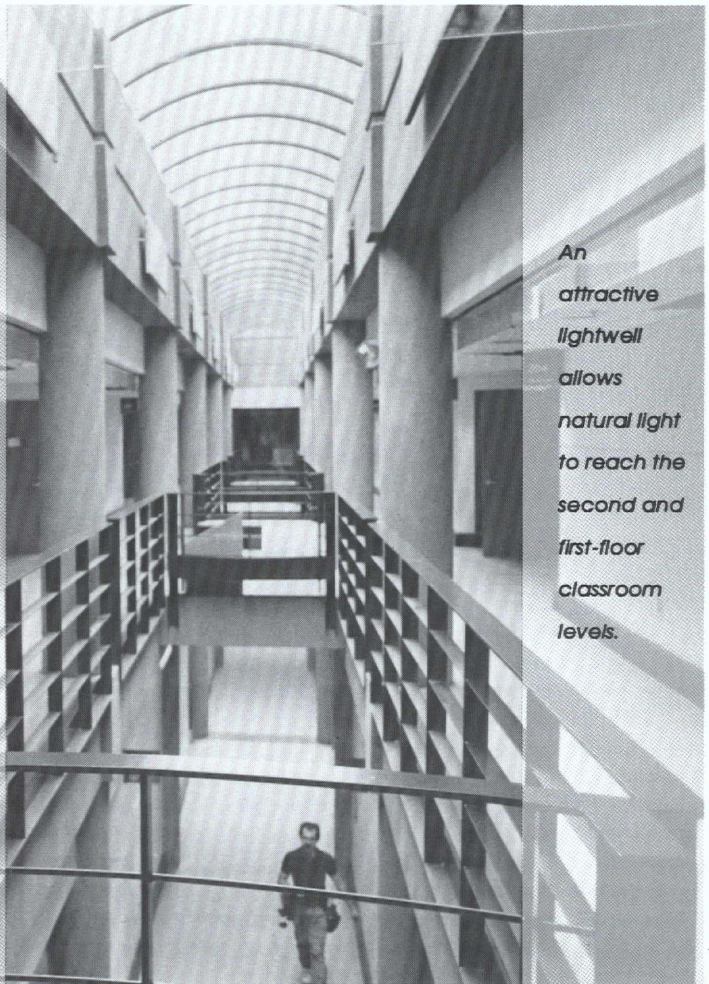
An electrician works in a typical faculty office complete with windows that open.



AV's Frank Daniels checks out the seats in the main lecture theatre.

Photos: Media Relations

An attractive lightwell allows natural light to reach the second and first-floor classroom levels.



Banner

The iceberg cometh

Imagine a mountain valley with steep walls.

At the north end you can see a huge menacing glacier, slowly moving down the valley, scraping the valley walls and causing much concern among the population. (I know, I know, people didn't live during the ice age but stay with me.)

The people counted the days before the glacier would reach them. Some predicted dire consequences. Others moved to higher ground. A few hung around to study the glacier.

The glacier had a name and it was called SIMS. (Student Information Management System for the unknowing). It was big alright -- 15 staff working day and night, month after month guided by the advice of countless others.

The valley had a name too and it was called BCIT. And through the valley students flowed. A wise man named Karpinsky realized there was a pattern to all this movement. Students began at the north end of the valley as a prospect, then a recruit, then an applicant. Half way down the valley they became a student, a registrant and a library user. Near the south end of the

valley they became a graduate, an alumni and on and on to the sea.

Another wise man named Cresswell realised the need for a system, a method to measure the flow of students, to spell their name correctly, to issue tax receipts and transcripts and assign classrooms. He called this system Banner and it was good. It was the real glacier.

But the people were frightened.

Then something happened. After much planning, the glacier began its descent down the valley on January

18, 1993, and those who first felt its power were not afraid. In fact they liked it. They said it was better than the old systems called ISIS or SRS.

They said that it was easy to learn, easy to use, and although it collected a bit more information, it was easy to input.

And Cresswell, Karpinsky, Mazziotti, Lake, Smith and many others in something called the Functional Project Team rejoiced.

At last there was peace in the valley.

*Terry Jorden
Media Relations*



Student Services is the first department to begin using the new Banner system. And so far so good. (from left) Lisa Lawley, Lisa Pedersen, Randy Friesen, Jan Wadsworth, Darlene Napper and up front Glenda Hopkins.

*Photo:
Media Relations*

What people are saying about Banner



**Darlene Napper,
Student Services**

"In some ways it is similar (to the old systems) but with Banner there is more information requested. It is easier to learn, much quicker

than when I learned ISIS. Banner requests more data but after a while you learn where everything goes."



**Lisa Lawley,
Student Services**

"Even though it asks for more info it is quicker because you are entering very specific information. For example instead of typing the

word Employed or Unemployed, I just type in 01 or 02. We were really impressed with how quickly the people behind the scenes installed the system and we started using it."



**Glenda Hopkins,
Student Services**

"I find it a lot easier to input info and to extract info. There is no repetition of basic personal data and it is easy to move

from screen to screen. What's more is that we are all now connected to Profs and we feel more connected to the rest of the campus."

Why the Calendar from Interlock?

If you are Support Staff or a Vocational Instructor, you should have recently received a wallet-sized calendar stapled to your paycheque from Interlock, the organization which provides the employee assistance program portion of your benefits package.

Interlock is available to you and your family if you require confidential professional counselling for any personal problem including:

- Marriage, relationship & family concerns
- Emotional problems
- Alcohol and drug dependencies
- Stress related problems
- Resources for financial & legal difficulties

These services are entirely confidential, separate from the workplace and are offered at no cost to you. (The premiums are paid for by BCIT as part of the BCGEU Support Staff and Vocational Instructors' benefit package.) Appointments can be scheduled within a few hours or a few days, depending on your need, by calling Interlock at 431-8200.

If you wish further information, a brochure is available in the reception area of the Personnel office and in the reception area of Medical Services, or you can call Interlock directly at the above number.

From Personnel



Over 20 students in the Human Resource Management Program attended a special career information session February 5. As instructor Ben Van der Woerd pointed out, almost all his students are women but almost all the instructors are men. So in an effort to tip the scales the other way he invited leading women human resources practitioners to discuss the special opportunities and challenges women face in this field.

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New Logo

Style Guides, PMT's (photo-mechanical transfers) and computerized logos are now available to you.

Print Services has Style Guides and PMT sheets.

Bring a disk to Ronaye in the Communications (Marketing) Department and she will download the logo for you.

Mary Bacon
Editor

Remember...

Easter Island

Tuesday, February 23
Noon, Room 323
Bring your lunch

Bert Schendel, local 8377



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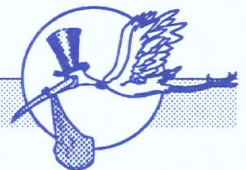
Enhancing Learning in a Technological Environment

BCIT is holding its first educational conference on March 18 and 19, 1993, at the Executive Inn in Burnaby. The conference theme "Educating for the Future" will showcase instructional innovations both at BCIT and in the community at large.

Copies of the registration package may be obtained from Gail Mitchell, Assistant to the Vice President Education. Call Gail at 432-8730 or Fax: 434-6243.

Registration fee:	Before	After
	Mar 1	Mar 1
BCIT Employees:	\$50	\$60
Others:	\$75	\$85

Register before the March 1 deadline.



Diapers...

Congratulations to Carol Coughlan (Development Office) and husband Les on the birth of their #1 son Friday, February 12, 1993, at MSA Hospital.

Jesse Michael weighed in at a healthy 7 lb., 8 oz.; 22.5" long and has the same hair as his dad!

All doing well!

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