

# BCIT UPDATE

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## ROY MURRAY

### *A Tribute*

On September 13, 1988 President Roy Murray announced that he would be leaving BCIT to take on the job of president of Confederation College in Thunder Bay. In a way this move is a return home for Roy who previously worked at the college in the 1970's as dean of Technical and Business Education.



*Rolling his sleeves up for some much needed painting around campus*

Roy Murray assumed the presidency of BCIT on July 1, 1985 during the highly publicized and much speculated about merger between PVI and BCIT. During and since the upheaval of those early years, he has administered with a calm head and a good heart, leaving us with a memorable legacy for the future.

The physical joining together of two institutions while nurturing the brave high tech vision of the new BCIT was a challenge not just anyone could have met. But Roy was not new to major challenges. As president of Lakeland College before coming to BCIT he had paid off a \$700,000 deficit, developed innovative new programs and tripled student enrolment.



*One special event he'll never forget*



*Pitching in on the baseball field*



*With Board members, former chairman Malcolm Wickson and Rosemary Basham*

Roy's character, moulded by rigorous military and athletic training and his early years as the son of a Cape Breton trade union stevedore, is evidenced by a hard working attitude, disciplined mind and fierce commitment to fair play and honesty. His style of management has been characterized by openness. He was genuinely interested in hearing what everybody had to say. Faced with an evolving new institution with the potential for greatness, he has nevertheless had to grapple with the numerous problems that plague any organization of the size and complexity of BCIT. Throughout the realities of funding uncertainty, changes in government administration (he served under three separate education ministers during his term of office) he has remained unwaveringly committed to the ideal of a BCIT responsive, not only to the needs of students and employers, but as a real force in the economic future of this province.

*Good luck in your new endeavour, Roy!*



*Getting to know staff during the early days of the merger*

### **FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR ROY MURRAY**

Thursday, March 30  
2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Boardroom, Administration Building

All BCIT staff are invited to drop in and say goodbye to Roy, who leaves the Institute at the end of March. Coffee and cake served.

A special presentation on behalf of BCIT staff will be made at 4 p.m.

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*Happy Easter to all Staff*