

A Newsletter for the BCIT Community June 15, 1992 Issue 14



Sheriff Errington and his Deputy noted "If was a noisy but lawabiding crowd."

Kate Pelletier and Daryl Mack swing to Black Bart and the Boys.

Review of B.C. Student Assistance & Barriers to Post-secondary Participation

Vancouver area meeting Monday, June 29 7 to 9 pm VCC, Langara Campus Newberry Hall A130 100 West 49th Avenue Vancouver

Individuals and organizations who wish to make written submissions, should send them to our office by July 10.

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ith the help of nearly 250 fun loving BCIT staff and friends, Country Hoedown '92 celebrated the end of another busy year at BCIT and raised just over \$4,000 (including matching) for our capital campaign. Our sincere thanks to the pioneers who joined us in this first annual event.

A highlight of the evening was the Texas Line Dancing - and we have the video to prove it! Imagine over 200 novices making their debut as line dancers. If your day needs a lift, call 8792 and we'll arrange a viewing.

Phyllis Johnson won the grand prize draw of three nights accommodation at the Tyax Mountain Resort near Gold Bridge, B.C. Over 50 prizes were awarded throughout the evening, thanks to the efforts of Gloria Katnick and Horst Zimmerman.

A special thank-you to the Country Hoe-down '92 volunteer steering committee who donated many hours to ensure the success of this event including: Jim Mitchell (Chair), Mark Angelo, Carol Dion, Keith Errington, Marsh Heinekey, Phyllis Johnson, Jan Wadsworth and Marilyn Wright. Thanks also to the many other BCIT volunteers who contributed their time, talents and energy as members of various sub-committees for the event. Have a great summer.

From Cathy Daminato Development Office

Yu-mei Choi wins scholar's award to consult in China



Yu-mel at Lujiang*University

he library's head cataloguer Yu-mei Choi had the opportunity of a lifetime last November and December when she travelled to China, as part of the Asia Pacific Scholars' Awards, to consult in several Chinese educational libraries.

This Award provides opportunities for B.C. public post-secondary employees to gain a better understanding of the cultures, economies and languages of Asian countries. The award is administered through the B.C. Centre for International Education through a grant from MAETT.

Yu-mei spent eight weeks in Fujian Province, one month at Lujiang University in Xiamen and two weeks each at the Fujian Mechanical and Electrical Engineering School and the Fujian Communications Junior College both in Fzhou.

This was Yu-mei's second trip to China as a consultant. She first went to China in 1988, hired by ACCC to work at the China Enterprise Management Training Centre at Chengdu in Sichuan Province.

Her impressions? Well, China is not technologically advanced. Libraries are still mostly filled with printed material unlike the wide range of audiovisual materials found in libraries here. She also discovered that Chinese libraries are not service oriented. Library hours were often when students were in classes. When classes ended and students wanted to go to the library, it would be closed. "They also still seemed concerned about lending books. They have an overprotective attitude," she said. Libraries in China are only now considering automating their systems. "Now I have more appreciation for my work here. It opened my mind to what is happening in China."

Besides Yu-mei, George Jacob, a Marketing Management instructor, also received an Asia Pacific Scholars' Award when he travelled to Singapore last year.

The deadlines for applications for this year's awards are July 1 and November 1. Staff or faculty interested in the award should contact Donna Hooker in International Education. Ideally, proposals should support ongoing International Education Initiatives.

From Terry Jorden Media Relations

BCIT hosts Natural Gas and Petroleum Technology Summer Institute June 17-19 in Kamloops

Kamloops is the site for a major Natural Gas and Petroleum Technology conference designed for those working in the industry.

The three-day technical conference, at the Best Western Kamloops Towne Lodge, will feature speakers and displays from key areas of government and industry.

"The continued active support of the province's natural gas and petroleum industry makes this type of continuing education program possible," said Robin Kinney, the conference coordinator. "This conference is one example of how the Petroleum Technology Program at BCIT has maintained its link with industry over the past 26 years."

Some specific topics include: global warming, the Vancouver Island Pipeline, disappearing refineries, present and future fuels, underground storage and tank monitoring.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT: PART 3

Sexual harassment is against the law. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination and is therefore prohibited by section 8(1) of the B.C. Human Rights Act.

BCIT first adopted a policy against sexual harassment in 1990. The policy is a strong statement against sexual harassment, which is broadly defined to include behaviour that may not be considered overtly sexual.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT DEFINED BCIT considers Sexual Harassment as:

- a) unwanted sexual attention of a persistent or abusive nature, made by a person/s who know/s or ought reasonably to know that such attention is unwanted;
- b) implied or expressed promise or reward for complying with a sexually oriented request;
- c) implied or expressed threat or retaliation in the form of actual retaliation or the denial of opportunity, for refusal to comply with a sexually oriented request;
- d) sexually oriented remarks and behaviour which may reasonably be perceived to create a negative psychological and emotional environment for work and study.

Sexual harassment can occur in situations where one person has power over another, but it can also occur between peers. Both men and women can be sexually harassed, though women are most often victimized. Sexual harassment can be as blatant as rape or as subtle as a look.

The Institute recognizes that the prevention of sexual harassment is a shared responsibility among its members. BCIT community members who believe they have been subjected to sexual harassment are strongly encouraged to make their objections known to the harasser. Where this is inappropriate or ineffective, complainants are encouraged to contact the Sexual Harassment Advisory Committee Chairperson (Lois Reimer Loc 8702).

From the sexual harassment advisory committee

The Green Column



If you notice someone lurking suspiciously around the waste containers in your area, don't be alarmed, its

probably Tim or Shawn from the Recycling Department gathering information for the Waste Audit that is currently being conducted on campus.

The Waste Audit is the latest initiative of the Recycling Department in their effort to cut waste in half by 1995. The audit, which will soon be a mandatory procedure for all commercial and institutional facilities, is a detailed examination of the types and amounts of waste materials generated on the campus, as well as an analysis of how BCIT's purchasing practices support waste reduction and stimulate demand for recyclable products. The results of the audit will be used to target additional materials that should be included in the recycling program and to identify further opportunities for waste reduction and reuse.

Many of you have already been involved in the first step of the process by completing the Waste Audit Questionnaire that was circulated in the last two weeks of May. So far the response has been excellent and the Recycling Department appreciates your support and encouragement. If you haven't had a chance to complete your questionnaire they can be picked up and dropped off at any TNT store.

Phase two of the Waste Audit is already beginning and involves an extensive tour of the campus to discuss the results of the questionnaire and to get additional suggestions on ways in which recycling and waste reduction can be integrated into the daily operation of BCIT. Look for Tim or Shawn to drop by your area in the next week or so to examine your waste containers and discuss your ideas about the recycling program.

We apologize to Mr. Gary Birch for omitting him from the list of new board members published in the June 1 Update.

Mr. Gary Edward Birch of Richmond, B.C. is director of research and development for the Neil Squire Foundation. He is also Adjunct Professor. UBC Department of Electrical Engineering and Adjunct Professor. SFU Gerontology Research Program.



New members of the Board of Governors tour the Burnaby Campus May 26 as part of a general orientation. (From left) Dave Rempel, Earl Foxcroft, Wynne Powell, Gary Birch, Franca Zumpano, Wendy Halliday, Neil Howard and Brian Gillespie.

The last and most unique phase of the audit will involve physically sampling the waste deposited in the blue dumpsters around the campus. This will provide quantitative information on the types and amounts of various wastes generated, as well as data on the recovery rates of the existing recycling services. For example, even with 50 pop can containers around the campus the Recycling Department estimates that only 40% of the cans are recycled.

The final report, due for completion in July, will be a blueprint for a model waste management program that will cut waste in half and highlight BCIT's commitment to environmental responsibility.



Print Services go Green

You know, we are being flooded with information on environmental concerns and given advice on how to improve matters. Some issues are global and others personal.

The questions we ask are: What can we do? What environmental options are available?

BCIT's Print Services answer is to take action. For the past three years Print Services has been working on implementing the three R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in their office.

All paper, cardboard, cans, glass, plastic and compost have been recycled. What wasn't recycled through the in-house program at BCIT was taken home for recycling.

Print Services' strategy is to ask themselves - which one of the three R's will I practice when I am finished with an item, and do I really need it in the first place?

If you or your department have an environmental plan in place, please tell us.

From the Environmental Awareness Committee

*SET NEWS

Plastics Recycling ... Plastics Technology is taking the initiative to reduce waste on campus by recycling plastic cutlery from the cafeteria. Bins have been placed in the Campus Cafe to collect the used cutlery. At the end of each week the cutlery is collected, washed and dried before being ground up in the Plastics lab. The resulting material is either processed directly into a product or into pellets and then made into a final product. This process was used to make the key tags which were given out by the Plastics program during Open House. If this project is successful, it may be implemented in other cafeterias on campus.

Appointments ... Stephen Smolar (Electronics) has recently been elected to the Board of Directors of the H.R. MacMillan Planetarium and Gordon Southam Observatory. The Board consists of representatives from UBC and SFU as well as other members of the local community.

Donations ... The **Ministry of Forestry** has donated \$25 thousand to **Renewable Resources** as the first instalment towards a new fire simulator. This facility, located in SW1 1025, will be a great addition to the Forestry program and will have very positive spinoffs in terms of our training programs for industry. Work will start on the simulator during the summer months.

Another donation of a variable frequency induction motor speed controller was made by **Telemecanique Canada** to the Power and Control options in **Electronics Technology.** The equipment is valued at approximately \$1,500 and will be used by students for projects and demonstration purposes.

*School of Engineering Technology

Lynda Cranston honored

Lynda Cranston, the chair of the Health Care Management Advisory Committee, was one of seven winners of the YWCA's Women of Distinction awards on May 21. Lynda, the Richmond Hospital's chief executive officer, won in the management and professions category.

Facilities usage - food and beverages

As a measure to improve campus cleanliness, BCIT has introduced a policy to address the use of facilities with regard to food and beverages. The policy reads as follows:

Purpose

To ensure the appropriate, responsible, safe and clean use of institute facilities.

Policy

- Food and beverages are not permitted in spaces normally used for teaching. These include: classrooms, laboratories, lecture theatres, seminar rooms, libraries, study areas, trades shops and hangars.
- Food and beverages required for special events should be arranged with Campus Food Services.

Procedure

When food and beverages are required for groups holding meetings in areas which are not designated for food services, the Custodial Services division of Physical Plant must be advised to ensure that these areas are cleaned up immediately following the meeting in preparation for the next users. It is the responsibility of the group hosting or sponsoring the event to provide notification and pay for the required clean up.

With the assistance and support from all staff in ensuring that this policy is adhered to, it is expected that there will be a noticeable improvement in the level of cleanliness in the teaching and meeting areas at BCIT.

From Gil Moore Physical Plant

Summer Schedule changes

BOOKSTORE

June 1 - July 31 Monday - Friday, 0800-1530

LIBRARY

June 1 - June 26 Monday - Thursday, 0800-1900 Friday, 0800-1700

June 29 - August 14 Monday - Friday, 0800-1700

August 17 - September 4 Monday - Thursday, 0800-1900 Friday, 0800-1700

Normal hours resume week of Monday September 7.

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For sale: 3 binders of information from Canadian Small Business Institute. \$100 obo. 931-2653.

For sale: Family size (18 cu ft.) upright Eaton Viking Freezer. \$250 obo. Mary Gillis Local 8540.

Furniture moving sale: \$25 and up. Lamps, tables, couch, sofa c/w hidea-bed, new tent, and misc. sundries. Must sell! Richard Fowler, Local 8466. For sale: 1991 red Mazda B2200 p/u, 5 spd, canopy, undercoating, 4 yrs. warr. left, AM/FM Cass., non-smoking, exc. condition. \$7,999 obo. Tel. 526-5584 or local 8798.

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